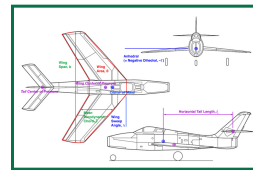
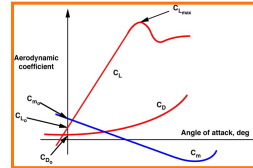


Low-Speed Aerodynamics

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Learning Objectives

- 2D lift and drag
- Reynolds number effects
- Relationships between airplane shape and aerodynamic characteristics
- 2D and 3D lift and drag
- Static and dynamic effects of aerodynamic control surfaces



Reading:
Flight Dynamics
Aerodynamic Coefficients, 65-84

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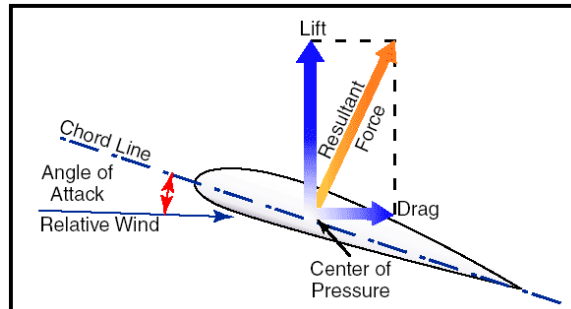
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2-Dimensional Aerodynamic Lift and Drag

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Wing Lift and Drag

- **Lift:** Perpendicular to free-stream airflow
- **Drag:** Parallel to the free-stream airflow



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Longitudinal Aerodynamic Forces

Non-dimensional force coefficients, C_L and C_D , are dimensionalized by

dynamic pressure, \bar{q} , N/m^2 or $lb/sq\ ft$

reference area, S , m^2 of ft^2

$$Lift = C_L \bar{q} S = C_L \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \right) S$$

$$Drag = C_D \bar{q} S = C_D \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \right) S$$

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Circulation of Incompressible Air Flow About a 2-D Airfoil

Bernoulli's equation (inviscid, incompressible flow)
(Motivational, but not the whole story of lift)

$$p_{static} + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = \text{constant along streamline} = p_{stagnation}$$

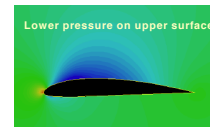
Vorticity at point x

$$\begin{aligned} V_{upper}(x) &= V_{\infty} + \Delta V(x)/2 \\ V_{lower}(x) &= V_{\infty} - \Delta V(x)/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma_{2-D}(x) = \frac{\Delta V(x)}{\Delta z(x)}$$

Circulation about airfoil

$$\Gamma_{2-D} = \int_0^c \gamma_{2-D}(x) dx = \int_0^c \frac{\Delta V(x)}{\Delta z(x)} dx$$



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Relationship Between Circulation and Lift

Differential pressure along chord section

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p(x) &= \left[p_{static} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} (V_{\infty} + \Delta V(x)/2)^2 \right] - \left[p_{static} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} (V_{\infty} - \Delta V(x)/2)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} \left[(V_{\infty} + \Delta V(x)/2)^2 - (V_{\infty} - \Delta V(x)/2)^2 \right] \\ &= \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty} \Delta V(x) = \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty} \Delta z(x) \gamma_{2-D}(x) \end{aligned}$$

2-D Lift (inviscid, incompressible flow)

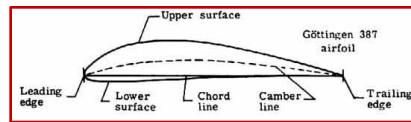
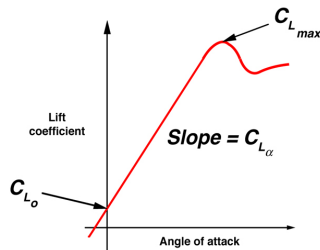
$$(Lift)_{2-D} = \int_0^c \Delta p(x) dx = \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty} \int_0^c \gamma_{2-D}(x) dx = \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty} (\Gamma)_{2-D}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\approx \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty}^2 c (2\pi\alpha) [\text{thin, symmetric airfoil}] + \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty} (\Gamma_{camber})_{2-D} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty}^2 c (C_{L\alpha})_{2-D} \alpha + \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty} (\Gamma_{camber})_{2-D} \end{aligned}$$

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Lift vs. Angle of Attack

2-D Lift (inviscid, incompressible flow)

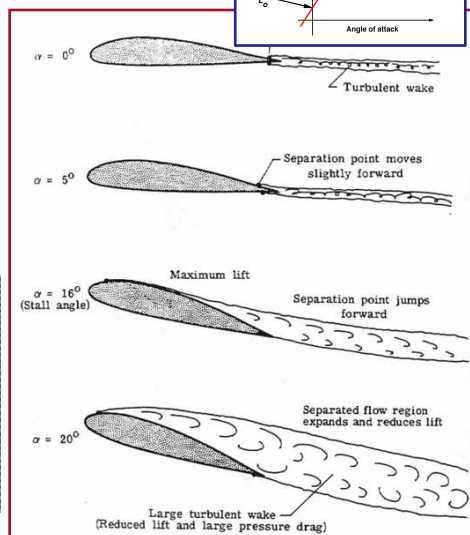
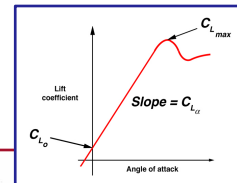
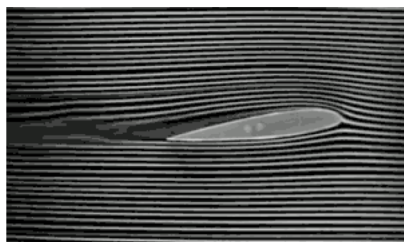


$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{Lift})_{2-D} &\approx \left[\frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty}^2 c (C_{L_{\alpha}})_{2-D} \alpha \right] + \left[\rho_{\infty} V_{\infty} (\Gamma_{\text{camber}})_{2-D} \right] \\
 &= [\text{Lift due to angle of attack}] \\
 &\quad + [\text{Lift due to camber}]
 \end{aligned}$$

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Typical Flow Variation with Angle of Attack

- At higher angles,
 - flow separates
 - wing loses lift
- Flow separation produces stall



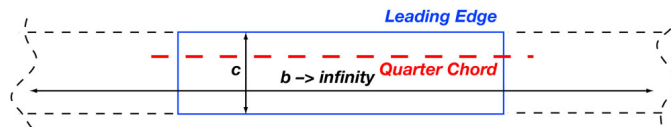
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What Do We Mean by 2-Dimensional Aerodynamics?

Finite-span wing → finite aspect ratio

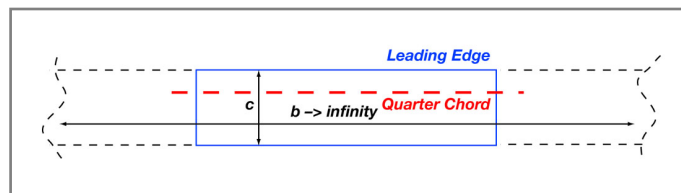


Infinite-span wing → infinite aspect ratio



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What Do We Mean by 2-Dimensional Aerodynamics?



