THEORETICAL STUDY OF THE TUNNEL-BOUNDARY LIFT INTERFERENCE DUE TO SLOTTED WALLS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE TRAILING-VORTEX SYSTEM OF A LIFTING MODEL

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SUMMARY

The equations presented in this report give the interference on the trailing-vortex system of a uniformly loaded finite-span wing in a circular tunnel containing partly open and partly closed walls, with special reference to symmetrical arrangements of the open and closed portions. Methods are given for extending the equations to include tunnel shapes other than circular. The rectangular tunnel is used to demonstrate these methods. The equations are also extended to nonuniformly loaded wings.

An analysis of the equations for certain configurations has shown that: (1) only a small percentage of slot opening is required to give zero interference conditions if the tunnel contains four or more slots; (2) in the configurations studied, the ratio between the slotted-tunnel interference and the closed-tunnel interference at the center of the tunnel is approximately constant for various model spans; and (3) tunnels containing an odd number of slots or nonsymmetrical slot arrangements cause an additional rolling moment or a cross flow on the wings, or both.

INTRODUCTION

In a study of solid-blockage interference (see ref. 1), it has been shown that tunnels containing mixed boundaries, that is, partly open and partly closed walls, will eliminate or greatly reduce such interference. Since the slotted tunnel configuration required to eliminate solid blockage can not eliminate lift interference, it is necessary to study the interference on the trailing vortices of a lifting model in order to make the necessary corrections to the lift characteristics of a model.

The problem of one or two slots has been treated by various authors (see refs. 2 to 4). The case of more than two slots has also been treated in references 5 and 6. Reference 5 treats only small wings in circular tunnels, and reference 6 treats only the case for a large number of evenly spaced slots.

The purpose of this investigation is to present equations which express the tunnel-wall interference due to mixed open and closed boundaries in the presence of the trailing-vortex system of a finite-span lifting model at subsonic velocities. Special attention is given to test sections in which the slots are symmetrically located with respect to both axes.

Various extensions of the theory have been made and follow in a general fashion the methods of reference 5. These extensions include the effects of wing span, slot configurations, interference at points near the center, nonuniform loading, and methods for calculating the interference in tunnels of other than circular cross section.

Numerical calculations of the interference characteristics of several symmetrical cases are presented and are used to show the properties of the interference of circular tunnels containing 1, 2, 4, 8, and 12 slots symmetrically located with respect to the x- and y-axes and a square tunnel containing 8 slots symmetrically located in the top and bottom walls.

SYMBOLS

\[ A_n, B_n \] \{ constants \}
\[ a_n, b_n \] \{ \}
\[ c_n, \beta_n \] \{ \}
\[ b \] span of wing
\[ s \] half-span of wing (see fig. 1)
\[ C \] tunnel cross-sectional area
\[ C_l \] lift coefficient of model
\[ c=s/l \] 
\[ \Delta C_l \] drag increment due to interference
\[ D \] tunnel diameter (see fig. 4)
\[ ds \] tangential line element
\[ k \] quality factor, the ratio at any given point of the interference of a slotted tunnel to the interference of a closed tunnel with the same cross section
\[ l \] half-span length of wing in \( \tau \)-plane (fig. 1)
\[ m \] number of slots or panels in tunnel
\[ g, n, j, q \] integer denoting indices of summations and multiple products
\[ p \] special number defined in expression (2)
\[ r \] radial distance of point from coordinate center
\[ R \] radius of circular tunnel
\[ S \] model or wing area
\[ u \] \( z \)-component of velocity
\[ v \] \( y \)-component of velocity
\[ V \] magnitude of velocity
\[ \mathbf{V} \] velocity vector
\[ x, y \] coordinates of rectangular system (fig. 1)
\[ z \] complex variable, \( z+iy \)
\[ dz \] complex velocity, \( u-iv \)
Theoretical boundary conditions of flow about trailing vortices in a tunnel containing mixed open and closed boundaries.—The equations for the interference on the lift of a model due to mixed open and closed tunnel walls in the presence of a trailing-vortex system may be obtained by considering the same two-dimensional approximation of the flow field that is used in reference 7. The conditions of this two-dimensional approximation may be briefly stated as: (1) the tunnel and its boundaries extend from a point an infinite distance upstream of the model to a point an infinite distance downstream of the model; (2) the velocities induced by the trailing vortices in the cross-sectional plane located at the model are one-half of those induced in a far-downstream cross-sectional plane; (3) the induced-velocity flow field in the far-downstream section may be treated with two-dimensional methods; (4) the boundary condition which must be satisfied at a solid portion of a tunnel wall is that the flow must be normal to it, or

\[ \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} = 0 \]  

(1)

(5) the condition which must be satisfied at an open portion of a tunnel wall is that the potential over that portion must be constant or the flow must be normal to it; (6) no singularities other than the trailing vortices can exist within the boundaries of the tunnel; and (7) the constant potential in every slot must be equal to that in every other slot. The final condition is required because the pressure is the same at every slot and is shown by the following considerations. Since the pressure is constant over the entire region outside the tunnel there will be no pressure differences between the slots at a point far upstream, and hence there can be no flow between the slots due to external influences. Also, since this point is too far from the model to be influenced by it, there can be no flow due to the model. As there is no flow between the slots, no potential gradient can exist between the slots; therefore, the potentials in all the slots must be the same. It therefore follows by condition (5) that, in the far-downstream position, the constant potential in every slot is equal to that in every other slot.

Coordinate system used.—The coordinate system used in reference 8 is also used throughout this report. In this system, it is expedient, in order to avoid confusion with the customary notations, \( x + iy \), to use as axes of reference the following system: \( z \)-axis to the right, \( z \)-axis downstream, and \( y \)-axis to form a right-hand system. Since the \( z \)-axis is not used in the calculations, it is possible to use the complex coordinate \( z = x + iy \) without confusion. The velocity components are denoted by \( v \) in the \( z \)-direction and \( v \) in the \( y \)-direction. The symbol \( w \) is reserved for the complex potential.

Velocity fields in circular slotted tunnels.—The previously stated boundary conditions may be satisfied by using complex velocity functions rather than complex potential functions. This is done by selecting a complex velocity function that has singularities at the wing tips and a flow direction either normal or tangential to the tunnel walls. If this function is multiplied by another complex function whose value on the tunnel wall changes from real to all imaginary (or the opposite) at each slot edge, then the flow will be rotated 90° at those points so that the final flow of the product of the two functions will be normal to the wall on selected portions and will be tangential to the wall on the remaining portions. It can, however, be expected that the second function will introduce within the tunnel singularities which are not permitted according to the stated boundary conditions, so that a third function which contains all the forbidden singularities must be used in such a fashion that it will cancel the forbidden singularities of the second function.

