

# Flight Theory

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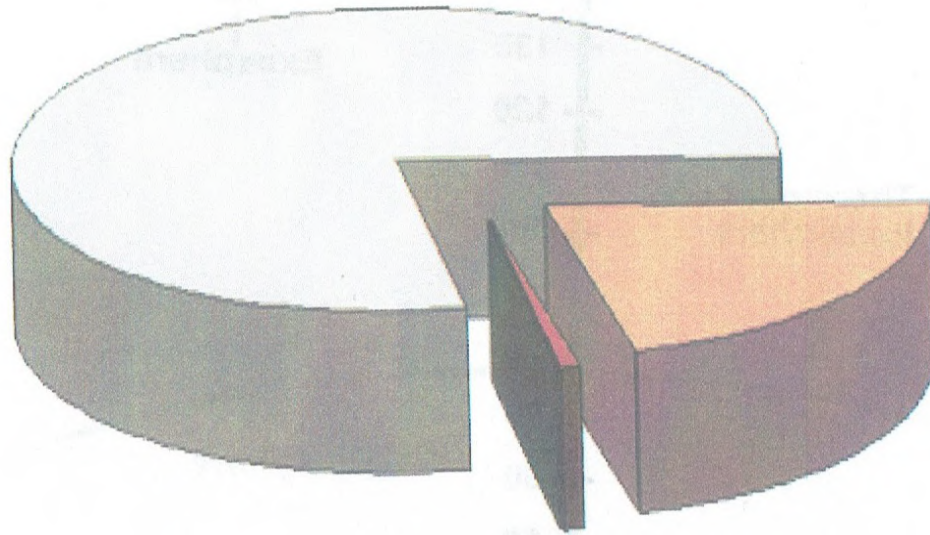
## **Part I: Aerodynamics concept**

# Chapter (1)

## The

# Atmosphere

# Composition of Air



□ Nitrogen ■ Oxygen ■ Argon ■ Carbon Dioxide

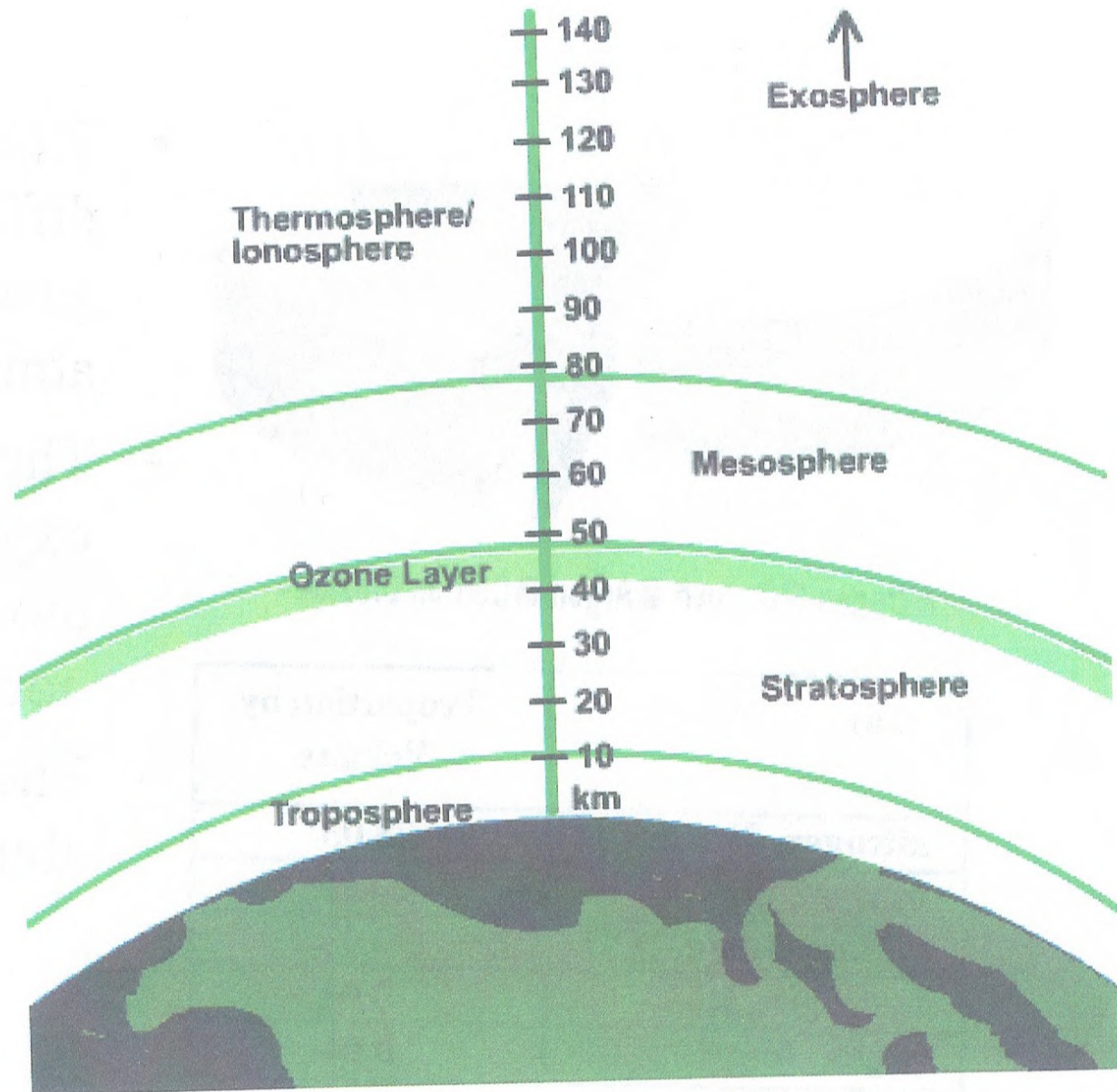
| Gas                | Proportion by Volume |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| nitrogen, N        | 78.03                |
| oxygen, O          | 20.99                |
| carbon dioxide, CO | 0.03                 |
| hydrogen, H        | 0.01                 |
| argon, Ar          | 0.94                 |

- There are many different types of gasses in the atmosphere
- They include nitrogen, oxygen, argon, carbon dioxide and other noble gasses
- The gas that is most abundant is nitrogen



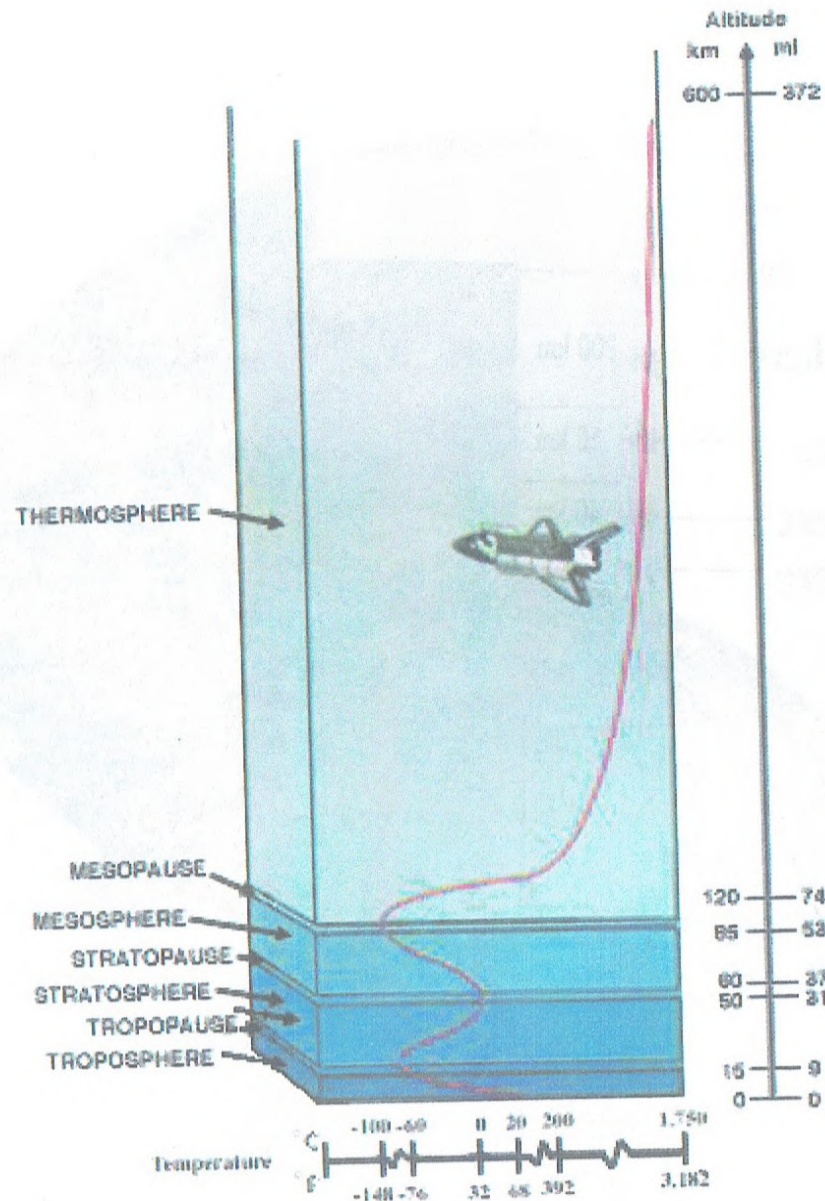
# Atmosphere

- There are 4 layers in the atmosphere
- They are the troposphere, mesosphere, thermosphere, and stratosphere





# Troposphere

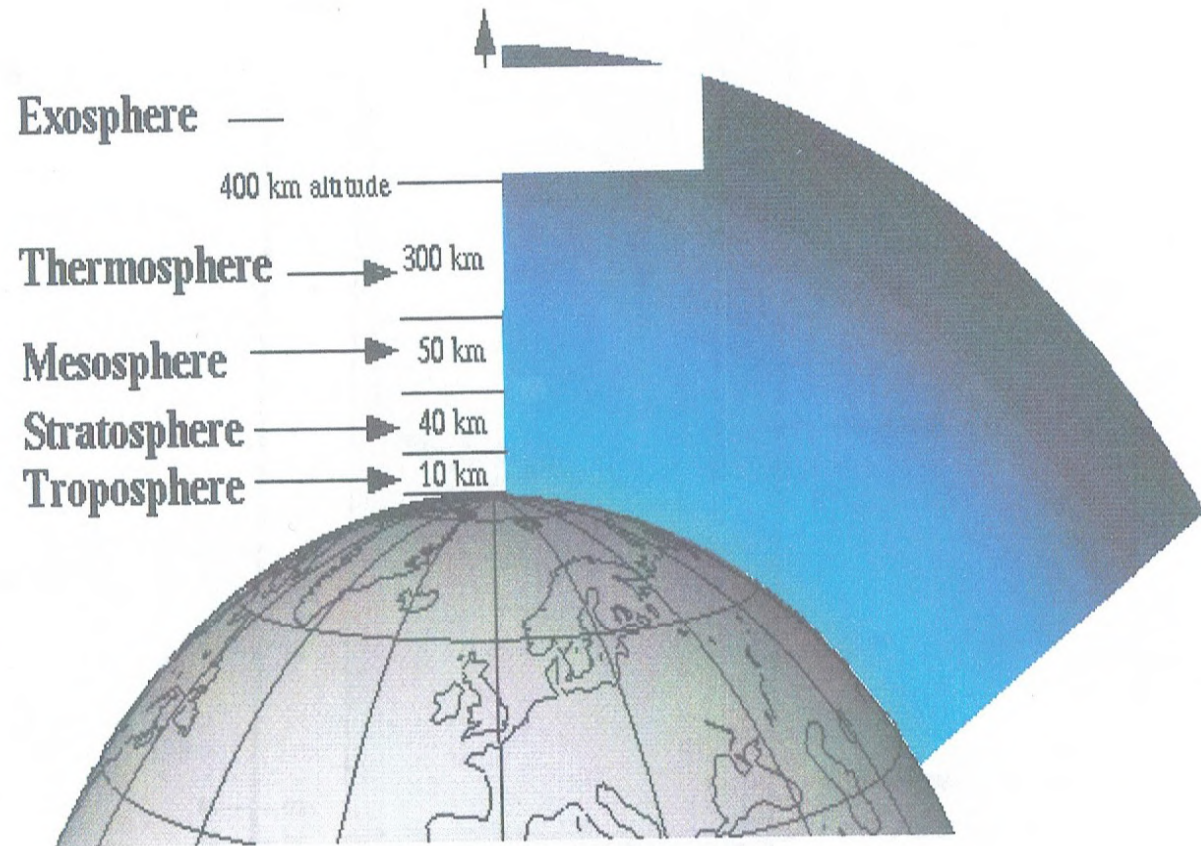


- This is the layer that is closest to the surface of the earth
- It's elevation ranges from 0 to 10 km



# Stratosphere

- This layer sits on top of the troposphere
- It's elevation ranges from 10 km to around 25 km
- This layer contains the ozone layer, which protects us from harmful sunlight







# Earth Atmosphere Model

## Metric Units

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For  $h > 25000$  (Upper Stratosphere)

$$T = -131.21 + .00299 h$$

$$p = 2.488 * \left[ \frac{T + 273.1}{216.6} \right]^{-11.388}$$

For  $11000 < h < 25000$  (Lower Stratosphere)

$$T = -56.46$$

$$p = 22.65 * e^{(1.73 - .000157 h)}$$



For  $h < 11000$  (Troposphere)

$$T = 15.04 - .00649 h$$

$$p = 101.29 * \left[ \frac{T + 273.1}{288.08} \right]^{5.256}$$

$\rho$  = density (kg/cu m)

$p$  = pressure (K-Pa)

$$\rho = p / (.2869 * (T + 273.1))$$

$T$  = temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C)

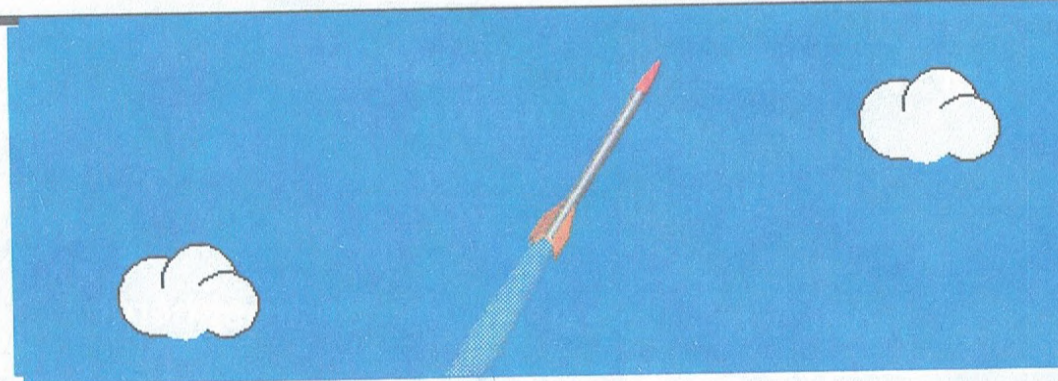
$h$  = altitude (m)





# Air Properties Definitions

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Air is a Gas. 78% Nitrogen, 21% Oxygen, traces H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, Ar, ..

| Property                | Dimensions      | Value (SLS <sup>*</sup> )                |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
|                         |                 | Metric                                   | Imperial                                   |
| Mass, Volume            |                 |  |  |
| Density ( $\rho$ )      | mass/volume     | 1.229 kg/m <sup>3</sup>                  | .00237 slug/ft <sup>3</sup>                |
| Specific Volume ( $v$ ) | volume/mass     | .814 m <sup>3</sup> /kg                  | 422 ft <sup>3</sup> /slug                  |
| Pressure ( $p$ )        | force/area      | 101.3 kN/m <sup>2</sup>                  | 14.7 lb/in <sup>2</sup>                    |
| Temperature ( $T$ )     | degrees         | 15 °C                                    | 59 °F                                      |
| Viscosity ( $\mu$ )     | force-time/area | $1.73 \times 10^{-5}$ N-s/m <sup>2</sup> | $3.62 \times 10^{-7}$ lb-s/ft <sup>2</sup> |

\* Sea Level Static (Standard Day)



# Chapter 2: Introduction to theory of flight



## Similarity Parameters

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|                | Viscosity   | Compressibility                                      |
|----------------|---|--|
| Characteristic | "Stickiness"  | "Springiness"  |
| Parameter      | Reynolds (Re)   | Mach (M)   |
| Definition     | $\frac{\text{density} \times \text{velocity} \times \text{length}}{\text{viscosity coefficient}}$ | $\frac{\text{flow velocity}}{\text{speed of sound}}$ |
| Equation       | $\frac{\rho \times V \times L}{\mu}$  | $\frac{V}{a}$  |

**Aerodynamic Forces depend on Re and M**

For a valid experiment, Reynolds Number and Mach Number must match flight conditions.





# Mach Number

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$$\text{ratio} = \frac{\text{Object Speed}}{\text{Speed of Sound}} = \text{Mach Number}$$



**Subsonic**  
Mach < 1.0

**Transonic**  
Mach = 1.0



**Supersonic**  
Mach > 1.0



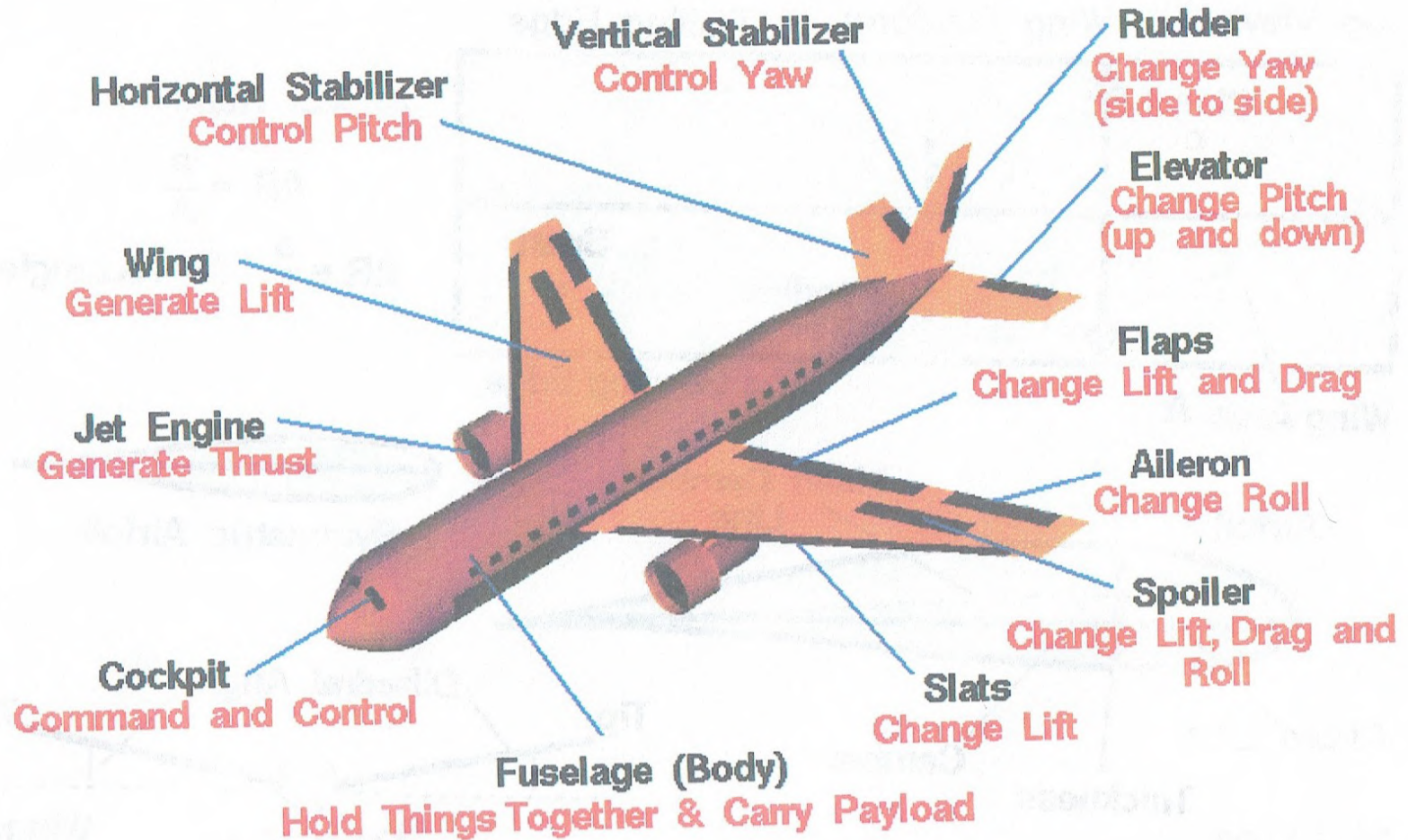
**Hypersonic**  
Mach > 5.0





# Airplane Parts Definitions and Function

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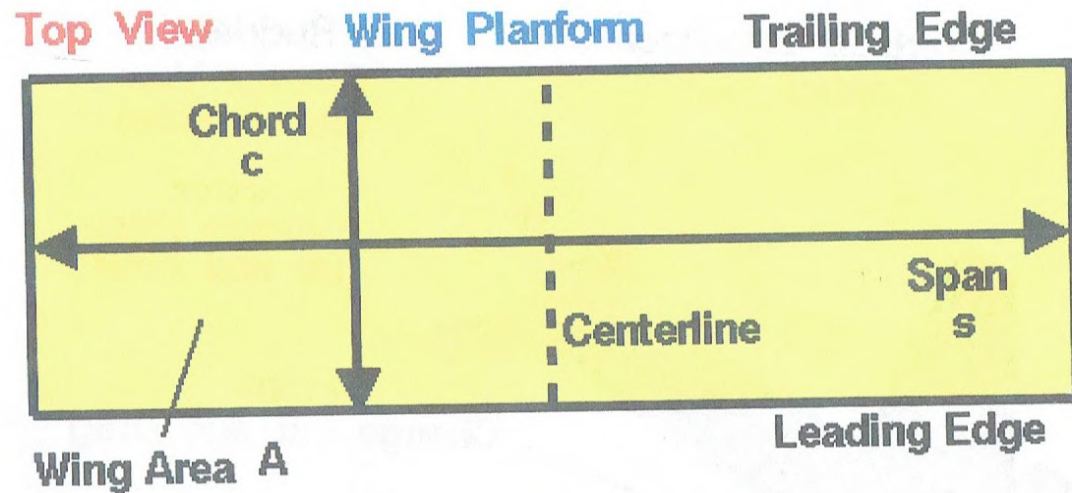






# Wing Geometry Definitions

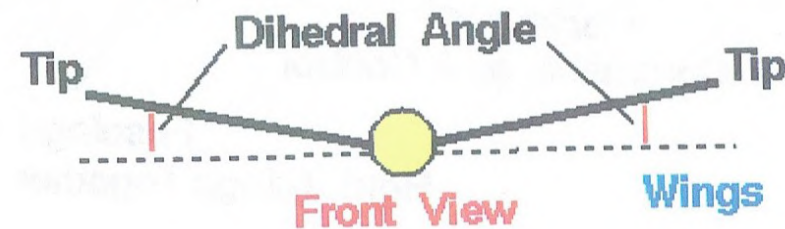
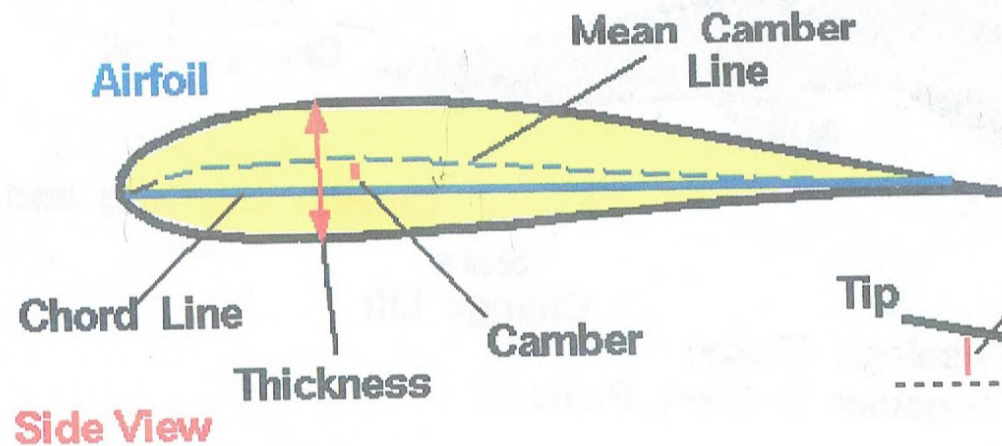
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**Aspect Ratio = AR**

$$AR = \frac{s^2}{A}$$

$$AR = \frac{s}{c} \text{ for rectangle}$$



# Chapter (3) Energy, Lift and Drag

- Definition: Energy is the ability to do work.

