

Formula sheet

Cylindrical coordinates

$$\begin{split} \nabla \vec{u} &= \left(\frac{\partial v_{\rm r}}{\partial r}, \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_{\theta}}{\partial \theta}, 0\right) \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{u} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (r v_{\rm r})}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_{\theta}}{\partial \theta} \\ \nabla \times \vec{u} &= \left(0, 0, \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial (r v_{\theta})}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial v_{\rm r}}{\partial \theta}\right]\right) \end{split}$$

Potential flow

$$v_{
m r} = rac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = rac{1}{r} rac{\partial \psi}{\partial heta}, \quad v_{\scriptscriptstyle heta} = rac{1}{r} rac{\partial \phi}{\partial heta} = -rac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

Uniform parallel flow $w = \phi + i\psi = U_{\infty}e^{-i\alpha}z$

Potential vortex in $z_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}$ $w=-rac{i\gamma}{2\pi}\ln(z-z_{\scriptscriptstyle 0})$

Point source or sink in z_0 $w = \frac{Q}{2\pi} \ln(z - z_0)$

Source-sink doublet in z_0 $w=\frac{\mu}{2\pi(z-z_0)}$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}w}{\mathrm{d}z} = u - iv$$

Milne-Thomson circle theorem:

$$g(z) = w(z) + \overline{w\left(\frac{a^2}{\overline{z}}\right)}$$

Thin airfoil theory

For a camber line with:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y_{c}}{\mathrm{d}x} = A_{0} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{n} \cos n\theta$$

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

we know.

$$k = 2 \mathsf{U}_{\scriptscriptstyle{\infty}} \left[(lpha - A_{\scriptscriptstyle{0}}) rac{\cos heta + 1}{\sin heta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{\scriptscriptstyle{n}} \sin n heta
ight]$$

$$A_{\scriptscriptstyle 0} = rac{1}{\pi} \int\limits_{0}^{\pi} rac{\mathrm{d} y_{\scriptscriptstyle ext{c}}}{\mathrm{d} x} \mathrm{d} heta$$

$$A_{\rm n} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} \frac{\mathrm{d}y_{\rm c}}{\mathrm{d}x} \cos n\theta \mathrm{d}\theta$$

$$C_1 = 2\pi\alpha + \pi(A_1 - 2A_0)$$

$$C_{ ext{m,1/4}} = -rac{\pi}{4}(A_{1}-A_{2})$$

$$x_{ ext{cp}} = rac{1}{4} + rac{\pi}{4C_1}(A_1 - A_2)$$

Finite wings with AR= b^2/S

Sign convention:

if induced velocity points downward: w(y)>0, $\alpha_{\rm i}(y)>0$ if induced velocity points upward: w<0, $\alpha_{\rm i}<0$

Prandtl's lifting-line theory

$$\mathbf{U}_{\scriptscriptstyle{\infty}}lpha_{\scriptscriptstyle{\mathrm{i}}}(y_{\scriptscriptstyle{0}}) = w(y_{\scriptscriptstyle{0}}) = -rac{1}{4\pi}\int\limits_{-b/2}^{b/2}rac{(\mathrm{d}\Gamma/\mathrm{d}y)}{y-y_{\scriptscriptstyle{0}}}\mathrm{d}y$$

$$\alpha(y_0) = \alpha_{\text{eff}}(y_0) + \alpha_{\text{i}}(y_0)$$

Elliptical loading
$$\Gamma(y) = \Gamma_{\scriptscriptstyle 0} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2y}{b}\right)^2}$$

$$w = \frac{\Gamma_0}{2b}$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{C_L}{\pi AR}$$

$$C_{D,i} = \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR}$$

$$w = \frac{b_2}{2} \cos \theta$$

$$v = \frac{b_2}{2} \cos \theta$$

General loading
$$\Gamma(\theta) = 2b \mathbf{U}_{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin n\theta$$

$$w(\theta) = \mathbf{U}_{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n A_{n} \frac{\sin n\theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$C_{\text{\tiny I}} = \pi A_{\text{\tiny I}} A R$$

$$C_{\scriptscriptstyle{
m D,i}} = rac{C_{\scriptscriptstyle
m L}^2}{\pi {
m AR}} (1+\delta) \ {
m with} \ \ \delta = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n \left(A_{\scriptscriptstyle
m n}/A_{\scriptscriptstyle
m l}
ight)^2$$

Boundary Layer

Flat plate laminar boundary layer

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{Re_{x}}}$$
 boundary layer growth $C_{\rm f} = \frac{1.328}{\sqrt{Re_{x}}}$ skin friction drag coefficient

