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Chapter 2

- Static performance

Horizontal flight,

climbing and descending flight,

Range and endurance.

- Dynamic performance

Takeoff,

Landing,

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Contents

- Horizontal steady symmetric flight
- Equations of motion
- Maximum flight speed
- Minimum flight speed
- Flight envelop

Questions

Aircraft performance

- **How high can an aircraft fly?**
- How long can an aircraft stay in air?
- How far can an aircraft reach?



"Dragon lady"

U-2 reconnaissance aircraft built
by Lockheed

Equation of Motion

Some definitions

Straight flight: flight in which the center of gravity of the aircraft travels along a straight line ($d\gamma/dt = 0$)

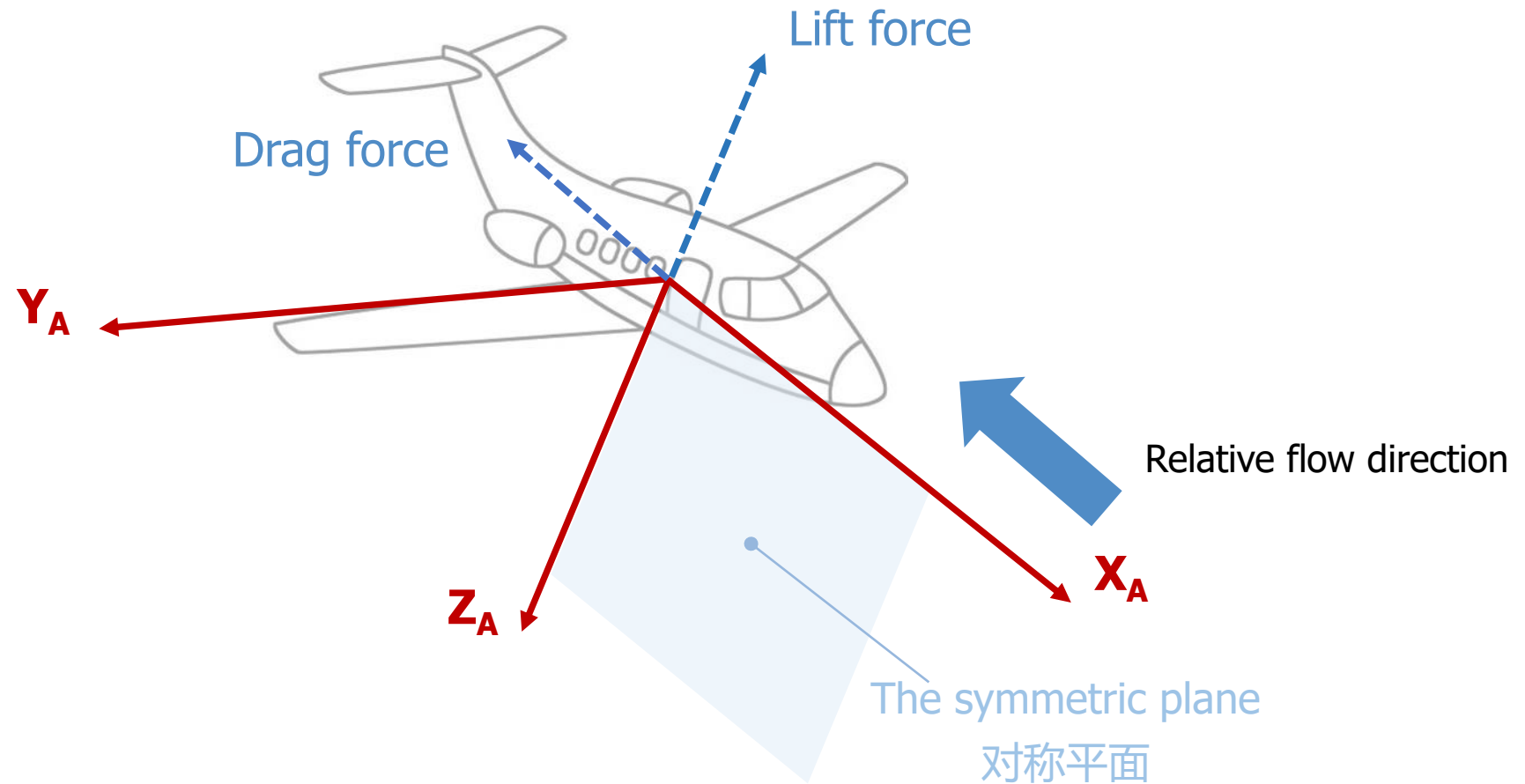
Steady flight: Flight in which the forces and moments acting on the aircraft do not vary in time, neither in magnitude, nor in direction ($dV/dt = 0$)

Horizontal flight: The aircraft remains at a constant altitude ($\gamma = 0$)

Symmetric flight: flight in which both the angle of sideslip is zero and the plane of symmetry of the aircraft is perpendicular to the earth ($\beta = 0$ and the aircraft is not turning)

