NONLIFTING WING-BODY COMBINATIONS WITH CERTAIN GEOMETRIC RESTRATNS HAVING MINIMUM WAVE DRAG AT LOW SUPersonic SPEEDS

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SUMMARY

Several variational problems involving optimum wing and body combinations having minimum wave drag for different kinds of geometrical restraints are analyzed. Particular attention is paid to the effect on the wave drag of shortening the fuselage and, for slender axially symmetric bodies, the effect of fixing the fuselage diameter at several points or even of fixing whole portions of its shape.

INTRODUCTION

Recently several authors have used linearized theory to study the wave drag of wing-body combinations traveling at supersonic speeds (see, e.g., refs. 1 to 5). These studies have clearly demonstrated the importance of finding the wave drag of a whole airplane rather than the separate wave drags of its various parts (wings, fuselages, etc.), since the magnitude of the interference terms can predominate. In effect, this means that various optimization problems for bodies—such as the problem of finding the body shape having a minimum wave drag for a given volume—should be re-examined when interfering wings or other bodies are in the same flow field. In many cases the solution to the new problem differs from the body-alone problem only in interpretation.

The purpose of this report is to study minimum wave-drag combinations which satisfy a few of the many possible geometric constraints pertinent to the interests of airplane designers. An attempt has been made to analyze the various problems in a unified manner so that extensions to other kinds of restraints can be deduced.

LIST OF IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

- $A_0(x)$: aspect ratio
- $a_n(x)$: source distribution equivalent to wing in sense defined by equation (3)
- $a_n$: multipole distribution of order n
- $D$: wave drag
- $D_n$: portion of drag due to all the nth order multipoles for $n > 0$
- $D_w$, $D_{w0}$, $D_b$: See equation (8).
- $D_{re}$: additional drag resulting from restraint (See eq. (11)).
- $J_0$, $J_1$: restraints defined in equations (19)
- $L^* + L_0$: distance between apexes on z axis of forecone and aftercone enclosing wing (See fig. 3.)
- $l^* + l$: length of basic body
- $l^*_1 + l_1$: length of modification to basic body
- $M$: Mach number
- $\rho U^2$: average body radius
- $S_f(x)$: fuselage area in cross section normal to the free stream
- $S_w(x, \theta)$: normal (to free stream) projection of wing area in section cut by plane $x = x_1 + \beta y_1 \cos \theta$
- $U_\infty$: speed of free stream
- $V$: volume
- $x, y, z$: Cartesian coordinate system (See fig. 1.)
- $\alpha_0(x)$: source distribution representing the fuselage modifications
- $\beta$: $\sqrt{M^2 - 1}$
- $\theta$: polar coordinate (See fig. 1.)
- $\rho_\infty$: free-stream density
- $\sigma$: See equation (17).
- $\phi$: velocity potential

BASIC THEORY AND ASSUMPTIONS

BASIC THEORY

Many of the discussions and derivations contained in the following are carried out on the assumption that the reader is familiar with the concepts presented in reference 4 which should be considered as a first part to this report. In particular, an acquaintance with the solutions to the wave equation referred to as "multipoles" is assumed, together with Hayes' invariance principle and the consequent multipole distributions equivalent to a wing in the sense that both induce the same momentum spectrum at infinity.

The entire analysis used herein is based on the assumptions and idealizations necessary to develop the linearized equation for the velocity potential, $\phi$, in supersonic flow, namely

$$\beta^2 \phi_{zz} - \phi_{yy} - \phi_{zz} = 0 \quad (1)$$

where $\beta^2 = M^2 - 1$ and the reference coordinate system* is shown in figure 1. The analysis is further restricted to the solution of problems involving a given uncambered and un-twisted wing mounted centrally on a vertically symmetrical fuselage, the entire configuration being at zero angle of attack.

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* It should be stressed that the z axis is parallel to the free-stream direction (wind axis).

the exposed panels of the wing are used to calculate the $C_n$'s, $C_0$ is negligible and the entire axial source distribution $\alpha(x)$ is related to the geometrical properties of the body by the relation

$$\alpha_0(x) = U_0 \frac{dS_0}{dz} = U_0 S_0'(x)$$

(2)

THE WING EQUIVALENT SOURCE DISTRIBUTION AND THE OPTIMUM CANCELLATION SOURCES

Let the given wing lie in the $z_1=0$ plane. According to Hayes' theorem (ref. 7), the wing equivalent source distribution $[\alpha_0(x)]_w$ is obtained by accumulating on the $z_1$ axis, at a distance $z$ from the origin, all the wing sources intercepted by the line $z_1=x+\beta y_1 \cos \theta$, and then, for a fixed $z$, averaging these values as $\theta$ varies from 0 to $2\pi$. Thus using thin-airfoil theory to relate the planar source sheet to wing geometry, one finds

$$\frac{1}{U_0} \alpha_0(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} S_w'(x,\theta) d\theta$$

(3)

where $S_w'(x,\theta) = \partial \partial x [S_w(x,\theta)]$ and $S_w(x,\theta)$ is the normal (to the $x$ axis) projection of the wing cross-sectional area intercepted by the plane $z_1=x+\beta y_1 \cos \theta$ as shown in figure 2. Without the addition of further restraints, the optimum source distribution along the $z_1$ axis is that which just cancels the wing equivalent source distribution. Further, this can be interpreted directly in terms of both fuselage and wing.

