

Module - 1.Static longitudinal stability and control - stick fixed.I. Historical perspective:

- * By the start of the 20th century, the aeronautical community had solved many of the technical problems necessary for achieving powered flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft.
- * One problem still beyond the grasp of these early investigators was a lack of understanding of the relationship between stability and control, as well as the influence of the pilot on the pilot-machine system.
- * Most of the ideas regarding stability and control came from experiments with uncontrolled hand-launched gliders.
- * Earlier aviation pioneers such as Albert Zahm in the United States, Alphonse Penaud in France, and Frederick Lanchester in England contributed to the notion of stability.
- * Zahm, however, was the first to correctly outline the requirements for static stability in a paper he presented in 1893. In his paper, he analyzed the conditions necessary for obtaining a stable equilibrium for an airplane descending at a constant speed.

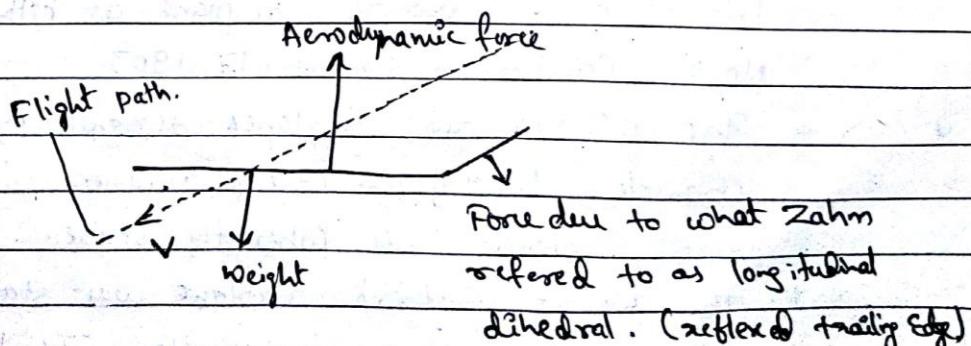


Fig: Zahm's description of longitudinal stability.

- * Zahn concluded that the center of gravity had to be in front of the aerodynamic force and the vehicle would require what he referred as "longitudinal dihedral" to have a static equilibrium point.
- * From the United States and Europe, the scientists were working with gliders and have given contribution to the stability. In that mainly Otto Lilienthal of Germany and Octave Chanute and Samuel Pierpont Langley of the United States.
- * Otto Lilienthal's experiments included the human carrying gliders and the determination of the properties of curved or cambered wings.
- * Octave Chanute, for his gliders, incorporated biplane and multiplane wings, controls to adjust the wings to maintain equilibrium, and vertical tail for steering.
- * Around 1890, Samuel Pierpont Langley, became interested in problems of flight. Initially his work consisted of collecting and examining all the available aerodynamic data, and in 1896 he built heavier than air powered flight.
- * The Wright brothers made their historic first flight on a powered airplane at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.
- * The gliders and airplanes designed by Lilienthal, Chanute, Langley, and other aviation pioneers were designed to be inherently stable.
- * The Wright brothers' airplane was statically unstable but quite maneuverable. The lack

of stability made their work as pilot very difficult. However, through their glider experiments they were able to teach themselves to fly their unstable airplane.

II. Aerodynamic Nomenclature:

For the aircraft motion, two coordinate systems are used. One coordinate system is fixed to the Earth and may be considered for the purpose of aircraft motion analysis to be an inertial coordinate system. The other coordinate system is fixed to the airplane and is referred to as a body coordinate system.

Below figure shows the body coordinate system (right handed coordinate system) of aircraft.

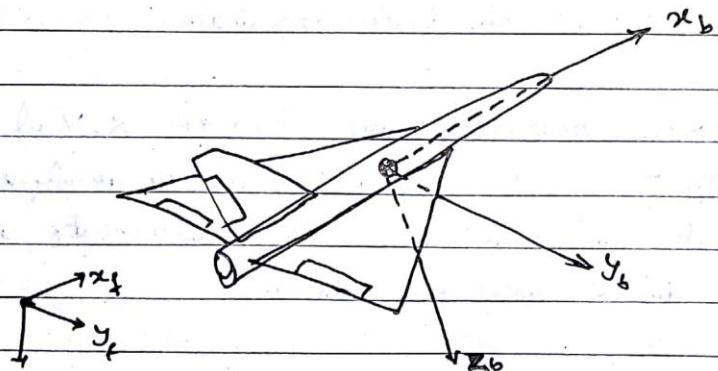


fig: Body axis coordinate system.

The force acting on an airplane in flight consist of aerodynamic, thrust, and gravitational force.

These forces can be resolved along an axis system fixed to the airplane's center of gravity, as illustrated in below figure.

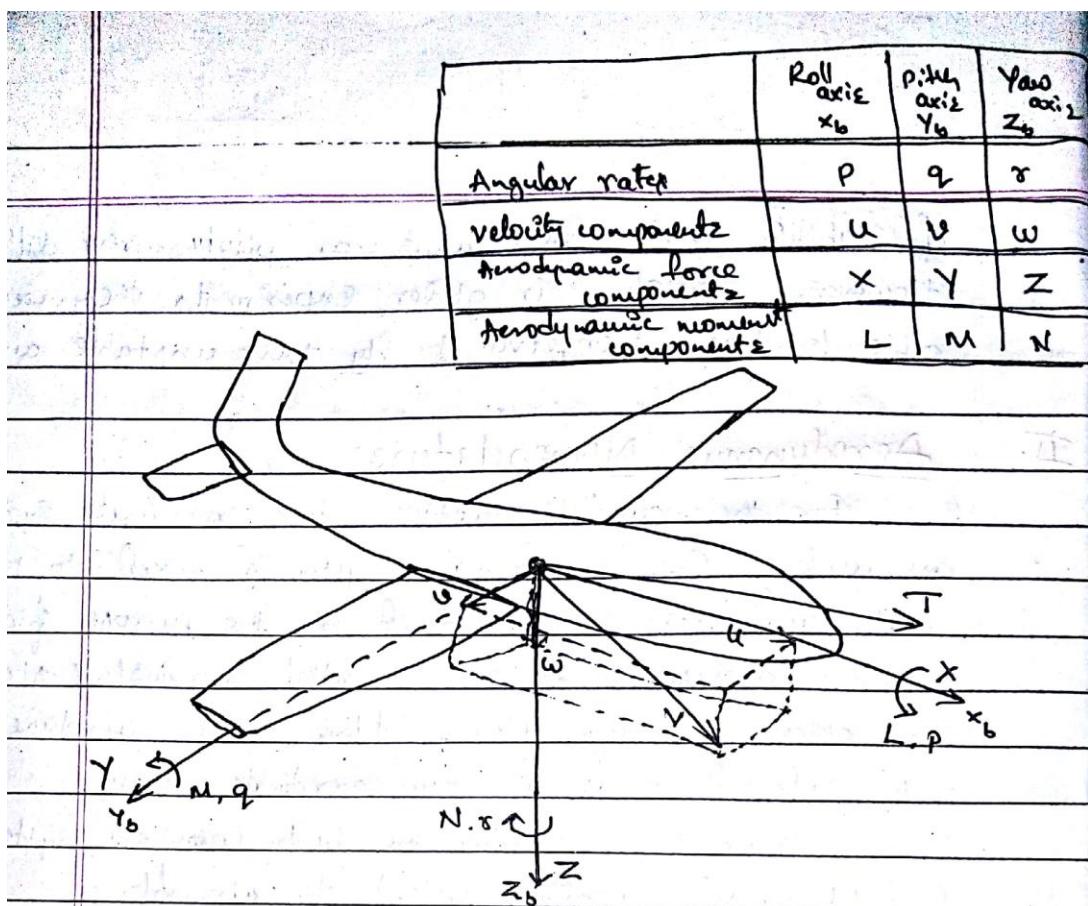


fig: Definition of force, moments and velocity components in a body fixed coordinate.

The force components are denoted x , y and z ,

T_x , T_y , T_z , w_x , w_y , and w_z for the aerodynamic, thrust, and gravitational force components along x , y , and z axes respectively.

The aerodynamic forces are defined in terms of dimensionless coefficient, the flight dynamic pressure Q , and a reference area S as follows:

$$X = C_x Q S \quad \text{Axial force} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$Y = C_y Q S \quad \text{Side force} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$Z = C_z Q S \quad \text{Normal force} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

In the similar manner, the moments of the airplane can be divided into moments

created by the aerodynamic load distribution and the thrust force not acting through the center of gravity. The components of the aerodynamic moment also are expressed in terms of dimensionless coefficients, flight dynamic pressure, reference area and a characteristic length as follows:

$$L = C_L Q S l \quad \text{Rolling moment} \quad \dots \text{---(4)}$$

$$M = C_m Q S l \quad \text{Pitching moment} \quad \dots \text{---(5)}$$

$$N = C_n Q S l \quad \text{Yawing moment} \quad \dots \text{---(6)}$$

For airplane, the reference area S is taken as the wing planform area and the characteristic length l is taken as the wing span for the rolling and yawing moment and the mean chord for the pitching moment.

The aerodynamic coefficients C_x, C_y, C_z, C_l, C_m and C_n primarily are a function of the mach number, Reynolds number, angle of attack and sideslip angle; they are secondary functions of the time rate of change of angle of attack and sideslip, and the angular velocity of the airplane.

The aerodynamic force and moment acting on the airplane and its angular and translational velocity are illustrated in above figure. The x and z axes are in the plane of symmetry, with the x axis pointing along the fuselage and the positive y axis along the right wing. The resulting force and moment as well as the airplane's velocity can be resolved

along their axes.

The angle of attack and sideslip can be defined in terms of the velocity components as illustrated in below figure.

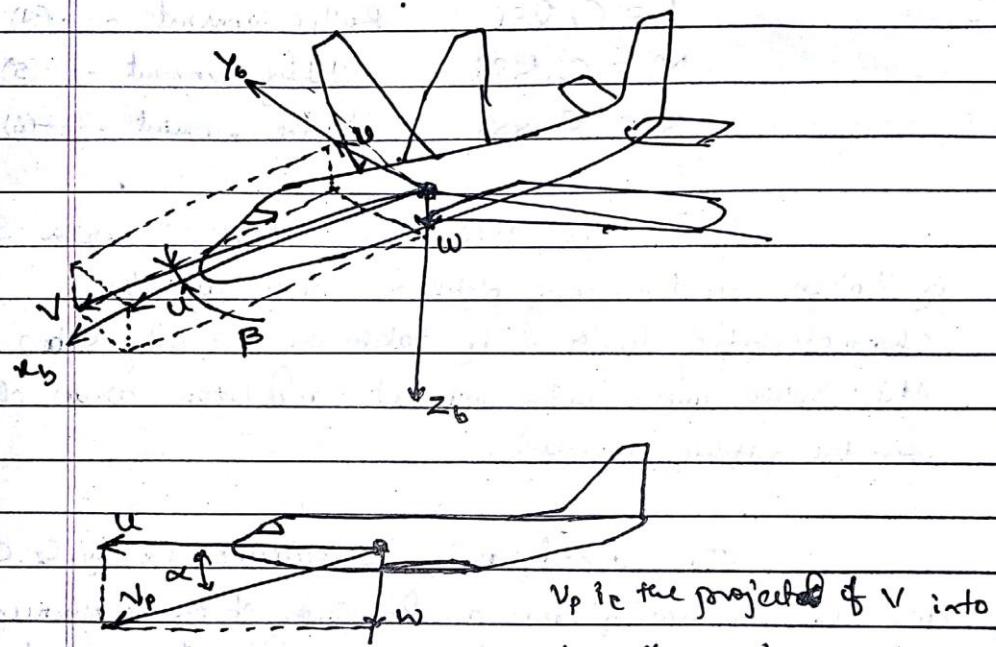


fig: Definition of angle of attack and sideslip.

The angle of attack and sideslip can be defined in terms of the velocity components as illustrated in above figure. The equations for α and β :

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{w}{u} \quad \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

$$\beta = \sin^{-1} \frac{v}{V} \quad \dots \dots \dots (8)$$

$$\text{where } V = (u^2 + v^2 + w^2)^{1/2} \quad \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

If the angle of attack and sideslip are small, that is $< 15^\circ$, then Eqs (7) to (8) can be approximated by

$$\alpha = \frac{\omega}{u} \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

where α & β are in radians

III. Airplane Equilibrium and Stability

- * "By Stability we mean the tendency of the airplane to return to its equilibrium position after it has been disturbed."
- * "Stability is a property of any equilibrium state of a system". (System = Airplane).
- * The disturbance may be generated by the pilot's actions or atmospheric phenomena. The atmospheric disturbances can be wind gusts, wind gradients, or turbulent air.
- * To discuss stability we must first define what is meant by equilibrium.
- * "Equilibrium State is nothing but system's position of rest or a dynamic condition with uniform velocities, no acceleration involved."
- * If an airplane is to remain in steady uniform flight, the resultant force as well as the resultant moment about the center of gravity must both be equal to 0.

$\therefore \text{Sum of External forces } \sum F = 0 \Rightarrow m \frac{dv}{dt} = \bar{v} = \text{const.}$
 $\text{Sum of External moments } \sum M = 0 \Rightarrow I \frac{d\omega}{dt} \quad | \quad \therefore \omega = \text{const.}$

Ex 1: cruise level flight.

Consider a flight that is in equilibrium condition.

Velocity of aircraft = $\bar{v} = [u, v, w] = [u, 0, 0]$

for equilibrium state,
 $\sum F = 0$

Eqn of motion $\therefore m \frac{du}{dt} = T - D = 0$

Eqn of motion $\therefore I \frac{d\omega}{dt} = L - M = 0$

$\therefore T = D$
 $w = L$

~~$\Sigma M_{cg} = 0$~~ = longitudinal pitching moment.

Ex 2: longitudinal flight condition [climbing]

$\bar{v} = [u, v, w] = [u, 0, 0]$

Equation of motion along x -axis,

$$m \frac{du}{dt} = T - W \sin r - D = 0$$

Equation of motion along z -axis.

$$m \frac{dw}{dt} = W \cos r - L = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum M_{eq} = 0.$$

Ex: 3: Non longitudinal equilibrium state:

at steady level turn state.

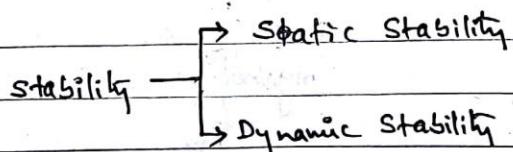
$$\text{bank angle } \phi = \text{constant}$$

$$\text{flight path angle } r = 0$$

$$\text{sideslip angle } \beta = 0.$$

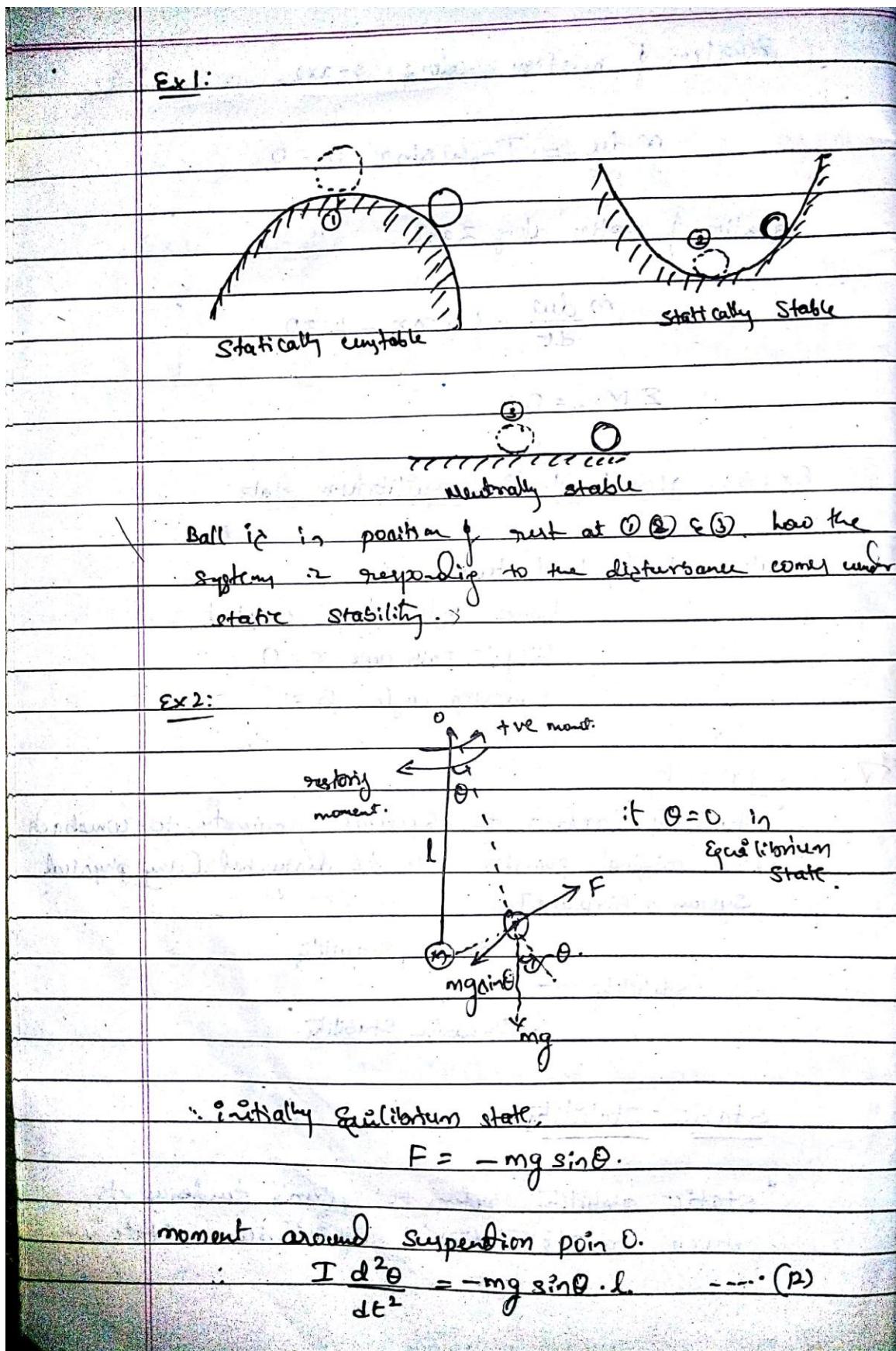
IV. Stability:

"Stability refers to system's property to comeback to its original position when it's disturbed. [Any physical system \approx Airplane]."



Static Stability:

"static stability refers to system's tendency to return to its original equilibrium state".



we know that $I = ml^2$

\therefore Equation (12) becomes,

$$ml^2 \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -mg \sin \theta \cdot l$$

$$\left[\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0 \right] \Rightarrow \text{Eqn of motion for pendulum.}$$

if $\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = 0 \Rightarrow$ equilibrium state
 \Rightarrow Time rate of change of any derivative should be zero.

\therefore If $\sin \theta = 0$.

then $\theta = n\pi = -1, -2, -3, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

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$\therefore \theta = -\pi, 0, \pi = \text{equilibrium position.}$

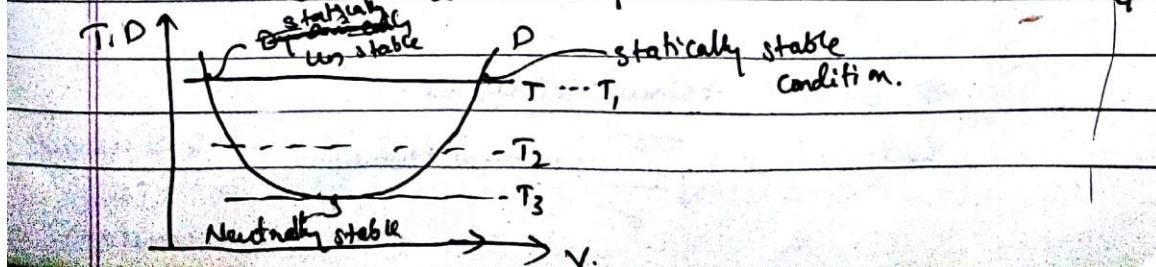
$\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \text{stably stable.}$

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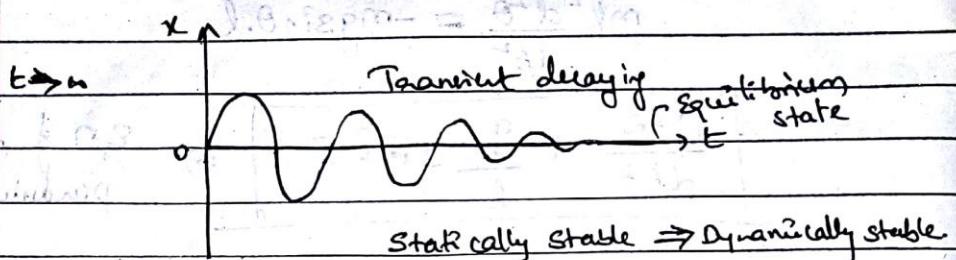
ex 3: Aircraft dynamics:

Take cruise level flight condition, $T=0$ & $L=\omega$. $\sum M = 0$.



Dynamic Stability

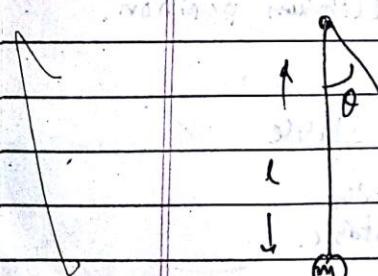
* It is related to the actual time history of system's state?



* system (Airplane) is dynamically stable at an equilibrium state, when it eventually ($t \rightarrow \infty$) acquires its equilibrium state from where it was disturbed.

Ex 1:

the equation of motion,



$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{l} \sin\theta.$$

$\theta = 0$ equilibrium state.

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l} \sin\theta = 0$$

$\because \theta$ is small,

$$\sin\theta \approx \theta.$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l} \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta(t) = A \sin\omega t + B \cos\omega t.$$

where, $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$ = natural frequency $A \& B$ depend on initial condition.

when $\dot{\theta}(0) = 0, \Rightarrow \ddot{\theta}(0) \neq 0$

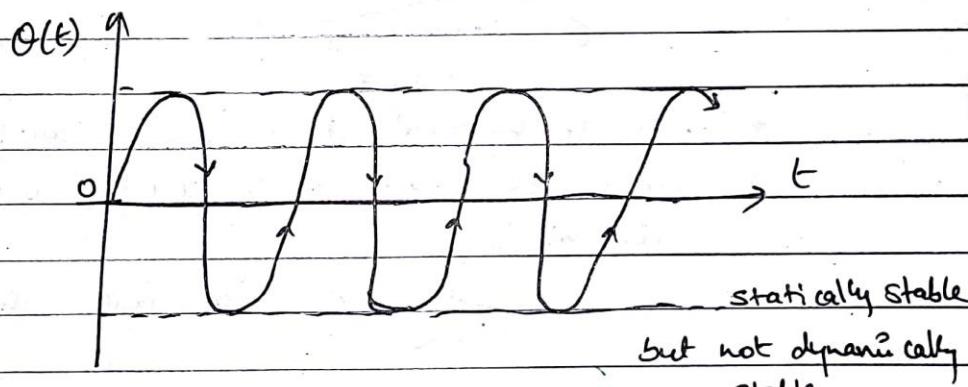
$$\therefore \theta(0) = A(0) + B(1) \Rightarrow B = 0.$$

$$\therefore \theta(t) = A \sin \omega t.$$

$$\therefore \dot{\theta}(t) = A \omega \cos \omega t$$

$$\dot{\theta}(0) = A \omega (1) \Rightarrow A = \frac{\dot{\theta}(0)}{\omega}$$

$$\therefore \theta(t) = \frac{\dot{\theta}(0)}{\omega} \sin \omega t$$



\therefore statically stable $\xrightarrow{\text{Does not always imply}}$ dynamically stable.

but dynamically stable $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ statically stable

IV Stability Criteria // Static stability criteria
guidance

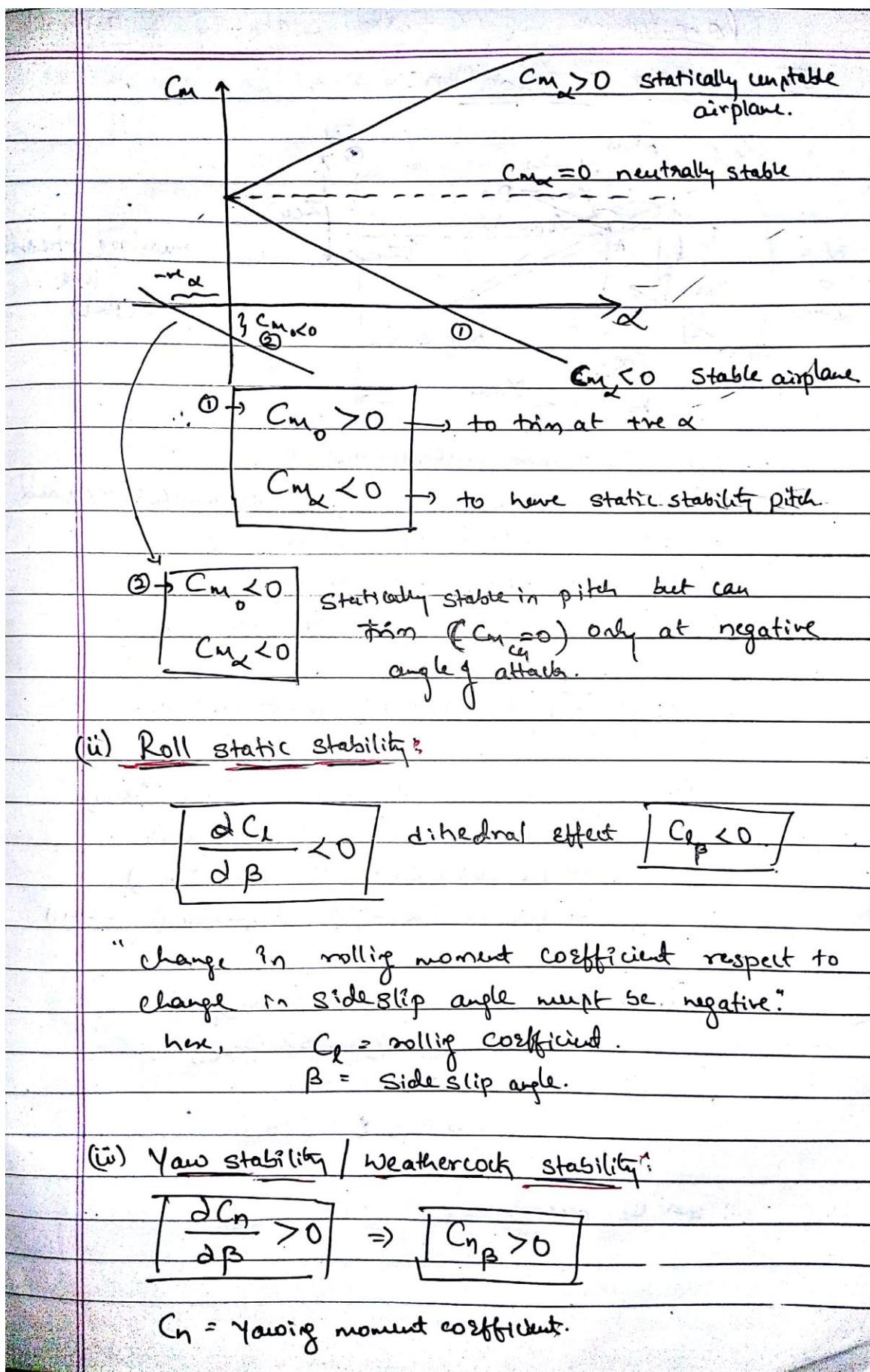
(i) Longitudinal static stability / pitch stability:

- * $\frac{dM}{d\alpha}$ pitch moment
- * They refer to rotational motion about C_g of aircraft in their plane of axis.
- * "Due to external disturbance causing pitchup motion will have to be counter acted by the aircraft".

$\frac{dM}{d\alpha} < 0$ for static stability in pitch.

here, $M = Q S \bar{C} C_m$

$\frac{dM}{d\alpha} \propto \frac{dC_m}{d\alpha}$	$\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} = \frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\alpha}$
$\therefore C_m \propto < 0$	$\therefore \frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} < 0$
$\therefore \frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} < 0$	for pitch stability. $\Rightarrow \frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} < 0$



Longitudinal stick fixed stability of aircraft

VI. Wing contribution:

here, i_w = wing incidence angle

α = angle of attack of aircraft which is measured with respect to PRL.

L_w = Lift created at wing.

D_w = Drag created at wing.

$\therefore M_{Cg} = \sum \text{pitching moment about the } Cg.$

$\therefore M_{Cg} = Mac_w + L_w \cos(\alpha_w - i_w) (x_{Cg} - x_{acw})$
 $+ L_w \sin(\alpha_w - i_w) (z_{Cg} - z_{acw})$
 $- D_w \cos(\alpha_w - i_w) (z_{Cg} - z_{acw})$
 $+ D_w \sin(\alpha_w - i_w) (x_{Cg} - x_{acw}) \quad \dots \text{---(1)}$

we know that $M_{Cg} = Y_2 \rho v^2 s \bar{C} C_{M_{Cg}}$

$Mac_w = Y_2 \rho v^2 s \bar{C} C_{Mac_w}$

$L_w = Y_2 \rho v^2 s C_{L_w}$

$D_w = Y_2 \rho v^2 s C_{D_w}$

$\therefore \text{eqn (1) become,}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \bar{C} C_{M_{Cq}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \bar{C} C_{Mac_w} + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_{L_w} \cos(\alpha_w - i\omega) (x_{Cq} - x_{ac_w}) + \cancel{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_{D_w} \sin(\alpha_w - i\omega) (z_{Cq} - z_{ac_w})} - \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_{D_w} \cos(\alpha_w - i\omega) (z_{Cq} - z_{ac_w}) + \cancel{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S C_{D_w} \sin(\alpha_w - i\omega) (x_{Cq} - x_{ac_w})}$$

∴ dividing $\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \bar{C}$ on above equation,

$$C_{M_{Cq}} = C_{Mac_w} + C_{L_w} \cos(\alpha_w - i\omega) (x_{Cq} - x_{ac_w}) + C_{L_w} \sin(\alpha_w - i\omega) (z_{Cq} - z_{ac_w}) - C_{D_w} \cos(\alpha_w - i\omega) (z_{Cq} - z_{ac_w}) + C_{D_w} \sin(\alpha_w - i\omega) (x_{Cq} - x_{ac_w}) \quad \dots (2)$$

Assuming that $(\alpha_w - i\omega)$ is small (angle is small).

and also $C_{L_w} \gg C_{D_w}$ lift is larger than drag.

and $(z_{Cq} - z_{ac_w})$ is small.

$$\therefore \cos(\alpha_w - i\omega) \approx 1$$

$$\& \sin(\alpha_w - i\omega) \approx (\alpha_w - i\omega)$$

further vertical components are neglected.

∴ Eqn (2) becomes,

$$C_{M_{Cq}} = C_{Mac_w} + C_{L_w} \left(\frac{x_{Cq} - x_{ac_w}}{\bar{C}} \right) \quad \dots (3)$$

if we include camber effect, then C_{L_w} becomes,

$$C_{L_w} = C_{L_{0w}} + C_{L_w} \cdot \alpha_w$$

∴ Eqn (3) becomes,

$$C_{M_{Cq}} = C_{Mac_w} + \left(C_{L_{0w}} + C_{L_w} \cdot \alpha_w \right) \left(\frac{x_{Cq} - x_{ac}}{\bar{C}} \right) \quad \dots (4)$$

Separating Eqn (4) becomes,

$$C_{M_{C_4}} = \left[C_{M_{a_{C_w}}} + C_{L_{a_w}} \left(\frac{x_{C_4} - x_{a_{C_w}}}{C} \right) \right] + \left[\alpha_w \frac{d\alpha_w}{dx} \left(\frac{x_{C_4} - x_{a_w}}{C} \right) \right] \quad (5)$$

where. $\alpha_w = C_{L_{a_w}} = \text{lift curve slope of tail wing}$.

we know that

$$C_{M_{C_4}} = C_{M_0} + C_{M_x}$$

∴ Eqn (5) becomes.

$$C_{M_0} = C_{M_{a_{C_w}}} + C_{L_{a_w}} \left(\frac{x_{C_4} - x_{a_{C_w}}}{C} \right)$$

$$C_{M_x} = \alpha_w \left(\frac{x_{C_4} - x_{a_w}}{C} \right)$$

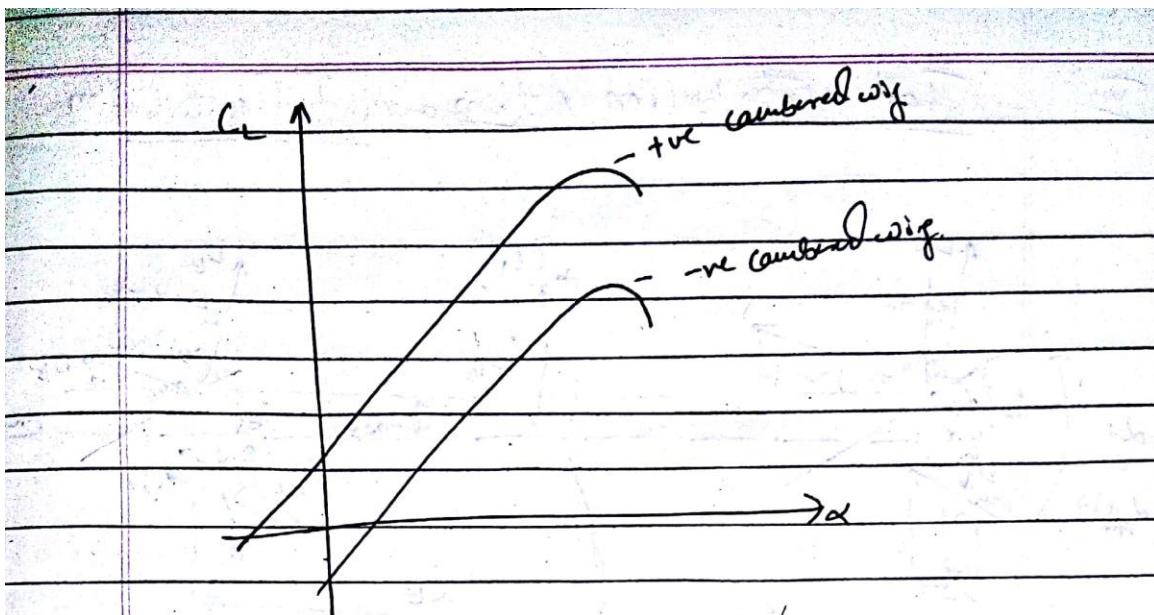
∴ here $C_{M_x} < 0$,

means $x_{C_4} < x_{a_w}$

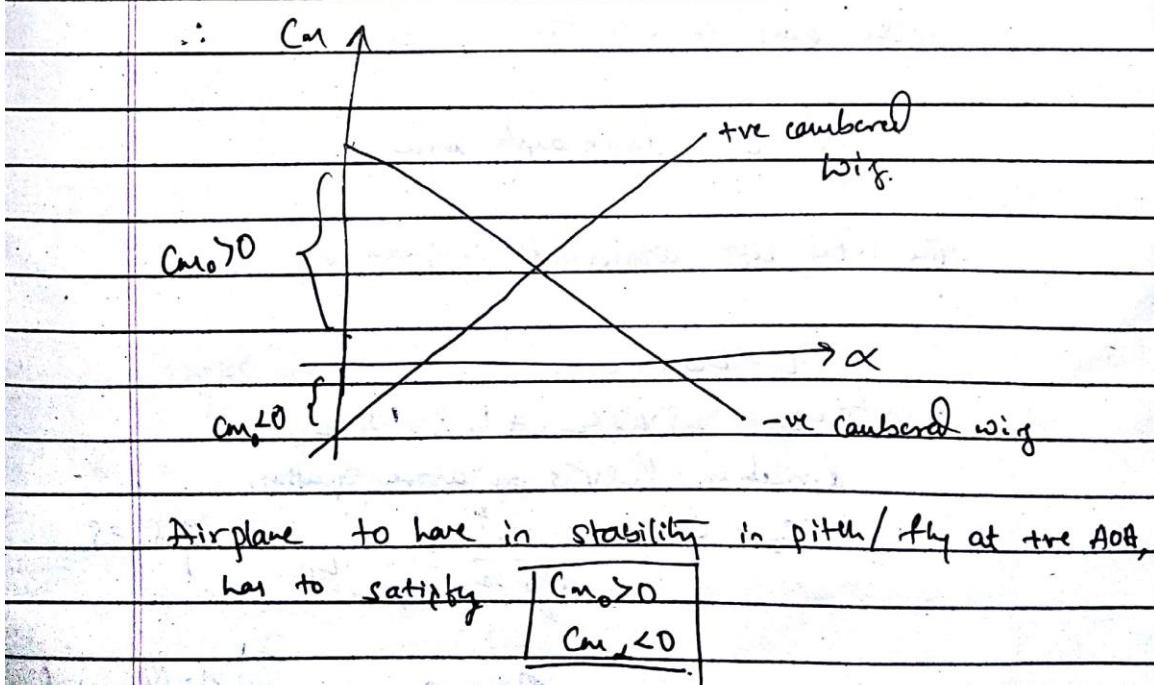
∴ for static stability in pitch for a wing alone configuration, C_4 must lie ahead of aerodynamic center.

for positive cambered wing, $C_{M_0} < 0$

for negative cambered wing $C_{M_0} > 0$

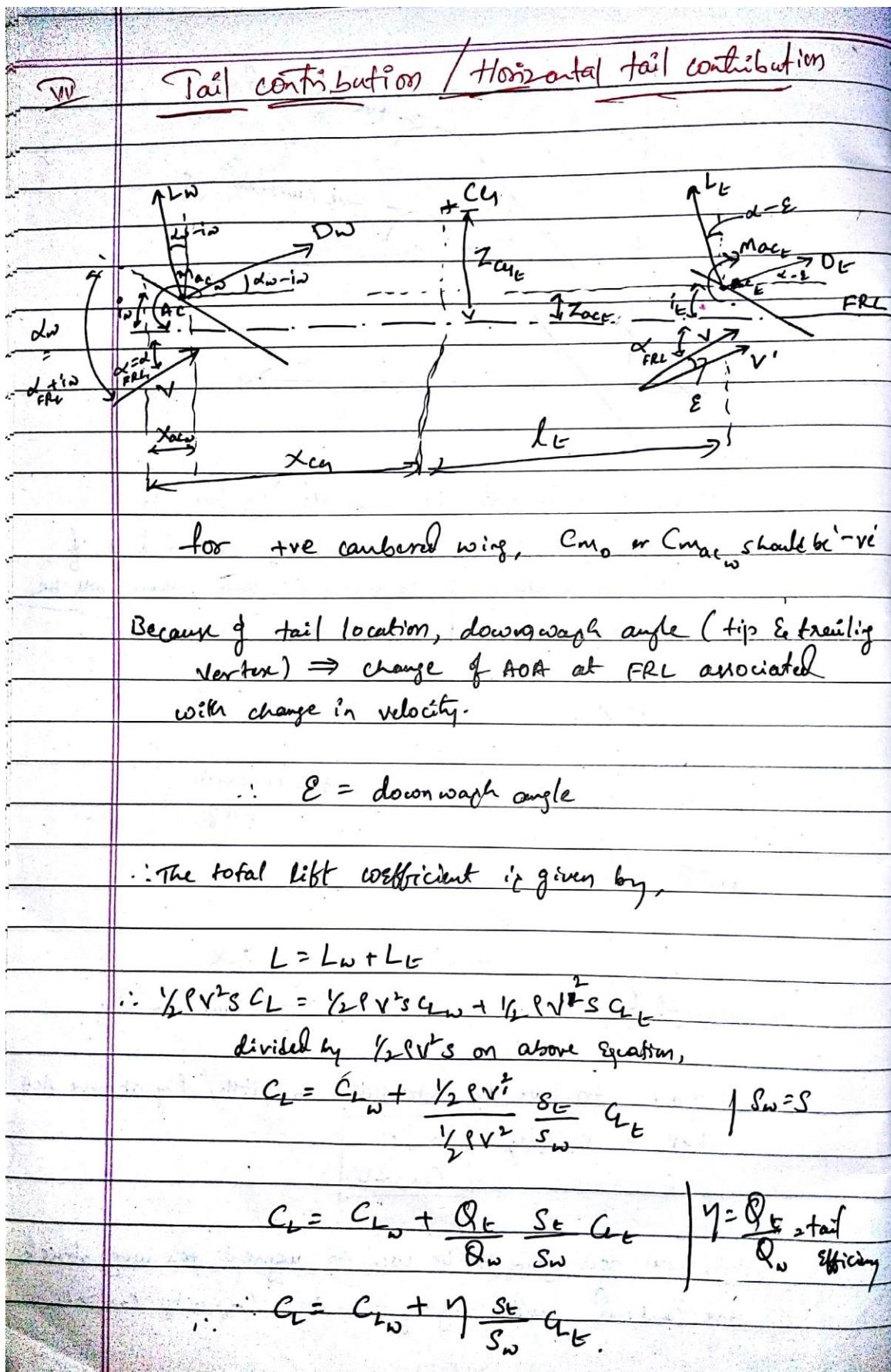


"Negative cambered wing results in loss in lift curve, which will affect the performance of the aircraft. So to minimize this, there will be a usage of reflexed trailing edge wing."



Airplane to have in stability in pitch/fly at the AOA, has to satisfy $\boxed{\begin{array}{l} Cl_{max} > 0 \\ Cl_{min} < 0 \end{array}}$

Horizontal tail going to be used to augment the wing alone's +ve cambered and it going to make $Cl_{min} < 0$ to $Cl_{max} > 0$.



Angle of attack to tail part,

$$\alpha_{FRL_t} = \alpha_{FRL} - \epsilon = (\alpha - \epsilon)$$

Effective angle of attack at tail,

$$\alpha_{eff \text{ at tail}} = \alpha - \epsilon + i_t$$

$$\alpha_t = \alpha - \epsilon + i_t$$

$$\alpha_t = \alpha_w - i_w + i_t - \epsilon$$

From finite wing theory,

$$\epsilon = \frac{d C_L}{d \alpha}$$

$$\pi AR_w$$

$$\therefore \epsilon = \epsilon_0 + \frac{d \epsilon}{d \alpha} \cdot \alpha_w \quad \text{at zero AOA.}$$

$$\therefore \alpha_t = \alpha_w - i_w + i_t - \epsilon_0 - \frac{d \epsilon}{d \alpha} \alpha_w.$$

Need to find out the moment of the force at tail about CG of Aircraft.

$$\begin{aligned} M_{CG_t} &= -L_t \cos(\alpha - \epsilon) l_t + L_t \sin(\alpha - \epsilon) (z_{cg} - z_{act}) \\ &\quad - D_t \cos(\alpha - \epsilon) (z_{cg} - z_{act}) - D_t \sin(\alpha - \epsilon) l_t \\ &\quad + M_{act} \quad \text{--- (6)} \end{aligned}$$

Here, $M_{act} = 0$ because tail is symmetric airfoil.

Assuming $L_t \gg D_t$.

$(z_{cg} - z_{act})$ is very small.

angles are small, $\cos(\alpha - \epsilon) = 1$ & $\sin(\alpha - \epsilon) = (\alpha - \epsilon)$

∴ Eqn (6) leads to

$$M_{C_{a_T}} = -L_T l_T$$

elaborately above Eqn,

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S_w \bar{C} C_{M_{C_{a_T}}} = -\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S_T C_{L_T} \cdot l_T$$

$$\therefore C_{M_{C_{a_T}}} = -\frac{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2} \frac{S_T l_T}{S_w \bar{C}} \cdot C_{L_T}$$

$$\therefore C_{M_{C_{a_T}}} = -\gamma V_H C_{L_T} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} V_H = \text{tail volume ratio} \\ = \frac{S_T l_T}{S_w \bar{C}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\therefore C_{M_{C_{a_T}}} = -\gamma V_H C_{L_T} \cdot \alpha_T$$

$$C_{M_{C_{a_T}}} = -\gamma V_H \alpha_T \left(\alpha_w - i_w + i_T - \varepsilon_0 - \frac{d\varepsilon}{dx} \cdot \alpha_w \right) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} C_{L_T} = \alpha_w \\ \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \end{array} \right. \quad (7)$$

We know that $C_{M_{C_{a_T}}} = C_{M_{a_T}} + C_{M_{\alpha_T}}$

∴ Eqn (7) becomes,

$$C_{M_{C_{a_T}}} = -\gamma V_H \alpha_T \left(-i_w + i_w - \varepsilon_0 \right) - \gamma V_H \alpha_T \left(1 - \frac{d\varepsilon}{dx} \right) \alpha_w$$

$$\therefore C_{M_{\alpha_T}} = \gamma V_H \alpha_T \left(i_w - i_T + \varepsilon_0 \right)$$

$$C_{M_{\alpha_T}} = -\gamma V_H \alpha_T \left(1 - \frac{d\varepsilon}{dx} \right) \alpha_w$$

from above Eqn we can see as

$C_{M_{\alpha_T}} > 0$ and $C_{M_{\alpha_T}} < 0$.

for wing-tail contribution,

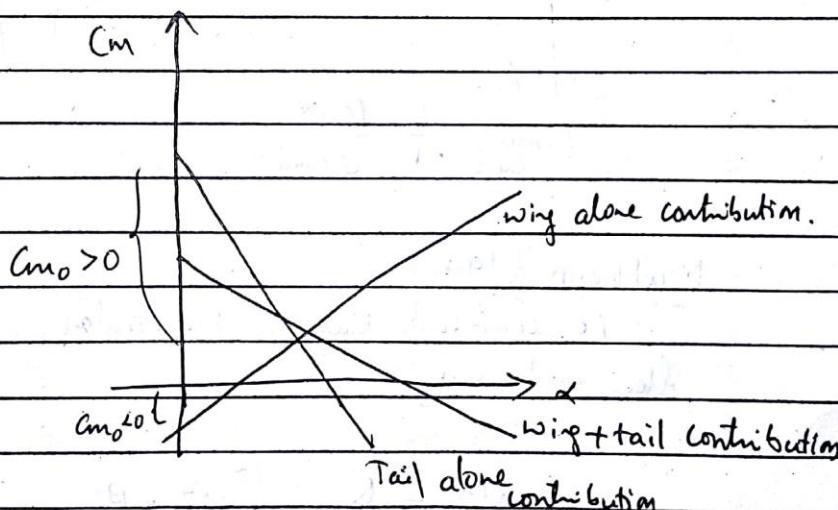
$$C_{M_0}^{(\omega+t)} = C_{M_0\omega} + C_{M_0t}$$

$$C_{M\omega}^{(\omega+t)} = C_{M\omega\omega} + C_{M\omega t}$$

VIII. Wing plus tail contribution:

$$C_{M_0}^{(\omega+t)} = C_{M_0t} + C_{M_0\omega}$$

$$C_{M\omega}^{(\omega+t)} = C_{M\omega t} + C_{M\omega\omega}$$



IX. Fuselage contribution:

Max Munk : (1923)

Fuselage on pitching stability for slender fuselage contribution,

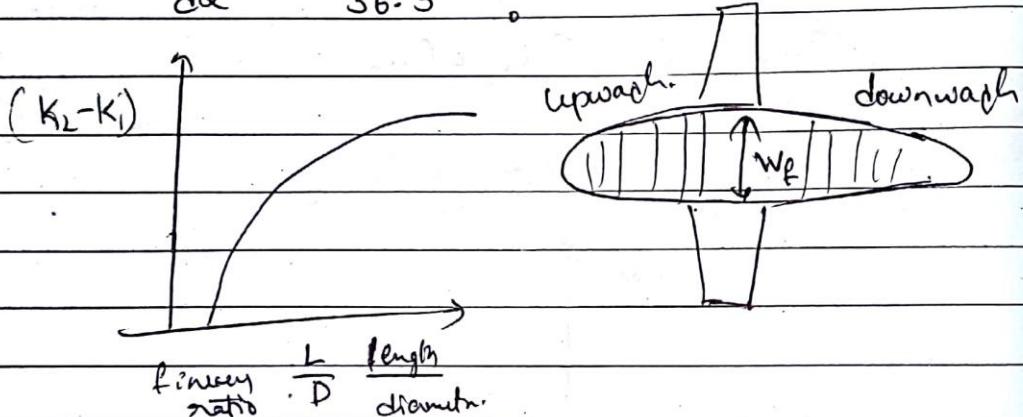
$$\frac{dM}{d\alpha} = f_n (\text{Volume. } \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2)$$

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{\text{Volume } Q \text{ per degree}}{28.7}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{\text{Volume}}{28.7} (k_2 - k_1) Q$$

where $(k_2 - k_1)$ = Account for Slenderness ratios

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{Q (k_2 - k_1)}{36.5} \int_0^L w_f^2 dx.$$



Multhopp (1941) :

he considered that for the fuselage, wing disturbing the flow to fuselage,

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{Q}{36.5} \int_0^L w_f^2 \frac{d\beta}{dx} dx.$$

here, β = local angle of attack

$$\beta = \alpha + \alpha_1$$

$$\frac{d\beta}{dx} = 1 + \frac{d\alpha}{dx},$$

$$\frac{d\beta}{dx} = 1 - \frac{d\alpha}{dx}$$

for fuselage portion ahead
of the wing.

for the fuselage portion
near of the wing

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{Q}{36.5} \sum_{s=1}^n w_f^2 \left(\frac{d\beta}{dx} \right) \Delta x$$

Fuselage effect on wing pitching moment,
fuselage effect to local flow,

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{Q \bar{C}^2}{290} (w_{LE} + 2w_{mid} - 3w_{TE})$$

where w = width of the fuselage at different section along the length.

$$\left(\frac{dC_m}{dC_l} \right) = \left(\frac{dM}{dx} \right)_{\text{fuselage}}$$

$$S_w \bar{C} Q C_{Lw}$$

$$\left(\frac{dC_m}{dC_l} \right)_{\text{fuselage}} = \frac{k_f w_f^2 L_f}{S_w \bar{C} Q C_{Lw}}$$

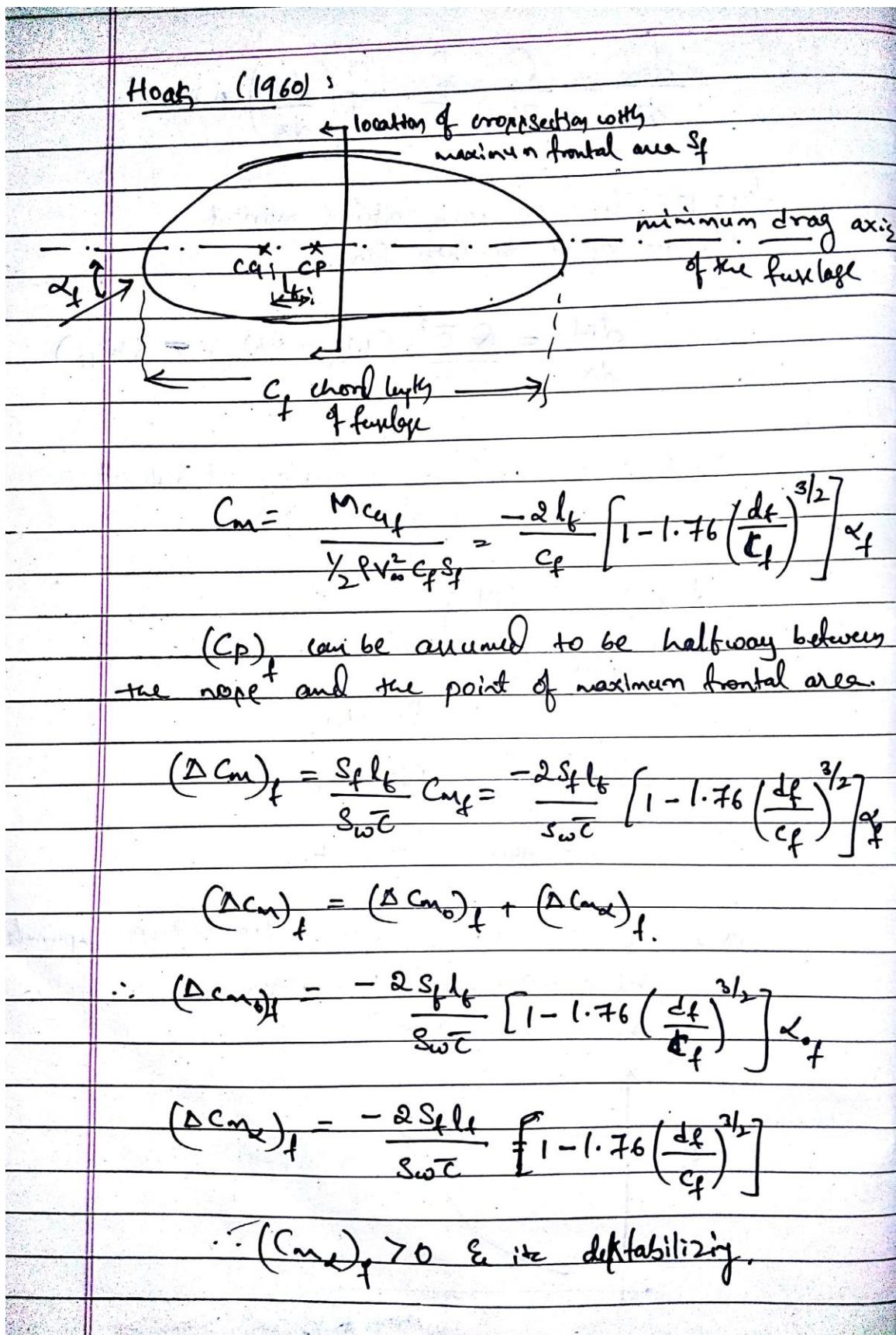
here k_f = an empirical factor determined from experiments

w_f = max. width of fuselage.

L_f = fuselage length.



Position of y_f root chord as
body is $\%$ of body length.



QProblem:

1. The wing-fuselage pitching moment characteristic of a high-wing, single-engine, general aviation, airplane follows along with pertinent geometric data:

$$C_{M_{C_{L_{W/F}}}} = -0.05 - 0.035\alpha$$

where α is the fuselage reference line angle of attack in degrees and w/f means wing-fuselage

$$S_w = 178 \text{ ft}^2 \quad x_{n/c} = 0.1$$

$$b_w = 35.9 \text{ ft} \quad AR_w = 7.3$$

$$C_{L_w} = 0.07/\text{deg.}$$

$$i_w = 2^\circ \quad C_{L_{\alpha=0}} = 0.26$$

Estimate the horizontal tail area and tail incidence angle, i_t , so that the complete airplane has the following pitching moment characteristic.

$$C_{M_{C_{L_{W/F}}}} = 0.15 - 0.025\alpha$$

where α is in degrees and w/f is the wing-fuselage-tail contribution. Assume the following with regard to the horizontal tail.

$$L_t = 14.75 \text{ ft} \quad \eta = 1$$

$$AR_t = 4.85 \quad C_{L_t} = 0.073/\text{deg.}$$

→ used to find the horizontal tail contribution.

Subtracting the wing-fuselage contribution from the wing-fuselage-tail contribution.

$$C_{m_{\alpha,t}} = C_{m_{\alpha,wf}} - C_{m_{\alpha,w}}$$

$$C_{m_{\alpha,t}} = 0.15 - (-0.05) = 0.2$$

$$C_{m_{\alpha,t}} = -0.025 - (-0.0035) = -0.0215/\text{deg}$$

we know that

$$C_{m_{\alpha,t}} = -\gamma V_H a_t \left(1 - \frac{d\epsilon}{dx} \right) = -0.0215/\text{deg}$$

$$C_{m_{\alpha,t}} = \gamma V_H a_t (i_w + \epsilon_0 - i_t) = 0.2$$

$$V_H = \frac{s_t l_t}{s_w C} \quad a_t = C_{L0}$$

from above equation unknown terms are ϵ_0 , $\frac{d\epsilon}{dx}$, $s_t \& i_t$

we know that

$$\epsilon = \text{downwash angle} = \frac{\partial C_{L0}}{\partial AR_w}$$

$$\therefore \epsilon_0 = \frac{\partial C_{L0}}{\partial AR_w} - \frac{\partial \times 0.26}{\partial \times 7.3} = 0.0226 \text{ rad}$$

$$\frac{d\epsilon}{dx} = \frac{\partial C_{L0}}{\partial AR_w} = \frac{\partial \times 0.07 \times 180}{\partial \times 7.3 \times \pi} = 0.35 \text{ rad}$$

| $C_{m_{\alpha,t}} = C_{m_{\alpha,w}}$

Note: If in the problem directly (length & other parameters given in "meter" then "don't convert into $^{1/2}$ radian" (angle)).

$$\therefore \frac{\gamma V_H a_t (1 - \frac{d\epsilon}{d\alpha})}{\pi} = 0.0215 \times 180$$

$$\frac{\gamma S_t l_t c_{\text{ref}} (1 - \frac{d\epsilon}{d\alpha})}{S_w C} = \frac{0.0215 \times 180}{\pi}$$

$$(1) \frac{S_t (14.75)}{(178 \times 5)} \left(0.073 \frac{180}{\pi} \right) (1 - 0.035) = \frac{0.0215 \times 180}{\pi}$$

$$\therefore S_t = 27.3 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$\frac{\gamma V_H a_t (i\omega + \epsilon_0 - i\epsilon_t)}{\pi} = 0.2$$

$$\frac{\gamma S_t l_t c_{\text{ref}}}{S_w C} (i\omega + \epsilon_0 - i\epsilon_t) = 0.2$$

$$(1) \frac{(27.3 \times 14.75) (0.073 \times 180)}{(178 \times 5)} \left(\frac{2 \times 180}{\pi} + 0.0226 - i\epsilon_t \right) = 0.2$$

$$i\epsilon_t = 0.58 \text{ rad}$$

$$\therefore i\epsilon_t = -2.7 \text{ deg}$$

The horizontal tail is mounted to the fuselage at a negative 2.7° .

2. For a given wing-body combination, the aerodynamic center lies 0.05 chord length ahead of the center of gravity. The moment coefficient about the aerodynamic center is -0.016 . If the lift coefficient is 0.45 , calculate the moment coefficient about the center of gravity.

→ From wing contribution,

$$C_{M_{Cg}} = C_{Mac_w} + C_w \left[\frac{x_{Cg} - x_{aero}}{c} \right]$$

for given data,

$$x_{Cg} - x_{aero} = 0.05$$

$$C_{Mac_w} = ?$$

$$C_{Mac_w} = -0.016$$

$$C_w = 0.45$$

$$\therefore C_{M_{Cg}} = -0.016 + 0.45(0.05)$$

$$[C_{M_{Cg}} = 0.0065]$$

3. For a given wing-body combination, the aerodynamic center lies 0.03 chord length ahead of the center of gravity. The moment coefficient about the center of gravity is 0.005, and the lift coefficient is 0.5. calculate the moment coefficient about the aerodynamic center.

→

$$\left(\frac{x_{Cg} - x_{aero}}{c} \right) = 0.03$$

$$C_w = 0.5$$

$$C_{Mac_w} = ?$$

$$C_{M_{Cg}} = 0.005$$

$$C_{M_{Cg}} = C_{Mac_w} + C_w \left(\frac{x_{Cg} - x_{aero}}{c} \right)$$

$$0.005 = C_{Mac_w} + 0.5(0.03)$$

$$[C_{Mac_w} = -0.01]$$

4. Consider a model of wing-body shape mounted in a wind tunnel. The flow conditions in the test section are standard sea level properties with a velocity of 100 m/s . The wing area and chord are 1.5 m^2 & 0.45 m , respectively using the wind tunnel force & moment measuring balance. the moment about the CG when the lift is zero found to be -12.4 Nm . when the model is pitched to another angle of attack, the lift and moment about the CG are measured to be 36.75 N and 20.67 Nm , respectively. calculate the value of the moment coefficient about the aerodynamic center and the location of the aerodynamic center.

$$\rightarrow V_\infty = 100 \text{ m/s}$$

$$S_w = 1.5 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\bar{c} = 0.45 \text{ m}$$

$$M_{CG,0} = -12.4 \text{ Nm} \quad (\text{when lift is zero.})$$

$$L_w = 36.75 \text{ N}$$

$$M_{CG,w} = 20.67 \text{ Nm} \quad (\text{pitched to another angle of attack})$$

$$C_{Mac,w} = ?$$

we know that

$$M_{CG,w} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_\infty V_\infty^2 S \bar{c} C_{Mac,w}$$

$$C_{Mac,w} = C_{Mac} = \frac{-12.4}{\frac{1}{2} \times 1.225 \times 100^2 \times 1.5 \times 0.45}$$

$$\text{at zero lift} = C_{Mac} = C_{Mac,w} = -0.003$$

moment coefficient about aerodynamic center

and also wing contribution

$$C_{l, \text{total}} = C_{l, \text{aero}} + C_{l, \text{wing}} \left(\frac{x_{c, \text{aero}} - x_{c, \text{wing}}}{C} \right)$$

$$C_{l, \text{wing}} = \frac{q_s S_w}{2} \rho V_a^2 S_w = \frac{1}{2} \times 1.225 \times 10^3 \times 1.5$$

$$C_{l, \text{wing}} = 0.4$$

$$C_{l, \text{aero}} = \frac{M_{C_{l, \text{aero}}}}{q_s S C} = \frac{M_{C_{l, \text{aero}}}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 S C}$$

$$C_{l, \text{aero}} = \frac{20.67}{1.225 \times 10^3 \times 1.5 \times 0.45}$$

$$C_{l, \text{aero}} = 0.005$$

$$\therefore C_{l, \text{aero}} = C_{l, \text{aero}} + C_{l, \text{wing}} \left(\frac{x_{c, \text{aero}} - x_{c, \text{wing}}}{C} \right)$$

$$0.005 = -0.003 + 0.4 \left(\frac{x_{c, \text{aero}} - x_{c, \text{wing}}}{C} \right)$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{x_{c, \text{aero}} - x_{c, \text{wing}}}{C} \right) = 0.02$$

The location of aerodynamic center, $0.02 \bar{C}$

XI Stick fixed Neutral point.

The total pitching moment for the airplane can now be obtained by summing the wing, fuselage & tail contributions:

$$C_{M_{\alpha}} = C_{M_0} + C_{M_{\alpha}} \cdot \alpha$$

where

$$C_{M_0} = C_{M_{0w}} + C_{M_{0f}} + C_{M_{0t}}$$

$$C_{M_{\alpha}} = C_{M_{\alpha w}} + C_{M_{\alpha f}} + C_{M_{\alpha t}}$$

$$\therefore C_{M_{\alpha}} = a_w \left(\frac{x_{c0} - x_{ac}}{c} \right) + V_{H0} \cdot \frac{1 - \frac{d\varepsilon}{d\alpha}}{c}$$

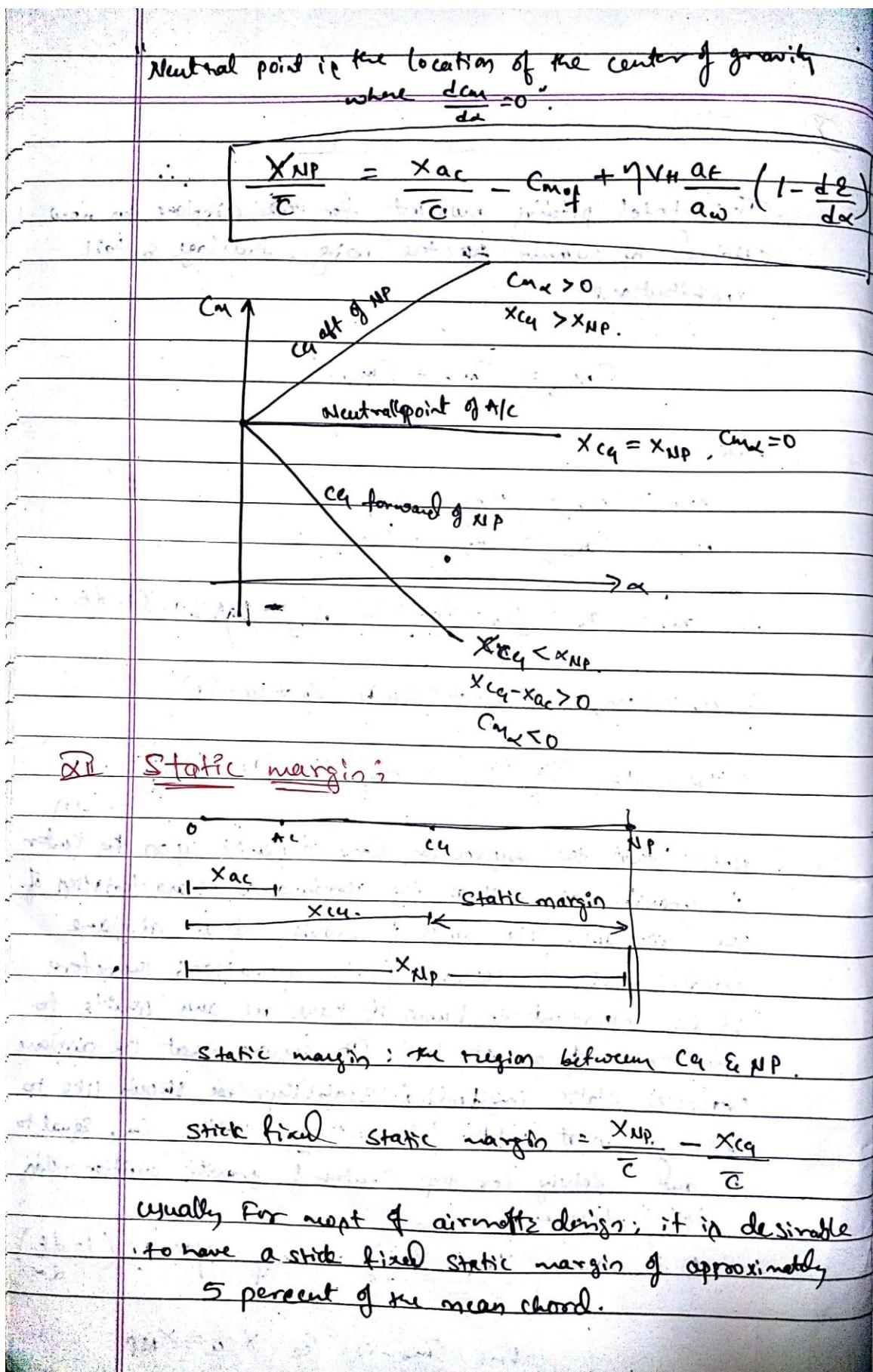
$$\therefore C_{M_0} = C_{M_{0w}} + C_{M_{0f}} + \frac{1}{2} V_{H0} a_w (\varepsilon_0 + i_{w0} - i_t)$$

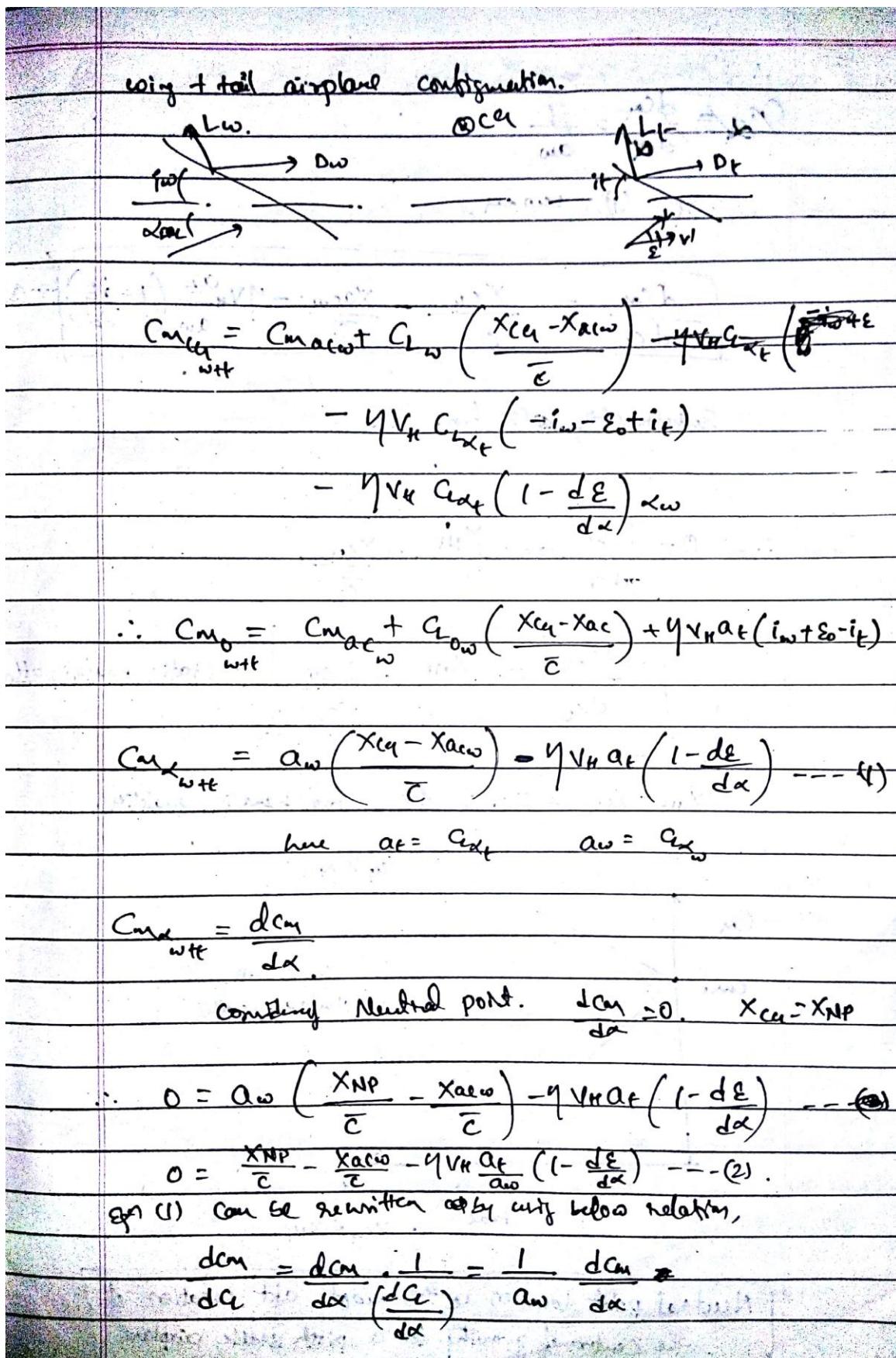
$$C_{M_{\alpha}} = a_t \left(\frac{x_{c0} - x_{ac}}{c} \right) + C_{M_{\alpha f}} - \frac{1}{2} V_{H0} a_t \left(1 - \frac{d\varepsilon}{d\alpha} \right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Notice that the expression $C_{M_{\alpha}}$ depends upon the center of gravity as well as the aerodynamic characteristics of the airplane. The center of gravity of an airplane varies during the course of its operation; therefore it is important to know if there are any limits to the center of gravity level. To ensure that the airplane possesses static longitudinal stability, we should like to know at what point $|C_{M_{\alpha}} = 0|$. Setting $C_{M_{\alpha}}$ equal to 0 and solving for the center of gravity position yields, Eqn (1) becomes,

$$0 = a_w \left(\frac{x_{NP} - x_{ac}}{c} \right) + C_{M_{\alpha f}} - \frac{1}{2} V_{H0} a_t \left(1 - \frac{d\varepsilon}{d\alpha} \right)$$

$$\text{here } C_{M_{\alpha}} = 0 \quad \text{so } x_{c0} = x_{NP}$$





$$C_{M\alpha} = \frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} = \frac{f}{a_w}$$

\therefore Sp 1 (1) second,

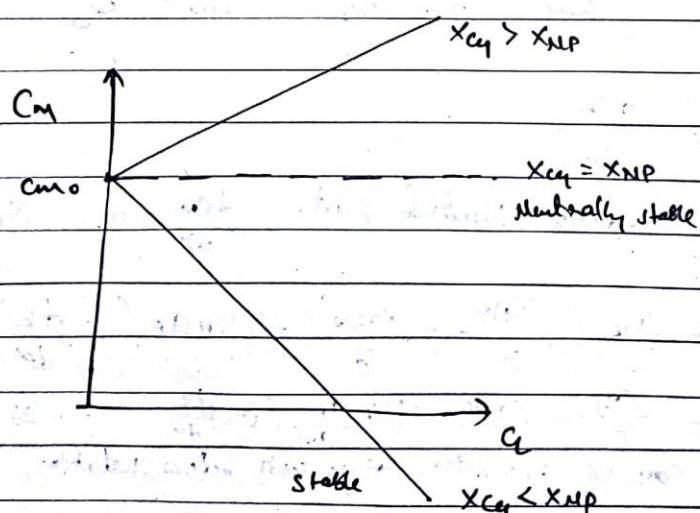
$$\left[\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} = \frac{x_{Cg}}{c} - \frac{x_{CoG}}{c} - \gamma V_{ref} \frac{a_t}{a_w} \left(1 - \frac{d\varepsilon}{d\alpha} \right) \right] \quad (3)$$

Subtracting (2) from (3).

$$\therefore 0 - dC_m = \frac{x_{NP}}{c} - \frac{x_{Cg}}{c}$$

$$\frac{-dC_m}{d\alpha} = \frac{x_{NP}}{c} - \frac{x_{Cg}}{c} = \text{Static margin} = H_n$$

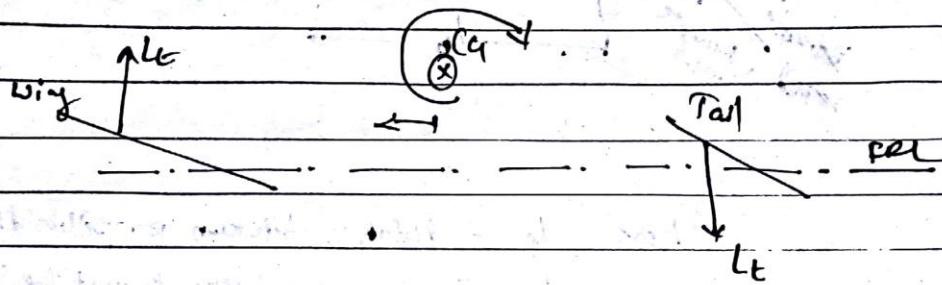
$$x_{NP} - x_{Cg} = 5\gamma \cdot \bar{c} \text{ for good handling qualities.}$$



Neutral point location is the most aft location of the center of gravity for a pitch stable airplane

(i) Most forward location of the C.G/ C.G limit!

when the lift produced at the tail become downward or ' -ve ' lift produced then at the C.G there will be a ' +ve ' moment.

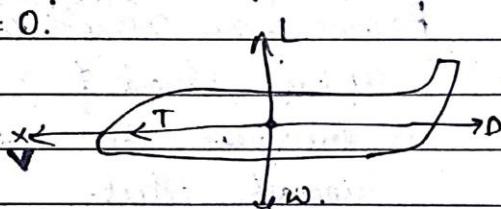


We know that for equilibrium of the aircraft we should maintain trim condition, : $Cm_{Cg} = 0$

$$\text{or } \sum M_{Cg} = 0$$

$$\therefore T = D$$

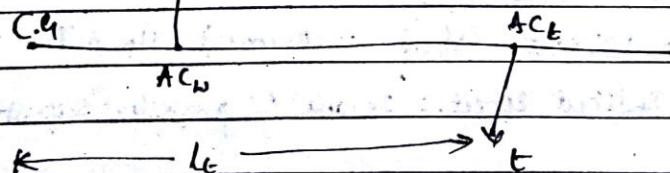
$$L = W = L_w + L_t$$



if our tail plane is giving ' -ve ' lift then

$$L = W = L_w - L_t \Rightarrow \text{leads to high wing loading}$$

\Rightarrow adverse effect on structural parts & airplane performance



C.G of aircraft can lie forward of the aerodynamic center of wing, at that time the wing is having a stabilizing effect, while the tail is having a destabilizing effect. but we can get

$$Cm_{Cg} = 0$$

XII : Power effects / Power plant contribution

(i) Turboprop : $N_p \uparrow$ propeller

here l_p = distance between propeller disc & C.G.
 h = distance between thrust line & C.G.
 N_p = Normal force acting on propeller.

Because of the ~~wing placement~~, there will be a creation of upwash in front of propeller. So the angle of attack of free-stream air (α_p) will be acting said upon this upwash effect.

ϵ = upward angle.

The two effects can have running propeller on longitudinal Static Stability.

- Direct Effect : Because of N_p & T .
- Indirect Effect : Because of propeller slip stream.

Direct Effect:

$$M_{cp_p} = T(h) + N_p(l_p)$$

here T can be written as $T = C_T \cdot \rho V^2 D^2$

$$C_T = \frac{T}{\rho V^2 D^2} \quad : \quad D = \text{diameter of the propeller disc}$$

and also $N_p = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S_p C_{N_p}$; $S_p = \frac{\pi D^2}{4}$

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$$\therefore M_{C_{Lp}} = T_h + N_p l_p$$

$$\gamma \rho v^2 S_w C_{m_{C_{Lp}}} = C_T \rho v^2 D^2 \cdot h + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 S_p \cdot C_{Np} \cdot l_p$$

$$\therefore C_{m_{C_{Lp}}} = C_T \frac{2D^2}{S_w} \frac{h}{c} \cdot N + C_{Np} \frac{l_p}{S_w} \frac{S_p}{c} \cdot N$$

here, N is number of blades

differentiating w.r.t. C_L ,

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dC_m}{dC_L} \right)_p = \left(\frac{dC_T}{dC_L} \right) \underbrace{\frac{2D^2}{S_w} \frac{h}{c} \cdot N}_{\textcircled{1}} + \left(\frac{dC_{Np}}{dC_L} \right) \underbrace{\frac{l_p}{S_w} \frac{S_p}{c} \cdot N}_{\textcircled{2}}$$

here C_L = lift coefficient. \Rightarrow depends upon α_p . (3)

If we look at equation (1) from above,

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \therefore C_T = k \eta_p C_L^{3/2}$$

$$k = f_p \cdot (BHP, \rho, \omega/s)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dC_T}{dC_L} = k \eta_p \frac{3}{2} C_L^{1/2}$$

for $h > 0$ the effect of (1) is destabilizing.

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dC_m}{dC_L} \right) = 0.25 \frac{h}{c} \quad \text{for a fighter A/C configuration}$$

If we look at equation (2) from above,

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \left(\frac{dC_{Np}}{dC_L} \right) = \frac{dC_{Np}}{dl_p} \frac{dl_p}{dC_L}$$

$$\alpha = \alpha_p + \epsilon$$

$$\frac{dl_p}{dC_L} = \frac{dl_p}{d\alpha} \frac{1}{\frac{dC_L}{d\alpha}} = \frac{1}{\alpha_w} \left(1 + \frac{d\epsilon}{d\alpha} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dC_{Np}}{dC_L} = \left(\frac{dC_{Np}}{dl_p} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\alpha_w} \left(1 + \frac{d\epsilon}{d\alpha} \right). \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Eqn (4) Substituting into Eqn (2)

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} \right)_p = \left(\frac{dC_{N_p}}{d\alpha_p} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\alpha_{\infty}} \left(1 + \frac{d\epsilon}{d\alpha} \right) \frac{l_p}{S_w} \frac{S_p}{C} \cdot N$$

$$\left(\frac{dC_{N_p}}{d\alpha} \right)_p = \begin{cases} 0.00165 & 2 \text{ blade propeller} \\ 0.00235 & 3 \text{ blade propeller} \\ 0.00296 & 4 \text{ blade propeller} \\ 0.00510 & 6 \text{ blade propeller} \end{cases}$$

$\left(\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} \right)_p$ is depends upon $\frac{l_p}{S_w}$ & S_p mainly
depends upon l_p .

If l_p is ' +ve ' \Rightarrow stability.

If l_p is ' -ve ' \Rightarrow pitch-up type $A_f c = S A R A S$

\Rightarrow will change the stability characteristics in large

Indirect effect:

moving every component of $A_f c$ about C.G.

$$\therefore C_{m_{eq}} = C_w \left[\frac{x_{C_G} - x_{\alpha_{\infty}}}{C} \right] + C_{m_{\alpha c}} + C_{m_{p_{\alpha c}}} - \frac{1}{V_H C_L} \frac{V_H C_L}{C}$$

$$+ C_T \frac{\rho D^2}{S_w C} h \cdot N + C_{N_p} \frac{l_p}{S_w} \frac{S_p}{C} \cdot N$$

- (a) Effect of propeller slipstream on wing-fuselage pitch.
- (b) Effect of propeller slipstream on wing lift coefficient moment.
- (c) Effect of downwash (due to propeller slipstream) at the horizontal tail.
- (d) Effect of increased dynamic pressure at the tail.

$$C_{m_T} = -V_H C_E \left(\frac{V_s}{V} \right)^2 \quad \left(\frac{V_s}{V} \right)^2 = 1 + \frac{8\alpha}{\pi}$$

$$C_{m_T} = -V_H C_E \left(\alpha_w - i_w + i_t - \epsilon_w - \epsilon_p \right) \left(\frac{V_s}{V} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} \right)_T = -\frac{\alpha_t}{\alpha_w} V_H \left(1 - \frac{d\epsilon_w}{d\alpha} - \frac{d\epsilon_p}{d\alpha} \right) \left(\frac{V_s}{V} \right)^2$$

$$\text{①} \quad -V_H C_E \frac{d \left(\frac{V_s}{V} \right)^2}{d\alpha}$$

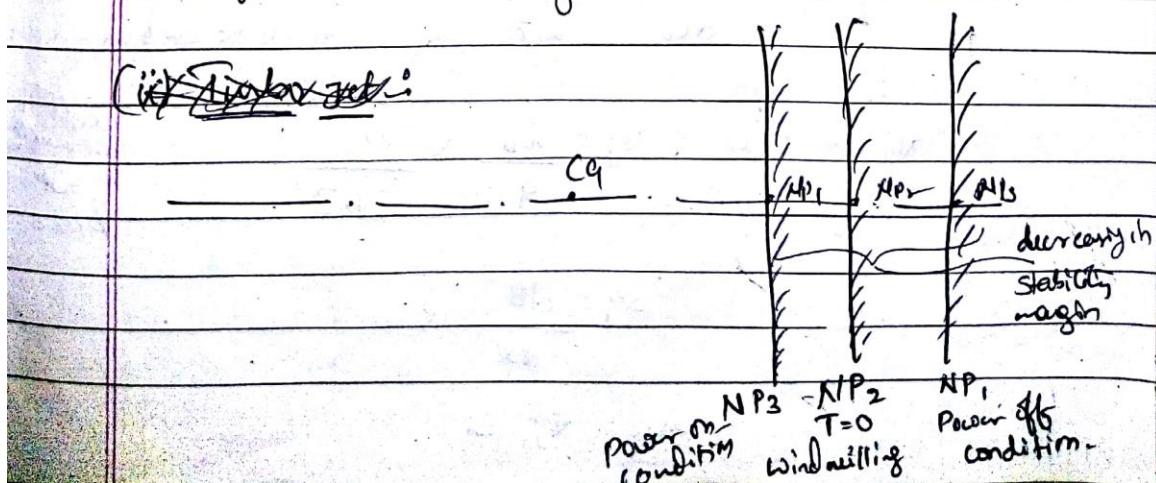
$$\text{②}$$

here $\left(\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} \right)_T$ = Total contribution of tail to pitch stability including propeller indirect effect.

by looking at above equation ①, effect of downwash introduced by propeller slipstream at the tail is destabilizing.

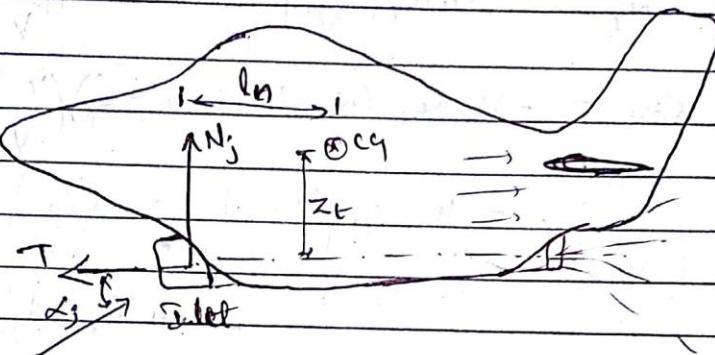
and also equation ② is to wake up for the stability change when C.G having backward or forward.

(i) ~~Diagram~~ :



(ii) Turbine jet: or power effect of jet airplane pitch stability.

here considering Thrust constant with speed of jet airplane



Direct effect:

$$M_{C_L} = T z_t$$

$$C_{m_{C_L}} = \frac{T z_t}{S_w C_L}$$

$$L = w = Q S_w C_L$$

$$Q = (w/S_w) / C_L$$

$$C_{m_{C_L}} = \frac{T z_t C_L}{w C}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} = \frac{T z_t}{w C}$$

The sign of z_t will decide the stability in pitch.

Normal force $N_j = \frac{w_a}{g} \sqrt{\alpha_j^2 + 1}$

$w_a = \frac{\text{weight of aircraft}}{\text{rate of climb}}$

$$\alpha_j = \frac{d\beta}{d\alpha} \cdot \alpha$$

$$M_{C_L} = N_j \cdot l_n$$

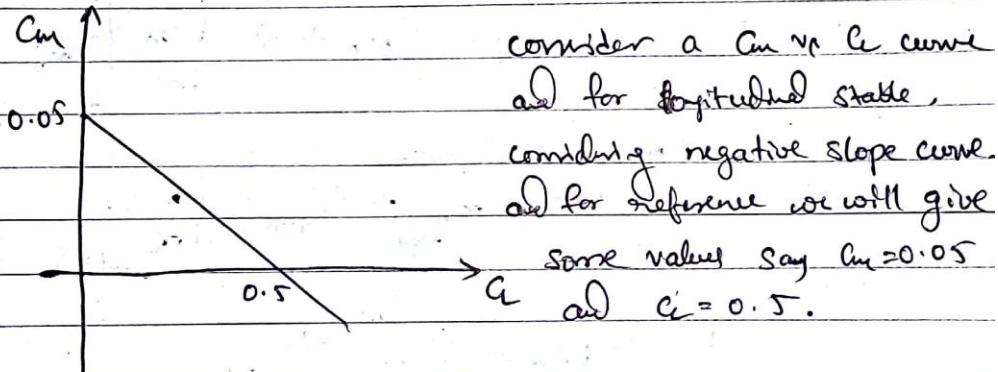
$$\therefore C_{m_j} = \frac{2 \omega_a}{g} \left(\frac{d\beta}{d\alpha} \right) \frac{l_b}{C} \cdot \alpha$$

$$57.3 g \bar{C} \rho S_w V$$

$$\left(\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} \right)_{n_j} = \frac{\omega_a}{g} \frac{(d\beta/d\alpha)}{C_{\alpha_w}} \frac{l_b}{C} \frac{0.035}{\rho S_w V}$$

Sign of l_b will decide the stability.

XIV. Longitudinal Control:

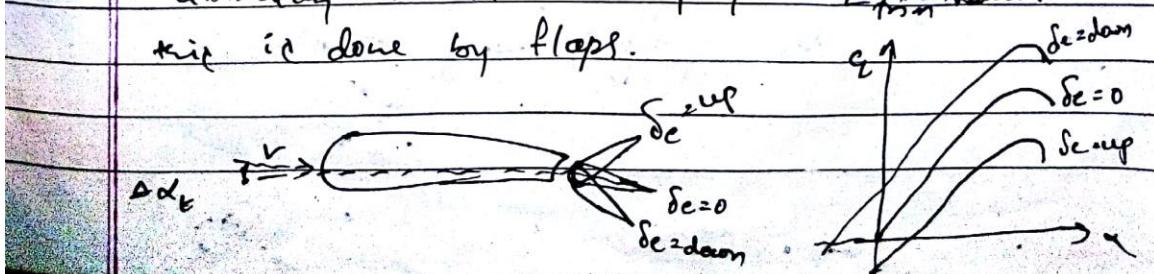


over the α axis the airplane's curve is passing at 0.5 so. that point we can call it as trim α value. because trim condition happen when $C_l = 0$.

$\therefore \alpha_{trim} = 0.5$ where $C_l = 0$.

at constant altitude with speed
where aircraft is $L = W = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 C_l \alpha_{trim} S$

Now, if aircraft want to change its velocity, then ultimately it has to make proper α_{trim} value.
 trim is done by flaps.



for the aircraft ~~Trim~~ trim condition,

$$L = W$$

$$C_{nq} = 0$$

$$T = D$$

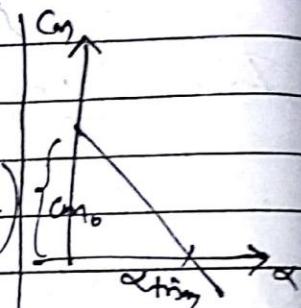
$$\therefore \Delta \alpha_t = \bar{Z} \delta_e$$

here \bar{Z} = elevator ^{flapp} effective parameter

for the longitudinal static stability, we know that

$$C_{m_{eq}} = C_{m_0} + C_{m\alpha} \cdot \alpha$$

$$C_{m\alpha} = C_{m_0} + \alpha \left(\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} \right)$$



To change the α_{trim} ,

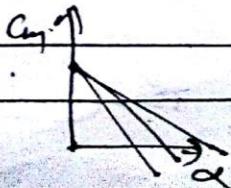
$$0 = C_{m_0} + \alpha_{trim} \left(\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} \right)_{soft}$$

$$\therefore \alpha_{trim} = - \frac{C_{m_0}}{\left(\frac{dC_m}{d\alpha} \right)_{soft}}$$

So, from above equation, by changing wing camber, we can change the $C_{m_{soft}}$, by that we can change the α_{trim} .

⇒ stability change through the changed downwash at tail.

Again from above equation, change C.g in flight, i.e. $\left(\frac{dC_g}{d\alpha} \right)$ may variation.



∴ control of an airplane can be achieved by providing an incremental lift force on one or more of the airplane's lifting surfaces. The lifting force can be produced by deflecting the entire lifting surface or by deflecting a flap incorporated in the lifting surface. Because the control flap or movable lifting surface are located at some distance from the center of gravity, the incremental lifting force can be created a moment about the airplane's center of gravity.

Pitch control can be achieved by changing the lift on either a forward or aft control surface. If a flap is up, the flapped portion of the tail surface is called an elevator.

Factors affecting the design of a control surface are control effectiveness, hinge moments, and aerodynamic and mass balancing.

Control effectiveness is a measure of how effective the control deflection is in producing the desired control moment.

Control effectiveness is a function of the size of the flap and tail volume ratio.

Hinge moments also are important because they are the aerodynamic moments that must be overcome to rotate the control surface. The hinge moment governing

the magnitude of force required of the pilot to move the control surface.

Finally, aerodynamic and mechanical balancing deal with techniques to vary the hinge moments so that the control stick forces stay within an acceptable range.

Elevator Effectiveness: (Elevator control power directly)

The pitch attitude can be controlled by either an aft tail or forward tail (canard). Now, examine how an elevator on an aft tail provides the required control moments.

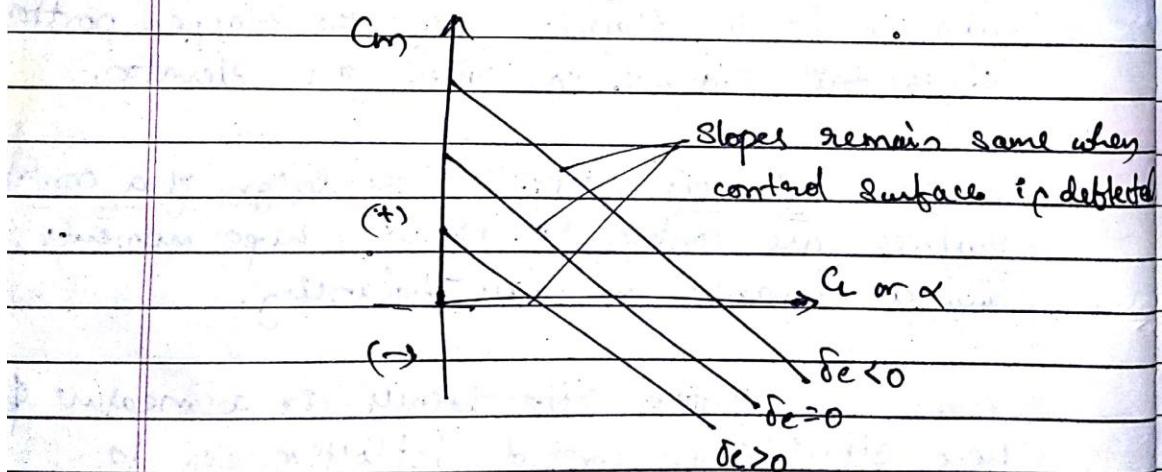


fig: Influence of the elevator on the C_m versus α curve

From above figure, the elevator does not change the slope of the pitching moment curve but only shifts them so that different trim angles can be achieved.

when the elevator is deflected, it changes the lift and pitching moment of the airplane.

The change in lift for the airplane can be expressed as follows:

$$\Delta C_L = C_{L\delta e} \cdot \delta e$$

$$\text{where } C_{L\delta e} = \frac{d C_L}{d \delta e}$$

$$\therefore \text{total lift: } C_L = C_L \alpha + C_{L\delta e} \cdot \delta e$$

On the other hand, the change in pitching moment acting on the airplane can be written as,

$$\Delta C_m = C_{m\delta e} \cdot \delta e \quad \text{where, } C_{m\delta e} = \frac{d C_m}{d \delta e}$$

The stability derivative $C_{m\delta e}$ is called the elevator control power. The larger the value of $C_{m\delta e}$, the more effective the control is in creating the control moment.

Adding ΔC_m to the pitching moment yields,

$$C_m = C_{m0} + C_m \alpha + C_{m\delta e} \cdot \delta e$$

The derivatives $C_{L\delta e}$ and $C_{m\delta e}$ can be related to the aerodynamic and geometric characteristics of the horizontal tail in the following manner.

The change in lift of the airplane due to deflecting the elevator is equal to the change in lift force acting on the tail:

$$\therefore \Delta L = \Delta L_E$$

$$\therefore \Delta Q_{S_w} = \Delta Q_{S_E} \cdot Q_E$$

$$\Delta Q_E = \frac{S_E}{S_w} \cdot \Delta Q_E$$

$$\Delta Q_E = \frac{S_E}{S_w} \cdot \frac{dC_{L_E}}{d\delta_e} \cdot \delta_e$$

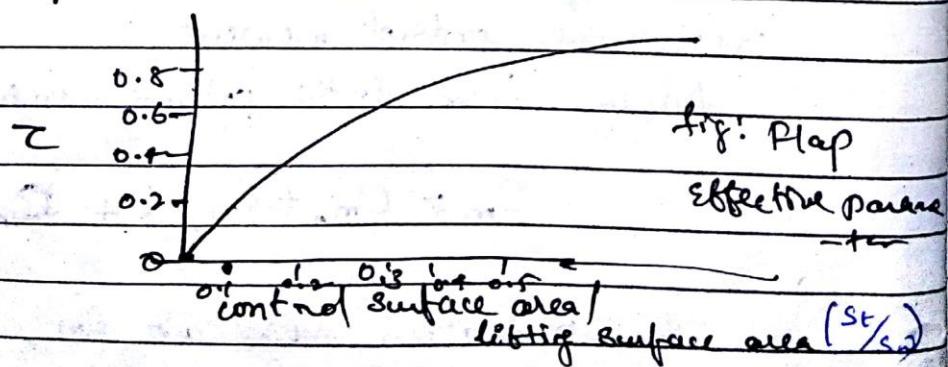
where $\frac{dC_{L_E}}{d\delta_e}$ is the elevator effectiveness. The

elevator effectiveness is proportional to the size of the flap being used as an elevator and can be estimated from the equation,

$$\frac{dC_{L_E}}{d\delta_e} = \frac{dC_{L_E}}{d\alpha_E} \cdot \frac{d\alpha_E}{d\delta_e}$$

$$\frac{dC_{L_E}}{d\delta_e} = C_{L_E} \cdot \zeta$$

The parameter ζ can be determined from below figure.



$$\therefore C_{L_E} = \frac{S_E}{S_w} \cdot \frac{dC_{L_E}}{d\delta_e}$$

The increment in airplane pitching moment is,

$$\Delta C_m = -V_H \gamma \Delta C_L t$$

$$\Delta C_m = -V_H \gamma \frac{d C_L t}{d \delta e} \cdot \delta e$$

$$C_m \frac{\delta e}{\delta e} = -V_H \gamma \frac{d C_L t}{d \delta e} \cdot \delta e$$

$$C_m \frac{\delta e}{\delta e} = -V_H \gamma \frac{d C_L t}{d \delta e}$$

$$\therefore C_m \frac{\delta e}{\delta e} = -V_H \gamma C_L t \cdot \frac{d t}{d \delta e}$$

The designer can control the magnitude of the elevator control effectively by proper selection of the volume ratio and flap size.

Elevator Angle to Trim:

An airplane is said to be trimmed if the forces and moments acting on the airplane are in equilibrium. Setting the pitching moment equal to 0 (the definition of trim) we can solve for the elevator angle required to trim the airplane:

$$C_m = 0 = C_{m0} + C_{m\alpha} \cdot \alpha + C_{m\delta e} \cdot \delta e$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_{trim} = \frac{-(C_{m0} + C_{m\alpha} \alpha_{trim})}{C_{m\delta e}}$$

The lift coefficient to trim is,

$$C_L_{trim} = C_L \alpha_{trim} + C_{L\delta_e} \delta_{trim}$$

we can use this equation to obtain the trim angle of attack!

$$\alpha_{trim} = \frac{C_L_{trim} - C_{L\delta_e} \delta_{trim}}{C_L \alpha}$$

∴ If we substitute this equation back into δ_{trim} equation, we get the following equation for the elevator angle to trim:

$$\delta_{trim} = - \frac{C_m_0 C_L \alpha + C_{m\alpha} C_L_{trim}}{C_{m\delta_e} C_L \alpha - C_m C_{L\delta_e}}$$

Problems

Elevator required for landing:

The longitudinal control surface provides a moment that can be used to balance or trim the airplane at different operating angles of attack or lift coefficient.

The size of the control surface depends on the magnitude of the pitching moment that needs to be balanced by the control.

In general, the largest trim moment occurs when an airplane is in the landing configuration.

(wing flap and landing gear deployed) and the center of gravity is at its forwardmost location. This can be explained in the following manner.

In the landing configuration we fly the airplane at a high angle of attack or lift coefficient so that the airplane's approach speed can be kept as low as possible. Therefore the airplane must be trimmed at a high lift coefficient. Deployment of the wing flap and landing gear create a nose-down pitching moment increment that must be added to the clean configuration pitching moment curve.

An additional nose-down or negative pitching moment increment due to the flap and landing gear shifts the pitching moment curve.

As the center of gravity moves forward the slope of the pitching moment curve becomes more negative (the airplane is more stable).

This results in a large trim moment at high lift coefficient. The largest pitching moment that must be balanced by the center of gravity. The elevator therefore occurs when the flap and gear are deployed and the center of gravity is at its most forward position.

Problem:

Given general aviation airplane with the following configuration details:

gross weight = 2750 kg,
 Velocity = 170 m/sec.
 $X_{cg} = 0.295 \bar{C}$
 Span = 33.4 m
 $\bar{C} = 5.7 \text{ m}$
 Tail area = 14.3 m²
 Tail chord = 16 m
 $\eta = 0.8$
 $Sc/Sc_t = 0.3$
 $C_{L_e} = 3.9 \text{ /rad.}$

Assume the pitching moment curve for the landing configuration at the forward most C.G. position is given as $C_{M_{cg}} = -0.20 - 0.035\alpha$, where α is in degrees. Estimate the elevator effectiveness and the size of the elevator to trim the airplane at the landing angle of attack of 10° . Assume the elevator angle is constrained to $+20^\circ$ and -25° .

→ The increment in moment created by the control surface, $\Delta C_{M_{cg}}$, is both a function of the elevator control power C_{L_e} , and the elevator deflection angle δ_e :

$$\Delta C_{M_{cg}} = C_{M_{cg}} \delta_e$$

for a 10° approach angle of attack, the pitching moment acting on the airplane can be estimated

as follows:

$$\Delta C_{m,eq} = -0.20 - 0.035 (10^\circ) = \underline{\underline{-0.55}}$$

The moment must be balanced by an equal and opposite moment created by deflecting the elevator. The change in moment coefficient created by the elevator was shown to be

$$\Delta C_{m,eq} = C_{m,\delta e}$$

where $C_{m,\delta e}$ is referred to as the elevator control power. The elevator control power is a function of the horizontal tail volume ratio, V_H , and the flap effectiveness factor ζ ,

$$C_{m,\delta e} = -V_H \zeta C_{l,ae}$$

The horizontal tail volume ratio V_H is set by the static longitudinal stability requirements. Therefore the designer can change only the flap effectiveness parameter, ζ to achieve the appropriate control effectiveness $C_{m,\delta e}$. The flap effectiveness factor is a function of the area of the control flap to the total area ~~of~~ of the left surface on which it is attached. By proper selection of the elevator area the ~~more~~ necessary control power can be achieved.

For positive moment, the control deflection angle must be negative; that is trailing edge of the elevator is up.

$$\Delta C_{m,ftm}^{(+)} = -C_{m,\delta e}^{(+)}$$

$$\therefore C_{m\delta_e} = \frac{\Delta C_{m\delta_e}}{\delta_e} = \frac{0.55}{-25^\circ}$$

$$C_{m\delta_e} = -0.022/\text{deg}$$

Solving for the flap effectiveness parameter \bar{c} ,

$$\bar{c} = -\frac{C_{m\delta_e}}{N_H \gamma C_{L\delta_e}}$$

Using the values of the given data

$$\therefore \text{here } N_H = \frac{s_t l_t}{S_w C}$$

$$N_H = \frac{43 \times 16}{(33.4 \times 5.7)(5.7)} = 0.634$$

$$\therefore \bar{c} = -\frac{0.022}{(0.634)(0.8)(3.9 \times \frac{1.08}{4})}$$

$$\bar{c} = 0.000194$$

$$\boxed{\bar{c} = 0.6372}$$

$$\frac{s_e}{s_t} = 0.30$$

$$\therefore \delta_e = 0.30 s_t$$

$$s_e = (0.3)(43)$$

$$\boxed{s_e = 13 \text{ m}^2}$$