Flat plate turbulent boundary layer

$$rac{\delta}{x} = rac{0.37}{Re_x^{1/5}}$$
 boundary layer growth $C_{
m f} = rac{0.074}{Re^{1/5}}$ skin friction drag coefficient

Miscellanous

θ	0°	30°	45°	60°	90°
$\sin \theta$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
$\cos \theta$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0

water

kinematic viscosity
$$\begin{aligned} \nu &= 1 \times 10^{-6} \, \mathrm{m^2 \, s^{-1}} \\ \mathrm{density} & \rho &= 1000 \, \mathrm{kg \, m^{-3}} \\ \mathrm{air} & \\ \mathrm{kinematic \, viscosity} & \nu &= 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \, \mathrm{m^2 \, s^{-1}} \\ \mathrm{density} & \rho &= 1.2 \, \mathrm{kg \, m^{-3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin(x \pm y) = \sin x \cos y \pm \cos x \sin y$$
$$\cos(x \pm y) = \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y$$
$$\cos 2\theta = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1$$
$$\sin 2\theta = 2\sin \theta \cos \theta$$
$$\sin 3\theta = 3\sin \theta - 4\sin^3 \theta$$
$$\cos 3\theta = 4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta$$

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} \cos \theta d\theta = 0$$

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta = 2$$

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} \cos^{2} \theta d\theta = \int_{0}^{\pi} \sin^{2} \theta d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} \frac{\cos n\theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \theta_{1}} d\theta = \pi \frac{\sin n\theta_{1}}{\sin \theta_{1}} \qquad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} \frac{\sin n\theta \sin \theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \theta_{1}} d\theta = -\pi \cos n\theta_{1} \qquad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

1. The circulation around the wing at any point y is denoted Γ . If the circulation has a parabolic form:

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{2y}{b} \right)^2 \right]$$

(a) What is the downward induced velocity behind the wing with the span *b*?

Solution:

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{2y}{b} \right)^2 \right] = \Gamma_0 - \Gamma_0 \frac{4y^2}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dy} = -\frac{8\Gamma_0 y}{b^2}$$

$$w(y_0) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \frac{d\Gamma/dy}{y - y_0} dy = \frac{2\Gamma_0}{\pi b^2} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \frac{y}{y - y_0} dy$$

At mid-span:

$$w(y_0 = 0) = \frac{2\Gamma_0}{\pi b}$$

(b) Compare w at mid-span with that obtained when the same lift is distributed elliptically. **Solution:** Downwash at mid-span:

$$w_q(y_0 = 0) = \frac{2\Gamma_0}{\pi b}$$

For the elliptical distribution:

$$w_e(y_0 = 0) = \frac{\Gamma_0}{2b}$$

Lift force:

$$L_q =
ho \mathbf{U}_{\infty} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \Gamma_0 \left(1 - \frac{4y^2}{b^2} \right) dy = \frac{2}{3}
ho \mathbf{U}_{\infty} \Gamma_0 b$$

For the elliptical distribution:

$$L_e = \frac{\pi}{4} \rho \mathbf{U}_{\infty} \Gamma_0 b$$

For the same lift:

$$\frac{\pi}{4}\Gamma_{0,e} = \frac{2}{3}\Gamma_{0,q}$$

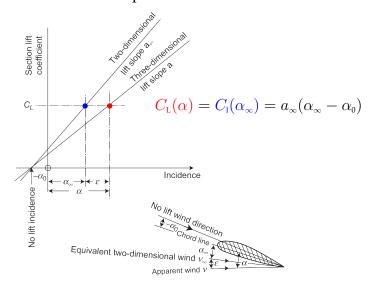
$$\frac{w_{0,q}}{w_{0,e}} = \frac{2\Gamma_{0,q}}{\pi b} \frac{2b}{\Gamma_{0,e}} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{w_{0,q}}{w_{0,e}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

 \rightarrow The downwash of the elliptic wing is 2/3 of the downwash of the quadratic wing.

- 2. Consider a rectangular wing with an aspect ratio AR = 6, an induced drag factor $\delta_{\text{AR=6}} = 0.055$, and a zero-lift angle of attack $\alpha_0 = -2^\circ$. At an angle of attack of 3.4° , the induced drag coefficient for this wing is $C_{\text{D,i},\text{AR=6}} = 0.01$. Calculate the induced drag coefficient for another rectangular wing with the same airfoil section at the same angle of attack, but with an aspect ratio AR = 10 with $\delta_{\text{AR=10}} = 0.105$.
 - (a) Show that the lift coefficient slope for the 3D wing can be expressed as:

$$a = \frac{\mathrm{d}C_{\mathrm{L}}}{\mathrm{d}\alpha} = \frac{a_{\infty}}{1 + \frac{a_{\infty}}{\pi AR}(1 + \delta)}$$