In order to make up the first function, suppose that the two singularities at the wing tips with their reciprocal singularities are written as \( 1/(z^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2) \), where \( z \) is the complex variable \( x + iy \) and \( s \) is the semispan of the lifting wing. If this function is examined by letting \( z = \epsilon^{\omega t} \), where \( \theta \) is a polar angle (fig. 1), it will be found that the flow may be made normal to the walls if the factor \( s \) is included in the numerator. This flow may also be made tangential to the wall by multiplying by the factor \( i \). Thus, the first function may be written

\[ \frac{ps}{(z^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2)} \]  

(2)

The symbol \( p \) can be chosen to be either 1 or \( i \), depending on whether normal or tangential flow is required at the walls.

The second function can be developed by considering the square root of a function which is real on the wall and changes sign at each slot edge so that the square root of the function changes from real to imaginary at each slot edge. Such a function may be expressed by \( \sqrt{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta} \) where \( z = \epsilon^{\omega t} \) and \( \phi \) is in general complex. Examination of this function...
shows that it becomes \( \sqrt{\cot \frac{\theta}{2} - \cot \frac{\theta}{2}} \) on the tunnel wall, where \( \theta \) is the polar angle of a slot edge (see Fig. 1). The term under the radical changes from positive to negative at \( \theta = \theta_0 \) so that the function changes from real to imaginary at the point \( \theta_0 \) on the tunnel wall. If a number of these functions having different \( \theta_0 \)'s marking the transition from open to closed sections of the tunnel wall are multiplied together, it can be seen that the product will change sign at each value of \( \theta_0 \) so that the function will be real on alternate sections.

This use of \( \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \) also suggests the use of other complex trigonometric functions such as \( \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, \) and \( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \). The sine and cosine terms will, on examination, be found to introduce two slot edges for each value of \( \theta_0 \), rather than one. These two slot edges will be found to be located symmetrically with respect to the \( z \)-axis for the cosine term and to the \( y \)-axis for the sine term. Thus, the use of these functions is suggested for symmetrical slot configurations.

Since any of these functions may introduce singularities within the tunnel, it is necessary to examine them for such singularities. The four functions may be written as multiple products of the form

\[
\prod_{\varrho=1}^{n} \sqrt{\cos \vartheta - \cos \theta_{\varrho}} = \sqrt{\cos \vartheta - \cos \theta_{1}} \sqrt{\cos \vartheta - \cos \theta_{2}} \ldots \sqrt{\cos \vartheta - \cos \theta_{n}}
\]

with equivalent expressions for

\[
\prod_{\varrho=1}^{n} \sqrt{\sin \vartheta - \sin \theta_{\varrho}} \quad \prod_{\varrho=1}^{n} \sqrt{\cot \frac{\vartheta}{2} - \cot \frac{\theta_{\varrho}}{2}} \quad \prod_{\varrho=1}^{n} \sqrt{\tan \frac{\vartheta}{2} - \tan \frac{\theta_{\varrho}}{2}}
\]

and

When \( z = e^{i\theta} \) is substituted for \( \vartheta \), the expressions (3), (4), (5), and (6) become, respectively,

\[
2^{-\alpha z} e^{-\alpha z} \prod_{\varrho=1}^{n} \sqrt{\varrho^2 + 1 - 2z \cos \theta_{\varrho}}
\]

\[
2^{-\alpha z} e^{-\alpha z} \prod_{\varrho=1}^{n} \sqrt{\varrho^2 - 1 + 2z \sin \theta_{\varrho}}
\]

\[
(z-1)^{-\alpha z} e^{-\alpha z} \prod_{\varrho=1}^{n} \sqrt{i(z+1) - (z-1) \cos \frac{\theta_{\varrho}}{2}}
\]

\[
(z+1)^{-\alpha z} e^{-\alpha z} \prod_{\varrho=1}^{n} \sqrt{i(z-1) - (z+1) \tan \frac{\theta_{\varrho}}{2}}
\]

Examinations of the functions (7) to (10) show that they contain forbidden singularities at the following values of \( z \): the cosine and sine terms at \( z = 0 \), the cotangent term at \( z = 1 \), and the tangent term at \( z = -1 \). Several functions which contain singularities identical to those appearing in functions (7) to (10) and which are real on the tunnel are

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\vartheta + b_n \sin n\vartheta)
\]

which has a singularity at \( z = 0 \),

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha_n + i\beta_n) \cos^n \frac{\vartheta}{2}
\]

which has a singularity at \( z = 1 \), and

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha_n + i\beta_n) \tan^n \frac{\vartheta}{2}
\]

which has a singularity at \( z = -1 \). In the expressions (11), (12), and (13), \( a_n, \alpha_n, \beta_n \), and \( \beta_n \) are real constants. It may be seen now that if the trigonometric series is divided by the multiple product which contains the same singularities, the forbidden singularities will be canceled out of the final equation and an equation will be left which has only the desired singularities within the tunnel.

The reason for using the multiple product in the denominator may be seen by examining the flow about the slot edges. Since the flow must turn a sharp corner as it goes around the edge of each slot, the velocity must be infinite at that point. Since the multiple-product function becomes equal to zero at each slot edge, it must be placed in the denominator of the final complex velocity function to insure the required infinite velocities.
Before the final complex velocity function is written, it should be observed that function (2) has a zero at the point \( z=0 \) which must also be removed either by including an extra term in summation (11) or by multiplying summation (12) or (13) by \( a, \cos \theta + b, \sin \theta \). With this relationship in mind, the final complex velocity functions may be written:

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{pz \sum_{n=0}^{N+1} (a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta)}{(z^2-\theta^2) \sum_{n=0}^{N+1} \sqrt{\cos \theta - \cos \theta_n}} \tag{14}
\]

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{pz \sum_{n=0}^{N+1} (a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta)}{(z^2-\theta^2) \sum_{n=0}^{N+1} \sqrt{\sin \theta - \sin \theta_n}} \tag{15}
\]

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{pz (a_\ell \cos \theta + b_\ell \sin \theta) \sum_{n=0}^{N+1} \left( \frac{a_n+i\beta_n}{\cos \theta_n} \right) \cot \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)}{(z^2-\theta^2) \sum_{n=0}^{N+1} \sqrt{\cot \frac{\theta}{2} - \cot \frac{\theta_n}{2}}} \tag{16}
\]

and an equation similar to equation (16), where \( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \) is used rather than \( \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \).

In the application of these equations, each value of \( \theta_n \) is noted to introduce two slot edges into each of equations (14) and (15) and only a single slot edge into equation (16). Since each panel has two edges, \( g \) must be equal to the number of panels \( n \) in equations (14) and (15) and to twice the number of panels, or \( 2m \), in equation (16). Also, if equation (14) or (15) is applied to tunnels containing an odd number of slots, it will be found that the singularity arising from the multiple product will contain a term of the order \( \frac{1}{2} \), which cannot be removed by the summation. In order to remove this singularity, the summation of equation (14) or (15) must be rewritten as

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{N+1} \left( \frac{a_n \cos \frac{2n+1}{2} \theta + b_n \sin \frac{2n+1}{2} \theta}{} \right) \tag{17}
\]

This series will, upon examination, be found to contain a singularity of the order \( \frac{1}{2} \), which will cancel the one-half-power term due to the extension of the multiple product over an odd number of slots.

