AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE

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Course Outcomes



COs	Course Outcome
CO1	Understand the design mission, performance, standard atmosphere, aerodynamic and propulsive forces, different speeds and estimation methods of aircraft
CO2	Remember and describe the cruise performance of an airplane in relation with range and endurance with different types of engines also to understand effects of weight, altitude and temperature on performance
CO3	Determine and apply the concept of climb and descent performance and to calculate power for best climb and descent performance.
CO4	Describe about aircraft maneuver performance in turn, pull-ups by considering limitations of power for military and civil aircrafts.
CO5	Explore the methods to calculate take off and landing runway distances and to understand fuel planning, safety and environment effects of aircraft performance.





UNIT-I

INTRODUCTION TO AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE

Course Learning Outcomes



CLOs	Course Learning Outcome					
CLO1	Remember the atmospheric conditions that are suitable for better performance of an aircraft.					
CLO2	Understand the basics of mathematics, science and engineering for problem solving.					
CLO3	Describe different atmospheric models that an aircraft encounters in its real-time flight.					
CLO4	Demonstrate different methods for the					
	measurement of air data and their respective					
	systems working principle					

AIR-BREATHING ENGINES



- The role and design mission of an aircraft
- Performance requirements and mission profile
- Aircraft design performance
- The standard atmosphere
- Off-standard and design atmosphere
- Measurement of air data
- Air data computers
- Equations of motion for performance
- The aircraft force system
- Total airplane drag estimation
- Drag reduction methods

- The propulsive forces
- The thrust production engines
- Power producing engines
- Variation of thrust
- Propulsive power and specific fuel consumption with altitude and flight speed
- The minimum drag speed
- Minimum power speed
- Aerodynamic relationships for a parabolic drag polar





UNIT-II

CRUISE PERFORMANCE

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- \checkmark Maximum and minimum speeds in level flight
- ✓ Range and endurance with thrust production
 - ✓ Power producing engines
- ✓ Cruise techniques:
 - \checkmark Constant angle of attack
 - ✓ Constant Mach number
 - ✓ Constant altitude
- ✓ Methods- comparison of performance.
- ✓ The effect of weight
 - ✓ Altitude and Temperature on cruise performance
 - Cruise performance with mixed power-Plants





UNIT-III

CLIMB AND DECENT PERFORMANCE

UNIT-III



- Importance of Climb and descent performance
- Climb and descent technique generalized performance analysis for thrust producing
- Power producing
- Mixed power plants
- Maximum climb gradient
- Climb rate

- Energy height and specific excess power
- ✓ Energy methods for optimal climbs –
- ✓ minimum time
- ✓ Minimum fuel climbs
- Measurement of best climb performance
- Descent performance in Aircraft operations
- Effect of wind on climb and decent performance





UNIT-IV

AIRCRAFT MANOEUVRE PERFORMANCE

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- ✓ Lateral manoeuvres
- ✓ Turn performance
 - Turn rates
 - Turn radius
 - Limiting factors for turning performance
- \checkmark Instantaneous turn and sustained turns
- ✓ Specific excess power
- ✓ Energy turns
- ✓ Longitudinal aircraft manoeuvres
- ✓ The pull-up and Push over Manoeuvres
- \checkmark The manoeuvre envelope Significance
- ✓ Manoeuvre boundaries
 - Manoeuvre performance of military Aircraft
 - Manoeuvre performance of transport Aircraft





UNIT-V SAFETY REQUIREMENTS TAKEOFF AND LANDING PERFORMANCE AND **FLIGHT PLANNING**

UNIT-V



- Estimation of take off distances.
- The effect on the take off distance of :
 - weight
 - ✤ wind
 - runway conditions
 - ground effect
- Take off performance
 - Safety factors
 - Estimation of landing distances
 - The discontinued landing
 - Baulk landing

- Air safety procedures and requirements on performance
- Fuel planning fuel requirement
- ≻Trip fuel
- Environment effects
- ► Reserve Tankering

UNI-I AIR-BREATHING ENGINES



The Role and Design Mission of an Aircraft

Civil Aircraft

- ✤ Agriculture
- Sports
- Trainer
- ✤ Air Transport
- Cargo
- Early warning and control (AEW&C)
- Chartered Aircraft
- ✤ Etc...

Military Aircraft

- ✤ Fighter
- Interceptor
- Bomber
- Spying
- Electronic warfare (EW)
- Maritime patrol
- Expérimental
- Reconnaissance
- Surveillance
- Tanker
- Trainer
- Transport

Civil Aircraft



- ✤ Agriculture
- Sports
- ✤ Air Transport
- Cargo
- Trainer
- Early warning and control (AEW&C)
- Chartered Aircraft
- Photo Etc...



Agriculture Aircraft used for spreading Manure on the fields which takes lesser time and efficient to undertake more area





These aircrafts are used for landing in fields of grassy areas Which can be used for agricultural activities.







