AP Calculus Final Project

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Abstract

This is an analysis of data taken from the GOSH Flight Path Predictor™. Four separate sets of data were analyzed: temperature vs. density, wind velocity vs. pressure, wind angle vs. wind velocity, and wind velocity vs. altitude. Each is discussed in more depth in subsequent parts.

Part I. Wind Velocity Vs. Altitude

This data has several interesting patterns. Most notably, there appears to be an absolute maximum slightly after 1000 feet, as can be seen in Figure **??**. At this point the wind speed is nearly $40\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}}$. Wind speed increases as it approaches this maximum, though it increases at a slower and slower rate. After the maximum, the wind speed begins to decrease at an increasing rate. The question generated by this feature is, of course, what atmospheric feature is responsible for this pattern? A numerical analysis reveals more specific information:

Tab. 1: My caption

altitude (m)	wind speed (m/s)	first derivative	second	f is	concave
947.84	5.90581712				
985.55	6.1990502	0.007776003		+	
1023.37	6.39453892	0.005168924	-6.89E-05	+	DOWN
1061.3	6.49228328	0.002576967	-6.83E-05	+	DOWN
1101.25	6.49228328	0	-6.45E-05	-	DOWN
1141.34	6.49228328	0	0	-	DOWN
1182.52	6.59002764	0.002373588	5.76E-05	+	UP
1224.81	6.59002764	0	-5.61E-05	-	DOWN
1268.21	6.59002764	0	0	-	DOWN
1313.71	6.59002764	0	0	-	DOWN
1361.33	6.59002764	0	0	-	DOWN
1411.1	6.59002764	0	0	-	DOWN
1463.04	6.49228328	-0.001881871	-3.62E-05	-	DOWN
1518.18	6.49228328	0	3.41E-05	-	UP
1575.56	6.47684996	-0.000268967	-4.69E-06	-	DOWN
1639.2	6.47684996	0	4.23E-06	-	UP
1710.22	6.3791056	-0.001376293	-1.94E-05	-	DOWN
1792.78	6.3791056	0	1.67E-05	-	UP
1889.17	6.26592792	-0.001174164	-1.22E-05	-	DOWN
2000.74	6.26592792	0	1.05E-05	-	UP
2130.05	6.15275024	-0.000875243	-6.77E-06	-	DOWN
2277.72	5.41709532	-0.004981749	-2.78E-05	-	DOWN
2447.89	3.54451916	-0.01100415	-3.54E-05	-	DOWN
2641.95	2.81400868	-0.003764354	3.73E-05	-	UP
2861.54	5.82350608	0.013705075	7.96E-05	+	UP
3107.44	9.14681432	0.013514877	-7.73E-07	+	DOWN
3381.51	15.16066468	0.021942753	3.08E-05	+	UP
3681.25	18.38622856	0.010761206	-3.73E-05	+	DOWN
4002.43	18.86980592	0.001505627	-2.88E-05	+	DOWN
4344.09	18.91610588	0.000135515	-4.01E-06	+	DOWN
4706.73	19.2144834	0.000822793	1.90E-06	+	UP
5089.27	20.63434884	0.003711678	7.55E-06	+	UP
5491.59	22.02849208	0.00346526	-6.12E-07	+	DOWN
5913.8	21.9153144	-0.00026806	-8.84E-06	-	DOWN
6358.13	23.72615728	0.004075446	9.78E-06	+	UP
6822.71	26.43213272	0.005824563	3.76E-06	+	UP
7313.41	24.72932308	-0.003470164	-1.89E-05	-	DOWN
7830.24	26.751088	0.003911857	1.43E-05	+	UP
8382.36	29.10209708	0.004258149	6.27E-07	+	UP
8972.84	33.18678244	0.006917568	4.50E-06	+	UP
9591.32	36.33003528	0.005082222	-2.97E-06	+	DOWN
10215.39	37.811634	0.002374091	-4.34E-06	+	DOWN
10824.28	39.2006328	0.002281198	-1.53E-07	+	DOWN
11416.76	39.18519948	-2.60E-05	-3.89E-06	-	DOWN
11995.67	36.77760156	-0.004158847	-7.14E-06	-	DOWN
12565.71	30.64028464	-0.010766467	-1.16E-05	-	DOWN
13130.59	28.41788656	-0.003934284	1.21E-05	-	UP
13704.45	27.4970318	-0.001604668	4.06E-06	-	UP
14307.19	22.40918064	-0.008441204	-1.13E-05	-	DOWN
14949.59	16.31301924	-0.009489666	-1.63E-06	-	DOWN
15626.44	21.2722594	0.007326941	2.48E-05	+	UP
16364.28	22.4040362	0.001533905	-7.85E-06	+	DOWN
17172.71	9.42461408	-0.015036817	-3.15E-05	-	DOWN

