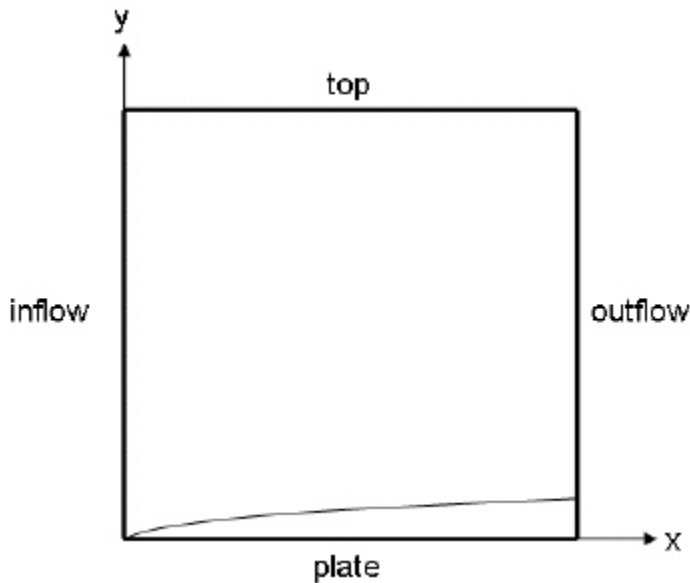


# FLUENT - Forced Convection over a Flat Plate step 3

## Problem Specification

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## Step 3: Specify Boundary Types in GAMBIT

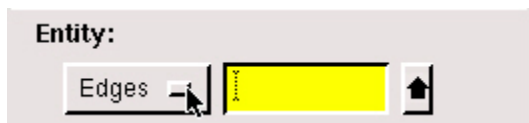


### Create Boundary Types

We'll next set the boundary types in *GAMBIT*. The left edge is the inflow of the flow field, the right edge the outflow, the top edge the open top of the flow field, and the bottom edge the plate.

Operation Toolpad > Zones Command Button  > Specify Boundary Types Command Button 

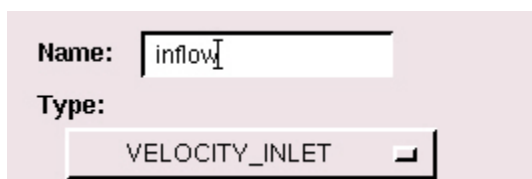
This will bring up the *Specify Boundary Types* window on the *Operation Panel*. We will first specify that the left edge is the inflow. Under *Entity*:, pick *Edges* so that *GAMBIT* knows we want to pick an edge (face is default).



Now select the left edge by *Shift-clicking* on it. The selected edge should appear in the yellow box next to the *Edges* box as well as the *Label/Type* list under the *Edges* box.

Next to *Name*:, enter inflow.

For *Type*:, select *VELOCITY\_INLET*. You may have to move the *Specify Boundary Types* box up in order to see the bottom of the list and select *VELOCITY\_INLET*.



Click *Apply*. You should see the new entry appear under *Name/Type* box near the top of the window.

**Specify Boundary Types**

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**Action:**

◆ Add
▼ Modify

▼ Delete
▼ Delete all

Name	Type
inflow	VELOCITY_INLE

☐ Show labels    ☐ Show colors

**Name:**

**Type:** VELOCITY\_INLET

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**Entity:**

Edges

↑

Label	Type

Remove
Edit

Apply
Reset
Close

Repeat this process for the other three edges according to the following table:

Edge Position	Name	Type
Left	inflow	VELOCITY_INLET
Right	outflow	PRESSURE_OUTLET
Top	top	SYMMETRY
Bottom	plate	WALL

You should have the following edges in the *Name/Type* list when finished:

Name	Type
inflow	VELOCITY_INLET
outlet	PRESSURE_OUTLET
symmetry	SYMMETRY
plate	WALL

## Save and Export

Main Menu > File > Save

Main Menu > File > Export > Mesh...

Type in `plate.msh` for the **File Name:**. Select **Export 2d Mesh** because this is a 2 dimensional mesh. Click **Accept**.

It is important to check that `plate.msh` has been created in your working directory. *GAMBIT* may periodically fail to write the `.msh` file. If this should happen, simply try writing the `.msh` file to another directory and then coping it into your working directory.

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