FAA Light Sport Aircraft

- Max. Gross Takeoff Weight: 1,320 lbs (600 kg) or 1,430 lbs for seaplanes (650 kg)
- Max. Stall Speed: 45 knots (83 km/h; 52 mph) CAS
- Max. Speed in Level Flight (at sea level In the US Standard Atmosphere): 120 knots (220 km/h; 140 mph) CAS
- Max. Seats: Two

- Max. Engines / Motors: One (if powered)
- Propeller: Fixed-pitch or ground adjustable
- Cabin: Unpressurized
- Fixed-pitch, semi-rigid, teetering, two-blade rotor system, if a gyroplane.
- Landing Gear: Fixed (except for seaplanes and gliders)



Aircraft data



Manufacturer	Engine	Max. cruise	Max. range	Туре
<u>3Xtrim</u>	<u>100 HP Rotax 912</u> <u>S</u>	104 kn (193 km/h)	747 NM	Certified
<u>Advanced</u> <u>Composites</u> <u>Solutions</u>		120 kn (222 km/h)		<u>Kit</u>
Aeropro / fly- Aerotrek.com	<u>Rotax 912 A/ 912 S</u>	115 kn (213 km/h)	570 NM (1056 km)	Certified
<u>AeropraktManufactu</u> <u>ring</u>	Rotax 912UL,Rotax 912ULS or Rotax 912 iS	110 kn (210 km/h)	594 NM (950 km)	Certified
The Airplane Factory	<u>Rotax 912S or 912</u> <u>ULS</u>	110 kn (201 km/h)	880 NM (1600 km)	Certified,
Aviasud Engineering	Rotax 582DCDI	65 kn (120 km/h)	270 NM, 500 km	Certified

Trainer aircraft



Trainer Aircraft and its different types

A trainer is a class of aircraft designed specifically to facilitate flight training of pilots and aircrews. The use of a dedicated trainer aircraft with additional safety features







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Trainer Aircraft

- Basic training
- Advanced training
- Lead-in fighter training
 - Multi-engine trainers
 - Navigation trainers
 - Combat use of trainers

Tandem Trainer Aircraft used to train the pilot

In tandem, usually with the pilot in front and the instructor behind.



Side by side trainer aircraft

Side By Side

The *two* seating configurations for trainer aircraft are: pilot and instructor side by side



Transport Aircraft



Transport Aircraft

- Airliners, aircraft, usually large and most often operated by airlines, intended for carrying multiple passengers or cargo in commercial service
- Cargo aircraft or freighters, fixed-wing aircraft designed or converted for the carriage of goods, rather than passengers, lacking in passenger amenities and generally featuring one or more large doors for loading cargo; also known as freight aircraft, freighters, airlifters, or cargo jets.



Transport Aircraft

- > Mail planes, airplanes used for carrying mail
- Military transport aircraft, airplanes or helicopters used to deliver troops, weapons. and military equipment, usually outside of the commercial flight routes in uncontrolled airspace, and employed historically to deliver airborne forces and tow military gliders; sometimes also called military cargo aircraft.



Passenger Transport Aircrafts are shown below with two different airplane







Two different types of cargo aircrafts are shown with loading a big helicopter like Chinook and troops from one place to another.



Military Transport Aircraft

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These helicopters can be used for military and civil use to lift heavy loads to carry in hilli terrain.



DRDO AEW&CS

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The DRDO Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEWACS) is a project of India's Defence Research and **Development Organisation to** develop an airborne early warning and control system for the Indian Air Force. It is also referred to as DRDO NETRA AEW&CS system.



Chartered Aircraft



A charter flight is an unscheduled flight that is not part of a regular airline routing. With a charter flight, you rent the entire aircraft and can determine departure/arrival locations and times. There are several types of charter flights.



Types of Military Aircraft

- Fighter
- Interceptor
- Bomber
- Spying
- Electronic warfare (EW)
- Maritime patrol
- Expérimental
- Reconnaissance
- Surveillance
- Tanker
- Trainer
- Transport

Interceptor



An interceptor aircraft, or simply interceptor, is a type of fighter aircraft designed specifically to attack enemy aircraft, particularly bombers and reconnaissance aircraft, as they approach.



Su-15, one of the principal Soviet Air Defence interceptors

Fighter



A fighter aircraft is a military aircraft designed primarily for airto-air combat against other aircraft, as opposed to bombers and attack aircraft, whose main mission is to attack ground targets. The hallmarks of a fighter are its speed, maneuverability, and small size relative to other combat aircraft.



Bomber



Bomber, military aircraft designed to drop bombs on surface targets.



Spying Aircraft

A reconnaissance aircraft is a military surveillance aircraft designed or adapted to perform aerial reconnaissance with roles including collection of imagery intelligence (including using photography), signals intelligence, as well as measurement and signature intelligence. Modern technology has also enabled some aircraft and UAVs to carry out real-time surveillance in addition to general intelligence gathering.



ScanEagle reconnaissance UAV on its catapult launcher


An electronic-warfare aircraft is a military aircraft equipped for electronic warfare, that is, degrading the effectiveness of enemy radar and radio systems by using radar jamming and deception methods. In 1943, British Avro Lancaster aircraft were equipped with chaff in order to blind enemy air defence radars.



Maritime Patrol

A maritime patrol aircraft (MPA), also known as a patrol maritime aircraft, **reconnaissance** aircraft, or by the older American term patrol **bomber**, is a fixed-wing aircraft designed to operate for long durations over water in maritime patrol roles — in particular anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-ship warfare (AShW), and search and rescue (SAR)



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Expérimental Aircraft

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An **experimental aircraft** is an aircraft that has not yet been fully proven in flight. Often, this implies that new aerospace technologies are being tested on the aircraft, though the label is more broad.



Tanker Aircraft



Aerial refuelling, also referred to as air refuelling, in-flight refuelling, air-to-air refuelling, and tanking, is the process of transferring aviation fuel from one military aircraft to another during flight.



