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SYMBOLS

AR aspect ratio

\( C^\mu \) jet momentum coefficient (= \( J/q.S_w \))

J jet momentum (= \( M.V_J \))

M jet mass flow

\( V_J \) jet flow velocity

\( V_{T1} \) take-off velocity of jet-flap aircraft

\( V_T \) take-off velocity of conventional aircraft

\( S_w \) gross wing area

\( \theta \) jet-deflection angle

\( \alpha \) angle of attack

\( C^\mu R \) jet momentum coefficient, based on measured jet momentum

\( C'_1 \) a constant

\( C_1 \) a constant (see Equation 3.3)

\( C'_D \) drag coefficient of wing without blowing

\( C_{DT} \) total drag coefficient of jet-flapped wing

\( \Delta C_{DT} \) change in total drag coefficient due to blowing

\( C_{LT} \) total lift coefficient of jet-flapped wing

\( \Delta C_{LT} \) change in total lift coefficient due to blowing

\( C_{TM} \) total measured thrust coefficient as measured with a balance
ΔC_{TM}  change in total thrust coefficient due to blowing
ΔC_{Di}  change in induced drag due to blowing
ΔC_{Di}'  change in induced drag due to $ΔC_{LT}^2$ and AR
ΔC_{Di}'' change in induced drag due to $ΔC_{LT}^2$ and $C_{μR}$
K  a constant (see Equation 3.5)
K'  a constant (see Equation 3.1)
K''  a constant (see Equation 3.6)
K''' a constant ($=1/πAR$)
K'''' a constant (see Equation 3.8)
ΔC_{DP} change in profile drag coefficient due to blowing ($=C_{DJ}$)
a(θ) drag parameter, a function of θ
a(α) drag parameter, a function of α
ΔC_{DT_0} change in total drag, if $ΔC_{Di}''$ is ignored (see Equation 3.9)
C_2  a constant (see Equation 4.3)
a(0) drag parameter for $α=0$
C(x) drag parameter, a function of an undefined quantity
C_{μL} jet momentum coefficient, based on the rate of blowing required for production of the desired lift
C_{μE} jet momentum coefficient, based on the entire jet engine exhaust
C_{μT, μC} jet momentum coefficients at take-off and cruise respectively of conventional aircraft
x take-off distance of a specified conventional aircraft
φ air density

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SUMMARY

The characteristics of a jet-flapped wing of aspect ratio 6 are presented, discussed, and evaluated for STOL application.

Again, as for high-aspect-ratio (AR = 20) jet-flapped wings, a range for the most economical jet-flap operation is well defined. The angle of attack as an efficient means of lift production loses its usefulness with low-aspect-ratio jet-flapped wings, whereas the optimum jet-deflection angle seems hardly affected (θ ≈ 55°). A most efficient jet-flap application for STOL calls for a complete integration of the lifting and propulsive systems.

In the range of most economical jet-flap operation, semiempirical relationships predict parameter changes accurately enough for practical purposes.
CONCLUSIONS

The presented material and evidence proves:

1) that performance and operation of low-aspect-ratio jet-flapped wings can be most instructively demonstrated in the form of jet-flap characteristics.

2) that a jet-flapped wing should be operated along or below (and not above) the operating line for most economical (low drag) operation.

3) that the optimum jet deflection angle (as defined by the operating line) is still (at AR = 6) of the same order ($50^\circ < \theta \leq 60^\circ$) as that observed with truly and quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings.

4) that the angle of attack has become obsolete as an efficient means of lift production in combination with the jet flap.

5) that the complete integration of the propulsive and lifting systems becomes intrinsic for jet-flapped wings, the lower the aspect ratio and the higher the lift requirements for take-off.

6) that low-aspect-ratio jet-flap characteristics below and up to the operating line can be constructed from "constants", which can easily be determined.

7. that semiempirical relationships which are almost identical (except for the magnitude of the "constants") with those derived for truly and quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings (Reference 1) can be applied.
INTRODUCTION

In Reference 1, characteristics of truly and quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings are presented; in addition, jet-flap performance, economy of operation, application to STOL aircraft, are discussed. Three "constants" were found to dominate that portion of the characteristics which confines the range of most economical jet-flap operation. Naturally, in this range, any increment in the rate of flap blowing is completely (100%) recovered as (balance) measured thrust.

In operational applications for STOL aircraft, for example, two-dimensional jet-flap results are of rather academical value. The effect of aspect ratio on the economy of lift production is crucial, and the drag penalty commensurate with high-lift-producing, low-aspect-ratio jet-flapped wings needs careful study and evaluation.

Unfortunately, there is only one set of test results of a low-aspect-ratio (AR = 6) jet-flapped wing available, which is, however, not as complete as would be desirable for the unambiguous construction of its characteristics. It is this set of test data (Reference 2) which is evaluated in this paper.
II. DISCUSSION OF THE AVAILABLE EXPERIMENTAL DATA

In Reference 2, the results of wind tunnel experiments with a rectangular jet-flapped wing of aspect ratio 6 are reported. These tests were primarily conducted with full-span blowing over a 10% chord jet control flap. At rates of blowing from zero to $C_{\mu} = 2.3$, the lift and thrust (drag) were measured at four jet-sheet deflection angles ($\theta = 0^\circ, 37^\circ, 67^\circ, \text{ and } 97^\circ$) and at angles of attack, $\alpha$, ranging from $-8^\circ$ to $+20^\circ$.

Unfortunately, these test results were obtained for a wing-body combination (with and without tail). The wing alone was not tested. Therefore, the presented lift and thrust (drag) values contain the body contributions to lift and thrust (drag).

In Reference 2, it is the sectional momentum coefficient, $C_{\mu}$, against which most of the presented data are plotted. In this paper, the overall momentum coefficient, $C_{\mu} = 0.9 C_{\mu}$, related to the gross wing area (which corresponds to the spanwise extent of the blowing slot instead of the reference area excluding the body cutout) is used. Lift and thrust (drag) coefficients are also related to the gross wing area.