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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{figure1.png}
\caption{Coordinate systems used in analysis.}
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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{figure2.png}
\caption{Area intercepted by oblique plane.}
\end{figure}

$^1$ The true oblique plane is given by the equation

$$z_1 = x + \beta y_1 \cos \theta + \beta \sin \theta$$

but, to be consistent with the assumptions basic to linearized theory, the variation with $\beta$ is neglected.
geometry by means of equations (2) and (3). Thus, with no further restreints, the best fuselage shaping, for a wing-body combination satisfying the assumptions discussed above, satisfies the equation

$$S'_r(z) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} S'_u(z, \theta) d\theta$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)$$

and has any reasonably smooth cross-sectional form. Notice that the total volume taken out of the fuselage is exactly equal to the total volume of the exposed portion of the wing. Hence, the total volume of the modified combination is the same as that of the original smooth cylinder.

**THE DRAG**

The total wave drag of a system can be expressed in terms of its actual or equivalent multipole distributions as

$$D = 2D_o + \sum_{1}^{\infty} D_n$$  \hspace{1cm} (5)$$

where $D_n$ is the drag caused by the $n$th order multipoles $a_n(z)$ and is given by the equation

$$D_n = -\frac{\beta^2}{4\pi \bar{U}^2} \int_{-L_0}^{L_0} \int_{-L_0}^{L_0} dx_1 dx_2 a_n^{(n+1)}(x_1) a_n^{(n+1)}(x_2) \ln |x_1 - x_2|$$

for $n=0, 1, 2, \ldots$  \hspace{1cm} (6)$$

where $a_n^{(n+1)}(x)$ represents $(\partial / \partial x)^{n+1} a_n(x)$. Under the assumptions given above, the magnitude of $\sum_{1}^{\infty} D_n$ is small. Let us designate it by $D_t$, so that, in general,

$$D = 2D_o + D_t$$  \hspace{1cm} (7)$$

On the other hand, the total wave drag of a system composed of the combination of a wing and a body can also be written symbolically as

$$D = D_o + 2D_{wb} + D_b$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)$$

where

$D_o$ \hspace{1cm} drag of the wing alone

$D_b$ \hspace{1cm} drag of the body alone

$2D_{wb}$ \hspace{1cm} interference drag

The various components of wave drag defined in equations (7) and (8) help one to evaluate more readily the drag reductions that can be realized from appropriate fuselage shapings. Thus, if the fuselage shape satisfies equation (4), the total wave drag of the combination under the assumptions that $\beta A$ and $\beta R/L_o$ are small can be written either as

$$D = D_t$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)$$

or as

$$D = D_o - D_b$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)$$

If, in finding the fuselage shape,

(a) the multipoles representing a wing and a body flying separately are assumed to represent the same wing and body when combined (i.e., the shape fields can be superimposed),

(b) the multipoles representing the fuselage are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign to the wing equivalent multipoles,

then equation (10) holds without the assumption of small $\beta A$ and $\beta R/L_o$.

In subsequent problems we will discuss the effects on the wave drag and fuselage area distribution of adding certain additional restreints to the body geometry. The addition of such restreints may or may not change the relation given by equation (10), but they must always add a term to equation (9) so that

$$D = D_o + D_{re}$$

$$D_{re} \geq 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (11)$$

**WINGS CENTRALLY MOUNTED ON SLENDER QUASICYLINDER**

This section is devoted to the solution of two problems involving a given uncambered and untwisted wing mounted centrally at zero angle of attack on a tube that is cylindrical forward of some point ahead of the wing. The problems are, in both cases, to find the area distribution of the fuselage behind the cylindrical portion that will minimize the wave drag of the combination.

**SHORTENING THE FUSELAGE**

Remembering the assumptions listed at the beginning of this section, let us consider the following problem:

(i) Given a wing and a slender fuselage having the same normal cross-sectional area in all planes ahead of the plane $x = -L_0$ (see fig. 3), what is the optimum fuselage area distribution behind the plane $x = -L_0$ if the fuselage must end at the plane $x = L_0$?

Of course, if $L_0 > L_0$ (i.e., the body modification can extend over the entire range enclosed by the forefront and aftercone enclosing the wing), the solution is already given by equation (4). Hence, in the following, $L_0 < L_0$.

