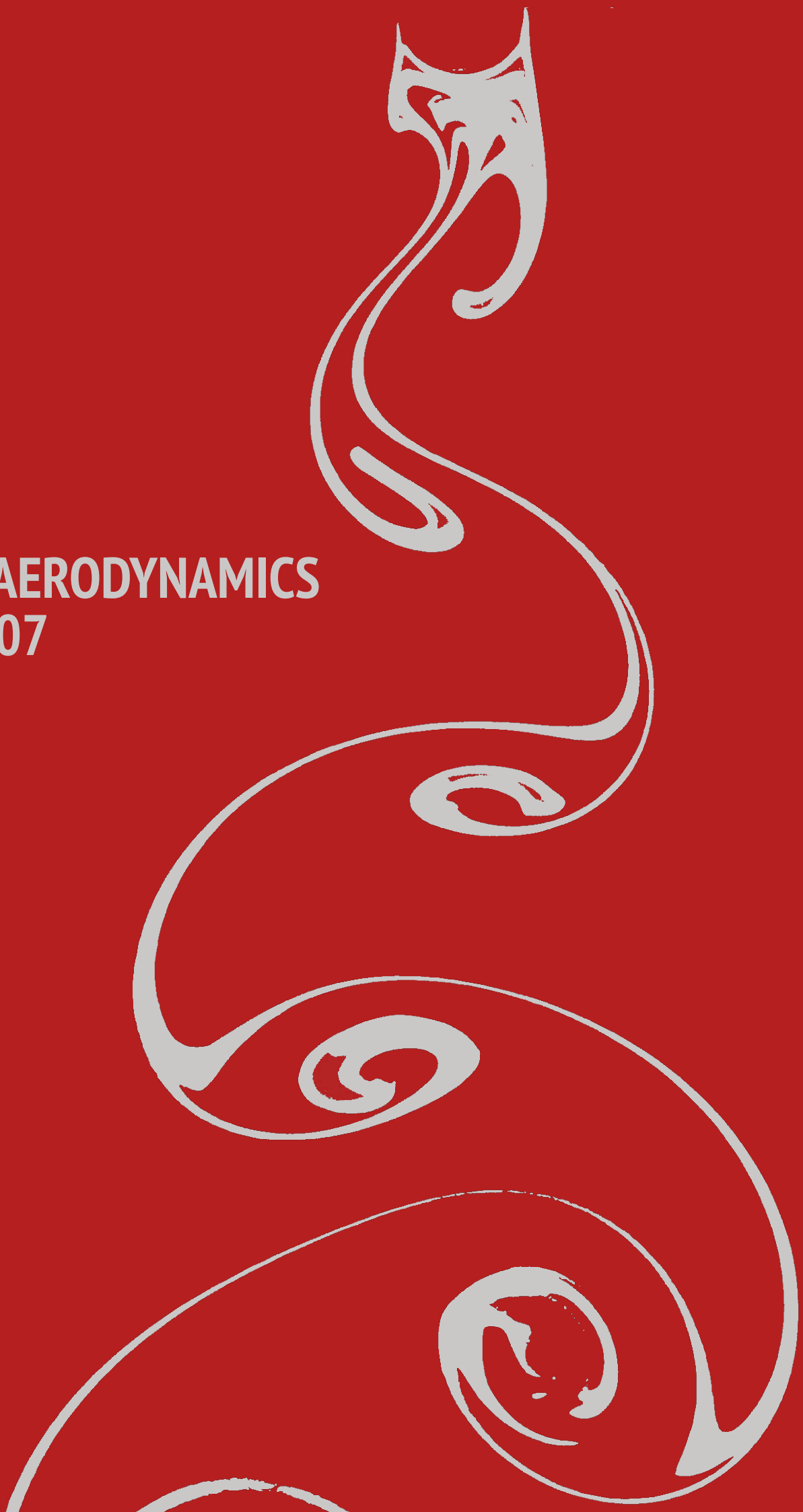


**ME-445 AERODYNAMICS**  
**Exercise 07**  
**Week 6**



# Formula sheet

## Cylindrical coordinates

$$\nabla \vec{u} = \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r}, \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta}, 0 \right)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(rv_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{u} = \left( 0, 0, \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial(rv_\theta)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \right)$$