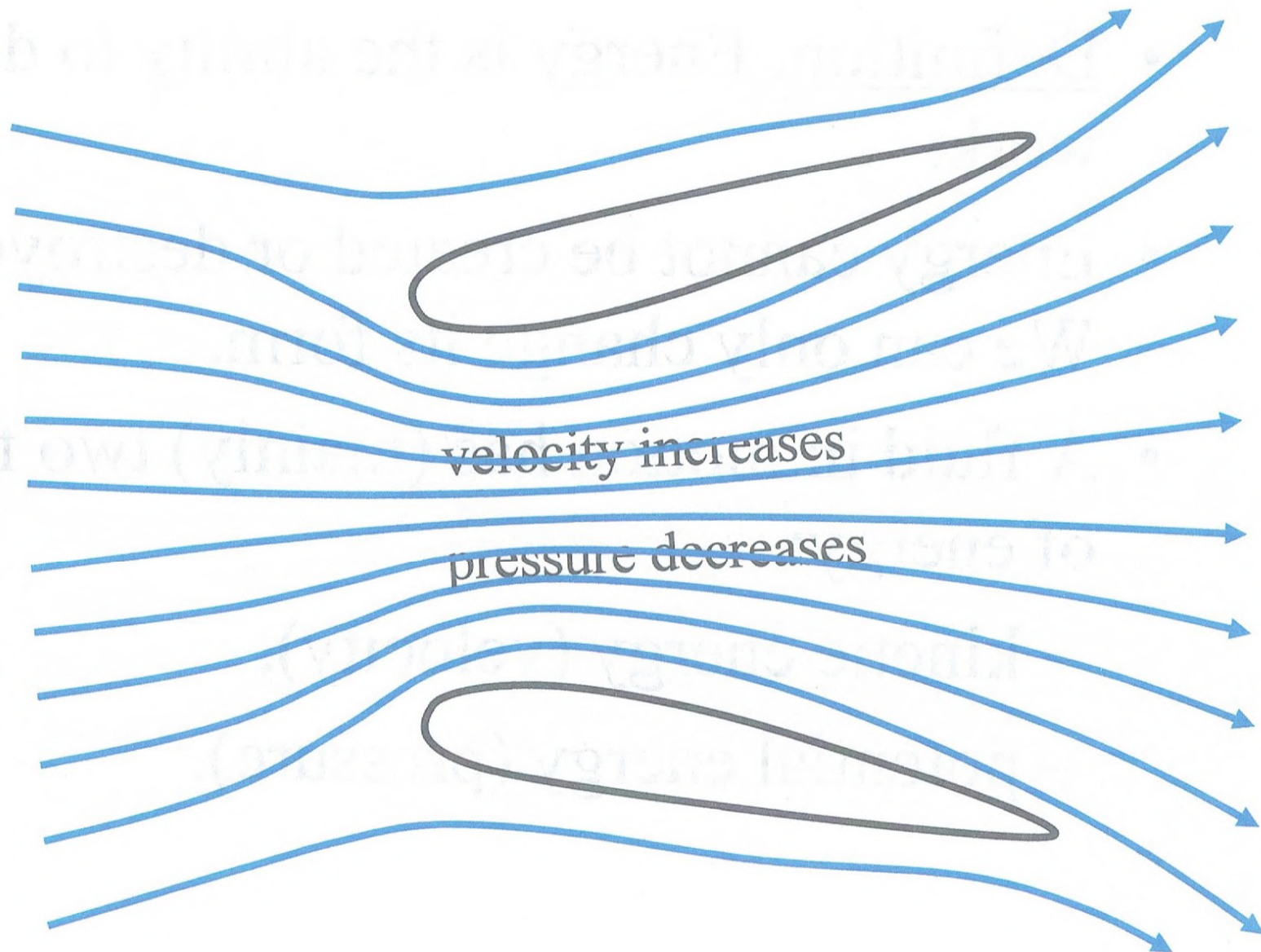
• ~~Work~~ cannot be created or destroyed  
~~Energy cannot be created or destroyed~~

We can only change its form.

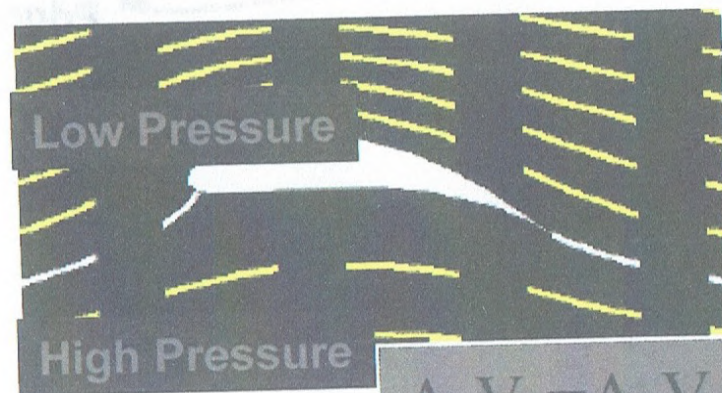
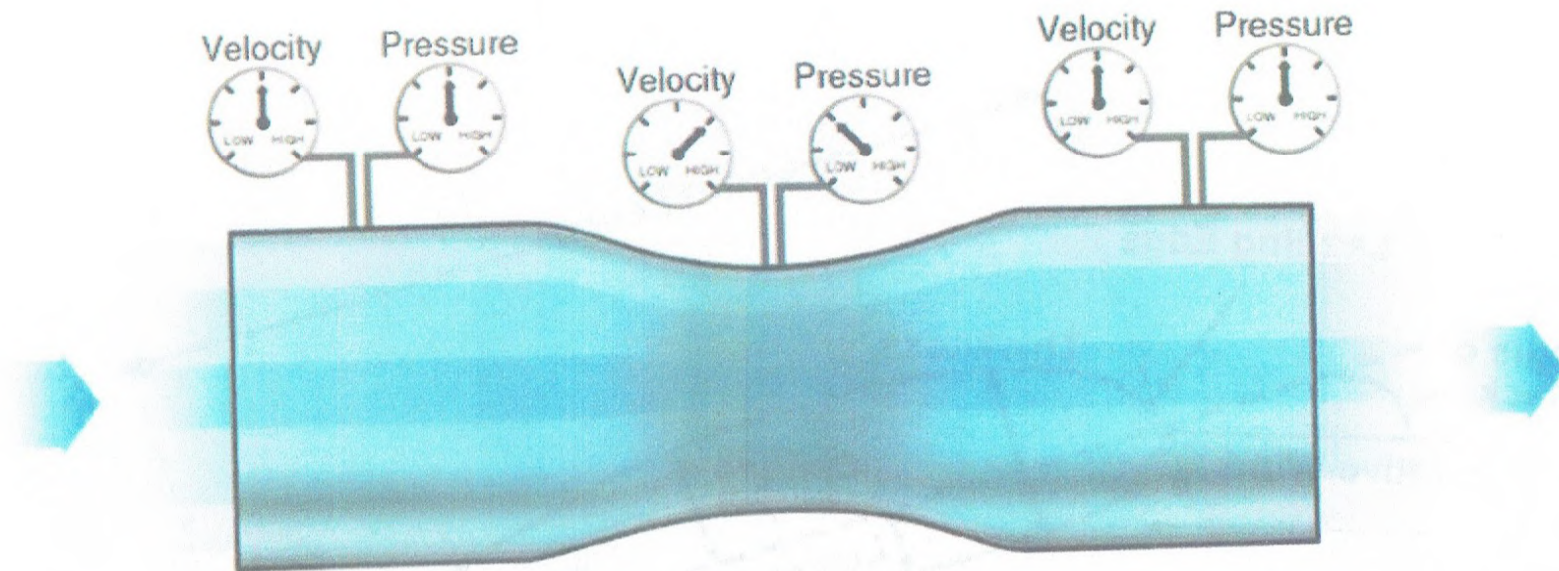
- A fluid in motion has (mainly) two forms of energy:
  - kinetic energy (velocity),
  - potential energy (pressure).



# The Venturi Tube and Bernoulli's Principle



# Bernoulli's Principle - Lift



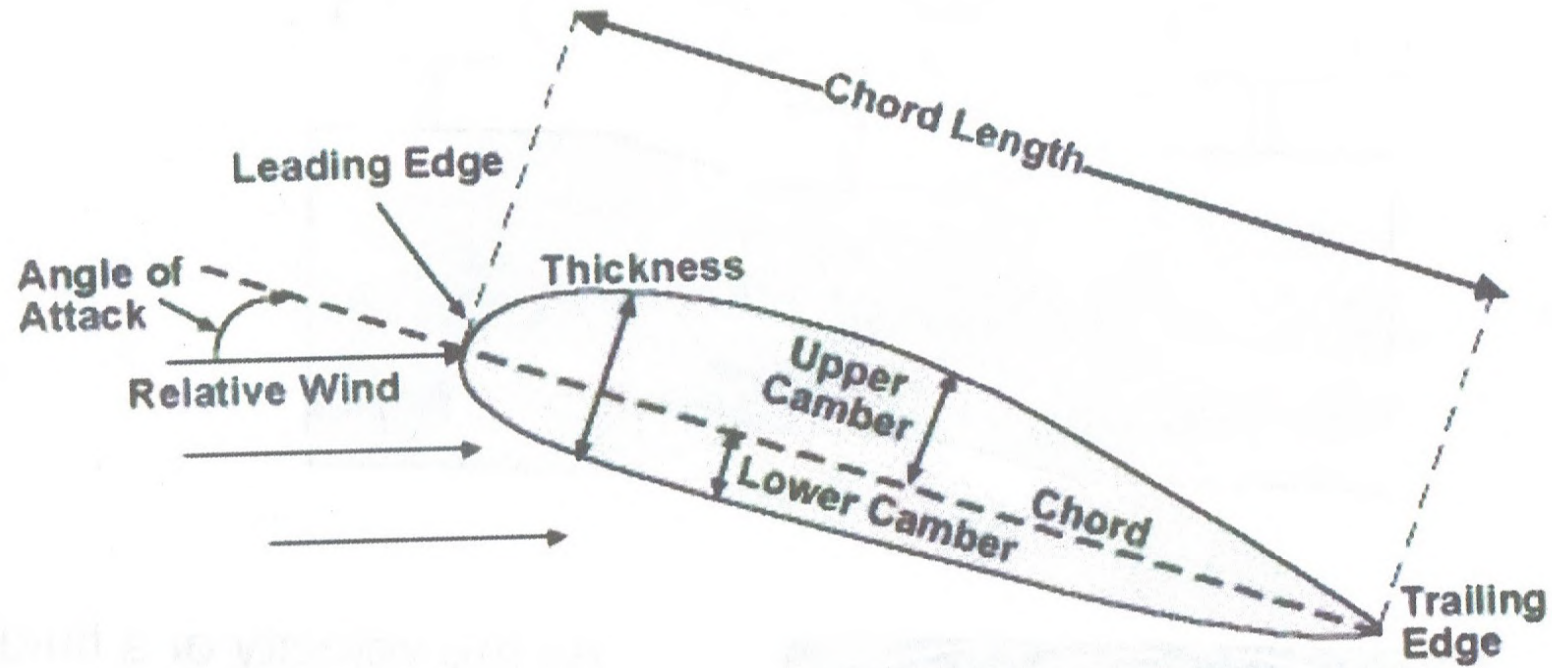
$$A_1 V_1 = A_2 V_2$$

\* "As the velocity of a fluid increases, its internal pressure decreases."

- \* From Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> ( $F=ma$ )
- \* Shown by Venturi tube

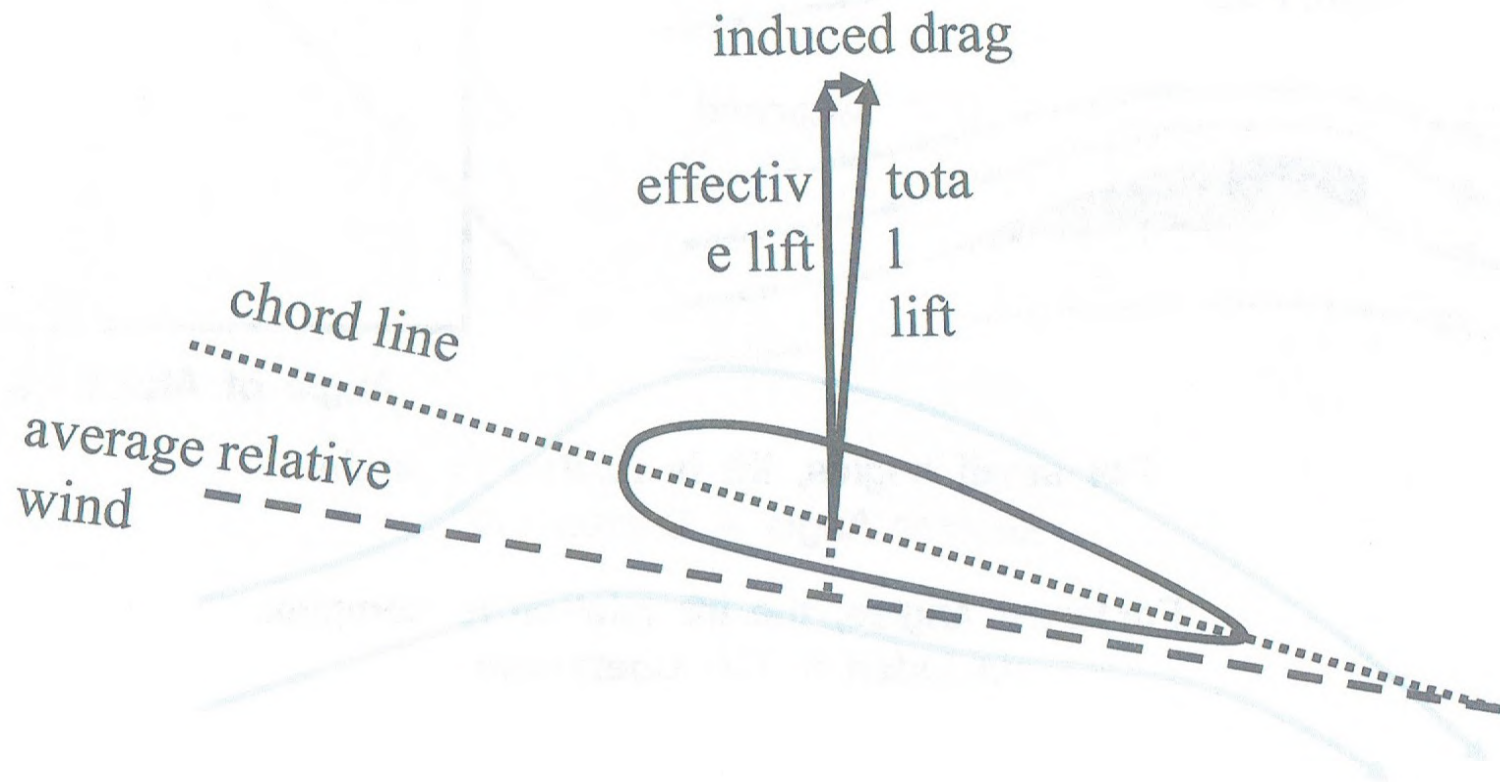


# Airfoil Nomenclature



# Lift and Induced Drag

- Lift acts through the center of pressure, and perpendicular to the relative wind.
- This creates induced drag.

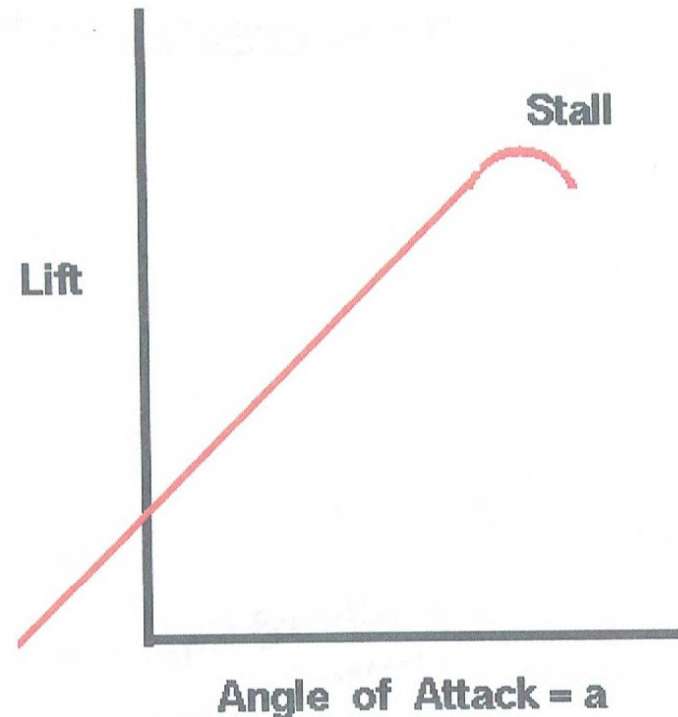
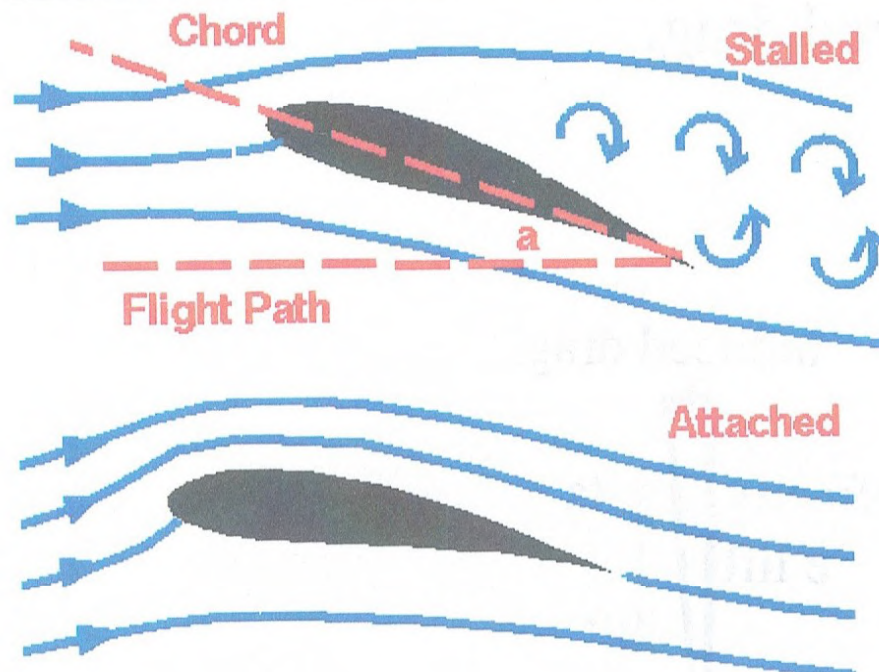






# Inclination Effects on Lift

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For small angles, lift is related to angle.

**Greater Angle = Greater Lift**

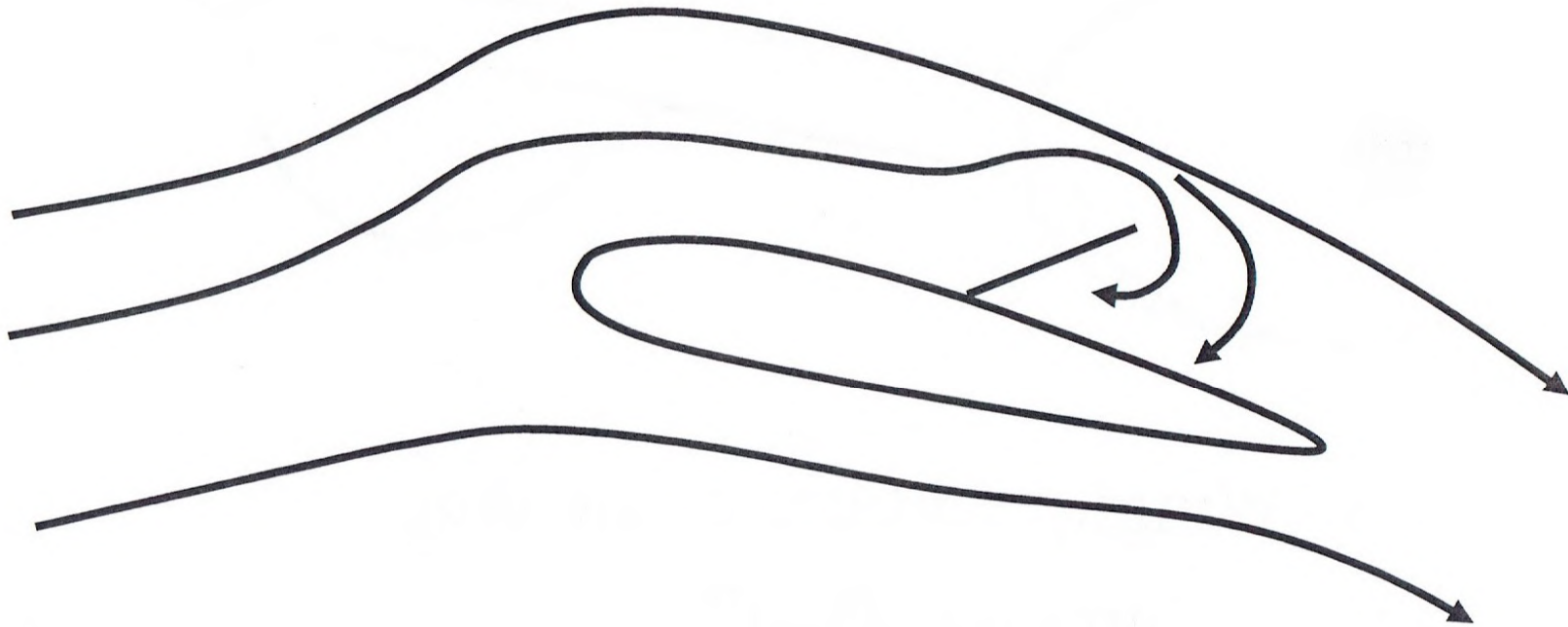
For larger angles, the lift relation is complex.