![Figure 3.—Wing on limited fuselage.](image-url)
For simplicity of notations, let \( \alpha_0(x) \) represent the sources along the fuselage center line and \( \alpha_0(x) \) represent the wing equivalent source distribution. Then, according to equation (6)

\[
\frac{D_0}{q} = -\frac{1}{4\pi U^2} \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} dx_1 \int \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} dx_2 [\alpha_0'(x_1) + \alpha_0'(x_2)] 1_n |x_1 - x_2|
\]

where from the conditions stated in the problem and the geometric interpretation to the fuselage sources given by equation (2), \( \alpha_0(x) \) is zero for values of \( x \) outside the interval \( -L_0' < x < L_0' \).

Consider now a variation of equation (12) for a fixed \( \alpha_0(x) \) in the interval \( -L_0' \leq x \leq L_0' \) and a free variation of \( \alpha_0(x) \) in the subinterval \( -L_0' < x < L_0' \). There results

\[
\frac{1}{q} \delta D_0 = -\frac{2}{4\pi U^2} \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} dx_1 \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} dx_2 \alpha_0'(x_2) \left[ \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} \frac{\alpha_0'(x_2) 1_n |x_1 - x_2| dx_2}{x_1 - x_2} \right] = 0
\]

Integrate once by parts with respect to \( x_1 \) (since the variations \( \alpha_0(-L_0') \) and \( \alpha_0(L_0') \) must be zero). Then, by the fundamental lemma of the calculus of variations, the bracketed term must be zero for \( -L_0' \leq x_1 \leq L_0' \) and one finds the condition

\[
\int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} \frac{\alpha_0'(x_2) dx_2}{x_1 - x_2} + \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} \frac{\alpha_0'(x_2) dx_2}{x_1 - x_2} = 0; \quad -L_0' \leq x_1 \leq L_0
\]

Equation (13) is an integral equation which can be inverted (by methods such as those outlined in ref. 8). Inverting, integrating once with respect to \( x_1 \), and expressing \( \alpha_0(x) \) and \( \alpha_0(x) \) by means of equations (2) and (3), respectively, one finds

\[
S_f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-L_0}^{L_0} \frac{\sqrt{L_0 - x} \sqrt{L_0 + x}}{x_1 - x} dx_1 \int_{-L_0}^{L_0} \frac{\sqrt{L_0 - x} \sqrt{L_0 + x}}{x_1 - x} dx_2
\]

which gives the optimum fuselage area distribution under the conditions and assumptions posed.

The wave drag of the combination represented by equation (14) can be expressed either in the terms defined in equation (8) or (11). Let us first consider the form given by equation (8). If the expression for the drag of an \( n \)th order multipole distribution is integrated once by parts, there results since \( \alpha_0^{(n)}(-L_0') = \alpha_0^{(n)}(L_0') = 0 \)

\[
\frac{D_0}{q} = \frac{1}{4\pi U^2} \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} dx_1 \int \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} dx_2 [\alpha_0^{(n)}(x_1) + \alpha_0^{(n)}(x_2)] 1_n |x_1 - x_2|
\]

or, alternately,

\[
\frac{D_0}{q} = \frac{1}{2\pi U^2} \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} dx_1 \int \int_{-L_0'}^{L_0} dx_2 [\alpha_0^{(n)}(x_1) + \alpha_0^{(n)}(x_2)] 1_n \left[ \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)(L_0' + x_1)} + \sqrt{(x_1 + x_2)(L_0' - x_2)} \right] dx_1 dx_2
\]
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Figure 4.—Wing mounted on fuselage restrained at three sections.

acceptable for some practical purpose. The question is, then, what is the best shape for given values of minimum fuselage cross-section area at given planes and what is the penalty in wave drag caused by the added constraints? Before considering the general case of an arbitrary number of restraints, let us first consider the simple problem:

(ii) Given a wing, what (under the various assumptions given above) is the area distribution of the adjoining fuselage which has a prescribed area at three given stations (the initial, the final, and an intermediate station \(x = d_1\), see fig. 4) and yields a minimum wave drag for the combination?

As before, let \(a_e(x)\) represent the wing equivalent source distribution. Then the drag caused by the restraints can be written

\[
\frac{D_r}{q} = \frac{1}{2\pi U_a} \int_{-L_0}^{L_0} \left[ a_e(x_1) + U_a S_f(x_1) \right] dx_1 \int_{-L_0}^{L_0} a_e(x_2) + U_a S_f(x_2) \frac{dx_2}{x_1 - x_2}
\]

\[\text{(16)}\]

where \(S_f(x)\) is the unknown fuselage area to be optimized. For simplicity, replace the unknown \(S_f(x)\) by \(\sigma(x)\) where

\[
\sigma(x) = \int_{-L_0}^{x} \frac{a_e(\xi)}{U_a} d\xi + S_f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} S_f(x, \theta) d\theta + S_f(x)
\]

\[\text{(17)}\]

\[
\sigma(-L_0) = S_0
\]

\[
\sigma(L_0) = S_2
\]