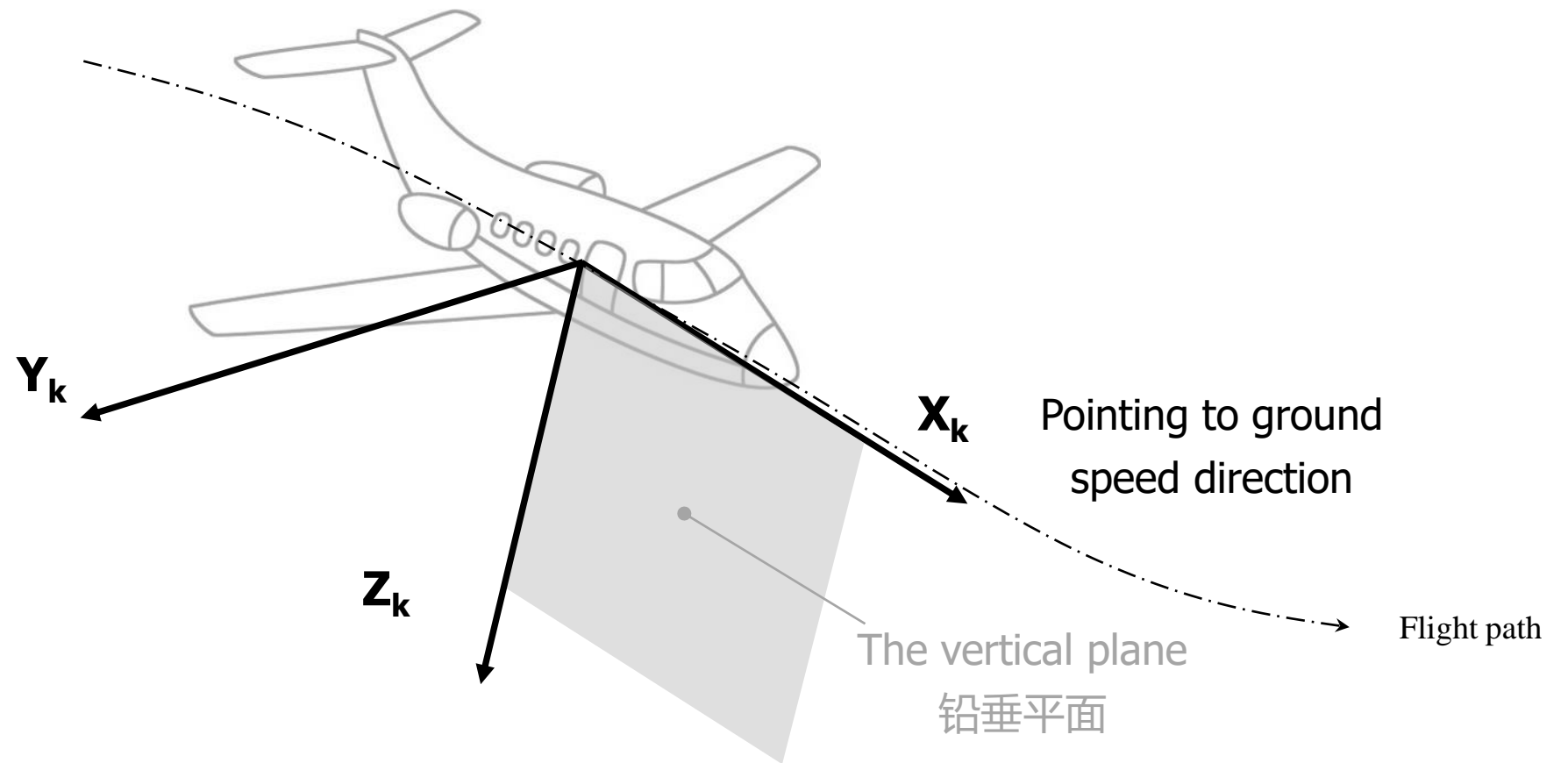
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(O_A, x_A, y_A, z_A)



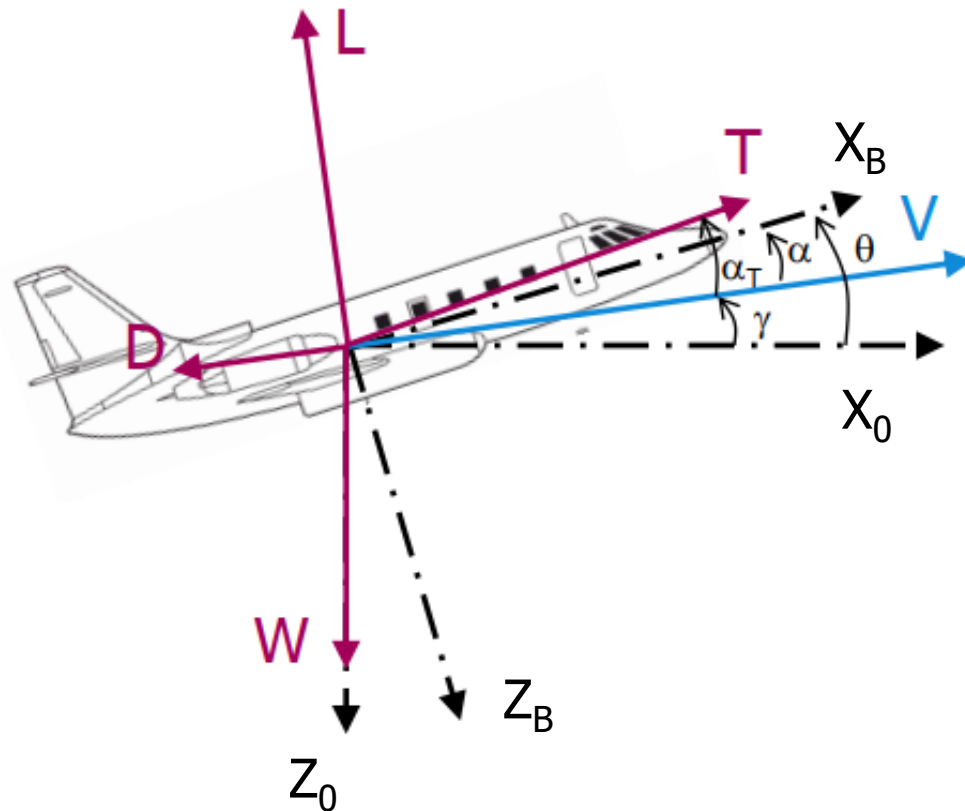
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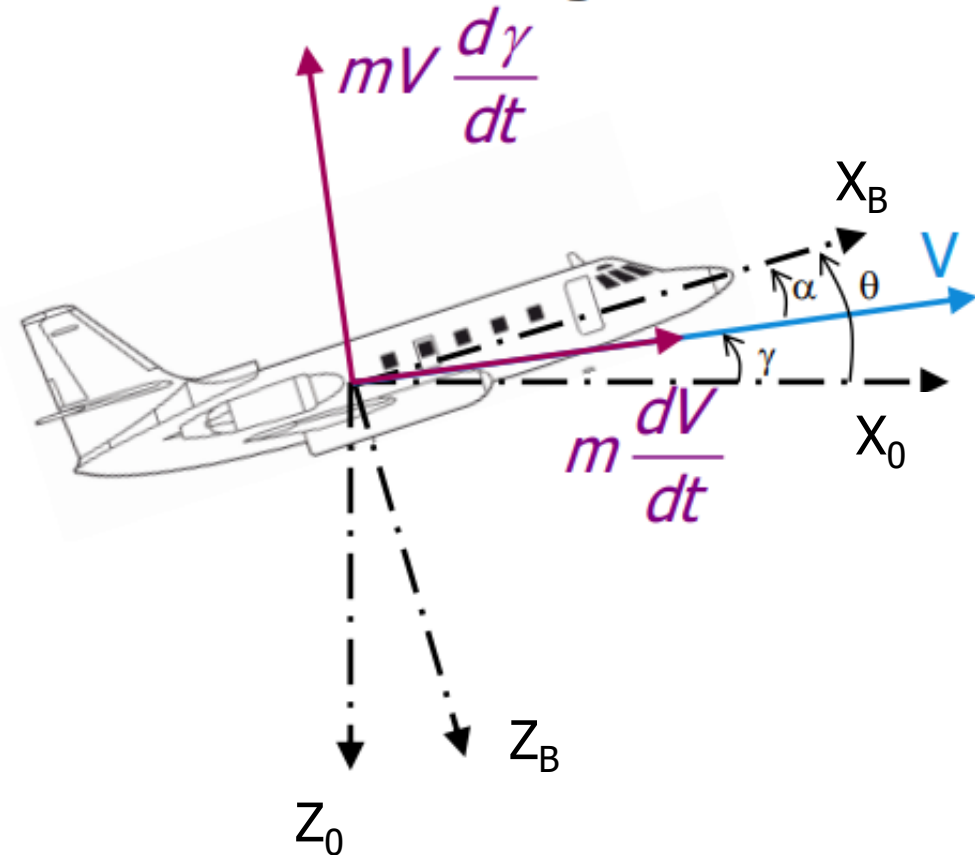