Equations (14) and (15) introduce slot edges at locations symmetrical to the \( x \)- and \( y \)-axes, respectively; thus, it is to be expected that the use of these equations for symmetrical cases will simplify the problem. These equations will not work, however, for nonsymmetrical cases as they will introduce slots at points where they are not desired; therefore, it is necessary for the general case to resort to the more complicated but completely general equation (16). Equation (16) can be used for symmetrical cases; however, the expressions resulting from its use can be reduced to the forms obtained from equations (14) and (15).

In order to make the final application of equation (14), (15), or (16) to a wind tunnel, the arbitrary constants of the summations must be evaluated. This evaluation can be effected by using the remaining boundary conditions, which require that the potentials in each slot must be equal to each other and that only a vortex flow can exist about the singularities within the tunnel.

The potential condition can be evaluated by the following line integral:

\[
\int_{(a, b, \theta_n)}^{(a, b, \theta_{n+1})} V \cdot dS = \varphi(a, b, \theta) - \varphi(a, b, \theta) = 0 \tag{18}
\]

in which the limits of integration terminate in the slot. One path which can be used is the streamline which flows along the panel. When this streamline is used as the path of integration, equation (18) becomes

\[
\int_{(a, b, \theta_n)}^{(a, b, \theta_{n+1})} V \cdot dS = \varphi(a, b, \theta) - \varphi(a, b, \theta) = 0 \tag{19}
\]

as the potential is the same over all slots. Since the velocity \( V \) will in general be complex, two equations which may be used to evaluate the constants.

The set of boundary equations (19) and (20) may be considered as a set of simultaneous equations in the unknown constants found in equation (14), (15), or (16) and is used to determine the values of these constants. If these constants are to be uniquely determined, there must be as many equations as there are constants. An examination of equations (19) and (20) shows that equation (19) gives \( 2m \) equations and that equation (20) gives four equations, making a total of \( 2m+4 \) equations which may be used to determine the unknown constants. The number of constants which must be satisfied is determined from an examination of equation (16). The paragraph following equation (16) shows that \( g \) must equal \( 2m \), so that the number of constants must equal \( 2m+4 \); hence the number of equations and the number of constants are equal, so that all the constants are determined, and a unique solution is obtained for the problem.

**Derivation of Equations**

Slots symmetrically located with respect to the \( x \)- and \( y \)-axes.—In the case of symmetry about the \( x \)- and \( y \)-axes, considerable simplification results. Equation (14) can be used in place of equation (16). In equation (14), each value of \( \theta_n \) in the multiple products can be used to produce four changes of sign, provided these products are written as

\[
\prod_{n=1}^{m/2} \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta_n} \tag{21}
\]

\[
\prod_{n=1}^{m/2} \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta_n} \tag{22}
\]
These changes of sign are observed at $\theta_0$, $-\theta_0$, $\pi-\theta_0$, and $\pi+\theta_0$, or one in each quadrant. Hence, if the values of $\theta_0$ are known in one of the quadrants, the multiple product need be extended only over that quadrant, as all the other slots will be automatically introduced. If the slots are evenly spaced and of equal width, function (21) or (22) can be replaced by

$$
\sqrt{\cos^2 \frac{m}{2} \phi - \cos^2 \frac{m}{2} \theta_0} \tag{23a}
$$
or

$$
\sqrt{\sin^2 \frac{m}{2} \phi - \sin^2 \frac{m}{2} \theta_0} \tag{23b}
$$

Expressions (23a) and (23b) can be shown to produce slots which are evenly spaced and of equal width by the substitution of

$$
\phi = \frac{2\pi n}{m} - \phi
$$

where

$$
\phi = \frac{2\pi n}{m} - \theta
$$

for $\phi$ in expressions (23a) and (23b).

When this modification is taken into consideration, equation (14) then may be written with the substitution of $\phi = e^{i\theta}$ as

$$
\frac{dw}{dz} = \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} \left( a_n \frac{z^{\frac{n+1}{2}} - ib_n z^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}{(z^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2 s^2) \frac{1}{2m^2 \pi^2} \sqrt[2m^2] {z^2 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_0 + 1}} \right)
$$

The circulation (eq. (20)) is determined by setting $\Gamma$ equal to the real parts of equations (26) and (27) while the nonexistence of sources is assured by setting the imaginary parts of equations (26) and (27) equal to zero. The condition on the potential (eq. (19)) is satisfied by letting $\theta = e^{i\phi}$ in equation (14), so as to obtain the velocity along the panel streamline, which is a convenient streamline to use for the evaluation of equation (19). Equation (19) then becomes

$$
0 = \int_{\text{panel}} \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} \left( a_n \cos n\theta - ib_n \sin n\theta \right) d\theta \tag{28}
$$

where the notation $\int_{\text{panel}}$ indicates integration over a panel. Separate equations are then obtained, one for each panel. The constants $a_\alpha$ and $b_\alpha$ can now be evaluated by considering equations (26), (27), and (28) as a set of simultaneous equations in $a_\alpha$ and $b_\alpha$.

In solving equations (26) to (28) for $a_\alpha$, it is observed that a new constant $\alpha_\alpha$ appears; thus,

$$
a_\alpha = \frac{\alpha_\alpha}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_0 + 1}} \tag{29}
$$

A corresponding relation between $b_\alpha$ and a new constant $\beta_\alpha$ also appears. With the substitution of these new constants $\alpha_\alpha$ and $\beta_\alpha$, equation (25) may be written

$$
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{2\pi m}{\pi (z^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2 s^2) \frac{1}{2m^2 \pi^2} \sqrt[2m^2] {z^2 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_0 + 1}} \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} \left[ a_n z^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (z^{\frac{n+1}{2}} + 1) - ib_n z^{\frac{n-1}{2}} (z^{\frac{n-1}{2}} - 1) \right] \tag{30}
$$
and equations (26), (27), and (28) become, respectively,

\[ \frac{i}{p} = \sum_{n=0}^{m+1} \left[ \alpha_n \left( i^2 - n^2 \right) \right] \]

(31a)

\[ \frac{i}{p} = \sum_{n=0}^{m+1} \left\{ \alpha_n (-s)^{n+1} \left[ (s^2)^{n+1} - 1 \right] - i \beta_n (-s)^{n+1} \left[ (s^2)^{n+1} - 1 \right] \right\} \]

(31b)

\[ 0 = \int_{\text{panel}} \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{m+1} \left( \alpha_n \cos n\theta - i \beta_n \sin n\theta \right) d\theta}{(1 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta + s^2) \Pi \left( \sqrt{s^2 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta + 1} \right)} \]

(31c)