**Included in Lift Coefficient**

# Too Much Lift? Spoilers

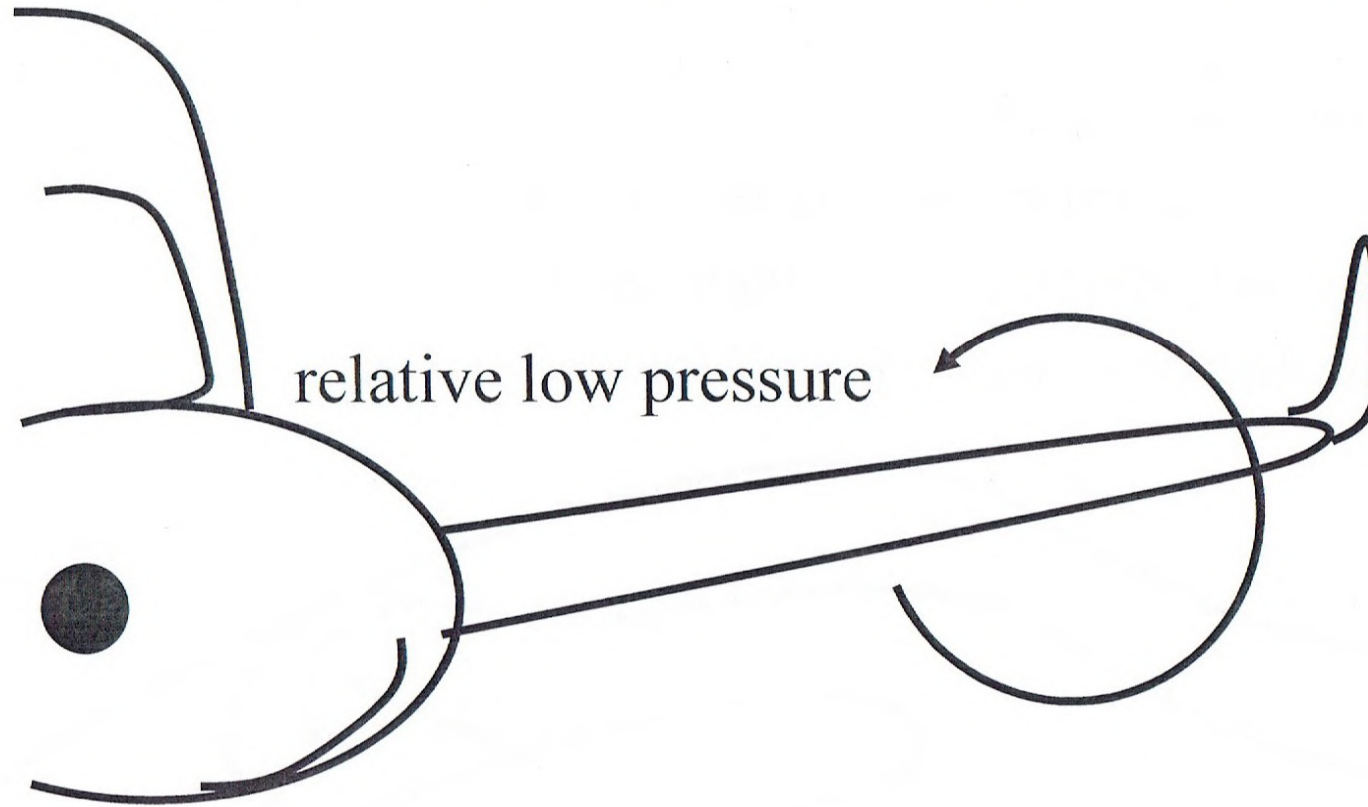
Spoilers destroy lift:

- to slow down in flight (flight spoilers);
- for roll control in flight (flight spoilers);
- to slow down on the ground (ground spoilers).





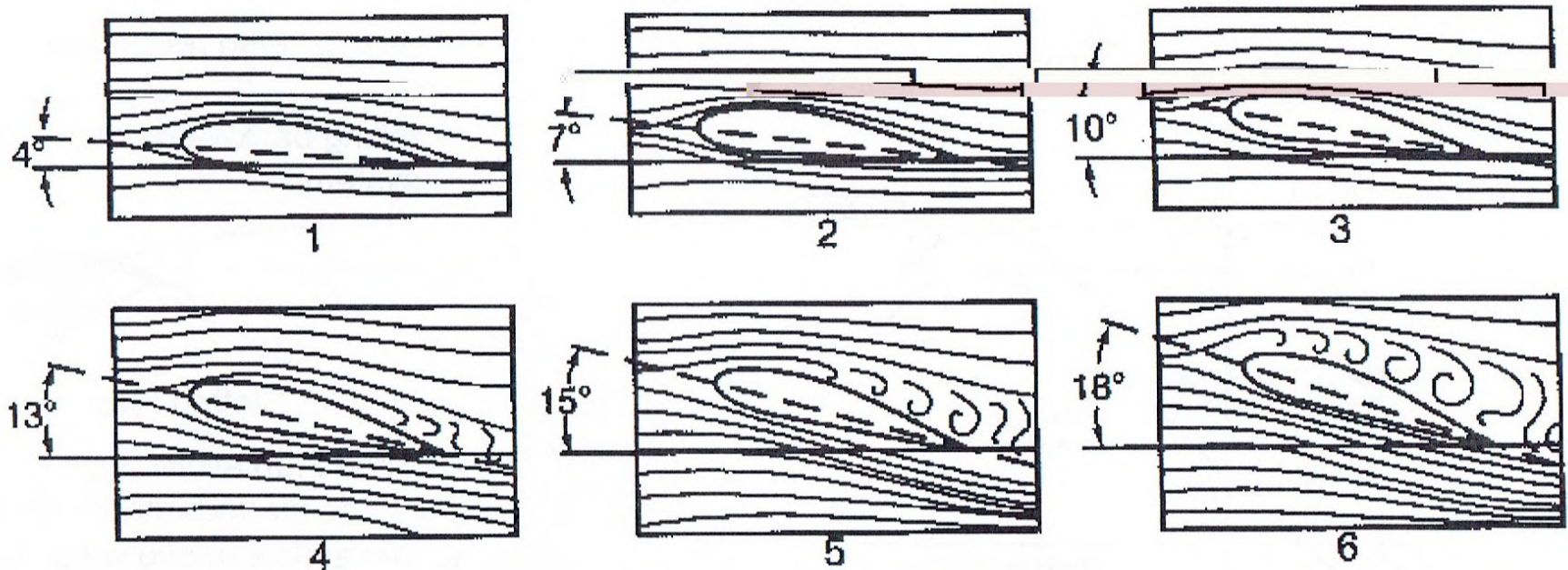
# Wingtip Vortices and Wake Turbulence



- Wingtip vortices create drag:
  - “ground effect”;
  - tip tanks, drooped wings, “winglets”.

# Stalls

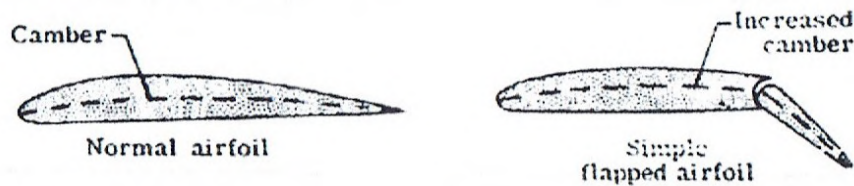
Effect of increasing the airfoil (wing) angles of attack are shown in the Figures attached bellow, for some angle-of-attack, Figs. 4 & 5 called the *stall angle-of-attack*, the lift reaches a maximum value



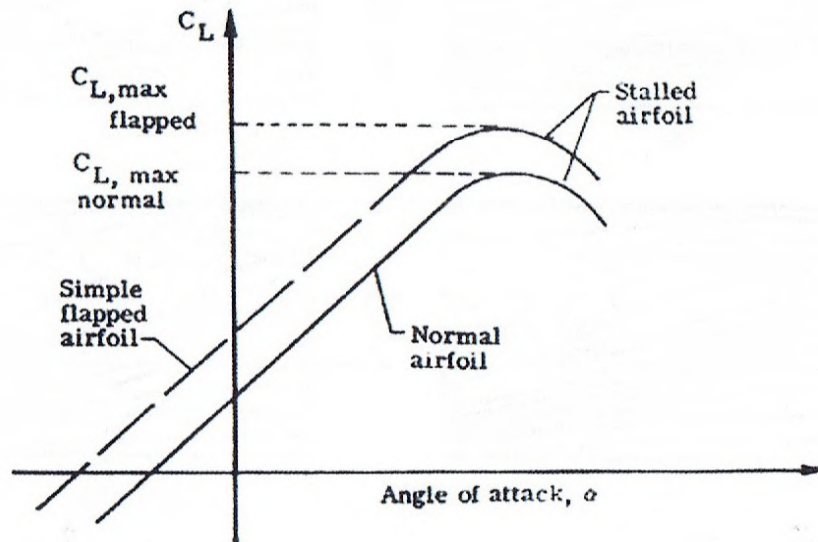


# Flaps

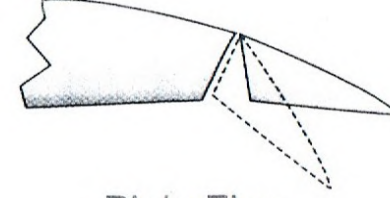
- Flaps increase lift and decrease stall speed
- Flaps allow steep rate of descent for approaches without **increasing airspeed**



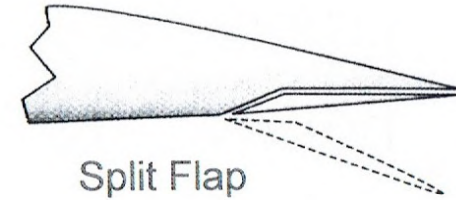
(a) Flap.



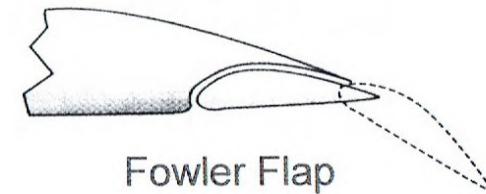
(b) Flap aerodynamic effects.



Plain Flap

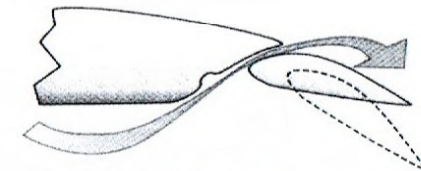


Split Flap



Fowler Flap

-Fowler Flap effectively increases the wing area by rolling backwards on a roller system.



Slotted Flap

-Slotted Flap allows high pressure air underneath wing to join airflow above wing. This effectively increases velocity of top airflow and thus increases lift.

# Drag and Lift

- **Drag**
- Types of drag:
- **Induced drag**
- A function of the lift
- Increases with increased angle of attack
- **Parasite drag**
- Form drag. Drag because of the shape of the object, i.e. the more aerodynamically the form, the less the form drag.
- Interference drag. Surfaces on the airplane that meet at sharp angles form a vortex that increases drag.
- Skin friction. Drag resulting from the friction between the air and the surface of the object. The smoother the surface, the less skin friction.
- The induced drag and the parasite drag of the wing amounts for about half of the aircraft's total drag.
- **Lift**

## **Factors that influence the lift**

Angle of attack. The higher the angle of attack, the more lift.

Speed. Lift varies with the square of the speed, i.e. double speed equals four times the lift.

Air density. Lift increases with increased density.

Wing shape. A wing with higher chord creates more lift.

Wing area. Lift increases linearly with the area.

Aspect ratio. The longer and narrower the wings, the more lift.

## **Flaps**

increases lift by increasing the camber of the wing

also increases drag

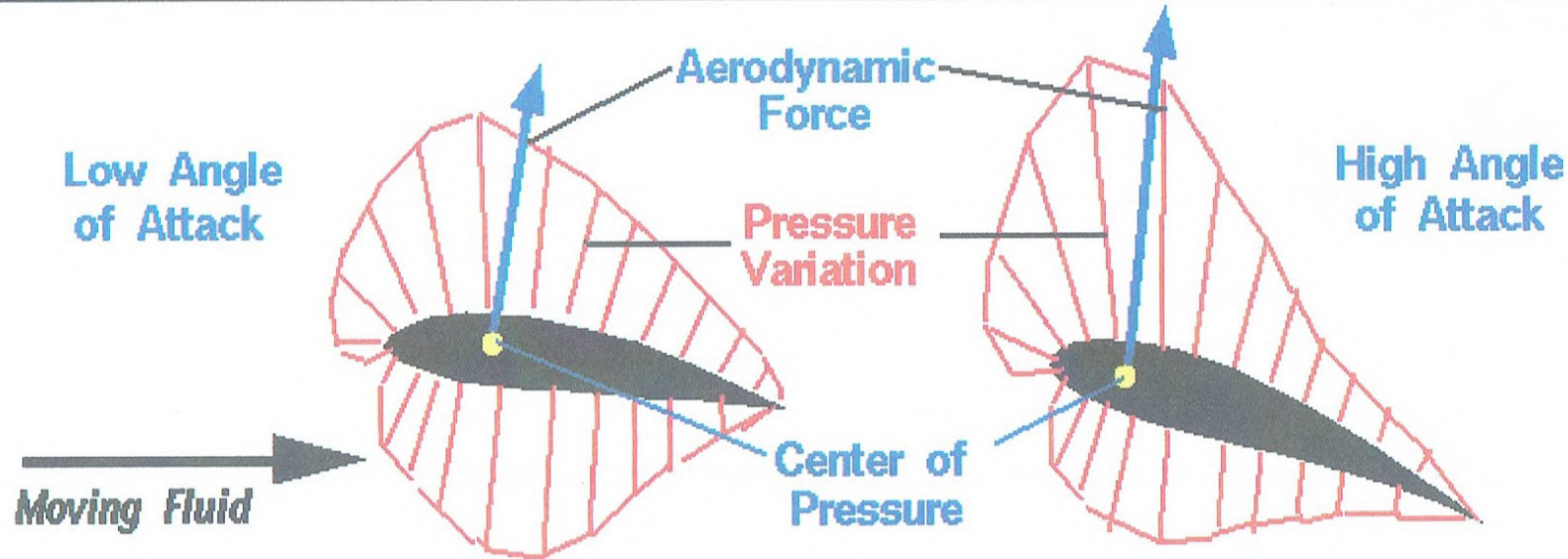
moves the center of pressure





# Center of Pressure – cp

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Center of Pressure is the average location of the pressure.

Pressure varies around the surface of an object.  $P = P(x)$

$$c_p = \frac{\int x p(x) dx}{\int p(x) dx}$$

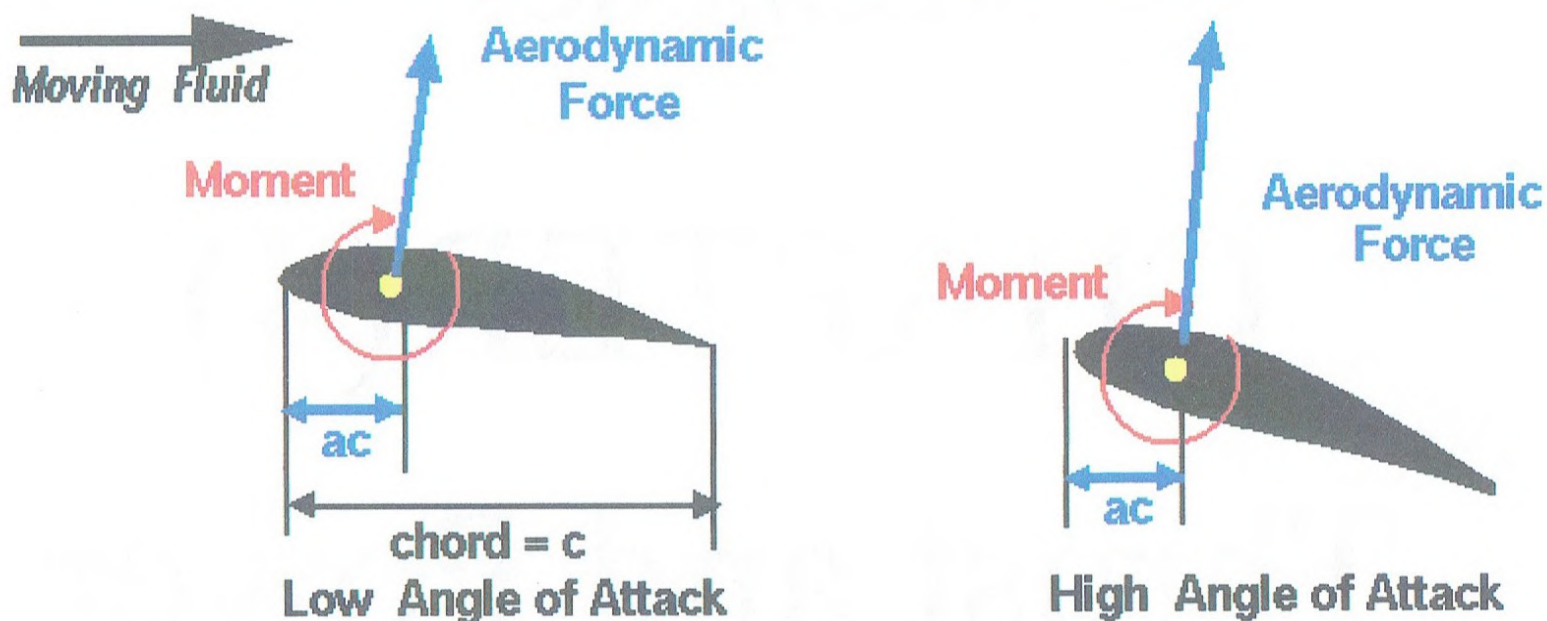
Aerodynamic force acts through the center of pressure.

Center of pressure moves with angle of attack.



# Aerodynamic Center - $ac$

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## Aerodynamic Center

For low speed, thin airfoils (flat plate):

$$ac = \frac{c}{4}$$

Moment about the aerodynamic center is constant with angle.

Aerodynamic center does not move with angle.



# **Theory of Flight – Part II, FLIGHT MECHANICS**

## **CHAPTER(4)**

# **Thrust and Power Requirements**

# EXAMPLE: BEECHCRAFT QUEEN AIR

- The results we have developed so far for lift and drag for a finite wing may also be applied to a complete airplane. In such relations:
  - $C_D$  is drag coefficient for complete airplane
  - $C_{D,0}$  is parasitic drag coefficient, which contains not only profile drag of wing ( $c_d$ ) but also friction and pressure drag of tail surfaces, fuselage, engine nacelles, landing gear and any other components of airplane exposed to air flow
  - $C_L$  is total lift coefficient, including small contributions from horizontal tail and fuselage
  - Span efficiency for finite wing replaced with Oswald efficiency factor for entire airplane
- Example: To see how this works, assume the aerodynamicists have provided all the information needed about the complete airplane shown below



## Beechcraft Queen Air Aircraft Data

$$W = 38,220 \text{ N}$$

$$S = 27.3 \text{ m}^2$$

$$AR = 7.5$$

$$e \text{ (complete airplane)} = 0.9$$

$$C_{D,0} \text{ (complete airplane)} = 0.03$$

What thrust and power levels are required of engines to cruise at 220 MPH at sea-level?