## Potential flow

$$v_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}, \quad v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

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

Potential vortex in  $z_0$   $w = -\frac{i\gamma}{2\pi} \ln(z - z_0)$

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

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

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = u - iv$$

Milne-Thomson circle theorem:

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

## Thin airfoil theory

For a camber line with:

$$\frac{dy_c}{dx} = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos n\theta$$

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

we know:

$$k = 2U_\infty \left[ (\alpha - A_0) \frac{\cos \theta + 1}{\sin \theta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin n\theta \right]$$

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{dy_c}{dx} d\theta$$

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

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

$$C_{m,1/4} = -\frac{\pi}{4}(A_1 - A_2)$$

$$x_{cp} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4C_l}(A_1 - A_2)$$

## Finite wings with $AR=b^2/S$

Sign convention:

if induced velocity points downward:  $w(y) > 0, \alpha_i(y) > 0$

if induced velocity points upward:  $w < 0, \alpha_i < 0$

Prandtl's lifting-line theory

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

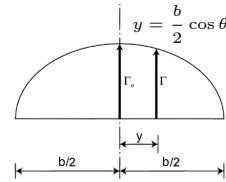
$$\alpha(y_0) = \alpha_{\text{eff}}(y_0) + \alpha_i(y_0)$$

Elliptical loading  $\Gamma(y) = \Gamma_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2y}{b}\right)^2}$

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

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

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



General loading  $\Gamma(\theta) = 2bU_\infty \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin n\theta$

$$w(\theta) = U_\infty \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n A_n \frac{\sin n\theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$C_L = \pi A_1 AR$$

$$C_{D,i} = \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR} (1 + \delta) \text{ with } \delta = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n (A_n/A_1)^2$$

## Boundary Layer

Flat plate **laminar** boundary layer

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \text{ boundary layer growth}$$

$$C_f = \frac{1.328}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \text{ skin friction drag coefficient}$$

Flat plate **turbulent** boundary layer

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{0.37}{Re_x^{1/5}} \text{ boundary layer growth}$$

$$C_f = \frac{0.074}{Re_x^{1/5}} \text{ skin friction drag coefficient}$$

## Miscellaneous

$\theta$	$0^\circ$	$30^\circ$	$45^\circ$	$60^\circ$	$90^\circ$
$\sin \theta$	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  $\nu = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$

density  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

**air**

kinematic viscosity  $\nu = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$

density  $\rho = 1.2 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

$$\sin(x \pm y) = \sin x \cos y \pm \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x \pm y) = \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y$$

$$\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta$$

$$\cos 3\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos \theta d\theta = 0$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta = 2$$

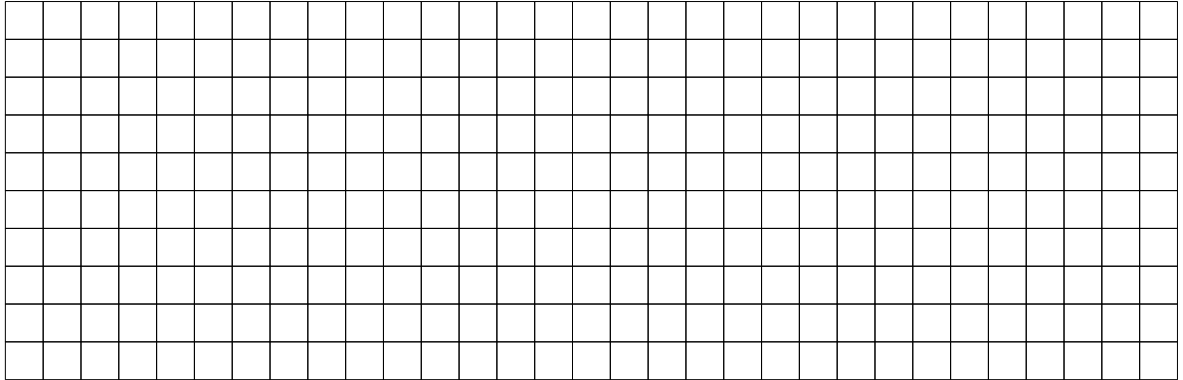
$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos n\theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \theta_1} d\theta = \pi \frac{\sin n\theta_1}{\sin \theta_1} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