Let

\[
\sigma_0(x) = \sigma(x); \quad -L_0 \leq x \leq d_1
\]

\[
\sigma_1(x) = \sigma(x); \quad d_1 \leq x \leq L_0
\]

\[\text{(18)}\]

and the restraints on the fuselage area give the relations

\[
\int_{-L_0}^{d_1} \sigma_0'(x) dx = \left[ S_1 - S_0 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} S_f(d_1, \theta) d\theta \right] = J_0
\]

\[\text{(19a)}\]

\[
\int_{d_1}^{L_0} \sigma_1'(x) dx = \left[ S_2 - S_1 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} S_f(d_1, \theta) d\theta \right] = J_1 - J_0
\]

\[\text{(19b)}\]

where \(J_0\) and \(J_1\) are constants fixed by the given constraints. Notice

\[
J_1 = (S_2 - S_0)
\]

\[\text{(19c)}\]

so the constant \(J_1\) is a measure of the difference between the initial and final areas.

Using the usual variational techniques, we can write, for the quantity to be minimized,

\[
\frac{D_r}{q} + \frac{U_a}{4\pi} \int_{-L_0}^{d_1} \sigma_0'(x) dx + \frac{U_a}{4\pi} \int_{d_1}^{L_0} \sigma_1'(x) dx
\]

or

\[
\frac{U_a}{4\pi} \left\{ \int_{-L_0}^{d_1} \sigma_0''(x) dx + \int_{d_1}^{L_0} \sigma_1''(x) dx \right\}
\]

\[
= \frac{U_a}{4\pi} \left\{ \int_{-L_0}^{d_1} \sigma_0''(x) dx + \int_{d_1}^{L_0} \sigma_1''(x) dx \right\}
\]

\[\text{(19d)}\]

By taking the variation and satisfying the conditions at the end points, one obtains the two simultaneous integral equations

\[
\int_{-L_0}^{d_1} \sigma_0''(x) dx + \int_{d_1}^{L_0} \sigma_1''(x) dx = \lambda_0, \quad -L_0 < x_1 < d_1
\]

\[
\int_{-L_0}^{d_1} \sigma_0''(x) dx + \int_{d_1}^{L_0} \sigma_1''(x) dx = \lambda_1, \quad d_1 < x_1 < L_0
\]

\[\text{(20)}\]

The set of equations (20) is identical to that analyzed by Adams (ref. 9) for bodies of revolution with fixed areas at the initial, final, and an intermediate section. In the interest of subsequent generalization, however, we will consider its solution in the following way: First write the equations (20) in the equivalent form

\[
\int_{-L_0}^{d_1} \sigma''(x) dx = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\frac{\lambda_0}{2}, & -L_0 < x_1 < d_1 \\
\frac{\lambda_1}{2}, & d_1 < x_1 < L_0
\end{array} \right.
\]

\[\text{(21)}\]

One can show that

\[
\sigma''(x) = \frac{A + B x_2}{\sqrt{L_0^2 - x_2^2}} - C_1 \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{L_0^2 - x_2^2}{L_0^2 - d_2^2} \right)
\]

\[\text{(22)}\]

is the solution to the integral equation (where \(A, B, \) and \(C_1\) are constants since

\[
\int_{-L_0}^{d_1} \sigma''(x) dx = \left\{ -\pi \left[ B - C_1 \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{d_1}{L_0} \right) \right] ; \quad -L_0 < x_1 < d_1 \right.
\]

\[
\int_{d_1}^{L_0} \sigma''(x) dx = \left\{ -\pi \left[ B + C_1 \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-d_1}{L_0} \right) \right] ; \quad d_1 < L_0 \right.
\]

\[\text{(23)}\]
which satisfies equation (21). The constraints can now be satisfied by means of the equations

\[ \sigma'(x) = \int_{-L_0}^x \sigma''(x) dx = A \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-x}{L_0}\right) - B \sqrt{L_0^2 - x^2} + C_1 \left[ \frac{d_1 - x}{L_0} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-x}{L_0}\right) \right] - \sqrt{L_0^2 - d_1^2} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-x}{L_0}\right) \]

(24)

and

\[ \sigma(x) - S_0 = A \left[ \frac{1}{2} \pi (L_0^2 - d_1^2) \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-d_1}{L_0}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \pi (L_0^2 - d_1^2) \right] + B \left[ \frac{1}{2} \pi \sqrt{L_0^2 - x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \pi \sqrt{L_0^2 - d_1^2} \right] \]

(25)

From equation (25) the fuselage cross-sectional area can be written

\[ S_f(x) = S_0 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} S_{\omega}(x, \theta) d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \pi J_0 \left[ (L_0^2 - d_1^2) \right] \]

