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LIST OF SYMBOLS

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| A               | AIRCRAFT MODEL REFERENCE AREA                                     |
| $a_0, a_1, a_2$ | REGRESSION COEFFICIENTS USED TO FIT LIFT - DRAG DATA              |
| $C_D$           | DRAG COEFFICIENT  |
| $C_L$           | LIFT COEFFICIENT  |
| FA              | MEASURED AXIAL FORCE  |
| FN              | MEASURED NORMAL FORCE   |
| IM              | ANGLE BETWEEN AIRCRAFT MODEL WATERLINE AND BALANCE AXIS           |
| M               | MACH NUMBER   |
| Q               | DYNAMIC PRESSURE  |
| S               | ESTIMATED SAMPLE STANDARD DEVIATION                               |
| S ( )           | PRECISION INDEX   |
| $t_n$           | nth PERCENTILE POINT FOR THE TWO TAILED, STUDENT "t" DISTRIBUTION |
| U ( $C_D$ )     | UNCERTAINTY IN DRAG COEFFICIENT                                   |
| $\alpha$        | AIRCRAFT ANGLE OF ATTACK  |
| $\beta$         | AIRCRAFT ANGLE OF SIDESLIP  |
| $\mu$           | TRUE MEAN VALUE OF A PARAMETER                                    |
| $\nu$           | NUMBER OF DEGREES OF FREEDOM FOR A STATISTICAL TEST               |
| $\sigma$        | STANDARD DEVIATION  |

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## SECTION I INTRODUCTION

The effects of external store carriage on aircraft performance can be significant, especially for fighter aircraft carrying fuel tanks or air to ground weapons. Degradation in top speed and range must be accurately estimated to determine if a particular store configuration is practical from a mission standpoint. Flight testing can provide answers, but it is extremely expensive and time consuming. For this reason, only selected aircraft loadings are usually tested.

To estimate performance parameters for a greater number of configurations, wind tunnel test data are often used. A scale model of the clean aircraft and one with the aircraft loaded with the store configuration of interest is tested. Curves of lift versus drag coefficient are constructed, and the drag increment due to external stores is calculated for a particular flight condition, i.e., lift coefficient.

Because of the nature of any measurement process, an uncertainty is associated with the wind tunnel data. The total data uncertainty is a combination of uncertainties in tunnel test conditions, model positioning, and model instrumentation. Since the lift coefficient value for the flight condition of interest rarely appears as a test point, a fitted curve must be constructed from the data. This curve fit process is another source of possible uncertainty. This report investigates the uncertainty associated with wind tunnel drag data and presents a method that can be used to calculate it for a specific flight condition of interest.

## SECTION II

### GENERAL METHOD OF UNCERTAINTY CALCULATION

Uncertainty associated with  $C_D$  at a given condition is caused by uncertainties in the measurement process and those induced by the curve fit procedure. This requires that the uncertainties associated with each factor be propagated to arrive at a final result. The method chosen here is the Taylor series method of error propagation.

A derivation of the Taylor series method can be found in Reference 1. Some of the assumptions used in the derivation are:

1. Response,  $Z$ , is defined as a function of the measured variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .
2.  $Z$  is continuous in the neighborhood of  $\mu_{x_1}, \mu_{x_2}, \dots, \mu_{x_n}$ .  $\mu_{x_1}, \mu_{x_2}, \dots, \mu_{x_n}$  are the mean values associated with  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  which all have error distributions about the point of interest.
3.  $Z$  has continuous partial derivatives in the vicinity of  $\mu_{x_1}, \mu_{x_2}, \dots, \mu_{x_n}$ .
4.  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are independent of each other.
5.  $(\mu_{x_1} - x_1), (\mu_{x_2} - x_2), \dots, (\mu_{x_n} - x_n)$  are small or  $\frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial x_1^2}, \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial x_2^2}, \dots, \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial x_n^2}$  are small or zero.

The assumptions will be satisfied if the functions considered are restricted to smooth curves near the point of interest with no discontinuities and with higher order derivatives either small or zero.

The results of the derivation show that:

If

$$Z = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \quad (1)$$

then

$$S(Z) = \left\{ \left[ \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_1} S(x_1) \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_2} S(x_2) \right]^2 + \dots + \left[ \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_n} S(x_n) \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

where  $S(Z)$ ,  $S(x_1)$ ,  $S(x_2)$ , ...,  $S(x_n)$  are the precision indices of the response,  $Z$ , and the variables  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , ...,  $x_n$ . The precision index is the computed standard deviation of the measurements (i.e., random error). It is defined as

$$S = \left[ \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (3)$$

$x_i$  and  $\bar{x}$  are, of course, the value of  $x$  of a particular point and the mean value of  $x$ , respectively. If the sample size is large, the precision index is approximately equal to the actual population standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) associated with the random variable  $Z$ .

Depending on the confidence level attached to the response, the uncertainty is simply a function of the precision index or standard deviation. This assumes that no bias or systematic errors are present. For drag increments caused by external stores, this is a reasonable assumption. The drag increments are calculated as differences between data taken during one test with the same model and instrumentation. While bias errors may be present, they are approximately equal for different model configurations. When the increment is determined, the bias errors should drop out. This assumption is of critical importance in the following discussions. It would not be true if raw data from separate tests were compared or if different instrumentation was used during one test.

For the case of interest,  $C_L$  and  $C_D$  are both random variables since both are measured during testing. With the assumption that measured values of  $C_L$  and  $C_D$  are normally distributed with mean values  $\mu_{C_L}$  and  $\mu_{C_D}$ , the uncertainty associated with  $C_D$  on the fitted  $C_L - C_D$  curve is found as follows.