Examination of equations (31) shows that a number of the \( \alpha_n \)'s and \( \beta_n \)'s are equal to zero. This is shown by first considering the nature of the simultaneous equations (31). The equating of the real and imaginary parts divides the entire set into two separate sets of simultaneous equations, one of which involves \( \alpha_n \)'s only and the other \( \beta_n \)'s only. When \( p \) is chosen, one of the sets will be homogeneous whereas the other set will contain two equations with constant terms equal to \(-1\). Thus, one set of constants becomes equal to zero whereas the other set has values which may be different from zero. This remaining set of equations can be reduced by considering the values of the integrals across any one of the panels and its counterpart which is symmetrically located with respect to the \( y \)-axis. It can be shown that these integrals will have the same absolute values and the same sign if \( n \) is even but opposite signs if \( n \) is odd. The same feature is also observed in comparing equations (31a) and (31b); that is, if \( \frac{m}{2} - n + 1 \) is odd, then the terms containing \( b \) to that power will have opposite signs whereas the remaining terms will have the same signs. By adding or subtracting equations (31a) and (31b) and the integrals for the real and imaginary parts across each of the symmetrically located panels, the set of equations in \( \alpha_n \) (or in \( \beta_n \)) may be reduced to two new sets, one of which contains the odd values of \( n \) and the other the even values of \( n \). Again one of these sets is homogeneous, and one equation of the other set has a constant term equal to \(-1\) so that all the constants associated with either the odd values of \( n \) or the even values of \( n \) will be equal to zero and the other set will have values which can be different from zero.

This analysis shows that one of four sets of constants \( \alpha_{2j+1}, \alpha_{2j+3}, \beta_{2j}, \) and \( \beta_{2j+1} \) can occur, so that four different symmetrical slot configurations are suggested. The possible symmetrical configurations which can occur are (case I) panels intersecting both axes, (case II) slots intersecting both axes, (case III) a panel intersecting the \( x \)-axis and a slot intersecting the \( y \)-axis, and (case IV) a slot intersecting the \( x \)-axis and a panel intersecting the \( y \)-axis. These conditions are found to occur when the tunnel has \( 4j \) slots with \( p \) equal to \( i \) (case I) or 1 (case II) or 2(2j+1) slots with \( p \) equal to \( i \) (case III) or 1 (case IV). Since there are four sets of constants and four different symmetrical slot configurations, it is to be expected that each set of constants can be associated with one of the symmetrical slot configurations. When equations (31) are set up for each of the symmetrical slot configurations, the following associations are found to exist:

Case I (panels intersecting both axes): the \( \alpha_{2j+1} \) set has values different from zero.

Case II (slots intersecting both axes): the \( \beta_{2j+1} \) set has values different from zero.

Case III (panel intersecting the \( x \)-axis and slot intersecting the \( y \)-axis): the \( \alpha_{2j+1} \) set has values different from zero.

Case IV (slot intersecting the \( x \)-axis and panel intersecting the \( y \)-axis): the \( \beta_{2j+1} \) set has values different from zero.

Equations (30) and (31) can now be written by using only the constants which may have values other than zero. However, equations (30) and (31) can be written in a more symmetrical form if the solution is carried a step further. The equations for the set of constants that are used for a given configuration may be written, by using the set \( \alpha_{2j+1} \) as an example,

\[ -1 = \alpha_1 \gamma_0 + \alpha_3 \gamma_0 + \ldots + \alpha_{2j+1} \gamma_0 \gamma_{2j+1} \]

(32)

\[ 0 = \alpha_1 \gamma_1 + \alpha_3 \gamma_3 + \ldots + \alpha_{2j+1} \gamma_1 \gamma_{2j+1} \]

\[ 0 = \alpha_1 \gamma_1 + \alpha_3 \gamma_3 + \ldots + \alpha_{2j+1} \gamma_1 \gamma_{2j+1} \]

where the \( \gamma \)'s are the corresponding functions of \( \theta \) and \( s \). Now consider as a matrix the coefficients of the right-hand side of the equations whose constant terms are equal to zero, and let \( A_1, A_3, A_5, \ldots \) be equal to the determinants, respectively, which remain after the column that corresponds to the number \( 2j+1 \) of the constant \( A_{2j+1} \) is removed. Then, using Cramer's rule,

\[ a_1 = \frac{A_1}{A_1 \gamma_0 - A_3 \gamma_0 + \ldots + \left( -1 \right)^{2j+1} A_{2j+1} \gamma_0 \gamma_{2j+1}} \]

(33)

\[ a_2 = \frac{A_2}{A_1 \gamma_0 - A_3 \gamma_0 + \ldots + \left( -1 \right)^{2j+1} A_{2j+1} \gamma_0 \gamma_{2j+1}} \]

with corresponding equations for the remaining values of \( a_{2j+1} \).

When the solution for each constant (eq. (33)) is substituted into equation (30), it can be written

\[ \frac{d\omega}{dz} = -p \frac{\pi \gamma_0 \left( 1 - s^2 \right)^{m/2}}{\sum_{j=1}^{2j+1} \sqrt{s^2 - 2s^2 \cos 2z}} f(z) \]

(34)
where \( f(z) \) is determined by one of the following equations, the choice depending upon the symmetry of the desired slot configuration:

For case I, or panels intersecting both axes,

\[
f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{m/2} (-1)^j A_{2j+1} z^{2j} \left( z^{2(j+1)} - 1 \right)
\]

(35a)

For case II, or slots intersecting both axes (note that in this case as well as in case IV, \( B \) has the same relation to \( A \) as \( \alpha \) has to \( \lambda \) in the demonstrated case),

\[
f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{m/2} (-1)^j B_{2j+1} z^{2j} \left( z^{2(j+1)} - 1 \right)
\]

(35b)

For case III, or a panel intersecting the \( z \)-axis and a slot intersecting the \( y \)-axis,

\[
f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{m+2} (-1)^j A_{2j+2} z^{2j} \left( z^{2j+1} - 1 \right)
\]

(35c)

For case IV, or a slot intersecting the \( z \)-axis and a panel intersecting the \( y \)-axis,

\[
f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{m+2} (-1)^j B_{2j+2} z^{2j} \left( z^{2j+1} - 1 \right)
\]

(35d)

The constants \( A_{2j+1}, B_{2j+1}, A_{2j}, \) and \( B_{2j} \) are determined from the following matrices in the manner discussed in the material following equation (32). The matrix for case I is

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\int_{-\epsilon_1}^{\epsilon_1} \cos \theta \, d\theta \/ f_1(\theta) \\
\int_{-\epsilon_1}^{\epsilon_1} \cos 3\theta \, d\theta \/ f_1(\theta) \\
\vdots \\
\int_{-\epsilon_1}^{\epsilon_1} \cos (m/2+1) \theta \, d\theta \/ f_1(\theta)
\end{bmatrix}
\]

where

\[
f_1(\theta) = (1 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta + s^4) \prod_{\nu=1}^{m/2} \frac{\cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta_\nu}{\sin \theta}
\]