(26)

\[ L_0^2 \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-d_1}{L_0}\right) \left[ \frac{d_1^2 - x^2}{L_0^2 - d_1^2} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-d_1}{L_0}\right) \right] + \left( L_0^2 - d_1^2 \right) \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-d_1}{L_0}\right) \]

(27)

In terms of the wing, body, and interference drag components defined in equation (8), the total wave drag is

\[ D = \frac{D_\infty}{q} \frac{D_\infty}{q} \left[ \pi S_f - S_0 \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{d_1}{L_0}\right) \right] - S_4 \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{d_1}{L_0}\right) \]

(27a)

where \( B \) and \( C_1 \) are given above. The equation for \( D_{\infty} \) is

\[ D_{\infty} = \frac{1}{\pi (L_0^2 - d_1^2)} \left[ \pi L_0^2 \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-d_1}{L_0}\right) \right] + J_1 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \pi \sqrt{L_0^2 - d_1^2} + \frac{1}{2} \pi \sqrt{L_0^2 - d_1^2} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-d_1}{L_0}\right) \right] \]

(27b)

If the additional specification is made that the initial and final areas are the same, the solution simplifies considerably, since, for such cases, \( J_1 = 0 \) and equations (26) and (27) reduce to

\[ S_f(x) = S_0 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} S_{\omega}(x, \theta) d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \pi J_0 \left[ (L_0^2 - d_1^2) \right] \]

(28)

and

\[ D = \frac{D_\infty}{q} \frac{D_\infty}{q} \left[ S_1 - S_0 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} S_{\omega}(x, \theta) d\theta \right] \]

(29a)

Often the exact statement of the restraint is that \( S(x) \) shall not be less than \( S_1 \) at \( x = d_1 \). In such cases care must be used in applying equations (26) and (27) or (28) and (29), since they are only valid when the fuselage cross-sectional area at \( d_1 \) is exactly \( S_1 \). If such is the case, equations (26) and (28) give the optimum body shape only if \( J_0 \geq 0 \), that is, only if

\[ S_1 \geq S_0 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} S_{\omega}(x, \theta) d\theta \]

(4)

Next let us generalize the analysis leading to equation (26) and (27) by considering the following problem:
(iii) Given a wing, what is the area distribution of the adjoining fuselage which has prescribed areas at $n+1$ stations (including the initial and final ones fixed by the Mach forecone and aftercone enveloping the wing, see fig. 5) and yields a minimum wave drag for the combination?

\[ S_0(x, \theta) = S_0 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\theta} \left( \frac{L_0^2}{2} \right) \left( \frac{d_1}{I_0} \right)^2 \left( \frac{d_2}{I_0} \right)^2 \cos \left( \frac{L_0^2}{I_0} x - \frac{d_1}{I_0} \right) \cos \left( \frac{L_0^2}{I_0} x - \frac{d_2}{I_0} \right) dx \]

The wave drag due to the restraints can be obtained by using equations (32) and (16). Thus

\[ \frac{D_2}{q} = \frac{B}{2} \left( \sigma_0 - \sigma_{n+1} \right) + \frac{n}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \left( \frac{\sigma_i - \sigma_0}{I_0} \right) \]

or in terms of the components defined in equation (8)

\[ \frac{D_2}{q} = \frac{D_0}{q} + \frac{B}{2} \left( S_0 - S_{n+1} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \left( \frac{S_i - S_0}{I_0} \right) \]

where $\sigma_i = \sigma(d_i)$. Notice $\sigma_0 = S_0$ and $\sigma_{n+1} = S_{n+1}$, so when $S_0 = S_{n+1},$

\[ \frac{D_2}{q} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i (\sigma_i - S_0) \]

or

\[ \frac{D}{q} = \frac{D_2}{q} + \frac{B}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i (S_i - S_0) \]

Finally, using the known values of $S_0(x)$ at $d_v, v=0, 1, \ldots, n+1$, one obtains the $n+1$, simultaneous equations

\[ \left( S_v - S_0 \right) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\theta} \left( \frac{L_0^2}{2} \right) \left( \frac{d_1}{I_0} \right)^2 \left( \frac{d_2}{I_0} \right)^2 \cos \left( \frac{L_0^2}{I_0} x - \frac{d_1}{I_0} \right) \cos \left( \frac{L_0^2}{I_0} x - \frac{d_2}{I_0} \right) dx \]

which determine the $n+1$ constants $B, C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_n$. These, in turn, fix the shape, through equation (34), and the wave drag, through equations (35).

Solutions similar to the above are presented in references 10 and 11, and are used therein to calculate the drag of bodies of revolution having their areas specified at a given number of stations. Such a method has the advantage of giving the lower bound to the drag of bodies whose areas have been measured at a discrete number of places and, further, of giving a value representative of all area variations in the vicinity of the calculated optimum. Reference 10 contains a tabulation of the constants necessary to evaluate the minimum drag of an area distribution fixed at 19 points.