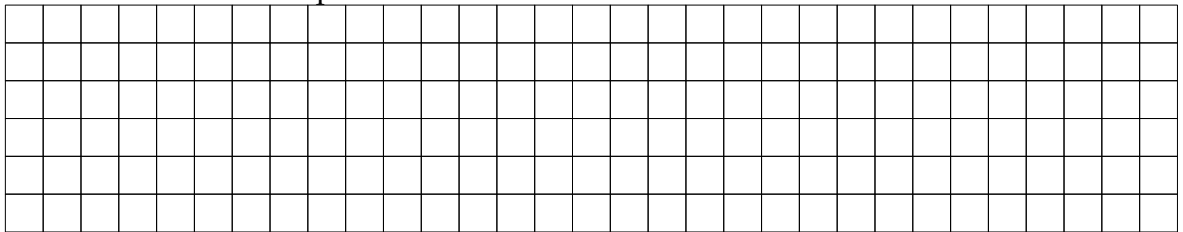
$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin n\theta \sin \theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \theta_1} d\theta = -\pi \cos n\theta_1 \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

1. We want to design a thin airfoil with a specific amount of camber. The camber line is approximated by  $\frac{y_c}{c} = a \left[ \frac{1}{4} - \left( \frac{x}{c} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right]$ , with  $a$  a positive constant.