For the jet-sheet momentum from which $C_{\mu}$ is obtained, the actual (real) jet momentum at the trailing edge of the jet control flap is used. In Reference 2, a correction of 0.85 to the calculated jet sheet momentum is suggested, based on careful estimates of contributing factors. The real $C_{\mu R}$ is then given by $C_{\mu R} = 0.85 C_{\mu}$.

The test data of Reference 2 can be presented in two ways: either as balance measured lift and thrust (drag) values ($C_{LT}$ and $C_{TM}$ ($C_{DT}$ respectively), or as $\Delta C_{LT}$ and $\Delta C_{TM}$ ($\Delta C_{DT}$) values. The $\Delta$ designates the increments in lift or thrust (drag) due to blowing. For design purposes, the overall (balance) measured values should be more informative. For an analysis of the jet flap, however, values which are unobscured by the lift and drag of the basic wing, alone or in combination with either a shrouded jet flap or a jet control flap, are preferable. Moreover, on the basis of $\Delta$ values, various jet-flap configurations can be compared with the pure jet flap as to how efficiently a given amount of jet momentum can produce lift and thrust (drag). In this paper, primarily $\Delta$ values are used.
III. THE LOW-ASPECT-RATIO JET-FLAPPED WING AT ZERO ANGLE OF
ATTACK

Qualitative Jet-Flap Characteristics

If the converted jet-flap data of Reference 2 for the full-span blowing
wing-body combination (without tail) are evaluated, the balance measured
thrust due to blowing, $\Delta C_{TM}$, can be plotted versus $C_{AR}$ for various jet-
sheet deflection angles $\theta$ (see Figure 1). This plot does not yet constitute
jet-flap characteristics. The $\Delta C_{LT} =$ constant lines still have to be added.
Unfortunately, the test data of Reference 2 are not comprehensive enough to
do this unambiguously. For instance, there are not sufficient test points
available to define either the direction of the straight portions of the $\Delta C_{LT} =
1, 1.5, 2, 2.5,$ and $3$ lines or the location and direction of the $\Delta C_{LT} =$ $4$ and
$5$ lines. This is the reason why - as a first approximation - the straight
portions of the $\Delta C_{LT} =$ constant lines are drawn as lines parallel to the
100% thrust recovery slope line. This approximation was chosen on account
of two observations:

a) that $\Delta C_{LT} =$ constant lines are parallel to the 100% thrust recovery
slope line if the aspect ratio of the jet-flapped wing is large or
infinite (see Reference 1).

b) that the change of induced drag, $\Delta C_{Df}$, with rate of blowing, $C_{AR}$
(which is the only reason for an inclination of the $\Delta C_{LT} =$ constant
lines with the 100% thrust recovery slope line), is small, at least
for the $AR = 6$ jet-flapped wing under consideration here.

Drawing the $\Delta C_{LT} =$ constant lines through the corresponding test
points of the $\theta = 37^\circ$ curve leads to the qualitative jet flap characteristics pre-
sented in Figure 1. The $\Delta C_{LT} = 4$ and $5$ lines are lines through points A
and B respectively, where A and B were calculated (assuming that the $\theta = 37^\circ$
curve is a straight line, which it is not) from

$$\Delta C_{DT} = \frac{C'_1}{K'i^2} \Delta C_{LT}^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.1)

after $C'_1/K'i^2$ was obtained from $\Delta C_{DT}/ \Delta C_{LT}^2 = 0.47/6.25 = 0.0753$ at
point C.
Comparing now Figure 1 with characteristics of truly or quasi two-
dimensional jet-flapped wings (see Figures 10, 11 and 12 of Reference 1),
the effect of aspect ratio becomes quite apparent. The lines of $\theta = \text{constant}$
fan out stronger, move closer to or even above the $C_{\mu R}$ axis, and strongly
depart from straight lines at higher values for $\theta$. The lines of $\Delta C_{LT} = \text{constant}$
are further apart. Both observations reflect the expected appreciable
total drag increase of low-aspect-ratio jet-flapped wings operating under high
lift conditions.

Again, as in the high-aspect-ratio jet-flap characteristics of Reference 1, the $\Delta C_{LT} = \text{constant}$ lines in Figure 1 seem basically to be straight
lines. Above the "operating line" (the locus of the points where the $\Delta C_{LT} = \text{constant}$ lines depart from a straight line), operation of the jet-flapped wing
at fixed $\Delta C_{LT}$ can no longer be achieved (neglecting still the effect of $C_{\mu R}$
on the induced drag) at a constant profile drag. The increase in profile (and
total) drag ($\delta \Delta C_{DP} = \delta \Delta C_{DT}$) with jet-flap operation above the operating
line is given by the horizontal distance between the extended straight $\Delta C_{LT} = \text{constant}$ line and its real counterpart (see Figure 1). The changes in blowing
rate, thrust, and drag above the operating line are related (see Reference 1)
as

$$\delta (\Delta C_{TM}) = \delta C_{\mu R} - \delta (\Delta C_{DT}) \quad (3.2)$$

which for jet-flap operation along or below the operating line (where $\delta (\Delta C_{DT})$
is presently assumed to be zero) reduces to

$$\delta (\Delta C_{TM}) = \delta C_{\mu R}.$$ 

Also in Reference 1, the following relationships were derived for
truly and quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings:

$$\Delta C_{DT} = a(\theta) C_{\mu R} = C_1 \sin^2 \theta C_{\mu R} \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\Delta C_{DT} = \frac{C_1}{K^2} \Delta C_{LT}^2 \quad (3.4)$$

Equation 3.4 is obtained when Equation 3.3 is combined with Spence's ex-
pression (Reference 3).
\[ \Delta C_{LT}^2 = K^2 \sin^2 \theta \mu R \]  

(3.5)

where \( K \) is a characteristic "constant" of the jet-flap configuration in question.

In subsequent sections of this paper, the effect of induced drag on jet-flap characteristics as a whole and on "constants" such as \( C_1, K, \) and \( K'' \) in particular will be considered.