Assuming constant chord section, the “2-D Lift” is the same at any **y station** of the infinite-span wing

$$Lift_{3-D} = C_{L_{3-D}} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S = C_{L_{3-D}} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 (bc) \quad [\text{Rectangular wing}]$$

$$\Delta(Lift_{3-D}) = C_{L_{3-D}} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 c \Delta y$$

$$\lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow \epsilon > 0} \Delta(Lift_{3-D}) = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow \epsilon > 0} \left(C_{L_{3-D}} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 c \Delta y \right) \Rightarrow \text{“2-D Lift”} \approx C_{L_{2-D}} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 c$$

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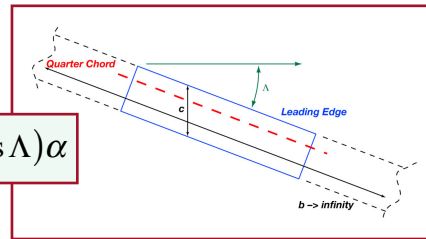
Effect of Sweep Angle on Lift

Unswept wing, symmetric airfoil, 2-D lift slope coefficient
 Inviscid, incompressible flow
 Referenced to chord length, c , rather than wing area

$$C_{L_{2-D}} = \alpha \left(\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \right)_{2-D} = \alpha (C_{L_\alpha})_{2-D} = (2\pi) \alpha \quad [\text{Thin Airfoil Theory}]$$

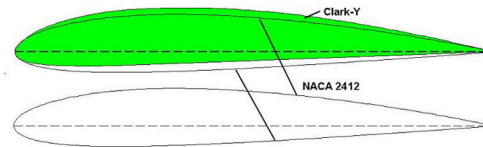
Swept wing, 2-D lift slope coefficient
 Inviscid, incompressible flow

$$C_{L_{2-D}} = \alpha (C_{L_\alpha})_{2-D} = (2\pi \cos \Lambda) \alpha$$



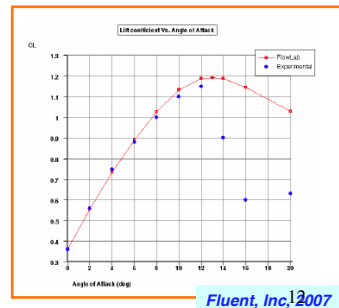
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Classic Airfoil Profiles



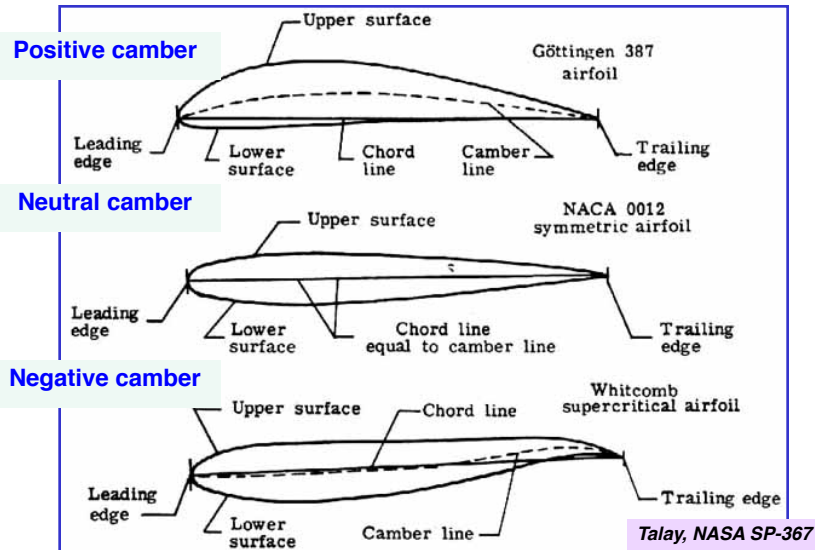
- **NACA 4-digit Profiles (e.g., NACA 2412)**
 - Maximum camber as percentage of chord (**2**) = 2%
 - Distance of maximum camber from leading edge, (**4**) = 40%
 - Maximum thickness as percentage of chord (**12**) = 12%

- **Clark Y (1922): Flat lower surface, 11.7% thickness**
 - GA, WWII aircraft
 - Reasonable L/D
 - Benign theoretical stall characteristics
 - Experimental result is more abrupt



Fluent, Inc., 2007

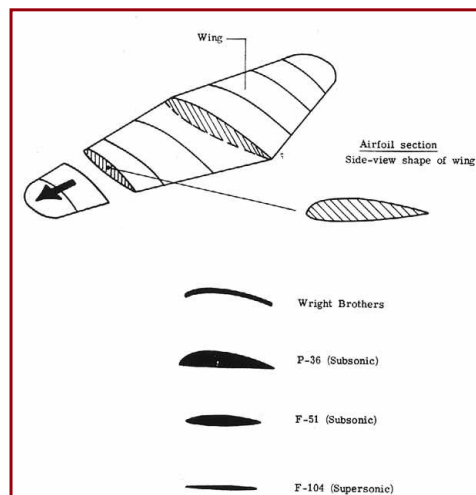
Typical Airfoil Profiles



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Airfoil Effects

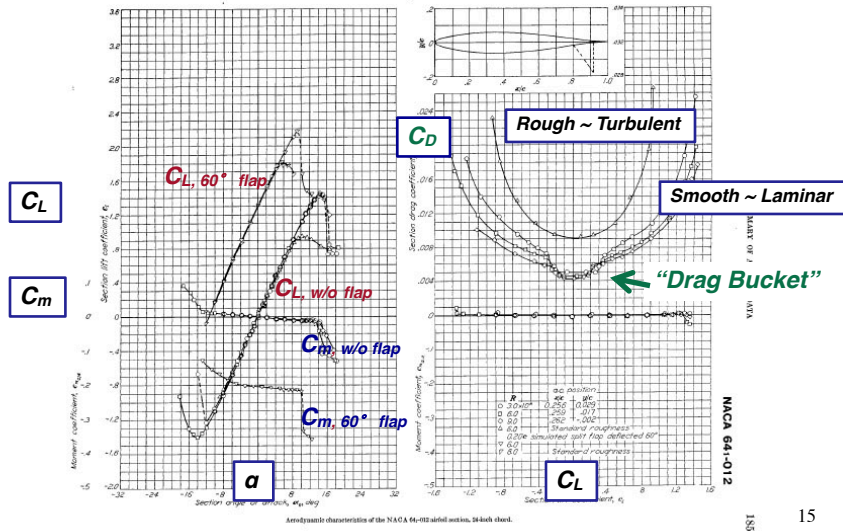
- **Camber increases zero- α lift coefficient**
- **Thickness**
 - increases α for stall and softens the stall break
 - reduces subsonic drag
 - increases transonic drag
 - causes abrupt pitching moment variation
- **Profile design**
 - can reduce center-of-pressure (**static margin, TBD**) variation with α
 - affects leading-edge and trailing-edge flow separation



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NACA 64₁-012 Chord Section Lift, Drag, and Moment (NACA TR-824)



