

# POF

## General:

Bernoulli: Sum of all energy constant

Temperature  $\sim$  density( $\rho$ )[kg/m<sup>3</sup>]

Density  $\propto$  mass

Density  $\propto$  pressure

Density does not vary in venturi

Density decrease as humidity increase

Temp  $\uparrow$  mass flow  $\downarrow$

Dynamic pressure [ $q$ ](N/m<sup>2</sup>)

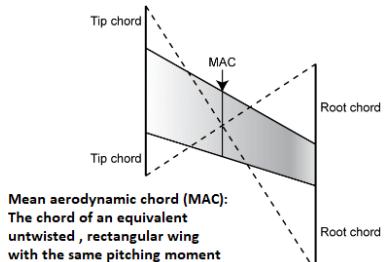
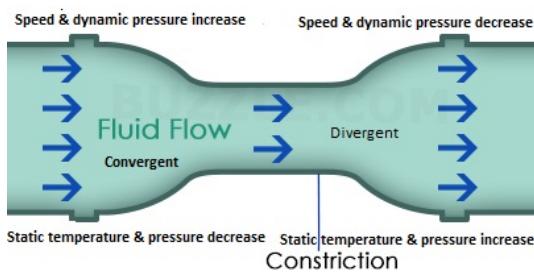
$$= \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$$

Dynamic press = 0 when speed = 0

Static + dynamic = constant

$$\rho/(rho*T) = \text{Constant}$$

## VENTURI EFFECT



- SI units:

- Weight (Newton) = Force = Mass(kg) x acceleration
- Power (Nm/s) = Watts (W) Force x distance  $\div$  time (J/s) [There is time]
- Work = Joule
- Force [kg.m/s<sup>2</sup>] = m x a
- Wing loading[W/S](N/m<sup>2</sup>): Weight of aircraft  $\div$  area of the wings

- Density decrease with increase in humidity (Dry air = better performance)

- Mean geometric chord: Wing area  $\div$  wing span

### **Difference between MAC & mean camber line**

Relative thickness: Expressed in % chord

Symmetrical airfoil: 0 camber, mean camber line = chord line

& lift characteristics as the actual wing

- **Aeroplane AOA:** Angle between speed vector & longitudinal axis

**Wing AOA:** Angle between longitudinal axis & wing root chord line

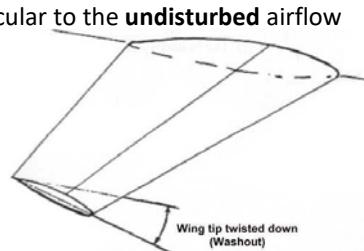
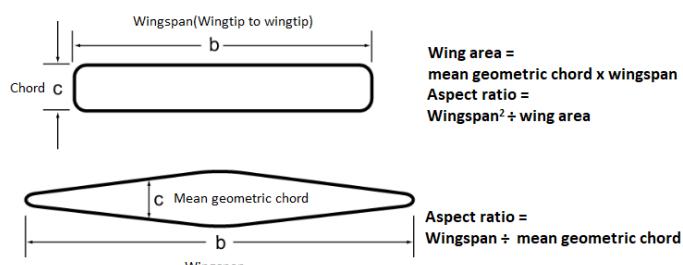
Angle of incidence: Angle between wing root chord line & longitudinal axis

Dihedral angle:

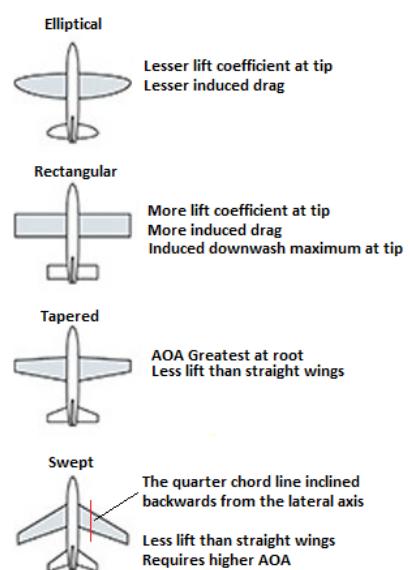
- Angle between wing plane & the horizontal with aeroplane in an unbanked, level condition
- Angle between the 0.25 chord line of the wing and the lateral axis

- Lift & drag forces depend on the pressure distribution around the aerofoil cross section

- Lift = Component of total aerodynamic force perpendicular to the **undisturbed** airflow



Geometric washout/wing twist:  
Tip of the wing lower AOA than at the root, angle of incidence decrease from root to tip



## 2D airflow over an aerofoil

- Typical  $C_L/C_D$  ratio: Max at angle of attack of 4°

- Lift:

- Upwash ahead of the wing & downwash behind
- Downwash increase: Lift generated by the aerofoil increases
- Upper surface produces greatest proportion of lift at all speeds
- Generated when the flow direction of a certain mass of air is changed

- Stagnation point:

- Static pressure maximum value
- Relative velocity = 0

- AOA

- Decrease: Stagnation point moves forward /up, lowest pressure(CP) moves aft, COP moves aft
- Increase: Stagnation point moves down, lowest pressure(CP) moves forward, COP moves forward until crit AOA

- Aerodynamic centre of an aerofoil:

- Approx 25% chord irrespective/independent of AOA
- Assume no flow separation, pitching moment coefficient does not change with varying angle of attack

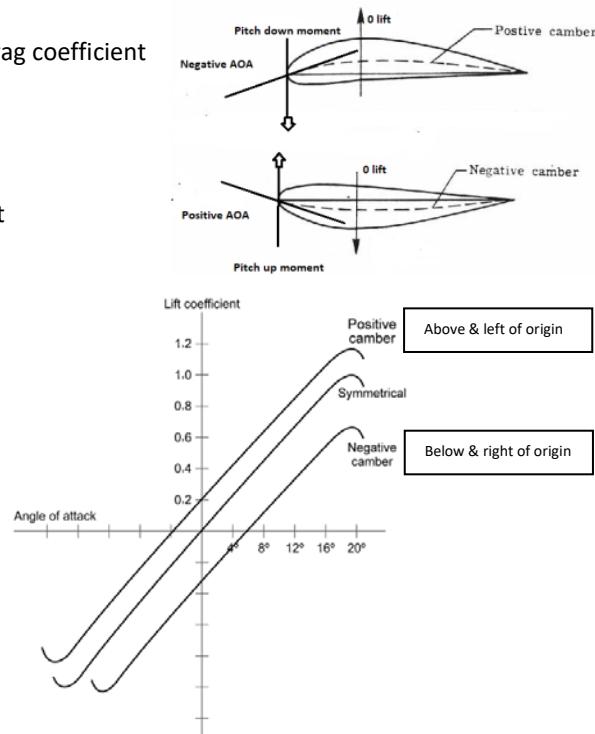
- Where instantaneous variation in wing lift acts
- Don't mix up aerodynamic centre with centre of pressure
- Centre of pressure:
  - Does not change on **symmetric** airfoils
  - Moves forward as AOA increase
- Streamlines:
  - Speed increases: Area of condensed streamlines moves to the back (In the direction of trailing edge), COP moves aft
  - Speed decreases: COP moves forward & total lift force is constant
  - Streamlines converge: Static pressure decreases & velocity increases
  - Streamlines diverge: Static pressure increases & velocity decreases
  - Airflow accelerates over wing when generating lift
- Drag:
  - Total drag: Pressure drag & skin friction drag
  - Profile drag proportional to square of the relative velocity of the air & drag coefficient

### Coefficients:

- Positively cambered airfoil:  $C_L = 0$ , pitching moment down, negative AOA
- Negatively cambered airfoil:  $C_L = 0$ , pitching moment up, positive AOA
- Symmetric airfoil:  $AOA = 0$ , pitching moment = 0, there is only drag but no lift
- Swept vs unswept: Swept has less lift at AOA
- Lift/aerodynamic force:
  - $\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_L$
  - $q(\text{dynamic pressure}) \times S \times C_L$
  - $(V_s)^2 C_{L\text{MAX}} = (V)^2 C_L$  [V = actual speed &  $C_L$  = actual lift coefficient]
  - When speed increases by a ratio = **Lift = ratio<sup>2</sup>**,  $C_L = \frac{1}{\text{ratio}}^2$
  - $C_L$  is directly affected by **AOA**
- Drag =  $\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_D$  [S = reference area,  $C_D$  = Drag coefficient]
  - Minimum when  $C_L/C_D$  ratio is maximum
- Coefficient of lifts & drag affected by **camber & AOA** only
- Parabolic curve: Minimum glide angle & parasite drag coefficient
- Aerofoil polar graph:  $C_L / C_D$ , shows max ratio(Total drag lowest) & max  $C_L$
- AOA is unaffected by density**

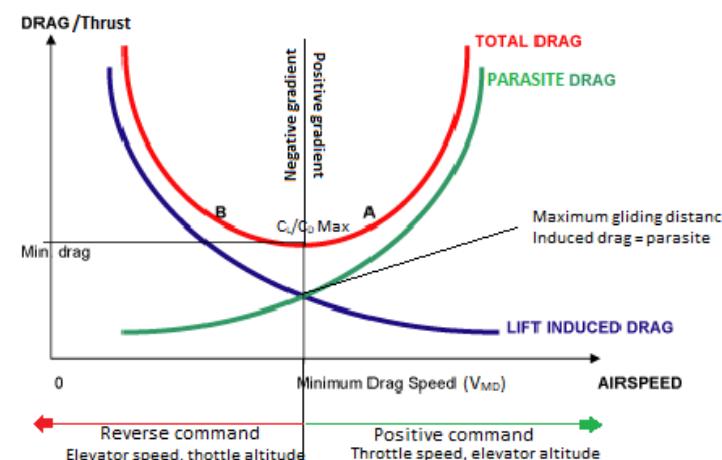
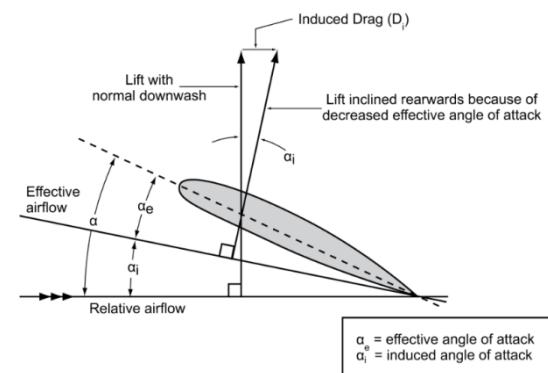
### IAS & TAS:

- Assuming no compressibility effects & straight & level flight with same AOA:
  - TAS is higher at higher altitudes
  - IAS is constant with altitude,  $C_L$  must be constant as density is changed hence AOA the same

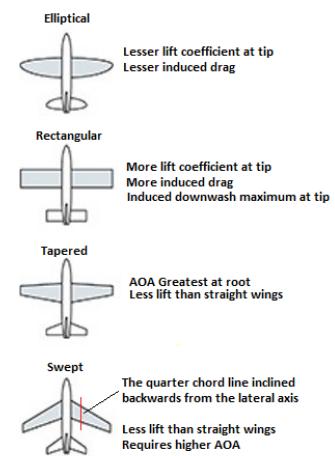


### 3D airflow over an aeroplane

- Spanwise component
  - Added compared to 2D airflow
  - Airflow on the upper surface flows to root, lower surface to wingtip
- Wing tip vortices:
  - Increase as AOA increase
  - Decrease as aspect ratio increase
  - Highest at take-off
  - Vortex waves gradually descend to a lower level
  - Vortex forms on rotation & ends when noswheel touches down
- Aspect ratio:
  - Increase: Induced drag & crit AOA decrease
  - Increase: Max lift/drag ratio increase
  - Decreases: when flaps are deployed
- Induced drag:
  - **Induced AOA:** A result of **downwash** due to **tip vortices**
  - Caused by wing tip vortices & downwash
  - Reduced by installing wing tip tank
  - Strongest at wing tips
  - Increases as AOA increase
  - Increases airplane mass increase (Higher mass = higher AOA)
  - Decreases as speed increases (See curve)
  - Decreases when flaps are deployed
  - $C_{Di} = (C_L)^2 \div \pi \times AR$
  - $C_{Di} = 1 \div V^2$
  - $D_i = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_{Di}$

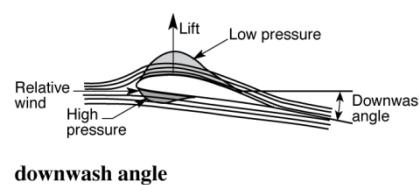


- Parasite drag:
  - Form + profile + skin friction + interference + pressure drag
  - Increases when wing tip tank installed
- Interference drag:
  - Aerodynamic interference between parts of the aeroplane
- Form drag:
  - Reduced by streamlining, however skin friction drag increases
- Speed stable:
  - Tendency to return to original speed after gust, speed is disturbed from its trimmed value tends to return to the original speed
  - Speed unstable: No tendency to return to original speed



### Ground effect:

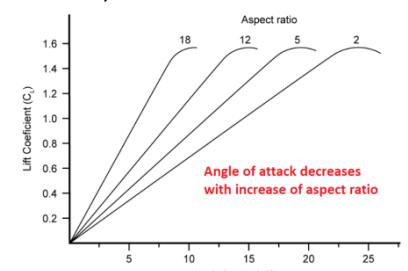
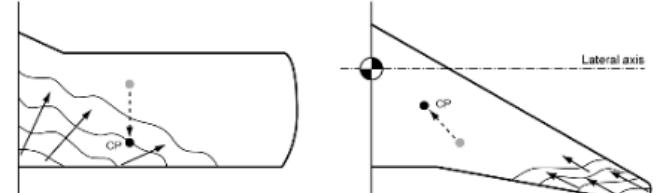
- Airborne before reaching recommended take-off speed, floating
- Height is less than half of the length of the wingspan above the surface
- Affects low wing & low tailplane aircraft most
- Entering ground effect
  - Lift coefficient increases
  - Effective AOA increases
  - Induced AOA decreases
  - Downwash angle decreases
  - Induced drag coefficient  $C_{D_i}$  decreases



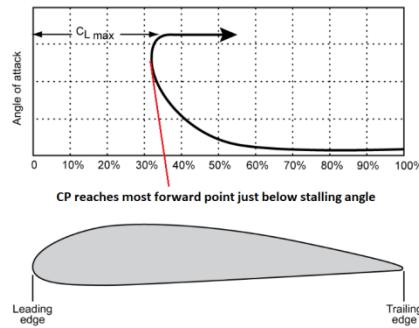
### Stall:

- Load factor(Lift ÷ weight):
  - Load factor >1, lift more than weight
  - Load factor <1, lift less than weight, steady climb
  - & AOA increases when pulling out from a dive
- Airflow characteristics:
  - Boundary layer: Layer of air on wing stream velocity lower than free stream velocity
  - Transition point: Transition from laminar to turbulent layer
  - Airflow separation: Airflow reversal on the surface of the body
- Stall characteristics:
  - There is a large reduction in lift but it does not drop to zero
  - COG more forward: Stall speed higher, AOA unaffected
  - COG moves aft: More difficult for stall recovery
  - COP moves aft approaching stall on rectangular wings
  - COP moves fwd approaching stall on swept wings
  - Rectangular wings: Just before stall has a nose-down tendency
- Stall speed:
  - Stall speed increases with the **square root of load factor**,
  - Increases during turns, increase of **mass/weight**, forward CG location, icing conditions & decreasing thrust
  - Decrease with flaps
  - Wing with back sweep has higher tendency to stall, increasing sweep back increases stall speed
  - Determined by CG at forward limit, min control speeds determined when CG at aft limit
  - Does **not** change with IAS, but changes with TAS at altitude
  - **IAS stall speed constant at lower altitudes**, increases at higher altitudes due to **compressibility (More correct)**
  - **IAS stall speed increase at higher altitudes (More correct)**
- Stall formulas:
  - $V_s \text{ new} = V_s \text{ old} \times [\sqrt{1/\cos \phi \text{ new}} \div (1/\cos \phi \text{ old})]$
  - $V_s \text{ new} = V_s \text{ old} \times \sqrt{\text{New weight} \div \text{old weight}}$
  - Stall speed increase by a factor of  $\sqrt{1 \div \cos(\text{bank angle})} = \sqrt{n}$
- Super/deep stall:
  - Stable stall with almost constant pitch attitude
  - Swept wings has highest probability of a super stall
  - Negative tail stall: Uncontrollable pitch down moment (Tailplane no longer producing down force)
  - Largest AOA
- Accelerated stall:
  - Stall at high load factors (Turning/dive), stalling at higher speeds
  - Stall speed increase with square root of load factor
  - Stall due to increase in load factor

$V_s$  = Stall speed or minimum steady flight speed for which the aircraft is still controllable.  
 $V_{s0}$  = Stall speed or minimum flight speed in landing configuration.  
 $V_{s1}$  = Stall speed or minimum steady flight speed for which the aircraft is still controllable in a specific configuration.  
 $V_{s1g}$  = Minimum speed at which lift equals weight ( $1g$  or  $g = 1$ )  
 $V_{SR}$  = Reference stall speed.  
 $V_{sR0}$  = Reference stall speed in landing configuration.  
 $V_{sR1}$  = Reference stall speed in a specific configuration.  
 $V_{sw}$  = Speed at which the stall warning will occur.



- Spin:
  - Spin recovery: PARE
  - Both wings are stalled
- Stall warning:
  - Vane flapper switch activated by change of stagnation point
  - Stagnation point moves downwards & flapper switch moves upwards
  - Installed just below the leading edge

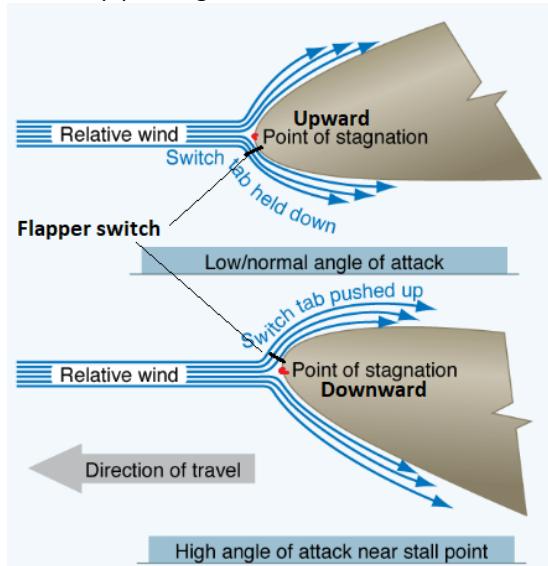


- Stall protection:
  - Stick shakers activates at a lower AOA, before stick pushers, at speeds higher than  $V_s$
  - Stick shaker input: AOA & rate of change of AOA
  - Stick pusher push the stick forward at or beyond a certain value of angle of attack
  - Wing fences reduce spanwise flow, low speed handling characteristics
  - Stall strip/**fixed spoiler**: On leading edge, induces **root** stall, ensures root of wing stalls before the tip
- Critical angle of attack(A fixed value):
  - Aspect ratio increases, critical angle of attack decrease
  - CP will reach its most forward point at the stalling angle
  - Affected by **design** of wing & aspect ratio only

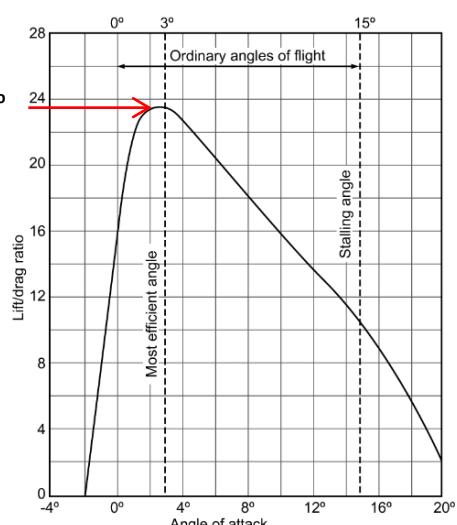
• **Stall angle unaffected by turn.** Approximately  $16^\circ$