**The Total Drag as a Function of \( \Delta C_{LT} \)**

For spanwise elliptic loading, the total drag of jet-flapped wings due to blowing can be obtained from

\[ \Delta C_{DT} = K'' \Delta C_{LT}^2 + \Delta C_{D_1} \]

\[ = K'' \Delta C_{LT}^2 + \frac{\Delta C_{LT}^2}{\pi AR (1 + 2C_\mu / \pi AR)} . \]  

(3.6)

For truly two-dimensional jet flaps, \( \Delta C_{D_1} = 0; \) for quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings, the effect of \( C_\mu, \) on the induced drag is small enough to be neglected, and

\[ \Delta C_{DT} = K'' \Delta C_{LT}^2 \frac{\Delta C_{LT}^2}{\pi AR} \]

\[ = (K'' + K'''') \Delta C_{LT}^2 = \Delta C_{DT_0} \]  

(3.7)

if \( K''' \) is substituted for \( 1/\pi AR. \) For low-aspect-ratio wings, the effect of \( C_\mu \) on the induced drag can no longer be ignored. To demonstrate this point, the induced drag \( \Delta C_{D_1} \) is plotted in Figure 2 versus \( C_\mu R, \) for various values of \( \Delta C_{LT} = \) constant and for two aspect ratios, \( AR = 6 \) and 3. It is quite obvious that, at least for aspect ratios of 6, the change in \( \Delta C_{D_1} \) with \( C_\mu R \) (at \( \Delta C_{LT} = \) constant) can for all practical purposes be represented by a linear function. For the \( AR = 3 \) wing this seems to be possible only for lift values of \( \Delta C_{LT} < 3. \) If, nevertheless, we approximate also the \( \Delta C_{LT} = 4 \) and 5 lines in Figure 2 (\( AR = 3 \)) by straight lines as shown, determine the slopes of all \( \Delta C_{LT} = \) constant lines, and plot them versus
\( \Delta C_{LT}^2 \), Figure 3 results. It indicates that the change in \( \Delta C_{D_1} \) due to blowing can be expressed as

\[
d \Delta C_{D_1} / d C_{\mu R} = \text{constant} \Delta C_{LT}^2 = K^{IV} \Delta C_{LT}^2
\]

where \( K^{IV} = 0.00464 \) or 0.0158 for the \( AR = 6 \) and 3 jet-flapped wings respectively. In other words, the total drag of a low-aspect-ratio jet-flapped wing can, at least so long as its aspect ratio is not much below 6, be obtained for all practical purposes from

\[
\Delta C_{DT} = (K'' + K'''') \Delta C_{LT}^2 - K^{IV} \Delta C_{LT}^2 C_{\mu R} = \Delta C_{DT_0} - \Delta C_{D_1''}.
\]

Here, \( \Delta C_{DT_0} \) is the sum of the profile drag \( \Delta C_{DP} = K'' \Delta C_{LT}^2 \) and the induced drag \( \Delta C_{R} = K''' \Delta C_{LT}^2 \), assuming that the lift \( \Delta C_{LT} \) is produced without blowing \( (C_{\mu R} = 0) \). In case of nonelliptical spanwise wing loading, the constants \( K''' \) and \( K^{IV} \) would have to be multiplied by a factor which accounts for the actual wing loading.

The "Constructed" Jet-Flap Characteristics

Because of the lack of test points for the \( AR = 6 \) jet-flapped wing of Reference 2, an attempt is made to construct its characteristics by supplementing the original test data of Reference 2 with the help of semiempirical relationships derived from the experimental evidence.

The characteristics presented in Figure 1 were obtained under the unappropriate assumption that the \( \Delta C_{LT} = \) constant lines are also lines of \( \Delta C_{DT} = \) constant and therefore parallel to the 100% thrust recovery slope line. We have seen, however, that along the \( \Delta C_{LT} = \) constant lines, the total drag \( \Delta C_{DT} \neq \) constant, but changes according to Equation 3.9. Assuming now (and this assumption is established reasonably well) that the profile drag of jet-flapped wings \( \Delta C_{DP} = K'' \Delta C_{LT}^2 \) does not change at fixed \( \Delta C_{LT} \) and small jet-deflection angles (say \( \theta < 50^\circ \)), Equation 3.9 can be used to calculate \( \Delta C_{DT_0} \) from

\[
\Delta C_{DT_0} = \Delta C_{DT} + \Delta C_{D_1''}.
\]
If we plot again the converted test data of Reference 2 for the $\theta = 37^\circ$, $67^\circ$, and $97^\circ$ parameter, point A in Figure 4 would then define the thrust ($\Delta C_{TM}$), the total drag ($\Delta C_{DT}$), and the rate of blowing commensurate with a $\Delta C_{LT} = 2.5$ at $\theta = 37^\circ$. If now $\Delta C_{Di}^\prime\prime\prime$, as calculated from

$$\Delta C_{Di}^\prime\prime\prime = K^I V \Delta C_{LT}^2 C \mu R,$$  \hfill (3.10)

is added to $\Delta C_{DT}$ at point A, point B is obtained. If through B, a line parallel to the 100% thrust recovery slope line is drawn, this line would represent the locus of $\Delta C_{LT} = 2.5$ for an AR = 6 jet-flapped wing, the induced drag of which would be independent of the rate of blowing. Where this line intersects the vertical axis (point C), $\Delta C_{DT} = \Delta C_{Di}$ since $\Delta C_{Di} = 0$ on account of zero blowing ($C \mu R = 0$). If point C is connected with A by a straight line, this line should represent the real $\Delta C_{LT} = 2.5$ line so long as the profile drag does not change or $\Delta C_{DT} = \Delta C_{Di}$.