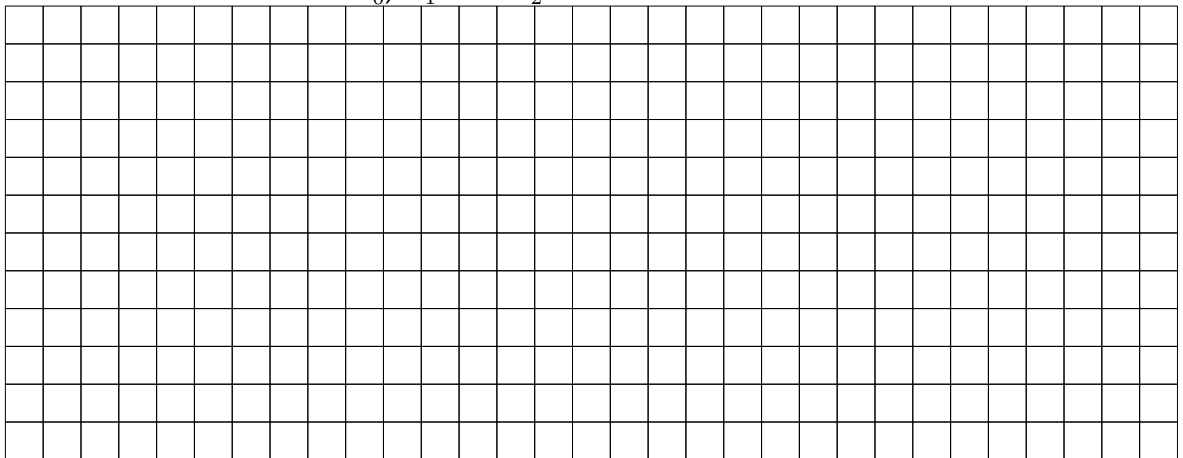
(a) Draw a sketch of this airfoil



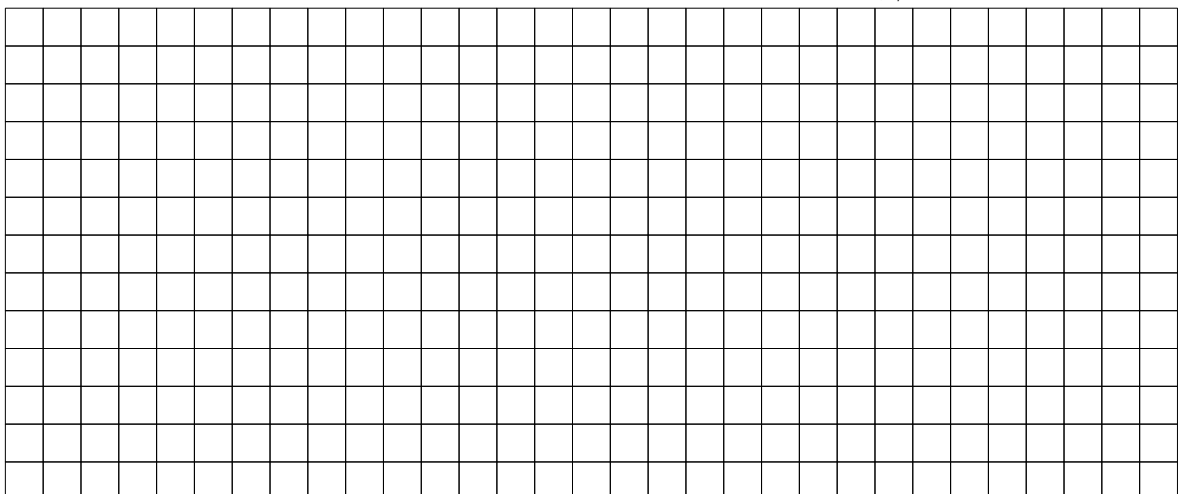
(b) What is the value of the parameter  $a$  if we want the airfoil to have 2.5% camber?



(c) Determine the coefficients  $A_0$ ,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .



(d) Draw the lift and quarter chord moment coefficients,  $C_L$  and  $C_{M,1/4}$  in function of  $\alpha$ .



(e) What is the angle of attack for zero lift? And what are  $C_l$  and  $C_{m,1/4}$  at  $\alpha = 0$ ?

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(f) Define and calculate the aerodynamic centre and the centre of pressure for this airfoil at zero angle of attack?

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(g) Can you think of a way to change the airfoil to reduce the moment while keeping the maximum camber the same?

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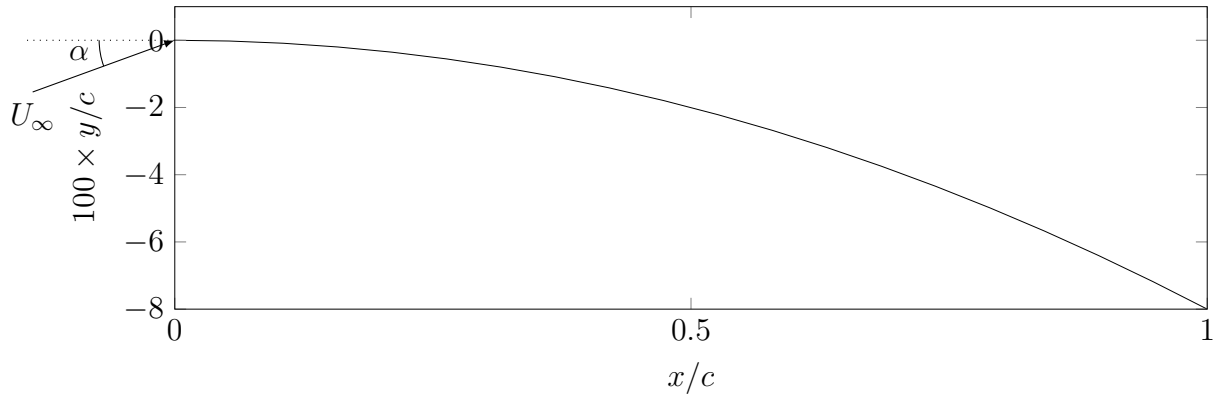
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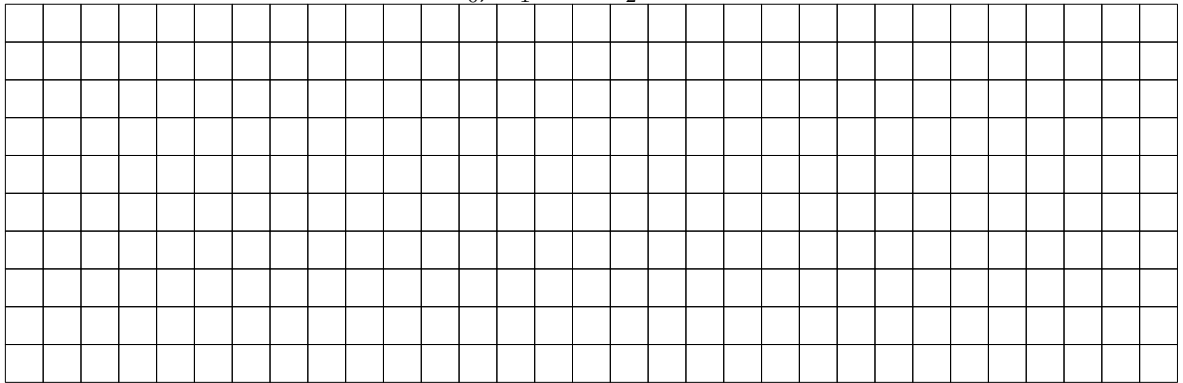
2. Thin airfoil theory is used to describe the two-dimensional potential flow around a parabolically curved thin plate of length  $L$  placed in a uniform free stream with velocity  $U_\infty$  at an angle of attack  $\alpha$ , as shown in the figure below.