Equation of Motion

Free Body Diagram



Kinetic Diagram



Equation of Motion

$$\parallel V: T \cos \alpha_T - D - W \sin \gamma = m \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$\perp V: L - W \cos \gamma + T \sin \alpha_T = mV \frac{d\gamma}{dt}$$

Equation of Motion

General equation for symmetric flight

- Equation of motion in two directions
- The aircraft aerodynamics can be represented by the drag polar

$$\begin{aligned} \parallel V: T \cos \alpha_T - D - W \sin \gamma &= \frac{W}{g} \frac{dV}{dt} \\ \perp V: L - W \cos \gamma + T \sin \alpha_T &= \frac{W}{g} V \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$$C_D = C_{D0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi \lambda_e}$$

effective span ratio (textbook page 4):

$$\lambda_e = \lambda \frac{1}{1+s_b/s} = \lambda e, \quad e = \frac{1}{1+s_b/s} \in [0, 1]$$

Equation of Motion

Steady, horizontal, symmetric flight

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$$\begin{aligned} \parallel V: T &= D \\ \perp V: L &= W \end{aligned}$$

Equation of Motion

Calculation of Thrust Required T_R

$$\begin{array}{l} T_R = D = C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \\ W = L = C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \end{array} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{D}{W} = \frac{C_D}{C_L} = \frac{1}{K} \\ T_R = D = \frac{W}{K} \end{array} \right.$$

Equation of Motion

Calculation of Thrust Required T_R

$$T_R = D = \left(C_{D0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi \lambda_e} \right) \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S$$

$$= C_{D0} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S + \frac{2W^2}{\pi \lambda_e \rho V^2 S}$$

$$= D_0 + D_i$$

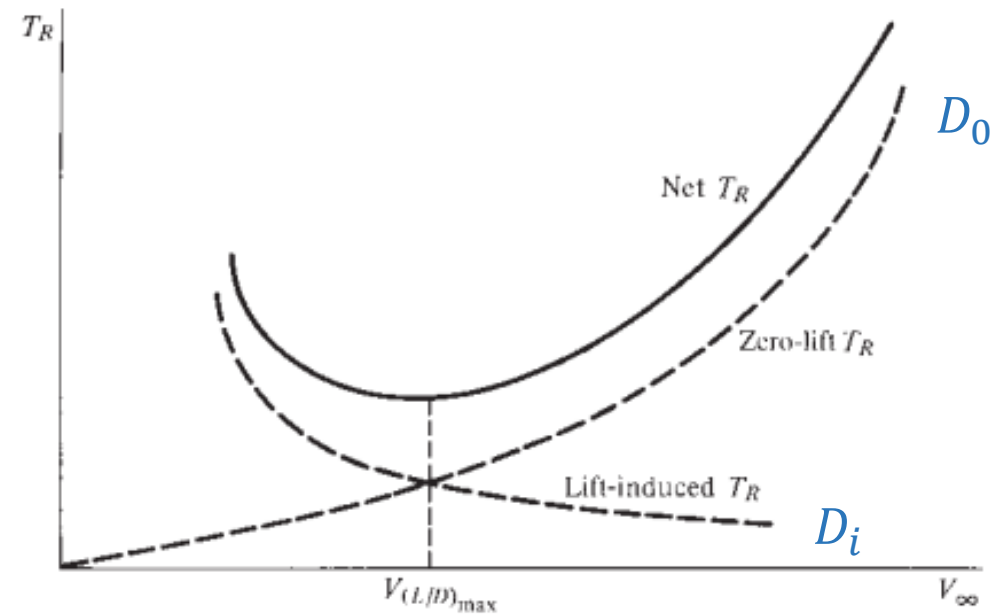


Figure 6.9 Comparison of lift-induced and zero-lift thrust required.