AIR-BREATHING ENGINES



Performance Requirements and Mission Profile

- Takeoff and Landing Distances
- Rate of Climb
- Ceiling
- Speed
- Payload
- Fuel Economy
- Maneuvering

Aircraft Design Performance



- 1. Range
- 2. Takeoff distance
- 3. Stalling velocity.
- 4. Endurance [imp for reconnaissance airplanes; an overall dominating factor for the new group of very high-altitude uninhabited air vehicles (UAVs)]
- 5. Maximum velocity
- 6. Rate of climb

- 7. For dogfighting combat aircraft, maximum turn rate and sometimes minimum turn radius
- 8. Maximum load factor
- 9. Service ceiling
- 10.Cost
- 11.Reliability and maintainability
- 12.Maximum Size (so that the airplane will fit inside standard hangers and/or be able to fit in a standard gate at airline terminals)



The International Standard Atmosphere

The International Standard Atmosphere (ISA) is a static atmospheric model of how the pressure, temperature, density, and viscosity of the Earth's atmosphere change over a wide range of altitudes or elevations.

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The International Standard Atmosphere 1976

Layer	Level Name	Base Geopotential Altitude above MSL ^[5] <i>h</i> (m)	Base Geometric Altitude above MSL ^[5] z (m)	Lapse Rate (°C/km) ^[a]	Base Temperature <i>T</i> (°C)	Base Atmospheric Pressure <i>p</i> (Pa)	Base Atmospheric Density ρ (kg/m3)
0	Troposphere	-610	-611	+6.5	+19.0	108,900 (1.075 bar)	1.2985
1	Tropopause	11,000	11,019	0.0	-56.5	22,632	0.3639
2	Stratosphere	20,000	20,063	-1.0	-56.5	5474.9	0.0880
3	Stratosphere	32,000	32,162	-2.8	-44.5	868.02	0.0132
4	Stratopause	47,000	47,350	0.0	-2.5	110.91	0.0020
5	Mesosphere	51,000	51,413	+2.8	-2.5	66.939	
6	Mesosphere	71,000	71,802	+2.0	-58.5	3.9564	
7	Mesopause	84,852	86,000	_	-86.28	0.3734	

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International Standard Atmosphere (Temperature Profile)



AIR-BREATHING ENGINES

Off-standard and Design Atmosphere

Atmospheric Model

- Jackhia -71
- Jackhia -77
- Exponential Model

Purpose

- Re-entry of space craft
- Ballistic Missile
- Space Launch Vehicle
- Low Earth Orbiting Objects

Modelling Consideration

- Seasonal effect
- Latitude & Longitudinal
 Effect
- Earth Oblateness effect
- ✤ Etc...

Altitudes



Relation Between Geo Potential Height And Geometric Height

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

 $dP = -\rho g dh_g$





Relation Between Geo Potential Height And Geometric Height

$$\frac{\rho T}{\rho_1 T_1} = \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{-\frac{g_o}{\alpha R}}$$
$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_1} = \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{-\frac{g_o}{\alpha R}-1}$$

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_1} = \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{-\left(\frac{g_0}{\alpha R} + 1\right)}$$

Variables	Gradient layer	Isothermal layer
Pressure	$\frac{P}{P_1} = \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{-\frac{g_0}{\alpha R}}$	$\frac{P}{P_1} = e^{-[g_o/(RT)](h-h_1)}$
Density	$\frac{\rho}{\rho_1} = \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{-\left(\frac{g_o}{\alpha R} + 1\right)}$	$\frac{\rho}{\rho_1} = e^{-[g_o/(RT)](h-h_1)}$



Measuring Parameters

- Temperature
- Pressure
- Density
- ✤ Moisture etc..

Relations

- Atmospheric Pressure
- Temperature, Pressure & Density Relations

Measuring Techniques

- Barometer
- Thermometer
- Thermal Infra-red

Air Data Computers

An air data computer (ADC) is essential avionics an component found in modern glass cockpits. This computer, rather than individual instruments, can determine the calibrated airspeed, Mach number, altitude, and altitude trend data from an aircraft's pitot-static system.





EOMs



Equations of Motion for Performance

Governing Parameters

- **∻**Lift
- * Drag
- ✤Weight
- ✤Thrust
- Velocity
- Flight path



- Velocity & horizontal
- Pitch angle
 - Nose & horizontal



Force system of an aircraft

The Aircraft Force System



Drag and estimation



Total Airplane Drag Estimation



 $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{Cd} \times \frac{\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{V}^2}{2} \times \mathbf{A}$

Drag = coefficient x density x velocity squared x reference area two

Coefficient Cd contains all the complex dependencies and is usually determined experimentally.

Choice of reference area A affects the value of Cd.





Double the Area --> Double the Drag

Drag calculation



Total Airplane Drag Estimation





Total Airplane Drag Estimation Factors Affecting Drag



Shape and size /elocity and inclination to flow /lass, Viscosity, Compressibility

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Total Airplane Drag Estimation Shape Affecting Drag







SKIN FRICTION DRAG

- 1. Turbulent drag reduction
 - A. Riblets
 - B. Large eddy break-up devices
 - C. Surface coatings
- 2. Laminar flow control
 - A. Boundary layer suction
 - B. Hybrid laminar flow concept
 - C. Boundary layer flow control
 - D. Wing tip devices
 - E. Vortex generators

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The Propulsive Forces







Propeller



Rocket



force = rate of change of momentum or force = mass flow rate . change in fluid velocity



The Thrust Production Engines

A piston **engine** cannot **produce thrust** on its own. The exhaust gases **produced** by a propeller, jet or rocket, due to Newton's Third Law, are feeling a force opposite and equal to **the thrust**, and therefore are moved in the direction opposite to **the thrust** of the **engine**. Hence, the exhaust is the effect of **thrust**



An **engine power plant** is a power station in which power comes from the combination of a reciprocating engine and an alternator.



Electric Power Generation by Internal Combustion Engine (ICE)

Variation of Thrust

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Thrust is produced by accelerating air. Therefore **thrust** decreases with increasing airspeed. In level flight, an aircraft could not be accelerated above the engine exhaust gas speeds because then the incoming air would be faster than the exhaust air - resulting in a deceleration.