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Historical Factoid

Measuring Lift and Drag with Whirling Arms and Early Wind Tunnels

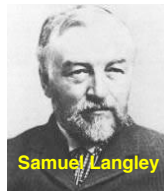
Whirling Arm Experimentalists



Otto Lilienthal



Hiram Maxim



Samuel Langley

Wind Tunnel Experimentalists



Frank Wenham



Gustave Eiffel



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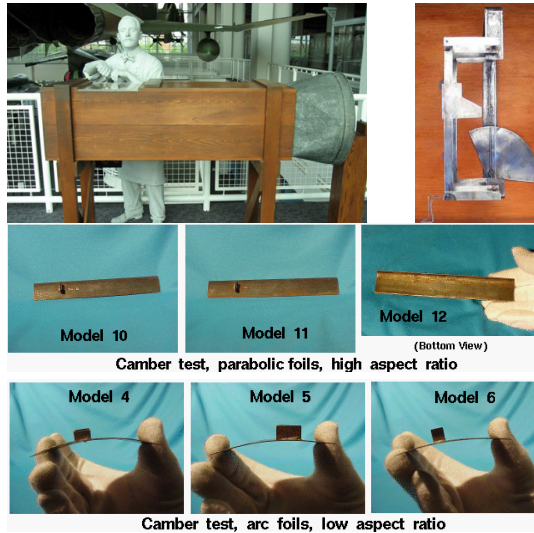


Wright Brothers

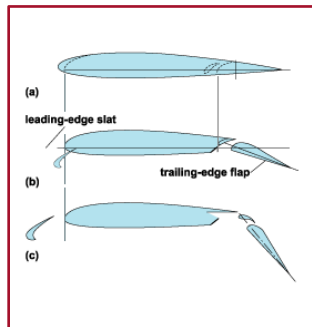
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Historical Factoid

Wright Brothers Wind Tunnel

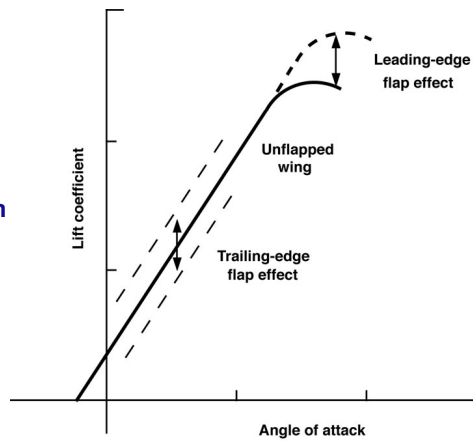


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- **Camber modification**
- **Trailing-edge flap deflection shifts C_L up and down**
- **Leading-edge flap (*slat*) deflection increases stall α**
- **Same effect applies for other control surfaces**
 - Elevator (horizontal tail)
 - Ailerons (wing)
 - Rudder (vertical tail)

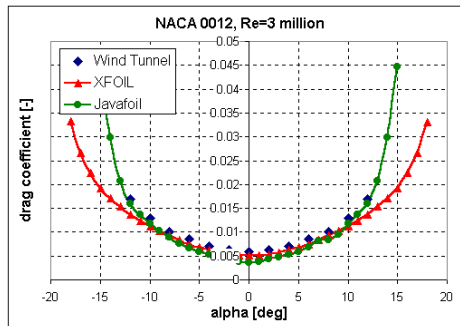
Flap Effects on Aerodynamic Lift



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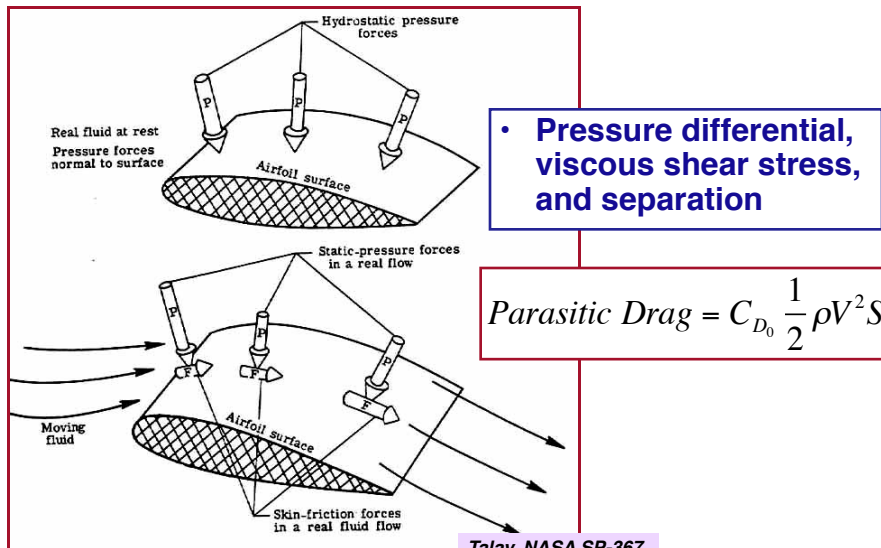
Aerodynamic Drag

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Drag} &= C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \approx (C_{D_0} + \epsilon C_L^2) \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \\
 &\approx \left[C_{D_0} + \epsilon (C_{L_0} + C_{L_\alpha} \alpha)^2 \right] \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S
 \end{aligned}$$



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Parasitic Drag, C_{D_0}



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Reynolds Number and Boundary Layer

$$Reynolds\ Number = Re = \frac{\rho V l}{\mu} = \frac{V l}{\nu}$$

where

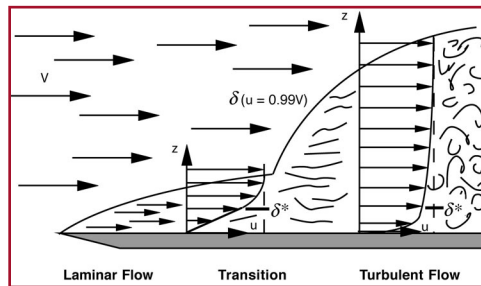
ρ = air density, kg/m³

V = true airspeed, m/s

l = characteristic length, m

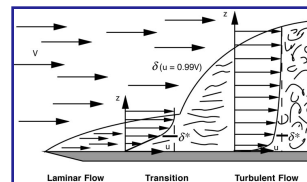
μ = absolute (dynamic) viscosity = $1.725 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg / m} \cdot \text{s}$

ν = kinematic viscosity (SL) = $1.343 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2 / \text{s}$



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Reynolds Number, Skin Friction, and Boundary Layer



Skin friction coefficient for a flat plate

$$C_f = \frac{\text{Friction Drag}}{\bar{q} S_{wet}}$$

where S_{wet} = wetted area

Wetted Area: Total surface area of the wing or aircraft, subject to skin friction

