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# **ASE 367K: FLIGHT DYNAMICS**

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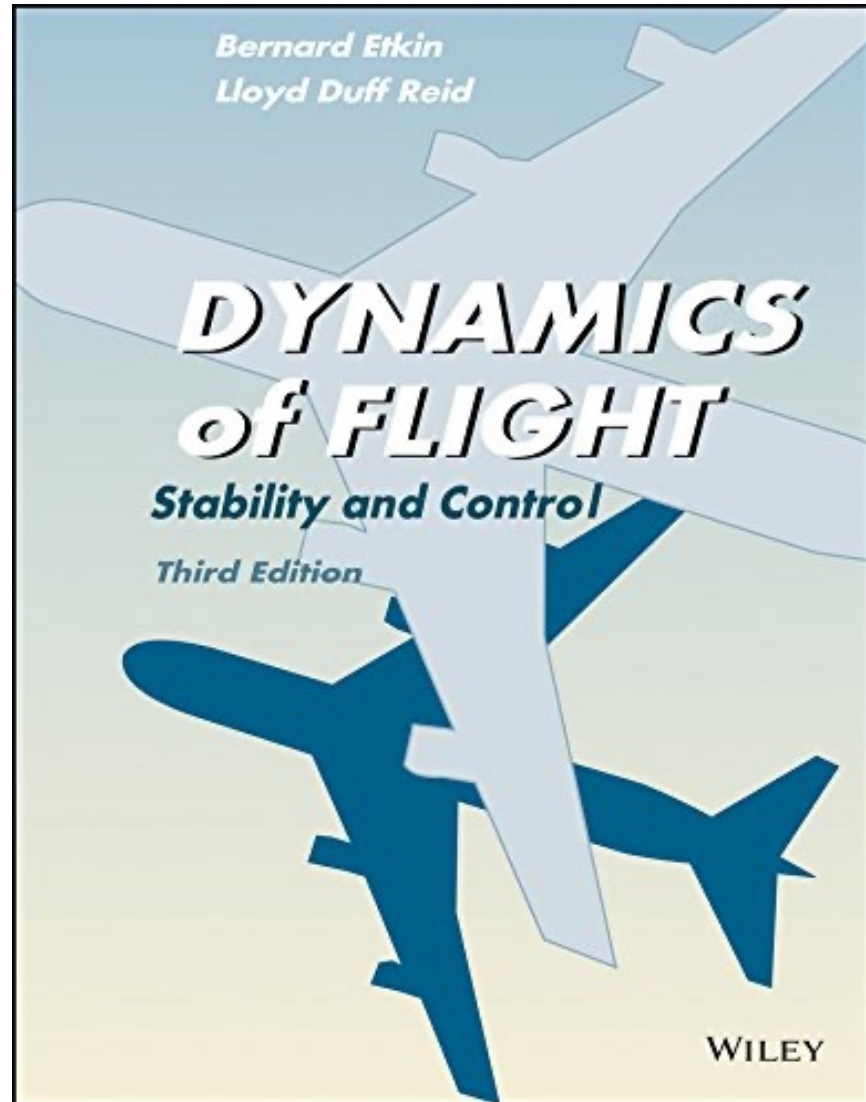
# Learning Objectives

- Understand aircraft configuration aerodynamics, performance, stability, and control
- Estimate an aircraft's aerodynamic characteristics from geometric and inertial properties
- Analyze linear and nonlinear dynamic systems
- Recognize airplane modes of motion and their significance
- Compute aircraft motions
- Appreciate historical development of aviation

# Course Topics

- Aerodynamics
- Statics & Dynamics
- Cruise Flight Performance
- Accelerated Flight Performance
- Differential Equations & Linear Algebra
- Non-Linear 6-Degree of Freedom Equations of Motion
- Airplane Control
- Linearized Equations of Motion
- Longitudinal & Lateral Dynamics
- Stability & Analysis of Linear Systems

# Textbook



**Title:** Dynamics of Flight  
Stability and Control  
3rd Edition

**Authors:** Bernard Etkin and Lloyd Duff Reid

**Publisher:** Wiley

**Year:** 2010

# Deliverables and Grade Contributions

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# Homework and Exams

## Homework:

Homework due electronically at 23:59 on due dates.

Working together on assignments is permitted; however, every student must turn in their own original work.

Late assignments will ONLY be accepted if an extension is requested a priori due to the observance of a religious holy day.

## Exams:

The exams during the term (01-OCT and 12-NOV) will take approximately one hour and 15 minutes and occur during the lecture period on the respective days.

There will be NO final exam.



