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RATE OF CHANGE OF HINGE-MOMENT COEFFICIENT WITH INCIDENCE FOR A PLAIN CONTROL IN INCOMPRESSIBLE TWO-DIMENSIONAL FLOW, $(b_1)_0$

1. NOTATION AND UNITS

		SI	British
$(a_1)_0$	slope of lift coefficient curve with incidence for a two-dimensional aerofoil in incompressible flow	rad^{-1}	rad^{-1}
$(a_1)_{0T}$	theoretical slope of lift coefficient curve with incidence for a two-dimensional aerofoil in inviscid incompressible flow	rad^{-1}	rad^{-1}
$(b_1)_0$	rate of change of hinge-moment coefficient with incidence for a two-dimensional aerofoil in incompressible flow, $\partial C_{H0}/\partial \alpha$	rad^{-1}	rad^{-1}
$(b_1)_{0T}$	theoretical rate of change of hinge-moment coefficient with incidence for a two-dimensional aerofoil in inviscid incompressible flow	rad^{-1}	rad^{-1}
C_{H0}	control hinge-moment coefficient for a two-dimensional aerofoil in incompressible flow, $H_0/1/2\rho V^2 c_f^2$		
c	aerofoil chord	m	ft
c_f	control chord aft of hinge line	m	ft
H_0	control hinge moment per unit span for two-dimensional aerofoil in incompressible flow	N m/m	lbf ft/ft
t	maximum thickness of aerofoil	m	ft
t_{90}	thickness of aerofoil at 90 per cent chord	m	ft
t_{95}	thickness of aerofoil at 95 per cent chord	m	ft
t_{99}	thickness of aerofoil at 99 per cent chord	m	ft
V	airspeed	m/s	ft/s
α	angle of incidence	rad	rad
ρ	density of air	kg/m^3	slug/ft^3
τ	trailing-edge angle as defined by angle between tangents to upper and lower surfaces at trailing edge	deg	deg
τ_a	trailing-edge angle as defined by $\tan \frac{1}{2}\tau_a = (t_{90} - t_{99})/0.18c$	deg	deg

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τ_b	trailing-edge angle as defined by $\tan \frac{1}{2}\tau_b = (t_{95} - t_{99})/0.08c$	deg	deg
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Note: An asterisk (*) denotes a standard series of aerofoils for which
 $\tan \frac{1}{2}\tau_a = \tan \frac{1}{2}\tau_b = \tan \frac{1}{2}\tau = t/c$.

2. NOTES

The curves in this Item refer to a standard series of aerofoils for which $\tan \frac{1}{2}\tau_a = \tan \frac{1}{2}\tau_b = \tan \frac{1}{2}\tau = t/c$. In Figure 1 the theoretical rate of change of hinge moment coefficient with incidence in inviscid incompressible flow, $(b_1)_{0T}^*$, is plotted in carpet form against c_f/c and t/c . In Figure 2 the ratio $(b_1)_0^*/(b_1)_{0T}^*$ is plotted in carpet form against c_f/c and $(a_1)_0^*/(a_1)_{0T}^*$, which must be obtained from Item No. Aero W.01.01.05.

For aerofoils in general, the relationship between the thickness/chord ratio and the various trailing-edge angles differs from that given for the standard series of aerofoils and a correction must be made. The values of $(b_1)_0^*$, $(a_1)_{0T}^*$ and $(a_1)_0^*$ are first calculated for the given t/c . The value of $(b_1)_0$ is then given by

$$(b_1)_0 = (b_1)_{0T}^* + 2[(a_1)_{0T}^* - (a_1)_0^*](\tan \frac{1}{2}\tau_b - t/c). \quad (2.1)$$

In the case of a control with a bevelled trailing edge, τ_b should be taken as equal to the actual angle of the bevel.

The curves apply within the linear range of the hinge moment versus incidence curve, *i.e.* in general for values of incidence and control deflection for which there is no separation of flow over the aerofoil or control. Within these limitations an accuracy of $\pm 0.05 \text{ rad}^{-1}$ can be expected in the estimation of $(b_1)_0$.

All the data refer to controls with sealed hinge gaps; they may be applied, however, if the gap is not greater than about $0.002c$. For larger gaps a correction to the hinge moment may be obtained from Derivation 1.

For controls on wings of finite aspect ratio, the hinge-moment coefficient must be corrected for induced effects and use may be made of the method given in Item No. 89009.

3. DERIVATION

The Derivation lists selected sources that have assisted in the preparation of this Item.

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