Figure 1 shows a number of data points. From aerodynamic considerations,  $C_D$  is considered a second order polynomial function of  $C_L$ . That is:

$$C_D = a_0 + a_1 C_L + a_2 C_L^2 \quad (4)$$

Using the regression coefficients  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ , and  $a_2$ , the values of  $C_D$  at the data point ( $C_{L_1}$ ) and the flight condition of interest ( $C_{L_2}$ ) can be found.

$$C_{D_1} = a_0 + a_1 C_{L_1} + a_2 C_{L_1}^2 \quad (5)$$

$$C_{D_2} = a_0 + a_1 C_{L_2} + a_2 C_{L_2}^2 \quad (6)$$

The difference between the values of  $C_D$  is:

$$C_{D_2} - C_{D_1} = \Delta C_D = a_1 (C_{L_2} - C_{L_1}) + a_2 (C_{L_2}^2 - C_{L_1}^2) \quad (7)$$

$C_{D_2}$  can be redefined in terms of  $C_{D_1}$  and  $\Delta C_D$ .

$$C_{D_2} = C_{D_1} + \Delta C_D = C_{D_1} + a_1 (C_{L_2} - C_{L_1}) + a_2 (C_{L_2}^2 - C_{L_1}^2) \quad (8)$$

Now assume that

$$C_{D_2} = f(C_{D_1}, C_{L_1}, C_{L_2}) \quad (9)$$

Using the Taylor series method of error propagation:

$$S(C_{D_2}) = \left\{ \left[ \frac{\partial C_{D_2}}{\partial C_{D_1}} S(C_{D_1}) \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{\partial C_{D_2}}{\partial C_{L_1}} S(C_{L_1}) \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{\partial C_{D_2}}{\partial C_{L_2}} S(C_{L_2}) \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} \quad (10)$$

The partial derivatives in Equation (10) can easily be evaluated from the definition of  $C_{D_2}$  in Equation (8).

They are:

$$\frac{\partial C_{D_2}}{\partial C_{D_1}} = 1 \quad (11a)$$

$$\frac{\partial C_{D_2}}{\partial C_{L_1}} = - (a_1 + 2a_2 C_{L_1}) \quad (11b)$$

