

Introduction to Aerospace Engineering

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10 capsules

Capsule 01 : Basic Fundas

Lec 1 - Nomenclature of aircraft components

Lec 2 - Atmosphere and its properties.

Capsule 02 : Fluid Mechanics I

Lec 3 - Streamline + steady flow + Incompressible flow

Lec 4 - Bernoulli's Eq + Coanda effect + Mach no

Capsule 03 : Fluid Mechanics II

Lec 5 - Reynold's No + Boundary layer

Lec 6 - Laminar & Turbulent flow + pressure
and speed measurement.

Capsule 04:

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Lec 8 - Lift Generation + C_L and C_D calc.

Capsule 05:

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Lec 10 - Finite wings + induced drag + sweep

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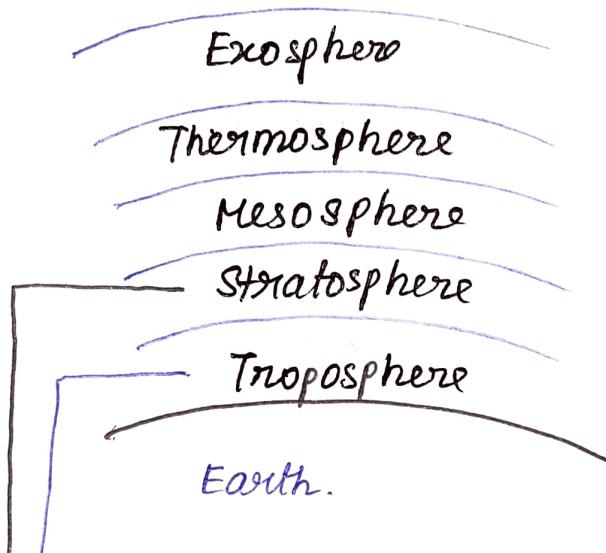
Lec 20 - Control systems and neutral point.

> Introduction to Flight

Standard Atmosphere

Atmosphere is formed of various layers

Each layer → different properties



Lowest layer.

Temp ↓ with altitude linearly.
Air is heated from ground up.

Temp ↑ with altitude due to ozone layer. (25 km altitude)
ozone absorbs and retains heat

Mesosphere - coldest (-90°C)
most meteors burn up here.

- Thermosphere - high temp. 1000°C
- Ionosphere - due to high temp, molecules gets ionized.
- Exosphere - outermost.

O₂ - 21% N₂ - 78% Others 1%

Aerospace vehicles

Atmospheric < 100km
Space. > 100km.

most fly at
30k - 42k feet
9k to 12k km.

International Standard Atmosphere (ISA)

Need - Aircraft performance depends on atmosphere.

ex - Mach 1.7 can be achieved in Russia at 10km altitude easily with MiG-21 but not in India.

so we need some normalisation

To relate: flight test

wind tunnel results
AC design & performance
to a common reference

Real atm properties → constant
ISA → hypothetical model

Altitudes - 6 types:

- Geometric
- Pressure
- Absolute
- Temperature
- Geopotential
- Density

Indicated altitude - what pilot reads.

True / Geometric Altitude

- from Mean Sea Level.
- if no info given, its geometric alt.
- MSL can be diff at diff place.

Absolute Altitude

- from center of earth.

$$h_a = h_g + r$$

abs alt geo alt. radius of earth.

earth - ~~is~~ not symmetric but oblate spheroid.