THRUST REQUIRED VS. FLIGHT VELOCITY







Propulsive power and specific fuel consumption with altitude and flight speed

Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption

(TSFC)



TSFC



To move an airplane through the air, a propulsion system is used to generate thrust. The amount of thrust an engine generates is important. But the amount of fuel used to generate that thrust is sometimes more important, because the airplane has to lift and carry the fuel throughout the flight. Engineers use an efficiency factor, called thrust **specific fuel consumption**, to characterize an engine's fuel efficiency. "Thrust specific fuel consumption" is quite a mouthful, so engineers usually just call it the engine's **TSFC**. What does TSFC mean?

SFC and BSFC



The fuel consumption of TSFC is "how much fuel the engine burns" each hour." The specific of TSFC is a scientific term meaning "divided by mass or weight." In this case, specific means "per pound (Newton) of thrust." The thrust of TSFC is included to indicate that we are talking about gas turbine engines. There is a corresponding **brake specific fuel consumption** (**BSFC**) for engines that produce shaft power. Gathering all the terms together, TSFC is the mass of fuel burned by an engine in one hour divided by the **thrust** that the engine produces. The units of this efficiency factor are mass per time divided by force (in English units, pounds mass per hour per pound; in metric units, kilograms per hour per Newton).

Mathematically, TSFC is a ratio of the engine fuel mass flow rate **mdot f** to the amount of thrust **F** produced by burning the fuel.

Minimum drag speed

There is a **speed** for **minimum** power required to maintain level flight (VMP) and this is where the product of **speed** and **drag** are at a **minimum** (where the two values make a square with the axes of the graph).VMP is the **speed** for **minimum** fuel consumption (max endurance) in a propeller driven aircraft.



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Minimum Power Speed





Parabolic drag polar



Aerodynamic relationships for a parabolic drag polar

The relationship between the drag coefficient and the lift coefficient is called drag polar.

The usual method to estimate the drag of an airplane is to add the drags of the major components of the airplane and then apply correction for the interference effects. The major components of the airplane which contribute to drag are wing, fuselage, horizontal tail, vertical tail, nacelles and landing gear

Thus,
$$D = D_{wing} + D_{fuse} + D_{ht} + D_{vt} + D_{nac} + D_{lg} + D_{etc}$$

includes the drag of items like external fueltanks, bombs, struts etc..

Equation for drag polar











UNIT-II CRUISE PERFORMANCE

Course Learning Outcomes

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CLOs	Course Learning Outcome	
CLO5	Describe mission profiles that an aircraft adapts depending	
	upon its category and requirements.	
CLO6	Understand different phases of design process from	
	performance standpoint	
CLO7	Identify definition of aircraft performance for	
	different categories of aircraft.	
CLO8	Explain the force system of the aircraft and the	
	development of equations of motion	

CRUISE PERFORMANCE



✤ Level Flight

- At constant speed
- At acceleration
- Takeoff flight
- ✤ Landing
 - Shallow angle
 - Steep angle
- Circular flight
- Turn/Banking Flight
- Push over
- Pull out





Maximum and minimum speeds in level flight Level Flight

At constant speed

In a steady level flight an airplane moves with constant velocity at a constant altitude. This analysis would give information on the maximum level speed and minimum level speed at different a


Speed and acceleration



Maximum and minimum speeds in level flight



Takeoff Flight



Takeoff flight



Glide landing



Glide Landing

Shallow angle



Types of landing







Circular flight

Aircraft turn in circular motions, following a circumference around a central point. The circumference is often referred to as the "bubble", while the central point is often called the "post". Any change in the g-force load on the aircraft causes a change in the bubble's size as well as a change in turn radius, moving the post in relation to the fighter. Because an aircraft turning at its maximum load cannot turn any tighter, any aircraft located between such a fighter and its post is momentarily safe from attack. It is in this area where an attacking fighter will usually try to position itself.

Turn circle geometry



Turn and banking

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Turn/Banking Flight



- Ifairspeedismaintained,then arateofdescentwilloccuror,if heightismaintained,thenthe aircraftwilldecelerate.
- Unlessthethrustisincreasedt ocompensatefortheincrease ddragthentheturnwillcauset hespecificenergyoftheaircra fttodecrease

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- Flight along a curved path is known as a manoeuvre. In this flight the radial acceleration is always present even if the tangential acceleration is zero.
- For example, from particle dynamics we know that when a body moves with constant speed along a circle it is subjected to a radial acceleration equal to (V²/r) or 2ωr where, V is the speed, r is the radius of curvature of the path and is the angular velocity (ω=V/r).

In a general case, when a particle moves along a curve it has an acceleration along the tangent to the path whose magnitude is equal to the rate of change of speed(V) and an acceleration along the radius of curvature whose magnitude is (V^2/r) .

For the sake of simplicity, the motions of an airplane along curved paths confined to either the vertical plane or the horizontal plane, are only considered here. The flight along a closed curve in a vertical plane is referred to as loop and that in the horizontal plane as turn



Factors Limiting Radius Of Turn And Rate Of Turn

- Turning flight is a very important item of performance evaluation, especially for the military airplanes. Minimum radius of turn and maximum rate of turn are important indicators of the maneuverability of an airplane.
- It is observed that, at a given altitude and flight velocity, as mall radius of turn and a high rate of turn are achieved when the bank angle has the highest possible value.
- At a given altitude, the minimum radius of turn (rmin) and the maximum rate of turn (ψmax) are obtained when 'V' is low and 'n' is high. The following considerations limit the achievable values of r min and ψ max.