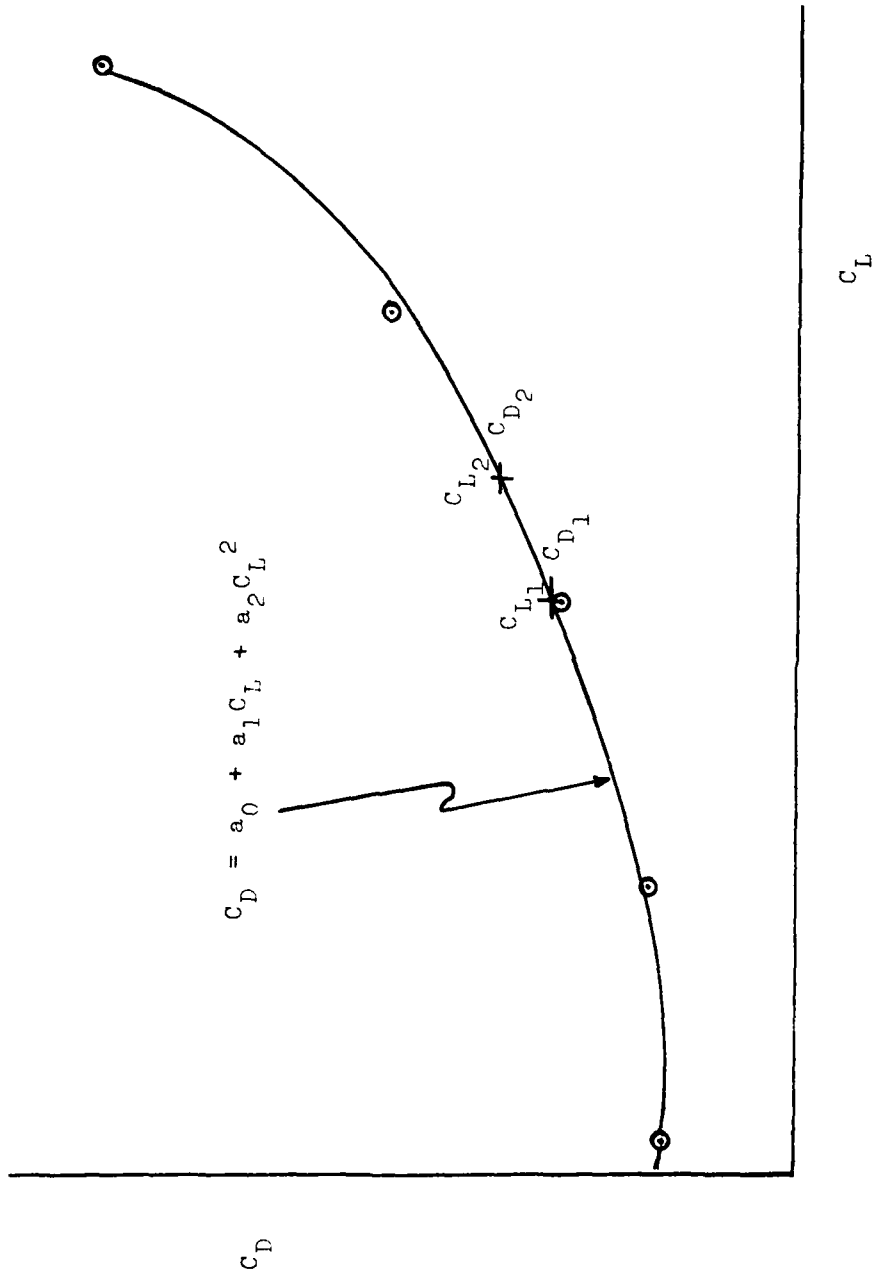


Figure 1. Example of  $C_L$  Versus  $C_D$  Data

$$\frac{\partial C_{D_2}}{\partial C_{L_2}} = a_1 + 2a_2 C_{L_2} \quad (11c)$$

The terms  $S(C_{D_1})$ ,  $S(C_{L_1})$ , and  $S(C_{L_2})$  in Equation (10) require interpretation. They are the precision indices of  $C_D$  and  $C_L$  at point 1 and that of  $C_L$  at point 2. The  $C_L$  at point 2 is simply the desired flight condition. It can be thought of as a mathematical and not a random variable and can be exactly defined.

Therefore:

$$S(C_{L_2}) = 0 \quad (12)$$

$C_{L_1}$  is a measured data point, and because of this, it is a random variable with a mean and standard deviation.  $S(C_{L_1})$  can be thought of as the uncertainty associated with the measurement process. If  $S(C_L)$  is constant or it changes slowly in the vicinity of the flight condition of interest,  $S(C_{L_1})$  should be a close approximation to the value that  $S(C_L)$  would have if  $C_{L_2}$  were a measured data point. Figure 2 indicates that  $S(C_L)$  does not vary much over the angle of attack range of interest ( $\alpha = 2 - 6^\circ$ ). Because of this,  $S(C_{L_1})$ , where  $C_{L_1}$  is the data point nearest the flight condition of interest, can be used to indicate the uncertainty associated with the measurement process. Calculation of  $S(C_L)$  is discussed in Section III.

Recall that the value of  $C_{D_1}$  used in Equation (8) to define  $C_{D_2}$  was not the measured value at  $C_{L_1}$ ; it was the value obtained from the curve fit equation.

In other words:

$$C_{D_1} = a_0 + a_1 C_{L_1} + a_2 C_{L_1}^2 \quad (13)$$

Therefore,  $S(C_{D_1})$  is actually the precision index of  $C_{D_1}$ ,  $S^2$ , introduced by the curve fit process. A method for calculating  $S(C_{D_1})$  is found in Section IV.

Given the values of  $S(C_{L_1})$  and  $S(C_{D_1})$ , the final calculation of the uncertainty in  $C_D$  at a given flight condition can be performed as follows:

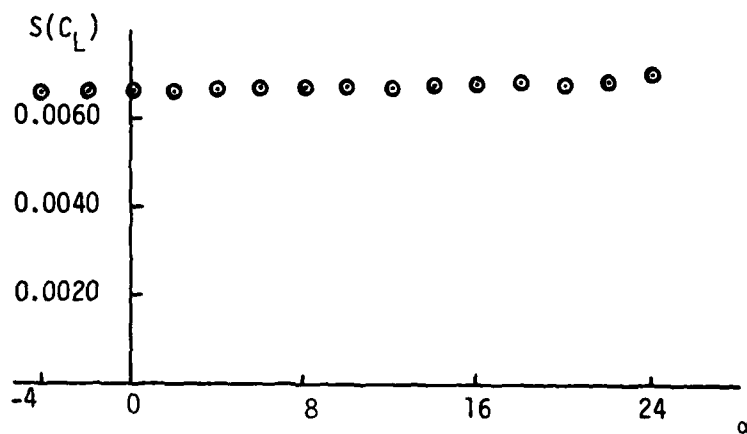


Figure 2. Precision Index of Lift Coefficient versus Angle of Attack  
M = 0.8

$$U(C_D) = t_n S \quad (14)$$

$t_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  percentile point for the two tailed, student "t" distribution. Various percentiles or confidence levels can be chosen. The following discussion is based on a 95-percent confidence level. The ninety-fifth percentile point,  $t_{0.95}$ , depends on the number of degrees of freedom, which is a measure of the sample size used to determine the precision index. For  $S(C_{L1})$ ,  $t_{0.95}$  is usually taken equal to 2 since  $S(C_L)$  is based on a large sample size. This value is not appropriate to use for  $S(C_D)$ . The Aircraft Compatibility Branch uses a five-point curve fit around the appropriate  $C_L$  to find  $C_D$ . For this case, the degrees of freedom are:

$$v = n - k - 1 = 2 \quad (15)$$

where:

$n$  - number of points used = 5

$k$  - number of variables in regression equation = 2 (i.e.,  $C_L$ ,  $C_L^2$ )

For two degrees of freedom:

$$t_{0.95} = 4.303$$

The equation for uncertainty can be rewritten as:

$$U(C_D) = \{ [t_{0.95} S(C_{D1})]^2 + [t_{0.95} (a_1 + 2a_2 C_{L1}) S(C_{L1})]^2 \}^{1/2} \quad (16a)$$

$$= \{ 4.303^2 S(C_{D1})^2 + 2^2 [(a_1 + 2a_2 C_{L1}) S(C_{L1})]^2 \}^{1/2} \quad (16b)$$

The value  $U(C_D)$  is the uncertainty in drag coefficient at a given flight condition for a given configuration. More important is the uncertainty in the drag increment between the clean aircraft and the aircraft with the external stores.