Equation of Motion

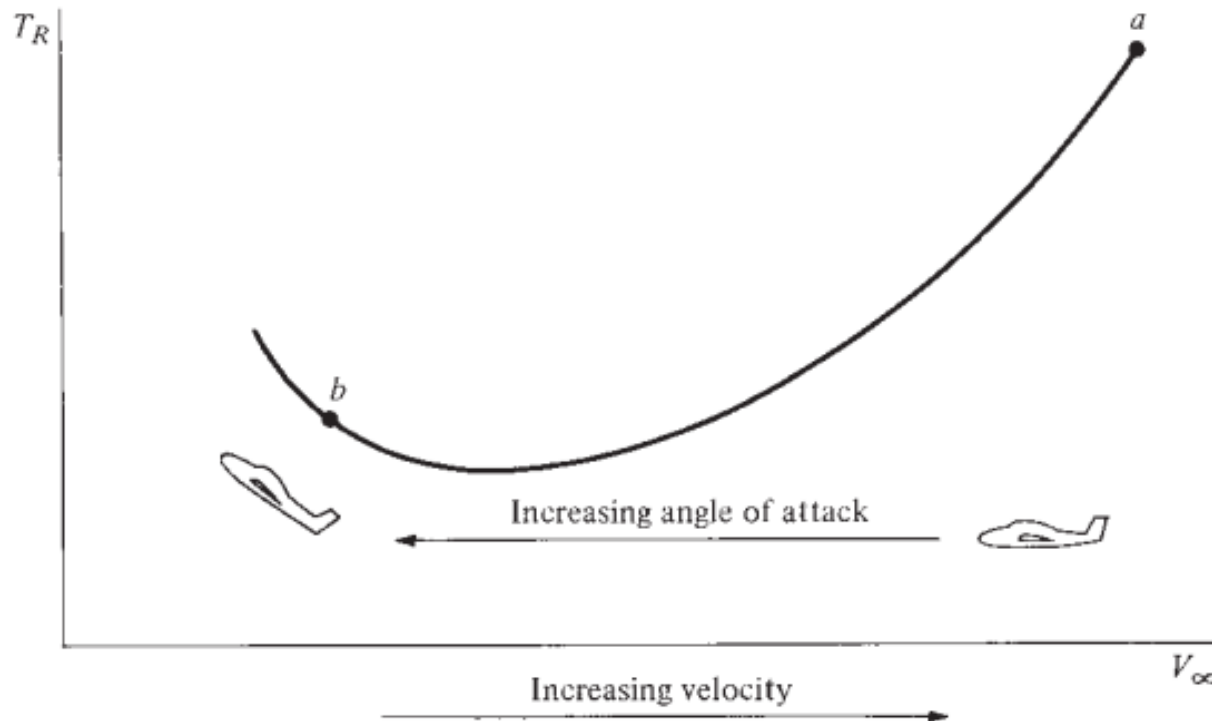


Figure 6.8 Thrust-required curve with associated angle-of-attack variation.

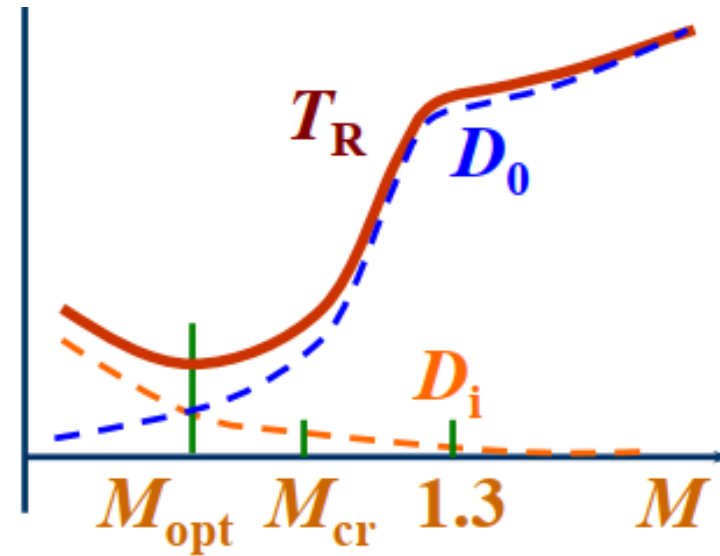
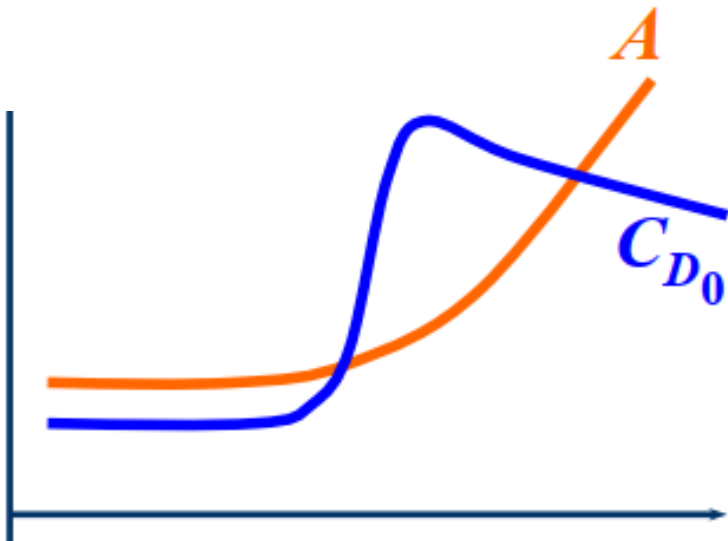
$$T_R = C_{D0} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S + \frac{2W^2}{\pi \lambda_e \rho V^2 S}$$

Question:

What are the impact factors for T_R ?

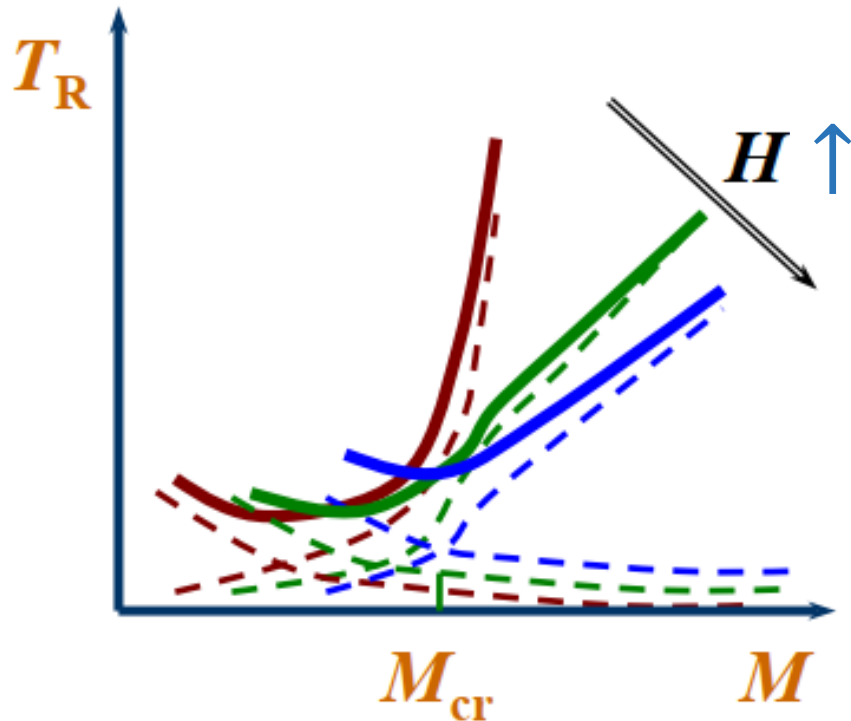
Equation of Motion

The impact of A and C_{D0}



Equation of Motion

The impact of H



$$T_R = C_{D0} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S + \frac{2W^2}{\pi \lambda_e \rho V^2 S}$$