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# AIRCRAFT BASICS

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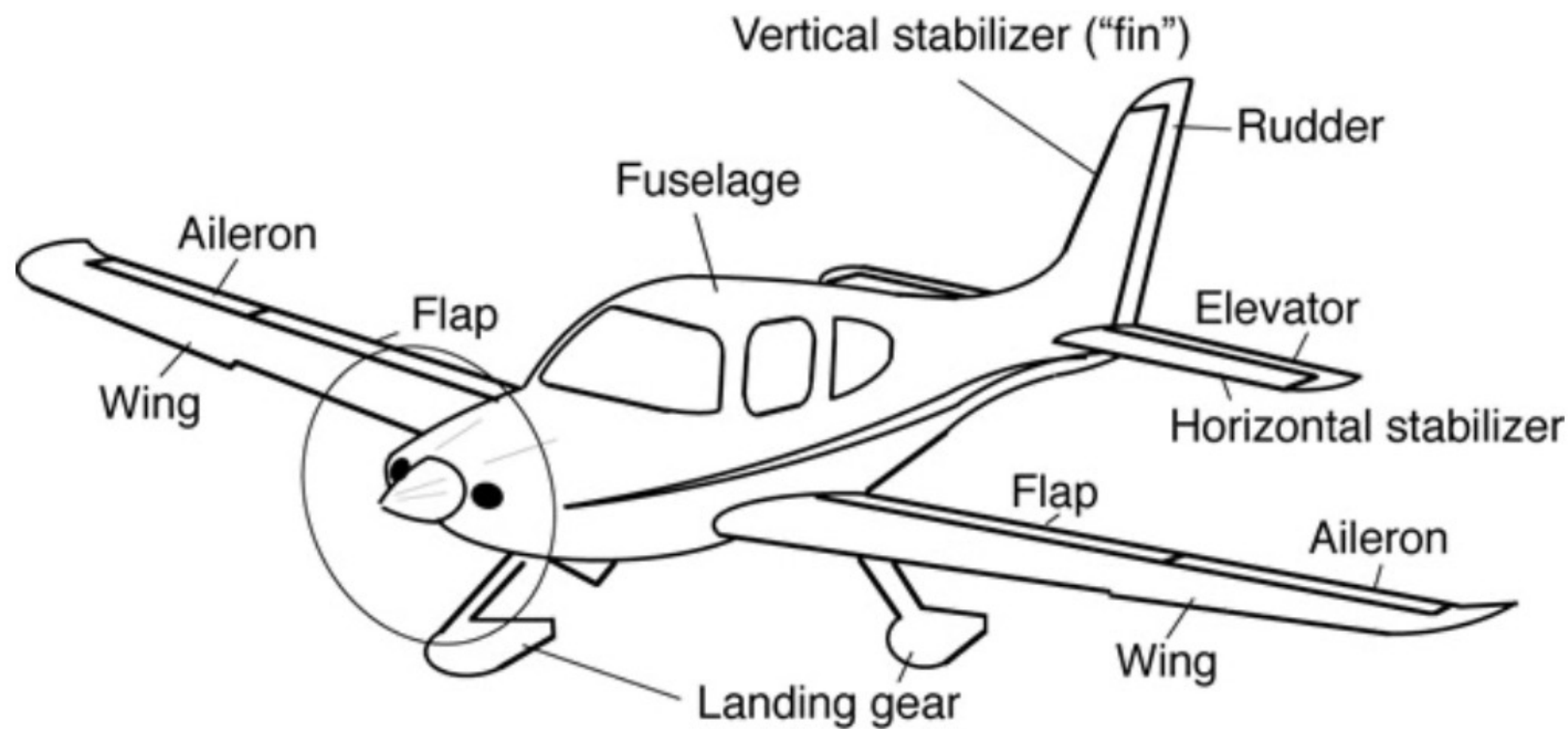
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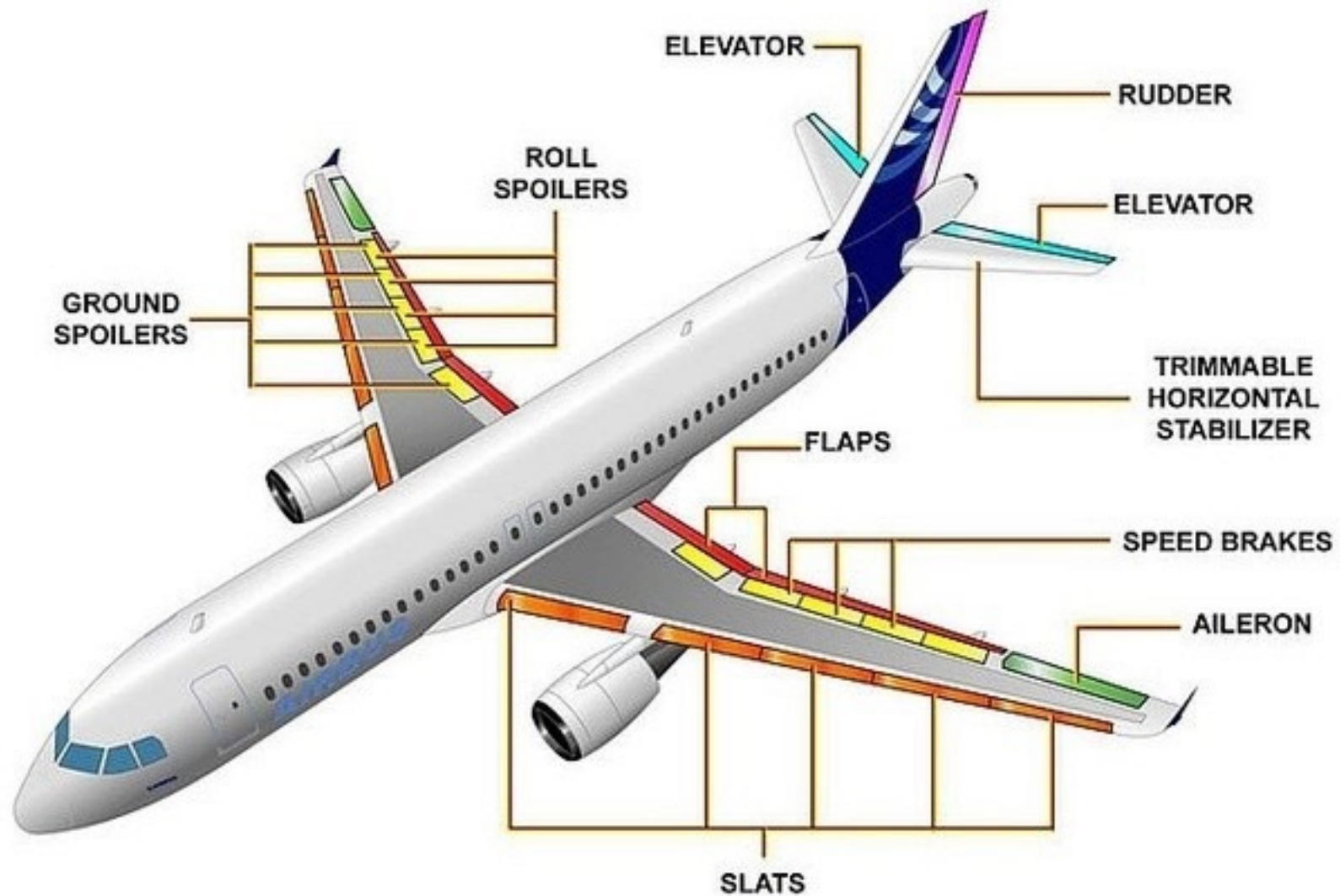
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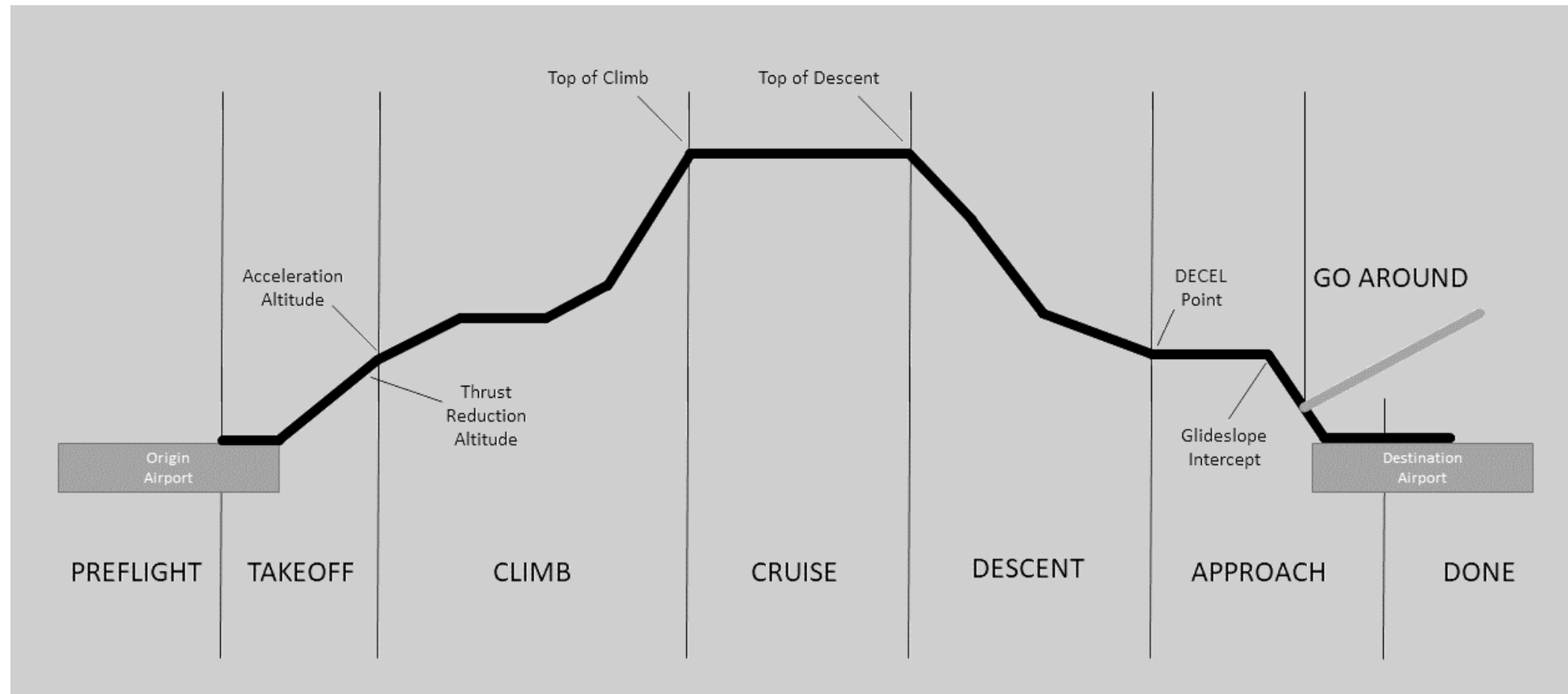
# Airplane Components