with a_{∞} the lift coefficient slope for the 2D airfoil



Solution: From the lift coefficient distribution

$$\begin{split} C_{\rm L}(\alpha) &= C_{\rm l}(\alpha_\infty) = a_\infty(\alpha_\infty - \alpha_0) \\ C_{\rm L} &= a_\infty(\alpha - \alpha_{\rm i} - \alpha_0) \\ \text{with} \\ \alpha_{\rm i} &= \frac{C_{\rm D,i}}{C_{\rm L}} = \frac{C_{\rm L}}{\pi {\rm AR}}(1+\delta) \\ C_{\rm L} &= a_\infty \alpha - a_\infty \frac{C_{\rm L}}{\pi {\rm AR}}(1+\delta) - a_\infty \alpha_0 \\ C_{\rm L}\left(1 + \frac{a_\infty}{\pi {\rm AR}}(1+\delta)\right) &= a_\infty \alpha - a_\infty \alpha_0 \\ \Rightarrow \quad a &= \frac{{\rm d}C_{\rm L}}{{\rm d}\alpha} = \frac{\partial C_{\rm L}}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{a_\infty}{1 + \frac{a_\infty}{\pi AR}(1+\delta)} \end{split}$$

(b) Calculate the induced drag coefficient for another rectangular wing with the same airfoil section at the same angle of attack, but with an aspect ratio AR = 10 with $\delta_{AR=10} = 0.105$.

Solution: For AR = 6:

$$\begin{split} C_{\rm L}^2 &= \frac{\pi {\rm AR} C_{\rm D,i}}{1+\delta} = \frac{\pi \times 6 \times 0.01}{1.055} = 0.1787 \\ C_{\rm L} &= 0.423 \\ \frac{dC_{\rm L}}{d\alpha} &= \frac{\Delta C_{\rm L}}{\Delta \alpha} = \frac{0.423}{3.4+2} = 0.078 \, {\rm deg}^{-1} = 4.485^{-1} \\ \frac{dC_{\rm L}}{d\alpha} &= a = \frac{a_{\infty}}{1+\frac{a_{\infty}}{\pi {\rm AR}}(1+\delta)} \\ a_{\infty} &= \frac{a_{\rm AR=6}}{1-\frac{a_{\rm AR=6}}{\pi {\rm AR}}(1+\delta_{\rm AR=6})} = \frac{4.485}{1-\frac{4.485}{\pi \times 6} \times 1.055} = 5.99^{-1} \end{split}$$

The second wing with AR=10 has the same 2D airfoil profiles, thus the lift coefficient slopes are as follows:

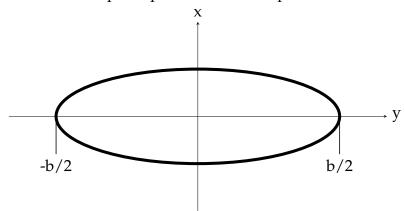
$$a_{\text{AR=10}} = \frac{a_{\infty}}{1 + \frac{a_{\infty}}{\pi \text{AR}} (1 + \delta_{\text{AR=10}})} = \frac{5.99^{-1}}{1 + \frac{5.99^{-1}}{\pi \times 10} \times 1.105} = 4.95^{-1} = 0.0864 \,\text{deg}^{-1}$$

$$C_{\text{L}} = a_{\text{AR=10}} (\alpha - \alpha_0) = 0.0864 \times (3.4 + 2) = 0.467$$

$$C_{\text{D,i}} = \frac{C_{\text{L}}^2}{\pi \text{AR}} (1 + \delta) = \frac{0.467^2}{\pi \times 10} \times 1.105 = 0.0077$$

- 3. Consider an untwisted, unswept wing which has an elliptical lift distribution $\Gamma_{\text{elliptical}}$ under normal flight conditions. The wing is equipped with a system to reduce torsional moments when encountering gusts. When approaching a storm front, rudder and flap motions alter the span-wise circulations distribution to $\Gamma_{\text{altered}}(\theta) = \Gamma_0 \left[\sin \theta \frac{1}{4} \sin 3\theta \right]$ with Γ_0 the same constant as in the expression for $\Gamma_{\text{elliptical}}$.
 - (a) Draw a sketch of the most probable planform area of this wing seen from above.

Solution: Elliptical planform no sweep



(b) Determine the span-wise lift distribution under normal conditions $L_{\text{elliptical}}(\theta)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{split} L_{\text{normal}}(\theta) &= \rho \mathbf{U}_{\infty} \Gamma_{0} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2y}{b}\right)^{2}} \\ &= \rho \mathbf{U}_{\infty} \Gamma_{0} \sin \theta \end{split}$$

(c) Determine the span-wise lift distribution under altered gusty conditions $L_{\text{altered}}(\theta)$.