Push over



Push over



- The excess power can be used to
 - i. increase potential energy (climb), or to
 - ii. increase the potential and kinetic energies in combination to achieve the maximum rate of change of total energy,
 - iii. to minimize the time required to climb and accelerate the aircraft to its operating height and Mach number. This principle is employed by high performance air craft in the optimization of their climb profile through the transonic flight region where the excess power is reduced by the increase in drag.

Any change in the specific excess power arising from an increment in either the thrust or the drag will produce either a rate of climb or an acceleration of the aircraft. If height is maintained constant then the TAS will vary or, conversely, if TAS is maintained constant the height will vary. This principle is important in the consideration of the over all effect of a manoeuvre on the flight path of the aircraft.

Pullout and pull down



Pull out / Pull down flight



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Range and Endurance

Range and Endurance with thrust production

- Propeller engine
- ✤ Jet engine
- Maximum Range condition
- Maximum endurance condition

CRUISE Techniques

Cruise techniques:

Constant angle of attack

In fluid dynamics, **angle of attack** (**AOA**, α , or) is the angle between a reference line on a body (often the chord line of an airfoil) and the vector representing the relative motion between the body and the fluid through which it is moving. Angle of attack is the angle between the body's reference line and the oncoming flow. This article focuses on the most common application, the angle of attack of a wing or airfoil moving through air.



In aerodynamics, angle of attack specifies the angle between the chord line of the wing of a fixed-wing aircraft and the vector representing the relative motion between the aircraft and the atmosphere. Since a wing can have twist, a chord line of the whole wing may not be definable, so an alternate reference line is simply defined. Often, the chord line of the root of the wing is chosen as the reference line. Another choice is to use a horizontal line on the fuselage as the reference line (and also as the longitudinal axis).Some authors do not use an arbitrary chord line but use the zero lift axis where, by definition, zero angle of attack corresponds to zero coefficient of lift.

Some British authors have used the term angle of incidence instead of angle of attack. However, this can lead to confusion with the term *riggers' angle of incidence* meaning the angle between the chord of an airfoil and some fixed datum in the airplane.



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Cruise techniques:

Constant Mach number

An approximate solution of the constant altitude-constant Mach number cruise range for high subsonic speed flight of the turbojet fan aircraft is proposed. The solutions considers cambered wing drag polar of modern transport aircraft, dependence of the specific fuel consumption on Mach number, and compressibility effects on aerodynamic characteristics of the aircraft. The method aims for a quick assessment of the cruise range during conceptual or preliminary design phase.

Cruise techniques



Constant altitude

Commercial or passenger aircraft are usually designed for optimum performance at their **cruise speed** (V_c). Combustion engines have an optimum efficiency level for fuel consumption and power output. Generally, piston engines are most efficient between idle speed and 25% short of full throttle.

With aircraft, other factors affecting optimum cruise altitude include payload, center of gravity, air temperature, humidity, and speed. This altitude is usually where the higher ground speeds, the increase in aerodynamic drag power, and the decrease in engine thrust and efficiency at higher altitudes are balanced.

Methods



- \checkmark Methods- comparison of performance.
- \checkmark The effect of weight
 - ✓ Altitude and Temperature on cruise performance

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In some cases this speed is rather low and a higher cruising speed may be chosen from other considerations like, shorter flight time and speed appeal .i.e. a faster airplane may be more appealing to the passengers even if it consumes more fuel per kilometre of travel

Comparison of performance



- ✓ Methods- comparison of performance.
- \checkmark The effect of weight
 - ✓ Cruise performance with mixed power-Plants
- In effect describes the combination of the expression in the thrust and power into ESHP so that the performance can be estimated as if the air craft had a pure power producing engine.
- However, it is unlikely that the proportions of thrust and power will be in dependent of speed or engine output, and so the expression will need to be calculated for each combination of engine power setting and aircraft speed. Because of this, cruise performance calculations for turbo-prop aircraft will usually need to be performed in a 'point-to-point' manner rather than by a continuous function.



The cruising performance characteristic of an aircraft with missed power plants lies between those of the aircraft with pure thrust- or pure power-producing power plants. It needs to be estimated by taking the proportion of direct thrust to thrust power produced by the engine. Using the cruise–climb range expression as an example, the principle can be demonstrated.

From equation the range of the aircraft with thrustproducing Engines is given by

$$R_{\rm T} = \left[\frac{V_{\rm mdi}}{C_{\rm T}} E_{\rm max}\right] \left\{\frac{2u^3}{u^4 + 1}\right\} l_{\rm n}\omega$$



UNIT-III CLIMB AND DECENT PERFORMANCE

Course Learning Outcomes



CLOs	Course Learning Outcome
CLO9	Evaluate the performance of aircraft in cruising phase and appropriate conclusions are drawn.
CLO10	Illustrate the climb and descent performance of the aircraft and its performance parameters are measured
CLO11	Understand the concept behind various methods that are employed during takeoff and landing phases depending upon its mission.
CLO12	Evaluate the factors that enhance the performance of aircraft during takeoff and landing.

CLIMB AND DECENT PERFORMANCE



Importance of Climb performance

- The difference between propulsive thrust and airframe drag is used to change the potential energy and kinetic energy of the aircraft. If the thrust exceeds drag the airplane will climb and if the drag exceeds thrust the airplane will descend.
- Although climb and descent imply changes to height, they may involve changes in TAS since air density decreases with altitude.
- If the rates of climb or descent are high the acceleration of the aircraft while climbing will have to be taken into consideration
- The fuel required to climb to a given height can be minimized by the use of correct climbing technique.
- Economy is not the only criteria safety comes first. The safety of the aircraft depends upon the ability of the aircraft to climb above the obstructions at all points in the flight path. Sufficient excess thrust must be available to the Pilot to ensure that the aircraft can meet certain minimum gradients of climb in any of the safety critical segments of the flight.