# Aircraft Control Surfaces



# Phases of Flight (Commercial)



**Phases**

Maneuver (or combat)

Constant-altitude constant-velocity cruise flight

Constant velocity descent

Descent turn

Landing

Take-off

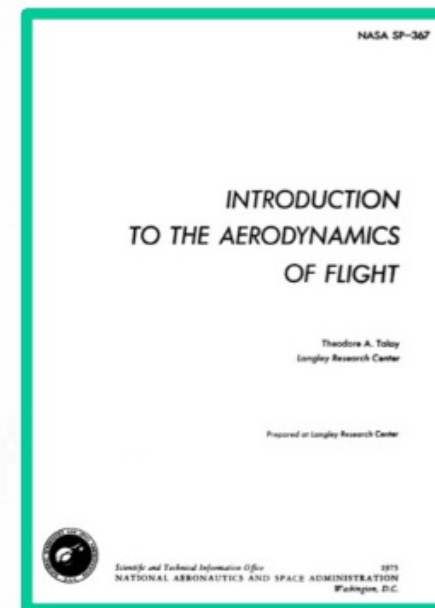
Constant-velocity climb

Climb turn

Indicates flight direction

Unaccelerated, linear flight

Accelerated and/or curved flight





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# **BASICS OF AERODYNAMICS**