The above procedure, repeated for points D, E, etc., should furnish the real $\Delta C_{LT} = 3.0$, $2.0$, $1.5$, and $1.0$ lines. A simpler way, however, is to find the points F, G, etc., from the relationship

$$\Delta C_{DT} = \text{constant} \Delta C_{LT}^2$$

$$= (K'' + K^\prime\prime\prime) \Delta C_{LT}^2.$$  \hfill (3.11)

Here $(K'' + K^\prime\prime\prime)$ can be obtained from point C as

$$(K'' + K^\prime\prime\prime) = \frac{\Delta C_{DT}}{\Delta C_{LT}^2} = \frac{0.52}{6.25} = 0.0833$$

and we get for

$$\Delta C_{LT} = \begin{array}{cccccc}
1.0 & 1.5 & 2.0 & 2.5 & 3 & 4 \\
\Delta C_{DT} = & 0.0833 & 0.1875 & 0.333 & 0.52 & 0.75 & 1.333 & 2.083
\end{array}$$

There is some complication in finding the location of the real $\Delta C_{LT} = 4$ line. At an angle $\theta = 67^\circ$, it seems evident (see operating line) that the $\Delta C_{LT} = \text{constant}$ lines have already deviated from a straight line. This evidence suggests that the $\Delta C_{LT} = 4$ line cannot be drawn as a straight line through L and J. If, however, we calculate $\Delta C_{Di}^\prime\prime\prime$ at point J from

$$\Delta C_{Di}^\prime\prime\prime = K^I V \Delta C_{LT}^2 C \mu R$$

$$= 0.00464 \times 16 \times 1.24 = 0.092$$  \hfill (3.10)
and subtract 0.092 from the $\Delta C_{DT} = 1.333$ at point H, we obtain point K, through which the real $\Delta C_{LT} = 4$ line should run, provided it would be still straight at $\theta = 67^\circ$. Since point J is above K, this can not be the case and the $\Delta C_{LT} = 4$ line must have already departed from a straight line at an angle $\theta < 67^\circ$.

The "Constant" $C_1$ and $K$

For truly and quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings (see Reference 1), the relationship

$$\Delta C_{DT} = \frac{C_1}{K^2} \cdot \Delta C_{LT}^2 \quad (3.4)$$

was shown to apply along or below the operating line. In this regime, the $\Delta C_{LT} = constant$ lines were straight and parallel to the 100% thrust recovery slope line and both $C_1$ and $K$ were true constants. Let us now consider the effect of aspect ratio on $C_1$ and $K$.

Effect of Aspect Ratio on $C_1$

If $\Delta C_{DT}$ is plotted versus $C_{\mu R}$ with the jet-sheet deflection angle $\theta$ as the parameter, the solid lines in Figure 5 are obtained. It is quite obvious that the straight-line relationship

$$\Delta C_{DT} = a(\theta) C_{\mu R} \quad (3.3)$$

(found to apply for truly and quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings, see Reference 1) no longer applies at large jet-deflection angles and only approximates the test data at small $\theta$ values ($\theta < 37^\circ$). Theoretically, the drag parameter

$$a(\theta) = C_1' \sin^2 \theta$$

is no longer a function of $\theta$ alone and the "constant" $C_1'$ is no longer a constant even when the jet-flapped wing is operated below the operating line. In this regime, the profile drag does not change, but the induced drag decreases with increasing $C_{\mu R}$. If one calculates the induced drag contribution due to blowing, $\Delta C_{Di}$, from Equation 3.10 for the test points of the $\theta = 37^\circ$, $67^\circ$, and $97^\circ$ curves in Figure 5 and thus adds the obtained values at the test points, the lines

$$\Delta C_{DT} = \Delta C_{DT} + \Delta C_{Di}'''$$
are obtained. These lines should be straight so long as $C_1$ is a constant. The $\Delta CDT_0$ line for $\theta = 37^\circ$ is straight, but those for $\theta = 67^\circ$ and $97^\circ$ are only approximately straight lines.

If Equations 3.4 and 3.9 are combined, $C'_1$ can be obtained from

$$\Delta CDT = \frac{C'_1}{K'^2} \cdot \Delta CLT = \frac{C_1}{K^2} \cdot \Delta CLT^2 - K^v \cdot \Delta CLT^2 C_{\mu R}$$

(3.12)

as

$$C'_1 = C_1 - K^2 K^v C_{\mu R}$$

(3.13)

assuming that $K' = K$. $C'_1$ is plotted in Figure 6. The "constant" $C_1$ is a true constant as long as $\Delta CDT_0$ at fixed $\Delta CLT$ is constant and can be determined either from

$$C_1 = K^2 (K'' + K'''$$)

(3.14)

or from

$$C_1 = K^2 \frac{\Delta CDT_0}{\Delta CLT^2}$$

(3.15)

If one plots the slope $a(\theta) = d \Delta CDT/d\mu R$ of the $\theta = 37^\circ$ line and the approximated slopes of the $\theta = 67^\circ$ and $97^\circ$ curves versus $\sin^2 \theta$, Figure 7 results. Added in this figure are the slope $d \Delta CDT_0/d \mu R$ for $\theta = 37^\circ$ and, for comparison, the slopes obtained from the truly and quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings considered in Reference 1. Again, from the viewpoint of completeness and conclusiveness of the presented evidence, it is very unfortunate that the test data for one more jet-deflection angle of about $50^\circ$ are not available for the AR = 6 wing of Reference 2.

The "Constant" $K$

This "constant" can be calculated from Equation 3.5. It is plotted versus $C_{\mu R}$ in Figure 8, using either $\theta$ or $\Delta CLT$ as the parameter.

A comparison of Figure 8 with Figure 13 of Reference 1 demonstrates the effect of aspect ratio on $K$. Whereas for truly and quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings, $K$ is equal to 4 for a pure jet flap and greater than 5 for jet control flaps with upper surface or symmetrical blowing, the $K$ value for
the aspect ratio $AR = 6$ jet-flapped wing under consideration (a jet control flap with upper surface blowing) is $K = 3.15$ as long as this wing is operated along or below the operating line. Above it, $K$ becomes larger.

If, to experimentally prove or disprove Equation 3.5 for low-aspect-ratio jet-flapped wings, $\Delta CL_T^2$ is plotted against $C_{\mu R}$ for fixed $\theta$ values, Figure 9 is obtained. Next, if the slopes $b(\theta)$ of the $\theta = \text{constant}$ curves are determined and plotted against $\sin^2 \theta$, Figure 10 results. Figure 10 suggests that Equation 3.5 holds for jet-deflection angles of up to approximately 50 degrees, the angle at which the $\Delta CL_T = \text{constant}$ lines seem to depart from straight lines.

As previously indicated in the analysis of $C'_1$, tests with just one more jet-deflection angle ($\theta \approx 50^\circ$) in Reference 2, also would have enhanced the conciseness and conclusiveness of the $K$ data presented in Figures 8 and 10.