The matrix for case II is

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\int_{-\epsilon_1}^{\epsilon_1} \sin \theta \, d\theta \/ f_2(\theta) \\
\int_{-\epsilon_1}^{\epsilon_1} \cos \theta \, d\theta \/ f_2(\theta) \\
\vdots \\
\int_{-\epsilon_1}^{\epsilon_1} \sin (m/2+1) \theta \, d\theta \/ f_2(\theta)
\end{bmatrix}
\]

where

\[
f_2(\theta) = (1 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta + s^4) \prod_{\nu=1}^{m/2} \frac{\cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta_\nu}{\sin \theta}
\]

The matrix for case III is

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \cos \theta \, d\theta \/ f_3(\theta) \\
\int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \cos 2\theta \, d\theta \/ f_3(\theta) \\
\vdots \\
\int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \cos (m/2+1) \theta \, d\theta \/ f_3(\theta)
\end{bmatrix}
\]

where

\[
f_3(\theta) = (1 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta + s^4) \prod_{\nu=1}^{m/2} \frac{\cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta_\nu}{\sin \theta}
\]

The matrix for case IV is

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\int_{-\epsilon_2}^{\epsilon_2} \sin 2\theta \, d\theta \/ f_4(\theta) \\
\int_{-\epsilon_2}^{\epsilon_2} \cos 2\theta \, d\theta \/ f_4(\theta) \\
\vdots \\
\int_{-\epsilon_2}^{\epsilon_2} \sin (m/2+1) \theta \, d\theta \/ f_4(\theta)
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(36d)
where

\[ f_0(\theta) = (1 - 2a^2 \cos 2\theta + \delta^2) \prod_{\nu = 1}^{m} \frac{\cos^2 \varphi_\nu - \cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \varphi_\nu} \]

Solution for symmetrically loaded wings.—Symmetrically loaded wings can be assumed to be made up of vortex pairs of circulation \(-d\) and \(d\). Since the circulation can be expressed as \(\Gamma_0 f(z)\) where \(\Gamma_0\) is the circulation at the point \(z = 0\), the strength of each pair becomes

\[ d\Gamma = \Gamma_0 f'(z) \, dz \] (37)

This value of the circulation may be substituted into equation (34) to give the contribution of each elemental vortex to the total flow. It is then necessary to integrate the equation over the entire span to obtain the flow, or

\[ \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)_N = \Gamma_0 \int_{-s}^{s} f'(z) \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)_U \, dz \] (38)

where \((dw/dz)_U\) is the complex velocity of the nonuniformly loaded wing, and \((dw/dz)_U\) is the complex velocity (eq. (34)) of the uniformly loaded wing with \(z\) substituted for \(s\) and a circulation of unity.

Corrections for interference due to lift.—The interference complex-velocity field at the far-downstream position is determined by subtracting the complex velocity of the free field from the complex velocity of the constrained field, or

\[ \frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{dw}{dz} + \frac{is\Gamma}{\pi(\varphi^2 - \delta^2)} \] (39)

A useful parameter which indicates the effect of slotting a tunnel is the ratio of the interference of that tunnel to the interference of a closed tunnel. This parameter, which is the same at the far-downstream position as at the model and which will be called the quality factor \(k\), can be expressed mathematically as follows:

\[ k = \frac{\frac{d\omega}{dz} + \frac{is\Gamma}{\pi(\varphi^2 - \delta^2)}}{\frac{d\omega}{dz} + \frac{is\Gamma}{\pi(\varphi^2 - \delta^2)}} \] (40)

where \(d\omega/dz\) is the complex velocity of the closed-tunnel configuration.

Once the values of \(k\) are determined as a function of the semispan \(s\) for a specific tunnel, the interference can be calculated. It is shown in reference 7 that the interference on the lift can be expressed as an angle which may be added to the measured angle of attack to obtain the true or free-flight angle of attack. Reference 7 gives the correction angle in radians as

\[ \epsilon = \frac{SC_k}{\delta} \] (41)

where \(\delta\) is a factor which is determined from the geometry of the tunnel configuration, \(S\) is the wing area, \(C\) the tunnel area, and \(C_k\) the lift coefficient. Also from reference 7, the increment which must be added to the measured drag to obtain the correct drag is

\[ \Delta C_D = \frac{5 \cdot SC_k^2}{\delta} \] (42)

In the case of the slotted tunnel, it is convenient to use the quality factor \(k\) and then express the two corrections as

\[ \epsilon_s = k \frac{SC_k}{\delta} \] (43)

and

\[ \Delta C_D = k \frac{SC_k^2}{\delta} \] (44)

where \(\delta\) can be determined from the literature on lift interference of closed tunnels.

Solution and interference quality factors for tunnels with cross sections other than circular.—The solution of the wall-interference problem for tunnels having cross sections other than circular can be obtained by following the method of paragraph 14.6, reference 8. This method requires that a function \(z = f(\xi)\) be found which will conformally transform the interior of the tunnel cross section in the \(z\)-plane into the interior of the unit circle \(|\zeta|=1\) in the \(\xi\)-plane. It is also necessary that \(f'(\xi)\) does not vanish or become infinite in the unit circle \(|\zeta|=1\). The complex velocity of the tunnel in the \(z\)-plane is then

\[ u = i\nu = \frac{dw}{dz} \frac{d\xi}{d\zeta} \] (45)

In the function \(dw/d\zeta\) of equation (45), the \(\theta_j\)'s which determine the slot edges of the \(\xi\)-plane are the transformed values of the slot edges in the \(z\)-plane and the values of \(\zeta\) in the \(\xi\)-plane are also determined from the transformations of the points \(s\) in the \(z\)-plane. Once these values are determined for the transformed tunnel in the \(\xi\)-plane, the velocity field \(dw/d\xi\) in the \(\xi\)-plane may be computed. The velocities in the \(z\)-plane may then be computed by equation (45).

The interference and the quality factor may now be deduced from equation (45). Subtracting the free field from the complex velocity given in equation (45) gives for the interference velocity

\[ \frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{dw}{d\xi} \frac{d\xi}{dz} + \frac{is\Gamma}{\pi(\varphi^2 - \delta^2)} \] (46)

The interference for any tunnel can be determined from this equation; however, in many cases, the use of a quality factor may be more convenient. The quality factor for this class of tunnels can be written

\[ k = \frac{\frac{d\omega}{dz} + \frac{is\Gamma}{\pi(\varphi^2 - \delta^2)}}{\frac{d\omega}{d\xi} + \frac{is\Gamma}{\pi(\varphi^2 - \delta^2)}} \] (47)

where \(d\omega/d\xi\) represents the complex velocity of the transformation of the closed tunnel in the \(\xi\)-plane.