Solution:

$$L_{ ext{altered}}(heta) =
ho extsf{U}_{ inysf{ inysfr}} \Gamma_{ ext{0}} \left[\sin heta - rac{1}{4} \sin 3 heta
ight]$$

(d) Draw both lift distributions in function of the span-wise location and indicate explicitly the extrema values.



(e) Determine for both flight conditions the total lift coefficient $C_{\rm L}$

Solution:
$$\int\limits_{-b/2}^{b/2}\Gamma(y)dy=\frac{b}{2}\int\limits_{0}^{\theta}\Gamma(\theta)\sin\theta d\theta$$

$$C_{\rm L} = \frac{L}{1/2\rho {\rm U}_{\infty}^2 S} = \frac{\rho {\rm U}_{\infty}}{1/2\rho {\rm U}_{\infty}^2 S} \int\limits_{-b/2}^{b/2} \Gamma(y) dy = \frac{b}{{\rm U}_{\infty} S} \int\limits_{0}^{\theta} \Gamma(\theta) \sin\theta d\theta$$

Elliptical distribution:

$$egin{aligned} C_{ t L} &= rac{b}{{\sf U}_{\infty}\,S}\int\limits_0^{ heta}\Gamma_0\sin^2 heta d heta \ &= rac{b\,\pi\,\Gamma_0}{S\,2\,{\sf U}_{\infty}} \end{aligned}$$

Altered distribution:

$$\begin{split} C_{\text{L}} &= \frac{b}{\mathbf{U}_{\infty} S} \int\limits_{0}^{\theta} \Gamma_{0} \sin^{2}\theta d\theta + \frac{b}{\mathbf{U}_{\infty} S} \underbrace{\int\limits_{0}^{\theta} -\frac{\Gamma_{0}}{4} \sin 3\theta \sin \theta d\theta}_{=0} \\ &= \frac{b \pi \Gamma_{0}}{S 2 \mathbf{U}_{\infty}} \end{split}$$

Solution:

(f) Determine the extra propulsion force that is required to remain the same flight altitude when the lift distribution is altered from $L_{\text{elliptical}}(\theta)$ to $L_{\text{altered}}(\theta)$.

(Hint: use
$$C_{\text{D,i}} = \frac{C_{\text{L}}^2}{\pi \text{AR}} (1 + \delta)$$
 with $\delta = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n \left(A_{\text{n}} / A_{\text{1}} \right)^2$)

Solution:

General loading:
$$\Gamma(\theta)=2b\mathbf{U}_{\infty}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}A_{\mathrm{n}}\sin n\theta$$
 and $\delta=\sum_{n=2}^{\infty}n\left(A_{\mathrm{n}}/A_{\mathrm{1}}\right)^{2}$

Elliptical distribution:

$$\Gamma(\theta) = \Gamma_0 \sin \theta = 2b U_{\infty} A_1 \sin \theta \Rightarrow A_1 = \frac{\Gamma_0}{2b U_{\infty}}$$

$$\delta = 0$$

Altered distribution:

$$\Gamma(\theta) = \Gamma_0 \left[\sin \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 3\theta \right] = 2b \mathbf{U}_{\infty} A_1 \sin \theta + = 2b \mathbf{U}_{\infty} A_3 \sin 3\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \frac{\Gamma_0}{2b \mathbf{U}_{\infty}} \quad , \qquad A_3 = -\frac{\Gamma_0}{8b \mathbf{U}_{\infty}}$$

$$\delta = 3 \left(\frac{A_3}{A_1} \right)^2 = 3 \left(\frac{2}{-8} \right)^2 = \frac{3}{16}$$

Extra propulsion necessary to compensate the increased drag

$$\begin{split} \Delta C_{\text{D,i}} &= \delta_{\text{altered}} \frac{C_{\text{L}}^2}{\pi A R} \\ &= \frac{3}{16} \frac{C_{\text{L}}^2}{\pi A R} = \frac{3}{16} \frac{b^2 \pi^2 \Gamma_{\text{0}}^2}{S^2 4 U_{\infty}^2} \frac{S}{\pi b^2} = \frac{3}{128} \frac{\pi \Gamma_{\text{0}}^2}{1/2 U_{\infty}^2 S} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta D &= \frac{3}{128} \rho \pi \Gamma_{\text{0}}^2 \end{split}$$

(g) Can you think of a reason why it would help to change the lift distribution in the proposed way in terms of gust load alleviation?

Solution: Higher load distribution near the centre reduces the bending moments near the tips.