Importance of descent performance

- Safety related considerations will affect the choice of flight path in descent for example, the attitude of the aircraft, rate of change of cabin pressure and the need for engine to supply power for airframe services.
- ➢ For all practical purposes the climb is performed at a constant EAS. This implies that as aircraft climbs the ambient air density decreases, so TAS will increase thus the aircraft will be accelerating throughout the climb
- If the climb is based on constant Mach number then in the troposphere as altitude increases the ambient temp will be decreasing and with it the speed of sound. This implies that the TAS will be decreasing as the aircraft climbs
- In isothermal stratosphere a climb with constant Mach no. will result in constant TAS (i.e, no acceleration)

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Climb and descent technique generalized performance analysis for thrust producing



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- Fig5.1 shows the relationship between TAS, EAS and Min climbing flight
- It shows that if the climb is at constant EAS the Mach no will increase with altitude and M_{crit} will be reached
- Alternatively if the climb is performed at constant Mach no then the EAS will decrease towards the stalling speed as height increases
- In practice an aircraft climbing to a height at which the Mach no. would approach its critical value would usually start the climb at a constant EAS and the Mach no. will be allowed to increase. In this state the angle of attack is constant and the climb can be made constant and possibly optimum L/D ratio. As M increases it becomes necessary to avoid the drag rise as the Mcrit is reached. The climb would then be converted into a constant M climb allowing the EAS to decrease as the climb continues.



Thrust producing engines produce thrust that is relatively constant with change of air speed in subsonic flights. Power producing engines produce shaft power which is relatively constant with change of air speed and which needs to be converted into propulsive thrust by a propeller. The differing characteristics of the set wo different types of engines lead to different criteria for optimum climb performance and need to be considered separately.

EOM



$$F_{\rm N} - D = W \sin \gamma_2 + m \dot{V}$$
$$L = W \cos \gamma_2$$
$$F_{\rm N} - D = W \sin \gamma_2$$
$$L = W$$
$$[F_{\rm N} - D] \frac{1}{W} = \sin \gamma_2$$

- This tells us that if the thrust is constant the best gradient of climb will be obtained by flying at the min drag speed.
- In the figure we see that the thrust does not vary with airspeed and the max excess thrust occurs at the min drag speed. In practice the airspeed is likely to influence the thrust to some extent.
- Therefore the airspeed for optimum climb gradient will be found to be close to but not necessarily at the min drag speed.

Maximum climb gradient



Maximum climb gradient

- During take-off and climb phase the most critical consideration is the safety and the need to ensure that the aircraft can avoid all known obstructions along its flight path.
- So ICAO regulation mandates that before a license is given for an air field a departure path must defined along which no obstructions are permitted and the aircraft is guaranteed a clear flight path.
- For large international airports the obstacle limitation surface—which defines the safe departure path is a surface of gradient 2% extending from the end of the take off distance available on the runway to a distance of 15km. Therefore to guarantee a safe departure from the airfield the air craft must be capable of climbing at a gradient of at least 2% under all conditions, including emergency conditions with one engine in operative.
- In this phase off light the aircraft needs to be operated at an airspeed that will produce the best gradient of climb so that the departure flight path will be steep enough to exceed the minimum safe gradient specified

Climb rate



Climb rate

- Aircraft with thrust producing engines have an air speed for best rate of climb that is a function no t their excess thrust; the greater the excess thrust the higher will be the airspeed for best rate of climb rate.
- As the aircraft climbs the thrust will decrease and with it the optimum airspeed for climb rate.
- The air speed used in the climb will generally be a compromise based on the excess thrust which will be a function of the weight, altitude and temperature (WAT) conditions at the start of the climb. It will take into account the anticipated WAT changes during climb to give the best average climb performance throughout the climb.
- As the climb continues the Mach number will increase as the relative atmospheric pressure decreases. It may become necessary to convert the climb to constant Mach number to avoid the drag rise that would reduce the climb performance.

Energy and Excess power



Energy height and specific excess power



Fig. 5.11 Effect of minimum drag speed on flight path control.

Energy methods



Energy methods for optimal climbs :minimum time

- The accelerated or decelerated flights last only for a short duration and the weight of the airplane can be assumed to remain constant during such flights.
- The term (h+V2/2g) is denoted by he and is called 'Specific energy or Energy height'. It is called specific energy because it is equal to the sum of potential energy and kinetic energy divided by the weight. It is called energy height because this term has the dimensions of height. It may be noted that

$$\frac{(T-D)V}{W} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(h + \frac{V^2}{2g} \right)$$

(dhe/dt) = (T-D)V/W

The energy height concept is used in optimization of climb performance

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T - D - Wsin
$$\gamma = \frac{W}{g}a$$

 $L - W \cos \gamma = 0$

T-D-W
$$\frac{V_{C}}{V} - \frac{W}{g}V_{C}\frac{dV}{dh} = 0 \text{ or } V_{C} = \frac{(T-D)V}{W\left(1 + \frac{V dV}{g dh}\right)}$$



Descent performance in Aircraft operations

- Aircraft will descend when the propulsive thrust is less than the airframe drag
- The descending flight path can be varied from as hallow descent to a very steep descent either by reducing the engine thrust or by increasing the air framed rag.
- The drag can be increased either by aerodynamic means oby varying the airspeed (recollect the P_A and Pressure curve).
- Thus, the Pilot has in his control a wide range of descent path profiles available. In the special case of gliding flight, in which the reis no propulsive thrust, the descent will be determined by the lift—drag ratio, E. In this case, the minimum rate of descent occurs at the minimum power speed and the minimum gradient occurs at the minimum drags peed

Effect of wind on climb



Effect of wind on climb and decent performance





UNIT-IV AIRCRAFT MANOEUVRE PERFORMANCE

Course Learning Outcomes



CLOs	Course Learning Outcome
CLO13	Understand the maneuver performance of typical transport and military aircrafts.
CLO14	Understand the parametric performance data analysis for different phases of aircraft and various methods of measurement.
CLO15	Understand the concept of flight planning, fuel planning and how it affects the performance of aircraft.
CLO16	Understand the propulsive force characteristics like thrust that affects the aircraft performance.