• Low speed pitch:

- Forward movement of CP (Wing tips stalls first),of **swept back** wings, outward drift of the boundary layer
- Nose – up pitching moment

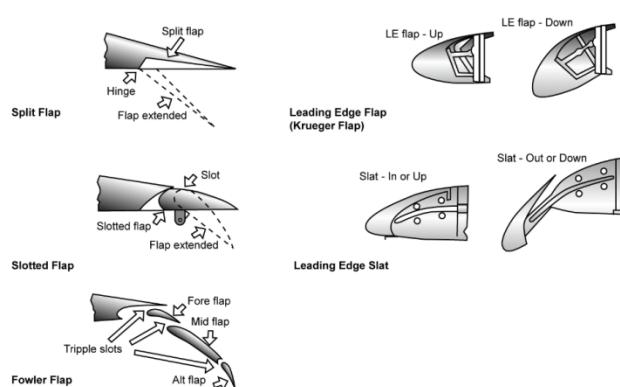
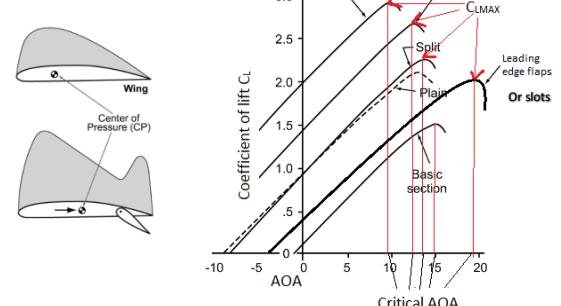


Maximum value of L/D ratio  
most efficient ratio

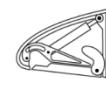
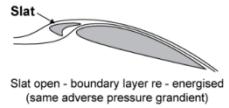


### Augmentation/high lift devices:

- Clean configuration: Highest  $C_L/C_D$  ratio.  $30^\circ - 45^\circ$  flaps adversely effects ratio
- Trailing edge flaps:
  - Critical AOA decreases when flap is deployed
  - Increases  $C_{LMAX}$
  - Increase effective AOA, increase stall AOA
  - CP moves to the rear/aft (Inboard towards wing root)
  - When deployed creates a nose down tendency, aircraft tendency to climb
  - When retracted aircraft has tendency to sink
  - Flaps are installed inboard (Near root)
  - Increase lift at low AOA: L/D ratio decreases
  - Maximum glide distance decreases, degrades minimum glide angle
  - Deployed while keeping AOA constant:  $C_L$  &  $C_D$  increases
  - Maintaining level flight, constant IAS flaps deployed:
    - $C_L$  eventually remains the same
    - Nose must be lowered & thrust increased
  - Maintaining level flight, constant IAS flaps retracted:
    - AOA is increased
  - During approaches to land:
    - Provides same amount of lift at a slower speed
- 1. Plain flap:
  - Increase  $C_{LMAX}$  by increasing camber
- 2. Fowler flaps:
  - Most effective



- Moves aft then turns down
  - Increase wing area & camber
- 3. Slotted flaps:**
- Increasing camber & re-energize flow through slots
- Krueger leading edge flap:**
- Part of the lower surface of the leading edge, hinged at its forward edge
- Slat:**
- Critical AOA increases when slat is deployed
  - Increases  $C_{L_{MAX}}$  more than it causes yawing moment
  - Large decrease in stall speed with relatively less drag
  - Slats are installed outboard (Near tips)
  - Higher contribution to  $C_{L_{MAX}}$  than flaps at any position, greater effect on stall speed than flaps
  - Increase boundary layer energy at the suction peak (fixed point), postponing stall to higher AOA using venturi effect
  - An auxiliary leading edge device cambered aerofoil positioned forward of the main aerofoil so as to form a slot
  - Automatically operated by aerodynamic forces acting on the leading edge, when a certain AOA is reached
- Vortex generators:**
- Delays stall by reducing boundary layer separation, installed near wing **leading edge**
  - Re-energize boundary layer
  - Transfer energy from the free airflow into the boundary layer
- Tailplane:**
- Increased downwash at tailplane = Increased negative lift (Downward lift of tailplane), producing a pitch up moment (Which opposes wing pitch down moment at wings upon flap deployment), and increasing effectiveness of the tailplane (More airflow over the tailplane & control surfaces)
- Asymmetric flaps:**
- Flap asymmetry causes rolling, slat asymmetry causes difference in  $C_{L_{MAX}}$  or yawing moment
  - Slightly asymmetric flaps: Causes a steady rate of roll which may be correctable with ailerons
- Spoilers:**
- Roll spoilers: Reduces lift on a part of wing, generating the desired rolling moment. There is a local increase in drag which suppresses adverse yaw
  - Spoiler extension **increases the stall speed, the min rate of descent (ROD) & min angle of descent**
  - Symmetrically deflected spoilers: Decelerate aeroplane/decrease ROD, may be used as speed brakes during flight
  - Speed brakes increase drag in order to maintain a steeper gradient of descent, spoilers may be used as speed brakes
  - **AOA constant**, spoilers deployed:  $C_D$  increases &  $C_L$  decreases
  - **Flight level & speed constant**:  $C_D$  increases &  $C_L$  unaffected (**More correct**)
  - Air brakes reduce **min drag speed**
  - Wing spoiler extension causes an increase in drag & decrease in lift
- Boundary layers:**
- **Laminar:**
    - Less change in velocity close to surface
    - Lesser mean speed
    - Friction drag lower
    - Thinner
    - More tendency to separate from the surface
    - Less kinetic energy than turbulent layer
    - No velocity components exist normal to surface
  - **Turbulent:**
    - More change in velocity close to surface
    - More mean speed
    - Friction drag higher
    - Thicker
    - Less tendency to separate from the surface
    - More kinetic energy than laminar layer
    - Compared with laminar layer, a turbulent boundary layer is better able to resist a positive pressure gradient before it separates
- Skin friction drag:**
- Increases with age
  - Ageing causes the transition point to move forward & larger part is turbulent
- Icing:**
- Frost: Decrease in lift & an increase in drag
  - Increases landing distance up to 40 – 50%
  - Most critical during rotation
  - Ice accretion causes reduction in  $C_{L_{MAX}}$ , increase of drag

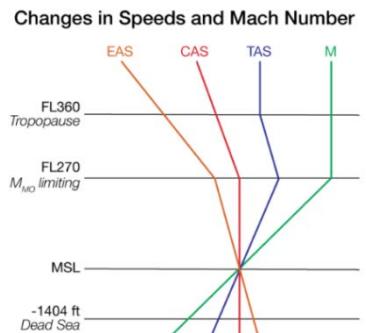


Krueger Flap

- AOA & controllability are going to decrease stall speed is going to increase
- Decreased critical AOA

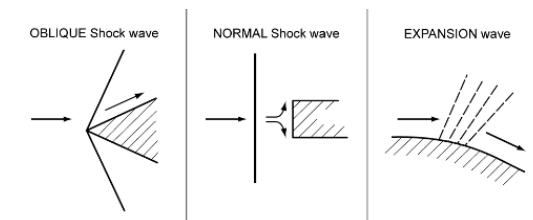
### **High speed aerodynamics:**

- Speed of sound(a) =  $\sqrt{y \times R \times T}$  [y = specific heat, R = universal gas constant, T = Absolute temperature]
  - Local speed of sound(LSS) =  $38.95 \times \sqrt{\text{Absolute temp(K)}}$
  - Local speed of sound(LSS) estimate =  $644 \div 1.2(\text{TAT in } {}^\circ\text{C})$
- Mach number: Ratio of TAS to LSS of the undisturbed flow, TAS  $\div$  LSS, affects compressibility
- Subsonic speed:
  - Up to  $M_{CRIT}$
- Transonic speed:
  - Speed when both supersonic & subsonic speed exists around the aircraft
  - The region **around** mach 1,  $M_{CRIT} - M1.3$
  - Rearward shift of CP is **M0.89 – 0.98**
  - Aeroplane characteristic depends heavily on mach number
  - $C_D$  increases then decreases
  - $C_{LMAX}$  will decrease & 1G stalling speed increases
  - **Increased static longitudinal stability**
- Supersonic speed:
  - CP further aft during supersonic flight compared to subsonic
  - Aerofoil pressure distribution is rectangular
  - M1.3 – M5
- Below tropopause: ECTM
- Above tropopause: Temperature constant so LSS/TAS/Mach is constant
- **Coefficient of lift ( $C_L$ ) above & below tropopause has the same effect:**
  - Descending:  $C_L$  decrease, **pitch angle & AOA decreasing** due to increasing IAS caused by increasing density
  - Climbing:  $C_L$  increase, **pitch angle & AOA increasing** due to reducing IAS caused by decreasing density
- Operational limit:  $M_{MO}$  (Mach exceeded when climbing at constant TAS/IAS)
- Operational speed limitation:  $V_{MO}$  (TAS/IAS exceeded while descending at constant Mach)
- **Key point:** At **constant flight level**, temperature increase/decrease affects **TAS only**, Mach no. etc. is not affected