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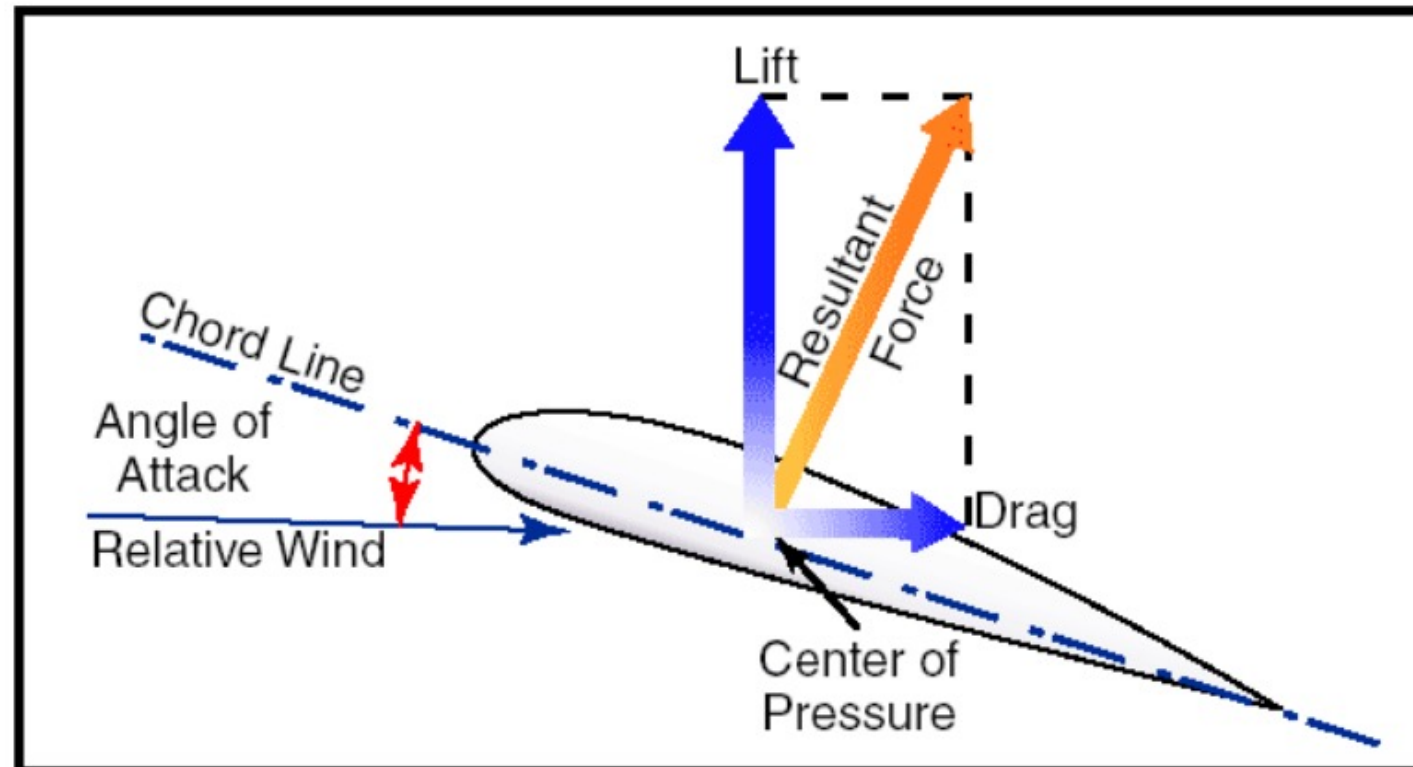
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# Wing Lift and Drag

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



# What is drag?

- Aerodynamic force that opposes an aircraft's motion through the air
  - Caused by interaction of a solid body with a fluid
  - Aerodynamic “friction” or resistance to motion
- Depends on:
  - Wing shape
  - Angle of attack
  - Air viscosity
  - Compressibility
- Two components
  - Profile drag
  - Induced drag

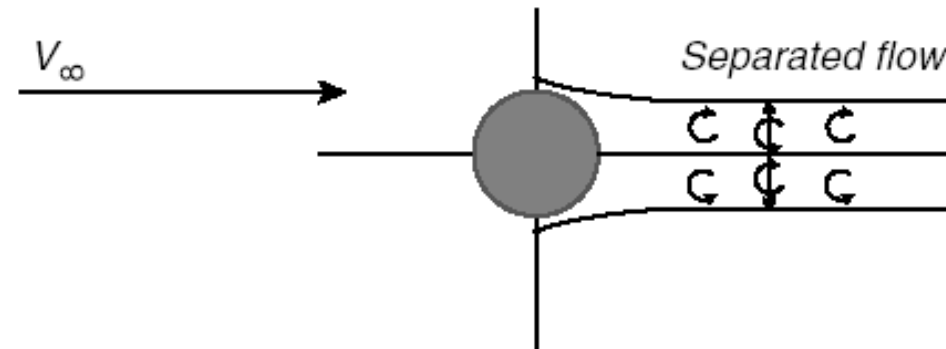
# Profile drag

- Also called “form drag” because the separation of the boundary layer around an object is a function of its form
  - Related to viscous effects of flow over lifting surface
- Question:
  - What happens to your body when you are running and just happen to brush against a stationary object?

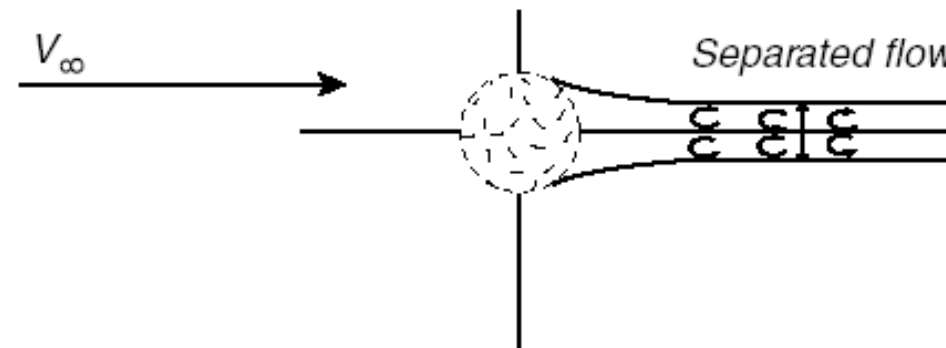


## Profile drag (cont.)

- Dimples = greater skin friction drag = greater distance to separation of flow = lower profile drag
- Vortices “take away” energy from the airflow
- Question: Why is this important for drag?



a) Smooth surface



b) Dimpled surface

Source: Newman, Dava J., *Interactive Aerospace Engineering and Design*

# Induced drag

- Arises from 3-dimensional effects of a wing caused by downwash velocity near wing tip
- Vortices create a downward velocity component at the wing
- Non-dimensional coefficient of induced drag:
  - $C_{D_i} = C_L^2 / \pi eAR$

# Induced drag



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# Total drag

- Total drag = profile drag + induced drag
- Coefficient of total drag
  - $C_{D_{TOTAL}} = C_{D_0} + C_L^2 / \pi e AR$

# What is lift?

- Lift is the force that holds an aircraft in the air
  - $L = W$  in straight and level flight!!!
- Coefficient of lift: empirical non-dimensional parameter for easier evaluation of lift
  - $C_L = L / (0.5 \rho v^2 S)$
  - $q = \text{dynamic pressure} = 0.5 \rho v^2$
  - Substituting in  $q$ ,  $L = qSC_L$

# How does a wing generate lift?

- To really answer this question you need to understand:
  - Kinetic Theory
  - Bernoulli's Equation
- So... that's what we will cover next!