✓ Lateral manoeuvres

- If the turn is initiated at an airspeed sufficiently above the minimum drag speed the airspeed will decrease, reducing the drag until the force equation is rebalanced and the level turn will continue at the lower airspeed.
- However, if the initial airspeed is close to or below the minimum drag speed, then any decrease in airspeed will lead to a further increase in drag and a consequent increase in the rate of loss of airspeed. If the thrust available is limited then the maximum airspeed in the level turn will decrease as the turn is tightened until the aircraft is at its minimum drag speed with maximum available thrust. At that point, the aircraft is performing its tightest, constant speed, level turn.
- These effects can be very important in climbing turns with very little excess thrust available, for example, the after-take-off climb with one engine inoperative. In such cases, the additional drag due to a turn can reduce the climb gradient to an unacceptably low level or even to a descent.

AIRCRAFT MANOEUVRE PERFORMANCE

✓ Turn performance✓ Turn rates



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Turn performance



✓ Turn performance

Turn radius



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✓ Turn performance

- Limiting factors for turning performance
- Turning flight is a very important item of performance evaluation, especially for the military airplanes. Minimum radius of turn and maximum rate of turn are important indicators of the maneuverability of an airplane.
- It is observed that, at a given altitude and flight velocity, a small radius of turn and a high rate of turn are achieved when the banking le has the highest possible value.
- At a given altitude, the minimum radius of turn(r min) and the maximum rate of turn (ψmax) are obtained when 'V' is low and 'n' is high. The following considerations limit the achievable values of r min and ψmax.



Instantaneous turn and sustained turns

- The maximum rate of turn in a steady level co-ordinated-turn is called 'Maximum sustained turn rate(MSTR)'.
- An airplane can maintain this turn rate continuously for some time.
- A rate of turn higher than MSTR can be obtained if the airplane is allowed to descend or slow down.
- In this manner, the loss of potential energy or kinetic energy can be utilized to increase the available energy during turn and increase the rate of turn.
- This rate of turn is called 'Instantaneous rate of turn'. The maximum instantenous rate of turn will be limited by other two factors viz. C_{Imax} and (n_{max})

Energy turns



- The accelerated or decelerated flights last only for a short duration and the weight of the airplane can be assumed to remain constant during such flights.
- The term (h+V²/2g) is denoted by he and is called 'Specific energy or Energy height'. It is called specific energy because it is equal to the sum of potential energy and kinetic energy divided by the weight. It is called energy height because this term has the dimensions of height. It may be noted that

$$(dhe / dt) = (T-D)V/W$$

 $(T-D)V = \frac{d}{dt} \left(h + \frac{V^2}{2g}\right)$
 $n \text{ of climb}$
performance



The longitudinal maneuver is the result of an imbalance of thrust and drag, which results in either a linear acceleration or a steady rate of climb, or a combination of both acceleration and climb, in the direction of flight. It does not involve directly the accelerations that result from rates of pitch or turn, although those maneuvers may produce increase in the drag force, which will have an indirect effect on the longitudinal force balance.

By expressing gradient of climb in terms of the true rate of climb and TAS the longitudinal equation of motion for maneuvering flight can be written as,

$$[F_{\rm N} - D]\frac{V}{W} = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\left\{H + \frac{V^2}{2g}\right\}$$
(7.6)

The term($H+V^2/2g$) is the specific energy, Es of the aircraft per unit weight. It is also known as the energy-height since it represents the height the aircraft would attain if all the kinetic energy were to be converted into potential energy.

Pull ups



The pull-up Manoeuvres



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- The load factor in the loop is not uniform and will vary with air speed and flight path angle as the aircraft progresses around the loop.
- In practice, the variation is complex since the increased load factor increases drag force, which, together with the weight component, affects the balance of the longitudinal forces acting on the aircraft.
- This causes a continuous change in air speed through out the manoeuvre. To control the air speed within acceptable limits the engine thrust must be increased in the upward segment of the loop and reduced in the downward segment, thus the loop can not be regarded as a steady manoeuvre.
- Similarly, the radius of the loop is not uniform but tends to decrease to a minimum at the top of the manoeuvre and increase again on the descending path. Beyond aerobatic flight and some military aircraft combat manoeuvres, there are few practical applications of the extended pull-up, or looping, manoeuvre.

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- It is an extreme case of pull-up manoeuvre called 'Cobra' which is a post-stall manoeuvre involving a rapid pitch-up to increase in angle of attack to a state far beyond the stalling angle of attack.
- In this state, the lift force becomes small, since the aircraft is in the stalled condition, and worse the drag increases to a very large value and acts in the wind-axis direction.
- Since the lift force is no longer significant, the aircraft will not enter a looping manoeuvre but will tend to continue in its original direction of flight together with a rapid deceleration.
- When an aircraft is engaged in combat with another aircraft of similar performance, they may become locked into a circular tailchase, each turning at maximum rate. Neither will be able to tighten the turn to bring its adversary into line of sight to fire its weapons.