Geopotential Altitude

- zero pot considering variation of gravity.

$$h_0 = \frac{g_0 \times h_g}{g_0 + h_g}$$

$$g = g_0 \left(\frac{r}{h_a} \right)^2 = g_0 \left(\frac{r}{r+h_g} \right)^2$$

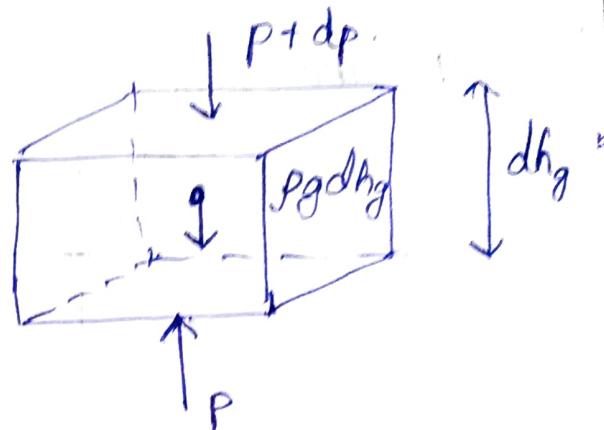
- only considered for space vehicles.

Hydrostatic Equation



Balancing the force,

$$p = p + dp + \rho g dh_g$$



$$dp = -\rho g dh_g$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_g \rightarrow \text{true} \\ p \rightarrow \downarrow \end{bmatrix}$$

- Variation of parameters with altitude.

density,
Temp,
Pressure
viscosity.

Troposphere - Temp \downarrow linearly from 288 - 212 K.

Pressure \downarrow (non linearly).
due to change in p .

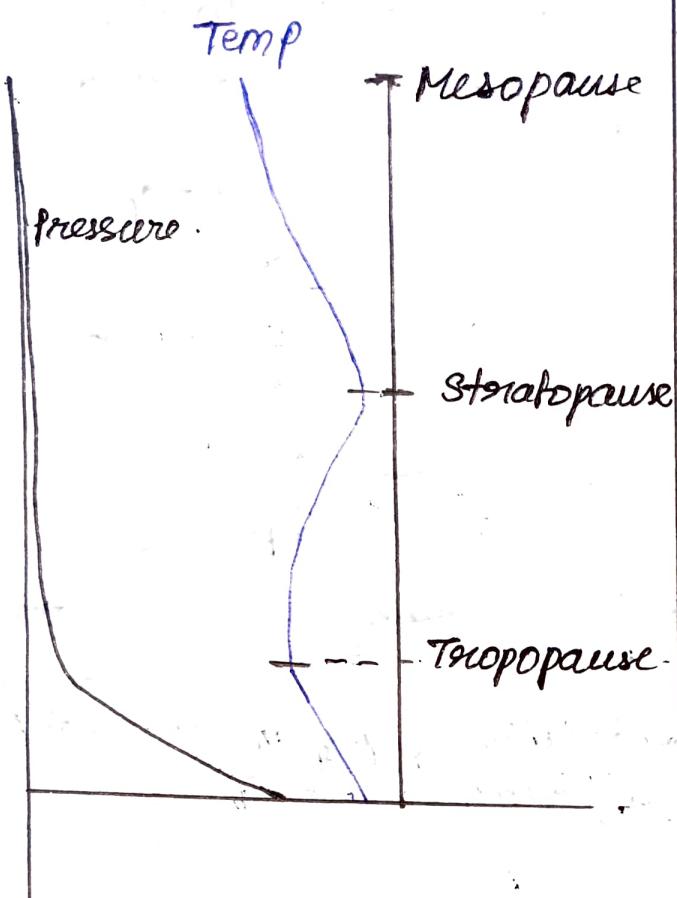
Stratosphere - Temp almost constant.

Pressure \downarrow . but rate of reduction decreases.

Temp first remains constant but then starts \uparrow .

After Stratopause

Temp starts \downarrow .
Pressure \downarrow .