The increment is defined as:

$$\Delta C_D = C_{D_{\text{Stores}}} - C_{D_{\text{Clean}}} \quad (17)$$

From Reference 1, the uncertainty is:

$$U(\Delta C_D) = \{ U(C_{D_{\text{Stores}}})^2 + U(C_{D_{\text{Clean}}})^2 \}^{1/2} \quad (18)$$



### SECTION III

#### DATA POINT PRECISION INDEX

Section II described a method to calculate drag data uncertainties for a point on a fitted  $C_L$ - $C_D$  curve. Because of the random nature of the assumed independent variable,  $C_L$ , the final calculation for  $U(C_D)$  requires a value for the precision index of  $C_L$ . This can be done in the following manner:

$C_L$  can be defined as:

$$C_L = \frac{1}{QA} [FN (\cos \alpha \cos IM + \sin \alpha \sin IM) + FA (\cos \alpha \sin IM - \sin \alpha \cos IM)] \quad (19)$$

If

$$C_L = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \quad (20)$$

then the Taylor series method of error propagation yields:

$$S(C_L) = \{ [ \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial x_1} S(x_1) ]^2 + [ \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial x_2} S(x_2) ]^2 + \dots + [ \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial x_n} S(x_n) ]^2 \}^{1/2} \quad (21)$$

It is apparent that the equations become more and more complex as the number of independent parameters increases. In addition, these variables must be independent or nearly so of each other for Equation (21) to hold. Assumptions need to be made on the nature of the measurements. These are:

(1) The uncertainties associated with some of the independent parameters are sufficiently small that their effects on the uncertainty of the dependent parameter are negligible. This is assumed to be the case for IM and A.

(2) The measured forces, FN and FA, are independent of one another.

Using these two assumptions, it can be said:

$$C_L = f(FN, \alpha, FA, Q) \quad (22)$$

Therefore:

$$S(C_L) = \{ [ \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial FN} S(FN) ]^2 + [ \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} S(\alpha) ]^2 + [ \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial FA} S(FA) ]^2 + [ \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial Q} S(Q) ]^2 \}^{1/2} \quad (23)$$

After evaluating the partial derivatives, Equation (23) may be rewritten as:

$$S(C_L) = \{[(\cos \alpha \cos IM + \sin \alpha \sin IM) \frac{S(FN)}{QA}]^2 + [C_D S(\alpha)]^2 + [(\cos \alpha \sin IM - \sin \alpha \cos IM) \frac{S(FA)}{QA}]^2 + [C_L \frac{S(Q)}{Q}]^2\}^{1/2} \quad (24)$$

For a given test point,  $\alpha$ ,  $IM$ ,  $Q$ ,  $A$ ,  $C_D$ , and  $C_L$  are defined.  $S(FN)$ ,  $S(FA)$ ,  $S(\alpha)$ , and  $S(Q)$  are functions of test conditions and instrumentation. Equations for these parameters can be developed in a manner similar to that used for Equation (24).  $S(\alpha)$  and  $S(Q)$  depend on the wind tunnel where the data are taken.  $S(FN)$  and  $S(FA)$  are dependent on the tunnel and model instrumentation. Equations to calculate the quantities for a specific case of interest should be obtained from the applicable test facility. The computer program described in Section V uses equations that apply to the Aerodynamic Wind Tunnel (PWT/4T) at Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC).

SECTION IV  
CURVE FIT PRECISION INDEX

A method to determine the precision index of  $C_L$  for use in Equation (16) was just described in Section III. The other input required to solve for  $U(C_D)$  is  $S(C_{D_1})$ . Recall that it was defined as the precision index of the curve fit process. To calculate this quantity, certain assumptions on the nature of the  $C_D$  data are made. These are:

- (1)  $C_D$  is a random variable.
- (2) At a given  $C_L$ , possible values of  $C_D$  are approximately normally distributed.
- (3) Over the  $C_L$  range where the curve fit is applied,  $S(C_D)$  is nearly constant. This allows a simplified curve fit procedure to be used (see pp 106-108, Reference 2).

Since it is possible to calculate  $S(C_D)$  for a given data point in a manner similar to that used for  $S(C_L)$ , the validity of the third assumption can be verified. Figure 3 shows a typical example. The angle of attack region of interest is about 2 to 6 degrees. As the figure indicates,  $S(C_D)$  does not vary significantly over this range.

Recall from Section II, the  $C_L$ - $C_D$  curve is assumed to be of the form

$$C_D = a_0 + a_1 C_L + a_2 C_L^2 \quad (25)$$

For a second order curve fit, the normal equations to solve for  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  are, in matrix form:

$$[B] [a] = [g] \quad (26)$$

where

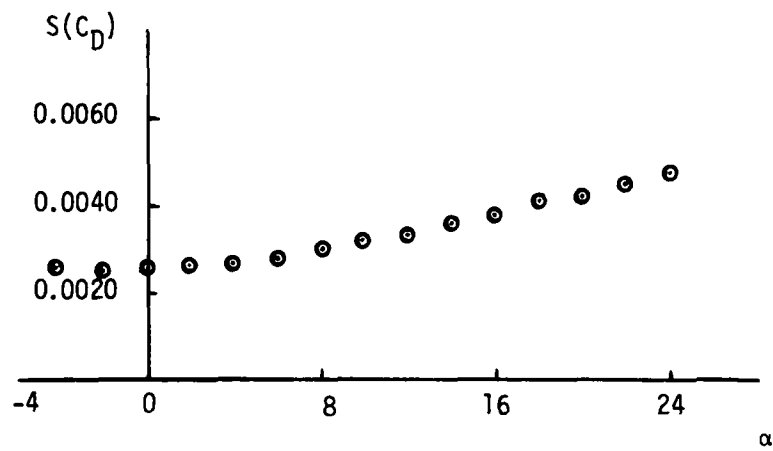


Figure 3. Precision Index of Drag Coefficient versus Angle of Attack  
 $M = 0.8$

$$[B] = \begin{bmatrix} n & \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i} & \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i}^2 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i} & \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i}^2 & \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i}^3 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i}^2 & \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i}^3 & \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i}^4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$

$$[a] = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (28)$$

$$[g] = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n C_{D_i} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i} C_{D_i} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n C_{L_i}^2 C_{D_i} \end{bmatrix} \quad (29)$$

Solution for the regression coefficients is given by:

$$[a] = [B]^{-1} [g]$$

Where  $[B]^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $[B]$ . For a five-point curve fit,  $n$  is equal to five.