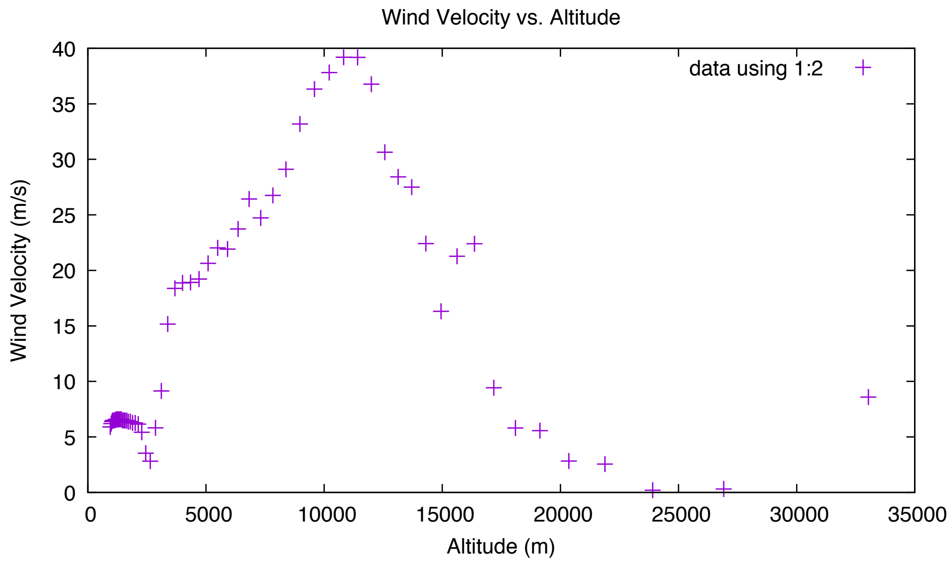

Fig. 1: Test

Part II. Temperature Vs. Density

Part III. Wind Velocity vs. Pressure

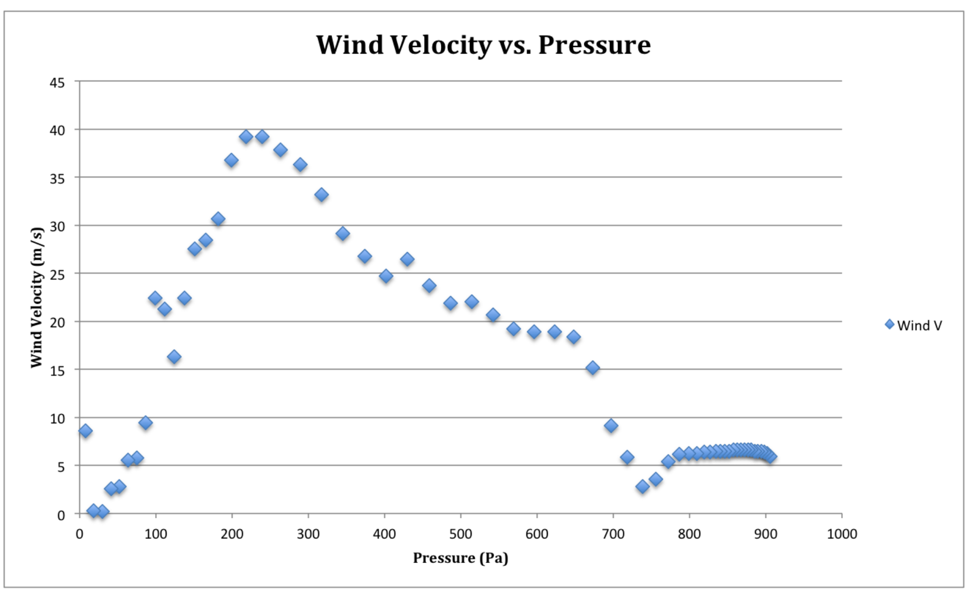

Fig. 2: Plot of Wind Velocity vs. Pressure

Analysis: After plotting all the points in a scatterplot, we notice our predicted concavities are well matched. From the first derivative, we can split the data points into two distinct sections. Pressures $\in$ [0,230) experience mostly increasing wind velocity, and Pressures $\in$ (230,725] experience primarily decreasing wind velocity. Following a pressure of 800 Pascals, wind velocity stabilizes at $6.3\frac{m}{s} \pm 0.2\frac{m}{s}$. We notice that wind speed is caused by shifts from high to low pressures, and the data from (230, 900) conforms to this principle: Wind speed increases as Pressure decreases. Factors including temperature and the location of Jet Streams will