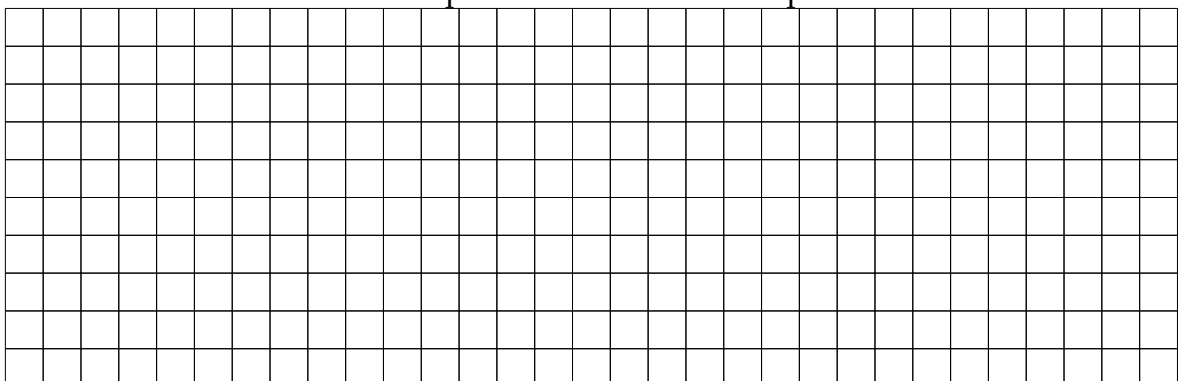
The plate shape is given by:

$$\frac{y_c}{c} = -0.08 \left(\frac{x}{c}\right)^2$$

- (a) Calculate the Fourier coefficients  $A_0$ ,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  for this camber line.