► Pressure and density variation with altitude

$$\frac{P_1}{P_2} = e^{-(g_0/RT)(h_2 - h_1)}$$

$$\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} = e^{-(g_0/RT)(h_2 - h_1)}$$

$$\frac{P_1}{P_2} = \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2}\right)^{5.658}$$

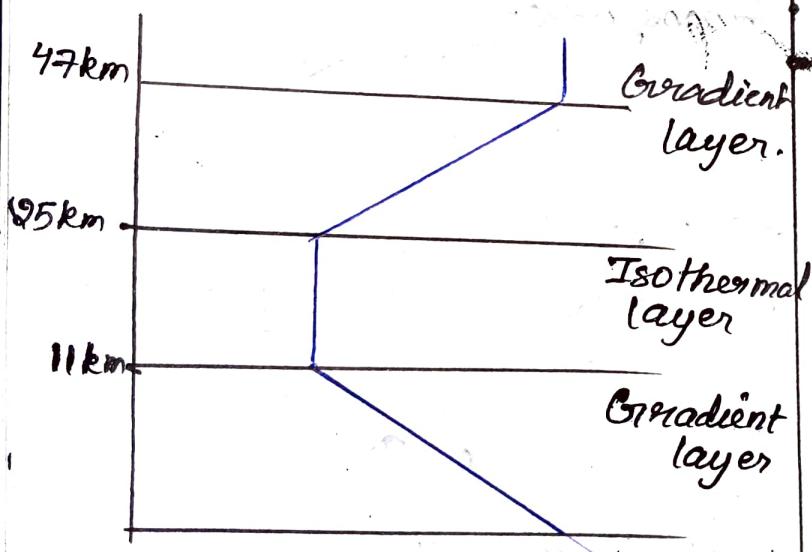
$$\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} = \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2}\right)^{4.658}$$

Isothermal Region.

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{-\frac{g_0}{LR}}$$

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{-\left(\frac{g_0}{LR} + 1\right)}$$

Gradient layer



$$0 - 11 \text{ km} : L = \frac{dT}{dh} = -6.5 \text{ K/km}$$

$$11 - 25 \text{ km} : L = \frac{dT}{dh} = 0$$

$$25 - 47 \text{ km} : L = \frac{dT}{dh} = 3 \text{ K/km}$$

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{5.658} \quad \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{4.658}$$

Two magical eqn.

$$dp = -\rho g dh$$

$$P = \rho RT$$

Viscosity

Sutherland's Formula

$$\mu = \mu_0 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)^{1.5} \left(\frac{T_0 + 110.4 \text{ K}}{T + 110.4 \text{ K}} \right)$$

$$\mu_0 = 1.716 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$T_0 = 273.15 \text{ K}$$

④ Pressure Altitude:

If aircraft is at height h where ambient pressure is P the height where pressure acc to ISA is P is called pressure alt. (for pilot)

⑤ Density Altitude:

Density of air ~~at~~ 1.2256 kg m^{-3} at sea level. where density alt is 0.

(for airports)

It is pressure alt corrected for non-standard temp.

⑥ Temp Altitude:

Alt corresponding to temp values in ISA table.

In cold weather, the indicated altitude may be ~~to~~ higher than true altitude.

India → Indian Reference Atmosphere.

Very hot climate - ~~Arctic~~,
very cold climate \downarrow Tropical
Arctic minimum maximum
 -75°C $+65^\circ\text{C}$