The d($\Delta CD_T$)/d($\Delta CL_T^2$) = Constant Relationship

Since d($\Delta CD_T$)/d($\Delta CL_T^2$) = $C'_1/K^2$ and $C'_1/K^2$ changes with $C_{\mu R}$ as shown in Figure 6, theoretically this relationship no longer holds. How valid it is in practice is considered below.

If in Figure 4, the line A-A is drawn and the $\Delta CD_T$ and $\Delta CD_{T_0}$ values are read off for the points where line A-A intersects the $\Delta CL_T = \text{constant}$ lines, the curves for $\Delta CD_T$ and $\Delta CD_{T_0}$ in Figure 11 are obtained. The straight-line relationship for

$$\frac{d(\Delta CD_{T_0})}{d(\Delta CL_T^2)} = C'_1/K^2$$

is expected, since both $C'_1$ and $K$ appear to be constants provided that the jet-flapped wing is operated below the operating line. The $\Delta CD_T$ curve can be approximated reasonably well by a straight line up to $\Delta CL_T$ values of about 4. But the slope of this line ($= C'_1/K^2$) does not mean much since it depends on where the A-A in Figure 4 is drawn.

Further, in Figure 11, the drag-lift relationship at constant jet deflection angle is shown for $\theta = 37^\circ$, $67^\circ$, and $97^\circ$. The change of both $C'_1$ and $K$ with $\theta$ is demonstrated. At $\theta = 37^\circ$, $K$ for the $C_{\mu R}$ range of practical jet-flap operation can be considered as a constant for all jet-deflection angles smaller than the one related to the operating line. Therefore it must be $C'_1$
(actually $\Delta C_{D_1}$) which causes the departure of the $\theta = 37^0$ curve from a straight line. In the case of the $\theta = 67^0$ curve, both $C'_1$ and $K^2$ increase, but their ratio is only little affected. At $\theta = 97^0$, the effect of $\Delta C_{D_1}$ diminishes (due to smaller rates of blowing) and the increase in profile drag dominates.

In conclusion, it can be said that at lower aspect ratios ($AR \ll 3$), the linear relationship between the total drag and the lift, which is found to apply for wings of large aspect ratios ($AR > 10$), no longer holds, even approximately.
IV. THE LOW-ASPECT-RATIO JET-FLAPPED WING AT ANGLES OF ATTACK

The test data of Reference 2 demonstrate the variation of measured thrust and total lift for four jet-deflection angles (θ = 7°, 37°, 67°, and 97°) at various angles of attack (-8° < α < 16°).

As Figure 4 demonstrates, operation of a jet-flapped wing at θ = 7° or θ = 97° is unwarranted. At θ = 7°, the rates of blowing required for the production of lift magnitudes, which would justify the use of a jet flap, are uneconomically high. At θ = 97°, the drag penalty for high lift operation is prohibitive. Since this paper is intended to deal primarily with the practical operation and performance of jet-flapped wings, subsequent considerations are restricted to operational jet-deflection angles (θ = 37° and 67°). Reference to the θ = 7° and 97° test data is made only where, basically or comparatively, these data are useful in the context of the presented material.

Test Data Evaluation

The converted test data of Reference 2 for θ = 37° and 67° at various angles of attack (α) are presented below.

θ = 37°, 0° < α < 12°

If we plot ΔCDT versus CµR for various angles of attack, a family of straight lines is obtained. If the points of constant ΔCLT are connected, the plot of Figure 12a results. Note that the ΔCDT lines at constant α values are straight lines for all practical purposes (this would not occur at AR = 3, for instance, because of the larger ΔDi). If the slopes, a(α), of the ΔCDT lines are plotted versus sin²α, Figure 12b is obtained.

Figure 12 demonstrates that ΔCDT at fixed θ = 37° obeys the relationship

\[ ΔCDT = a(α) CµR \]  (4.1)

and that

\[ \frac{d}{d \sin^2 \alpha} \left[ a(α) \right] = C_2 = 6.2 \]  (4.2)

From Equation 4.2 it follows that

\[ a(α) + C = C_2 \sin^2 \alpha \]  (4.3)
If all the straight $\Delta C_{DT}$ lines in Figure 12a would pass through the origin, the integration constant $C$ would be simply the slope $a(0)$ of the $\Delta C_{DT}$ line for $\alpha = 0$ (which also represents the $\Delta C_{DT}$ line for $\theta = 37^\circ$). Note that the actual $\Delta C_{DT}$ lines must pass through the origin (a condition resulting from plotting $\Delta C_{DT}$ instead of $CD_T$). The constant $C$ can then be expressed as

$$C = a(0) + C(x) = a(\theta) + C(x). \quad (4.4)$$

Since $a(\theta) = a(0) = 0.27$ for $\theta = 37^\circ$, $C$ becomes

$$C = 0.27 + C(x)$$

and

$$\Delta C_{DT} = C(x) + (a(\theta) + C_2 \sin^2 \alpha) C_{\mu R} \quad (4.5)$$

where $C(x)$ is an unknown function. Equation 4.5 can also be written as

$$\Delta C_{DT} = C(x) + (C_1 \sin^2 \theta + C_2 \sin^2 \alpha) C_{\mu R}. \quad (4.6)$$

This latter equation accounts for the fact that actually the $\Delta C_{DT}$ line for $\alpha = 0$ is theoretically not a straight line and due to $\Delta C_D$ departs the more from a straight line, the lower the aspect ratio.

$\theta = 67^\circ; 0^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 12^\circ$

If at $\theta = 67^\circ$, $\Delta C_{DT}$ versus $C_{\mu R}$ is plotted for several fixed angles of attack, Figure 13 is obtained, in which also the lines of constant $\Delta C_L$ are added.

Just as Figure 5 previously demonstrated the inapplicability of Equation 3.3 at large jet-deflection angles, Figure 13 illustrates the inapplicability of Equation 4.1. It is to be expected that when the profile drag along the $\Delta C_L$ = constant lines is no longer constant, drag, lift, and drag-lift relationships can no longer be represented by simple linear functions.