The Maximum Speed

The basic relationship

$L = W$ change of $V \Leftrightarrow$ change of $C_L \Leftrightarrow$ change of α

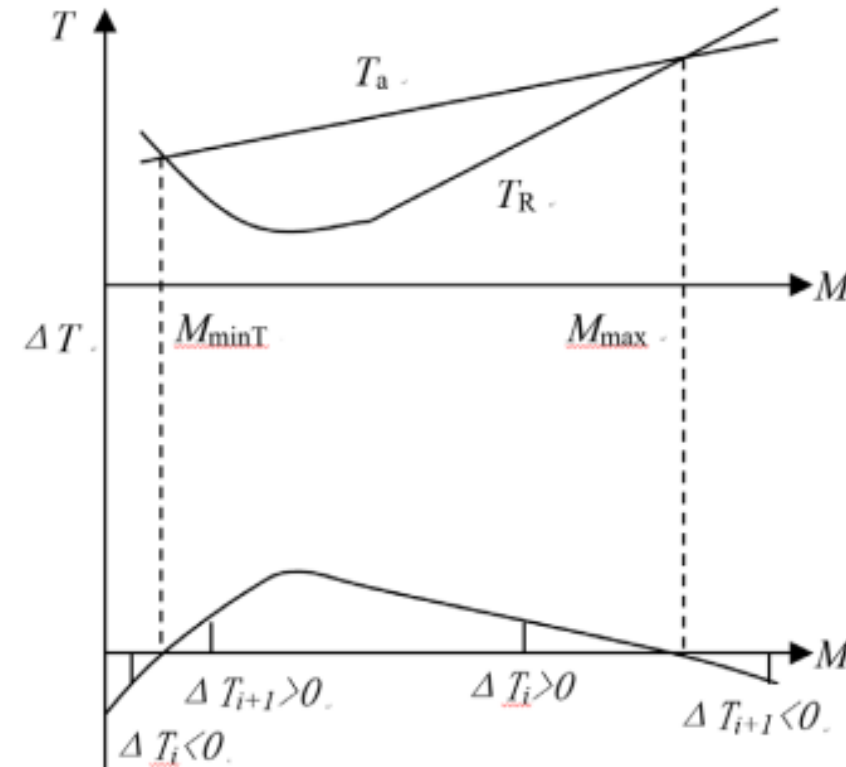
$T = D$ change of $V \Leftrightarrow$ change of $D \Leftrightarrow$ change of T

Flight envelop: V_{\max} (M_{\max}) , V_{\min} , H_{\max}

The Maximum Speed

Simple thrust method

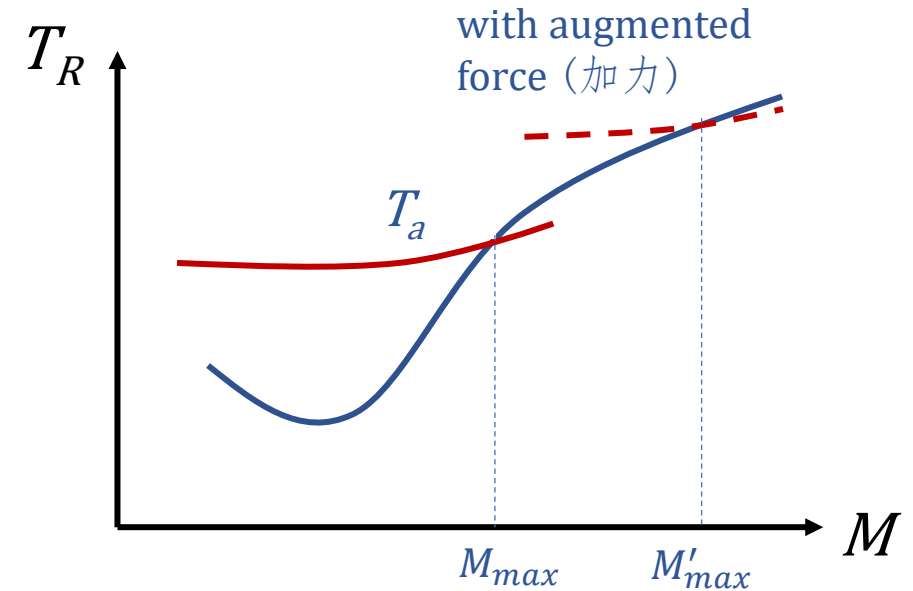
- $T_R = T_a$
- The V_{\min} and V_{\max} equal to the positions where two lines intersect.