How would these results change at 15,000 ft



# OVERALL AIRPLANE DRAG

- No longer concerned with aerodynamic details
- Drag for complete airplane, not just wing

$$C_D = C_d + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e AR} \quad \longrightarrow \quad C_D = C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e AR}$$

Wing or airfoil

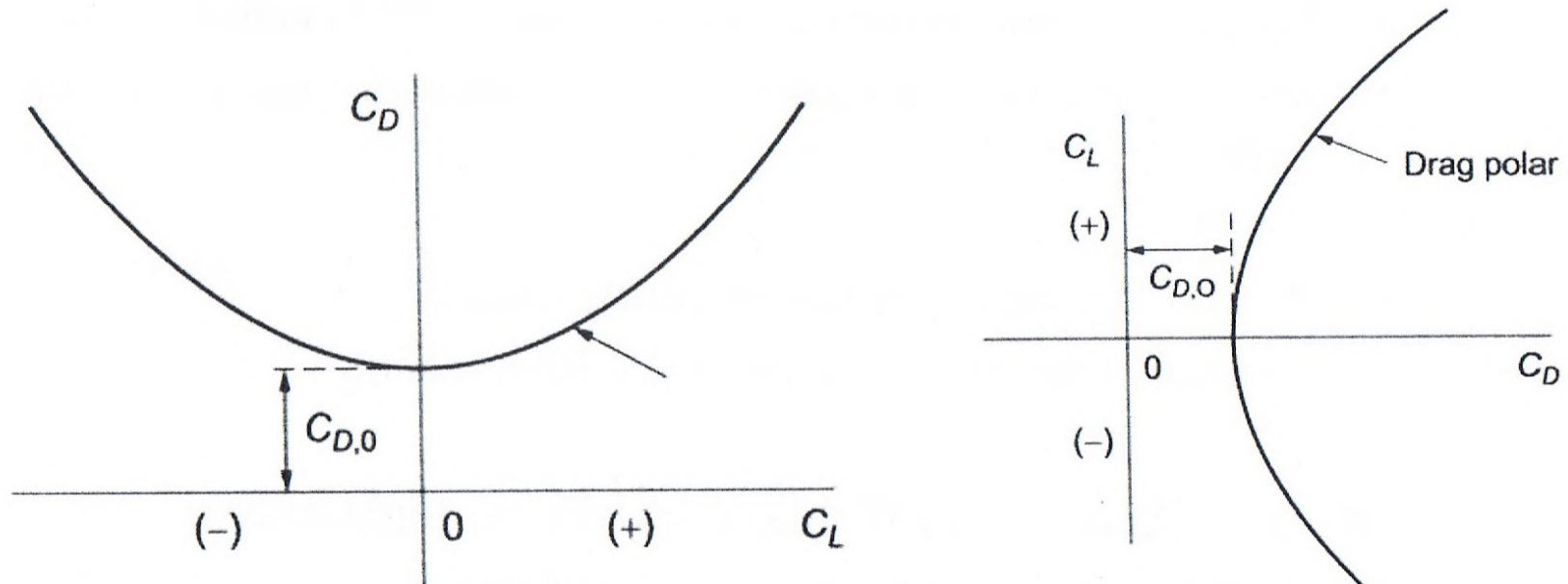
Entire Airplane



# DRAG POLAR

- $C_{D,0}$  is parasite drag coefficient at zero lift ( $\alpha_L=0$ )
- $C_{D,i}$  drag coefficient due to lift (induced drag)
- Oswald efficiency factor,  $e$ , includes all effects from airplane
- $C_{D,0}$  and  $e$  are known aerodynamics quantities of airplane

$$C_D = C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e AR} = C_{D,0} + C_{D,i}$$



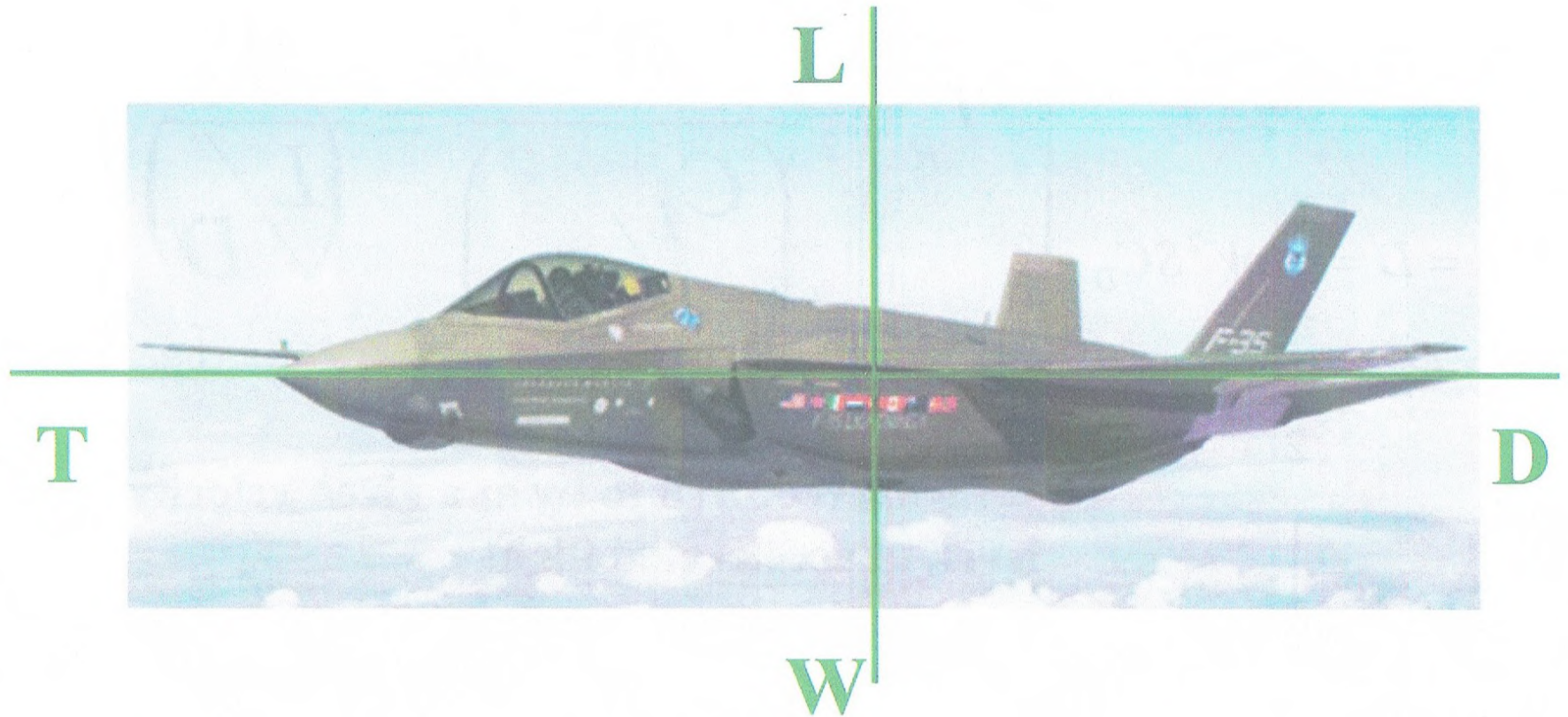
Example of *Drag Polar* for complete airplane



# 4 FORCES ACTING ON AIRPLANE

- Model airplane as rigid body with four natural forces acting on it
  1. **Lift, L**
    - Acts perpendicular to flight path (always perpendicular to relative wind)
  2. **Drag, D**
    - Acts parallel to flight path direction (parallel to *incoming* relative wind)
  3. **Propulsive Thrust, T**
    - For most airplanes propulsive thrust acts in flight path direction
    - May be inclined with respect to flight path angle,  $\alpha_T$ , usually small angle
  4. **Weight, W**
    - Always acts vertically toward center of earth
    - Inclined at angle,  $\theta$ , with respect to lift direction
- Apply Newton's Second Law ( $\mathbf{F}=\mathbf{ma}$ ) to curvilinear flight path
  - Force balance in direction parallel to flight path
  - Force balance in direction perpendicular to flight path

# LEVEL, UNACCELERATED FLIGHT



- JSF is flying at constant speed (no accelerations)
- Sum of forces = 0 in two perpendicular directions
- Entire weight of airplane is perfectly balanced by lift ( $L = W$ )
- Engines produce just enough thrust to balance total drag at this airspeed ( $T = D$ )
- For most conventional airplanes  $\alpha_T$  is small enough such that  $\cos(\alpha_T) \sim 1$



# LEVEL, UNACCELERATED FLIGHT

$$T = D$$

$$L = W$$

$$T = D = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_D$$

$$L = W = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_L$$

$$T_R = \frac{W}{\left( \frac{C_L}{C_D} \right)} = \frac{W}{\left( \frac{L}{D} \right)}$$

$T_R$  is thrust required to fly at a given velocity in level, unaccelerated flight

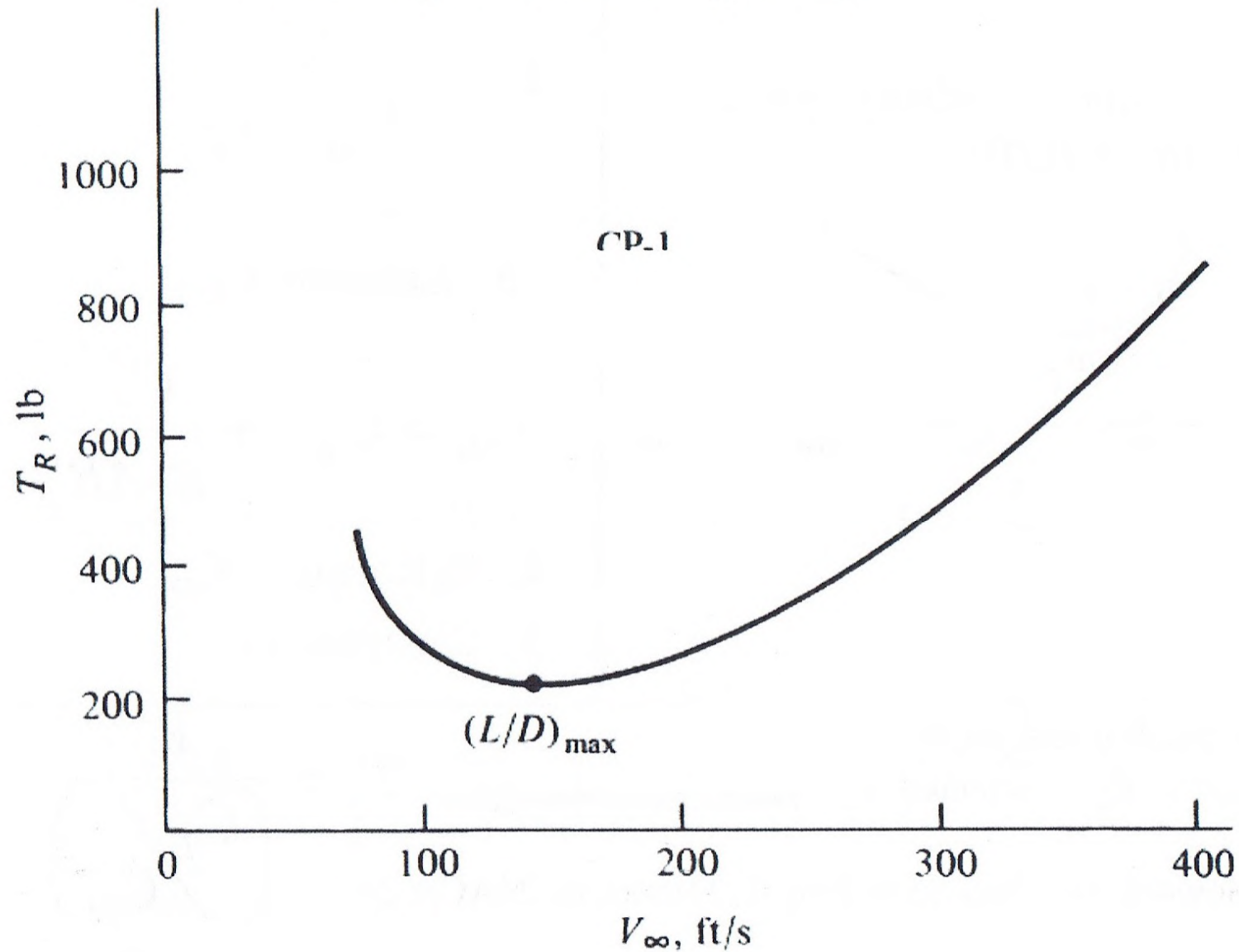
$$\frac{T}{W} = \frac{C_D}{C_L}$$

Notice that **minimum**  $T_R$  is when airplane is at **maximum**  $L/D$

–  $L/D$  is an important aero-performance quantity

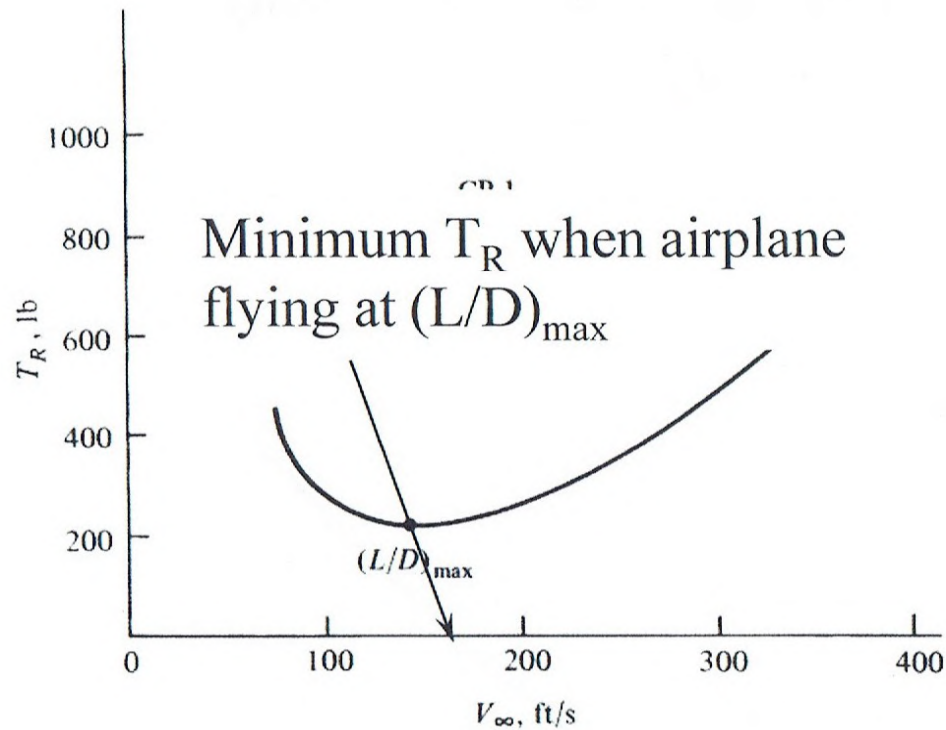
# THRUST REQUIREMENT (6.3)

- $T_R$  for airplane at given altitude varies with velocity
- Thrust required curve:  $T_R$  vs.  $V_\infty$





# PROCEDURE: THRUST REQUIREMENT



1. Select a flight speed,  $V_\infty$
2. Calculate  $C_L$

$$C_L = \frac{W}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_\infty V_\infty^2 S}$$

3. Calculate  $C_D$

$$C_D = C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e AR}$$

4. Calculate  $C_L/C_D$
5. Calculate  $T_R$

This is how much thrust engine **must** produce to fly at selected  $V_\infty$

$$T_R = \frac{W}{\left( \frac{C_L}{C_D} \right)}$$

Recall Homework Problem #5.6, find  $(L/D)_{max}$  for NACA 2412 airfoil

# THRUST REQUIREMENT (6.3)

- Different points on  $T_R$  curve correspond to different angles of attack

$$L = W = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty}^2 S C_L = q_{\infty} S C_L$$

$$D = q_{\infty} S C_D = q_{\infty} S \left( C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e A R} \right)$$

**At b:**

Small  $q_{\infty}$

Large  $C_L$  (or  $C_L^2$ ) and  $\alpha$  to support  $W$

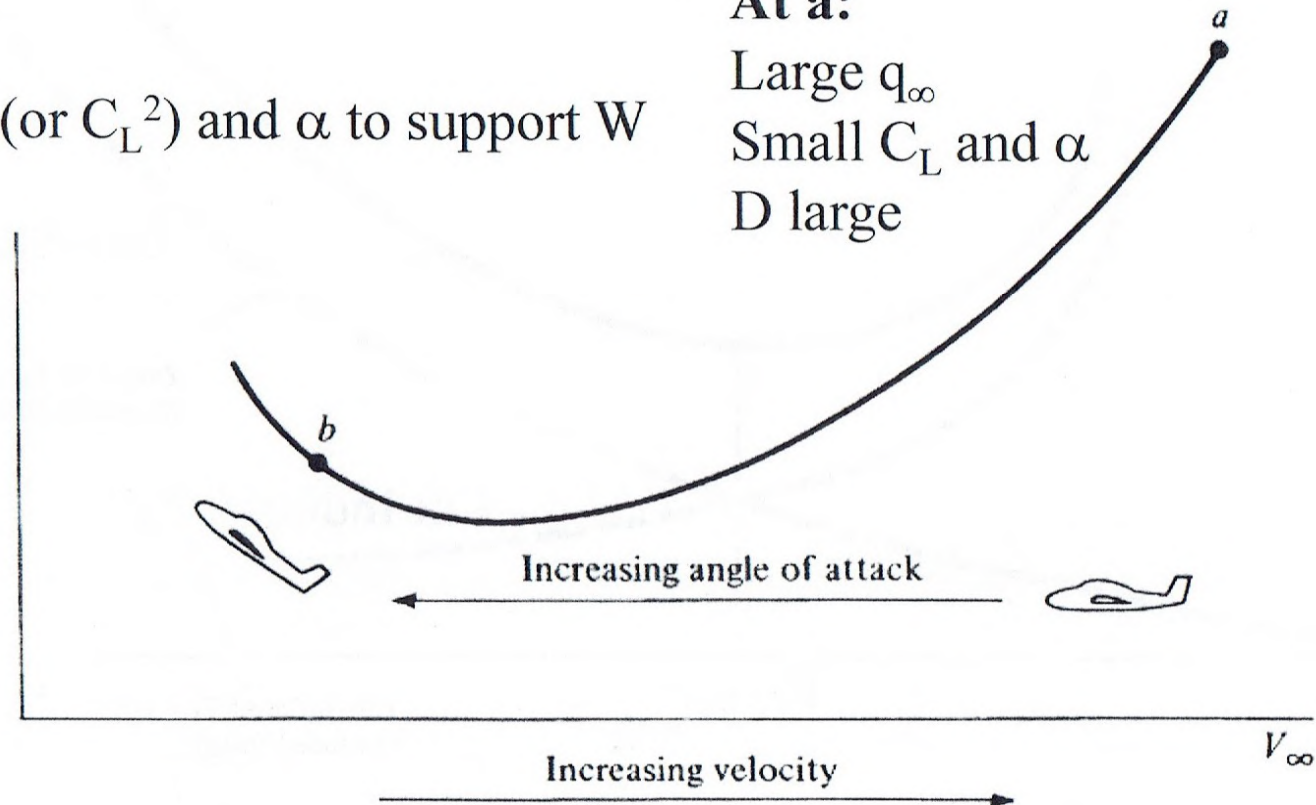
$D$  large

**At a:**

Large  $q_{\infty}$

Small  $C_L$  and  $\alpha$

$D$  large





# THRUST REQUIRED VS. FLIGHT VELOCITY

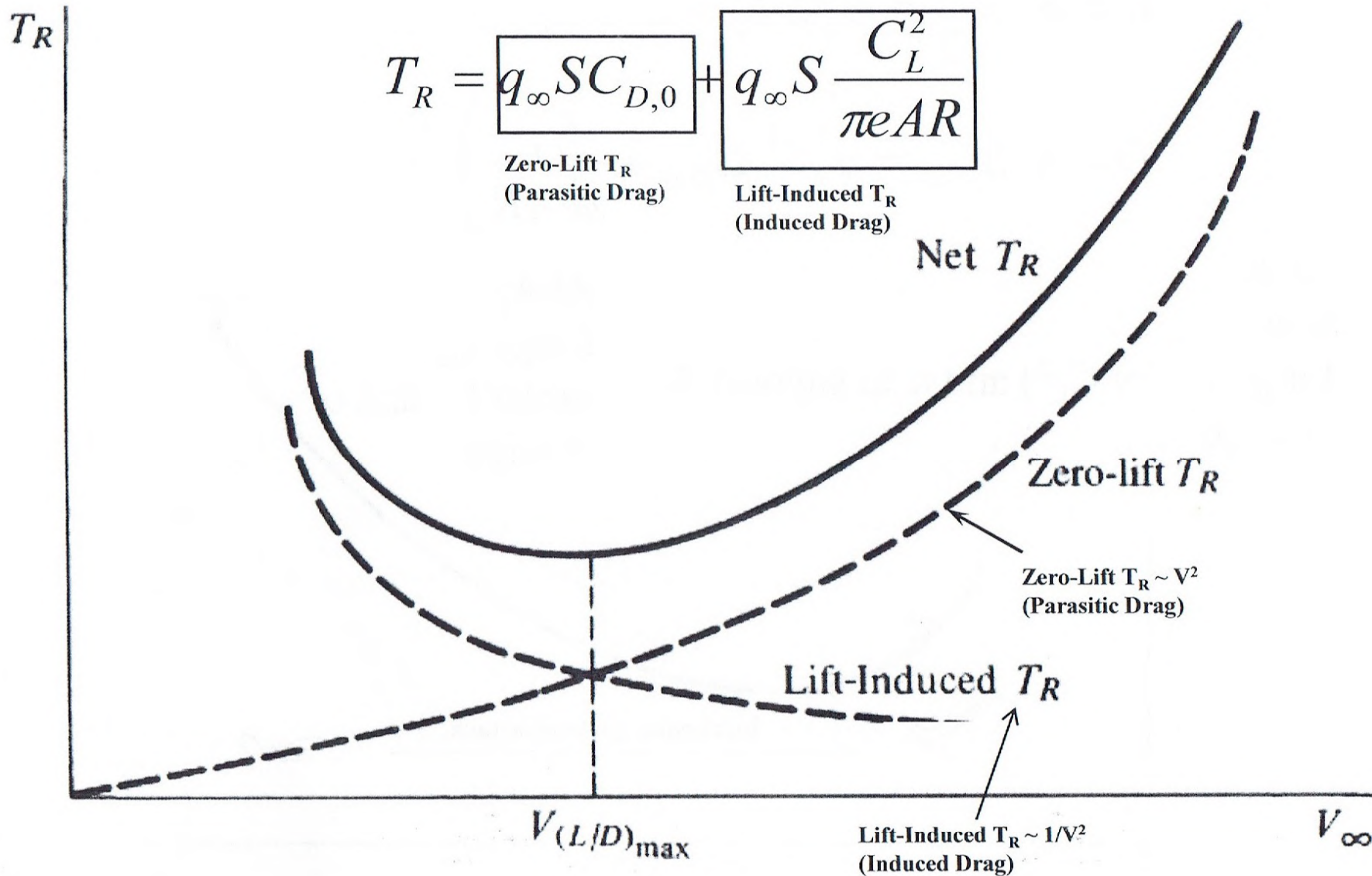
$$T_R = D = q_\infty S C_D = q_\infty S (C_{D,0} + C_{D,i})$$

$$T_R = \boxed{q_\infty S C_{D,0}} + \boxed{q_\infty S \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e A R}}$$

Zero-Lift  $T_R$   
(Parasitic Drag)

Lift-Induced  $T_R$   
(Induced Drag)

Net  $T_R$



# THRUST REQUIRED VS. FLIGHT VELOCITY

$$T_R = q_\infty S C_{D,0} + \frac{W^2}{q_\infty S \pi e A R}$$

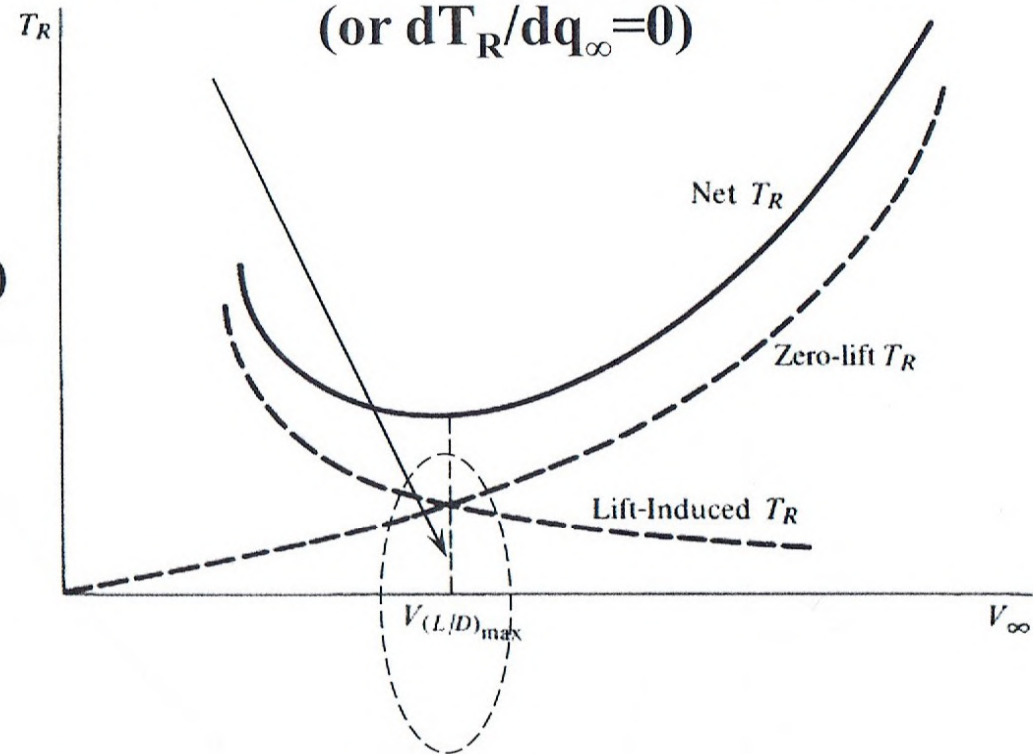
$$\frac{dT_R}{dq_\infty} = \left( \frac{dT_R}{dV_\infty} \right) \left( \frac{dV_\infty}{dq_\infty} \right)$$

$$\frac{dT_R}{dq_\infty} = S C_{D,0} - \frac{W^2}{q_\infty^2 S \pi e A R} = 0$$

$$C_{D,0} = \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e A R} = C_{D,i}$$