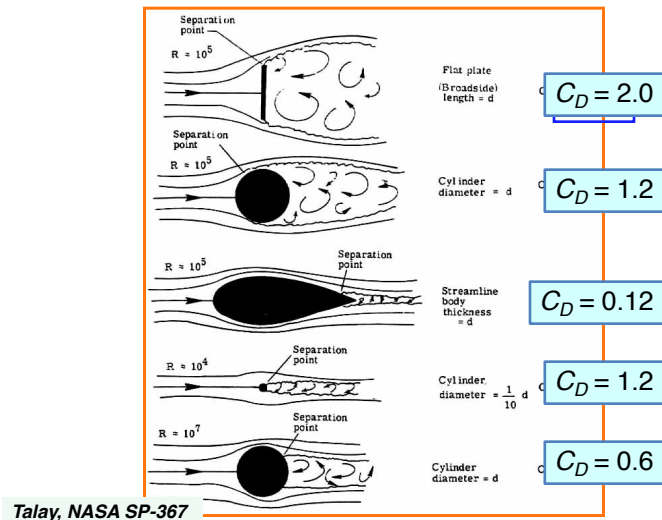
Boundary layer thickens in transition, then thins in turbulent flow

$$C_f \approx 1.33 Re^{-1/2} \quad [laminar\ flow]$$

$$\approx 0.46 (\log_{10} Re)^{-2.58} \quad [turbulent\ flow]$$

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Effect of Streamlining on Parasitic Drag



DRAG
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIh1CPqBwEw>

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Subsonic C_{D0} Estimate (Raymer)

Table 12.3 Equivalent skin friction coefficients

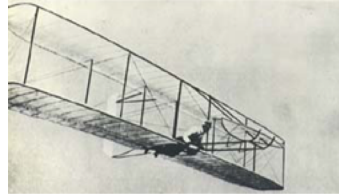
$C_{D0} = C_{fe} \frac{S_{wet}}{S_{ref}}$	C_{fe} -subsonic
Bomber and civil transport	0.0030
Military cargo (high upsweep fuselage)	0.0035
Air Force fighter	0.0035
Navy fighter	0.0040
Clean supersonic cruise aircraft	0.0025
Light aircraft – single engine	0.0055
Light aircraft – twin engine	0.0045
Prop seaplane	0.0065
Jet seaplane	0.0040

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Historical Factoid

Wilbur (1867-1912) and Orville (1871-1948) Wright



- Bicycle mechanics from Dayton, OH
- Self-taught, empirical approach to flight
- Wind-tunnel, kite, and glider experiments
- **Dec 17, 1903: Powered, manned aircraft flight ends in success**



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Historical Factoids

- **1906: 2nd successful aviator: Alberto Santos-Dumont, standing!**
 - High dihedral, forward control surface
- Wrights secretive about results until 1908; few further technical contributions
- **1908: Glenn Curtiss *et al* incorporate ailerons**
 - Separate aileron surfaces at right
 - Wright brothers sue for infringement of 1906 US patent (and win)
- **1909: Louis Bleriot's flight across the English Channel**

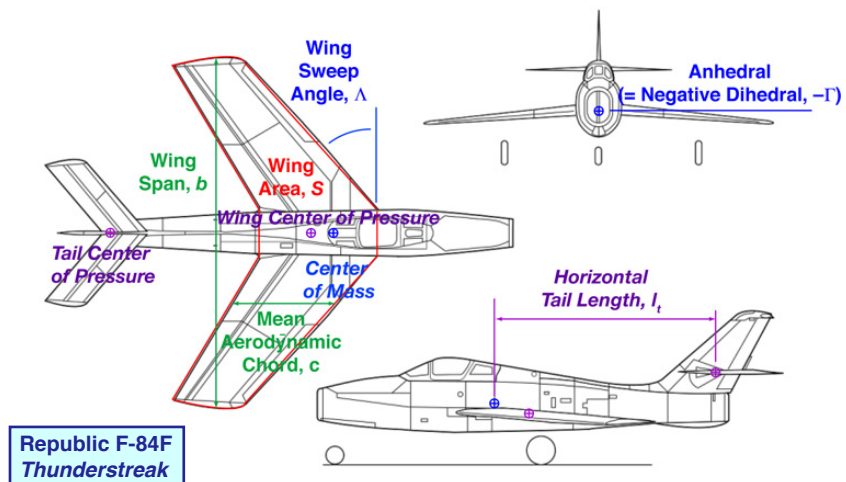


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Description of Aircraft Configurations

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A Few Definitions



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Wing Planform Variables

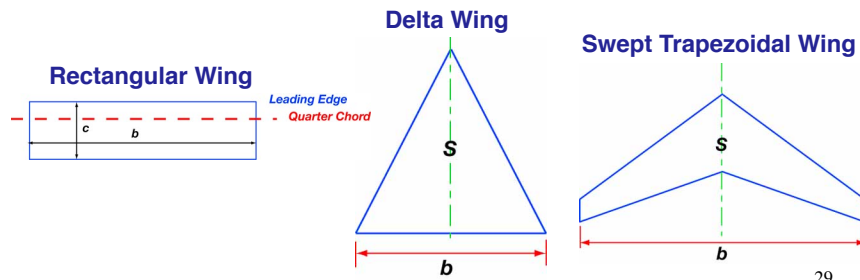
Aspect Ratio

$$AR = \frac{b}{c} \quad \text{rectangular wing}$$

$$= \frac{b \times b}{c \times b} = \frac{b^2}{S} \quad \text{any wing}$$

Taper Ratio

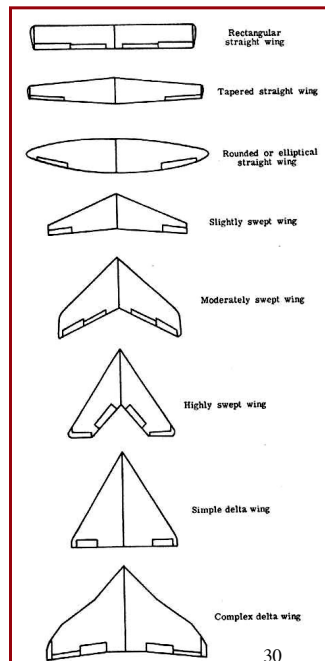
$$\lambda = \frac{c_{tip}}{c_{root}} = \frac{\text{tip chord}}{\text{root chord}}$$



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Wing Design Parameters

- **Planform**
 - Aspect ratio
 - Sweep
 - Taper
 - Complex geometries
 - Shapes at root and tip
- **Chord section**
 - Airfoils
 - Twist
- **Movable surfaces**
 - Leading- and trailing-edge devices
 - Ailerons
 - Spoilers
- **Interfaces**
 - Fuselage
 - Powerplants
 - Dihedral angle



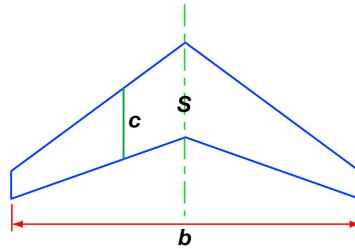
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(b) Examples of wing planform.