A simplification of equation (47) can be made in case the transformation \(f(\xi)\) may be approximated by \(ct\) for points near the center of the tunnel. If \(s\) is sufficiently small, its value in the \(\xi\)-plane may therefore be represented by \(s = \xi\).
where \( l \) represents the distance to the point which locates the transformation of the tip vortex in the \( \zeta \)-plane. Substituting these approximations into equation (47) gives for the quality factor:

\[
k = \frac{\frac{dw}{d\zeta} \cdot i \sigma \sqrt{\zeta^2 - \zeta_0^2}}{\frac{dw}{d\zeta} \cdot i \sigma \sqrt{\zeta^2 - \zeta_0^2}} = \frac{\frac{dw}{d\zeta} \cdot i \sigma \sqrt{\zeta^2 - \zeta_0^2}}{\frac{dw}{d\zeta} \cdot i \sigma \sqrt{\zeta^2 - \zeta_0^2}}
\]

Equation (48) shows that the quality factor near the center of the original tunnel in the \( \zeta \)-plane is approximately equal to the quality factor of the corresponding circular tunnel in the \( \zeta \)-plane. Thus, to obtain the interference, only the quality factor of the circular tunnel needs to be computed, provided the interference of the original closed tunnel is known and the approximation \( \zeta = c \) is valid throughout the region in which the model is located.

**Applications of Theory to Various Tunnels**

Two slots located symmetrically across the \( x \)-axis.—Tunnels which have two slots located symmetrically across the \( x \)-axis (fig. 2(a)) are treated under case IV. Thus, their complex velocity field may be expressed by equation (34) and equation (35d) where \( j \) takes the values 0 and 1. Since the integrals across the two panels are identically zero, the matrix of the integrals has no meaning and hence is not used. With these considerations the complex velocity may now be written

\[
dw \frac{1}{dz} = \frac{i \sigma (1-s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1} B_x (z^4 - 1)}{\pi (z^2 - s^2)(1 - s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1} B_x (z^4 - 1)}
\]

The wall interference is determined by subtracting the complex velocity for the free field from equation (49), or

\[
dw \frac{1}{dz} - \frac{i \sigma (1-s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1} B_x (z^4 - 1)}{\pi (z^2 - s^2)(1 - s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1} B_x (z^4 - 1)}
\]

The quality factor \( k \) is determined by dividing equation (50) by the closed-tunnel interference which is

\[
k = \frac{\pi (z^2 - s^2)}{1 - s^2} \left[ \frac{(1-s^2) (1+z^2)}{(1-s^2) (1+z^2)} - 1 \right]
\]

or

\[
k = \frac{(1-s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1}}{(1-s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1} - 1}
\]

This function can be written

\[
k = \frac{(1-s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1} - (1-s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1}}{(z^2 - s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1}}
\]

The effects of the slots on the interference along the span of the model are obtained by substituting \( z \) for \( \zeta \); then,

\[
k = \frac{(1-z^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1} - (1-z^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1}}{(z^2 - s^2) \sqrt{s^4 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1}}
\]

**Figure 2.—Various symmetrical slot configurations investigated for the lift interference.**

If \( x \) and \( s \) are sufficiently small so that the approximation

\[
\sqrt{x^4 - 2x^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + 1} = 1 - x^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + \frac{x^4}{2} \sin^2 2\theta_1
\]

is valid, then

\[
k = \frac{2 \cos 2\theta_1 - 2x^2 - (x^4 + x^2) \sin^2 2\theta_1}{2 - 2x^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + x^4 \sin^2 2\theta_1}
\]

The quality factor is seen to be insensitive to values of either \( x \) or \( s \), so that for this tunnel with relatively small models (\( s = 0.25 \) or less) the effect of slotting the tunnel on the lift
of any model may be obtained by multiplying the closed-tunnel interference for that model by the slotted-tunnel quality factor.

Pistolesi (ref. 5) shows that the interference quality factor for this tunnel with a vortex doublet in the center is, in the notation of this report, cos 2θ. Equation (55) reduces to the same value when z and 8 are set equal to zero.

Two slots located symmetrically across the y-axis.—Tunnels which have two slots located symmetrically across the y-axis (fig. 2(b)) are treated under case III (see eq. (35c)). Thus, their complex velocity may be expressed by equation (34) with j(z) given by expression (35c), so that it can be written

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{-i\Gamma(1-s^2)\sqrt{s^2-2s^2 \cos \theta + 1}}{\pi(s^2-s^2)(1-s^2)\sqrt{s^2-2s^2 \cos \theta + 1}[A_1 \phi(s^2+1)-A_2 \phi(s^2+1)]}
\]

where \( A_0 \) and \( A_2 \) are determined from the matrix (36c) and are

\[
A_0 = \int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{1-2s^2 \cos \theta + s^2} \phi(s^2-2s^2 \cos \theta + 1)
\]

\[
A_2 = \int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{1-2s^2 \cos \theta + s^2} \phi(s^2-2s^2 \cos \theta + 1)
\]

If \( z \) and \( s \) are considered small, the complex velocity of this field may be approximated by

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{i\Gamma(1-s^2)\sqrt{s^2-2s^2 \cos \theta + 1}}{\pi(s^2-s^2)(1-s^2)\sqrt{s^2-2s^2 \cos \theta + 1}}[A_1 \phi(s^2+1)-A_2 \phi(s^2+1)]
\]

where

\[
f_1(\theta) = \frac{1-2s^2 \cos \theta + s^2}{1-2s^2 \cos \theta + s^2}
\]

If the tunnel contains 12 slots with panels intersecting both axes,

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{-i\Gamma(1-s^2)\phi(s^2-2s^2 \cos \theta + 1)}{\pi(s^2-s^2)(1-s^2)\phi(s^2-2s^2 \cos \theta + 1)} \times \\
\frac{A_1 \phi(s^2+1)-A_3 \phi(s^2+1)+A_4 \phi(s^2+1)}{A_5 \phi(s^2+1)+A_6 \phi(s^2+1)+A_7 \phi(s^2+1)+A_8 \phi(s^2+1)}
\]

where \( A_1, A_3, A_5 \), and \( A_7 \) are equal to the determinants remaining when the first, second, third, and fourth columns, respectively, are removed from the following matrix:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} \\
\int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} \\
\int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-t_1}^{t_1} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

where

\[
f_1(\theta) = \frac{1-2s^2 \cos \theta + s^2}{1-2s^2 \cos \theta + s^2}
\]
If the slots are of equal width and evenly spaced, equations (62), (64), and (66) can be simplified by substituting the terms

\[ \sqrt{1 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta + s^2} \]

and

\[ \sqrt{1 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta} \]

for the multiple products in equations (62), (64), and (66), and

\[ \sqrt{\cos^2 \frac{m}{2} \theta - \cos^2 \frac{n}{2} \theta} \]

for the multiple products in equations (63a), (63b), (65b), and (67b). With these substitutions the limits of the integrals in the second row of the matrix (65a) are changed to \( \pi/4 - \theta_1 \) for the lower limit and \( \pi/4 + \theta_1 \) for the upper limit, and those of the second and third rows in the matrix (67a) are changed to \( \pi/6 - \theta_1 \) and \( \pi/3 - \theta_1 \) for the lower limits and \( \pi/6 + \theta_1 \) and \( \pi/3 + \theta_1 \) for the upper limits.

The interference in these tunnels is obtained by computing the velocity and subtracting the free-field velocities, then dividing by \( \sqrt{M} \) since the computed fields are for a great distance downstream and (see ref. 6) the interference velocities at the model are one-half those downstream.