The Jet-Flap Characteristics

If in the characteristics presented in Figure 4, the $\Delta C_L = \mu R$ = constant lines obtained by varying $C_{\mu R}$ and the angle of attack at fixed jet-deflection angle are added, Figure 14 results. Since the lines for $\theta = 37^\circ$ and $67^\circ$ are far enough apart, the $\Delta C_L = \mu R$ = constant lines for changing $\alpha$ can be shown in
this figure for both $\theta = 37^\circ$ and $67^\circ$ without overcrowding the characteristics. The location of the operating line is rather vague since the points where the $\Delta C_{LT}=\text{constant}$ lines depart from straight lines are difficult to define.

To facilitate comparison of Figure 14 with the characteristics of a similar but high-aspect-ratio ($AR = 20$) jet-flapped wing, Figure 19b of Reference 1 is added to this paper as Figure 15. The effect of aspect ratio materializes in the following differences of the two figures:

a) the strong increase in drag. It is illustrated by the vertical distance of corresponding lines in both figures for constant $\Delta C_{LT}$, $\theta$ or $\alpha$ from the 100% thrust recovery slope line.

b) the appreciable reduction in measured thrust ($\Delta C_{TM}$). For instance, at $\theta = 67^\circ$, $\Delta C_{TM}$ is practically zero. In other words, the $C_{JR}$ which is required to produce a desired lift is a thrust force annihilated by an equal but opposing drag force. A jet flap operated under such conditions would not at all contribute to the propulsive thrust.

c) the straight portions of the $\Delta C_{LT}=\text{constant}$ lines are no longer parallel to the 100% thrust recovery slope line. Their angle with the $45^\circ$ line is a function of $\Delta C_{LT}$. The total drag along any of the straight-line portions decreases with increasing $C_{JR}$.

d) the departure of the $\Delta C_{LT}=\text{constant}$ lines from a straight line (where the operating line intersects) is more gradual with low-aspect-ratio jet-flapped wings. If $\alpha$ is changed at constant $\Delta C_{LT}$ and $\theta$, the total drag is always increasing in Figure 14. In Figure 15 (see $\Delta C_{LT}=3$ for instance), it initially decreases before it finally increases.

e) the operating line is drawn as a straight line. This results from the vagueness of the location of the points which define where the $\Delta C_{LT}=\text{constant}$ lines depart from straight lines. Actually, if this jet-flap characteristic could be more comprehensive to include constant lift lines of up to $\Delta C_{LT}=7$, the operating line should appear slightly curved downward.
V. PERFORMANCE AND JET FLAP OPERATION

The jet flap is by its very nature a high-lift device. High lift can be obtained by a combination of jet sheet blowing with either jet-deflection angle or angle of attack or both. A desired lift is produced most economically if the required rate of blowing and the inherent drag are the smallest values possible. Automatically, this defines the operating line as the line along which a jet-flapped wing should be operated.

Jet-Flap Performance

For a lift of, say, $\Delta C_{L_T} = 3$, point A (see Figure 14) would be the proper operating point. If at constant $\Delta C_{L_T}$, the jet-deflection angle is increased to $\theta = 67^\circ$ (point B), $C_{\mu R}$ is decreased from 0.84 to 0.62, but the total drag is somewhat increased (from 0.70 to 0.76). If at $\Delta C_{L_T} = 3$, the jet-deflection angle is reduced to, say, $\theta = 37^\circ$, the total drag (see point C) decreases to $\Delta C_{D_T} = 0.62$ (due to $C_{D_T}$), but now the blowing rate is prohibitively high ($C_{\mu R} = 2.3$).

If the angle of attack would be used to assist in the production of lift, Figure 14 illustrates that under all circumstances $\Delta C_{D_T}$ would increase. This fact alone should in practice eliminate the use of $\alpha$. As will be shown more clearly in a later section, it is the total drag penalty commensurate with the high-lift production of jet-flapped wings which is the most important and crucial parameter to watch.

The optimum jet-deflection angle, as defined by the operating line, seems to be still of the order of $\theta = 60^\circ$. This value was previously found (Reference 1) to apply for truly and quasi two-dimensional jet-flapped wings. Note that in the case of low-aspect-ratio jet flaps, the adherence to the optimum $\theta$ is less critical because of the very gradual departure of the $\Delta C_{L_T} = $ constant lines from a straight line.

Most Economical Jet-Flap Operation

If a jet-flapped wing of the characteristics shown in Figure 14 is to be incorporated in an aircraft design, economy of operation of the integrated lift and propulsive systems has to be considered. In other words, not only does a specific lift have to be produced at the smallest possible drag and blowing rate, but the losses in providing the propulsive thrust must be considered and be kept at a minimum.
From the viewpoint of lift production alone, lift could most economically be generated if the jet-flapped wing is operated along the operating line. For instance, for the specific lift of $\Delta CL_T = 3$, point A would specify the conditions for most economical operation. The jet flap's thrust $\Delta CT_M$ at point A is 0.14, its drag ($\Delta CD_T$) is 0.70, and the rate of blowing required for the production of $\Delta CL_T = 3$ is $C_{BL} = \Delta CT_M + \Delta CD_T = 0.84$.

Theoretically, the rate of blowing ($C_{BL}$) through the wing trailing edge slots, required solely for the production of the desired lift, may be smaller or equal to the optimum rate of blowing ($C_{BE}$) which would result if the entire jet engine exhaust is expelled through the wing trailing edge slots. If $C_{BL} < C_{BE}$, there are two ways of handling that portion of the engine exhaust which is not required for jet flap-lift production but is crucial for the production of the propulsive thrust. One can either

1) eject the entire jet engine exhaust through the trailing edge slots (in this case, the operating point of the jet-flapped wing at $\Delta CL_T = 3$, for instance (see Figure 14), would be shifted along the constant lift line from point A toward C, depending on the magnitude of $C_{BE}$).

or

2) operate the jet-flapped wing at point A by feeding only the required $C_{BL} = 0.84$ to the wing trailing edge slots (the uncommitted portion of the total engine exhaust ($C_{BE} - C_{BL}$) is expelled in the conventional way through the exhaust nozzles of the jet engines).