The Maximum Speed

Simple thrust method

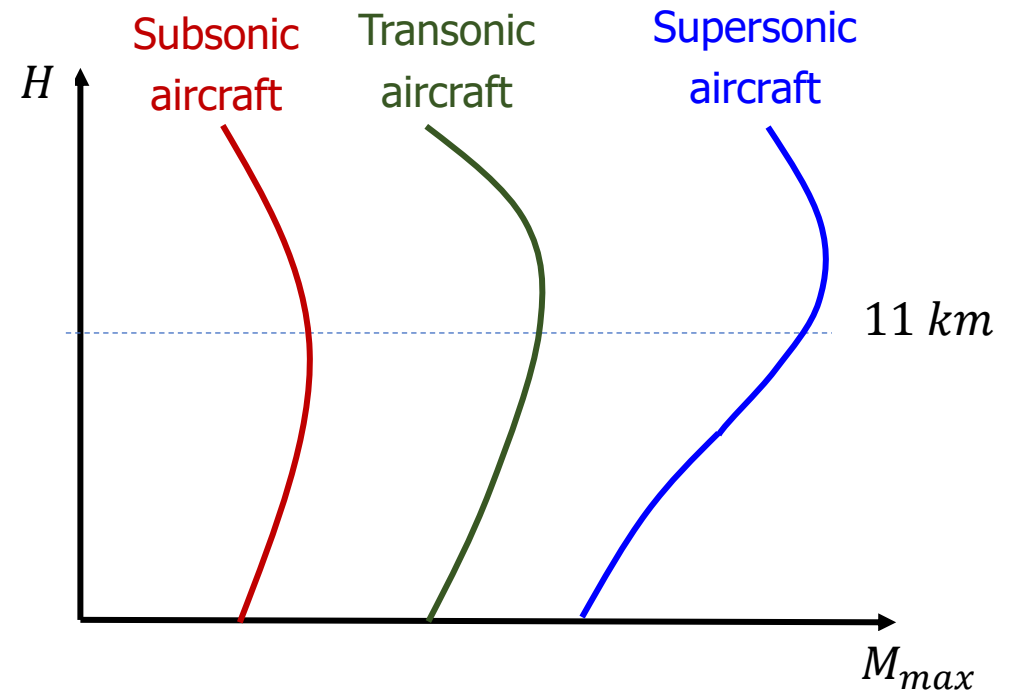
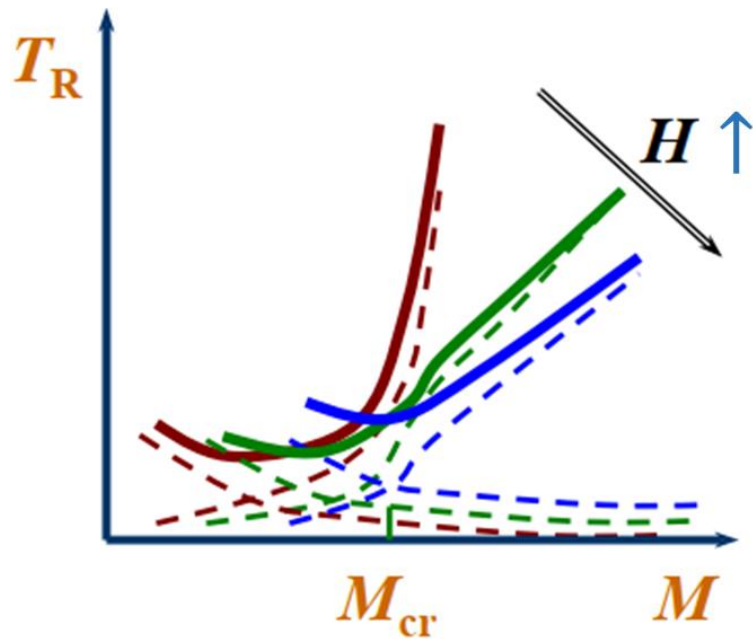
- For $M < M_{\max}$, set $T = T_R$ by changing engine throttle.
- If $M > M_{\max}$, airplane cannot maintain steady flight



T_R - M diagram at a given altitude

The Maximum Speed

The impact of H



The Maximum Speed

How to calculate V_{\max} ?



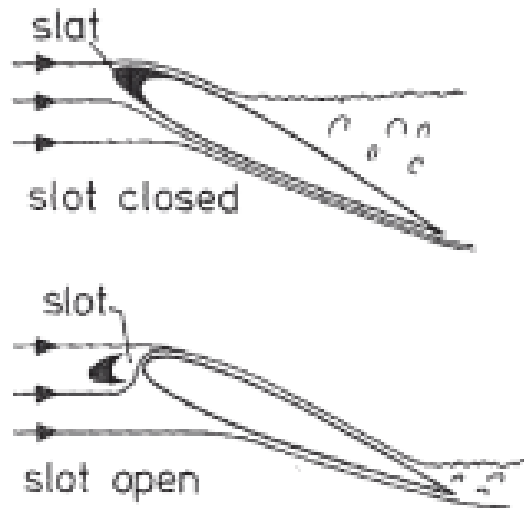
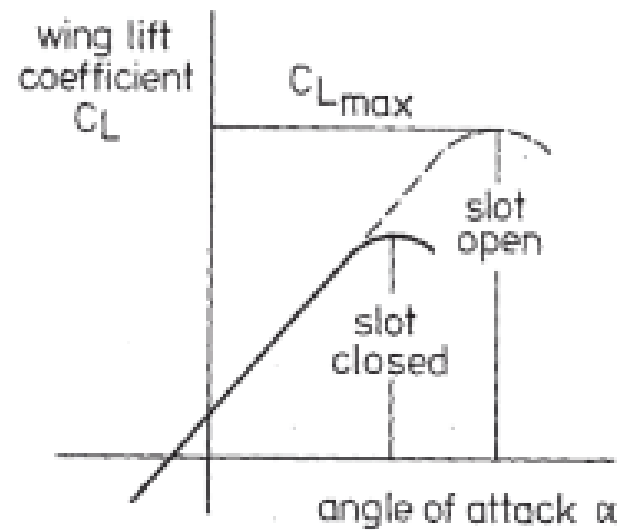
The following data is known of the Cessna Citation II (subsonic jet)

Aircraft Weight : $W = 60 \text{ kN}$,
Wing area : $S = 30 \text{ m}^2$,
(Parabolic) Lift-Drag polar : $C_D = C_{D0} + kC_L^2$; $C_{D0} = 0.022$, $k = 0.047$, $C_{L_{\max}} = 1.35$,
Maximum Thrust at 0 m ISA : $T_0 = 12 \text{ kN}$.
The aircraft is flying at an altitude of $H = 0 \text{ m}$ in the International Standard
Atmosphere ($\rho_0 = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$)
Thrust is assumed to be independent of the airspeed

Calculate (1) the V_{\max} of this aircraft when flying at $H = 0 \text{ m}$ and (2) the corresponding Ma

The Minimum Speed

How to calculate V_{\min} ?



$$\begin{aligned} L &= W \\ C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S &= W \\ V &= \sqrt{\frac{W}{S} \frac{2}{\rho} \frac{1}{C_L}} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{W}{S} \frac{2}{\rho} \frac{1}{C_{L_{\max}}}}$$