**Wings Centrally Mounted on Slender Closed Bodies of Revolution**

In the preceding section the interference between the central portion of the airplane and its nose and tail regions was neglected. In this portion we will consider the entire
fuselage, assuming, first, it is a slender closed body and, second, it can be calculated in the presence of the wing, using the same postulates given in the previous section "Basic Theory and Assumptions."

UNLIMITED INDENTATION LENGTH, FIXED VOLUME

Let us first consider the question:

(iv) Given the wing, body length, and total volume of the combination, what is the area distribution of the body which yields a minimum wave drag if the apexes of the Mach forecone and aftercone enclosing the wing lie within the body (see fig. 6) and the specified volume is large enough for the body to be real?

![Figure 6: Wing on closed body.](image)

This problem can be solved in a simple manner by means of the following lemma discovered by R. T. Jones, see reference 1.

Designate the closed body which has a minimum wave drag for a fixed volume and length as a Sears-Haack body. Then the total drag of a Sears-Haack body and any other wing or (slender) body entirely within the fore and after Mach cones with apexes at the tail and nose of the Sears-Haack body, respectively, is given by the equation

\[ D = D_{SR} + \frac{g}{\mu} \int_{-L_0}^{L_0} a_0(x_1) dx_1 + \int_{-l_0}^{l_0} \frac{a_{s}(x_1) dx_1}{1 - x_1^2} + D_1 \]  

(38)

where the interference term has been integrated by parts and \(-L_0, L_0\), and \(-l_0, l_0\) form bounds of the arbitrary and Sears-Haack source distributions, \(a_0\) and \(a_{s}\), respectively. As is well known

\[ \frac{D_{SR}}{g} = 8 \frac{V_{SR}}{\pi l_0^4} \]  

(39)

and

\[ \frac{1}{\mu} a_{s}''(x) = \frac{8 V_{SR}}{\pi l_0^4} \frac{2x^2 - l_0^2}{\sqrt{l_0^2 - x^2}} \]  

(40)

Placing equation (40) in (38) and integrating, one finds

\[ D = D_{SR} + \frac{8q V_{SR}^2}{\pi l_0^4} \frac{2}{V_{SR}} \int_{-L_0}^{L_0} \frac{a_0(x_1)}{1 - \frac{x_1}{\mu}} dx_1 + D_1 \]

and since one can easily show

\[ V_1 = -\frac{1}{\mu} \int_{-L_0}^{L_0} x_1 a_0(x_1) dx_1 \]

equation (37) follows immediately.

Returning now to problem (iv), we see that its solution follows from equation (37) and the solution is, in fact, simply a Sears-Haack body having, at the appropriate place relative to the wing-body juncture, the additional area variation specified by equation (4). This follows, since, if \(D_1\) represents the combined drag of the wing and indentation, then \(V_1\), the combination volume of the wing and indentation, is zero. Hence, the minimum value of \(D_1\), for a given volume, is obtained when \(D_{SR}\) and \(D_1\) are independently minimized. But \(D_{SR}\) is already a minimum on a volume basis and \(D_1\) is a minimum for a given wing. Notice the location of the wing along the body is immaterial, provided the required indentation can be accommodated by the fuselage.

LIMITED INDENTATION LENGTH ON SEARS-HAACK BODY, FIXED VOLUME

Consider, next, the more difficult problem

(v) Given a wing and Sears-Haack body of length \(2l_0\) long enough to contain the apexes of the fore and after Mach cones enclosing the wing), what modification of this fuselage within the length \(l_1' + l_1\) (and within that length only, see fig. 7) minimizes the total wave drag for a given total volume?

In order to answer this question, it is necessary to consider separately two cases; namely, the one in which \(l_1' \geq l_0\) and \(l_1 \geq L_0\) (i.e., the part of the body free for variation contains the apexes of the wing's Mach cone envelope, as shown in fig. 7) and the other in which the preceding conditions are not satisfied.

First consider the combination for which \(l_1' \geq l_0\) and \(l_1 \geq L_0\). The wave drag of such a combination can always be calculated using equation (37) wherein \(D_{SR}\) is the wave drag of the basic Sears-Haack body fixed by the stationary nose and tail portions, \(D_1\) is the combined wave drag of the
where \( D_\varepsilon \) is defined by equations (5), (6), and (7).

Since, as we have been assuming, \( \beta A \) is small, \( D_\varepsilon \) is negligible, and a comparison between equations (37) and (42) shows that the drag of the combination formed by mounting two wing panels on a Sears-Haack body can be reduced without a change in the total volume and with a modification limited to the interval \(-l'_0 < x < l'_0\) by the difference between the drag of the two panels flying alone and the drag of a Sears-Haack body having a length equal to \( l'_0 + l_0 \), and a volume equal to the volume of the two panels. So long as the points \( z = -l'_0 \) and \( z = l_0 \) do not lie off the basic body, and so long as the required indentation can be accommodated, this result is independent of the wing's fore-and-aft position.