The first alternative has the advantage of reducing the total drag on account of a reduction in $CD''_i = K^v \Delta CL_T^2 C_{BR}$ with $C_{BR}$. Its disadvantage is that the extremely large engine exhaust has to be ducted to the nozzle slots at the wing's trailing edge. Besides occupying valuable wing storage space, hot gas ducts pose mechanical problems. Furthermore, they impose frictional losses on the flow which may outweigh any gain by a reduction in total drag due to $CD''_i$. However, since both $K^v$ and $C_{BR}$ increase if a lower aspect ratio wing ($AR = 3$) is used, the balance between $CD''_i$ and the duct losses should be examined carefully.

Economically, the second alternative seems, at least theoretically, to be the more attractive one. During the take-off run along the ground and also in cruise, jet-flapped wings have nothing to offer economy-wise that conventional wings cannot offer. This is one reason why during both these operations, the airplane should be operated conventionally and the entire jet
engine exhaust be expelled through the engines’ propelling nozzles. They unquestionably produce propulsive thrust more efficiently than slot nozzles. Therefore, it is the instant of take-off from the ground that the jet-flap system should be put into operation and a metered amount of either hot jet engine exhaust or secondary (bypass) air be ejected through the wing trailing edge slots. The metered mass flow is just that amount which is required to furnish the desired jet-flap lift.

The advantages of this scheme are obvious. Ducts can be smaller and thus dimensioned for low duct flow velocities and frictional losses. Rates of blowing are small enough to reduce the mechanical problems encountered in the deflection of large and fast-moving mass flows of hot gases. During cruise, the 2 to 5% loss in propulsive thrust due to duct and slot nozzle losses is avoided.

Whether in practice \( C_{\mu_L} \) is smaller or equal to \( C_{\mu_E} \) depends primarily upon the extent the high lift potential of jet-flapped wings is used and upon the mission requirements of the aircraft in question (rate of climb, cruising and top speed, etc.). In the following section, this point is discussed further.

The Jet-Flapped Wing and STOL

The aircraft chosen to subsequently demonstrate the potential of the jet flap for STOL application demands magnitudes of lift and rate of blowing which are far beyond the experimental ranges investigated in Reference 2, and presented in the jet-flap characteristics of Figure 14. Because of this lack of experimental evidence, the following discussion is qualitative rather than quantitative.

If one divides the take-off and cruising thrust data of fighter aircraft, bombers, airliners, and trainers by \( \Phi/2 V^2 \) at the instant of take-off from the ground and at cruise respectively, the resulting thrust coefficients were found to group around these values:

\[
C_{\mu_T} = 0.5 \quad \text{(take-off)}
\]
\[
C_{\mu_C} = 0.025 \quad \text{(cruise)}
\]

Let us consider now an airliner which at distance \( x \) takes off the ground with a \( C_{\mu_T} = 0.5 \). This airliner is to be converted into a STOL
aircraft by means of the jet-flap principle, and its conventional take-off distance \( x \) is to be shortened to \( x/6 \). Weight and propulsive thrust are assumed to be the same for both aircraft. Since at take-off the lift acting on both aircraft must be the same, the relationship

\[
C'_L \frac{\Phi}{2} V_T^2 = C_{LT} \frac{\Phi}{2} V_T^2 = C_{LT} \frac{\Phi}{2} \frac{V'_T}{6} \tag{5.1}
\]

holds, assuming constant acceleration during the ground run. From Equation 5.1, it then follows that \( C_{LT} = 6 C'_L \). If \( C'_L \) for the conventional airliner at take-off is assumed to be 1.2, \( C_{LT} \) becomes 7.2. Similarly, \( C_{\mu T} = 0.5 \) becomes \( C_{\mu L} = 6 C_{\mu T} = 3 \).

In Reference 1, it was demonstrated that with an \( AR \approx 20 \) pure jet-flapped wing at \( \theta = 60^\circ \), \( \alpha = 0^\circ \), and \( C_{\mu L} = 3 \), a lift of \( \Delta C_{LT} = C_{LT} = 6.15 \) only could be obtained. In order to provide the required take-off lift at \( \Delta C_{LT} = 7.2 \), either the engine thrust would have to be increased by 37% (to raise \( C_{\mu L} \) from 3 to 4.1) or a jet-flapped wing which under similar conditions produces a higher lift than that of the pure jet flap has to be employed. Such jet-flapped wings are those equipped with shrouds or jet control flaps. They produce higher lifts on account of larger \( K \) values (see Equation 3.5). For the pure jet flap, \( K \) was 4.1, whereas \( K \) values for jet-flapped wings with jet control flaps were found to be as high as 5.2. At \( AR \approx 20 \), a jet-flapped wing of \( K = 4.8 \), \( \theta = 60^\circ \), \( \alpha = 0^\circ \), and \( C_{\mu L} = 3 \) would be able to furnish the desired lift of \( \Delta C_{LT} = 7.2 \) without any increase in engine thrust.

This high lift cannot be obtained without a simultaneous (induced) drag penalty, which comes into effect at that instant when the aircraft leaves the ground. The propulsive thrust available for climb (in comparison with the conventional airliner) is reduced by an amount equivalent to this drag, resulting in a grossly reduced climb rate. In this case of an \( AR \approx 20 \) jet-flapped wing, the propulsive thrust at the instant of take-off is only about half the thrust produced by the jet engines. Of course, things get worse with operational (low-aspect-ratio) jet-flapped wings. It will be shown next that the jet-flapped wing of Reference 2 (\( AR = 6 \)) is not able to lift the converted airliner off the ground at 1/6 of the conventional take-off distance. This is due to the fact that the entire engine exhaust \( (C_{\mu L} = 3) \) at the take-off point is not large enough to satisfy the blowing rate \( (C_{\mu L}) \) required to produce the desired lift of \( \Delta C_{LT} = 7.2 \).

