# Chapter 11: Drag and Lift

# 11.1 Basic Considerations

Recall separation of drag components into form and skinfriction



### 11.2 Drag of 2-D Bodies

First consider a flat plate both parallel and normal to the flow



where C<sub>p</sub> based on experimental data



FIGURE 11.3 Flow past a flat plate.



 $C_p = \frac{p-p_0}{\rho \, V_0^2/2}$ 

$$C_{Dp} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 A^S} \int_{S}^{S} (p - p_{\infty}) \underline{n} \cdot \hat{i} dA$$
$$= \frac{1}{A} \int_{S}^{S} C_p dA$$

= 2 using numerical integration of experimental data

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{f}}=\mathbf{0}$$

For bluff body flow experimental data used for  $c_D$ .

In general,  $Drag = f(V, L, \rho, \mu, c, t, \varepsilon, T, etc.)$ from dimensional analysis

$$C_{\rm D} = \frac{\text{Drag}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 A} = f\left(\text{Re, Ar, } \frac{t}{L}, \frac{\varepsilon}{L}, \text{ T, etc.}\right)$$

scale factor



Figure 10.23 Pressure distributions around a cylinder for subcritical, supercritical, and inviscid flows.



Fig. E4.7









Fig. 5.3 The proof of practical dimensional analysis: drag coefficients of a cylinder and sphere: (a) drag coefficient of a smooth cylinder and sphere (data from many sources); (b) increased roughness causes earlier transition to a turbulent boundary layer.



FIG. 34.-Flow round sphere below critical point. (Wieselsberger.)



F10. 35.—Owing to a thin wire ring round the sphere, the flow becomes of the other type with turbulent boundary layer. (Wiesclaberger.)

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Fig. 15.5a





Fig. 15.5c



Fig. 15.5d



Fig. 15.5e

Fig. 15.5f





S = point of separation

Fig. 2.12. Diagrammatic representation of flow in the boundary layer near a point of separation alternate formation and shedding of vortices also creates a regular change in pressure with consequent periodicity in side thrust on the cylinder. Vortex shedding was the primary cause of failure of the Tacoma Narrows suspension bridge in the state of Washington in 1940. Another, more commonplace, effect of vortex shedding is the "singing" of wires in the wind.

If the frequency of the vortex shedding is in resonance with the natural frequency of the member that produces it, large amplitudes of vibration with consequent large stresses can develop. Experiments show that the frequency of shedding is given in terms of the Strouhal number S, and this in turn is a function of the Reynolds number. Here the Strouhal number is defined as

$$S = \frac{nd}{V_0} \tag{11-7}$$

where *n* is the frequency of shedding of vortices from one side of cylinder, in Hz, *d* is the diameter of cylinder, and  $V_0$  is the free-stream velocity.

The relationship between the Strouhal number and the Reynolds number for vortex shedding from a circular cylinder is given in Fig. 11-10.





Other cylindrical and two-dimensional bodies also shed vortices. Consequently, the engineer should always be alert to vibration problems when designing structures that are exposed to wind or water flow.

**EXAMPLE 11-2** For the cylinder and conditions of Example 11-1, at what frequency will the vortices be shed?



Fig. 7.16 Drag versus Reynolds number for nearly two-dimensional bodies.

Table 7.2 DRAG OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL BODIES AT  $Re = 10^5$ 





Fig. 7.12 Drag of a streamlined two-dimensional cylinder at  $Re_c = 10^6$ : (a) effect of thickness ratio on percentage friction drag; (b) total drag versus thickness when based upon two different areas.



Figure 10.24 Drag coefficients for a family of struts. (S. Goldstein, "Modern Developments in Fluid Dynamics," Dover Publications, New York, 1965.)



HIGURE 11-11 Coefficient of drag versus Reynolds number for axisymmetric podies. [Data sources: Abbott (1), Breevoort (4), Freeman (9), and Rouse (24).]

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Body	Ratio	C <sub>D</sub> based on frontal area	
Cube:			
		1	.07
$\rightarrow \bigcirc$		0	.81
60° cone:			
$\rightarrow \triangleleft$	,	0.	5
Disk:			
		1.	17
Cup:			
$\rightarrow$		1.	4
$\rightarrow$		Ó.	4
Parachute (low porosity):			
$\rightarrow$		1.	2
Rectangular plate:			•
T.	b/h 1	1.	18
$\longrightarrow$ $n$	10	· I. 1	2 3
	20	1.	5
	h ∞	2.	0
Flat-faced cylinder:			
	L/d 0.5	1.	15
	٦, ١	0.	90
$\rightarrow$		0.	85
L	4 8	0. 0.	87 99
Ellipsoid:		Laminar	Turbulent
$\overline{T}$	 L/d 0.75	0.5	0.2
→ ( (: )	d 1	0.47	0.2
L	_ 2	0.27	0.13
	4	0.25	0.1
1 · · ·	8	0.2	0.08

#### Table 7.3 DRAG OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL BODIES AT $Re \approx 10^3$



Figure 10.25 Time history of the aerodynamic drag of cars in comparison with streamlined bodies. (From Hucho, W. H., Janssen, L. J., Emmelmann, H. J., 1976, "The Optimisation of Body Details—A Method For Reducing The Aerodynamic Drag of Road Vehicles," SAE 760185.)



Figure 3. Drag coefficients of "standard" passenge r cars. tested either in wind tunnels on geometrically similar models or by deceleration of the full-scale vehicle.<sup>5.</sup>



Figure 4. Drag coefficients of several smooth wind tunnel models (tested over fixed ground plate).



Figure 2-5. Appendage decomposition (from Kirkman, et al., 1979)



Figure 2-6. Nominal boundary layer thickness in way of the DDG 51 appendages.

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# 11.3 Effect of Compressibility on Drag: $C_D = C_D(Re, Ma)$

$Ma = \frac{U_{\infty}}{a}$	<pre>&gt; speed of sound = rate at disturbances are propaga</pre>	which infinitesimal ated from their
	source into undisturbed	medium
Ma < 1	subsonic	$\leq$ 0.3 flow is incompressible,
<b>Ma</b> ~ 1	transonic (=1 sonic flow	w) i.e., $\rho \sim \text{constant}$
Ma > 1	supersonic	
Ma >> 1	hypersonic	

 $C_D$  increases for Ma ~ 1 due to shock waves and wave drag

 $Ma_{critical}(sphere) \sim .6$ 

 $Ma_{critical}$ (slender bodies) ~ 1

For  $U \ge a$ : upstream flow is not warned of approaching disturbance which results in the formation of shock waves across which flow properties and streamlines change discontinuously

FIGURE 11.12 Drag characteristics of projectile, sphere, and cylinder with compressibility effects. [After Rouse (26)]



FIGURE 11.13 Contour plot of the drag coefficient of the sphere versus Reynolds and

Mach numbers.