result in divergence from this pattern. Pressure is highest when altitude is lower, so the stable plateau of wind velocity at the highest pressures is expected. Pressure collected in our data monotonically decreased with altitude. Plots of Wind Velocity vs. Pressure or Altitude will simply be a horizontal reflection in this case.

Part IV. Wind Velocity vs. Wind Angle

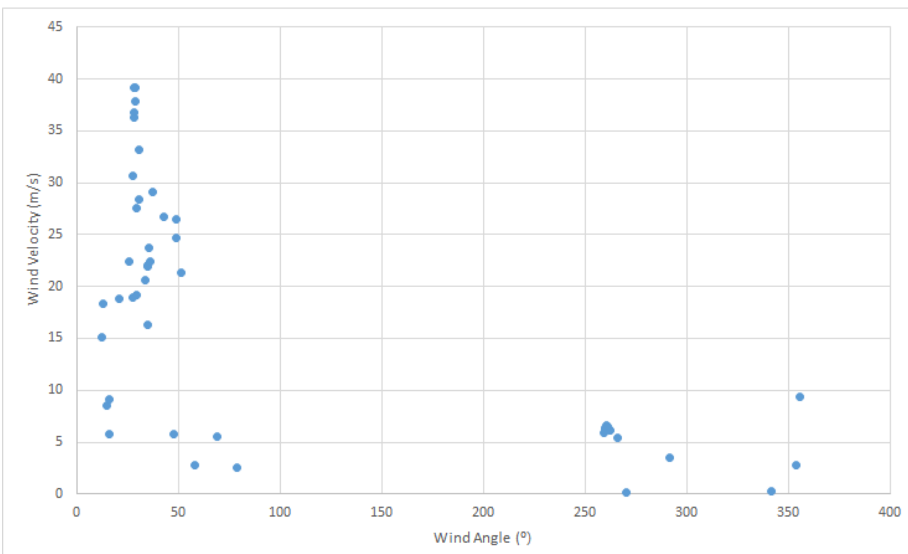

Fig. 3: Plot of Wind Velocity vs. Wind Angle

Although the tendencies of the data tend to wary between points, some overarching trends can be noted by analyzing the sign of the first and second derivatives (especially where they change). The data can be analyzed on various intervals.

- $angle \in (12°, 16°)$: Data varies wildly.
- $angle \in (20°, 28°)$ Data is almost consistently increasing, before reaching a critical point while being concave down (thus being a local maximum).

