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How do planes work?

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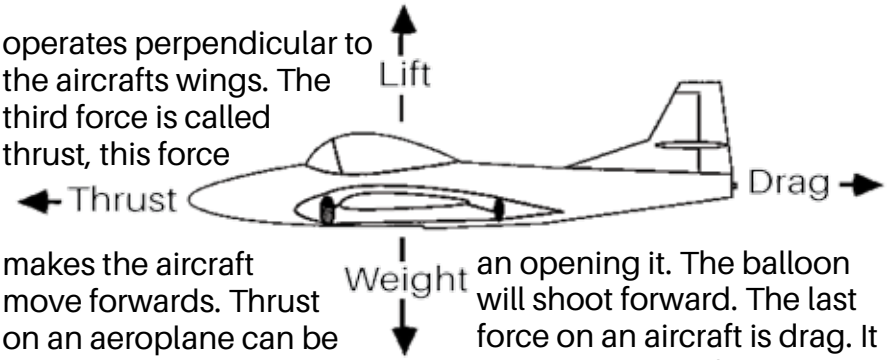
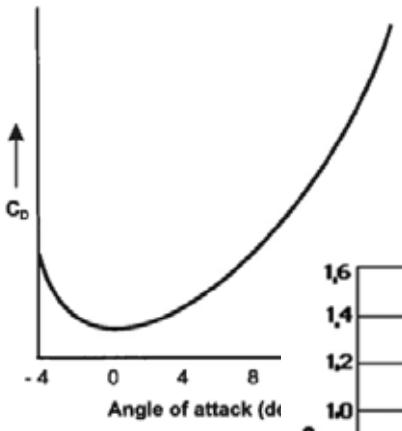
AIRPLANE PHYSICS

To explain how an aeroplane flies you should start by thinking of the forces. There are 4 forces on an aircraft. The first one is applied to everything on earth, this one is called the weight force or gravity. This creates a downwards force. We can calculate the downwards force with the formula m * g. M being the mass and g being gravity which on earth is about 9.81. But of course an aircraft moves up. For this we have a force called lift. Lift operates perpendicular to the aircrafts wings. The third force is called thrust, this force



makes the aircraft move forwards. Thrust on an aeroplane can be created by a propeller or a jet engine. The principal of such an engine is that it accelerates air out of the back and then follows newton's third law. This can be proven by a balloon filled with air an opening it. The balloon will shoot forward. The last force on an aircraft is drag. It moves the aircraft backwards. Drag is created mostly by air resistance. We can minimalize this drag by making the aircraft aerodynamic. This means that it has smooth lines.

We can calculate the lift with the equation of magnitude of lift per unit wing area. This equation is L=0.5 * P * Cl * V squared. In this formula L is of course lift. P is the density of the air which creates the resistance. This resistance is normally 1.2754 kg/m cubed. Cl is the coefficient of the lift. This coefficient has to do with the wings and changes with the angle of attack. The angle of attack is the angle between the nose of the aircraft and the horizontal line formed underneath the wings. This horizontal line is formed because even if an aeroplane is taking of it is still partially moving horizontally. As you increase the angle of attack the lift rises until a certain point. At this point the wings are almost vertically and create a surface of drag force. This point is called stall. Here is a graph of the coefficient of lift.



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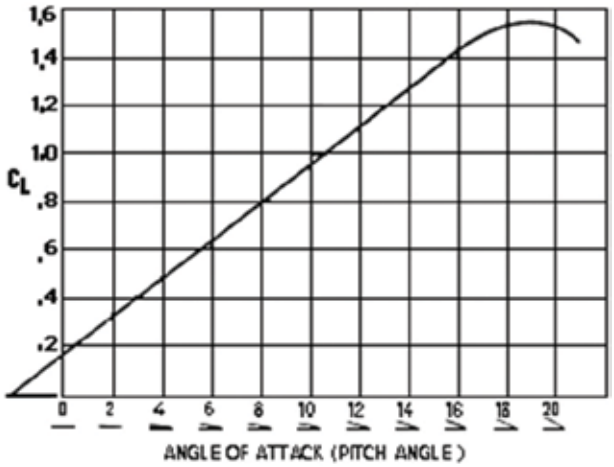

Important events in aviaton history

One of the first jet planes

The Fokker Dr.1. This plane was used during WW I

In 1910 the concept of a plane propelled by jet engines was patented by Henri Coandá.

The 1st World War was the first war during which aeroplanes were used to fight the enemy. This also meant that the current design of the time was improved to be suitable for warfare.

1900 **1903** **1910** **1914** **1918** **1945**

1903 was a very important year in aviation history. For on the 17th of December of that year the Wright brothers had succeeded in creating and flying an engine powered aeroplane. Many inventors had attempted to fly a plane before them, they used: gliders, balloons and airships.

A picture of the Wright Flyer

After the 2nd World War commercial aviation became more popular. This meant that the transportation of both passengers and cargo would happen much faster compared to the conventional methods of transport at the time.

The DC-10 used to be a very popular aeroplane.

A Space Shuttle without
the extra fuel tanks

In 1982 the U.S. began to use Space Shuttles to re-enter the atmosphere from space. This plane-like spaceship went up into space with three enormous fuel tanks/engines. These are detached when they run out of fuel.

The security on planes an in airports would change dramatically after the 11th of September 2001.
On this day a group of terrorists hijacked two planes and flew them into the Twin Towers.
Due to this event governments realized that the security on airports and aeroplanes was not strict enough.

The Twin Towers during the attack

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