At point of minimum  $T_R$ ,  $dT_R/dV_\infty = 0$

(or  $dT_R/dq_\infty = 0$ )



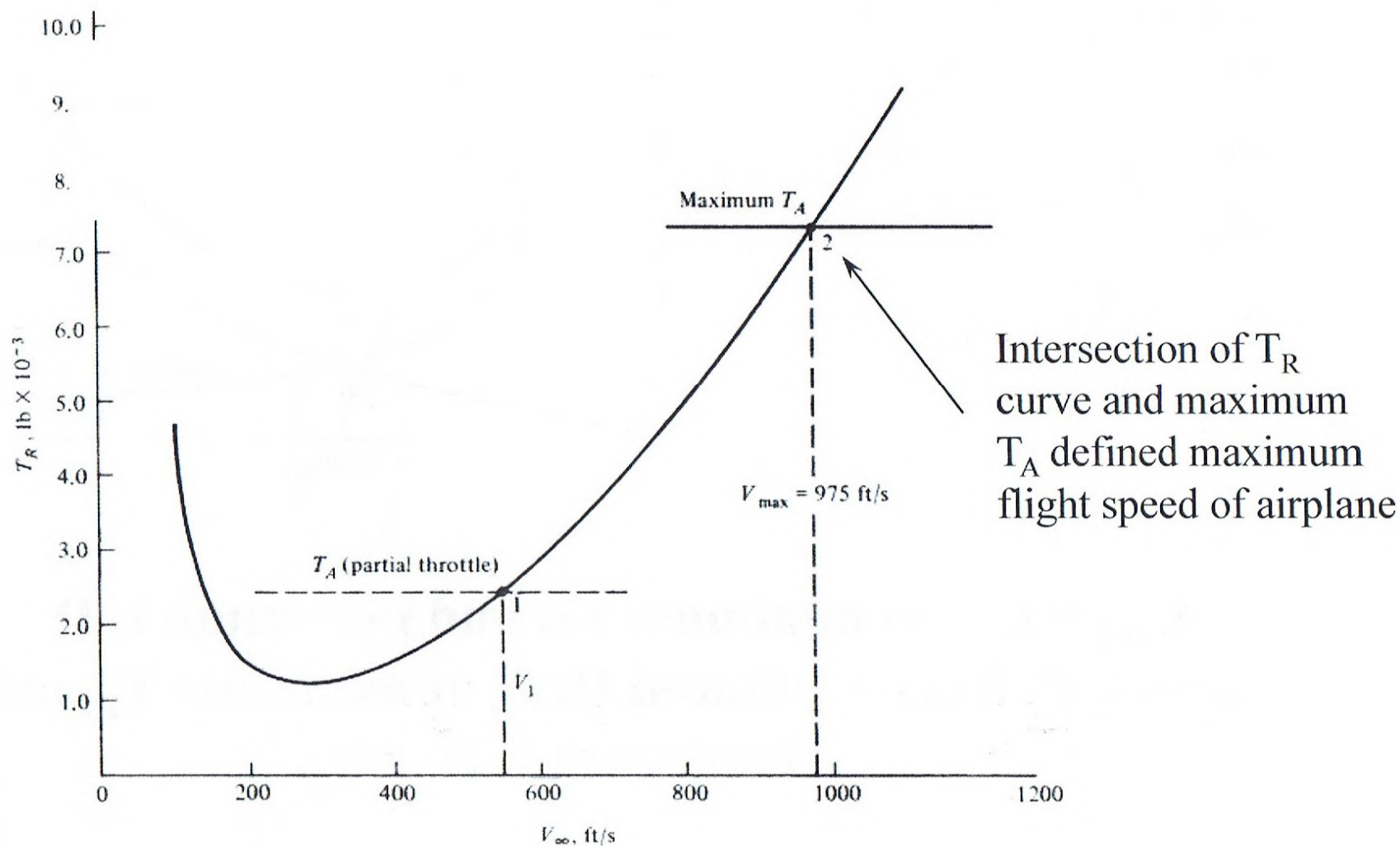
**$C_{D,0} = C_{D,i}$  at minimum  $T_R$  and maximum  $L/D$**   
**Zero-Lift Drag = Induced Drag at minimum  $T_R$  and maximum  $L/D$**



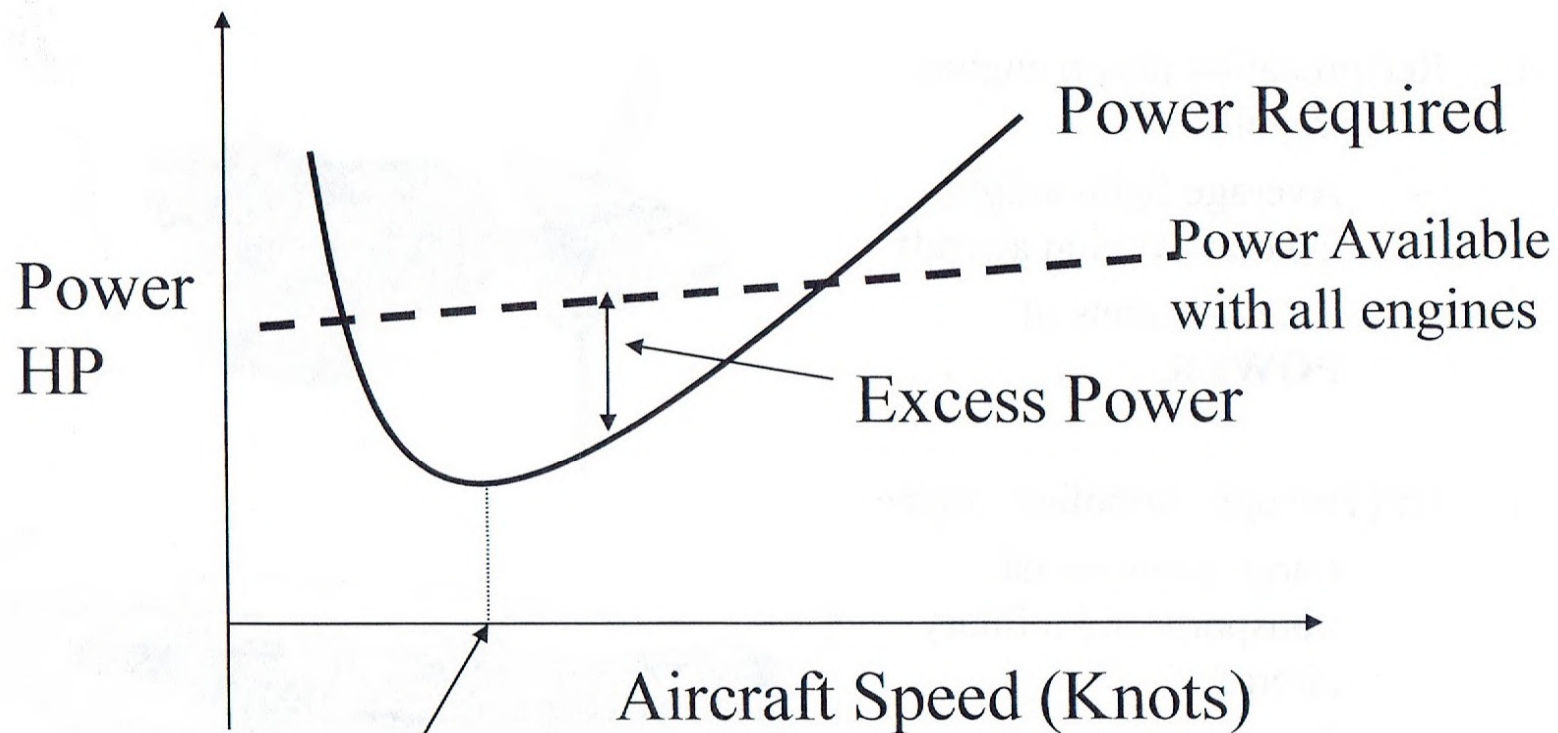
# HOW FAST CAN YOU FLY?

Maximum flight speed occurs when thrust available,  $T_A = T_R$

- Reduced throttle settings,  $T_R < T_A$
- Cannot physically achieve more thrust than  $T_A$  which engine can provide



# Level Flight Performance



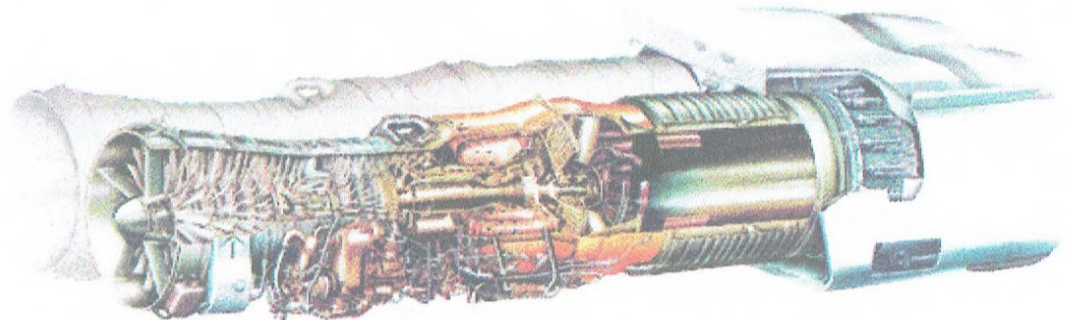
Best speed for longest endurance flights  
since the least amount of fuel is burned



# CHAPTER 5: AIRPLANE POWER PLANTS

Two types of engines common in aviation today

1. Reciprocating piston engine with propeller
  - Average light-weight, general aviation aircraft
  - Rated in terms of **POWER**
  
2. Jet (Turbojet, turbofan) engine
  - Large commercial transports and military aircraft
  - Rated in terms of **THRUST**



# THRUST VS. POWER

- **Jets Engines** (turbojets, turbofans for military and commercial applications) are usually rate in **Thrust**
  - Thrust is a Force with units ( $\mathbf{N} = \text{kg m/s}^2$ )
  - For example, the PW4000-112 is rated at 98,000 lb of thrust
- **Piston-Driven Engines** are usually rated in terms of **Power**
  - Power is a precise term and can be expressed as:
    - Energy / time with units  $(\text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^2) / \text{s} = \text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^3 = \mathbf{Watts}$ 
      - Note that Energy is expressed in Joules =  $\text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^2$
    - Force \* Velocity with units  $(\text{kg m/s}^2) * (\text{m/s}) = \text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^3 = \mathbf{Watts}$
  - Usually rated in terms of horsepower (1 hp = 550 ft lb/s = 746 W)
- Example:
  - Airplane is level, unaccelerated flight at a given altitude with speed  $V_\infty$
  - **Power Required,  $P_R = T_R * V_\infty$**
  - $[\mathbf{W}] = [\mathbf{N}] * [\text{m/s}]$



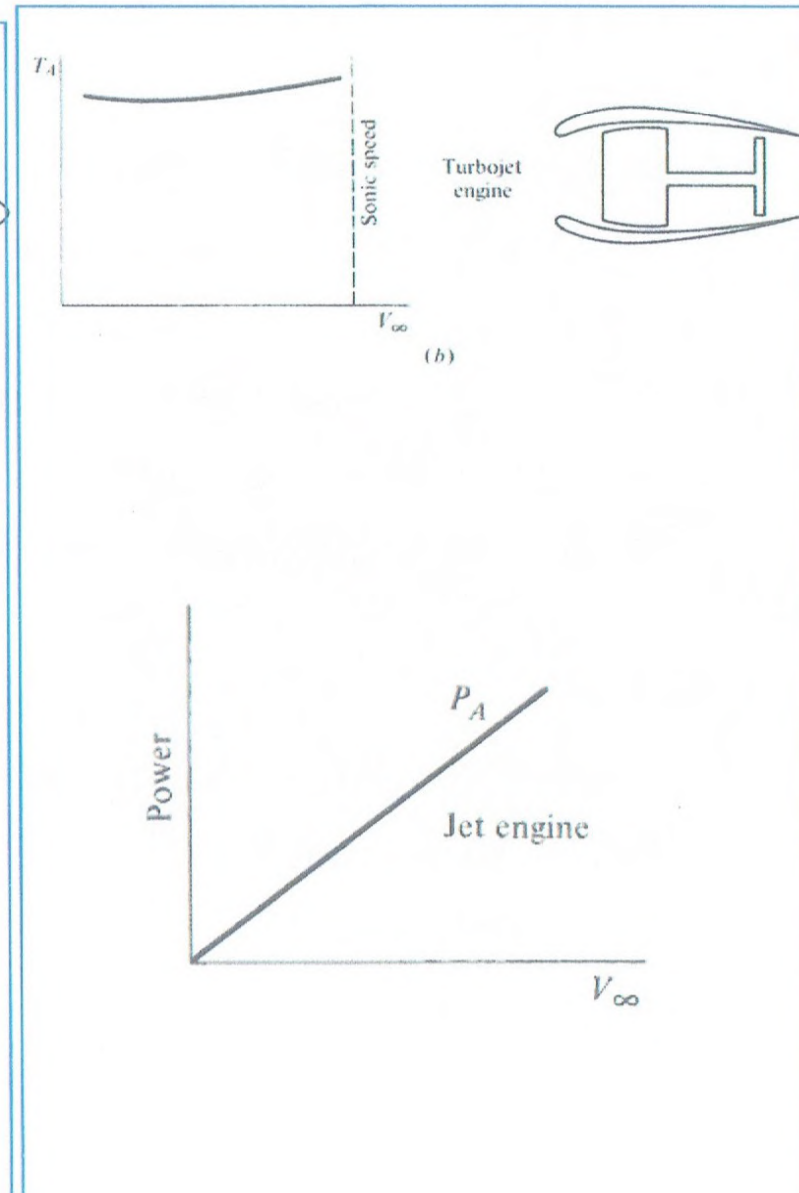
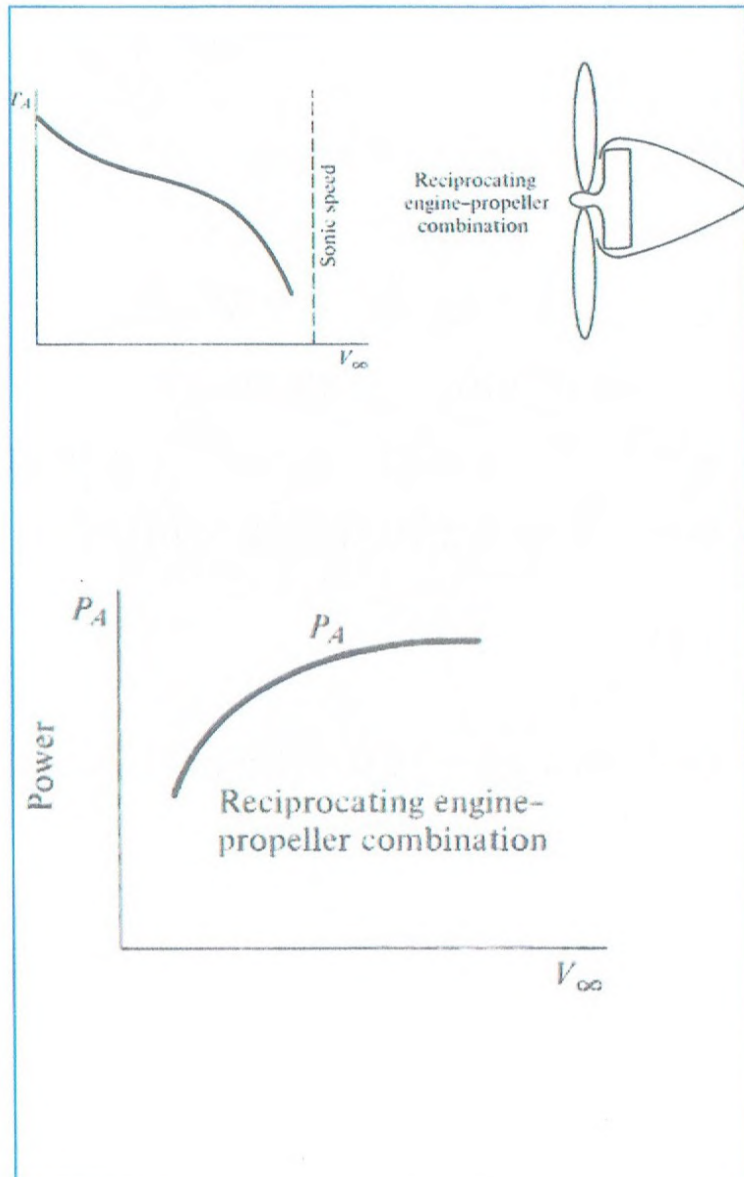


# POWER AVAILABLE



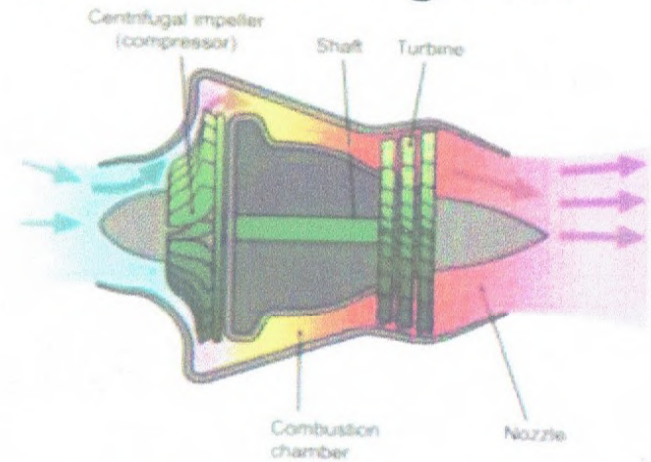
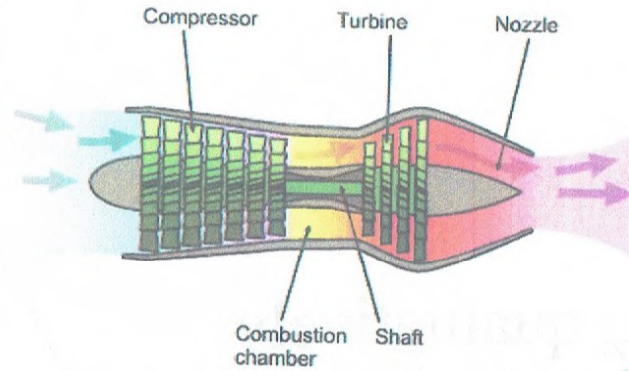
## Propeller Drive Engine

## Jet Engine

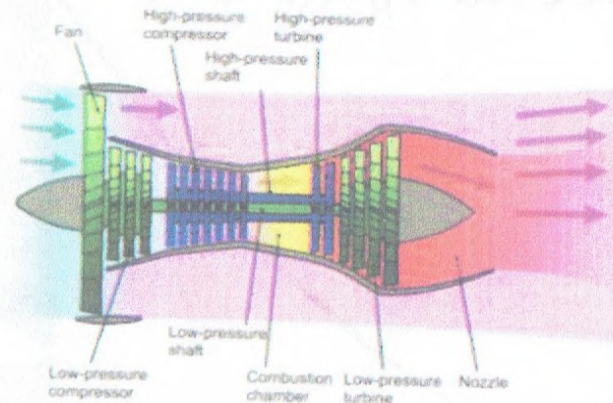


# Understand and analyze gas turbine engines:

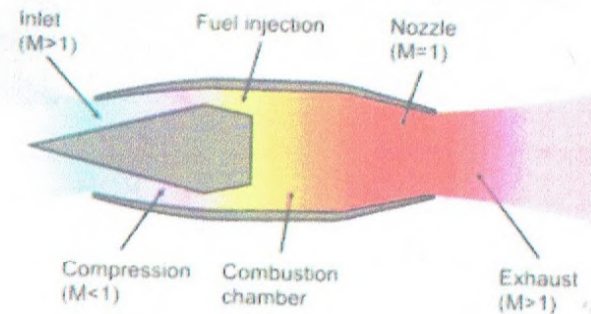
– Turbojet



– Turbofan (turbojet + fanned propeller)!

