

Rockets & Missiles

WAFFLE'S CRAZY PEANUT

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Multi-stage rockets:

$$\text{Mass ratio, } \Lambda_i = \frac{M_{0i}}{M_{0i} - M_i}$$

$$\text{Payload ratio, } \lambda_i = \frac{M_{0i+1}}{M_{0i}}$$

$$\text{Propellant ratio, } \psi_i = \frac{M_{pi}}{M_{0i}}$$

$$\text{Structural efficiency, } \epsilon_i = \frac{M_{ci}}{M_{ci} + M_{pi}}$$

$$\psi_i = (1 - \epsilon_i)(1 - \lambda_i), \quad \psi_{total} = \frac{\sum M_{pi}}{M_{0i}}$$

$$\Lambda_i = \frac{1}{1 - \psi_i} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_i(1 - \lambda_i) + \lambda_i}$$

$$\lambda_{total} = \frac{M_{uN}}{M_{0i}}, \quad G = \frac{M_0}{M_u}$$

Basic stuff:

$$F = \dot{m} g I_{sp}$$
$$\Lambda = \frac{M_0}{M_0 - \dot{m} t}$$

(for constant thrust),

$$P(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{\Lambda} (\ln \Lambda + 1)$$
$$\psi_0 = \frac{F}{M_0 g}, \quad t_b = \frac{I_{sp}}{\psi_0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\Lambda}\right)$$

(for constant specific thrust),

$$\beta_0 = \frac{F}{M g}, \quad \dot{m} = \frac{M_0 \beta_0}{I_{sp} \Lambda}, \quad t_b = \frac{I_{sp}}{\beta_0} \ln \Lambda$$

1 Vertical flight:

$$v = g I_{sp} \ln \Lambda - g t, \quad t_c = I_{sp} \ln \Lambda$$
$$h(t) = g \frac{I_{sp}^2}{\psi_0} P(t) - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$
$$h(t_c) = g \frac{I_{sp}^2}{\psi_0} \left(\frac{1}{2} \psi_0 (\ln \Lambda)^2 - \ln \Lambda + 1 - \frac{1}{\Lambda} \right)$$
$$h = h_b + v_b(t - t_b) - \frac{1}{2} g (t - t_b)^2$$
$$(h_b)_{max} = g \frac{I_{sp}^2}{2} \frac{P_b^2}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\Lambda}\right)^2}$$

2 Constant pitch angle:

$$v_x = g I_{sp} \ln \Lambda \cos \theta, \quad v_z = g I_{sp} \ln \Lambda \sin \theta - gt$$

$$v_b = \Delta v_{ideal} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2t_b \sin \theta}{I_{sp} \ln \Lambda} - \frac{t_b^2}{I_{sp}^2 (\ln \Lambda)^2}}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{t \cos \theta}{I_{sp} \ln \Lambda - t \sin \theta}$$

(for constant thrust),

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\cos \theta}{\psi_0 - \sin \theta}$$

(for constant specific thrust),

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\cos \theta}{\beta_0 - \sin \theta}$$

$$M = M_0 \exp\left(\frac{-\beta_0}{I_{sp}} t\right)$$

(relation to vertical flight)

$$t'_c = t_c \sin \theta, \quad x(t) = h \cos \theta \text{ (no g!)}, \quad z(t) = h \sin \theta$$

(same relation goes for v_x & v_z and x_c & z_c)

for impulse shot, $(x, z) = g I_{sp} \ln \Lambda t \dots$ sine & cosine

3 Gravity turn:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{F}{m} - g \sin\gamma = g(\beta_0 - \sin\gamma)$$

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \frac{-g}{v} \cos\gamma$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\cos\gamma} \left(\frac{1 - \sin\gamma}{1 + \sin\gamma} \right)^{\beta_0/2}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \left(\frac{\beta_0 - \sin\gamma}{\cos\gamma} \right) d\gamma$$

$$t = \frac{v (\beta_0 + \sin\gamma)}{g(\beta_0^2 - 1)}$$