The Minimum Speed

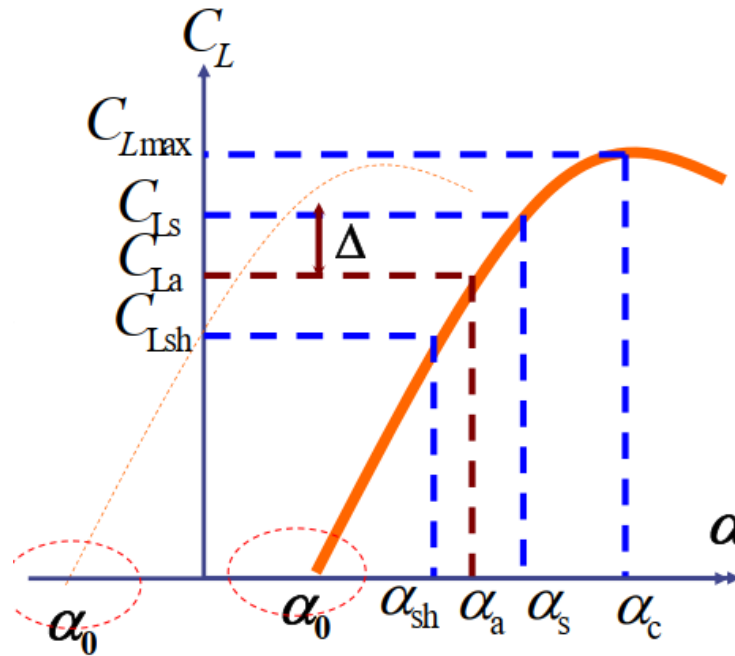
From the 1st lecture

$$f(\alpha_c) \rightarrow C_{Lmax}$$

$$f(\alpha_s) \rightarrow C_{Ls}$$

$$f(\alpha_a) \rightarrow C_{La}$$

$$f(\alpha_{sh}) \rightarrow C_{Lsh}$$



The Minimum Speed

Example

An aircraft has a wing loading (W/S) 2400 N/m^2 and $C_{L\max} = 1.4$. Find the airspeed at which stall occurs (minimum airspeed) at

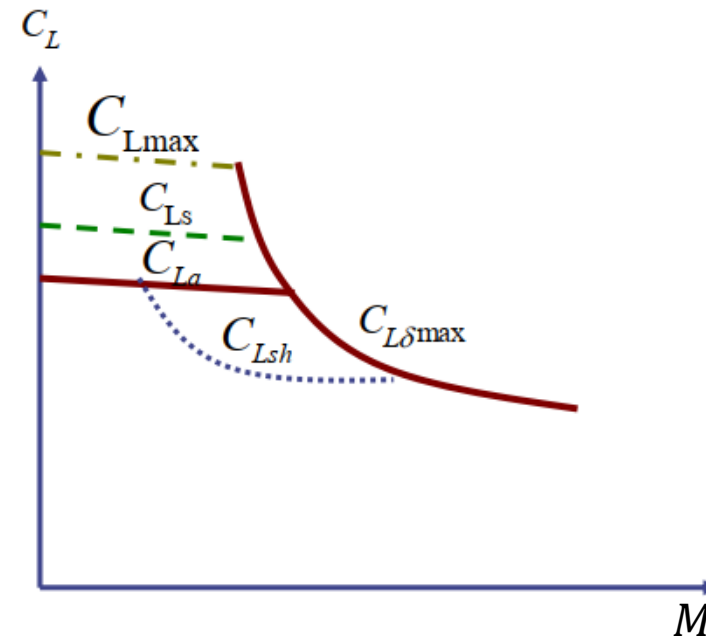
(1) sea level ($\rho = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$) and **(2)** at 5000m ($\rho = 0.737 \text{ kg/m}^3$)

The Minimum Speed

From the 1st lecture

$$\delta_{e,max} \longrightarrow \alpha_{max} \longrightarrow C_{L\delta,max}$$

$$C_{La} = \min\{C_{Ls} - \Delta, C_{L\delta,max}\}$$

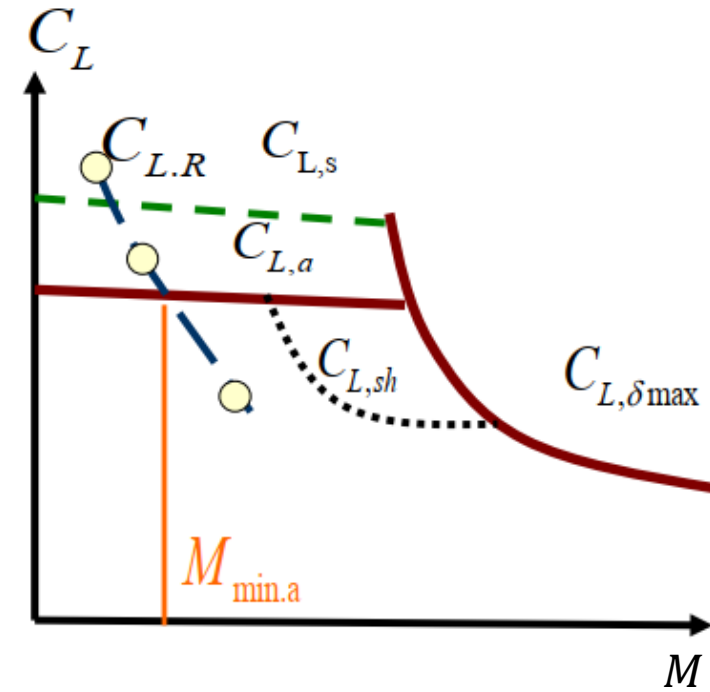


The Minimum Speed

Graphical method

$$\begin{aligned}
 &L = W \\
 &C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S = W \\
 &V = \sqrt{\frac{W}{S} \frac{2}{\rho} \frac{1}{C_L}}
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 \Rightarrow
 \quad
 C_L = \frac{2W}{\rho c^2 S} \frac{1}{M^2}$$

- 1) Calculate $C_{L,R}$ curve based on a series of M
- 2) Plot the $C_{L,R}$ curve on the $C_{L,a} \sim M$ map, marked the intersection point as $M_{\min,a}$