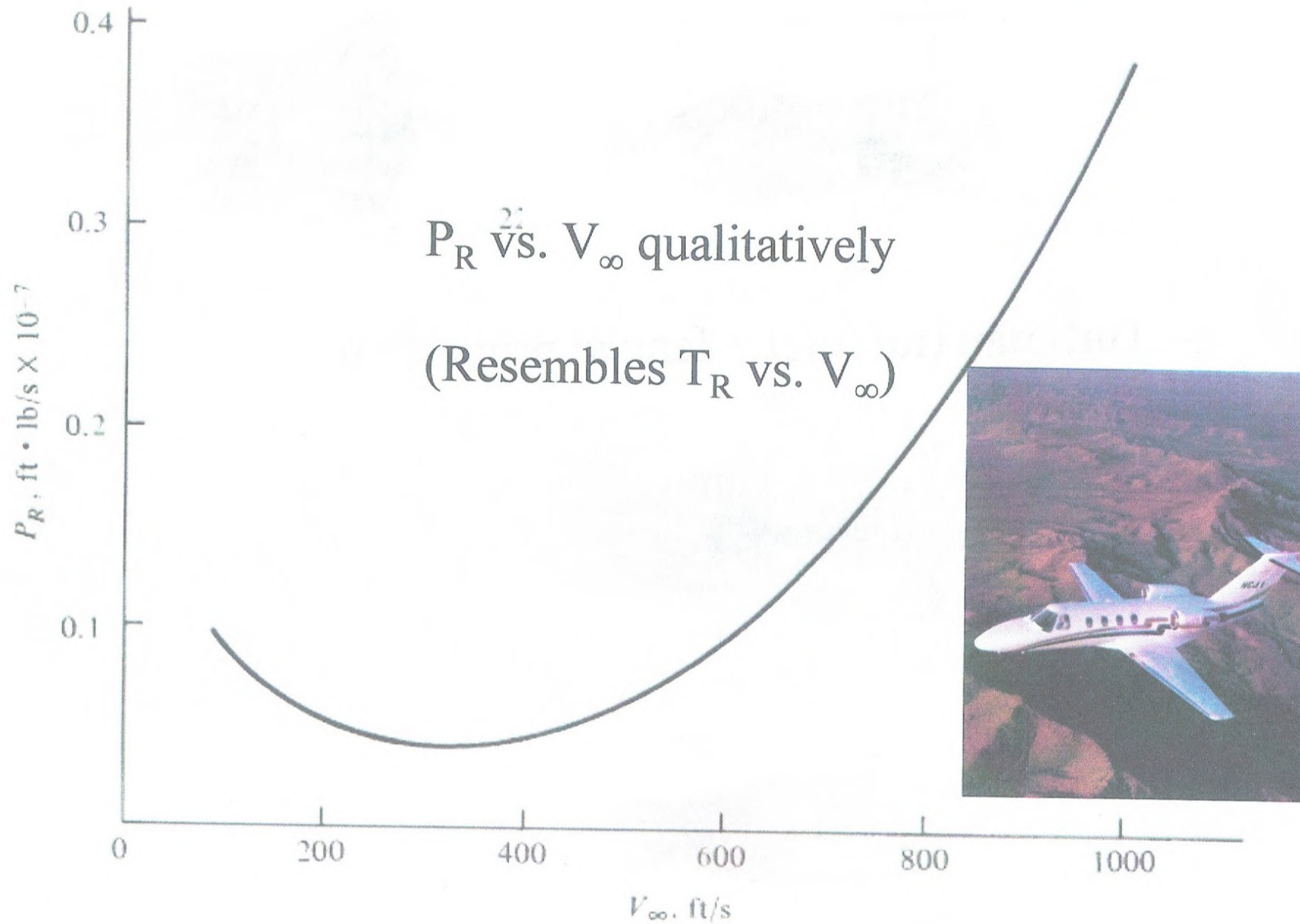


– Ramjet





# POWER REQUIRED (6.5)



## POWER REQUIRED (6.5)

$$P_R = T_R V_\infty = \frac{W}{\left(\frac{C_L}{C_D}\right)} V_\infty$$

$$L = W = \frac{1}{2} \rho_\infty V_\infty^2 S C_L \rightarrow V_\infty = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho_\infty S C_L}}$$

$$P_R = \frac{W}{\left(\frac{C_L}{C_D}\right)} \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho_\infty S C_L}}$$

$$P_R = \sqrt{\frac{2W^3 C_D^2}{\rho_\infty S C_L^3}} \propto \frac{1}{\left(\frac{C_L^{3/2}}{C_D}\right)}$$

$P_R$  varies inversely as  $C_L^{3/2}/C_D$

Recall:  $T_R$  varies inversely as  $C_L/C_D$



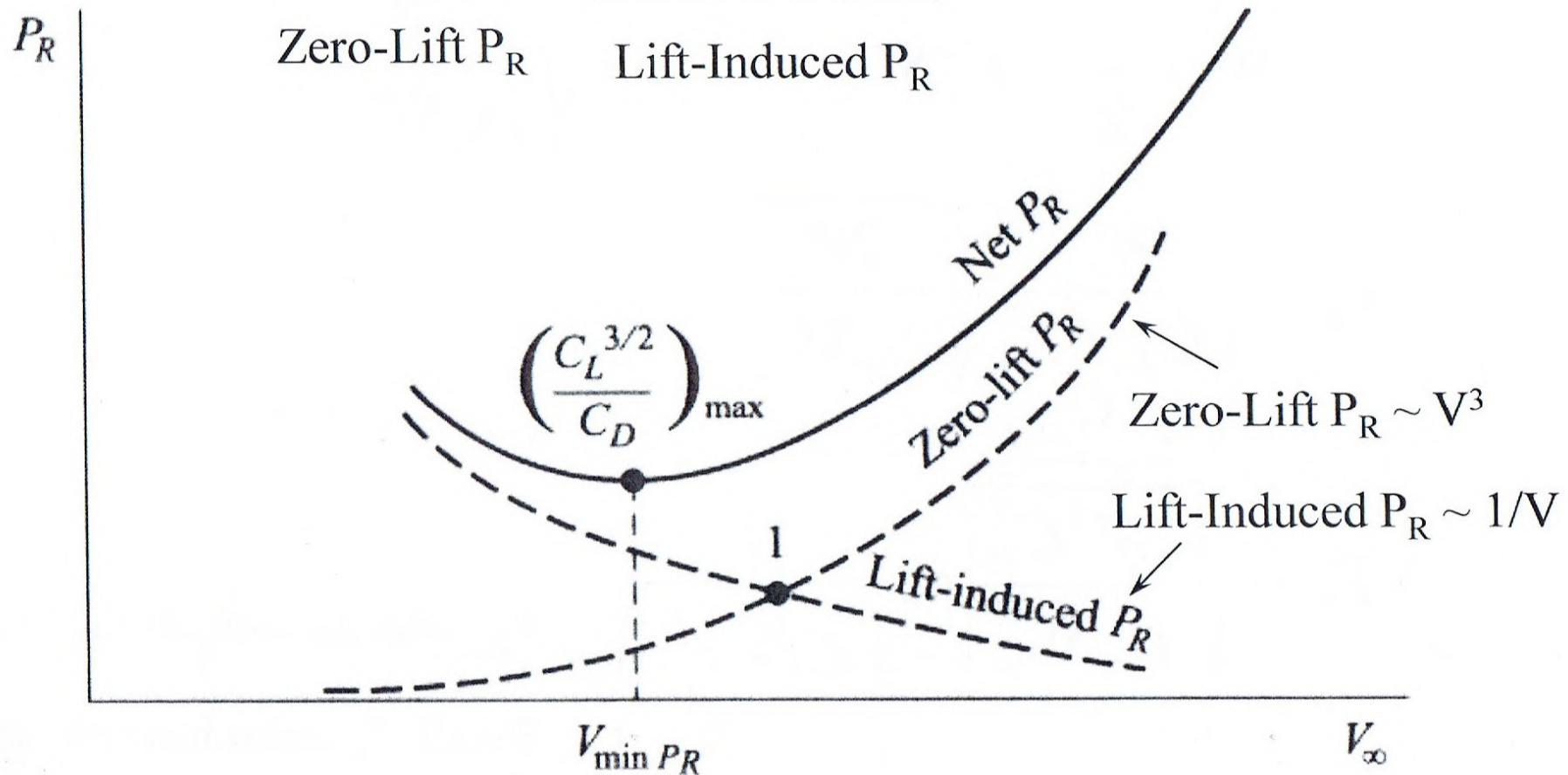
# POWER REQUIRED (6.5)

$$P_R = T_R V_\infty = D V_\infty = q_\infty S C_D V_\infty = q_\infty S (C_{D,0} + C_{D,i}) V_\infty$$

$$P_R = \boxed{q_\infty S C_{D,0} V_\infty} + \boxed{q_\infty S V_\infty \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e A R}}$$

Zero-Lift  $P_R$

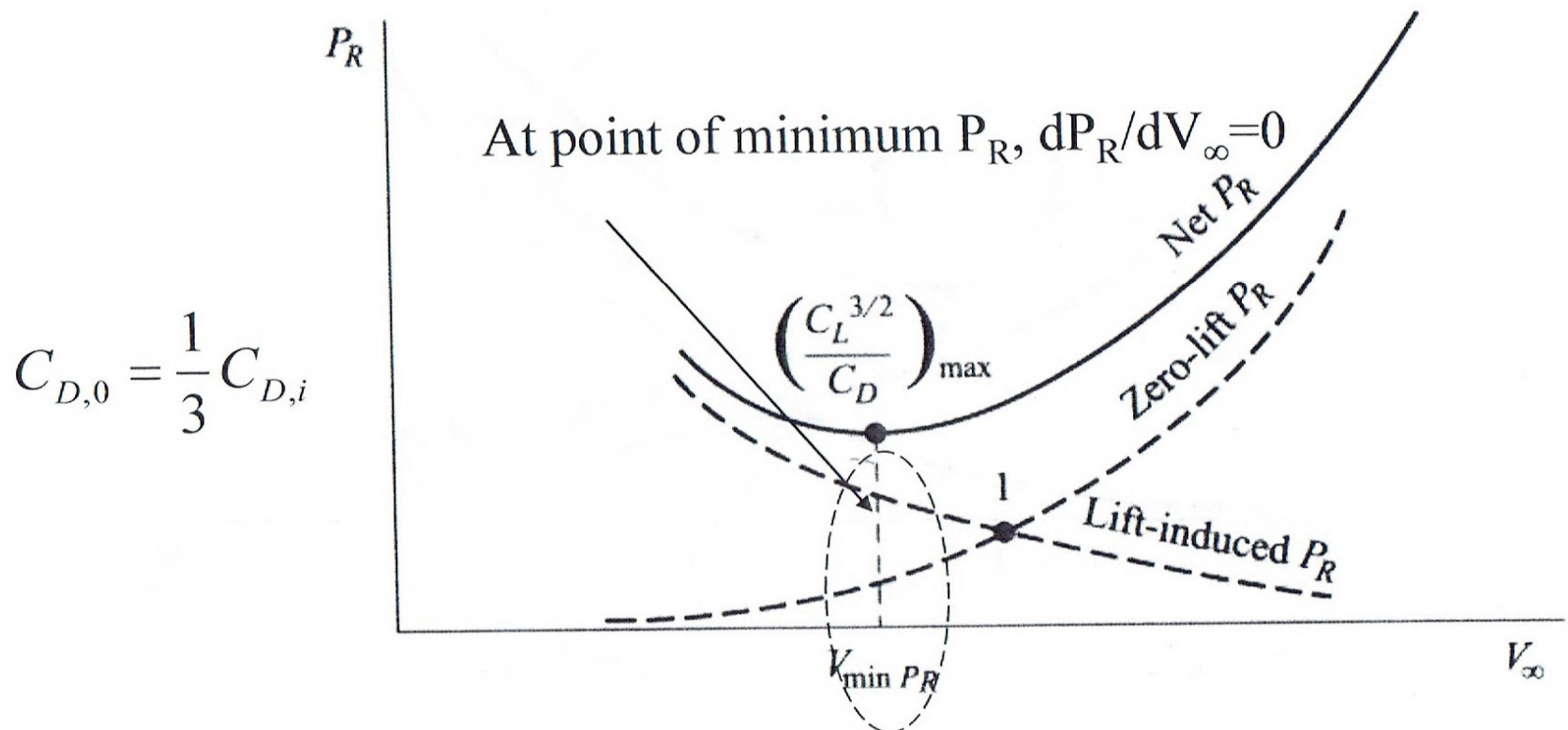
Lift-Induced  $P_R$



# POWER REQUIRED

$$P_R = \frac{1}{2} \rho_\infty V_\infty^3 S C_{D,0} + \frac{W^2}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_\infty V_\infty S \pi e A R}$$

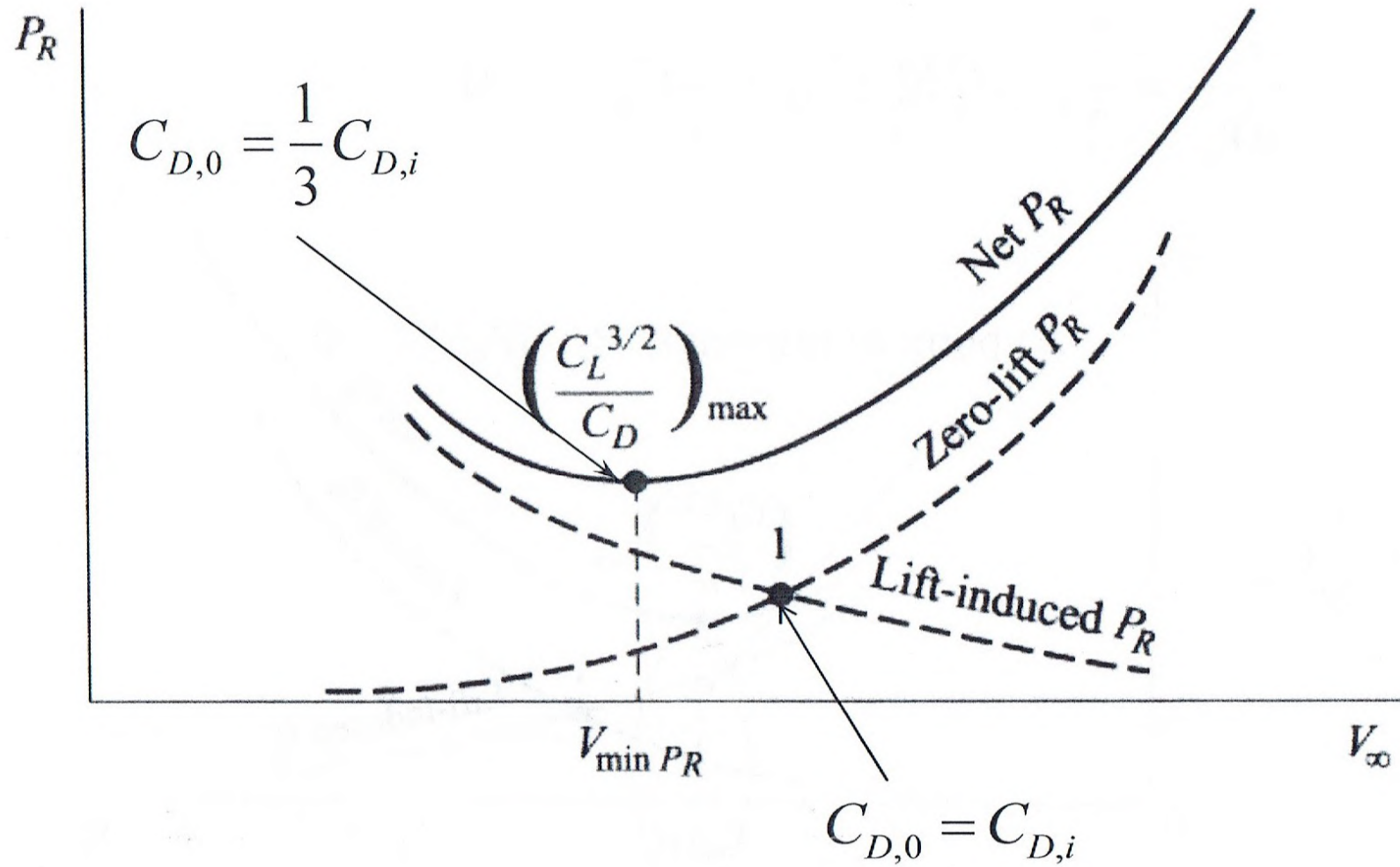
$$\frac{dP_R}{dV_\infty} = \frac{3}{2} \rho_\infty V_\infty^2 S \left( C_{D,0} - \frac{1}{3} C_{D,i} \right) = 0$$





# POWER REQUIRED

$V_\infty$  for minimum  $P_R$  is less than  $V_\infty$  for minimum  $T_R$



## WHY DO WE CARE ABOUT THIS?

We will show that for a **piston-engine propeller** combination

- To fly longest distance (**maximum range**) we fly airplane at speed corresponding to maximum  $L/D$
- To stay aloft longest (**maximum endurance**) we fly the airplane at minimum  $P_R$  or fly at a velocity where  $C_L^{3/2}/C_D$  is a maximum

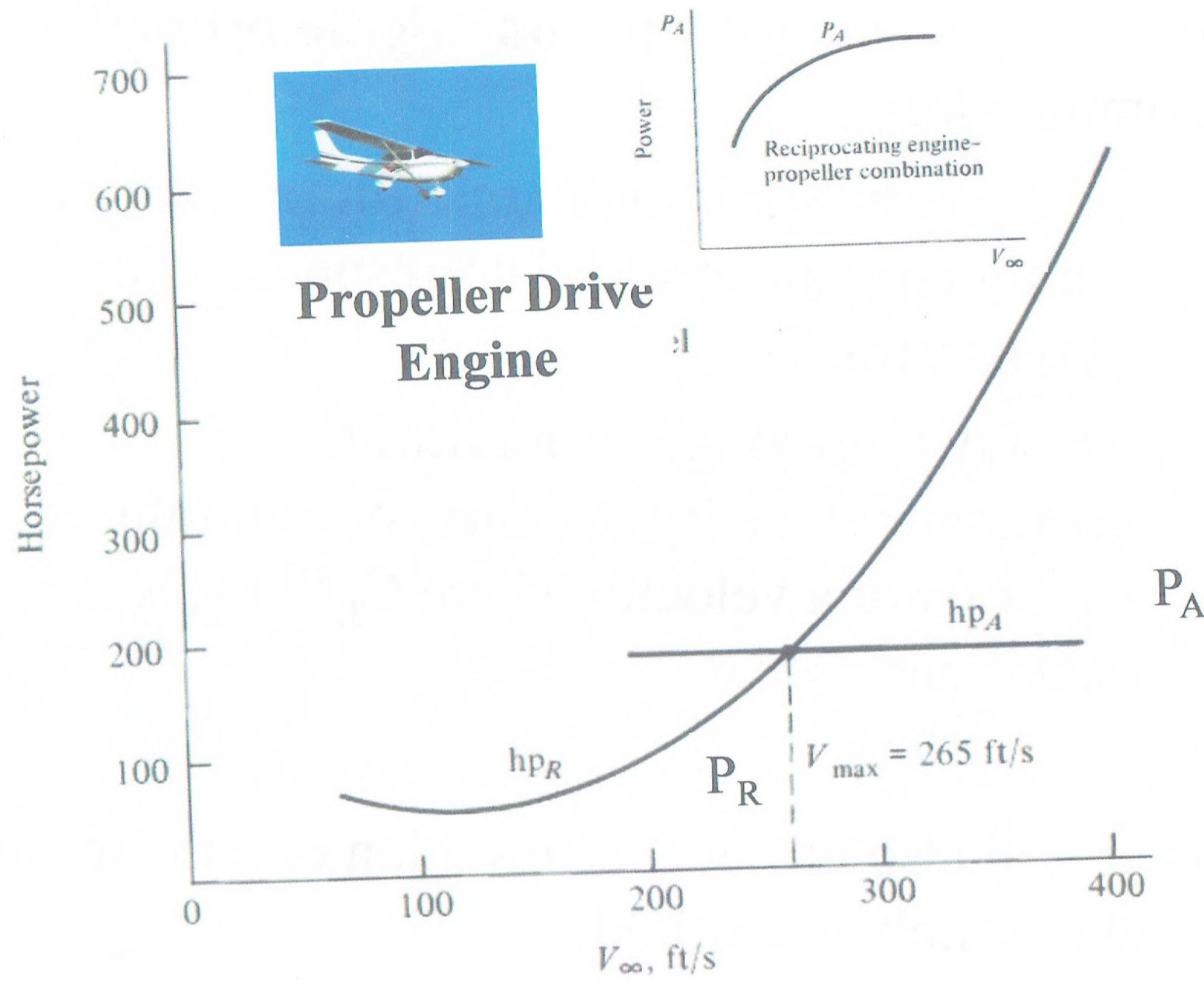
Power will also provide information on maximum rate of climb and altitude



# POWER AVAILABLE AND MAXIMUM VELOCITY

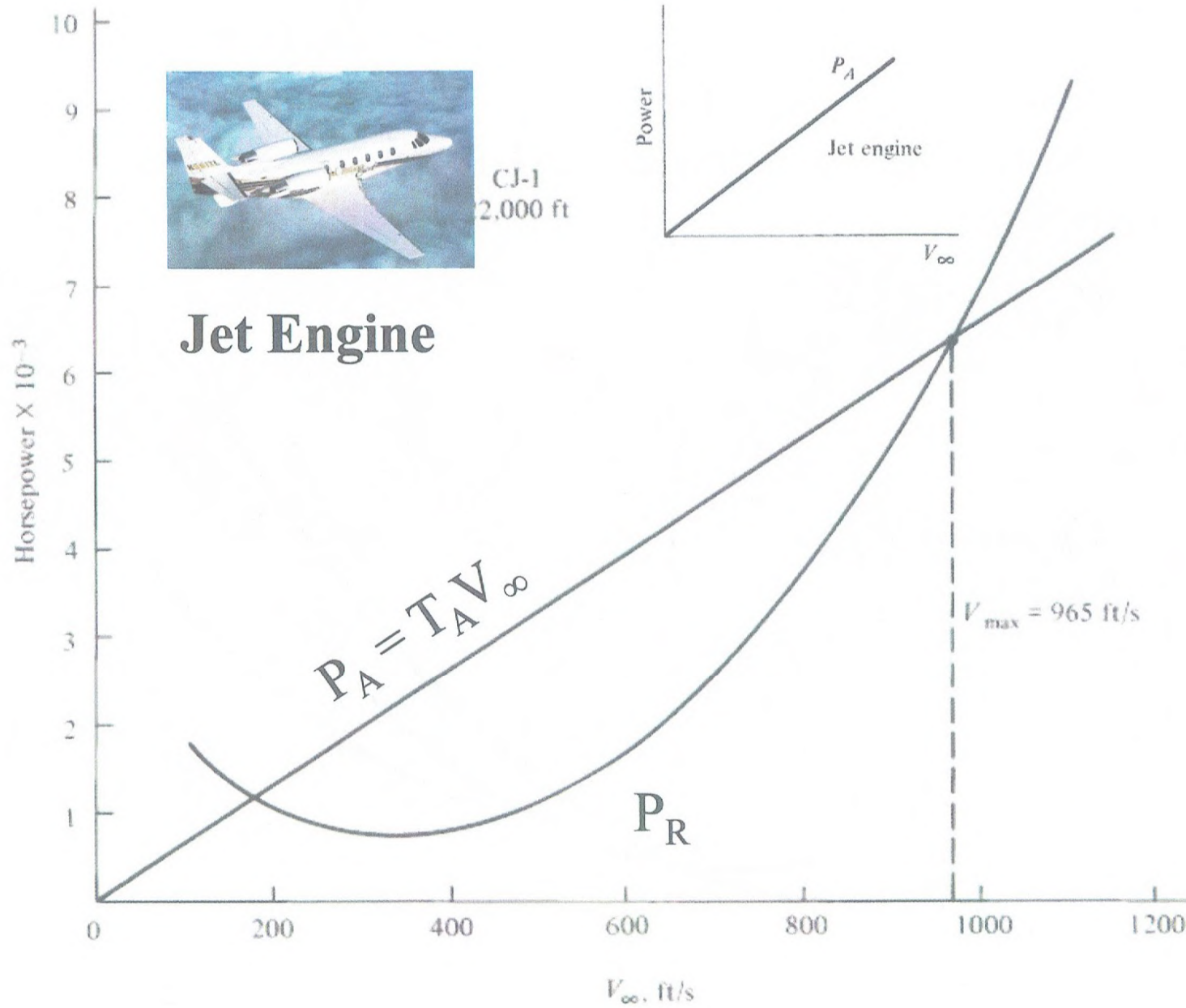


**Propeller Drive Engine**



$$1 \text{ hp} = 550 \text{ ft lb/s} = 746 \text{ W}$$

# POWER AVAILABLE AND MAXIMUM VELOCITY



(b)