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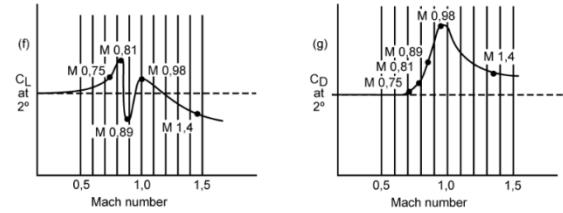
- General:
  - $\text{Mach} = 1 \div \sin(\text{angle})$
  - Increasing **mass increases** shockwave intensity
  - Shockwave moves slightly aft in front of a downward deflecting aileron
  - Shockwave moves aft towards trailing edge on upper surface as mach no. increases
  - Centre of pressure moves aft to 20% -50% **mid chord** towards direction of the trailing edge
  - Loss of pressure in a shock wave is due to **kinetic energy** in the flow is changed to **heat energy**
  - The first evidence of a shockwave appears in the upper side of the wing, at the wing root, near to the point of maximum wing **thickness**
  - Perpendicular to the local airflow, it is **normal** to the local airflow ( $90^\circ$ )
  - The front of a shockwave travels at the speed of the **ground** speed of the airplane
- Normal shock wave:
  - Higher **compression**
  - Highest efficiency when shock wave is small but supersonic
  - Least energy lost is when the mach is **just above** mach 1
  - Can occur at different points on the airplane in transonic flight
  - Changes from supersonic to subsonic  $< \text{Mach } 1$
  - Higher loss in total pressure compared to oblique
- Oblique shock waves:
  - Velocity decreases but airflow remains supersonic
- Expansion wave:
  - Velocity increased to supersonic (M)
- Mach conical cone:
  - Cone angle decreases as mach number increases
  - All disturbances produced by an airplane are within this zone depending on mach number
- Bow wave:
  - Appears **just above** Mach = 1



		Total temperature & pressure	Mach & speed	Static temperature & pressure	Density	LSS
Oblique wave	In front	Higher	<b>Higher</b>	Lower	Lower	Lower
	Behind	Lower	<b>Lower</b>	Higher	Higher	Higher
Expansion wave	In front	-	<b>Lower</b>	Higher	Higher	Higher
	Behind	-	<b>Higher</b>	Lower	Lower	Lower

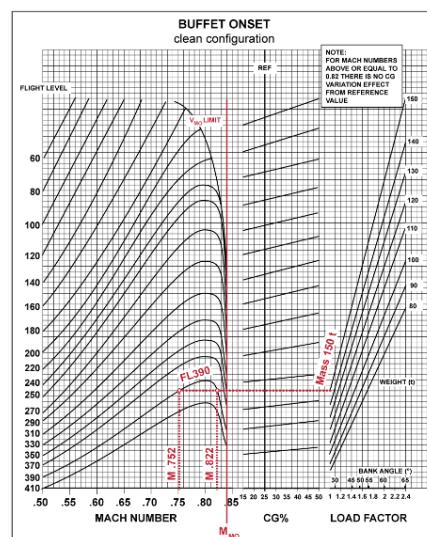
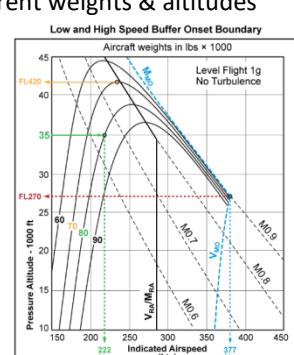
### Effects of exceeding $M_{CRIT}$

- Tuck under:
  - Nose down pitching tendency when entering the transonic range
  - Reduction** in downwash at the horizontal stabiliser
  - Occurs only above the  $M_{CRIT}$
- Mach trim:
  - Required as at transonic speeds airplane has decrease in longitudinal stick force stability
  - CAUSE:** Stick force stability decreases but static longitudinal stability increases
  - EFFECT:** Mach trim **maintains** the required stick force gradient
  - Mach trimmer system failure: Mach number must be reduced
  - Adjusted by pitch up input of the stabilizer according to mach number
  - Adjusted by decreasing incidence of trimmable airplane (Stabilizer), [NOT elevator trim tab]
  - Adjusted by **trim tank**, moving fuel towards the tail
- $M_{CRIT}$  Critical mach number:
  - Local sonic speed (Not a shockwave)  $M_1$  is first reached on the upper surface of the wing
  - Above which, locally, supersonic flow exists somewhere over the aeroplane
  - L/D ratio decreases
  - $M_{CRIT}$  increases when mass decreases, as a result of lower AOA
  - $M_{CRIT}$  decreases when mass increases, when deflecting control surface down (Aileron, increased camber accelerates upper flow)
  - No shockwaves  $< M_{CRIT}$
  - Above  $M_{CRIT}$ , stick force stability decreases due to the loss of lift in the wing root area
  - Above  $M_{CRIT}$ , buffeting occurs with a tendency to pitch down
- $M_{CDR}$  Critical drag rise/ drag divergence mach number:
  - Greater than  $M_{CRIT}$
  - Determined by angle of attack & profile of the aerofoil
  - $C_D$  increases rapidly after  $M_{CDR}$
  - Increased drag is due to wave drag
- Stall:
  - Stall speed increases at higher altitudes due to increasing compressibility effects as a result of increasing mach number
  - Shock stall: Separation of the boundary layer at the shock waves
  - Shock stall has lowest AOA
  - Shock stall occurs when the lift coefficient, as a function of mach number reaches its maximum value
  - Shock induced separation results in decreasing lift, can occur behind a strong normal shockwave ranging from low to high AOA
- Effect on control surfaces:
  - Aileron deflection less effective during transonic flight: It only partly affects the pressure distribution around the wing
  - Rapid fluctuation of hinge moments causing high frequency **buzz**



### Buffet:

- High speed buffet:
  - Induced by interaction between shock wave motion & flow separation
  - Boundary layer separation due to shock wave formation
- Graph: Values at which low speed & mach buffet occurs at different weights & altitudes
- Buffet free ranges: Speed range between low & high buffet
  - Decreases as altitude increases
  - Decreases as mass increases
  - Decreases as load factor increases
  - Decreases in a pull manouvre (Higher load factor)
  - Increases in a push manouvre (Lower AOA)
  - Not affected by speed**
- 1.3g load safety margin:
  - A manouvre with load factor 1.3g will cause buffet onset
  - Max cruise alt limited to 1.3g as exceeding that will cause: Turbulence induced high/low speed buffet
- $V_A$  less significant at high cruising altitudes as buffet onset limitations become limiting



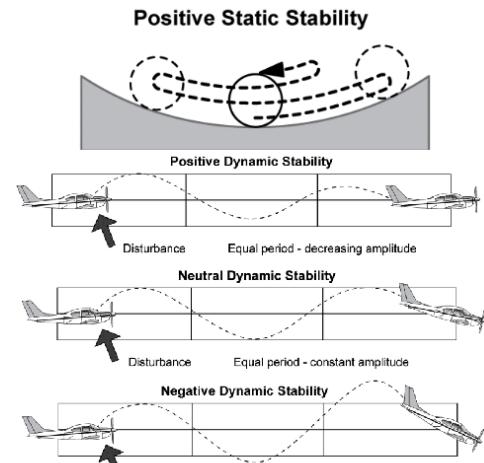
- Coffin corner: Stall speed = critical mach number, speed is too low & too high at the same time

### $M_{CRIT}$ influence

- Sweepback:
  - Appearance of shockwaves: Decreased velocity of air perpendicular to the leading edge
  - $M_{CRIT}$  Increases with sweepback
  - $M_{CDR}$  (Drag divergence mach number) increases with sweepback
  - Straight wing vs sweepback: 1.154 times increase of  $M_{CRIT}$  theoretically but half that value practically
  - Slower onset of transonic drag rise
  - **Higher  $C_D$  in-flight**
  - Lesser effectiveness of high lift devices (Flaps etc.) as sweepback is increased
- Thickness/chord ratio:
  - **Reduced**: Delays onset of shock wave, reduces transonic variations in lift & drag coefficients  $C_L/C_D$
  - Thin aerofoils increases  $M_{CRIT}$
  - Thick aerofoil & high AOA decreases/lowers  $M_{CRIT}$
- Area ruling:
  - Gives aircraft smooth cross-sectional area distribution
  - Decreases wave drag
  - Gives "waist" or "coke bottle" shape
- Camber: Larger camber gives lower  $M_{CRIT}$
- Supercritical aerofoil:
  - Larger nose radius, flatter upper surface & with negative as well as positive camber
  - Allows a wing of relative thickness to be used for approximately the same cruise Mach number
  - Shows no noticeable shockwaves when flying just above  $M_{CRIT}$
- Vortex generators
  - Decrease wave drag
  - Decrease shockwave induced separation
  - Reduce boundary layer separation drag when shockwaves form

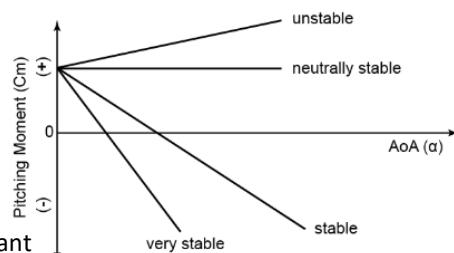
### Stability:

- For there to be a condition of dynamic stability (Positive/neutral/negative), it must have positive static stability first
- For a plane to have dynamic stability it needs static stability & sufficient damping
- **Tends to return**: Positive static stability, initial **tendency** to return to equilibrium
- Returns: Positive dynamic stability
- Less stability = more manoeuvrability & vice versa
- Sum of moments about one axis is not = 0:
  - An angular acceleration about that axis exists
  - Aeroplane starts to rotate about its centre of gravity



### Longitudinal stability(Around lateral axis):

- Transport aircraft load factor limit: 2.5G
- Positive static longitudinal stability: Nose down moment occurs after an upgust
- Phugoid:
  - Slow changes in speed & altitude
  - Dynamic longitudinal stability
  - Altitude varies significantly
  - Speed varies significantly
  - Can be easily controlled by the pilot
  - Long period of weak damping
- Short period oscillation:
  - Altitude remains approximately constant
  - Speed remains approximately constant
  - Should always be heavily damped
- Directly influenced by centre of gravity (CG):
  - Aft CG limit: Determined by minimum acceptable static longitudinal stability, minimum value of the stick force per G
  - Fwd CG limit: Limited by insufficient flare capability & insufficient in-flight manouevrability, minimum control response
  - Neutral point: Aircraft become longitudinally unstable when CG is shifted beyond this point
  - CG static margin: Distance between CG datum & CG neutral point
  - Magnitude of stick force determined by distance the CG is forward of the neutral point
- Contributions to static longitudinal stability :
  - Engine nacelles aft of CG have **positive** contribution to static longitudinal stability
  - Wing contribution depends on CG location relative to the wing aerodynamic centre
  - May be** negative, also with flaps