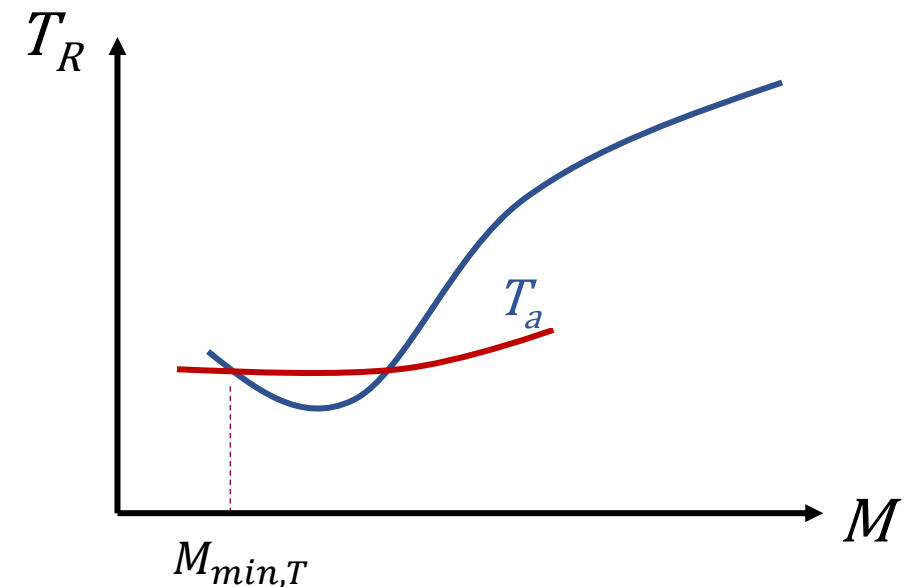


The Minimum Speed

Graphical method

- 1) Calculate $C_{L,R}$ curve based on a series of M
- 2) Plot the $C_{L,R}$ curve on the $C_{L,a} \sim M$ map, marked the intersection point as $M_{min,a}$
- 3) Find the left intersection point of $T_R \sim M$ map, marked as $M_{min,T}$

$$M_{min} = \max\{M_{min,a}, M_{min,T}\}$$



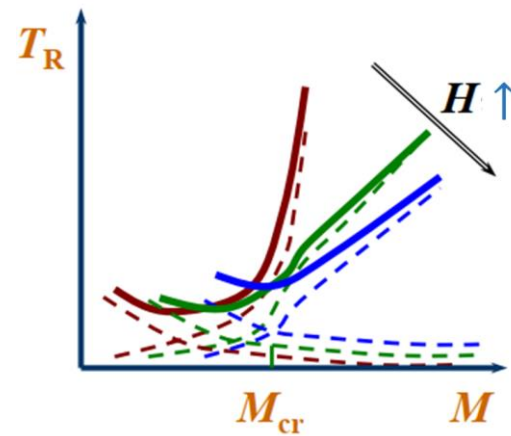
The Minimum Speed

Discussion

$$V_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{W}{S} \frac{2}{\rho} \frac{1}{C_{L_{\max}}}}$$

As H increases, density ρ decreases.

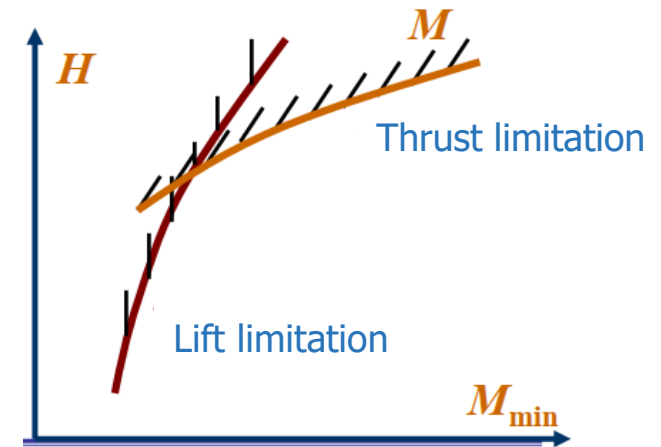
1) $V_{\min,a}$ increase



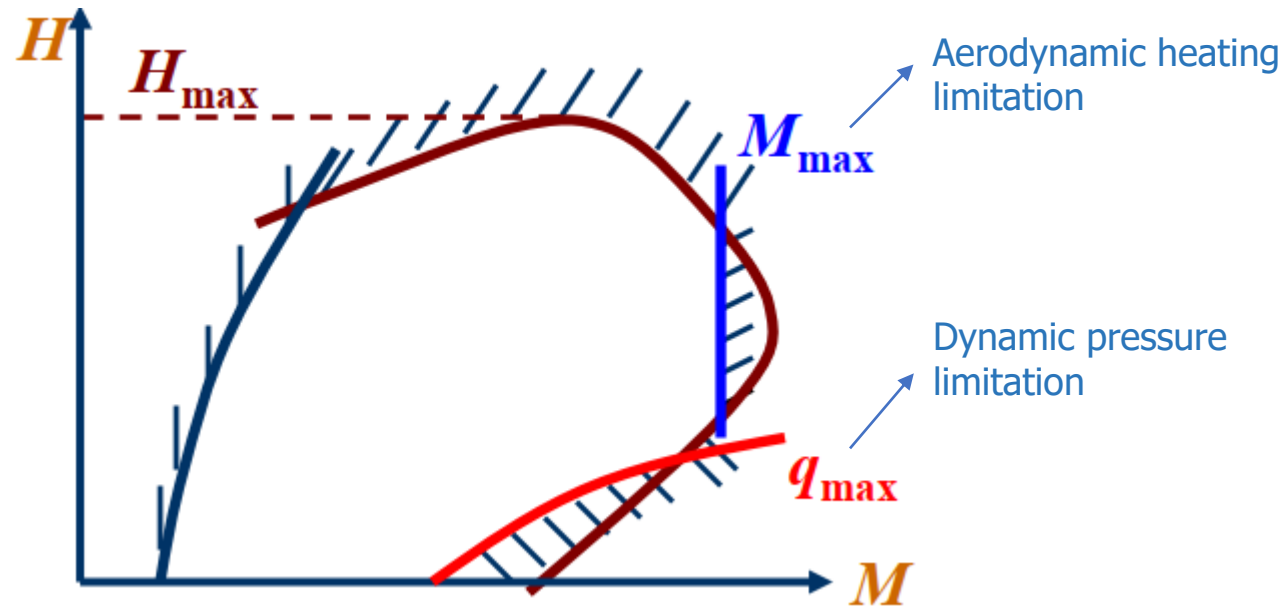
2) As H increases, $M_{\min,T}$ increases

At low altitude, the minimum speed is limited by $V_{\min,a}$

At high altitude, the minimum speed is limited by $V_{\min,T}$



Flight envelop



Flight envelop

Flight envelop of Bird?
A good research topic.