In this study, the value of  $S(C_D)$  is based on the mean response  $\mu_{C_D|C_L, C_L^2}$ . The term  $\mu_{C_D|C_L, C_L^2}$  may be thought of as the true value of  $C_D$  for a given  $C_L$ . In other words, if many values of  $C_D$  were measured at a given  $C_L$ , the mean of  $C_D$  would tend to  $\mu_{C_D|C_L, C_L^2}$  as the sample size increased to infinity. Based on this,  $S(C_D)$  is defined as:

$$S(C_D) = s \sqrt{[x_0^{-1}] [B]^{-1} [x_0]} \quad (31)$$

where

$s$  = estimated sample standard deviation

$$s = \left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [C_{D_i} - (a_0 + a_1 C_{L_i} + a_2 C_{L_i}^2)]^2}{n-k-1} \right]^{1/2} \quad (32)$$

$$x_o' = [1 \quad C_{L_{FC}} \quad C_{L_{FC}}^2] \quad (33)$$

$$x_o = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ C_{L_{FC}} \\ C_{L_{FC}}^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (34)$$

The FC subscript indicates the flight condition of interest where the calculation is made. For a more detailed discussion of the method used to calculate  $S(C_D)$ , see a statistics text such as Reference 3.

## SECTION V

### COMPUTER PROGRAM AND SAMPLE CALCULATION

Appendix A contains a computer program developed in the Aircraft Compatibility Branch to calculate uncertainties in drag coefficient where  $C_D$  is found from a fitted  $C_L$ - $C_D$  curve. Required inputs are explained in the program. The uncertainty can be determined for confidence levels of 99, 95, 90, and 80 percent, i.e., x percent of measured data points should lie within the uncertainty band above and below the fitted curve. The confidence level is changed by using different t values as explained in Section II.

As noted earlier, the equations used to define  $S(C_L)$  are applicable to the four-foot transonic wind tunnel at AEDC. Changes would be required for other tunnels.

Assumptions are made to simplify the equations for  $S(C_L)$ . These include:

- (1) Only aircraft pitch excursions are considered, i.e.,  $\beta \neq 0$ .
- (2) Uncertainty in angle of attack is constant and equal to 0.1 degree.
- (3)  $S(\alpha)$  equals one half the uncertainty in  $\alpha$  (0.05 degree).
- (4) A small sting roll angle is assumed (0.04 degree).
- (5) Model weight does not vary between configurations.
- (6) To a first approximation, model angle of attack is equal to sting pitch angle.
- (7) Balance uncertainties [ $S(FNB)$ ,  $S(FAB)$ ] are functions of normal and axial forces only (i.e., no side load or rolling moment interactions are present).
- (8) There is no model roll angle relative to the balance.
- (9) The precision indices of model weight measured by axial and normal force gages are equal to the precision indices of the balance.
- (10) Tunnel total pressure is less than 1500 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>.
- (11)  $S(M)$  is constant and equal to 0.002 which is 40 percent of the uncertainty.

The assumptions are reasonable for the data of interest. Only pitch excursions are considered because the performance problem concerns mainly flight at a constant angle of attack.

Appendix A contains sample calculations of  $U(C_D)$  for a specific case. The example is for a clean aircraft at  $M = 0.8$  and  $C_L = 0.3$ . If the equation for  $U(C_D)$  is examined using the values of  $S(C_D)$  and  $S(C_L)$  from the example, it shows that most of the uncertainty in  $C_D$  is a result of the curve fit. Note all the confidence levels are shown in the example, and  $U(C_D)$  decreases as the confidence level is lowered. To be more precise, the values  $S(FN)$ ,  $S(FA)$ ,  $S(\alpha)$ , and  $S(Q)$  used to find  $S(C_L)$  should be redefined for each confidence level instead of using the 95-percent values. Since the contribution of  $S(C_L)$  to  $U(C_D)$  is not large, this is not significant.



## SECTION VI

### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A method has been presented that shows how drag coefficient uncertainties can be calculated for wind tunnel data. Because of the need to examine  $C_D$  as a function of  $C_L$ , the uncertainties in  $C_D$  are due both to the uncertainties in  $C_L$  and those of the curve fit. While the method of calculating the precision index of the curve fit is general, that used to determine  $S(C_L)$  will depend on the wind tunnel and particular test instrumentation. Consultation with the applicable test facility will be necessary to work out suitable equations for  $S(C_L)$ .

The example given in Appendix A indicates that the uncertainty can be fairly large for a high confidence level. Reducing the confidence level results in a considerably smaller uncertainty. It would be very useful if data uncertainties associated with flight tests were given a thorough analysis. Determination of these uncertainties would increase the confidence in performance estimates based on flight test data.