► Weather Effects

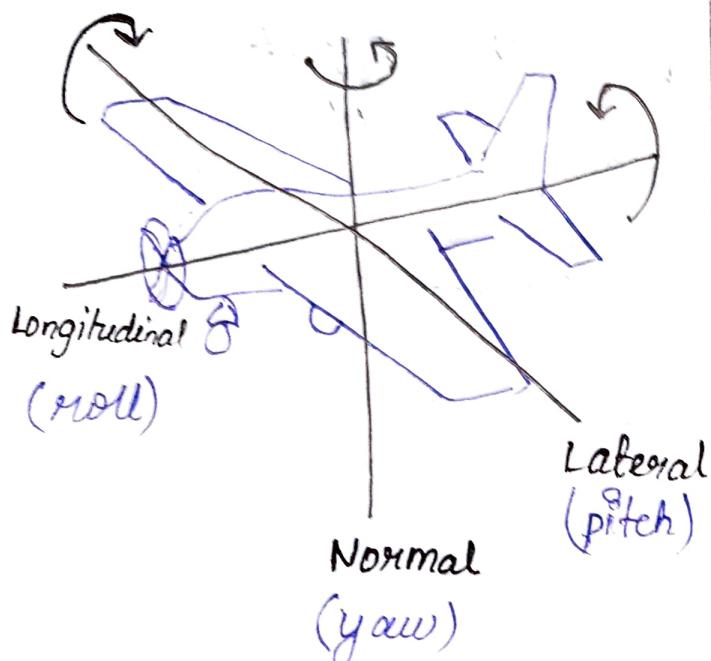
Rain

Wind

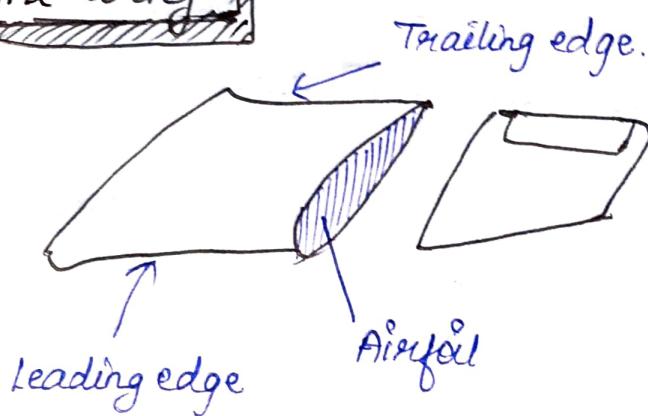
Turbulence.

► Aircraft Component Nomenclature

► Axes of movement



► The wing



► Flight control Surfaces

specialized aerodynamic devices

- High lift devices - increases lift.

① Ailerons

Both ailerons work together but in opposite sense.
one goes up, other goes down.

The aileron which goes down
→ generates more lift.

Both ailerons together generate a moment which overcomes roll inertia.

→ Ailerons sometimes split into inboard and outboard.
due to stress consideration.

inboard - small moment arm
outboard - large moment arm.

- for split roll - deflect both
- for high speed roll - only outboard
- for low speed roll - only inboard

Ailerons: Location - outer trailing edge
Function - roll control.

② Flaps

location - trailing edge inboard to ailerons.

function - higher lift at low speeds.

Two types - outboard & inboard

(actuators which deflect them need lot of power).

Type of flaps:

- a) Simple (Hinged) Plain Flap.

→ 20% of inboard section is hinged.

b) Split Flaps

→ splitting last 20% of wing forms this flap.

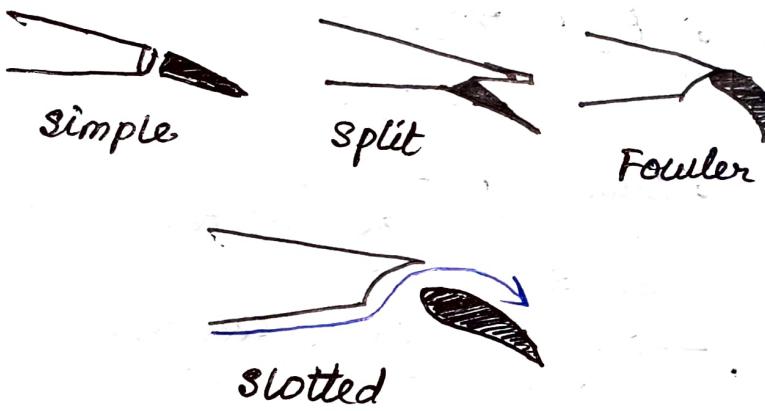
→ top surface - stationary
lower surface - lowers.

c) Fowler Flaps

→ sophisticated wing area ↑
camber ↑

d) Slotted flaps

→ air gaps present.



• Ailerons + Flap → Flaperon

• Spoilers - Drag ↑ Lift ↓
fully deployed on landing.