If we use the \( AR = 6 \) jet-flapped wing of Reference 2 (see Figure 14) at \( \theta = 55^\circ \) and \( \alpha = 0^\circ \), we can calculate \( \Delta C_{D T} \) from Equation 3.11 as
\[ \Delta C_{DT_0} = 0.0833 \cdot \Delta C_{LT}^2 = 4.33, \]

and a \( \Delta C_{LT} = 7.2 \) line could be added in Figure 4 as a straight line parallel to the 100\% thrust recovery slope line. This line would be a line along which \( \Delta C_{DT_0} = \text{constant} = 4.33 \). The real \( \Delta C_{LT} = 7.2 \) line can be found by subtracting \( C_{\mu''} = 0.00464 \cdot \Delta C_{LT}^2 \cdot C_{\mu L} \) from \( \Delta C_{DT_0} \) at \( \theta = 55^\circ \). To do this, we need to know \( C_{\mu L} \), which we obtain from

\[ C_{\mu L} = \frac{\Delta C_{DT_0}}{C_1 \sin^2 55} = 7.75. \]

Then

\[ \Delta C_{D_i''} = 0.00464 \cdot \Delta C_{LT}^2 \cdot 7.75 = 1.87 \]

and

\[ \Delta C_{DT} = \Delta C_{DT_0} - \Delta C_{D_i''} = 4.33 - 1.87 = 2.46. \]

We see that the required \( C_{\mu L} = 7.75 \) and that the available rate of blowing is only \( C_{\mu} = 3 \). To get the jet-flap airliner off the ground, the thrust of the engines would have to be raised in the ratio of 7.75/3 = 2.58. If this is done, the entire jet engine exhaust has to be ejected through the nozzle slots at the wing trailing edge. The propulsive thrust is thus produced exclusively by the jet flap. Its magnitude at the instant of take-off from the ground and during the climb is

\[ CT = C_{\mu L} - \Delta C_{DT} = 7.75 - 2.46 = 5.29. \]

This means an approximately 75\% increase in propulsive thrust for climb in comparison with the conventional airliner \( (C_{\mu} = 3) \). Furthermore, due to the increased thrust of the jet engines, the take-off speed is achieved in a still shorter take-off ground run, the actual distance being

\[ \frac{x}{6 \cdot 2.58} = \frac{x}{15.5}. \]

This turns the jet-flap version of the airliner into a potential STOL aircraft.

In order to be able to compare the jet-flap version with the conventional airliner on an equal footing, let us equip also the conventional airliner with similar, more powerful jet engines. Both aircraft would equally
accelerate during the take-off run up to the point $x/15.5$, at which the jet-flap version becomes airborne. The conventional airliner reaches its take-off speed now at $x/2.58$ or at a take-off distance of 6 times that of the jet-flap version. During climb, the conventional airliner is superior in getaway speed and rate of climb due to higher initial take-off speed and propulsive thrust (less drag). Finally, at cruise both aircraft should be equivalent except for the higher losses accrued in the production of the propulsive thrust with the jet-flap version, provided that the engine exhaust is ejected through the slot nozzles at the wing's trailing edge.

Integration of the Lifting and Propulsive Systems

In the early days of the jet flap, H. Constant observed that "the propulsive jet of a modern aircraft, being a very powerful physical entity, should be one hundred per cent combined with the wing in flight near the ground". In other words, Constant suggested, at least for take-off, the complete integration of the propulsive system of a jet aircraft with its lifting system. In practice, this would mean that during take-off the entire jet engine exhaust is to be ejected through the slot nozzles at the wing's trailing edge.

It appears that when full use is made of the jet flap's high lift potential (in STOL application for instance), blowing rates for the production of the extremely high lift coefficients required make it necessary to expell the entire engine exhaust through the slot nozzles (see prev.Sec). Over this portion of a flight mission, complete integration of the propulsive and lifting systems seems to evolve naturally. It stands to reason that the mechanical complexity of such an integrated system would eliminate the "luxury" of the conventional system as a standby for cruise, in spite of some undeniable advantages which it has to offer.

Let us assume now that for any special reason the jet engine thrust (and exhaust mass flow) is larger than that required for lift production at the slot nozzles. Theoretically, in this case, the surplus mass flow could be ejected either also through the slot nozzles or, if technically feasible, through conventional exhaust nozzles. Both possibilities, disregarding any mechanical problems which may refute either one, were discussed and evaluated in a previous section. Undoubtedly, if the total thrust is supplied by a number of small jet engines immersed in the wing, the added feature of a lower total drag (due to the larger $\Delta CD_i$ with $C_{\mu L}$) makes the integrated system still
more attractive. If $C_{\mu E} > C_{\mu L}$ in an integrated system, the jet flap could be operated (due to the higher $C_{\mu L}$) at a lower jet-deflection angle than that suggested by the intersection of the operating line with the $\Delta C_{LT} = \text{constant}$ line for the desired lift. A smaller jet-deflection angle during take-off would reduce the propulsive thrust losses due to jet-flap ground interference.

The angle of attack may have lost its usefulness in producing lift with jet-flap aircraft.

**Wind Tunnel Testing of Jet-Flapped Wings**

It is one of the benefits of jet-flap characteristics to clearly define the most economical range of jet-flap operation. Information outside this range (above the operating line) is of no direct practical significance, except if it concerns data obtained just above the operating line (say, $\theta = 67^\circ$). In this way, existing jet-flap characteristics may point the way to more purposeful jet-flap testing and help in the accumulation of test data, all of which is practically useful. Such data are still very much needed. Perhaps it is even possible to streamline the test program in such a way as to furnish data which can directly be plotted in the form of jet flap characteristics. The following procedure may be helpful.

The jet-flapped wing to be tested (three-dimensional) is set up on a lift-drag (thrust) balance at $\alpha = 0^\circ$, the wind tunnel is running at a fixed speed, and the jet control flap is set at a specific angle. At zero blowing, the $C_L$ and $C_D$ are recorded. Then blowing is initiated and $C_{\mu}$ is increased until a predetermined $\Delta C_{LT} = C_{LT} - C_L$ is reached. Then $C_{TM}$ is recorded and $\Delta C_{TM}$ is obtained from $\Delta C_{TM} = C_{TM} + C_D$. These data provide the first experimental point on a $\Delta C_{LT} = \text{constant}$ line in the prospective jet-flap characteristics after $C_{\mu}$ is calculated. Next, the jet deflection is changed, and the whole procedure is repeated for another test point on the same $\Delta C_{LT} = \text{constant}$ line, etc.
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