Mean Aerodynamic Chord, \bar{c}

Mean aerodynamic chord (m.a.c.) ~
mean geometric chord



$$\bar{c} = \frac{1}{S} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} c^2(y) dy$$

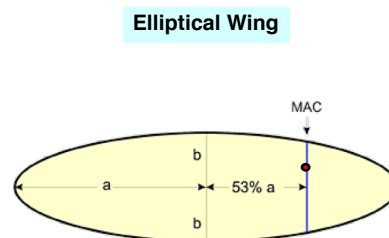
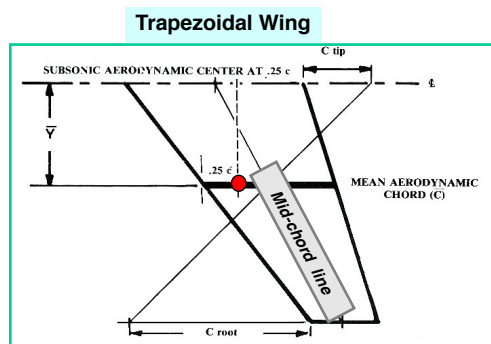
$$\lambda = \frac{c_{tip}}{c_{root}} = \frac{\text{tip chord}}{\text{root chord}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \frac{1 + \lambda + \lambda^2}{1 + \lambda} c_{root} \quad \text{[for trapezoidal wing]}$$

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Location of Mean Aerodynamic Chord and Aerodynamic Center

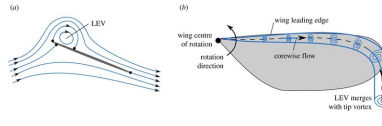
- Axial location of the wing's subsonic aerodynamic center (a.c.)
 - Determine spanwise location of m.a.c.
 - Assume that aerodynamic center is at 25% m.a.c.



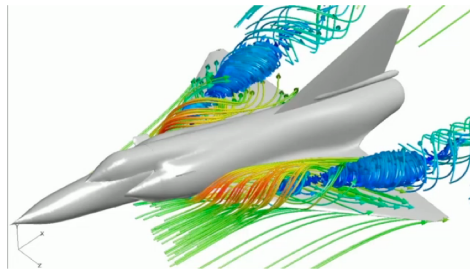
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3-Dimensional Aerodynamic Lift and Drag

*Insect Wing
(flat plate)*



Delta Wing

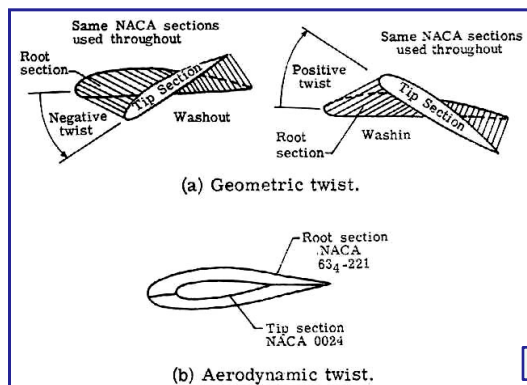


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- **Washout twist**

- reduces tip angle of attack
- typical value: $2^\circ - 4^\circ$
- changes lift distribution (interplay with taper ratio)
- reduces likelihood of tip stall
- allows stall to begin at the wing root
 - separation "burble" produces buffet at tail surface, warning of stall
- improves aileron effectiveness at high α

Wing Twist Effects



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Aerodynamic Strip Theory

- Airfoil section may vary from tip-to-tip
 - Chord length
 - Airfoil thickness
 - Airfoil profile
 - Airfoil twist
- **3-D Wing Lift:** Integrate 2-D lift coefficients of airfoil sections across finite span

Incremental lift along span

$$dL = C_{L_{2-D}}(y)c(y)\bar{q}dy$$

$$= \frac{dC_{L_{2-D}}(y)}{dy}c(y)\bar{q}dy$$

3-D wing lift

$$L_{3-D} = \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} C_{L_{2-D}}(y)c(y)\bar{q}dy$$



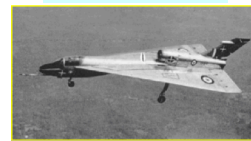
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Bombardier Dash 8



Effect of Aspect Ratio on 3-Dimensional Wing Lift Slope Coefficient
(Incompressible Flow)

Handley Page HP.115



High Aspect Ratio (> 5) Wing

$$C_{L_{\alpha}} \triangleq \left(\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \right)_{3-D} = \frac{2\pi AR}{AR+2} = 2\pi \left(\frac{AR}{AR+2} \right)$$

Low Aspect Ratio (< 2) Wing

$$C_{L_{\alpha}} = \frac{\pi AR}{2} = 2\pi \left(\frac{AR}{4} \right)$$

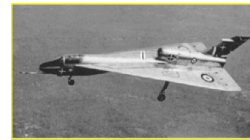
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Effect of Aspect Ratio on 3-D Wing Lift Slope Coefficient (Incompressible Flow)

All Aspect Ratios (Helmhold equation)



$$C_{L_\alpha} = \frac{\pi AR}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{AR}{2}\right)^2}}$$



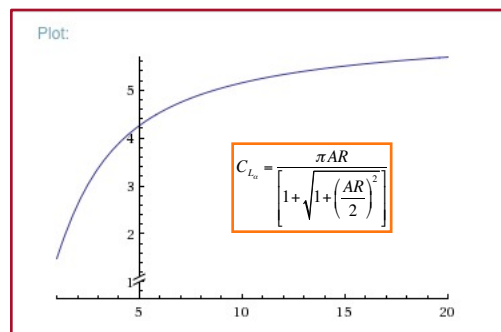
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Effect of Aspect Ratio on 3-D Wing Lift Slope Coefficient

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Wolfram Alpha (<https://www.wolframalpha.com/>)

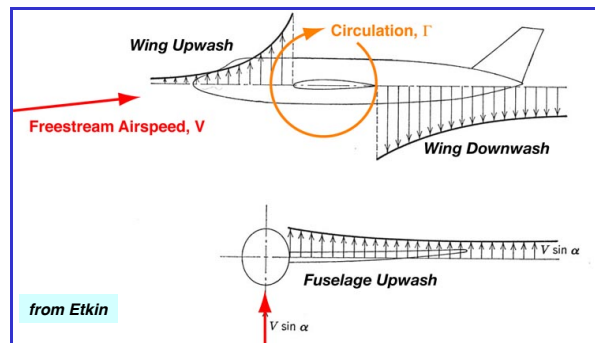
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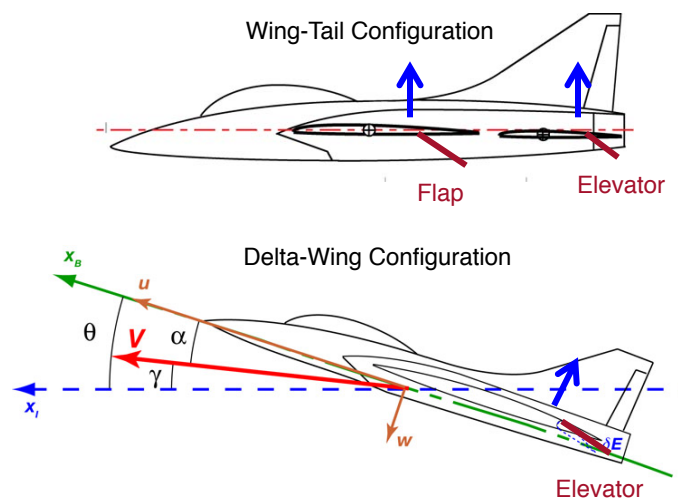
Wing-Fuselage Interference Effects