If the body modification is limited so that either \( l'_0 < L'_0 \) or \( l_0 < L_0 \) or both, the above results do not apply, since, in such cases, the second body—in the sense defined above—cannot be varied for \( x \) between \(-l'_0 \) and \(-L'_0 \) or \( L_0 \) and \( l_0 \) or both, and its drag cannot, therefore, be reduced to that of an equivalent Sears-Haack body. The best modification in this case can be calculated from the results presented in the material immediately following.

**LIMITED INDENTATION ON ARBITRARY BODY-FIXED VOLUME**

Consider the question

(vi) Given a wing, a body length, and the area distribution of the fore-and-aft portions of a body, what is the variation of area along the intermediate portion of the body which yields a minimum wave drag for a fixed total volume?

Again, as in equation (17), let \( \sigma(x) \) represent the sum of the
solutions representing the basic body and the wing equivalent source distribution,

\[ \sigma(x) = \sigma_0(x) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma_\phi(x, \theta) d\theta \]  

(43)

It is now convenient, however, to let \( \sigma(x) \) be a fixed function in the entire interval \(-l_0 \leq x \leq l_0\), see figure 8, and let the body modifications, which are to be optimized in the interval \(-l_1 < x < l_1\), be represented by \( \Delta S(x) \) which has the end conditions

\[ \Delta S'(l_1) = \Delta S_l(l_1) = 0 \]

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(44)

The change in volume caused by the body modification, \( \Delta V \), is given by

\[ \Delta V = -\int_{-l_1}^{l_1} x \Delta S(x) dx \]  

(45)

The usual variational procedure leads directly to the integral equation

\[ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \Delta S(x) dx = -\int_{-l_0}^{l_0} \frac{\sigma'(x) dx}{\sqrt{l_0^2 - x^2}} \left\{ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \frac{\sigma'(x) dx}{\sqrt{l_1^2 - x^2}} + \lambda_0 \right\} + \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \frac{\sigma'(x) dx}{\sqrt{l_1^2 - x^2}} + \frac{4\pi}{l_1} \int_{-l_0}^{l_0} I_0 dx \]  

(46)

where \( \lambda_0 \) and \( \lambda_1 \) are fixed by the conditions given in equations (44) and (45). Equation (46) is similar in form to equation (13) and its inversion can be obtained by use of methods similar to those for inverting the latter equation. Thus, the solution to equation (46) becomes for \(-l_1 \leq x \leq l_1\)

\[ \Delta S'(x) = -\sigma'(x) + \frac{\sqrt{l_1^2 - x^2}}{l_1} \left\{ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \frac{\sigma'(x) dx}{\sqrt{l_1^2 - x^2}} + \frac{4\pi}{l_1} \int_{-l_0}^{l_0} I_0 dx \right\} + \frac{2I_0}{l_1} + \frac{2I_0}{l_1^3} \]  

(47)

where

\[ I_0 = \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \frac{x_1^2 \sigma(x_1) dx_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 - l_1^2}} - \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \frac{x_1^2 \sigma(x_1) dx_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 - l_1^2}} + \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \frac{\sigma'(x) dx}{\sqrt{x_1^2 - l_1^2}} \]  

(48)

and the total volume of the wing and unmodified fuselage, that is

\[ V = -\int_{-l_0}^{l_0} x \sigma'(x) dx \]  

(49)

Equation (47) integrates to give

\[ \Delta S(x) = -\sigma(x) + \frac{1}{\pi l_1} \left( l_1 x + l_1^2 I_0 \right) \sqrt{l_1^2 - x^2} - \frac{4}{3\pi l_1^3} \left( 2l_1 I_0 - 2l_1^2 I_0 - 2(V + \Delta V) + \frac{2I_0}{l_1} + \frac{2I_0}{l_1^3} \right) \]  

(50)

where

\[ H(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \sigma'(x) \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{x_1^2 - l_1^2}{l_1^2 - x_1^2} \frac{x_1}{2} \right] dx_1 - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \sigma'(x) \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{x_1^2 - l_1^2}{l_1^2 - x_1^2} \frac{x_1}{2} \right] dx_1 \]  

(51)

If \( D_0 \) is the drag of the original wing-body combination and \( D_{as} \) is the drag of a body of revolution having the same normal area distribution as the modification, then

\[ \frac{D}{q} = \frac{D_0}{q} + \frac{8\Delta V}{\pi l_1^4} \left[ 2(V + \Delta V) + l_1^2 I_0 - 2l_1^2 \right] \]  

(52a)