- Wing downwash: **Negative**
- Fuselage: **Negative** contribution to static longitudinal stability
- Horizontal stabilizer surface area increase: Increased longitudinal stability
- Tailplane: Greatest contribuition to longtudinal stability (Positive effect)
  - CG location ahead of CP, gives downward vertical load
  - CG location behind CP, gives upwards tail loading
- Trim tabs have no effect on longitudinal stability
- Positive/negative camber has no effect

- Centre of pressure:
  - Always aft of CG when **tailplane is producing down load**
  - AOA increase changes total aeroplane lift aft of CG
  - CP moves fwd: Pitch up moment
  - **CP aft of CG, tailplane has downward load**
  - **CP fwd of CG, taiplane has upward load**

- Manouevre stability/stick force per G:

- Increases as CG moves fwd
- It is not manouevrability, it is stick force per G, reduced as CG moves aft
- Manouevre point (Where wing lift = tail lift) is aft of neutral point
- Stick force gradient: Force required to change the load factor of the aircraft a given amount
- Stick **force** stability:
  - Affected by bob weights & down spring
  - Bob weights: Pulls the stick forward when there is sufficient stick force per G
  - Increases as CG moves fwd
  - Static stick force stability: Maintain a speed above the trim speed requires a push force
  - Static stick force stability: Maintain a speed below the trim speed requires a pull force
  - High limit load factor allows lower stick force per G
  - Stick force per G is **not** a limitation on an aircraft, it is dependent on CG location
  - Stick force per G is **dependent on altitude (Higher force at lower altitudes)** & CG location
  - Stick force per G **must have an upper & lower limit** in order to assure acceptable control characteristics

- Stick **position** stability:

- Is always constant irregardless of trim

- Damping:

- Damping in all axes is reduced as altitude gets higher
- Slows down the rate or diminishes the amplitude of vibrations or cycles

- Flight phases:

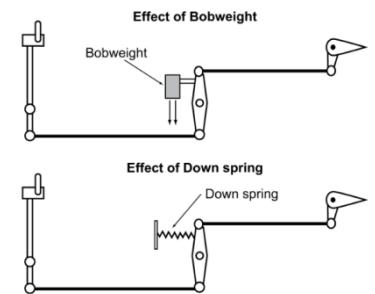
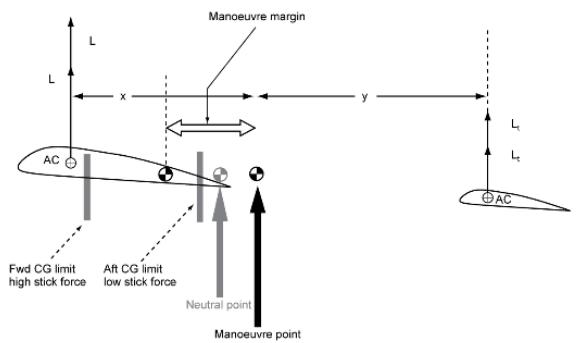
- During slow flight,
  - Least lift created to keep plane flying level occurs at an aft CG (High AOA) & high thrust settings
  - Most lift created to keep plane flying level occurs at an fwd CG (Low AOA) & low thrust setting
- During landing max elevator deflection required when flaps are down and CG is at fwd limit
- Effective angle of attack:
  - Nose up pitch displacement: Effective AOA changes & causes the tail plane to apply a nose down moment

#### Directional stability(Around normal axis):

- Tendency of an aeroplane to recover from a skid without control input from the pilot
- Contribuitions:
  - Positive: Mainly by the fin
  - Positive: Swept back wings
  - Positive: Dorsal fins maintains static directional stability at large sideslip angles
  - Positive: Ventral fin (Negative effect on lateral, no effect on longitudinal)
  - Negligible: Straight wings with high aspect ratio
- Sideslip angle:
  - Angle between speed vector & the plane of symmetry
- Sideslip with relative airflow from the left
  - Initial tendency of nose to move left (Yaw left)
  - Initial tendency of right wing to move down

#### Lateral stability(Around longitudinal axis):

- Determined by aircrafts **response to sideslip** (Tendency to roll left with airplane nose pointing left of incoming flow)
- Sideslip: Banking in one directon & rudder in opposite direction. (Right sideslip = right wing down & left rudder)
- Effective dihedral on an airplane component: Contribution of that component to the static lateral stability
- Neutral lateral stability: Following a wing drop, wing would remain in its displaced position
- Excessive lateral stability is undesirable as:



- It would impose excessive demands on roll control during a sideslip
- Too much aileron deflection is required during a crosswind landing
- Increased by:
  - Wing sweepback, main function is to increase  $M_{CRIT}$ , but has a positive contribution to lateral stability
  - Dihedral, to increase dihedral is to increase the stick force, required lateral control force increases
  - Increasing aspect ratio
  - Having high wing
- Decreased by:
  - Anhedral
  - Forward sweep
  - Flap extension
  - Low wing mounting
  - Ventral fin
- Advantage of horizontal stabilizer on top of vertical fin (T-tail): Improved aerodynamic efficiency of the vertical fin
- When lateral stability is increased, **lateral control force should increase** to counter stability

#### Lateral & directional:

- Dutch roll:
  - Combined lateral & directional **periodic** motion
  - Sensitivity increased: Lateral stability increase
  - Reduced by increasing anhedral angle of the wings (Decreasing lateral stability)
- Spiral dive:
  - Combined lateral & directional **aperiodic** motion
  - Directional stability positive/more excessive & lateral stability weak
  - Spirally unstable: A condition when, during a level turn, bank steadily increases
- Increasing altitude:
  - Constant IAS: Lateral stability increase, directional stability decrease
  - Constant Mach: Lateral stability the same, directional stability decrease
- Yaw damper failure: Counteract dutch roll by reducing altitude & mach number

#### Control:

- Aeroplane manouevrability decreases for a given control surface deflection when IAS decreases  
Aeroplane manouevrability increases for a given control surface deflection when IAS increases
- Control surface deflection decreases when IAS increases, when load factor decreases  
Control surface deflection increases when IAS decrease, when load factor increases
- Pitch angle: Angle between longitudinal axis & the horizontal plane (Flight path angle + AOA)
- Bank angle: Angle between lateral axis & horizontal plane

#### Pitch control:

- Thrust line is below CG when increase in power has a nose up tendency
- Lowering of landing gear, due to increased nose down moment, down load on tailplane needs to be increased
- During flare too much longitudinal stability = Higher control forces & higher  $V_{REF}$  (1.3 stalling speed)
- Low speed pitch up: Possible with podded engines located beneath a low mounted wing
- Trimmable horizontal stabiliser: Correct setting determined by CG position
- Variable incidence tailplane(Not fixed):
  - Advantage: Less trim drag & maximum elevator authority retained
  - Backward movement = Decrease in tail incidence & nose up pitch
- Engines rear of fuselage:
  - Compared to engines beneath wing: Less influence on longitudinal control of thrust changes
  - Fairings of tail mounted engines give positive pitching moment (Pitch up)
  - Longitudinal trim is less affected by changes in thrust
- Elevator deflection:
  - Smaller at high IAS compared to low IAS
  - Larger at lower IAS compared to high IAS
  - Decreases with decrease in load factor
  - Increases with increase in load factor
- Stabilizer:
  - Contributes to the total lift of the plane
  - May stall before the wing
  - Is necessary to balance the total pitch moment of the plane
  - When ice is present stabilizer may stall & induce a **vertical dive**

#### Yaw:

- Vertical fin could stall if fin AOA is too great
- Full rudder deflection limited as IAS increases as a full rudder deflection could cause an excessive load

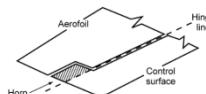
### **Roll control:**

- Ailerons:
  - Form drag increases when aileron deflected upwards
  - Changing wing camber & two wings producing different lift values resulting in a moment around the longitudinal axis
  - Rolling out: Lowered aileron creates more drag as the AOA of the wing being raised is greater as the rollout is started
  - Rolling with ailerons & spoilers, right turn: Right spoiler & aileron up, left spoiler not moved & left aileron down
  - Altitude increases = rate of roll increases
- Spoilers:
  - Assists ailerons
  - Upper wing surface devices & deflection can be symmetrical or asymmetrical
  - Spoiler deflection downward on up going wing & upward on the down going wing
  - Operated asymmetrically for roll control
- Outboard ailerons:
  - Locked out during cruise (deactivated after flaps/slats retracted or above a certain speed)
  - Typically used when flaps are extended, in low speed flight only
- Inboard ailerons:
  - & roll spoilers are used during cruise
  - Reduce wing twist at high speed
- Frise ailerons:
  - Leading edge protrudes below wing when aileron is raised but not above it when lowered
  - Reduces adverse yaw
- Adverse yaw:
  - Tendency to yaw in the opposite direction of turn mainly due to difference in induced drag on each wing
  - Caused by decreased induce drag on the lowered wing & increased induced drag on the raised wing
  - Compensated by differential aileron deflection
  - Rudder cross coupling: Rudder deflected to roll direction
- Differential aileron:
  - Decreased deflection of down going aileron
  - Reduce drag on upgoing wing
  - Equalises drag on the left & right aileron
- Turbulent gusts: Up going wing experiences an increase in AOA
- Yaw causes roll:
  - Yawing left causes roll to the left & vice versa
  - Yawing motion generated by rudder deflection causes a speed increase of the outer wing which increases the lift on that wing so that the aeroplane starts to roll in the same direction of yaw