Tunnels with \( 2(2j + 1) \) slots located symmetrically with respect to both axes. Tunnels with \( 2(2j + 1) \) slots located symmetrically with respect to the \( x- \) and \( y- \) axes can have the symmetry of slot location of either case III (expression (35c), fig. 2 (e)), with a panel intercepting the \( x- \) axis and a slot intercepting the \( y- \) axis, or of case IV (expression (35d), fig. 2 (f)), with a slot intercepting the \( x- \) axis and a panel intercepting the \( y- \) axis. Thus, the complex velocity may be expressed by equation (34) with \( f(z) \) given by either equation (35c) or (35d), depending upon the desired configuration. As examples of this class and of the simplification due to evenly spaced slots of equal width, the complex-velocity fields for tunnels containing six evenly spaced slots of equal width can be written for case III, where panels are on the \( x- \) axis,

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = -i\Gamma(1-s^2)\sqrt{s^2 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta + s^2} \frac{2A_{0s}^2 - A_{1s}^2(s^2 + 1) + A_{2s}^2(s^2 + 1)}{\pi(s^2 - s^2)(1 - s^2)^{3/2} \cos 2\theta \sin \theta}
\]

where \( A_0, A_1, \) and \( A_2 \) are evaluated from the following matrix by the same methods used in equation (64):

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\int_{-\theta_1}^{\theta_1} \frac{d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-\theta_1}^{\theta_1} \cos 2\theta \frac{d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-\theta_1}^{\theta_1} \cos 4\theta \frac{d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} \\
\int_{-\theta_1}^{\theta_1} (2s^2 \cos 2\theta) \frac{d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-\theta_1}^{\theta_1} (4s^2 \cos 4\theta) \frac{d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-\theta_1}^{\theta_1} (6s^2 \cos 6\theta) \frac{d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} \\
\int_{-\theta_1}^{\theta_1} (8s^2 \cos 8\theta) \frac{d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-\theta_1}^{\theta_1} (10s^2 \cos 10\theta) \frac{d\theta}{f_1(\theta)} & \int_{-\theta_1}^{\theta_1} (12s^2 \cos 12\theta) \frac{d\theta}{f_1(\theta)}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

where \( f_1(\theta) = (1 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta) \sqrt{s^2 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta + s^2} \) and

\[
\text{For case IV (fig. 2 (f)), where slots are on the } x- \text{ axis,}
\]

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = -i\Gamma(1-s^2)\sqrt{s^2 - 2s^2 \cos 2\theta + s^2} \frac{2A_{0s}^2 - A_{1s}^2(s^2 + 1) + A_{2s}^2(s^2 + 1)}{\pi(s^2 - s^2)(1 - s^2)^{3/2} \cos 2\theta \sin \theta}
\]

The constants in this case must be evaluated from the circulation about the poles at \( \pm s \) and \( -s \) and the nonexistence of sources at those points, as the potential condition is automatically satisfied because the potential is constant across a single slot. The circulation and nonexistence of sources (eqs. (27) and (28)) may be expressed about the pole \( s \) as

\[
\Gamma + i\sigma = 2\pi i \left[ a_0s(1+s) + a_1(1+s^2) + i[b_0s(1-s) + b_1(1-s^2)] \right] \sqrt{2(1-s^2)}(1-2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2)
\]

The constants in this case must be evaluated from the circulation about the poles at \( \pm s \) and \( -s \) and the nonexistence of sources at those points, as the potential condition is automatically satisfied because the potential is constant across a single slot. The circulation and nonexistence of sources (eqs. (27) and (28)) may be expressed about the pole \( s \) as

\[
\Gamma + i\sigma = 2\pi i \left[ a_0s(1+s) + a_1(1+s^2) + i[b_0s(1-s) + b_1(1-s^2)] \right] \sqrt{2(1-s^2)}(1-2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2)
\]
If there are to be no sources at the poles, \( \sigma \) must equal zero. It may be seen from inspection that \( a_0 \) and \( a_1 \) are equal to zero and that \( b_0 \) and \( b_1 \) have solutions other than zero. When these solutions for \( b_0 \) and \( b_1 \) are substituted into equation (73), it becomes

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{-is\Gamma}{2s(\xi^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2}} \left\{\left[\left(1 + s\right) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2} - s \left(1 - s\right) \sqrt{1 + 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2}\right] z (1 - z) + \right.\]

\[
\left.\left[-(s - \xi) \sqrt{1 + 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2} - (1 - s) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2}\right] (1 - s^2) z (1 - s) \right\}.
\]

(75)

The interference velocity is determined as before by subtracting the free-field velocity \(-is\Gamma/\pi (\xi^2 - s^2)\); hence, the interference complex velocity is

\[
\frac{dw_I}{dz} = \frac{-is\Gamma}{2s(\xi^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2}} \left\{\left[\left(1 + s\right) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2} - s \left(1 - s\right) \sqrt{1 + 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2}\right] z (1 - z) + \right.\]

\[
\left.\left[-(s - \xi) \sqrt{1 + 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2} - (1 - s) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2}\right] (1 - s^2) z (1 - s) \right\}.
\]

(76)

The quality factor \( k \) is determined by dividing equation (76) by the closed-tunnel interference velocity, which is \(-is\Gamma/\pi (1 - s^2)\). After performing this operation and combining a number of terms, the quality factor \( k \) may be written

\[
k = \frac{1}{2s(1 - s^2) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2}} \left\{\left[1 + s\right) (1 - z) (z + s) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2} - (1 - s) (1 - z) (z - s) \sqrt{1 + 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2} - \right.\]

\[
\left.\left[1 + s\right) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2} - (1 - s) \sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2}\right] (1 - s^2) \right\}.
\]

(77)

This factor can be checked by letting \( \theta_1 = 0^\circ \), which represents a closed tunnel, for which \( k \) can be shown to be equal to +1; and if \( \theta_1 = 180^\circ \), which represents the open tunnel, then \( k \) can be shown to be equal to -1.

Equation (77) can be considerably simplified by using the following approximations, in which \( z \) (or \( s \)) is assumed to be small with respect to 1:

\[
\sqrt{1 - 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2} = 1 - s \cos \theta_1 + \frac{s^2 \sin^2 \theta_1}{2}.
\]

(78)

and

\[
\sqrt{1 + 2s \cos \theta_1 + s^2} = 1 + s \cos \theta_1 + \frac{s^2 \sin^2 \theta_1}{2}.
\]

(79)

After multiplication and collection of terms, equation (77) simplifies with the use of equations (78) and (79) to

\[
k = \frac{\cos \theta_1 - \frac{\sin^2 \theta_1}{2} - z \left[1 + s \left(1 + s \sin^2 \theta_1 \right)\right]}{1 - s \cos \theta_1 + \frac{z \sin^2 \theta_1}{2}}.
\]

(80)

If terms of the order \( s^2 \) and higher are eliminated, equation (80) may be approximated with

\[
k = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - 2 \cos \theta_1 - \cos^2 \theta_1 + z \left[2 s^2 + (2 - \cos \theta_1) \sin^2 \theta_1\right]\right].
\]

(81)

Equation (81) shows that the interference of this tunnel has an odd function component along the \( x \)-axis which will produce a variation in the effective angle of attack that will cause the model to have a rolling moment. Since extension of flow fields of this type (an odd number of slots symmetrically located with respect to the \( x \)-axis) to greater numbers of slots will not eliminate the odd powers of \( z \), the rolling moments will continue to exist. It is therefore to be concluded that tunnels containing an odd number of slots symmetrically located with respect to the \( x \)-axis introduce an extraneous moment into the data.