- The change in momentum in the x-direction for each individual molecule and each collision is:

$$\Delta Mom_x = 2 \cdot m \cdot v_x$$

- In a time interval  $\Delta t$  the number of collisions for a given molecule on a box of length  $L$  in the x-direction is:

$$\Delta t \cdot v_x / (2 \cdot L)$$

- Thus, the momentum change for an individual molecule over a time interval  $\Delta t$  is:

$$\Delta Mom_x = \Delta t / L \cdot v_x^2$$

- Generalizing to N molecules we get:

$$\Delta Mom_x = N \cdot \Delta t / L \cdot \overline{v_x^2}$$

- Then, when we consider the Y and Z directions, we get:

$$\Delta Mom_x = N \cdot \Delta t / L \cdot 1/3 \cdot \overline{v^2}$$

- Finally, we use the definition of force and the definition of pressure to get:

$$P = (\Delta Mom_x / \Delta t) / A = 2/3 \cdot N / V \cdot (0.5 m \overline{v^2})$$



# Bernoulli's Equation

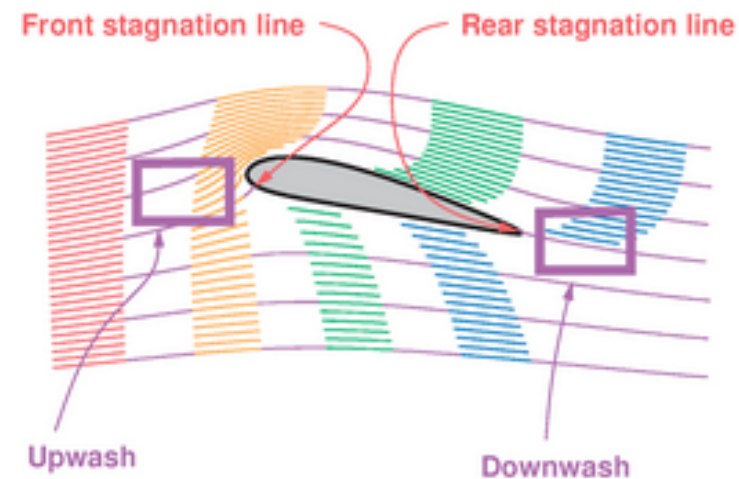
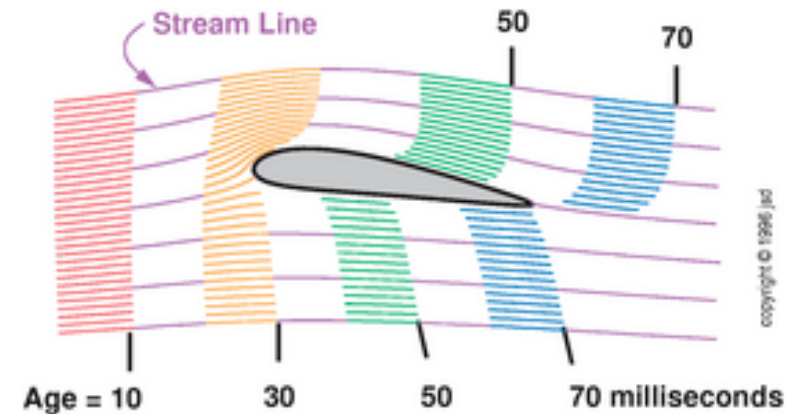
- Simple form of Bernoulli's equation is:

$$P + 0.5 \rho v^2 = P_0$$

- This is a simple form of the law of conservation of energy for an incompressible fluid
  - Energy that is not used to move the fluid is used to generate pressure
  - Therefore, a moving fluid will have lower static pressure!!!

# How does the airflow over a wing look?

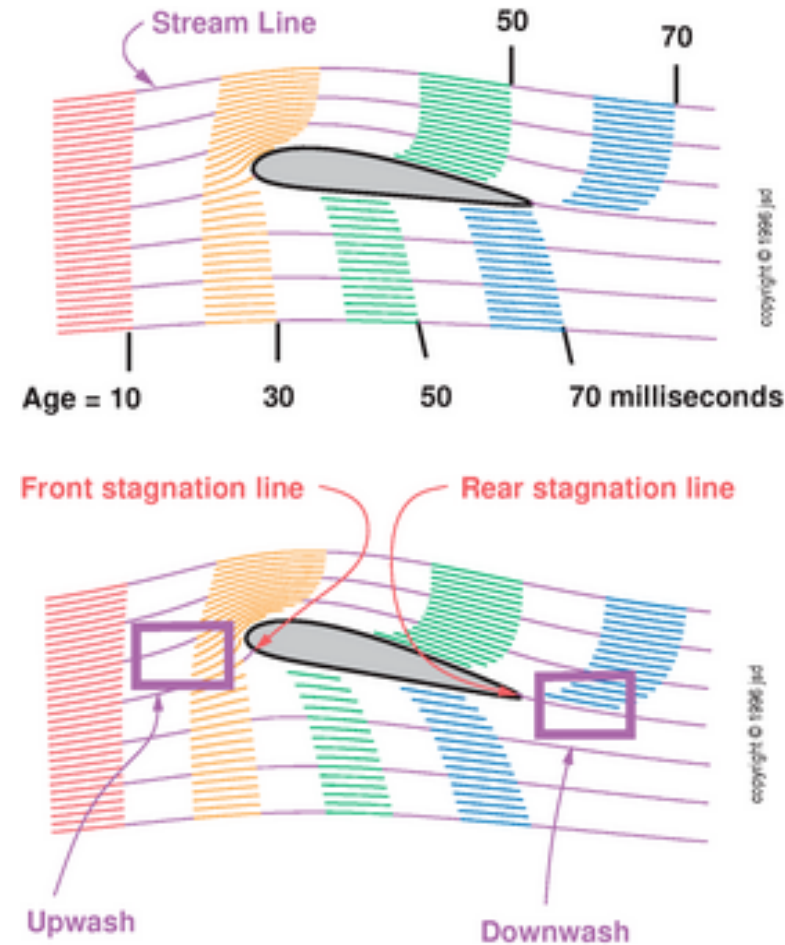
- Air above is speeded up relative to the corresponding air below.
  - The different colored areas above and below the wing represent time slices through the flow



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# How does the airflow over a wing look?