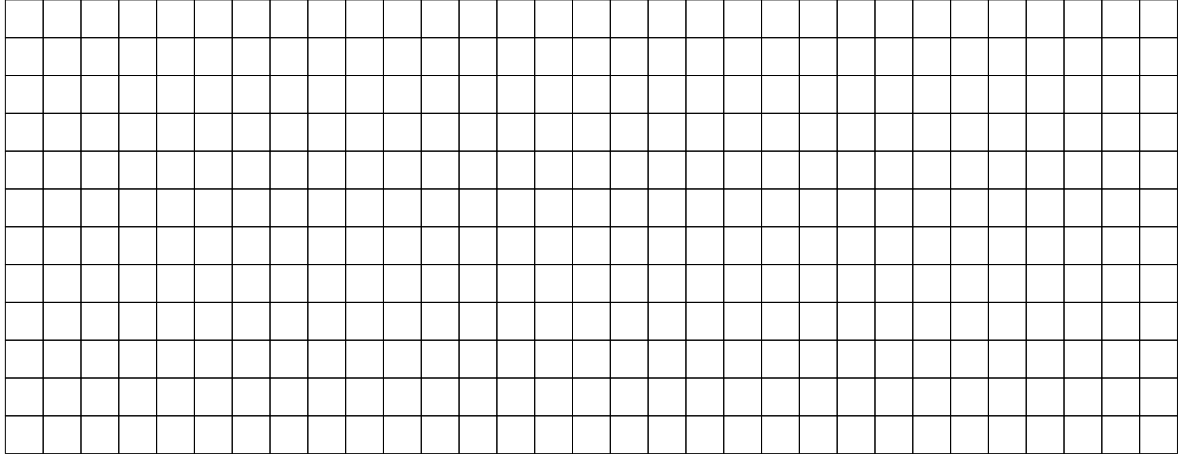
- (b) Determine the lift coefficient and position of the center of pressure for  $\alpha = 0$ .



- (c) Determine the value of  $\alpha$  for which the pressure difference between the upper and lower surface of the plate is zero at the leading edge (no suction at the leading edge).

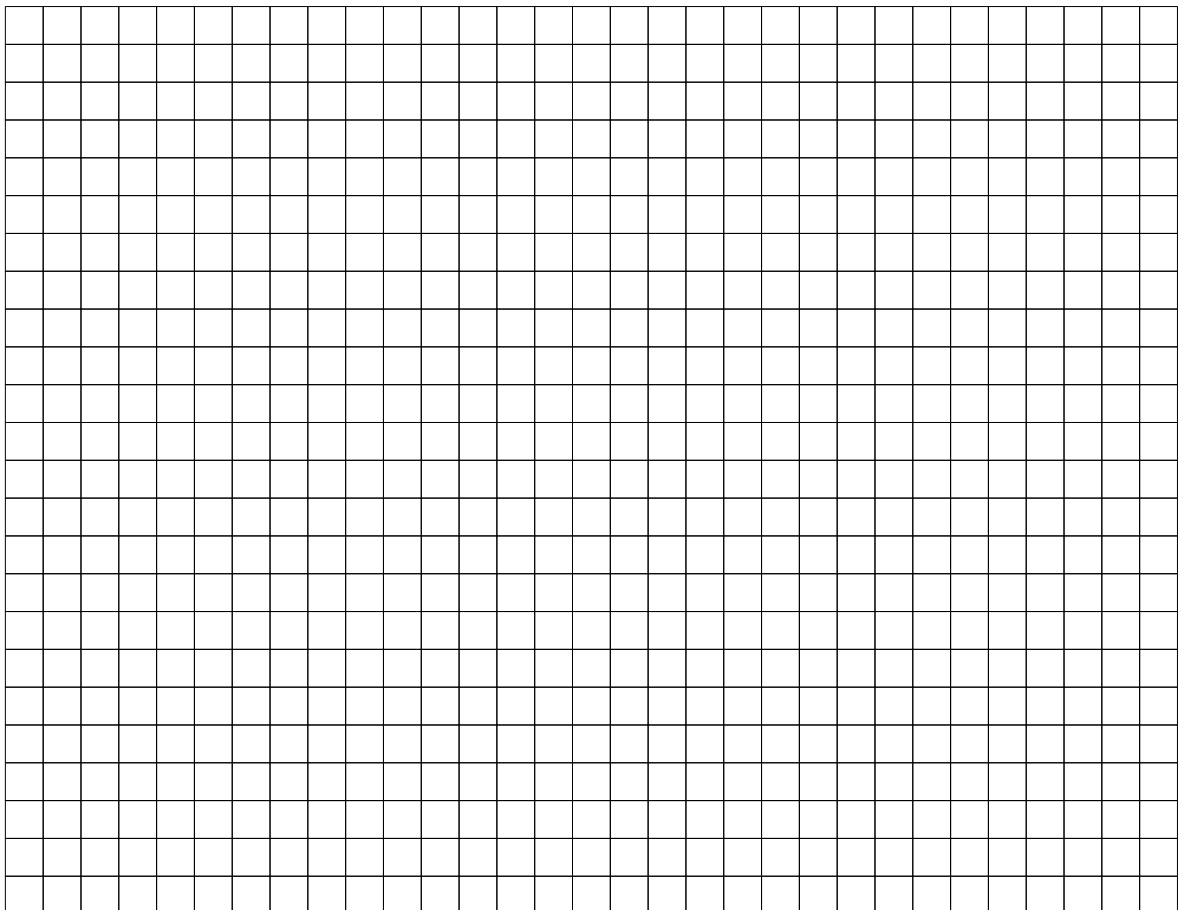
3. In this problem, we will investigate the aerodynamic performance of a thin airfoil that has a camber line defined by a third order polynomial  $y_c = bc(\xi - a_1)(\xi - a_2)(\xi - a_3)$ , where  $\xi$  is the dimensionless chord position.