- *angle* $\in (29°, 35°)$ Data is also almost consistently increasing.
- *angle* $\in (35°, 37°)$ Data varies before reaching a critical point while being concave down (thus being a local maximum).
- *angle* $\in (37°, 48°)$ Data slowly and inconsistently decreases.
- *angle* $\in (48°, 52°)$ Decreases before reaching a critical point and point of inflection (thus being a local minimum).
- *angle* $\in (53°, 80°)$ Data varies.
- *angle* $\in (259°, 260.2°)$ Data is increasing and concave up before reaching a point of inflection.
- *angle* $\in (260.2°, 261°)$ Data is varying, but is critical and has a varying second derivative, meaning the data has a local maximum in this area.
- *angle* $\in (261°, 271°)$ Data is decreasing, but second derivative goes from negative to positive, reaching a critical point where the second derivative is positive (thus being a local minimum).
- *angle* $\in (290°, 355°)$ Data is consistently increasing, reaching a maximum at the end of the data.

The critical points on the interval $(26°, 37°)$ and the general clustering of data around them represents the jet stream, blowing towards the NEbN (Northeast by North), while the critical point near 260 degrees seems to be the surface wind, which blows towards WbS (West by South).

The jet stream data can be fit by a normal distribution with $R = 0.536$.

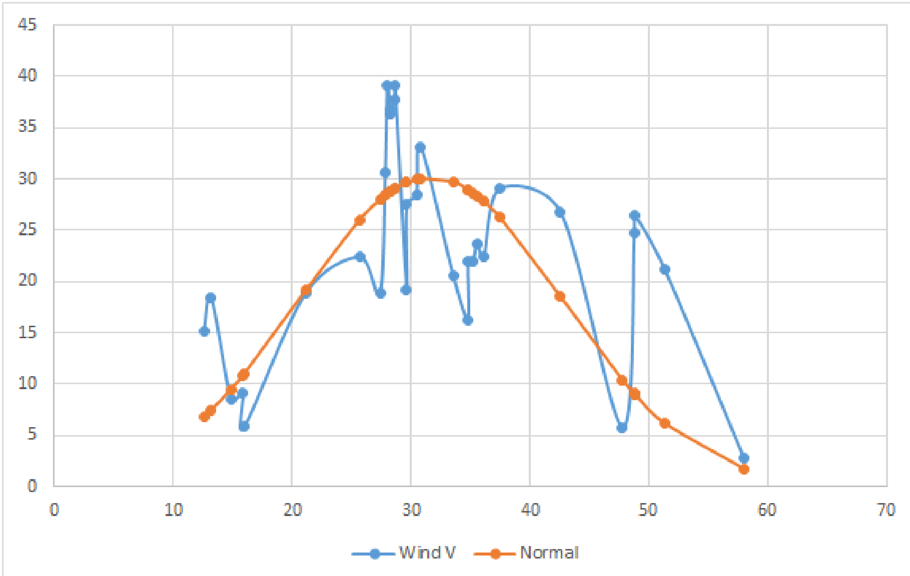

Fig. 4: Plot of Wind Velocity vs. Wind Angle on the Interval $(10°, 60°)$ Fit by a Normal Distribution

The equation for the distribution is:

$$wind(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 * (11.18753)^2 * \pi}} * e^{-\frac{(\theta - 31.65742)^2}{2*(11.18753)^2}} * 846$$

This gives us that the mean direction of the jet stream occurs at 31.65742 degrees.

