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## **Constants**

• Normdruck:  $p_{ref} = 1atm = 1.01325 \ bar$ 

• Normtemperatur:  $T_{ref} = 298~K \approx 25^{\circ}~C$ 

• Pferdestärke: 1 hp = 1 PS = 0.735 kW

• Elementarladung:  $e = 1.60219 \cdot 10^{-19} C$ 

 • Faraday-Konstante:  $F = N_A \cdot e = 96485.3 \frac{C}{mol} = \frac{A \cdot s}{mol}$ 

• ppm = parts per million:  $1 ppm = 10^{-6}$ 

 • Gaskonstante:  $\overline{R}=8.314\frac{J}{molK},$  spez. –  $R=\frac{\overline{R}}{M}[\frac{J}{kgK}]$ 

#### **Parameters**

- Aerodynamic Force  $F_A$
- Lift Force L
- Drag Force D
- Aerodynamic Moment  $M_A$
- Lift Coefficient  $C_I = L/(1/2\rho V^2 c)$
- Drag Coefficient  $C_d = D/(1/2\rho V^2 c)$
- Moment Coefficient  $C_m = M_A/(1/2\rho V^2 c^2)$
- Angle of Attack  $\alpha$  angle between connection leading and the trailing edge and reference line
- Lift curve slope  $a = C_1/\alpha$

# Steady Aerofoil and Wing Section Aerodynamics

 Aerofoil = 2-D wing section with goal to generate lift force perpendicular to the relative airspeed

- Convention: Lift is up, Drag is in direction of windspeed and Aerodynamic moment in clockwise direction acting on the aerodynamic center. Aerodynamic center is normally at the quarter chord position  $c_{m,c/4}$  for syymetric airfoils.  $x_{ac}=-m_0/2\pi+0.25$  with  $m_0$  as a shape constant
- Further assumptions: No viscosity, incompressible fluid, Ma < 0.2, 0.3, no vortices, potential flow (Navier-Stokes)
- Another centre is the shear center (elastic axis) from mechanics
- $L=1/2\rho V^2 ca\alpha$  , with a from tables (CFD and Wind Tunnel)
- $M_a = 1/2\rho V^2 c^2 c_{m\phi}$  with  $c_{m\phi}$  also from tables

## Lift curve $C_l(\alpha)$ and drag curve $C_d(\alpha)$

- At small ranges of  $\alpha$ , both lift and drag increase with:  $C_l \propto \alpha$  and  $C_d \propto \alpha^2$
- In aeroelasticity and this course, α will be very small, hence drag will be negligble small

#### The aerodynamic moment $M_A$

- The aerodynamic moment is much more important than drag  $C_d$
- $M_A$  varies with  $\alpha$  in the small ranges of the angle of attack
- Important to note: There exist a point at which the aerodynamic moment does not depend on  $\alpha$ . This is the the aerodynamic centre
- The aerodynamic centre is not the same as the centre of pressure, which is defined as the point where the aerodynamic moment is zero given a certain angle of attack
- Symmetric airfoils at  $\alpha=0$  have no aerodynamic moment at all times  $(M_A=0=const)$ . At the aerodynamic centre for symmetric foils results into no moment
- Asymmetric airfoils at  $\alpha=0$  have a non-zero aerodynamic moment at all times (all angles  $\alpha$ )

#### Assessment of $C_l/\alpha$

- The linear part of the lift curve is characterised by the slope  $a=C_l/\alpha(M)=\frac{C_l/\alpha_{M=0}}{\sqrt{1-M^2}}$
- The Prandtl-Glauert factor is  $1/\sqrt{1-M^2}$
- The factor is depending on the Mach number. The slop increases with increasing M (between 0 and 1)
- The dependence on Re is more subtle (p. 8)

## Extension to wing aerodynamics (p. 8)

Aerofoil dynamics (2D) refer to the previous topics, however the 3-D case can be also modeled by through a couple examples. A finite wing is less stable and efficient than the airfoil since the tips have vortices on at the wing tips. These "induce" a velocity, which locally reduces the angle of attack. An important parameter is the so called **Aspect Ratio**  $AR = b^2/S$ . If the wing is assumed to be of surface  $S = b \cdot c$ , it follows AR = b/c.

- The lift curve can become a function of AR if due to the different tips. Approximately, the lift slope a<sub>0</sub> is adjusted via following formula:
- $a = a_0 \frac{AR}{AR+A}$

#### Strip Theory (p.9)

- If AS is very small (delta wings), the integral of multiple airfoils
- Example, the wing is an elliptical  $f(y) = \sqrt{1-(\frac{y}{b/2})^2} \cdot \overline{f}_{\phi}$
- $f(y) = a\alpha c = C_l c$  with c = chord length.

# Steady-state (static) Aeroelasticity

# **Typical Section**

2-D problem with a rigid wing and 2 degrees of freedom (free rotation / pitch and plunge). We can have multiple typical sections. The pitch is modeled via a torsional string and the plunge via a longitudinal one. The idea is later on to model the torsional spring to be a torsional stiffness of a beam (since a real wing is actually a beam with a certain stiffness).

- The torsion acts in a beam section on the shear centre, however in aeroelasticity on the elastic axis
- The goal of engineering is alwayt to move the shear center to the front (comes with risk to thin out the rear longeron and thicken the front longeron)
- In equilibrium, we know that the aerodynamic forces are equal to the spring forces
- $M_t + L \cdot e = \theta k_\theta = (qc^2 c_{m0} + qca\theta e) \cdot b$
- L =

#### How to solve typical sections

- 1. Check the number of DOF (= size of problem and unknowns), which defines the matrices later
- 2. Define angles  $\alpha$  (true angle of attack) and  $\theta$  (elastic twist)
- 3. Define the measures h (plunge) and e (distance aerodynamic centre and elastic axis)
- 4. The pitching moment  $M_t$  and the lift L can be described on one hand as the response from the springs ( $\alpha$ )
- 5. And on the other hand via the