Leading edge devices

nacelle - covering of engine.

↪ it is not circular rather elliptical to increase ground clearance despite being aerodynamically ~~worse~~ worse.

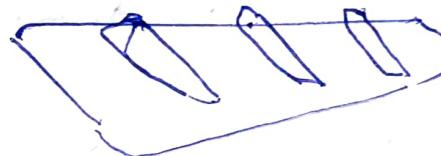
• Slats (Fixed type)



• Retractable Slats

can be retracted to reduce drag.

- Kreuger Flaps → b/w fuselage and closest engine
- Flap track fairings



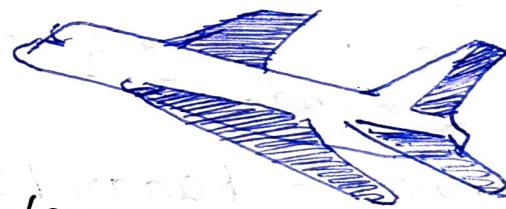
• Airdisks Airbrakes

many fighter aircrafts have airbrakes behind the cockpit

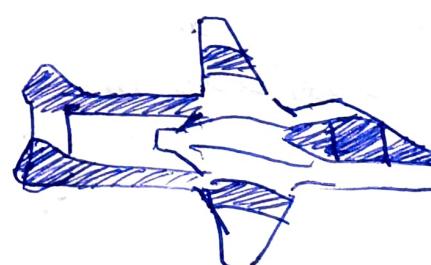
► The Fuselage

Types:

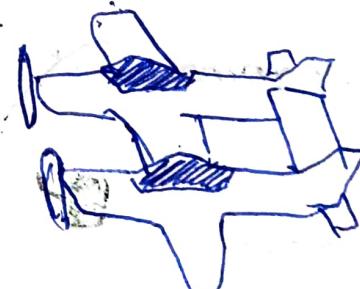
① Conventional:



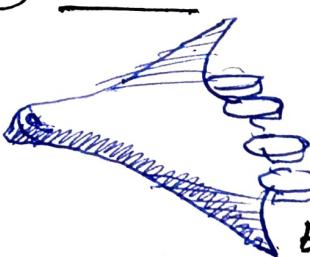
② Twin boom



③ Twin fuselage



④ BWB



Blended wing body

- APU - auxiliary power unit
- gas turbine engines,
- provide power for ground operations.
- runs accessories and systems when engines are shutdown
- provide power to start main engine.

when main engines → fail
 APU → fail

then RAT → Ram Air Turbine

- generates power from ram pressure of airstream
- in emergency.

④ Tail Skid Device

avoid scuffing of fuselage to ground.

⑤ Radome → Radar Dome

- weather proof antenna closure
- minimal attenuation
- rotating antenna concealed.
- Radar transparent material.



⑥ Horizontal Stabilizers

- partially or fully moving
- allows longitudinal balance.

Canard

- conventional
- canard config → closed couple
 - lifting
 - control
- Three surface configuration

⑦ Elevator

controles pitch

- trim tabs - reduces hinge moment required to operate the stabilizer
- reduces force on control yoke.

⑧ Vertical Stabilizer

- provide directional stability.
- movable rudder controls yaw.

- conventional
- T Tail config
- Twin tail
- V tail
- Triple Tail

⑨ Ventral Fin

Gear underside of fuselage

improves responsiveness
towards rolling.

① Podded Engines

- underwing mounted - attached to undersurface of wing.
- pylons used for attachment
- overwing mounted.
- fuselage mounted.

► The Essentials of Incompressible Flow

Basic Fluid Kinematics.

- └ Euler vs Lagrange approach
- └ material derivative concept
- └ steady and uniform flow

Lagrangian measurement

- when we focus on 'one' moving particle in a fluid.
- identifying and tracking a particular fluid element.
- Properties of the element → $f(t)$

$$\vec{R}_{\text{particle}} = \text{position vector}$$

$$\vec{V}_{\text{particle}}(t) = \frac{d\vec{R}_{\text{particle}}(t)}{dt}$$

$$\vec{\alpha}_{\text{particle}}(t) = \frac{d\vec{V}_{\text{particle}}(t)}{dt}$$

→ physical implications.