- Each air parcel gets a temporary change in speed and a permanent offset in position.
  - The change in speed results in a change in pressure because the energy that is nominally used to create pressure is being used to move the flow.



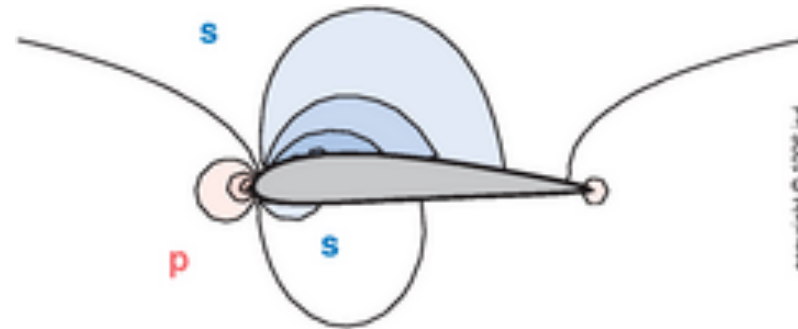
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# MIT What is the net effect of this airflow?

- Bernoulli's Principle states that faster air has lower pressure.

$$P + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = k$$

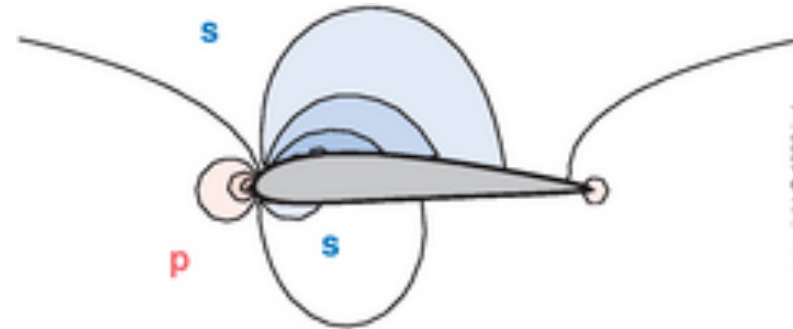
- Strong suction (relative to ambient pressure) above the wing.
- Much less suction (or higher pressure) below the wing.
- Net force is lift!





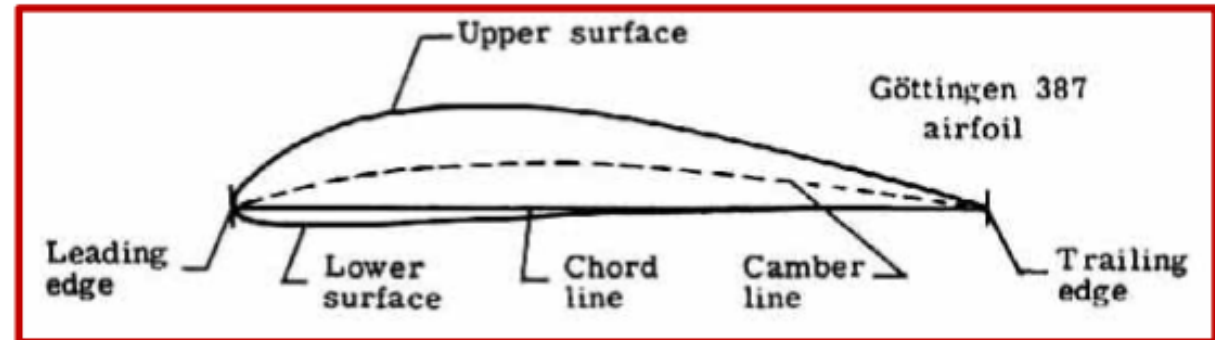
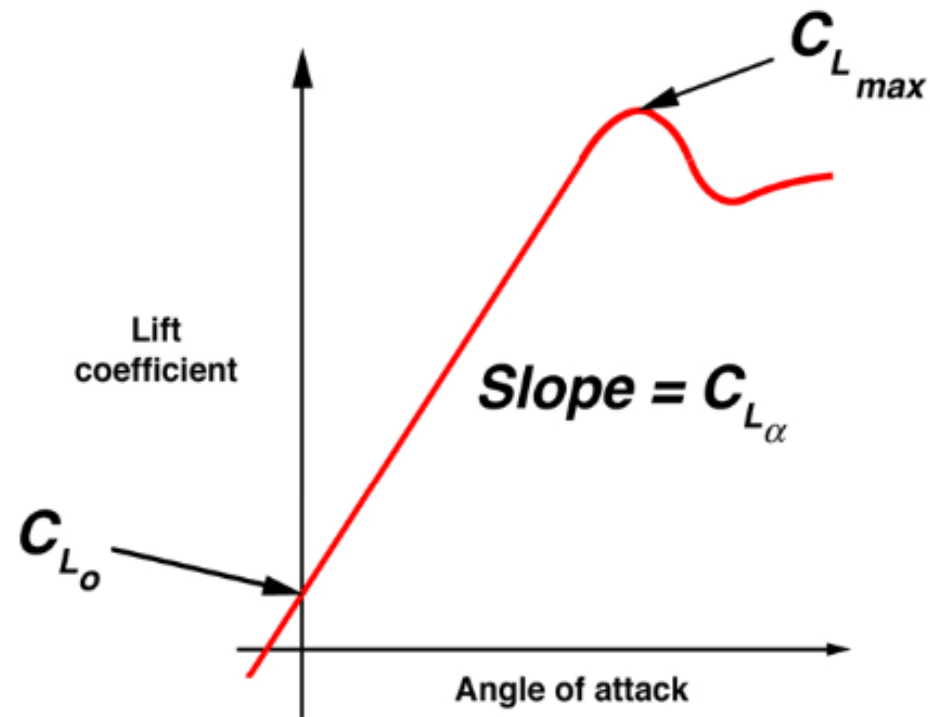
# What are the key points to remember?