- Wing lift induces
 - **Upwash** in front of the wing affects canard
 - **Downwash** behind the wing affects aft tail
 - Local angles of attack modified, affecting **net lift** and **pitching moment**
- Flow around fuselage induces upwash on the wing, canard, and tail



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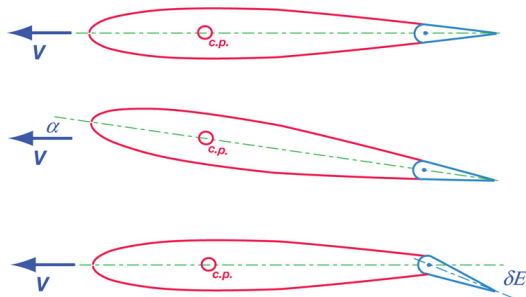
Longitudinal Control Surfaces



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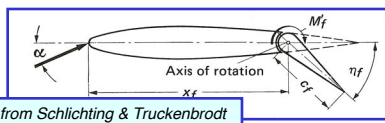
Angle of Attack and Control Surface Deflection

- Horizontal tail with elevator control surface
- Horizontal tail at positive angle of attack
- Horizontal tail with positive elevator deflection



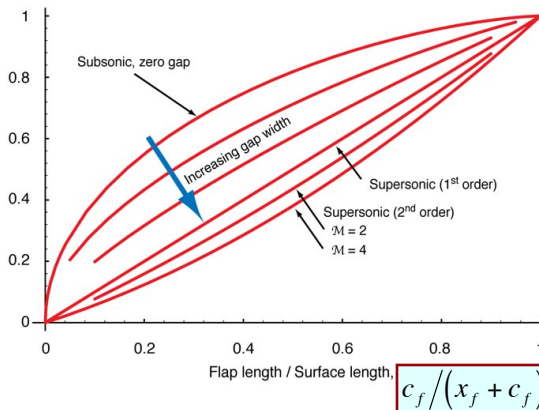
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Control Flap Carryover Effect on Lift Produced By Total Surface



from Schlichting & Truckenbrodt

$$\frac{C_{L_{\delta E}}}{C_{L_{\alpha}}} \nu S \cdot \frac{c_f}{x_f + c_f}$$

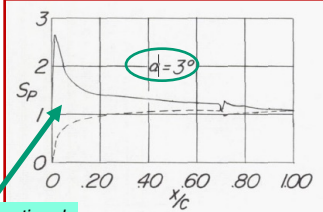
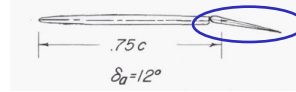
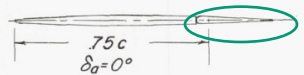


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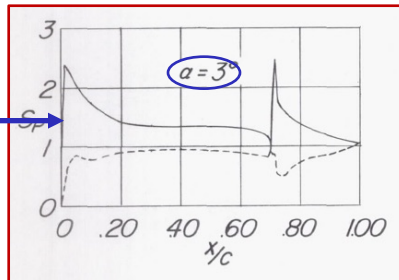
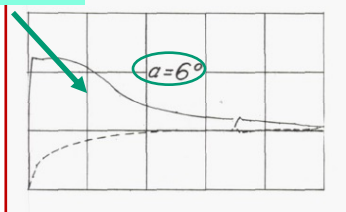
Bell X-1 Aileron Carryover Effect

$$M = 0.13, Re = 1.2 \times 10^6$$



$$S_p \triangleq \frac{\bar{q} - (p - p_o)}{\bar{q}}, \text{ pressure coefficient}$$

Area proportional to lift



NACA-RM-L53L18, 1954

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Lift due to Elevator Deflection

Lift coefficient variation due to elevator deflection

$$C_{L_{\delta E}} \triangleq \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \delta E} = \tau_{ht} \eta_{ht} (C_{L_{\alpha}})_{ht} \frac{S_{ht}}{S}$$

$$\Delta C_L = C_{L_{\delta E}} \delta E$$

τ_{ht} = Carryover effect

η_{ht} = Tail efficiency factor

$(C_{L_{\alpha}})_{ht}$ = Horizontal tail lift-coefficient slope

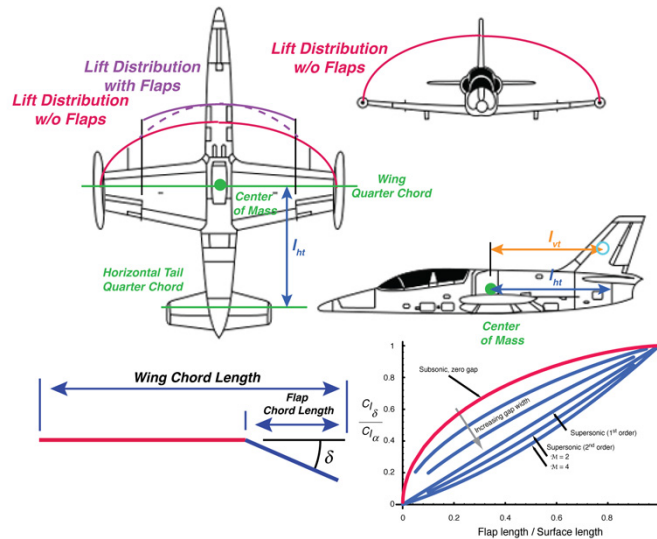
S_{ht} = Horizontal tail reference area

Lift variation due to elevator deflection

$$\Delta L = C_{L_{\delta E}} \bar{q} S \delta E$$

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Example of Configuration and Flap Effects



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Next Time: Induced Drag and High-Speed Aerodynamics

Reading:
Flight Dynamics
Aerodynamic Coefficients, 85-96
Airplane Stability and Control
Chapter 1

Learning Objectives

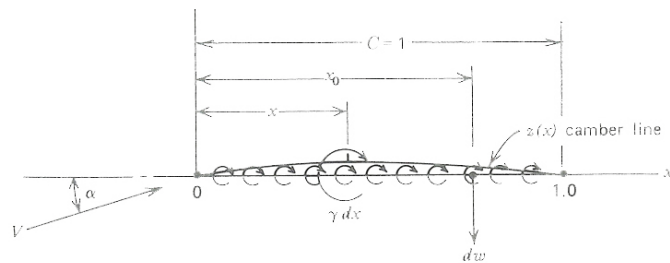
- Understand drag-due-to-lift and effects of wing planform
- Recognize effect of angle of attack on lift and drag coefficients
- How to estimate Mach number (i.e., air compressibility) effects on aerodynamics
- Be able to use Newtonian approximation to estimate lift and drag

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Supplementary Material

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Thin Airfoil Theory



Downward velocity, w , at x_0 due to vortex at x

Differential

$$dw(x_0) = \frac{\gamma(x)dx}{2\pi(x_0 - x)}$$

Integral

$$w(x_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{\gamma(x)}{(x_0 - x)} dx$$

Boundary condition: flow tangent to mean camber line

$$\frac{w(x_0)}{V} = \alpha - \left(\frac{dz}{dx} \right)_{x_0}$$

McCormick, 1995

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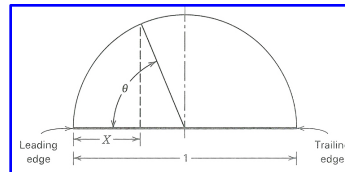
Thin Airfoil Theory