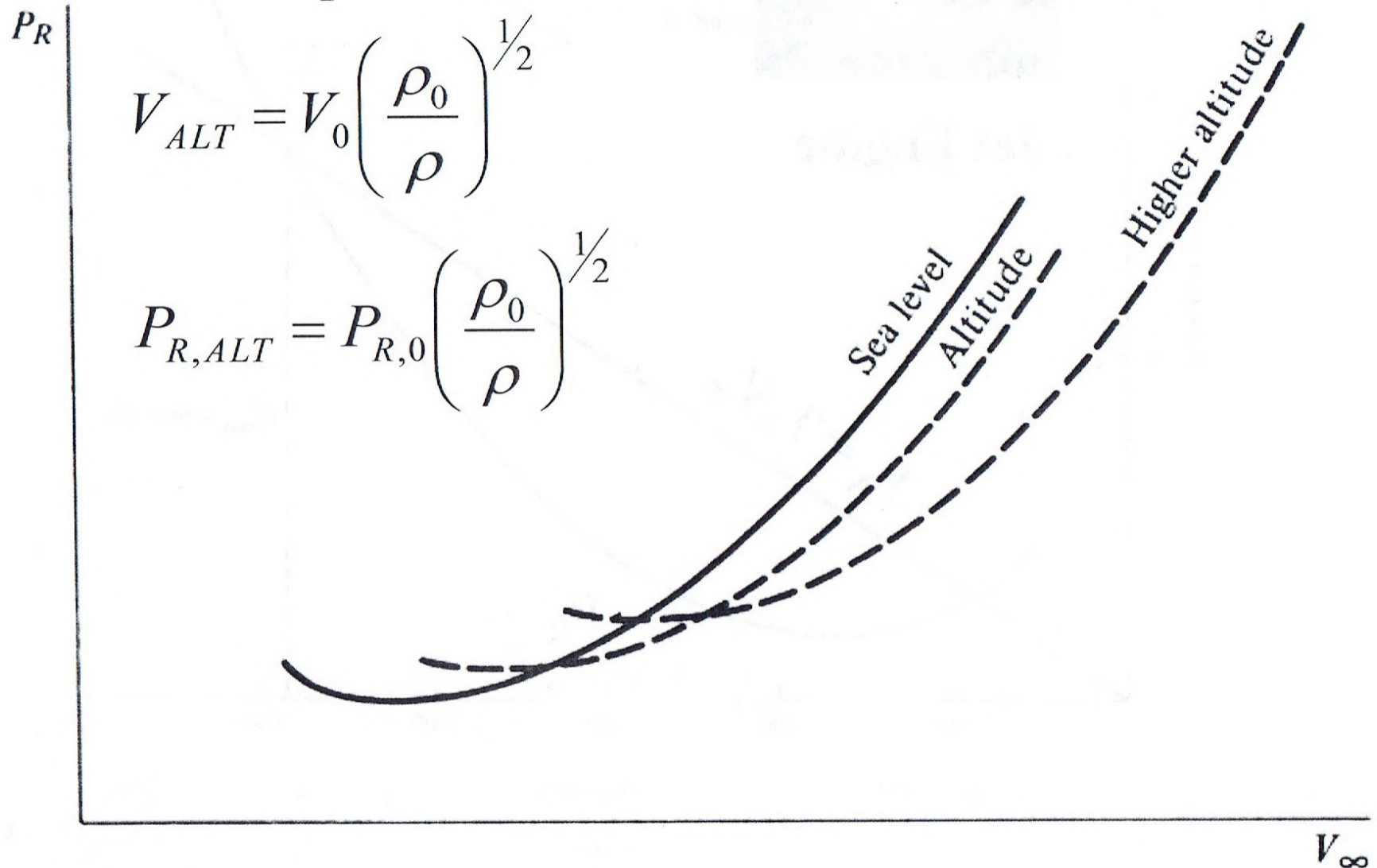
# ALTITUDE EFFECTS ON POWER REQUIRED AND AVAILABLE (6.7)

Recall  $P_R = f(\rho_\infty)$

Subscript '0' denotes sea-level conditions

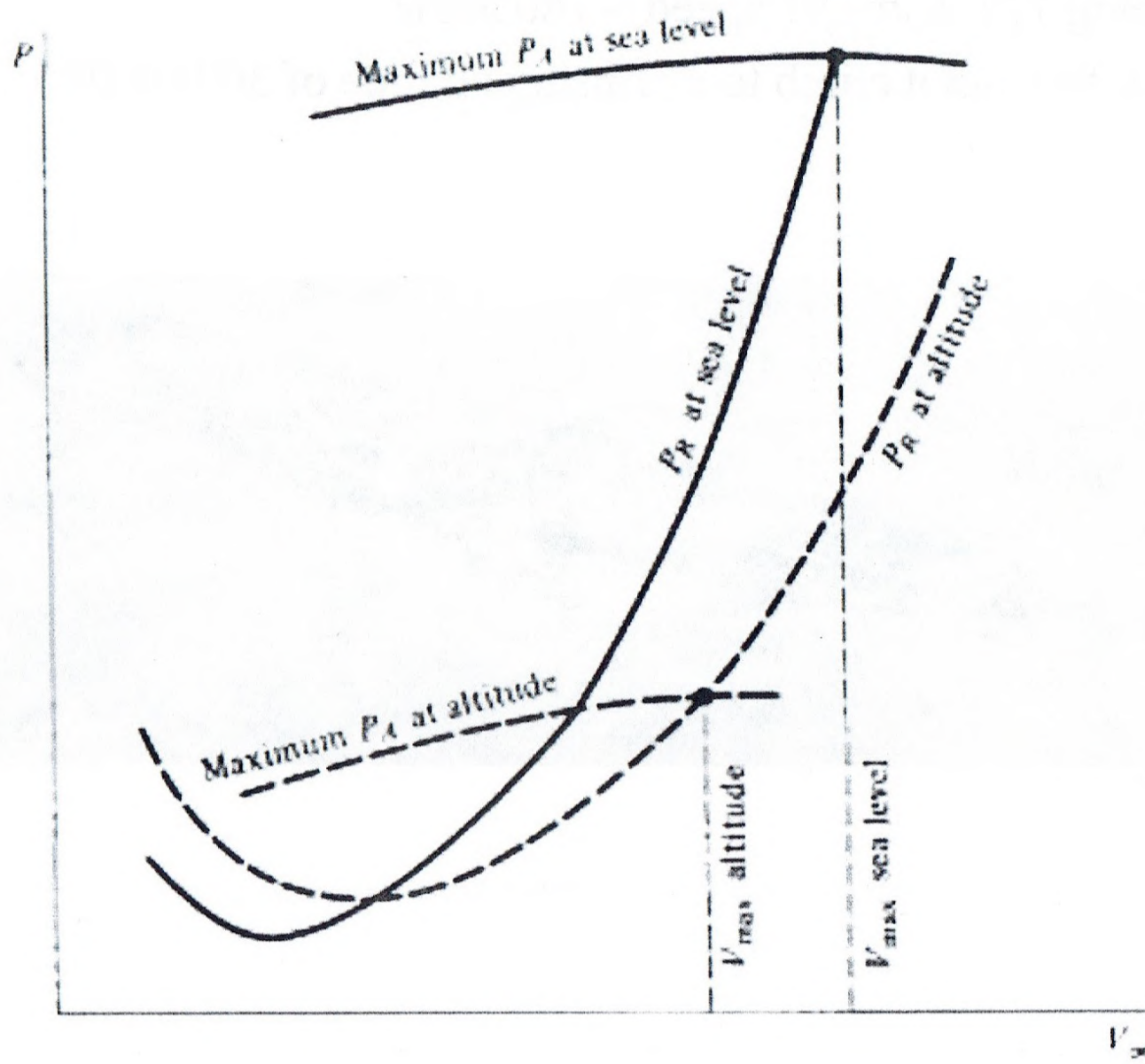
$$V_{ALT} = V_0 \left( \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$P_{R,ALT} = P_{R,0} \left( \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} \right)^{1/2}$$



# ALTITUDE EFFECTS ON POWER REQUIRED AND AVAILABLE (6.7)

## Propeller-Driven Airplane



$$V_{max,ALT} < V_{max,sea-level}$$



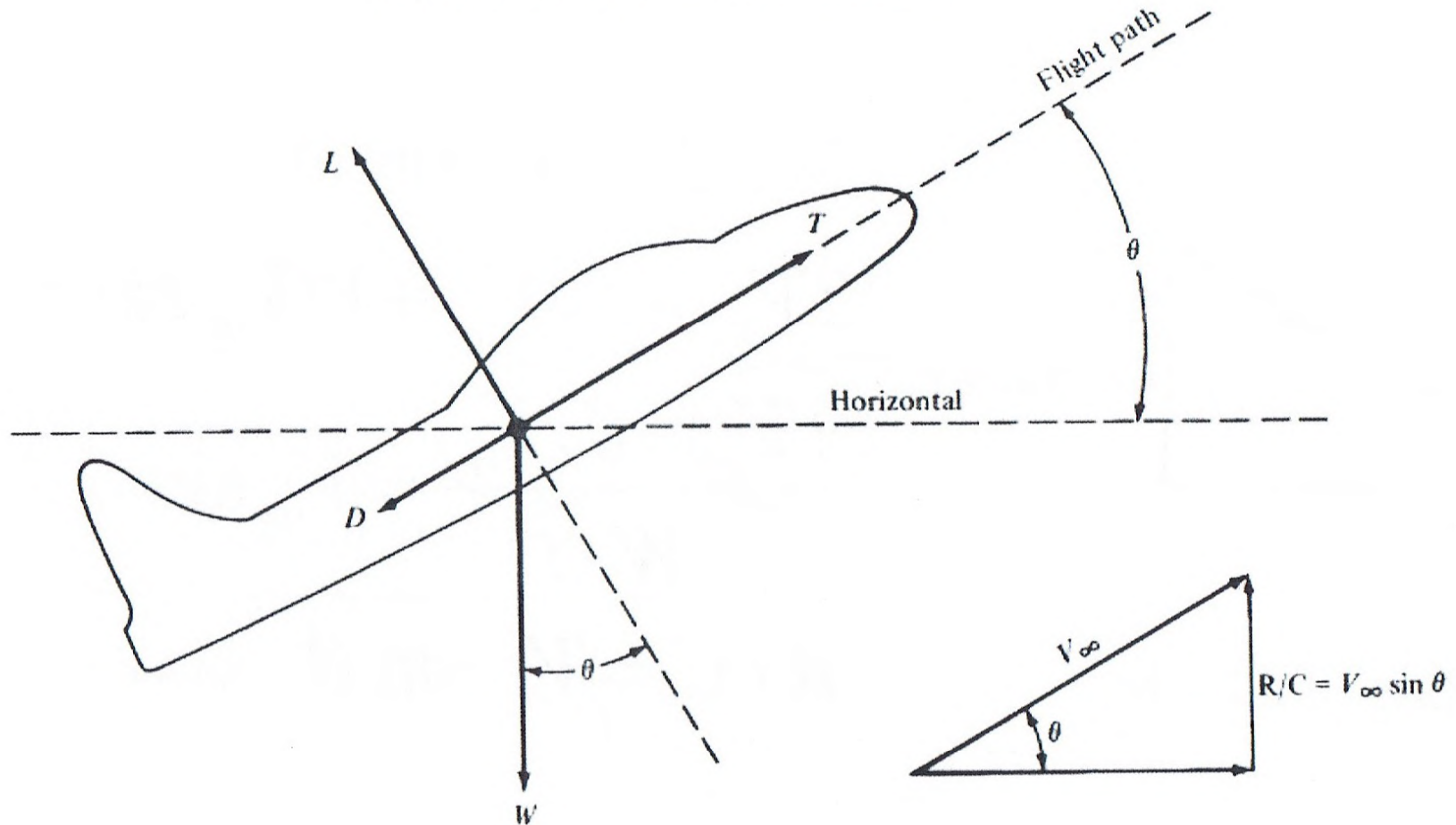
# CHAPTER 6: RATE OF CLIMB

Boeing 777: Lift-Off Speed ~ 180 MPH

How fast can it climb to a cruising altitude of 30,000 ft?



# RATE OF CLIMB

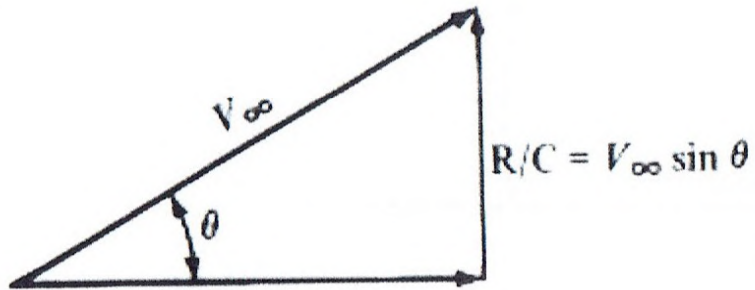


Governing Equations:  $T = D + W \sin \theta$

$$L = W \cos \theta$$



# RATE OF CLIMB



$$T = D + W \sin \theta$$

$$TV_\infty = DV_\infty + WV_\infty \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{TV_\infty - DV_\infty}{W} = V_\infty \sin \theta$$

Rate of Climb:

$$R/C = V_\infty \sin \theta \quad \text{Vertical velocity}$$

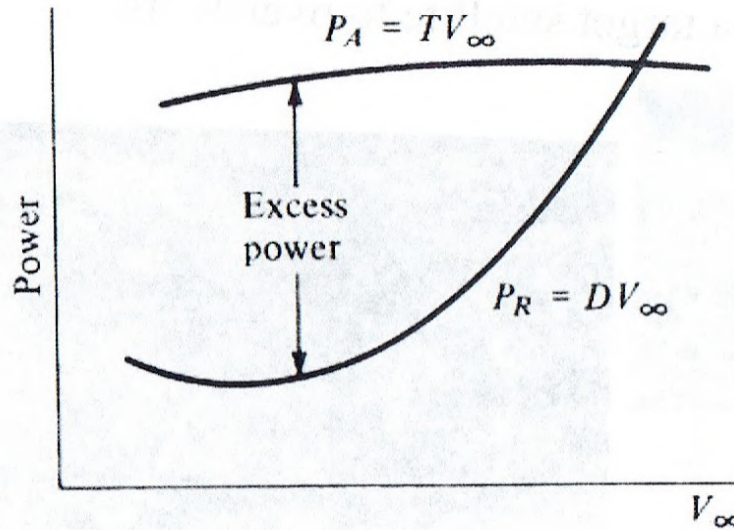
$TV_\infty$  is power available

$DV_\infty$  is level-flight power required (for small  $\theta$  neglect  $W$ )

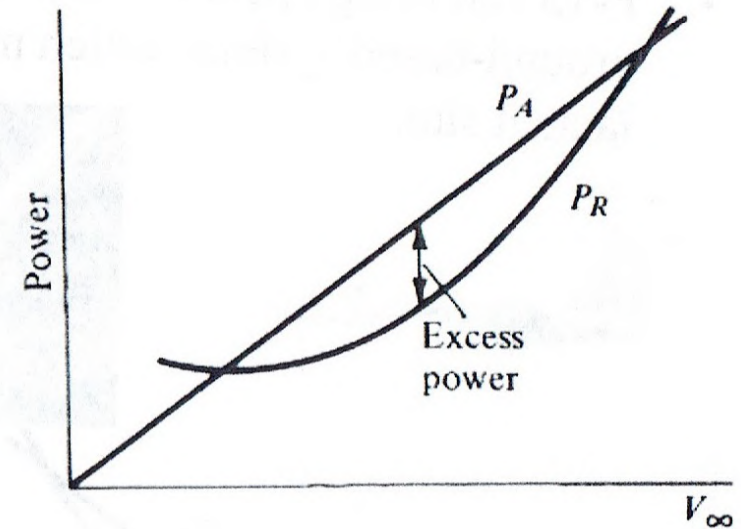
$TV_\infty - DV_\infty$  is excess power

# RATE OF CLIMB

## Propeller Drive Engine



## Jet Engine

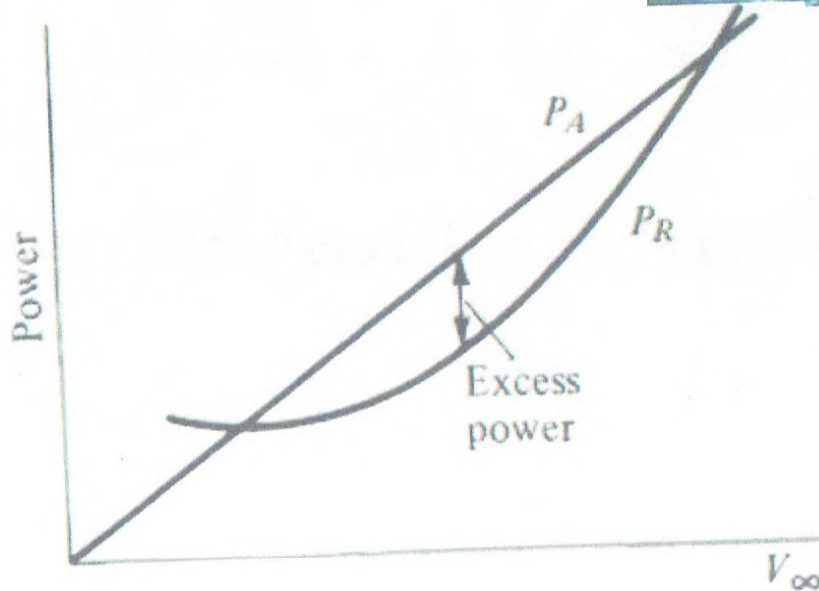


**Maximum R/C Occurs when Maximum Excess Power**



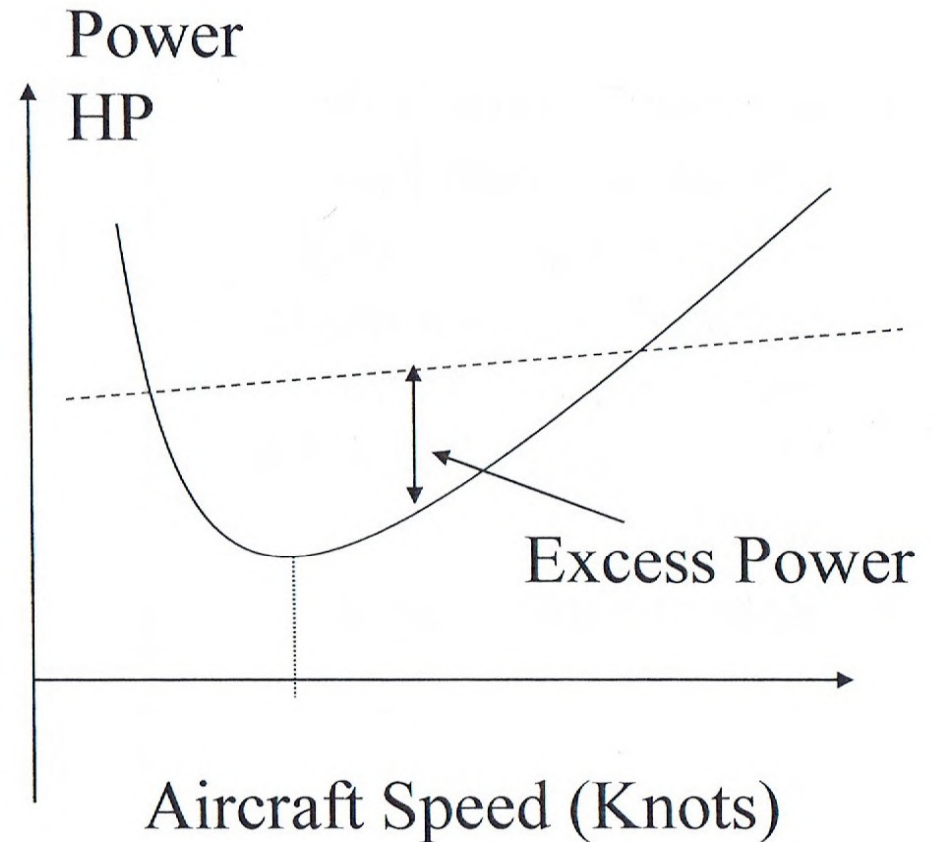
# EXAMPLE: F-15 K

- Weapon launched from an F-15 fighter by a small two stage rocket, carries a heat-seeking Miniature Homing Vehicle (MHV) which destroys target by direct impact at high speed (kinetic energy weapon)
- F-15 can bring ALMV under the ground track of its target, as opposed to a ground-based system, which must wait for a target satellite to overfly its launch site.