- Suction on the top of the wing is more important than pressure acting on the bottom of the wing.
  - Almost no high pressure on the bottom of the wing at low angles of attack.
  - Suction above the wing does more than 100% of the job of lifting.
- The front quarter or so of the wing does half of the lifting.



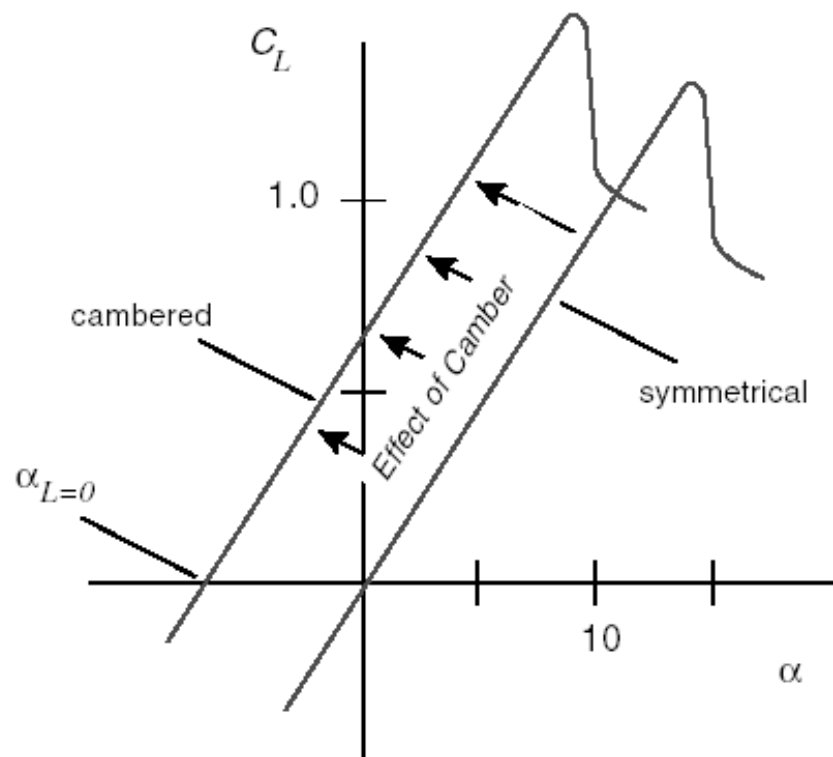
# Lift vs. Angle of Attack

**2-D Lift** (inviscid, incompressible flow)

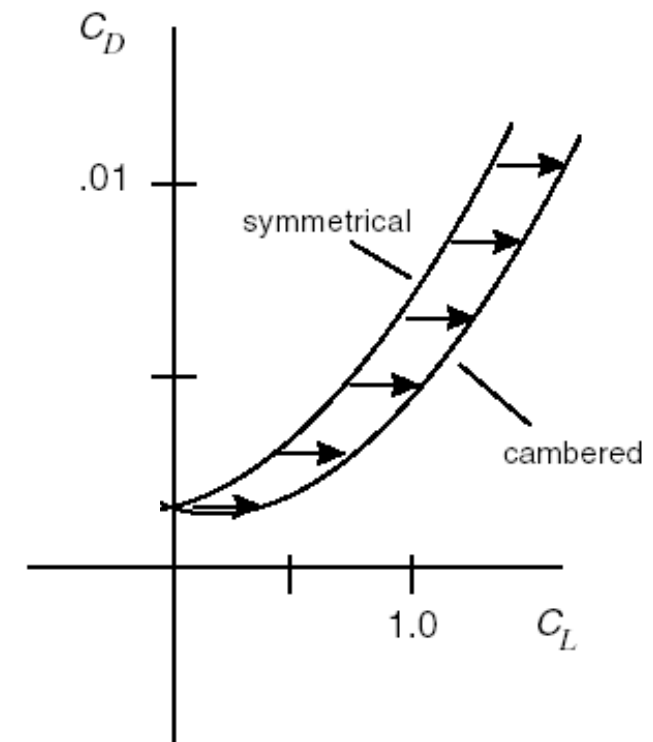


# Effects of camber

## Lift Curve



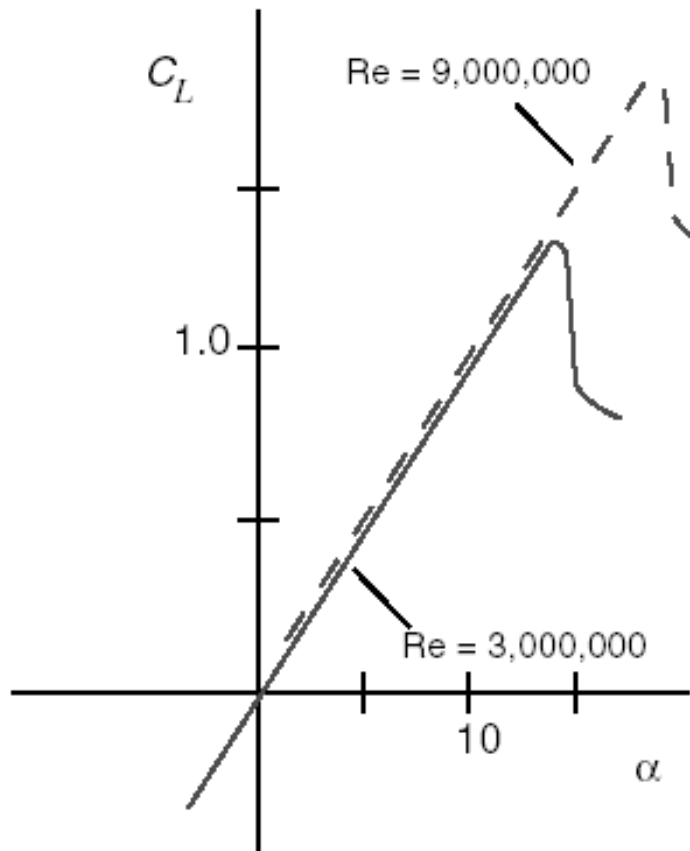
## Drag Polar Curve



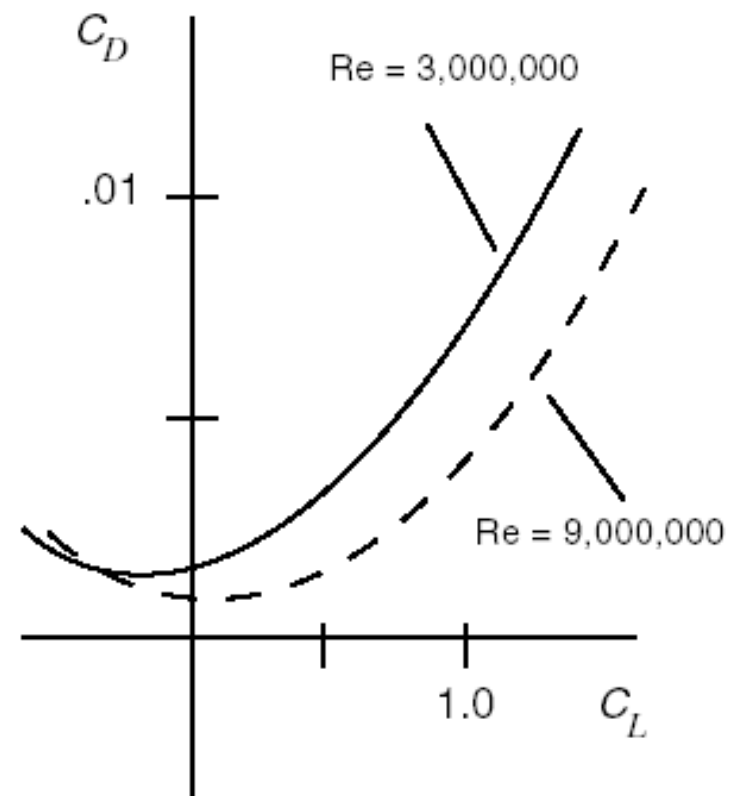
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# Effect of skin friction drag

## Lift Curve



## Drag Curve



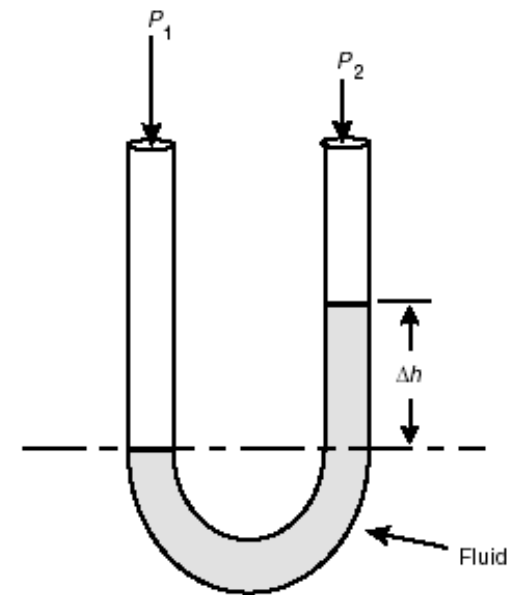
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# Bernoulli and Pitot tubes

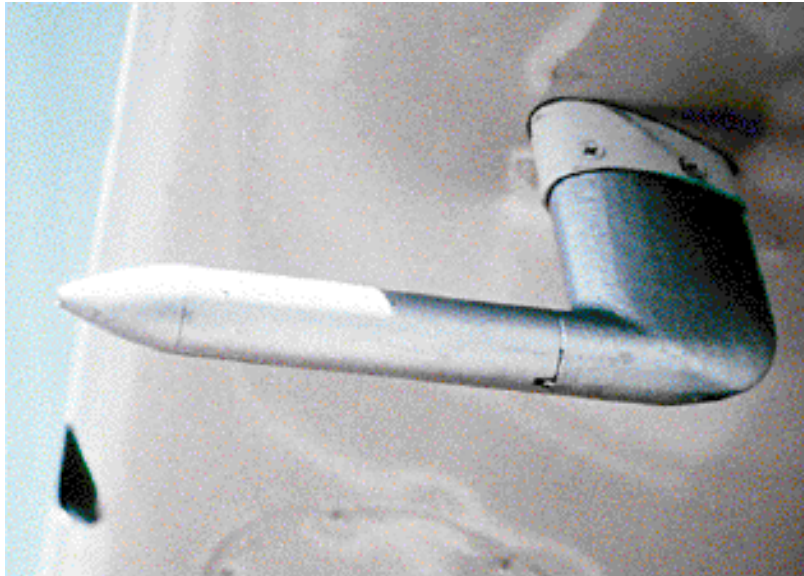
- Bernoulli's equation is also very important for measuring the speed of an aircraft
- Basis of Pitot tube a.k.a. a glorified manometer!

$$v = \sqrt{2((P_0 - P)/\rho)}$$



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# What do Pitot tubes look like?



# Basic relationships of lift and drag (1)

- Lift and drag are functions of air density, airspeed, wing area, wing shape and angle of attack:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_L$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_D$$

- In “steady flight” all the forces must balance, thus:

$$-L \sin(\gamma) - D \cos(\gamma) + T \cos(\gamma + \alpha) = 0$$

$$L \cos(\gamma) - D \sin(\gamma) + T \sin(\gamma + \alpha) = W$$

# 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,  $S$ ,  $m^2$  or  $ft^2$

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

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



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