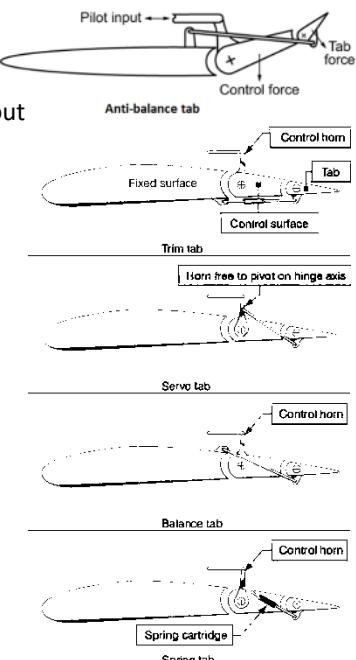
### **Means to reduce control forces:**

- Aerodynamic force on a control surface: Increases as speed increases
- Aerodynamic balance:

Purpose: Reduce load required to move the control



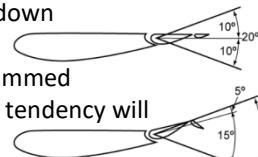
- 1) An internal balance:
  - Leading edge of aileron in a box inside trailing edge, vented to atmosphere with a seal between wing & control surface
- 2) Horn balance:
  - Decrease stick forces
  - Inset hinge, sets the hinge line back and any mass ahead of hinge will deflect oppositely
  - Gives assistance to the pilot to move the controls, leading edge of control surface protruding out
  - Prevents over balance resulting from excess balance at high speeds
  - Hinge cannot be too far back as it might cause overbalance, CP moves fwd
- Balance tabs:
  - Moves opposite of control surfaces & same direction as trim tabs
- Anti-balance tabs:
  - Moves in the same direction as control surfaces & increases control effectiveness
- Servo tabs:
  - Position undetermined during taxiing
  - Control surface moved by aerodynamic forces, servo tabs moved directly by pilot
  - Tab is always opposite direction to control surface
  - Rudder servo tabs moves as rudder pedals are moved
  - Used in case of manual reversion of fully powered flight controls
  - External locks: Prevent movement of control surfaces but not control wheel or servo tabs
  - Elevator jams: Pitch control reverses direction



- Artificial feel system:
  - Main input: IAS
  - Inputs: Pitot & static pressure
  - Required with fully powered flight controls
- Spring tabs:
  - Reduces pilots effort to move the controls against high air loads
  - At high IAS it behaves like a servo tab
- Stick forces:
  - Determined by elevator deflection & dynamic pressure
- Power assisted controls:
  - A part of the aerodynamic forces is still felt on the column
- Mass balance:
  - Avoids flutter of control surface
  - There is a need for mass balancing on fully hydraulic powered flight controls
  - Weights located in front of hinge line

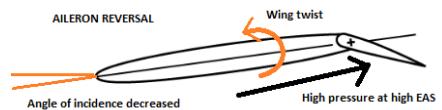
### **Trimming:**

- Trim tabs:
  - Purpose: To reduce **continuous** stick force, a servo tab only reduces stick force
  - Reduces hinge moment & reduces control surface efficiency
  - Do **not** necessarily decrease manoeuvring **stick forces**
  - Reduces or cancels **control forces**
  - **Stick position stability never changes**
  - Not required on fully hydraulic powered flight controls
  - **Only** directly affected by trim wheel, not the control column/control surface
  - **To zero** loads on control column
  - Remains in line with elevator when it is neutral
  - Remains fixed for all control surface movements unless when using trim wheel
  - Neutral position on control column **changes** (Speed decreases neutral position moves aft)
  - Cause more drag than THS
  - Elevator trim more sensitive to flutter
  - Trim wheel moves forward = nose down trim
  - Speed
    - Increase: Tailplane should create more negative lift, AOA lowered & elevator down(nose down) & trim tab up
    - Reduce: Tailplane should create more downforce, AOA raised & elevator up(nose up) & trim tab down
  - Cockpit trim indicator: Elevator up, trim tab down = Indicator shows nose up
  - Pitch authority in a direction (nose down/up) is reduced in the corresponding direction the aircraft is trimmed
  - Jammed trim tab: Trim tab will act as a small elevator & respond oppositely, trying to decrease nose up tendency will increase it
- Movable stabilizer/trimmable horizontal stabilizer(THS):
  - Advantages:
    - It is a more powerful means of trimming, more power to generate tail loads for power assisted controls
    - Enables a larger CG range
    - Stabilizer trim more suitable for jet transport because of their large speed range
    - Able to compensate larger changes in pitching moments
    - When trimmed for 0 elevator stick force, it creates less drag
    - Less susceptible to control flutter
  - Disadvantages:
    - Effect of stabilizer trim runaway is more serious than trim tab runaway
    - Jammed stabilizer causes more control difficulty
  - Jammed at high IAS: Higher than normal landing speed, use lower flaps settings
  - Airplane with forward CG: Stabiliser leading edge **lower** (More negative lift, giving nose up moment on tail)
  - Airplane with aft CG: Stabiliser leading edge **higher** (Less negative lift, giving nose down moment on tail)
  - Take-off:
    - CG max fwd, THS max nose down = Rotation requires extra stick force
    - CG max aft, THS max nose down = Rotation normal
    - CG max fwd, THS max nose up = Rotation normal
    - CG max aft, THS max nose up = Early nose wheel raising takes place
  - For power assisted controls: Position of elevator depends on position of flaps, slats & **CG**(Main factor)
  - For fully operated hydraulic controls: Position of elevator deflection = 0
  - Neutral position on control column **does not** change for fully powered controls
  - Variable incident tailplane: Trimmed by changing the angle of incidence of the entire tailplane



### Operating limitations:

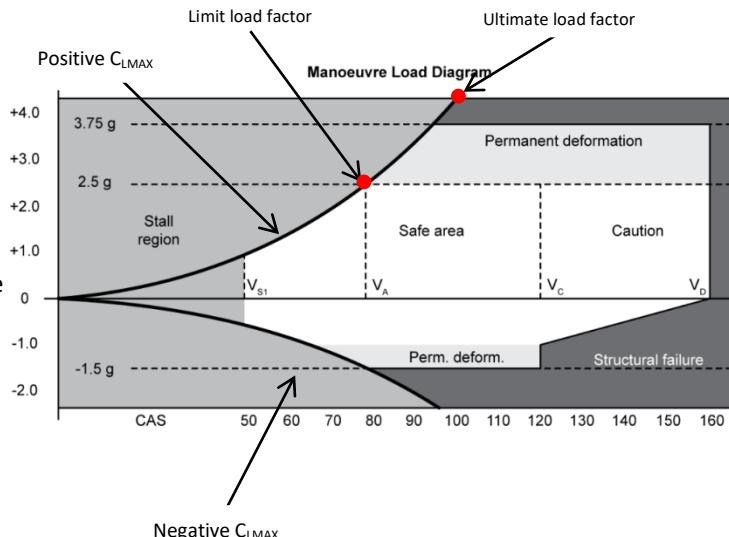
- Wing flutter:
  - It is a destructive vibration that must be damped out within the flight envelope
  - A rapid oscillation of control surface in flight
  - Cyclic deformation generated by aerodynamic, inertial & elastic loads on the wing
  - A divergent oscillatory motion of a control surface by interaction of aerodynamic, inertia forces & stiffness
  - Caused by combination of bending & torsion of the wing structure
  - Prevented by locating mass in front of torsion axis of wing
  - Prevented by ensuring the wing CG is ahead of the torsional axis
  - Prevented by mass balancing
  - Reduced by mounting engines ahead of wing
  - Excessive free play/backlash (Clearance/tolerance) **decrease** flutter speed
  - Aeroelastic coupling affects flutter characteristics
  - IAS increase flutter risk increases
  - Resistance to flutter increases as wing stiffness increases
- Aileron reversal:
  - Twisting of the wing above reversal speed
  - Wing twisting & reducing incidence when the aileron is lowered
  - The down going aileron increasing the semi-span AOA beyond the critical
- Limiting speeds:
  - $V_{MO}$ (Max operating speed):
    - CS-25 aeroplane speed that may not be deliberately exceeded in any phase of flight, unless higher speed is authorized for flight test/training operations
    - Climbing at  $V_{MO}$  might exceed  $M_{MO}$
    - $V_{MO}$  should not be greater than  $V_c$
  - $M_{MO}$  can be exceeded in flight because maintaining a constant IAS requires an increase in TAS
  - $V_{FE}$ : Above this speed flap movement prevented by flap load relief system
  - $V_{RA}$ : Recommended turbulence penetration speed (Below structural limit speeds & above stall speeds determined by load factor graphs)
  - $V_A$  (Maximum design manouevring speed):
    - Above it, elevator deflection could cause structural damage/permanent deformation
    - Depends on aeroplane mass & pressure altitude
    - Speed at which aeroplane stalls at the manouevring limit load factor at MTOW
    - $V_A \geq V_s \times \sqrt{(\text{limit load factor})}$  \*May not be less equates to symbols ( $\geq$ )
    - $V_A \geq V_s \times \sqrt{2.5}$
    - $V_{A(NEW)} = V_{A(OLD)} \times \sqrt{\text{New weight} / \text{old weight}}$
    - Determined by **manouevring limit** load factor



### Manouevring envelope:

- Exceeding ultimate load factor = Structural failure
- Manouevre load diagram:
  - Stall speed:
    - Reaches a point  $V_s$  load factor = +1
    - Originates from Speed = 0 & load factor = 0
    - Speed =  $V_A$ , Load factor = limit load factor
  - $V_B$ : Design speed for maximum gust intensity
  - $V_c$ : Design cruise speed, strength requirements during cruise
  - $V_d$ : Design dive speed (Most limiting speed)