# Maximum Rate of Climb

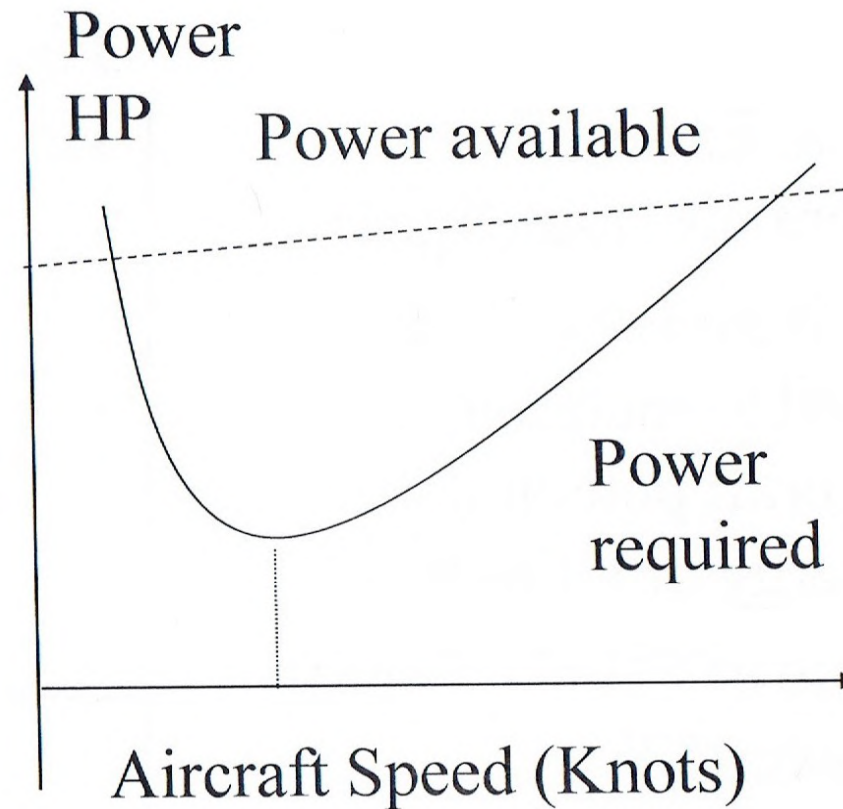
- Find Excess Power from previous figure.
- This power can be used to increase aircraft potential energy or altitude
- $\text{Rate of Climb} = \frac{\text{Excess Power}}{\text{GW}}$



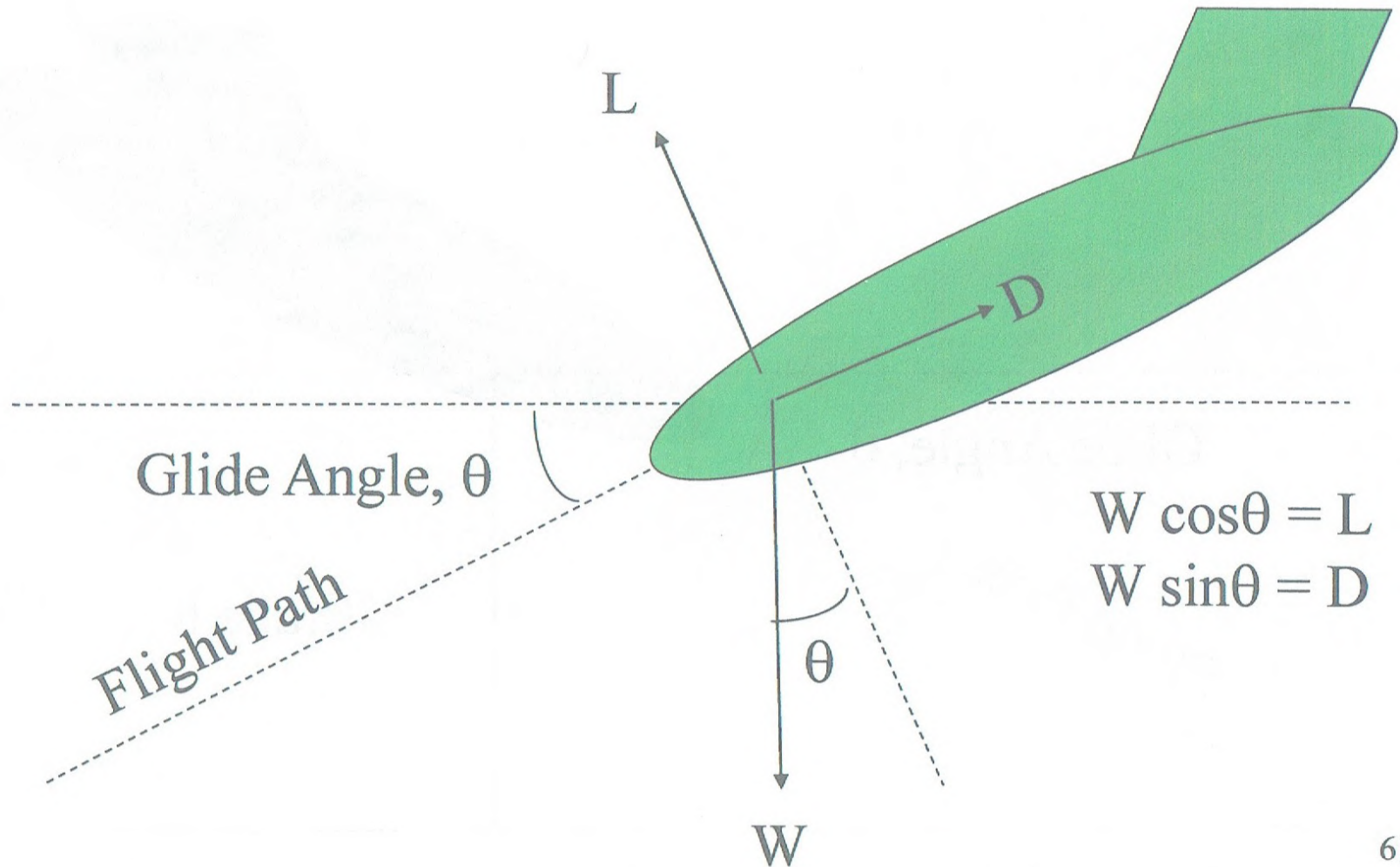


# Absolute Ceiling

- Absolute ceiling is the altitude at which Power available equals power required only at a single speed, and no excess power is available at this speed.
- Rate of climb is zero.

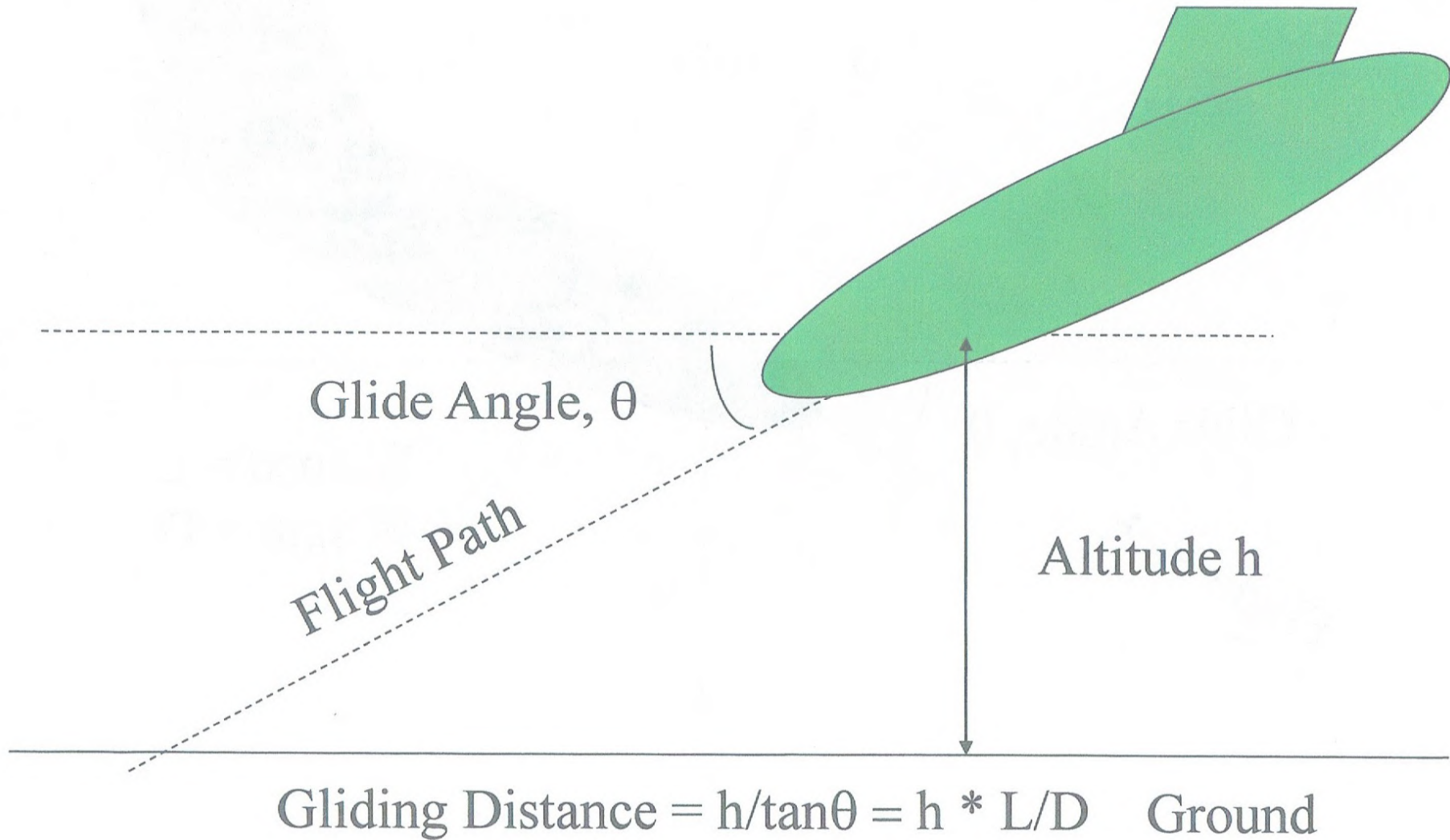


# CHAPTER 7: Equilibrium Gliding Flight





# Gliding Distance



## Gliding Flight

- $D=W \sin\theta$  where  $\theta$  is the equilibrium glide angle.
- $L= W \cos\theta$
- $\text{Tan}\theta = D/L$
- $\text{Glide distance} = h/ \tan\theta = h ( L/D).$



# CHAPTER 7: RANGE AND ENDURANCE

RANGE: How far can we fly?

ENDURANCE: How long can we stay aloft?

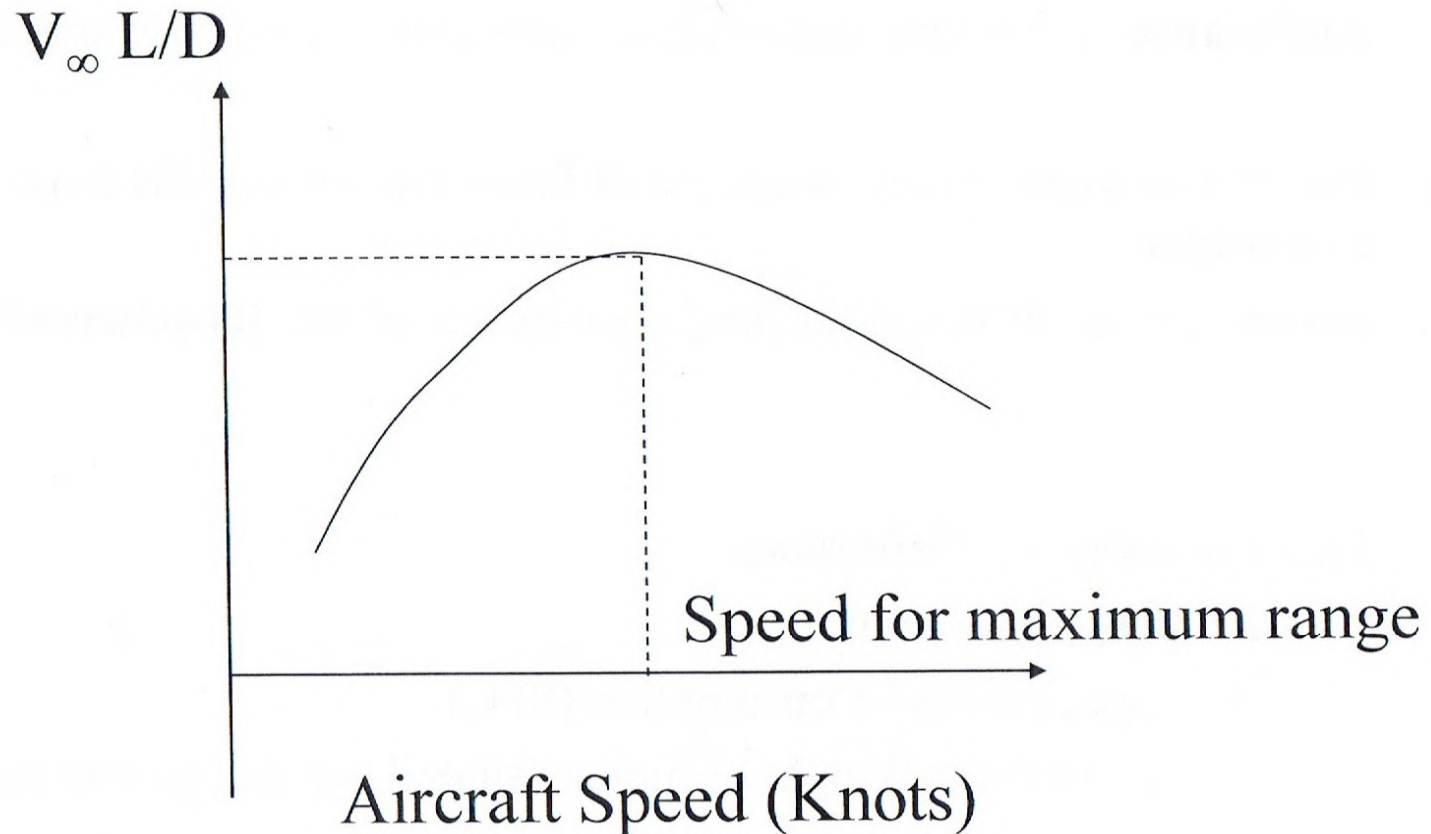
propeller-driven Airplane and jet-engine Airplane?

# RANGE AND ENDURANCE

- **Range:** Total distance (measured with respect to the ground) traversed by airplane on a single tank of fuel
  - **Endurance:** Total time that airplane stays in air on a single tank of fuel
1. Parameters to maximize **range** are different from those that maximize **endurance**
  2. Parameters are different for **propeller-powered** and **jet-powered** aircraft
- Fuel Consumption Definitions
    - **Propeller-Powered:**
      - Specific Fuel Consumption (SFC)
      - Definition: Weight of fuel consumed per unit **power** per unit time
    - **Jet-Powered:**
      - Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption (TSFC)
      - Definition: Weight of fuel consumed per unit **thrust** per unit time



# Cruise Speed for Maximum Range



From your level flight performance data plot  $V_{\infty} L/D$  vs.  $V_{\infty}$   
As will be seen later, the speed at which  $V_{\infty} L/D$  is maximum  
gives maximum range.

# Calculation of Range

We have selected a cruise  $V_\infty$ .

Over a small period of time  $dt$ , the vehicle will travel a distance equal to  $V_\infty dt$

The aircraft weight will decrease by  $dW$  as fuel is burned.

If we know the engine we use, we know the fuel burn rate per pound of thrust  $T$ . This ratio is called thrust-specific fuel consumption (Symbol used: *sfc* or just *c*).

$$\begin{aligned} dt &= \text{Change in the aircraft weight } dW / (\text{fuel burn rate}) \\ &= dW / (\text{Thrust times } c) \\ &= dW / (Tc) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Distance Traveled during } dt = V_\infty dW / (Tc) = V_\infty [W/T](1/c) dW/W$$



# Calculation of Range (Contd...)

- From previous slide:
  - Distance Traveled during  $dt = V_{\infty} [W/T] (1/c) dW/W$
- Since  $T=D$  and  $W=L$ ,  $W/T = L/D$
- The aircraft is usually flown at a fixed  $L/D$ .
- The  $L/D$  is kept as high as possible during cruise.
  - Distance Traveled during  $dt = V_{\infty} [L/D] (1/c) dW/W$

# Calculation of Range (Contd...)

- From previous slide:
  - Distance Traveled during  $dt = V_{\infty}[L/D](1/c) dW/W$
- Integrate between start of cruise phase, and end of cruise phase. The aircraft weight changes from  $W_i$  to  $W_f$ .
- Integral of  $dx/x = \log(x)$  where natural log is used.
- $\text{Range} = V_{\infty}[L/D](1/c) \log(W_i/W_f)$



# Breguet Range Equation

$$Range = \frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{V_{\infty} L}{D} \cdot \log_e \left( \frac{W_{initial}}{W_{final}} \right)$$

Propulsion Group/  
Designer Responsibility  
to choose an engine  
with a low specific  
fuel consumption  $c$

Structures & Weights  
Group/  
Designer Responsibility  
to keep  $W_{final}$  small.

Aerodynamics Group/  
Designer Responsibility  
to maximize this factor.

## PROPELLER-DRIVEN: RANGE AND ENDURANCE

- SFC: Weight of fuel consumed per unit power per unit time

$$\text{SFC} = \frac{\text{lb of fuel}}{(\text{HP})(\text{hour})}$$

- **ENDURANCE:** To stay in air for longest amount of time, use minimum number of pounds of fuel per hour

$$\frac{\text{lb of fuel}}{(\text{hour})} \propto \text{SFC}(\text{HP})$$

- Minimum lb of fuel per hour obtained with minimum HP
- **Maximum endurance for a propeller-driven airplane occurs when airplane is flying at minimum power required**
- **Maximum endurance for a propeller-driven airplane occurs when airplane is flying at a velocity such that  $C_L^{3/2}/C_D$  is a maximized**



## PROPELLER-DRIVEN: RANGE AND ENDURANCE

- SFC: Weight of fuel consumed per unit power per unit time

$$\text{SFC} = \frac{\text{lb of fuel}}{(\text{HP})(\text{hour})}$$

- **RANGE:** To cover longest distance use minimum pounds of fuel per mile

$$\frac{\text{lb of fuel}}{(\text{mile})} \propto \frac{\text{SFC}(\text{HP})}{V_{\infty}}$$

- Minimum lb of fuel per hour obtained with minimum  $\text{HP}/V_{\infty}$
- **Maximum range for a propeller-driven airplane occurs when airplane is flying at a velocity such that  $C_L/C_D$  is a maximum**

## PROPELLER-DRIVEN: RANGE BREGUET FORMULA

$$R = \frac{\eta}{SFC} \frac{C_L}{C_D} \ln \left( \frac{W_{initial}}{W_{final}} \right)$$

To maximize range:

- Largest propeller efficiency,  $\eta$
- Lowest possible SFC
- Highest ratio of  $W_{initial}$  to  $W_{final}$ , which is obtained with the largest fuel weight
- Fly at maximum L/D



# PROPELLER-DRIVEN: RANGE BREGUET FORMULA

$$R = \frac{\eta}{SFC} \frac{C_L}{C_D} \ln \left( \frac{W_{initial}}{W_{final}} \right)$$

The diagram illustrates the Range Breguet formula for a propeller-driven aircraft. The formula is presented as  $R = \frac{\eta}{SFC} \frac{C_L}{C_D} \ln \left( \frac{W_{initial}}{W_{final}} \right)$ . Three arrows point from descriptive labels below to specific parts of the formula: 'Propulsion' points to the  $SFC$  term in the denominator of the first fraction; 'Aerodynamics' points to the  $C_L$  and  $C_D$  terms in the second fraction; and 'Structures and Materials' points to the  $W_{initial}$  and  $W_{final}$  terms in the logarithmic weight ratio.

## PROPELLER-DRIVEN: ENDURANCE BREGUET FORMULA

$$E = \frac{\eta}{SFC} \frac{C_L^{3/2}}{C_D} (2\rho_\infty S)^{1/2} \left( W_{final}^{-1/2} - W_{initial}^{-1/2} \right)$$

- To maximize endurance:
  - Largest propeller efficiency,  $\eta$
  - Lowest possible SFC
  - Largest fuel weight
  - Fly at maximum  $C_L^{3/2}/C_D$
  - Flight at sea level



## JET-POWERED: RANGE AND ENDURANCE

- TSFC: Weight of fuel consumed per thrust per unit time

$$\text{TSFC} = \frac{\text{lb of fuel}}{(\text{lb of thrust})(\text{hour})}$$

- **ENDURANCE:** To stay in air for longest amount of time, use minimum number of pounds of fuel per hour

$$\frac{\text{lb of fuel}}{(\text{hour})} \propto \text{TSFC}(\text{Thrust})$$

- Minimum lb of fuel per hour obtained with minimum thrust
- **Maximum endurance for a jet-powered airplane occurs when airplane is flying at minimum thrust required**
- **Maximum endurance for a jet-powered airplane occurs when airplane is flying at a velocity such that  $C_L/C_D$  is a maximum**

# JET-POWERED: RANGE AND ENDURANCE

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- **RANGE:** To cover longest distance use minimum pounds of fuel per mile

$$\frac{\text{lb of fuel}}{(\text{mile})} \propto \frac{\text{SFC}(\text{Thrust})}{V_{\infty}}$$

- Minimum lb of fuel per hour obtained with minimum Thrust/ $V_{\infty}$

$$\frac{T_R}{V_{\infty}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} S \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho_{\infty} S C_L}} C_D \propto \frac{1}{C_L^{1/2} / C_D}$$

- **Maximum range for a jet-powered airplane occurs when airplane is flying at a velocity such that  $C_L^{1/2}/C_D$  is a maximum**



## JET-POWERED: RANGE BREGUET FORMULA

$$R = 2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho_{\infty} S}} \frac{1}{TSFC} \frac{C_L^{1/2}}{C_D} \left( W_{initial}^{1/2} - W_{final}^{1/2} \right)$$

- To maximize range:
  - Minimum TSFC
  - Maximum fuel weight
  - Flight at maximum  $C_L^{1/2}/C_D$
  - Fly at high altitudes

## JET-POWERED: ENDURANCE BREGUET FORMULA

$$E = \frac{1}{TSFC} \frac{C_L}{C_D} \ln \left( \frac{W_{initial}}{W_{final}} \right)$$

- To maximize endurance:
  - Minimum TSFC
  - Maximum fuel weight
  - Flight at maximum L/D



# SUMMARY: ENDURANCE AND RANGE

- **Maximum Endurance**
  - **Propeller-Driven**
    - Maximum endurance for a propeller-driven airplane occurs when airplane is flying at minimum power required
    - Maximum endurance for a propeller-driven airplane occurs when airplane is flying at a velocity such that  $C_L^{3/2}/C_D$  is a maximum
  - **Jet Engine-Driven**
    - Maximum endurance for a jet-powered airplane occurs when airplane is flying at minimum thrust required
    - Maximum endurance for a jet-powered airplane occurs when airplane is flying at a velocity such that  $C_L/C_D$  is a maximum
- **Maximum Range**
  - **Propeller-Driven**
    - Maximum range for a propeller-driven airplane occurs when airplane is flying at a velocity such that  $C_L/C_D$  is a maximum
  - **Jet Engine-Driven**
    - Maximum range for a jet-powered airplane occurs when airplane is flying at a velocity such that  $C_L^{1/2}/C_D$  is a maximum

# Breguet Eqns - Summary

- Here is a summary of the Breguet equations:
- For piston-propellers

$$R = \frac{\eta}{c} \frac{C_L}{C_D} \ln \left( \frac{W_o}{W_1} \right)$$

$$E = \frac{\eta C_L^{3/2}}{c C_D} \sqrt{2 \rho_\infty S} \left( \frac{1}{W_1^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{W_0^{1/2}} \right)$$

- For turbojets:

$$R = \frac{2}{c_t} \frac{C_L^{1/2}}{C_D} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho_\infty S}} (W_0^{1/2} - W_1^{1/2})$$

$$E = \frac{1}{c_t} \frac{C_L}{C_D} \ln \left( \frac{W_o}{W_1} \right)$$

# $C_L$ and $C_D$ relations - Summary

- For  $(C_L^{3/2}/C_D)_{\max}$ ,  $C_{D,i} = 3C_{D,0}$

$$C_L = \sqrt{3\pi eAR C_{D,0}}$$

$$\frac{C_L^{3/2}}{C_D} = \frac{(3\pi eAR C_{D,0})^{3/4}}{4C_{D,0}}$$

- For  $(C_L/C_D)_{\max}$ ,  $C_{D,i} = C_{D,0}$

$$C_L = \sqrt{\pi eAR C_{D,0}}$$

$$\frac{C_L}{C_D} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi eAR}{C_{D,0}}}$$

- For  $(C_L^{1/2}/C_D)_{\max}$ ,  $C_{D,i} = 1/3 C_{D,0}$

$$C_L = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} \pi eAR C_{D,0}}$$

$$\frac{C_L^{1/2}}{C_D} = \frac{(\frac{1}{3} \pi eAR C_{D,0})^{1/4}}{\frac{4}{3} C_{D,0}}$$