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APPENDIX A

COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR UNCERTAINTY CALCULATION

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1      PROGRAM UNCFR(INPUT,OUTPUT,TAPE5=INPUT,TAPE6=OUTPUT)
5      THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE UNCERTAINTY IN DRAG COEFFICIENT
      FOR A SPECIFIC FLIGHT CONDITION OF INTEREST ON A FITTED
      CL-CD CURVE. THE UNCERTAINTY IN CD IS MADE UP OF A
      COMBINATION OF UNCERTAINTY IN LIFT COEFFICIENT AND THE
      UNCERTAINTY INTRODUCED BY CURVE FITTING CL-CD DATA.
13     THE FOLLOWING CONSTANTS ARE STORED IN BLOCKDATA.
      PHII-ASSUMED STING ROLL ANGLE DURING A PITCH SWEEP (DEG)
      SPHII-STANDARD DEVIATION OF STING ROLL ANGLE (DEG)
      SL-CONSTANT DEPENDING ON PARTICULAR WIND TUNNEL
15     W-AIRCRAFT MODEL HEIGHT (LBS)
      A5,A6-CONSTANTS USED TO OBTAIN STANDARD DEVIATION OF TUNNEL
      TOTAL PRESSURE. DEPENDS ON TUNNEL OF INTEREST.
      SM-STANDARD DEVIATION OF MACH NUMBER
21     SALPHA-STANDARD DEVIATION OF ANGLE OF ATTACK (RAD)
      AIM-ANGLE BETWEEN AIRCRAFT WATER LINE AND BALANCE AXIS(DEG)
      J-AIRCRAFT MODEL REFERENCE AREA (SQ/FT)
      A17,A18-CONSTANTS USED TO DETERMINE STANDARD DEVIATION OF
      TUNNEL STING PITCH ANGLE. DEPENDS ON WIND TUNNEL.
25     X1,X2,X3,X9-BALANCE CONSTANTS
      AK1,AK15,AK29-BALANCE CONSTANTS (CALLED K1,K15,K29)
      SFAN2,SFAA2-BALANCE AXIAL FORCE GAGE UNCERTAINTIES WITH
      APPLIED NORMAL AND AXIAL LOAD RESPECTIVELY.
      SFNN2,SFNA2-BALANCE NORMAL FORCE GAGE UNCERTAINTIES WITH
      APPLIED NORMAL AND AXIAL FORCE.
31     THE FOLLOWING VALUES ARE CALCULATED FROM THE INPUT
      SALPI-STANDARD DEVIATION OF STING PITCH ANGLE
35     SFA- " " " " AXIAL FORCE
      SFN- " " " " NORMAL FORCE
      SD- " " " " DYNAMIC PRESSURE
      SCLTS- " " " " LIFT COEFFICIENT
41     THE FOLLOWING INPUTS ARE FOR THE TEST POINT CLOSEST TO THE
      FLIGHT CONDITION OF INTEREST.
45     ALPHA-AIRCRAFT ANGLE OF ATTACK
      MACH-MACH NUMBER
      PT-TUNNEL TOTAL PRESSURE
      PD-TUNNEL DYNAMIC PRESSURE
      CLTS-LIFT COEFFICIENT
      CDTS-DRAG COEFFICIENT
51     POT-VALUE OF LIFT COEFFICIENT AT THE FLIGHT CONDITION
      OF INTEREST.
55     CONF IS THE CONFIDENCE LEVEL SELECTED.
      VALUFS OF .99, .95, .9, AND .8 ARE ALLOWED.
      THE FIVE CL AND CD VALUES ARE THE ONES USED FOR THE CURVE FIT
60     XC,XOP,PG, AND AC ARE MATRICES USED TO OBTAIN REGRESSION
      COEFFICIENTS AND CALCULATE THE STANDARD DEVIATION DUE TO FIT
      A0,A1,A2 ARE THE REGRESSION COEFFICIENTS CALCULATED FOR THE
      FITTED CURVE WHERE IT IS OF THE FORM
65     CD = A1 + A1*CL + A2*(CL**2)
      SFIT2 IS THE SQUARE OF THE STANDARD DEVIATION DUE TO CURVE FIT
71     COMMON/A/PHII,SPHII,SL,W,A5,A6,SM,SALPHA,AIM,A,A17,A18
      COMMON/B/X9,AK15,SFAN2,SFAA2
      COMMON/C/X1,X2,X3,AK1,AK29,SFNN2,SFNA2
      COMMON/D/SALPI,SFA,SFN,SD,SCLTS
75     COMMON/E/ALPHA,MACH,PT,PD,CLTS,CDTS,POT
      COMMON/F/CL(5),CD(5),XC(3),XOP(3),B(3,3),G(3),AC(3)