Category	Load factor
Large/transport aircraft	-1 to 2.5g (2.0 flaps)
Normal	-1.52 to 3.8g
Utility	-1.76 to 4.4g
Acrobatic	-3 to 6g



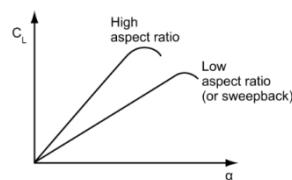
### Gust envelope:

- Gust limit load factor:
  - Load factor created when aircraft penetrates horizontal/vertical gusts
  - Higher than manouevring limit load factor as gusts affects a small part of aircraft

- Manoeuvring limit load factor:
  - Load factor created by turning/pulling pushing aircraft
  - Lower than gust limit load factor as it affects entire aircraft

- Gust load factor:

- Increase with upward gusts
- Increase with wing area increase
- Increase with EAS increase
- Increase with slope of lift vs AOA increase
- Increase with mass decrease
- Increase with altitude decrease
- Increase with wing loading decrease
- Higher on high aspect ratio aircraft



- Flaps extension **reduces stall speed** but will reduce margins to structural limitations

- Swept wings least sensitive to turbulence

- When AOA is constant,  $\Delta \text{Load factor} = \text{New airspeed} \div \text{old airspeed}$

- Load factor =  $C_{L\text{NEW}} \div C_{L\text{OLD}}$

$$\sqrt{n} = V_{\text{NEW}} \div V_{\text{OLD}}$$

- Gust load diagram:

- $B - C - D : 66 - 50 - 25$

- All lines originate from 0 speed & 1G gust load factor

- Gust stall questions:

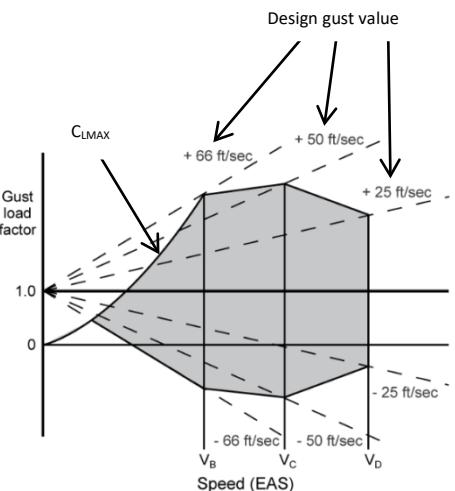
1. Check if gust will make the airplane stall:

- $V_{S1} = V_{S0} \times \sqrt{n}$

- If gust load factor < normal flight load factor it won't stall

2. Calculate new load factor

- New speed  $\div$  old speed =  $(\text{new } n - 1) \div (\text{old } n - 1)$



### Propellers:

- Propeller efficiency =

- Thrust power  $\div$  shaft power

- Power available(Thrust  $\times$  TAS)  $\div$  shaft power(Torque  $\times$  RPM)

- Power output  $\div$  power output

- Propeller blade twist: Varying of blade angle from root to tip of a propeller blade

- Propeller blade twisted root to tip: To maintain constant AOA along whole length of the blade

- Propeller reference section: 75%

- Helix angle: Blade pitch/angle – blade AOA

- Geometric pitch: Theoretical distance prop moves forward in one revolution at 0 AOA

- Effective pitch: Actual distance a propeller advances in one revolution

- Propeller slip = Geometric pitch – effective pitch

- Thrust: Component of aerodynamic force parallel to rotational axis

- Propeller torque: Forces caused by airflow on propeller

- RPM lever forward during takeoff:

- Finer pitch for maximum power

- More drag, L/D decrease & ROD increase

- Icing:

- Reduces propeller efficiency by 20%

- Increase blade drag & reduce blade lift

- Occurs at low RPM

- Occurs at thicker sections first (root)

- Wing icing more critical than prop icing

- Cruise/coarse fixed pitch propellers:

- Larger/coarser pitch compared to climb propeller

- Greater geometric pitch compared to climb propeller

- Less efficient during take-off & climb, more efficient in cruise

- Propeller runaway (overspeed): First action is to close throttle

- Blade AOA may become negative during high speed idle descent(Increasing TAS & decreasing RPM)

- Constant speed propellers:

- Operate at a higher propeller efficiency over a wider speed range than a fixed pitch propeller

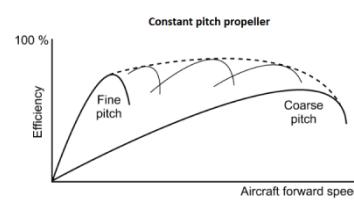
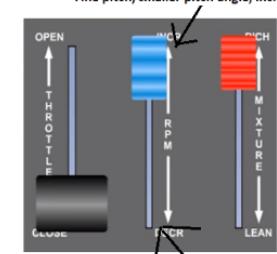
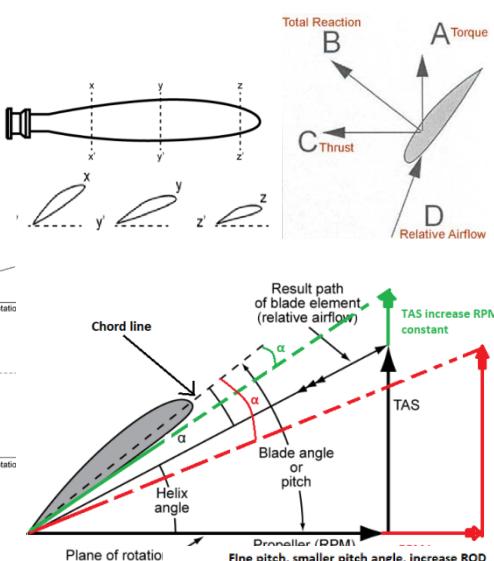
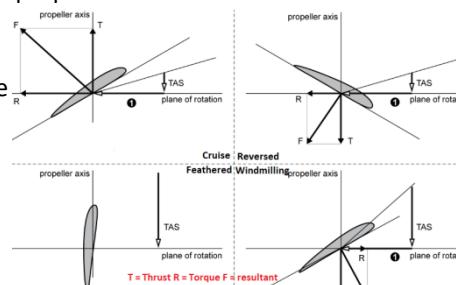
- Reduces fuel consumption

- Small blade angle/significant blade twist: Fine pitch

- Large blade angle/little blade twist: Coarse pitch

- Pitch angle alters slightly in medium horizontal turbulence

- Aerodynamic load: Bends tip forward



Centrifugal load: Bends tip backward

- Windmilling:

- Produce drag instead of thrust, greatest drag condition
- Drag higher than feathered propeller
- Drag higher than non-rotating propeller
- Pitch decrease, drag increase & ROD increase
- Pitch increase, drag decrease & ROD decrease

- Feathered:

- Minimum drag on propeller, less drag than windmilling
- Compared to windmilling, feathered improves handling of multi engine airplane with one engine inoperative
- Blade angle approximately 90°

- Limitation on number of blades:

- Loss of efficiency of one blade if it follows to the path of the preceding blade too close
- Due to decreased propeller efficiency

- Area ratio:

- Area of all propeller blades to the circular surface
- Solidity: ratio of total frontal area of all blades to frontal area of propeller disc

- Number of blades increase:

- Power absorption increase
- Efficiency decrease
- Noise reduces
- Solidity of the propeller increases

- Mean chord/camber increase:

- Power absorption increase
- Efficiency **decrease**

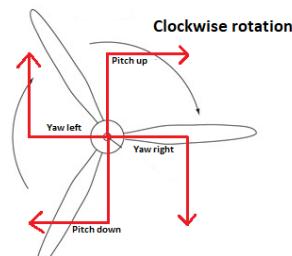
- Tip speed increase to supersonic:

- Noise increase
- Efficiency decrease

### Propeller effects:

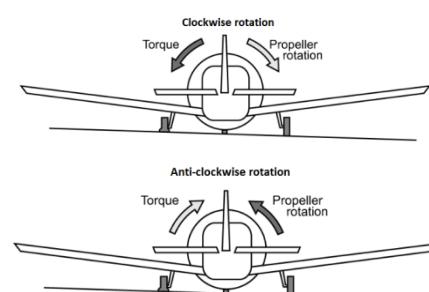
- Gyroscopic effect:

- Most noticeable during low speed flight & **high RPM**
- Increase with RPM increase
- Induced by pitching & yawing



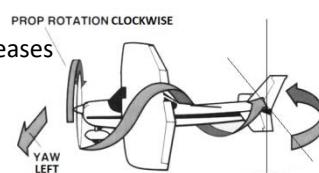
- Torque effect:

- Highest during low speed & max engine power
- Produces roll about longitudinal axis



- Assymetric blade effect(P-factor):

- Inclination of propeller axis to the relative airflow
- Cause left yaw on clockwise rotating propellers
- Increases when angle between propeller axis & airflow increases
- Increases when engine power increases



- Slipstream effect:

- Counteracted by placing fin as far as possible from propeller
- Produces yaw about vertical axis

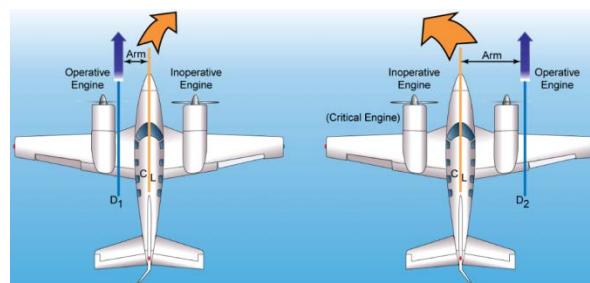
- Counter rotating propellers: 2 engines, one spinning clockwise & one anti-clockwise cancels out torque & gyroscopic effects

- Contra rotating propellers: 2 blades on one engine, one spinning clockwise & one anticlockwise cancels out torque & gyroscopic effects

- Airplanes fitted with propellers have **more roll tendency** after engine failure compared to jet engines