On the other hand \( D_0 \) can be written

\[ \frac{D_0}{q} = \frac{D_*}{q} + \frac{1}{\pi l_1^3} \left\{ \frac{2}{l_1^3} \left[ 2I_0 - 2(\Delta V)^2 \right] + \frac{I_0}{l_1^3} \right\} \]  

(52b)

where

\[ G(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{x_1 - x_2} \sqrt{\frac{x_2^2 - l_1^2}{x_1^2 - l_1^2}} \]  

(53)

\[ D*/q \]  

can be expressed as

\[ \frac{D_*}{q} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} dx_1 \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} dx_2 \sigma'(x_1) \sigma'(x_2) G(x_1, x_2) - \right. \]

\[ \left. 2 \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} dx_1 \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} dx_2 \sigma'(x_1) \sigma'(x_2) G(x_1, x_2) + \right. \]

\[ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} dx_1 \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} dx_2 \sigma'(x_1) \sigma'(x_2) G(x_1, x_2) \]  

(54)

LIMITED INDENTATION ON ARBITRARY BODY—FIXED DIAMETER

As a final example in this section, consider the question (vii) Given a wing, a body length, and the area distribution of the fore-and-aft portions of a body, what is the intermediate variation of fuselage area that, in a given area at some intermediate station \( z = d_1 \), can yield a minimum wave drag for the combination?

Using the same definition for \( \sigma(x) \) as is given in equation (43), and again designating the area modification as \( \Delta S(x) \) one can apply the same methods used to develop equation (21) and (46) and write the integral equation for \( \Delta S(x) \) in the form

\[ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \Delta S(x) dx = -\int_{-l_0}^{l_0} \frac{\sigma'(x) dx}{\sqrt{l_0^2 - x^2}} \left\{ \lambda_0 + l_1^2 I_0 - l_1^2 I_0 - 2(V + \Delta V) \right\} + \frac{2I_0}{l_1} + \frac{2I_0}{l_1^3} \]  

(56)

where \( \lambda_0 \) and \( \lambda_1 \) are constants whose values depend upon the restraints.

The solution to equation (56) can be written

\[ \Delta S(x) = -\sigma(x) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-l_0}^{l_0} \frac{\sigma'(x) dx}{\sqrt{l_0^2 - x^2}} \left[ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \frac{\sigma'(x) dx}{\sqrt{l_1^2 - x^2}} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{l_1} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{l_1} \right] + \left[ C_1 \right] \left[ l_1^2 - l_1^2 \right] - \frac{1}{l_1^2} \left[ A - B \right] \left[ C_1 \right] \left[ l_1^2 - l_1^2 \right] \]  

(57)

and the three constants \( A, B, \) and \( C_1 \) are fixed by the conditions: (1) continuous slope

\[ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \Delta S'(x) dx = 0 \]  

(55)

(2) the body area at \( x = l_1 \) is unchanged

\[ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \Delta S'(x) dx = 0 \]  

(58)

and (3) the body area at \( d_1 \) is given

\[ \int_{-l_1}^{l_1} \Delta S'(x) dx = \Delta S(d_1) \]  

(59)
The final solution is
\[ \Delta S_f(x) = -\sigma(x) + H(x) \cdot \frac{C_1}{2} (x - d_i)^2 \cosh^{-1} \frac{l_i^2 - x d_i}{l_i^2} + \]
\[ \sqrt{l_i^2-x^2} \left\{ \frac{x - d_i}{l_i^2} (I_d + I_1) + \frac{l_i^2 - d_i^2}{\sqrt{l_i^2 - d_i^2}} \Delta S_f(d_i) + \right. \]
\[ \left. \sigma(d_i) - H(d_i) \right\} \]  
(59)

where
\[ C_1 = \frac{2l_i^2}{(l_i^2 - d_i^2)^2} \left[ \Delta S_f(d_i) + \sigma(d_i) - H(d_i) \right] - \frac{\sqrt{l_i^2 - d_i^2}}{\pi l_i^2} (I_d + I_1) \]  
(60)

and \( I_d \) and \( H(x) \) are defined in equations (48) and (51), respectively.

The drag can be expressed either as
\[ D = \frac{D_e}{2} \cdot \frac{D_{ss}}{2} + \pi C_1 \Delta S_f(d_i) \]  
(61a)

where \( D_e \) is again the drag of the original unmodified combination and \( D_{ss} \) is the drag of the modification alone, or as
\[ D^* = D + B^2 \left( l_i^2 - x d_i \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( B d_i - C_1 \sqrt{l_i^2 - d_i^2} \right)^2 \]  
(61b)

where \( D^* \) and \( C_1 \) are defined by equations (54) and (60), respectively, and \( B \) is given by
\[ B = \frac{1}{l_i^2} \left( \pi d_i C_1 \sqrt{l_i^2 - d_i^2} - 2I_1 \right) \]  
(62)

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