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PROGRAM UNCR

74/74 OPT=0 TRACE

FTN 4-0-510

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COMMON/5/AD,A1,A2,SFITZ
COMMON/H/AD(1),AL(3),AH(3),Z(3),X(1)
10 READ(5,1)ALPHA,ANACH,PT,Q,CLTS,CDTS,POI
1 FORMAT(7F10.5)
80 IF(EOF(5))99,3
3 READ(5,8)CONF1
8 FORMAT(F10.5)
READ(5,2) (CL(I),I=1,5)
85 READ(5,2) (CD(I),I=1,5)
2 FORMAT(5F10.5)
CALL SOCL
CALL SDFIT
WRITE(6,11) ANACH
90 FORMAT(1M1,13NMACH NUMBER =,F10.3)
WRITE(6,12)
12 FORMAT(///3X,23HWIND TUNNEL DATA POINTS)
WRITE(6,13) (CL(I),I=1,5)
13 FORMAT(/5X,26HVALUES OF LIFT COEFFICIENT/1H0,5F12.4)
WRITE(6,14) (CD(I),I=1,5)
95 14 FORMAT(/5X,26HVALUES OF DRAG COEFFICIENT/1H0,5F12.4)
WRITE(6,15) POI
15 FORMAT(/7/3X,30HLIFT COEFFICIENT OF INTEREST =,F10.4)
WRITE(6,7) AD,A1,A2
7 FORMAT(///,1X,22HCURVE FIT COEFFICIENTS,/,1H0,4X,4HA0 =,F12.5,/,
100 1,5X,4HA1 =,F12.5,/,5X,4HA2 =,F12.5)
WRITE(6,4) SCLTS
4 FORMAT(/7/1X,25HSTANDARD DEVIATION IN CL =,F12.4)
SFIT=SQRT(SFIT2)
WRITE(6,5) SFIT
105 5 FORMAT(/7/1X,27HSTANDARD DEVIATION IN FIT =,F12.4)
CONF=CONF1*100.
WRITE(6,16) CONF
16 FORMAT(/7,1X,21HCONFIDENCE INTERVAL =,F5.0,2H%)
110 IF(CONF1.EQ.0.99) GO TO 100
IF(CONF1.EQ.0.95) GO TO 101
IF(CONF1.EQ.0.9) GO TO 102
IF(CONF1.EQ.0.8) GO TO 103
100 TVAL1=9.925
TVAL2=2.50
115 GO TO 200
101 TVAL1=4.303
TVAL2=2.
GO TO 200
102 TVAL1=2.92
TVAL2=1.65
120 GO TO 200
103 TVAL1=1.886
TVAL2=1.28
200 VAR1=(TVAL1**2.)*SFIT2
125 VAR2=(TVAL2**2.)*((A1+2.*A2*CLTS)**2.)*(SCLTS**2.)
UCD=SQRT(VAR1+VAR2)
WRITE(6,6) UCD
6 FORMAT(///1X,37HTHE UNCERTAINTY IN DRAG COEFFICIENT =,F12.4)
GO TO 10
130 99 STOP
END
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1      C
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5      SUBROUTINE SOCL
      C
      C THIS SUBROUTINE CALCULATES SCLTS, THE STANDARD DEVIATION IN
      C LIFT COEFFICIENT FOR THE DATA POINT NEAREST THE FLIGHT
      C CONDITION OF INTEREST.
10     COMMON/A/PHII,SPHII,SL,W,A5,A6,SM,SALPHA,AIM,A,A17,A18
      COMMON/B/X9,AK15,SFAN2,SFAA2
      COMMON/C/X1,X2,X3,AK1,AK29,SFNN2,SFNA2
      COMMON/D/SALPI,SFA,SFN,SQ,SCLTS
15     COMMON/E/ALPHA,AMACH,PT,Q,CLTS,COTS,POI
      SALPI=A17+A18*ALPHA
      SFAB=.5*((SFAN2**2.+SFAA2**2.)**.5)
      SFA=SFAA2
      SFAG2=(SL*X9*AK15)**2.+SFAB**2.
      SFAST2=1W*COSD(ALPHA)*SALPI**2.+(SIND(ALPHA)*SFA)**2.
20     SFA=(SFAG2+SFAST2)**.5
      SALPHA=.000873
      SFNB=.5*((SFNN2**2.+SFNA2**2.)**.5)
      SFNG2=((SL/X1)**2.)*((X2*AK1)**2.+(X3*AK29)**2.)
25     1 +SFNB**2.
      SMN=SFNB
      VAR1N=(W*SIND(ALPHA)*COSD(PHII)*SALPI)**2.
      VAR2N=(COSD(ALPHA)*COSD(PHII)*SMN)**2.
      VAR3N=(W*COSD(ALPHA)*SIND(PHII)*SPHII)**2.
      SFNST2=VAR1N+VAR2N+VAR3N
30     SFN=(SFNG2+SFNST2)**.5
      VAR1P=((12.*Q/AMACH)**2.-1.2*(AMACH**2.)) /
      1 (1.+2*(AMACH**2.))**SM
      SPT=A5+A6*PT
      VAR2P=(Q/PT)*SPT
35     SQ=(VAR1P**2.+VAR2P**2.)**.5
      VAR1T=((COSD(ALPHA)*COSD(AIM)+SIND(ALPHA)*SIND(AIM))
      1 *SFN/(Q*A))**2.
      VAR2T=(COTS*SALPHA)**2.
      VAR3T=((COSD(ALPHA)*SIND(AIM)-SIND(ALPHA)*COSD(AIM))
40     1 *SFA/(Q*A))**2.
      VAR4T=(CLTS*(SQ/Q))**2.
      SCLTS=SQRT(VAR1T+VAR2T+VAR3T+VAR4T)
      RETURN
      END