P	Wind V	dV/dP	d^2V/dP^2	Increasing/Decreasing	Second Derivative Sign	Concavity
905.5	5.90581712					
901.5	6.1990502	-0.07330827		-		
897.5	6.39453892	-0.04887218	-0.006109023	-	-	
893.5	6.49228328	-0.02443609	-0.006109022	-	-	Concave Down
889.3	6.49228328	0	-0.005818117	CRIT	-	
885.1	6.49228328	0	0	CRIT	+	
880.8	6.59002764	-0.022731247	0.005286336	-	+	
876.4	6.59002764	0	-0.005166192	CRIT	-	
871.9	6.59002764	0	0	CRIT	+	
867.2	6.59002764	0	0	CRIT	+	
862.3	6.59002764	0	0	CRIT	+	
857.2	6.59002764	0	0	CRIT	+	
851.9	6.49228328	0.018442332	-0.003479685	+	-	Concave Up
846.3	6.49228328	0	0.003293274	CRIT	+	
840.5	6.47684996	0.002660917	-0.000458779	+	-	
834.1	6.47684996	0	0.000415768	CRIT	+	
827	6.3791056	0.013766811	-0.001938988	+	-	
818.8	6.3791056	0	0.001678879	CRIT	+	
809.3	6.26592792	0.01191344	-0.001254046	+	-	
798.4	6.26592792	0	0.001092976	CRIT	+	
785.9	6.15275024	0.009054214	-0.000724337	+	-	
771.8	5.41709532	0.052174108	-0.003058148	+	-	Concave Down
755.8	3.54451916	0.11703601	-0.004053869	+	-	
737.9	2.81400868	0.040810641	0.0042584	+	+	
718.1	5.82350608	-0.151994818	0.009737649	-	+	Concave Up
696.5	9.14681432	-0.153856863	8.62058E-05	-	+	
673.1	15.1606647	-0.257002152	0.004407918	-	+	
648.3	18.3862286	-0.13006306	-0.005118512	-	-	
622.6	18.8698059	-0.01881624	-0.00432867	-	-	Concave Down
596.2	18.9161059	-0.001753786	-0.000646305	-	-	
569.2	19.2144834	-0.011051019	0.000344342	-	+	
541.8	20.6343488	-0.051819907	0.001487916	-	+	
514.1	22.0284921	-0.050330081	-5.37843E-05	-	-	
486.2	21.9153144	0.004056548	-0.001949342	+	-	
458.1	23.7261573	-0.064442807	0.002437699	-	+	Concave Up
430.1	26.4321327	-0.09664198	0.00114997	-	+	
402	24.7293231	0.060598208	-0.005595736	+	-	
373.9	26.751088	-0.07194893	0.00471698	-	+	
345.5	29.1020971	-0.08278201	0.000381446	-	+	
317	33.1867824	-0.143322293	0.00212422	-	+	
289.2	36.3300353	-0.113066649	-0.001088333	-	-	
263.1	37.811634	-0.056766234	-0.002157104	-	-	
239.4	39.2006328	-0.058607544	7.76924E-05	-	+	Concave Down
218	39.1851995	0.000721183	-0.00277237	+	-	
198.7	36.7776016	0.124746006	-0.006426157	+	-	
181.3	30.6402846	0.352719363	-0.013101917	+	-	
165.6	28.4178866	0.141554018	0.013450022	+	+	
151.1	27.4970318	0.063507225	0.005382537	+	+	
137.3	22.4091806	0.368684867	-0.022114322	+	-	
124	16.3130192	0.458358	-0.006742341	+	-	
111.3	21.2722594	-0.390491351	0.066838532	-	+	
98.9	22.4040362	-0.091272323	-0.024130567	-	-	
86.9	9.42461408	1.08161851	-0.097740903	+	-	
75.1	5.80292832	0.306922522	0.065652202	+	+	
63.6	5.57142852	0.020130417	0.024938444	+	+	
52.3	2.829442	0.242653674	-0.019692324	+	-	
41	2.55164224	0.02458405	0.019298197	+	+	Concave Up
29.8	0.20063316	0.209911525	-0.016547096	+	-	
18.7	0.31381084	-0.010196187	0.019829524	-	+	
7.6	8.58607036	-0.745248605	0.066220939	-	+	

Tab. 2: Numerical analysis of Wind Velocity vs. Pressure.
Note: Critical points are not limited to where the first derivative is equal to zero. Because the derivative is discrete, the intermediate value theorem applies to real world data. When the first derivative changes signs, a critical point will also be present.