Envelop of manoeuvre



The Manoeuvre Envelope Significance



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Manoeuvre Boundaries





•Maneuvers

- Combat spread
- Defensive split
- Sandwich
- Break
- Barrel roll attack
- High-side guns pass
- Immelmann
- Split-S
- Pitchback

- Wingover
- Low Yo-Yo
- High Yo-Yo
- Lag displacement roll
- High Yo-Yo defense
- Unloaded extension
- Scissors
 - Flat scissors
 - Rolling scissors
- Guns defense
- High-g barrel roll
- Defensive spiral





✓ Manoeuvre Performance of Transport Aircraft

There are four fundamental basic flight maneuvers upon which all flying tasks are based:

- Straight-and-level flight
- Turns
- Climbs.
- Descents

Type of airplane	npositive	nnegative
General aviation-non aerobatic	2.5 to 3.8	-1
Transport	3 to 4	-1
Fighter	6 to 9	-3

UNIT-V SAFETY REQUIREMENTS TAKEOFF AND LANDING PERFORMANCE AND FLIGHT PLANNING



Course Learning Outcomes



CLOs	Course Learning Outcome
CLO17	Describes the flight measurement of performance, with detailed sections on airworthiness certification and the performance manual.
CLO18	Evaluate the calibration methods that are used for the aircraft instruments to derive air data.
CLO19	Understand the aerodynamic force characteristics like lift and drag that affects the aircraft performance.
CLO20	Evaluate the full equation of motion, which are developed and used in the expressions for maneuver performance.



Estimation of Take-off Distances

The **takeoff distance** consists of two parts



the distance from where the vehicle leaves the ground to until it reaches 50 ft (or 15 m)



The Effect on the Take-off Distance of Weight

- Factors effecting
 - ➢ Density
 - ≻Altitude

>Atmospheric conditions (pressure, temperature etc..)

Take-off Distance



The Effect on the Take-off Distance of Wind

✤Head wind

✤Tail wind

Cross wind



The Effect on the Take-off Distance of Runway Conditions

Runway Surface Conditions Defined

- Dry Runway, FAA, A runway is dry when it is neither wet nor contaminated.
- Dry Runway, ICAO, The surface is not affected by water, slush, snow, or ice.
- Damp Runway, ICAO, The surface shows a change of color due to moisture

Runway Friction Information





The effect on the take-off distance of:-Ground Effect

- Takeoff Roll
- ✤ Lift-Off
- Initial Climb



Vortices fully formed at altitude



Vortices "compressed" near the ground



Factors affecting takeoff performance

✤ Weight

- Atmospheric conditions
- Load distribution
- Design factors
- Runway
- ✤ Landing gear

Estimation of Landing Distances

- Factors effecting Landing distance
 - ✤ Weight
 - Atmospheric condition etc...
 - Landing gear design
- Landing types
 - Normal landing
 - Abnormal landing
- Landing performance

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Aborted landing



The Discontinued Landing

Causes of discontinuity Landing

Decision of discontinuity landing

Balked landing



Baulk Landing/ Balked landing

A **balked landing**, also known as a go-around, is an aborted **landing** of an aircraft that is on final approach for **landing**. In most cases, this procedure is easily performed by the flight crew

Air Safety Procedures



Air Safety Procedures and Requirements on Performance

- Air Safety Procedures authority
- Air Safety requirements
- Safety requirements on Various stages
- Air safety responsibility stack holders

Fuel Planning



Fuel Planning Fuel Requirement

- Additional Fuel
- Alternate Fuel
- Ballast Fuel
- Block Fuel / Ramp Fuel / Total Fuel On Board
- Contingency Fuel / Route Reserve
- Extra Fuel
- Final Reserve Fuel / Fixed Reserve Fuel / Holding Fuel
- Minimum Brake Release Fuel
- Reserve Fuel / Minimum Diversion Fuel
- Taxi Fuel
- Trip Fuel / Burn / Fuel to Destination

Trip Fuel



The Trip fuel is the required fuel quantity from brake release on takeoff at the departure aerodrome to the landing touchdown at the destination aerodrome.

This quantity includes the fuel required for:

Takeoff

- Climb to cruise level
- Flight in level cruise including any planned step climb or step descent
- Flight from the beginning of descent to the beginning of approach,
- Approach
- Landing at the destination

Trip fuel must be adjusted to account for any additional fuel that would be required for known ATS restrictions that would result in delayed climb to or early descent from planned cruising altitude.

Environment Effects



- Effect of weather on aircraft flight
- Effect of atmospheric conditions on aircraft flight
- Effect of Meteorological and Geographical factors on aircraft flight
- Effect of natural calamities on aircraft flight
- Effect of Altitude on aircraft flight

Reserve Fuel



For general aviation, ICAO Annex 6 Part II, section 2.2.3.6 "Fuel and oil supply" requires

- For In flight Rule (IFR), enough fuel to reach destination, then alternate (if required), plus 45 minutes.
- For day Visual Flight Rule (VFR), enough fuel to reach destination plus 30 minutes.
- For night VFR, enough fuel to reach destination plus
 45 minutes.

Tankering



Aerial refuelling, also referred to as air refuelling, in-flight refuelling (IFR), air-to-air refuelling (AAR), and tanking, is the process of transferring aviation fuel from one military aircraft (the tanker) to another (the receiver) during flight. The two main refuelling systems are probe-and-drogue, which is simpler to adapt to existing aircraft, and the *flying boom*, which offers faster fuel transfer, but requires a dedicated boom operator station.

In-flight Refuelling