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1      CCCC
5      CCCC      SUBROUTINE SDFIT
          THIS SUBROUTINE CALCULATES THE REGRESSION COEFFICIENTS TO FIT
          THE CL-CD DATA AND DETERMINES THE STANDARD DEVIATION OF
          THE CURVE FIT.
10     CCCC      COMMON/E/ALPHA,AMACH,PT,0,CLTS,CDTS,POI
          COMMON/F/CL(5),CD(5),X0(3),XOP(3),B(3,3),G(3),AC(3)
          COMMON/G/AD,A1,A2,SFIT2
          COMMON/H/AD(1),AL(3),AM(3),Z(3),X(1)
15     CCCC      SUM1=0.
          SUM2=0.
          C
          SUM3=0.
          SUM4=0.
          DO 10 I=1,5
20     CCCC      SUM11=SUM11+CL(I)
          SUM21=SUM21+CL(I)**2.
          SUM31=SUM31+CL(I)**3.
          SUM41=SUM41+CL(I)**4.
25     CCCC      10 CONTINUE
          B(1,1)=5.
          B(1,2)=SUM11
          B(1,3)=SUM21
          B(2,1)=SUM11
          B(2,2)=SUM21
30     CCCC      B(2,3)=SUM31
          B(3,1)=SUM21
          B(3,2)=SUM31
          B(3,3)=SUM41
          SUM12=0.
          SUM22=0.
          SUM32=0.
          DO 20 I=1,5
40     CCCC      SUM12=SUM12+CD(I)
          SUM22=SUM22+CL(I)*CD(I)
          SUM32=SUM32+CL(I)**2.*CD(I)
          20 CONTINUE
          G(1)=SUM12
          G(2)=SUM22
          G(3)=SUM32
45     CCCC      CALL MINV(B,3,AD,AL,AM)
          CCCC      CALL TO SYSTEM ROUTINE TO INVERT MATRIX B
          CALL GMPRD(B,G,AC,3,3,1)
50     CCCC      MULTIPLY INVERSE OF B BY G TO OBTAIN MATRIX AC
          A0=AC(1)
          A1=AC(2)
          A2=AC(3)
          SUM3=0.
          DO 30 I=1,5
55     CCCC      SUM3=SUM3+(CD(I)-A0-A1*CL(I)-A2*(CL(I)**2.))
          **2.
          30 CONTINUE
          SSD=SUM3/2.
          XOP(1)=1.
          XOP(2)=PT
          XOP(3)=POI**2.
          DO 40 I=1,3
65     CCCC      XOP(I)=XOP(I)
          40 CONTINUE
          CALL GMPRD(XOP,8,Z,1,3,3)
70     CCCC      MULTIPLY XOP BY INVERSE OF B TO OBTAIN Z
          CALL GMPRD(Z,X0,X,1,3,1)
          CCCC      MULTIPLY Z BY X0 TO OBTAIN X. X IS A ONE COLUMN ONE ROW
          MATRIX. THE VALUE IS MULTIPLIED BY THE SQUARE OF THE SAMPLE
          STANDARD DEVIATION TO OBTAIN THE SQUARE OF THE STANDARD
75     CCCC

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SUBROUTINE SDFIT 74/74 OPT=0 TRACE FTN 4.8+510

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DEVIATION DUE TO CURVE FIT.

80

X1=X(1)  
SFIT2=SSD\*X1  
RETURN  
END



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BLOCK DATA BLKDAT. 74/74 OPT=0 TRACE PTN 4.0+510
1 BLOCKDATA
COMMON/A/PHI1,SPHI1,SL,W,A5,A6,SM,SALPHA,A1M,A,A17,A18
COMMON/B/X9,AK15,SFAN2,SFAA2
COMMON/C/X1,X2,X3,AK1,AK29,SFNN2,SFNA2
5 DATA PHI1,SPHI1,SL,W,A5,A6,SM,SALPHA,A1M,A,A17,A18/
1 .84.04,1.833.15.0004.002.000673.1.0.
1 .75.004.0014/
DATA X9,AK15,SFAN2,SFAA2/1.0359.4.45/
10 DATA X1,X2,X3,AK1,AK29,SFNN2,SFNA2/3.912,-1.1.
1 .393.3994.89.767
END

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MACH NUMBER = .799

WIND TUNNEL DATA POINTS

VALUES OF LIFT COEFFICIENT

.0231 .1770 .3324 .4925 .6374

VALUES OF DRAG COEFFICIENT

.0152 .0169 .0272 .0468 .0803

LIFT COEFFICIENT OF INTEREST = .3000

CURVE FIT COEFFICIENTS

A0 = .01684  
A1 = -.04606  
A2 = .22597

STANDARD DEVIATION IN CL = .0033

STANDARD DEVIATION IN FIT = .0014

CONFIDENCE INTERVAL = 99. %

THE UNCERTAINTY IN DRAG COEFFICIENT = .0139

MACH NUMBER = .799

WIND TUNNEL DATA POINTS

VALUES OF LIFT COEFFICIENT

.0231 .1770 .3324 .4925 .6374

VALUES OF DRAG COEFFICIENT

.0152 .0169 .0272 .0468 .0803

LIFT COEFFICIENT OF INTEREST = .3000

CURVE FIT COEFFICIENTS

A0 = .01684  
A1 = -.04686  
A2 = .22597

STANDARD DEVIATION IN CL = .0033

STANDARD DEVIATION IN FIT = .0014

CONFIDENCE INTERVAL = 95. %

THE UNCERTAINTY IN DRAG COEFFICIENT = .0061

MACH NUMBER = .799

WIND TUNNEL DATA POINTS

VALUES OF LIFT COEFFICIENT

.0231 .1770 .3324 .4925 .6374

VALUES OF DRAG COEFFICIENT

.0152 .0169 .0272 .0468 .0803

LIFT COEFFICIENT OF INTEREST = .3000

CURVE FIT COEFFICIENTS

A0 = .01684  
A1 = -.04606  
A2 = .22597

STANDARD DEVIATION IN CL = .0033

STANDARD DEVIATION IN FIT = .0014

CONFIDENCE INTERVAL = 90. %

THE UNCERTAINTY IN DRAG COEFFICIENT = .0041

MACH NUMBER = .799

WIND TUNNEL DATA POINTS

VALUES OF LIFT COEFFICIENT

.0231 .1770 .3324 .4925 .6374

VALUES OF DRAG COEFFICIENT

.0152 .0169 .0272 .0468 .0803

LIFT COEFFICIENT OF INTEREST = .3000

CURVE FIT COEFFICIENTS

A0 = .01684  
A1 = -.04636  
A2 = .22597

STANDARD DEVIATION IN CL = .0033

STANDARD DEVIATION IN FIT = .0014

CONFIDENCE INTERVAL = 80. %

THE UNCERTAINTY IN DRAG COEFFICIENT = .0027