Eulerian measurement

- when we fix ourself at a point ~~at~~
- observe the motion at that point.
- Observing a spatial point or region.
- Properties \rightarrow field functions of space & time.

If a function is determinable at any arbitrary point in a field it is called a field function

ex) Velocity field can be written as:

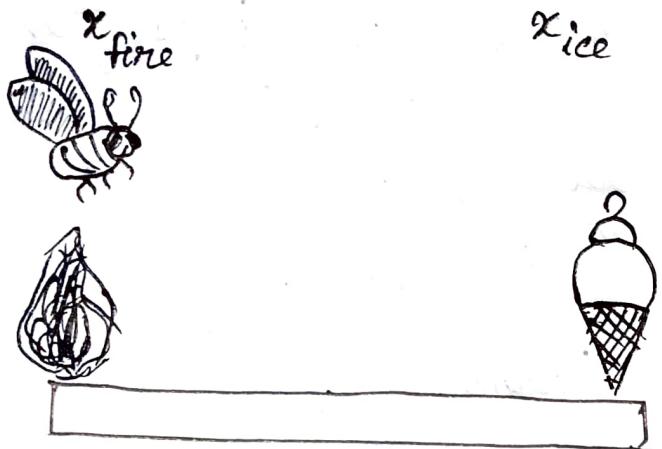
$$\vec{V} = \vec{V}(x, y, z, t)$$

for ex -

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{V}(x=3, y=1, z=5, t=3.5) \\ = 2\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

It means, at time $t = 3.5$ particle is at $(3, 1, 5)$ and has a velocity of $2\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$

Experiment



T_{hot} T_{cold}

We put a thermometer on bumblebee which moves from hot to cold.

- Lagrangian approach
- ⇒ T changes for fly due to its motion
- Rate of T change
- if 1) speed \uparrow
- 2) Temp gradient \uparrow

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{dT}{dx} \times V_{\text{fly}}$$

Rate of Temperature Speed
Temperature gradient of fly
change

Temperature is a function
of both position and time

$$T = T(x, t)$$

By total derivative theorem

$$T = T(x, t)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \cdot V + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}}$$

for one dimension

For 3 dimensions:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla T$$

$$\nabla T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

For any field function f ,

$$\boxed{\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla f}$$

Total/
material/
Lagrangian
derivative

If tells
how quickly
 f changes for
the moving
element

Local/
eulerian
derivative

If tells how
quickly f
changes
at a
particular
point in
space

Transport
derivative

It tells
how
quickly
 f
changes
by
virtue
of element
motion.

Q) What is incompressible flow?

$\varphi = \text{constant} \rightarrow \text{incompressible fluid}$

density = constant ?

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 ?$$

Fluid \rightarrow incompressible ?

Total derivative.

$$\boxed{\frac{d\rho}{dt} = 0} \rightarrow \text{incompressible flow.}$$

Continuity Equation.

$$\boxed{\frac{dp}{dt} + \varphi(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) = 0} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Consider a flow for which,

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = 0$$

Then eq \textcircled{1} becomes

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0} \quad [\because \varphi \neq 0]$$

$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} \equiv \text{volumetric strain rate.}$

time rate of change of volume δQ of a moving fluid element per unit volume.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{1}{\delta Q} \cdot \frac{d(\delta Q)}{dt}$$

Q) Compressible fluids can undergo incompressible flow

► Flow Visualization

- tools:
- streamlines
 - streaklines
 - pathlines
 - timelines

Streamline - curve tangent to everywhere to the instantaneous local velocity vector.

\rightarrow eulerian concept

\rightarrow can change with time
 \rightarrow never intersect.