Integral equation for vorticity

$$\frac{1}{2\pi V} \int_0^1 \frac{\gamma(x)}{(x_0 - x)} dx = \alpha - \left(\frac{dz}{dx} \right)_{x_0}$$

Coordinate transformation

$$x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos\theta)$$



Solution for vorticity

$$\gamma = 2V \left[A_0 \frac{1 + \cos\theta}{\sin\theta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin n\theta \right]$$

Coefficients

$$A_0 = \alpha - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{dz}{dx} d\theta$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{dz}{dx} \cos n\theta d\theta$$

McCormick, 1995

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Thin Airfoil Theory

Lift, from Kutta-Joukowski theorem

$$L = \int_0^1 \rho V \gamma(x) dx = 2\pi A_0 + \pi A_1$$

For thin airfoil with circular arc

$$A_0 = \alpha, \quad A_1 = 4z_{\max}$$

$$C_{L_{2-D}} = 2\pi\alpha + 4\pi z_{\max} = C_{L_{\alpha}} \alpha + C_{L_o} \quad [\text{Circular arc}]$$

$$= C_{L_{\alpha}} \alpha \quad [\text{Flat plate}]$$

$$C_{L_{\alpha}} = \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} = 2\pi$$

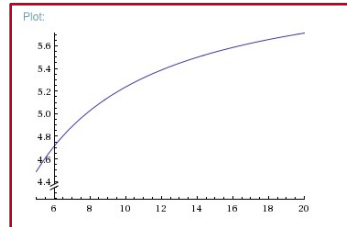
McCormick, 1995

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Effect of Aspect Ratio on 3-Dimensional Wing Lift Slope Coefficient

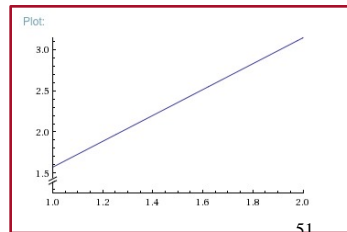
- High Aspect Ratio (> 5) Wing
 - Wolfram Alpha

`plot(2 pi (a/(a+2)), a=5 to 20)`



- Low Aspect Ratio (< 2) Wing
 - Wolfram Alpha

`plot(2 pi (a / 4), a=1 to 2)`



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Aerodynamic Stall, Theory and Experiment

- Flow separation produces stall
- Straight rectangular wing, AR = 5.536, NACA 0015
- Hysteresis for increasing/decreasing α

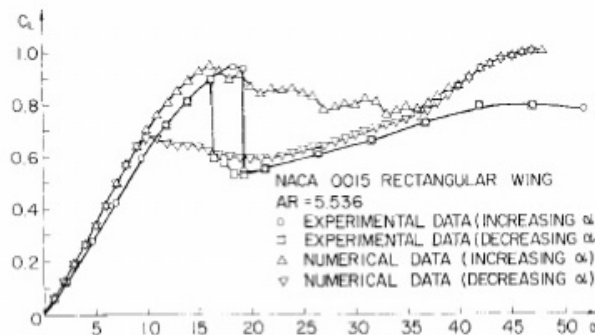


Fig. 3 Lift coefficient vs angle of attack for a rectangular wing with an NACA 0015 airfoil; comparison between experiment⁷ and the present numerical technique.

Anderson et al, 1980

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Maximum Lift of Rectangular Wings

Schlichting & Truckenbrodt, 1979

Maximum Lift Coefficient, $C_{L,max}$

Angle of Attack for $C_{L,max}$

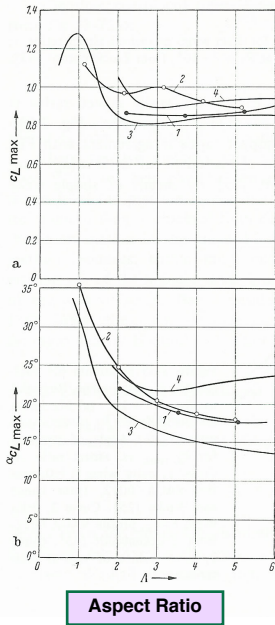


Figure 3-53 Maximum lift coefficients of rectangular wings ($\varphi = 0$) and swept-back wings of constant chord ($\varphi \neq 0$), Reynolds number $Re \approx 10^6$. (a) Maximum lift coefficient $c_{L,max}$ vs. aspect ratio A . (b) angle of attack α for $c_{L,max}$ vs. aspect ratio A . Curve 1, $\varphi = 0^\circ$; profile NACA 0015, from Bussmann and Kopfermann [25]. Curve 2, $\varphi = 45^\circ$; profile NACA 0012, from Truckenbrodt [85]. Curve 3, $\varphi = 0^\circ$; $\delta \approx 0.10$, mean values of various measurements. Curve 4, $\varphi = 35^\circ$; $\delta \approx 0.10$, mean values of various measurements.

φ : Sweep angle
 δ : Thickness ratio

Maximum Lift of Delta Wings with Straight Trailing Edges

Maximum Lift Coefficient, $C_{L,max}$

Angle of Attack for $C_{L,max}$

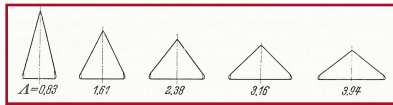
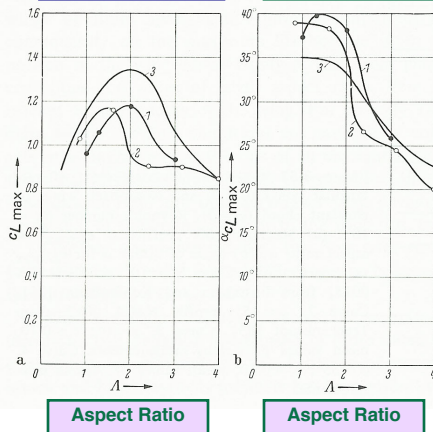


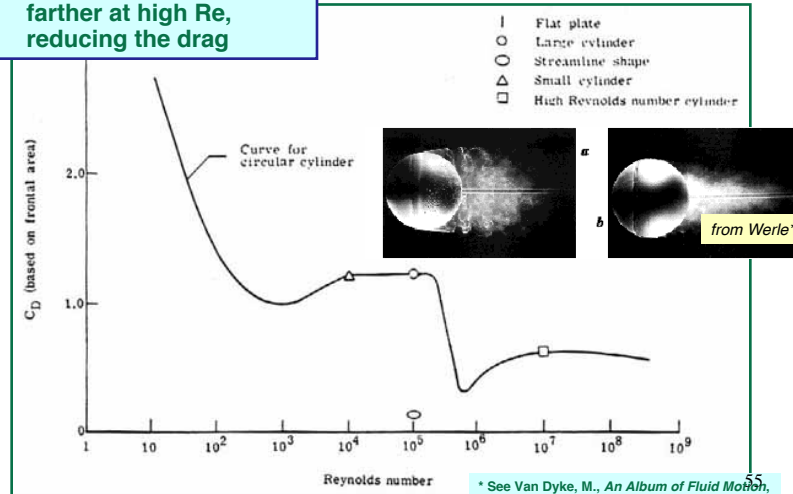
Figure 3-55 Maximum lift coefficients of delta wings, Reynolds number $Re \approx 10^6$. (a) Maximum lift coefficient $c_{L,max}$ vs. aspect ratio A . (b) Angle of attack α for $c_{L,max}$ vs. aspect ratio A . Curve 1, delta wing; $\lambda = 0$; profile NACA 0012, from Lange and Wacke [25]. Curve 2, delta wing; $\lambda = \frac{1}{8}$; profile NACA 0012, from Truckenbrodt [85]. Curve 3, mean values of various measurements.