- (a) Determine the values of  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  so that the polynomial function describes a real camberline ( $y_c = 0$  at  $x = 0$  and  $x = c$ ) and thus show that it can be described by the following equation:  $y_c = bc\xi(\xi - 1)(\xi - a)$ . What do the remaining parameters  $b$  and  $a$  represent in terms of airfoil geometry?



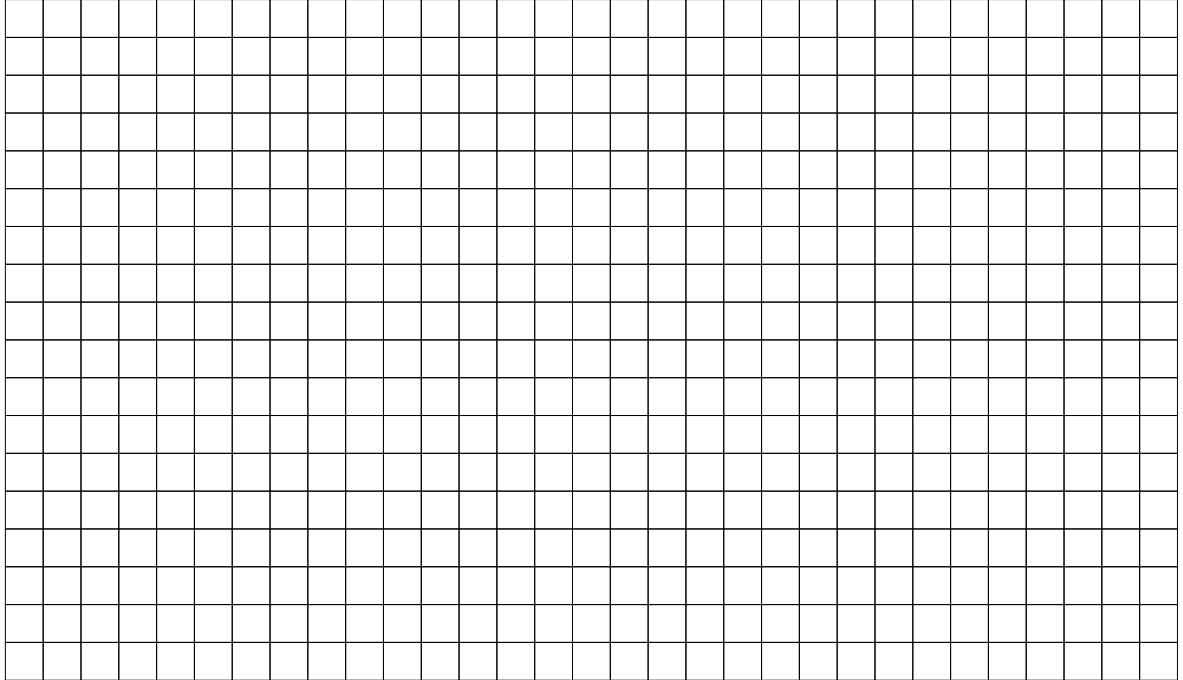
- (b) Making use of the change in variable  $\xi = \frac{x}{c} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}$ , show that the camberline derivative can be written as:

$$\frac{dy_c}{dx} = b \left[ \frac{1}{8} + \left( a - \frac{1}{2} \right) \cos \theta + \frac{3}{8} \cos 2\theta \right]$$