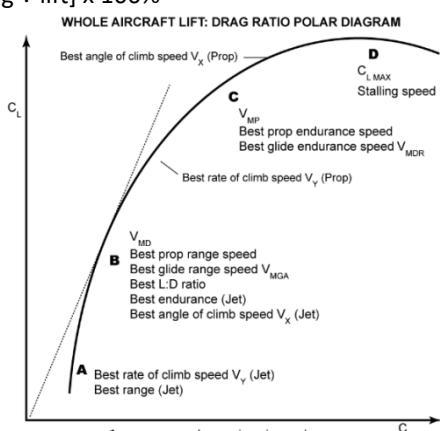
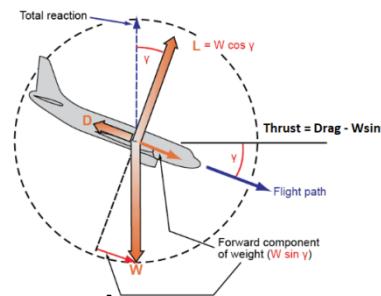
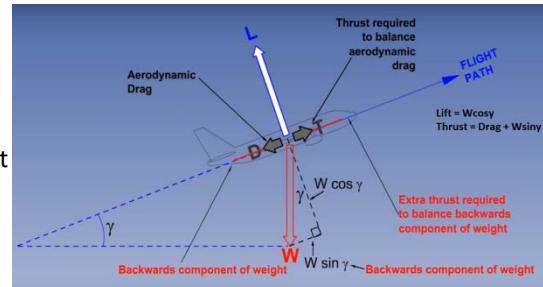
- Tail wheel aircraft have a gyroscopic effect induced when taking off (Due to pitching up) when tailwheel is airborne

- Left engine is the critical engine as left engine failure creates **more yaw moments**

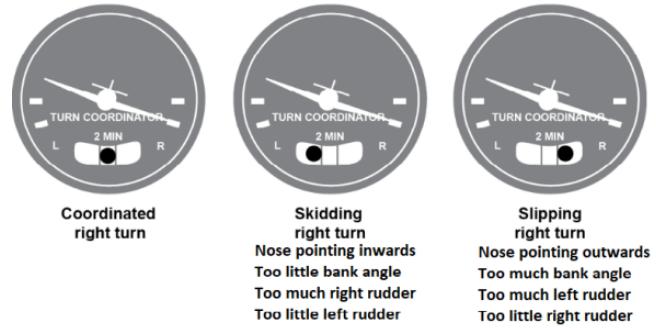


## Forces acting on an aeroplane:

- General:
  - Forces of lift & drag are normal( $90^\circ$ ) & parallel to the **relative airflow**
  - Weight is parallel to gravitational force  $g$
  - All four forces act through CG
  - Steady = not accelerated, sum of forces = 0
  - $\gamma$  = flight path angle, angle between **speed vector** & **horizontal plane**
  - $\phi$  = bank angle
  - $1\text{kt} = 0.5144\text{m/s}^2$
- Straight & level flight:
  - Drag = Thrust & lift = weight
  - Opposing forces are equal
- Straight steady climb:
  - Lift =  $W \cos \gamma$
  - Thrust = Drag +  $W \sin(\text{Weight})$
  - Up forces = down forces
  - Thrust greater than drag because it must also balance a component of weight
  - Lift less than weight because weight is compensated by the thrust
  - Altitude increase
    - Power available decreases, causing gamma to decrease
    - AOA increases as density decreases
    - IAS decreases as power decreases & also due to drag as AOA increases
- Straight steady descent:
  - Lift =  $W \cos \gamma$
  - Thrust = Drag -  $W \sin(\text{Weight})$
  - Thrust less than drag
  - Lift less than weight because it only needs to balance weight component perpendicular to flight path
  - Sum of forward forces equal to sum of all rearward forces
- Gliding:
  - Max gliding distance: Induced drag = parasite drag, determined by L/D ratio
  - Max gliding distance achieved when using gliding speed that gives the lowest drag
  - Max gliding duration: Decreased mass increases **duration**, does **not** affect **distance**
  - Max glide range: Depends on **wind & L/D ratio** which varies with AOA
    - Headwind: Glide range reduced
    - Tailwind: Glide range increased
  - Glide ratio = L/D ratio = Distance over ground ÷ height loss [Feet to NM: ÷ 6080]
  - Airspeed for minimum glide angle ( $V_{MD}$ ) [Min drag] is greater than minimum sink rate ( $V_{MP}$ ) [Min power]
  - Descent angle: Fixed value for a certain combination of configuration & AOA
- Min glide angle: Achieved at  $(C_L/C_D)_{MAX}$  Climb gradient:
  - [Thrust per engine (N) x number of engines] ÷ [Mass(kg) x gravitational force(g)] - [Drag ÷ lift] x 100%
  - Climb gradient =  $\tan(\text{Climb angle})$
- Rate one turn:
  - $3^\circ/\text{s}$
  - $(g \times \tan \phi) \div V$  (Inversely proportional to speed)
  - Flying at ROT,
    - Airspeed decrease = Bank angle & radius decrease
    - Airspeed increase = Bank angle & radius increase
- Coordinated turns:
  - Radius =  $[\text{TAS(m/s)}]^2 \div [9.81\text{m/s}^2 \text{(gravitational force, } g\text{)} \times \tan \phi \text{ (Bank angle)}]$
  - Time to fly a circle: Circumference( $2\pi r$ ) ÷ TAS(m/s)
  - To deduce lift from coordinated turns:
    - Load factor =  $L \div W$ , also load factor in a turn =  $1 \div \cos \phi$
    - $L/W = 1/\cos \phi$  (bank angle)
    - $L = \text{Weight}(N) \div \cos \phi$
  - 2 aircraft at different speeds, same mass & bank angle
    - Turn radius greater with faster aircraft [ $\text{Radius} = \text{TAS}^2 \div (g \times \tan \phi)$ ]
    - ROT greater with slower aircraft [ $\text{ROT} = 1/\text{TAS}$ ]
    - Lift coefficient greater with slower aircraft [According to lift formula ( $L = \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 C_L$ ) To remain with same lift, if  $V$  is lower  $C_L$  must be higher]
  - To maintain altitude & airspeed: AOA & thrust must be increased
  - To maintain altitude & thrust: Speed will decrease
  - Mass does not affect turn radius with constant bank & TAS, but determines whether it will stall or not at said speed  
**BUT minimum possible radius** of turn is smaller with smaller airplanes



- For a specific angle of bank & airspeed, ROT & radius does not vary
- It is when the longitudinal axis of the aeroplane at the CG is tangential to the flight path
- AOA has to be increased to compensate for the reduction of the vertical component of lift
- The **horizontal component of lift** makes the aircraft **turn**
- Lift force provides centripetal force & a force that opposes the weight of the aircraft
- Thrust = drag because there is equilibrium of forces along the direction of flight
- Centripetal force = weight at  $45^\circ$  bank
  - $<45^\circ$ : Centripetal force < weight
  - $>45^\circ$ : Centripetal force > weight
- Load factor:
  - General:
    - Load factor =  $L \div W$
    - Steady level flight load factor = 1
  - In a turn:
    - Load factor =  $1 \div \cos \phi$
    - Does not change with a constant bank angle
  - During climb & descent
    - Load factor  $< 1$
    - Load factor =  $L \div W = W \cos \theta = (\text{Lift}) \div W = \cos \theta (\text{climb angle})$



### Assymetric thrust:

- General:
  - Directional controllability with one engine inoperative adversely affected by:  
(Due to increased thrust from other engine = more adverse yaw moments to counteract)
    - Low temperature
    - Aft CG location
    - Low altitude
  - Directional controllability with one engine inoperative favourably affected by:  
(Due to decreased thrust from other engine = less adverse yaw moments to counteract)
    - High temperature
    - Fwd CG location
    - High altitude
- $V_{MC}$ :
  - Minimum control speed with critical engine inoperative
  - Decrease with increasing altitude & temperature
- $V_{MCA}$ :
  - Minimum control speed in the take-off configuration
  - Equilibrium about normal axis provided by rudder
  - Equilibrium along lateral axis requires banking/sideslipping
  - Determined by using **max thrust** &  $5^\circ$  bank angle
  - Not more than  $5^\circ$ : Although more bank reduces  $V_{MCA}$ , too much bank may lead to fin stall
  - Bank angle reduces,  $V_{MCA}$  increases
  - $V_{MCA}$  does **not** reduce at **any(keyword)** bank angle above  $5^\circ$
  - Depends on airport density altitude & location of engine on the aeroplane (Aft, fuselage or wing)
  - Directional control ensured when:
    - Maximum take-off thrust was set & maintained on the remaining engines
    - Sudden engine failure occurs on most critical engine
    - **Not** with flaps, gear or in/out of ground effect
- $V_{MCG}$ :
  - Minimum control speed on the ground
  - Speed at which directional control can be maintained at engine failure on take-off using primary flying controls
  - Determined without nose wheel steering (Incase of **slippery runways** or nosewheel ineffectiveness)
  - Determined with CG fully aft. When CG is aft, there is shorter arm from CG to tailplane causing less manouvrability
  - Determined using directional control/rudder **only** (No lateral)
  - Determined by **airport elevation & temperature**
  - Lateral deviation should not be more than 30ft
  - Decreases with increasing field elevation & temperature. Because engine thrust decreases
  - Crosswind **not** taken into account
- $V_{MCL}$ :
  - Minimum control speed in the landing/approach configuration
  - Limited by the available maximum roll rate, limited by maximum **aileron** deflection
  - It is trimmed for **approach with all engines operating**
  - **NOT** for take-off

- Critical engine:
  - Engine failure with left crosswind, left outboard engine failure causes greatest problem
  - Engine failure with right crosswind, right outboard engine failure causes greatest problem
  - Engine failure: Bank & input rudder towards live engine, banking raises dead engine wing higher increasing its lift, & rudder to counteract yawing moment caused by live engine

Polar diagram:

