

# Aerodynamics



## Aerodynamics Symbol List

Symbol	Definition	Units
$a$	speed of sound	$(length)/(time)$
$a_s$	speed of sound at sea level	$(length)/(time)$
$A$	area	$(length^2)$
$AR$	aspect ratio	-----
$b$	wing span	$(length)$
$c$	chord length	$(length)$
$\bar{c}$	mean aerodynamic chord	$(length)$
$c_p$	specific heat at constant pressure of air	$\frac{(energy)}{(mass) \cdot (temperature)}$
$c_r$	root chord	$(length)$
$c_t$	tip chord	$(length)$
$c_v$	specific heat at constant volume of air	$\frac{(energy)}{(mass) \cdot (temperature)}$
$c_{1/4}$	quarter chord	$(length)$
$C_d$	total drag coefficient	-----
$C_{d,i}$	induced drag coefficient	-----
$C_{d,p}$	parasite drag coefficient	-----
$C_{d,w}$	wave drag coefficient	-----
$C_{fx}$	local skin friction coefficient	-----
$C_l$	lift coefficient	-----
$C_{l,c}$	compressible lift coefficient	-----
$C_{m,c}$	compressible moment coefficient	-----
$C_{m,p}$	pitching moment coefficient	-----
$C_{m,r}$	rolling moment coefficient	-----
$C_{m,y}$	yawing moment coefficient	-----

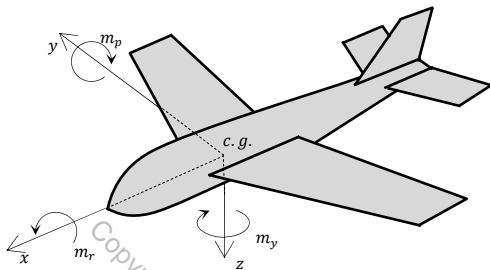
## Aerodynamics Symbol List (cont.)

Symbol	Definition	Units
$C_p$	pressure coefficient	-----
$C_{p,c}$	compressible pressure coefficient	-----
$C_{p,cr}$	critical pressure coefficient	-----
$C_{p,ss}$	supersonic pressure coefficient	-----
$D$	total drag	(force)
$D_i$	induced drag	(force)
$D_p$	parasite drag	(force)
$e$	span efficiency factor	-----
$L$	lift	(force)
$m_p$	pitching moment	(force) · (length)
$m_r$	rolling moment	(force) · (length)
$m_y$	yawing moment	(force) · (length)
$M$	mach number	-----
$M_{cr}$	critical mach number	-----
$M_\infty$	free stream mach number	-----
$P$	static pressure	(force)/(length <sup>2</sup> )
$P_0$	total pressure	(force)/(length <sup>2</sup> )
$P_\infty$	free stream pressure	(force)/(length <sup>2</sup> )
$q$	dynamic pressure	(force)/(length <sup>2</sup> )
$R$	specific gas constant of air	$\frac{\text{(energy)}}{\text{(mass)} \cdot \text{(temperature)}}$
$Re_x$	local Reynolds number	-----
$S$	wing area	(length <sup>2</sup> )
$T$	temperature	(temperature)
$T_0$	total temperature	(temperature)
$V$	speed	(length)/(time)

## Aerodynamics Symbol List (cont.)

Symbol	Definition	Units
$V_c$	calibrated airspeed	$(length)/(time)$
$V_e$	equivalent airspeed	$(length)/(time)$
$V_t$	true airspeed	$(length)/(time)$
$V_\infty$	free stream velocity	$(length)/(time)$
$x$	variable distance starting from leading edge	$(length)$
$\alpha$	angle of attack	Radian
$\alpha_i$	induced angle of attack	$(angle)$
$\Lambda_{LE}$	sweep angle of leading edge	$(angle)$
$\Lambda_{TE}$	sweep angle of trailing edge	$(angle)$
$\Lambda_{c/4}$	sweep angle of quarter chord	$(angle)$
$\beta$	shock angle	Radian
$\gamma$	specific heat ratio	-----
$\delta$	boundary layer thickness	$(length)$
$\theta$	deflection angle	Radian
$\lambda$	taper ratio	-----
$\mu_\infty$	dynamic viscosity	$\frac{(mass)}{(length) \cdot (time)}$
$\rho$	density of air	$(mass)/(length^3)$
$\rho_0$	total density of air	$(mass)/(length^3)$
$\rho_s$	sea level density of air	$(mass)/(length^3)$
$\rho_\infty$	free stream density of air	$(mass)/(length^3)$

## Airplane Axis System



$m_p$  = positive pitching moment

$m_r$  = positive rolling moment

$m_y$  = positive yawing moment

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## Properties of Air

**Specific Heat at Constant Pressure of Air**

$$c_p = 1004.5 \frac{J}{kg \cdot K} = 6006 \frac{ft \cdot lb}{slug \cdot ^\circ R}$$

**Specific Heat at Constant Volume of Air**

$$c_v = 717.5 \frac{J}{kg \cdot K} = 4290 \frac{ft \cdot lb}{slug \cdot ^\circ R}$$

**Specific Heat Ratio of Air**

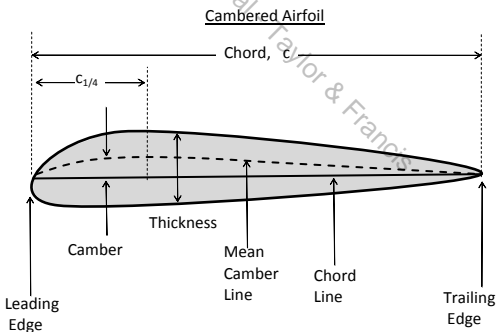
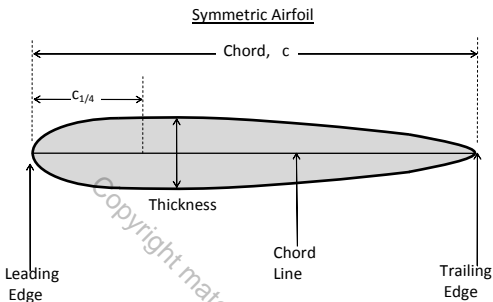
$$\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v} = 1.4$$

**Specific gas constant of air**

$$R = 287 \frac{J}{kg \cdot K} = 1716 \frac{ft \cdot lb}{slug \cdot ^\circ R}$$

# Airfoils

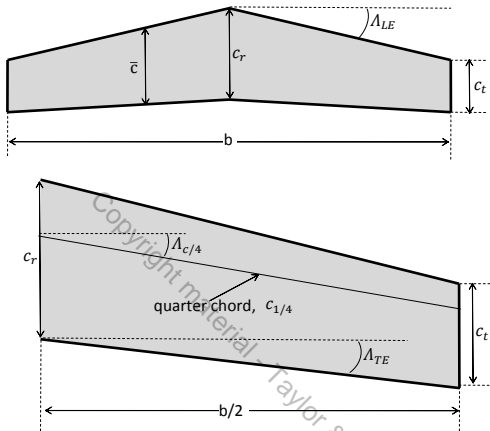
## Geometry and Nomenclature



*Camber and Thickness are functions of  $x$*

# Wings

## Geometry and Nomenclature of Trapezoidal Planform



### Taper Ratio

$$\lambda = \frac{c_t}{c_r}$$

### Aspect Ratio

$$AR = \frac{b^2}{S} = \frac{2 \cdot b}{c_r \cdot (1 + \lambda)}$$

### Mean Aerodynamic Chord

$$\bar{c} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left( c_r + c_t - \frac{c_r \cdot c_t}{c_r + c_t} \right)$$

### Area

$$S = \frac{b^2}{AR}$$

# Approximate Speed Regimes

## Subsonic Incompressible Flow

$$M_\infty < 0.3$$

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## Subsonic Compressible Flow

$$0.3 < M_\infty < 0.7$$

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## Transonic Flow

$$0.7 < M_\infty < 1.2$$

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## Supersonic Flow

$$1.2 < M_\infty < 5$$

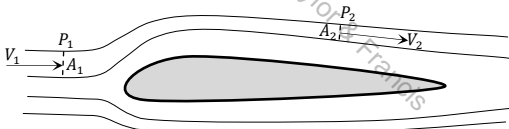
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## Hypersonic Flow

$$5 < M_\infty$$

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# Subsonic Incompressible Flow



## Continuity Equation (Mass Flow Rate)

$$A_1 \cdot V_1 = A_2 \cdot V_2$$

$$\rho_1 = \rho_2$$

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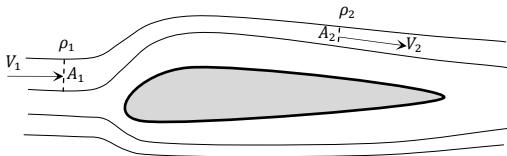
## Bernoulli's Equation

$$P + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V^2 = P_0 = \text{constant along stream line}$$

$$P_1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_1^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_2^2$$



## Subsonic Compressible Flow



For flow that is isentropic (adiabatic and reversible)

### State Equation

$$P_1 = \rho_1 \cdot R \cdot T_1$$

$$P_2 = \rho_2 \cdot R \cdot T_2$$

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### Continuity Equation (Mass Flow Rate)

$$\rho_1 \cdot A_1 \cdot V_1 = \rho_2 \cdot A_2 \cdot V_2$$

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### Isentropic Compressible Flow (see Appendix D)

$$\frac{P_{01}}{P_1} = \left(\frac{\rho_{01}}{\rho_1}\right)^\gamma = \left(\frac{T_{01}}{T_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_1^2\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

$$\frac{P_{02}}{P_2} = \left(\frac{\rho_{02}}{\rho_2}\right)^\gamma = \left(\frac{T_{02}}{T_2}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_2^2\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

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### Isentropic Conditions along Flow

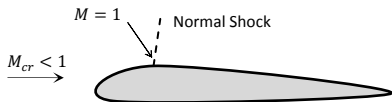
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(P_{02}/P_2)^{-1}}{(P_{01}/P_1)^{-1}} &= \frac{\left(\frac{\rho_{02}/\rho_2}{\rho_{01}/\rho_1}\right)^{-\gamma}}{\left(\frac{\rho_{01}/\rho_1}{\rho_{01}/\rho_1}\right)^{-\gamma}} = \frac{\left(\frac{T_{02}/T_2}{T_{01}/T_1}\right)^{-\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}}{\left(\frac{T_{01}/T_1}{T_{01}/T_1}\right)^{-\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}} \\ &= \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \left(\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}\right)^\gamma = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = \left(\frac{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_1^2}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_2^2}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \end{aligned}$$

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### Energy Equation

$$c_p \cdot T_1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot V_1^2 = c_p \cdot T_2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot V_2^2$$

## Transonic Flow



**Critical Pressure Coefficient**

$$C_{p,cr} = \frac{2}{\gamma \cdot (M_{cr})^2} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{2 + (\gamma - 1) \cdot (M_{cr})^2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}} - 1 \right)$$

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## Supersonic Flow

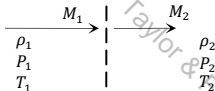
**Speed of Sound**

$$a = \sqrt{\gamma \cdot R \cdot T}$$

**Mach Number**

$$M = \frac{V}{a}$$

**Normal Shock Waves**



Density, Pressure, and Temperature Ratios (see Appendix E)

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{(\gamma + 1) \cdot M_1^2}{(\gamma - 1) \cdot M_1^2 + 2}$$

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = 1 + \frac{2 \cdot \gamma}{\gamma + 1} \cdot (M_1^2 - 1)$$

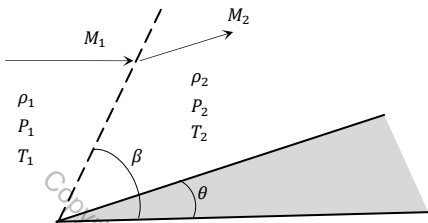
$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{(2 \cdot \gamma \cdot M_1^2 - (\gamma - 1)) \cdot ((\gamma - 1) \cdot M_1^2 + 2)}{(\gamma + 1)^2 \cdot M_1^2}$$

Mach Number after Shockwave (see Appendix E)

$$M_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(\gamma - 1) \cdot M_1^2 + 2}{2 \cdot \gamma \cdot M_1^2 - (\gamma - 1)}}$$

# Supersonic Flow (cont.)

## Oblique Shock Waves



### Deflection Angle (Radians)

$$\theta = \beta - \arctan\left(\frac{\tan(\beta) \cdot (\gamma - 1) \cdot M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta) + 2}{(\gamma + 1) \cdot M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta)}\right)$$

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### Density, Pressure, and Temperature Ratios

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{(\gamma + 1) \cdot M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta)}{(\gamma - 1) \cdot M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta) + 2}$$

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = 1 + \frac{2 \cdot \gamma}{\gamma + 1} \cdot (M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta) - 1)$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = 1 + \frac{2 \cdot (\gamma - 1) \cdot (M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta) - 1)}{(\gamma + 1)^2 \cdot M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta)} \cdot (\gamma \cdot M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta) + 1)$$

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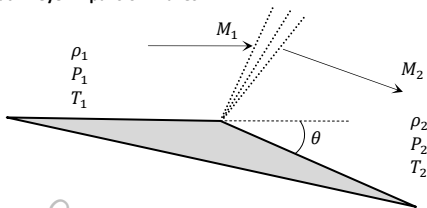
### Mach Number after Shockwave

$$M_2 = \frac{1}{\sin(\beta - \theta)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \cdot M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta)}{\gamma \cdot M_1^2 \cdot \sin^2(\beta) - \frac{\gamma - 1}{2}}}$$

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## Supersonic Flow (cont.)

### Prandtl-Meyer Expansion Waves



### Isentropic Ratios (see Appendix D)

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{(\rho_{02}/\rho_2)^{-1}}{(\rho_{01}/\rho_1)^{-1}} = \left( \frac{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_1^2}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_2^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}}$$

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{(P_{02}/P_2)^{-1}}{(P_{01}/P_1)^{-1}} = \left( \frac{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_1^2}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_2^2} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{(T_{02}/T_2)^{-1}}{(T_{01}/T_1)^{-1}} = \frac{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_1^2}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot M_2^2}$$

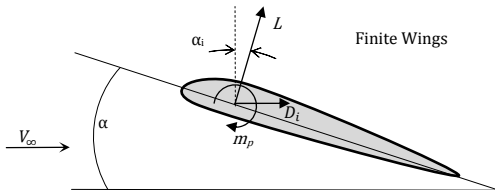
### Solving for Mach Number after Expansion Fan

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \cdot \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma+1} \cdot (M_1^2 - 1)} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{(M_1^2 - 1)} \right) + \theta$$

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \cdot \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma+1} \cdot (M_2^2 - 1)} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{(M_2^2 - 1)} \right)$$

Determine  $M_2$  by inputting different values of  $M_2$  until both parameters are equal

# Aerodynamic Coefficients



## Lift Coefficient

$$C_l = \frac{L}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty^2 \cdot S}$$

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## Parasite Drag Coefficient

$$C_{d,p} = \frac{D_p}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty^2 \cdot S}$$

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## Induced Drag Coefficient

$$C_{d,i} = \frac{D_i}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty^2 \cdot S} = \frac{L \cdot \sin(\alpha_i)}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty^2 \cdot S}$$

$$\text{for small } \alpha_i: C_{d,i} = \frac{C_l^2}{\pi \cdot e \cdot AR}$$

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## Wave Drag Coefficient (approx. for flat-plate and low angles of attack)

$$C_{d,w} = \frac{4 \cdot \alpha^2}{\sqrt{M_\infty^2 - 1}} \quad \text{Note: } \alpha \text{ is in Radians}$$

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## Total Drag Coefficient

$$C_d = \frac{D}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty^2 \cdot S} = C_{d,p} + C_{d,i} + C_{d,w}$$

For subsonic speeds, wave drag equals 0

## Aerodynamic Coefficients (cont.)

### Pressure Coefficient

$$C_p = \frac{P - P_\infty}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty^2}$$

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### Pitching Moment Coefficient

$$C_{m,p} = \frac{m_p}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty^2 \cdot S \cdot \bar{c}}$$

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### Rolling Moment Coefficient

$$C_{m,r} = \frac{m_r}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty^2 \cdot S \cdot b}$$

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### Yawing Moment Coefficient

$$C_{m,y} = \frac{m_y}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty^2 \cdot S \cdot b}$$

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### Subsonic Compressibility Correction to Lift, Pressure, and Moment Coefficients

$$C_{l,c} = \frac{C_l}{\sqrt{1 - M_\infty^2}} \quad C_{p,c} = \frac{C_p}{\sqrt{1 - M_\infty^2}}$$

$$C_{m,c} = \frac{C_m}{\sqrt{1 - M_\infty^2}}$$

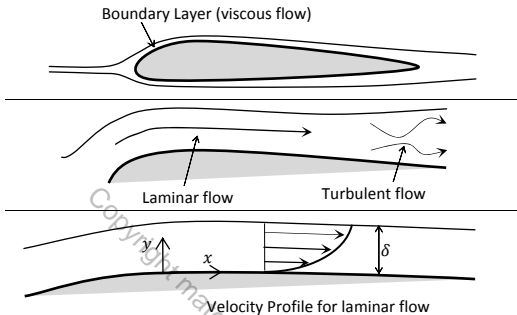
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### Supersonic Pressure Coefficient

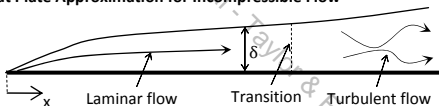
$$C_{p,ss} = \frac{2}{\gamma \cdot M_1^2} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\gamma - 1) \cdot M_1^2}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\gamma - 1) \cdot M_2^2} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}} - 1 \right)$$

# Subsonic Viscous Flow

## Boundary Layer over Airfoil



## Flat Plate Approximation for Incompressible Flow



### Local Reynolds Number

$$Re_x = \frac{\rho_\infty \cdot V_\infty \cdot x}{\mu_\infty}$$

### Boundary Layer Thickness for Laminar Flow

$$\delta = \frac{5.2 \cdot x}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

### Local Skin Friction Coefficient for Laminar Flow

$$C_{fx} = \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

### Transition Conditions

$$Re_x \approx 3.5 \cdot 10^5 \rightarrow 4 \cdot 10^6$$

# Airspeed Measurements

## Subsonic Incompressible Flow

### True Airspeed

$$V_t = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot (P_0 - P_\infty)}{\rho_\infty}}$$

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### Equivalent Airspeed

$$V_e = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot (P_0 - P_\infty)}{\rho_s}} = V_t \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\rho_\infty}{\rho_s}}$$

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## Subsonic Compressible Flow

### True Airspeed

$$V_t = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot a_\infty^2}{\gamma - 1} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{P_0}{P_\infty} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right)}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot a_\infty^2}{\gamma - 1} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{P_0 - P_\infty}{P_\infty} + 1 \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right)}$$

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### Calibrated Airspeed

$$V_c = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot a_s^2}{\gamma - 1} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{P_0 - P_\infty}{P_s} + 1 \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right)}$$

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