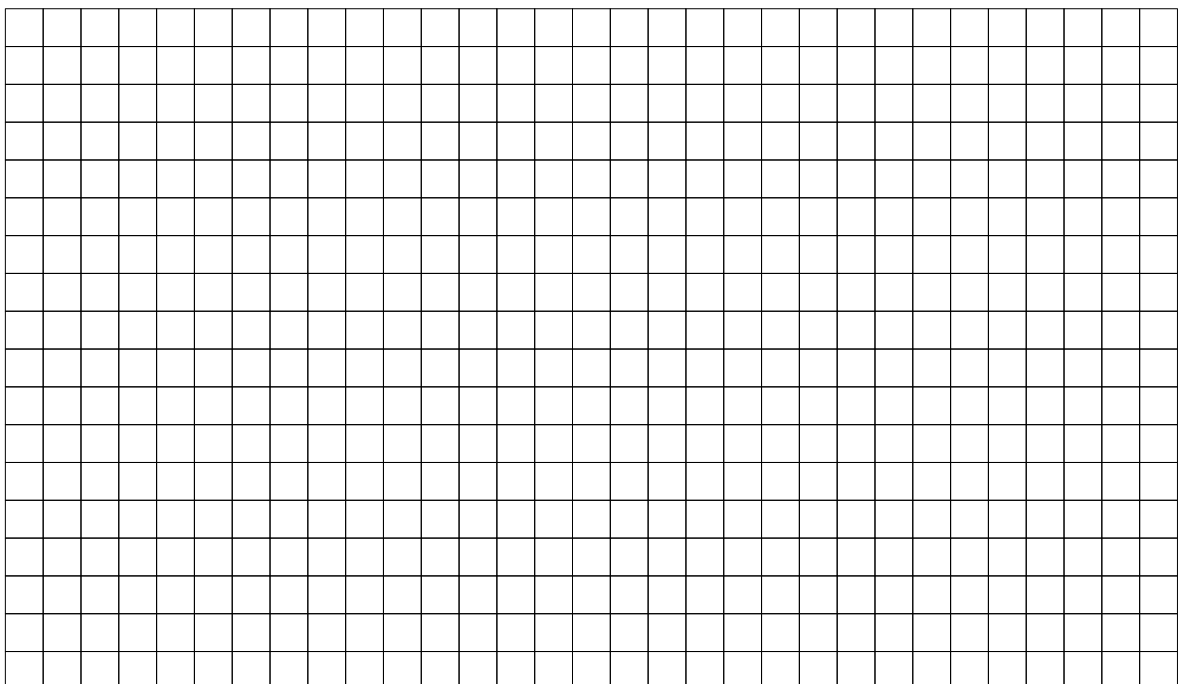
(c) Show that the Fourier coefficients for a third order polynomial camberline are given by:

$$\begin{cases} A_0 = \frac{b}{8} \\ A_1 = \left(a - \frac{1}{2}\right)b \\ A_2 = \frac{3b}{8} \end{cases}$$



(d) Show that the coefficients of lift and pitching moment ( $C_l$  and  $C_m|_{AC}$ ) for an airfoil whose camber line is defined by a third order pitching polynomial at an angle of attack  $\alpha$  are given by:

$$\begin{cases} C_l = 2\pi\alpha + \pi b\left(a - \frac{3}{4}\right) \\ C_m|_{1/4} = -\frac{\pi}{4}b\left(a - \frac{7}{8}\right) \end{cases}$$



(e) For an airfoil with  $a = 2$  and a maximum camber of 2%, show that  $b = 0.052$  and determine the coefficients of lift and pitching moment ( $C_l$  and  $C_{m,1/4}$ ) at a three degree angle of attack.