λ : Taper ratio

Schlichting & Truckenbrodt, 1979

Typical Effect of Reynolds Number on Parasitic Drag

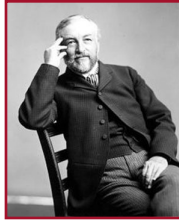
- Flow may stay attached farther at high Re , reducing the drag



Aft Flap vs. All-Moving Control Surface



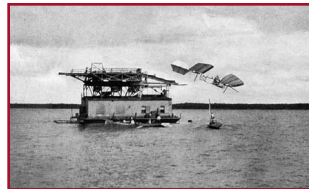
- **Carryover effect of aft flap**
 - Aft-flap deflection can be almost as effective as full surface deflection at subsonic speeds
 - Negligible at supersonic speed
- **Aft flap**
 - Mass and inertia lower, reducing likelihood of mechanical instability
 - Aerodynamic hinge moment is lower
 - Can be mounted on structurally rigid main surface



Historical Factoid

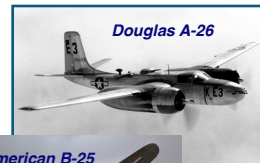
Samuel Pierpoint Langley (1834-1906)

- Astronomer supported by Smithsonian Institution
- Whirling-arm experiments
- **1896:** Langley's steam-powered *Aerodrome* model flies 3/4 mile
- **Oct 7 & Dec 8, 1903:** Manned aircraft flights end in failure



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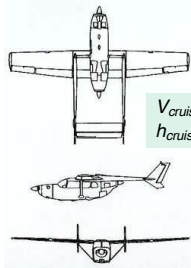
Multi-Engine Aircraft of World War II



- Large W.W.II aircraft had unpowered controls:
 - High foot-pedal force
 - Rudder stability problems arising from balancing to reduce pedal force
- Severe engine-out problem for **twin-engine aircraft**

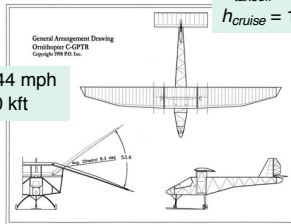
Medium to High Aspect Ratio Configurations

Cessna 337



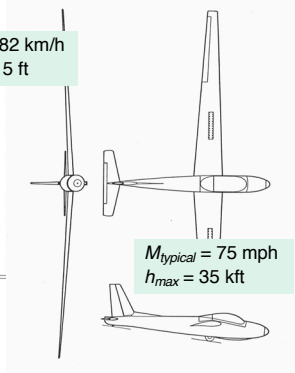
$V_{cruise} = 144 \text{ mph}$
 $h_{cruise} = 10 \text{ kft}$

DeLaurier Ornithopter

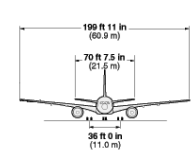


$V_{takeoff} = 82 \text{ km/h}$
 $h_{cruise} = 15 \text{ ft}$

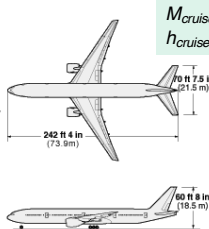
Schweizer 2-32



$M_{typical} = 75 \text{ mph}$
 $h_{max} = 35 \text{ kft}$



Boeing 777-300



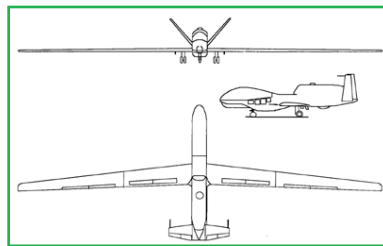
$M_{cruise} = 0.84$
 $h_{cruise} = 35 \text{ kft}$

• Typical for subsonic aircraft



Uninhabited Air Vehicles

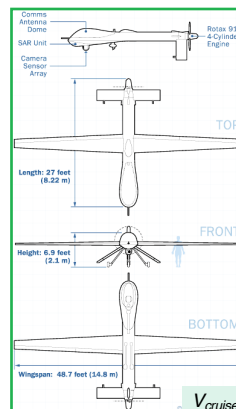
Northrop-Grumman/Ryan Global Hawk



$V_{cruise} = 310 \text{ kt}$
 $h_{cruise} = 50 \text{ kft}$



General Atomics Predator

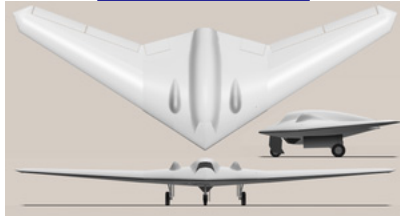


$V_{cruise} = 70-90 \text{ kt}$
 $h_{cruise} = 25 \text{ kft}$



Stealth and Small UAVs

Lockheed-Martin RQ-170



General Atomics Predator-C (Avenger)



Northrop-Grumman X-47B



InSitu/Boeing ScanEagle

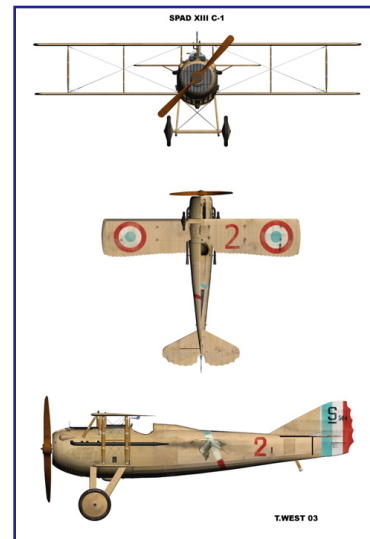


http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stealth_aircraft

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Subsonic Biplane

- Compared to monoplane
 - Structurally stiff (guy wires)
 - Twice the wing area for the same span
 - Lower aspect ratio than a single wing with same area and chord
 - Mutual interference
 - Lower maximum lift
 - Higher drag (interference, wires)
- Interference effects of two wings
 - Gap
 - Aspect ratio
 - Relative areas and spans
 - Stagger



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Some Videos

Flow over a narrow airfoil, with downstream vortices

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsO5BQA_CZk

Flow over transverse flat plate, with downstream vortices

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0z_hFZx7qvE

Laminar vs. turbulent flow

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WG-YCpAGgQQ&feature=related>

Smoke flow visualization, wing with flap

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=fvwp&NR=1&v=eBBZF_3DLCU/

1930s test in NACA wind tunnel

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_WgkVQWtno&feature=related

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