Single slot located symmetrically across the \( y \)-axis.—For tunnels which have a single slot located symmetrically across the \( y \)-axis (fig. 2(h)) summation (17) is again used rather than (11) because of the odd number of slots. This summation when used in equation (15) results in the proper slot symmetry, and the complex velocity may therefore be expressed as

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{z}{\left(\xi^2 - s^2\right)(1 - \xi^2 s^2)} \frac{a_0 \cos \frac{\xi}{2} + a_1 \cos \frac{3\xi}{2} + b_0 \sin \frac{\xi}{2} + b_1 \sin \frac{3\xi}{2}}{\sqrt{\sin \frac{3\xi}{2} - \sin \frac{\xi}{2}}}.
\]

(82)

Since \( z = e^{i\xi} \), the complex velocity may be rewritten after substitution and combining various terms as

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{(1 + i) \left[a_0 (1 + z) + a_1 (1 + s^2) + b_0 i (1 - z) + b_1 i (1 - s^2)\right]}{2(\xi^2 - s^2)(1 - \xi^2 s^2) \sqrt{1 - 2iz \sin \frac{\xi}{2}} - s^2}.
\]

(83)

The constants \( a_0, a_1, b_0 \) and \( b_1 \) must now be evaluated from the circulation about each of the poles and the condition of continuity. The two situations about each pole may be expressed as

\[
\Gamma + i\sigma = \frac{2\pi i (1 + i) \left[a_0 (1 + s^2) + a_1 (1 + s^2) + b_0 i (1 - s^2) + b_1 i (1 - s^2)\right]}{4s(1 - s^2) \sqrt{1 - 2is \sin \theta_1 - s^2}}.
\]

(84a)
about the pole \( s \) and
\[
-\Gamma + i\sigma = \frac{2\pi i (1+i)[-a_0 s (1-s) + a_1 (1-s^2) - b_0 s (1+s) + b_1 (1+s^2)]}{-4s (1-s^2) \sqrt{1+2is \sin \theta_1 - s^3}}
\] (84b)

about the pole \(-s\). The strength \( \sigma \) must equal zero in order to satisfy the condition of nonexistence of sources. In order to simplify the rationalization of equations (84), the following substitutions are made:

\[
C + i D = \sqrt{1-s^3 + 2is \sin \theta_1}
\]
\[
C - i D = \sqrt{1-s^3 - 2is \sin \theta_1}
\]

Also let
\[
A_1 = a_0 s (1+s) + a_1 (1+s^2)
\]
\[
A_2 = -a_0 s (1-s) + a_1 (1-s^2)
\]
\[
B_1 = b_0 s (1-s) + b_1 (1-s^2)
\]
\[
B_2 = -b_0 s (1+s) + b_1 (1+s^2)
\] (85b)

The four simultaneous equations (84) can now be written, after rationalizing the denominator,

\[
A = R.P. (1-i)(C+iD)(A_1+iB_1)
\]
\[
0 = I.P. (1-i)(C+iD)(A_1+iB_1)
\]
\[
A = R.P. (1-i)(C-iD)(A_2+iB_2)
\]
\[
0 = I.P. (1-i)(C-iD)(A_2+iB_2)
\]

which may be restated as

\[
A = A_1 (C+D) + B_1 (C-D)
\]
\[
0 = -A_1 (C-D) + B_1 (C+D)
\]
\[
A = A_2 (C-D) + B_2 (C+D)
\]
\[
0 = -A_2 (C+D) + B_2 (C-D)
\] (87)

If \( A_1 \) and \( B_1 \) are determined from the first two and \( A_2 \) and \( B_2 \) from the last two of equations (87), it may be seen that

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{A(C+D)}{2(C^2+D^2)} &= A_1 = a_0 s (1+s) + a_1 (1+s^2) \\
\frac{A(C-D)}{2(C^2+D^2)} &= A_2 = -a_0 s (1-s) + a_1 (1-s^2)
\end{align*}
\] (88a)

Equations (88a) when solved for \( a_0 \) and \( a_1 \) and equations (88b) when solved for \( b_0 \) and \( b_1 \) give

\[
a_0 = \frac{A}{C^2+D^2} \frac{(C+D)(1-s^2)-(C-D)(1+s^2)}{4s(1-s^2)}
\]
\[
a_1 = \frac{A}{C^2+D^2} \frac{(C+D)s(1-s)+(C-D)s(1+s)}{4s(1-s^2)}
\]
\[
b_0 = \frac{A}{C^2+D^2} \frac{(C+D)(1-s^2)-(C-D)(1+s^2)}{4s(1-s^2)}
\]
\[
b_1 = \frac{A}{C^2+D^2} \frac{(C+D)s(1-s)+(C-D)s(1+s)}{4s(1-s^2)}
\] (89)

Equations (89) may be simplified to

\[
a_0 = -b_0 = \frac{2A(D-C\theta)}{4(C^2+D^2)s(1-s^2)}
\]
\[
a_1 = b_1 = \frac{2A s (C-D\theta)}{4(C^2+D^2)s(1-s^2)}
\] (90)

Letting \( a_0 = -b_0 \) and \( a_1 = b_1 \), the complex velocity equation (83) may be rewritten

\[
dw = \frac{2[z(a_0 + a_1 z') + i(a_0 z^2 + a_1)]}{2(z^2 - s^2)(1-z') \sqrt{1-2iz \sin \theta_1 - s^3}}
\] (91)

Substituting for \( a_0 \) and \( a_1 \) from equations (90) gives

\[
dw = \frac{2A [ s(D-C\theta) + s(C-D\theta) z'] + i [ s(C-D\theta) + (D-C\theta) z']}{4(C^2+D^2)s(1-s^2)(z^2 - s^2) \sqrt{1-2iz \sin \theta_1 - s^3}}
\] (92)

Now it may be shown that

\[
A = \frac{2is \Gamma}{\pi} (1-s^2)(C^2+D^2)
\] (93)

so that

\[
dw = \frac{\pi}{(z^2 - b^2)(1-z^2 b^2) \sqrt{1-2iz \sin \theta_1 - z^3}}
\] (94)

where

\[
C + iD = \sqrt{1-s^2 + 2is \sin \theta_1}
\]
Now divide by the closed-tunnel interference to obtain the quality factor, so that

\[
k = \frac{-i e^{-\delta}}{\pi (z^2 - \delta^2)} s((D - Cs^2) + (D - Cs^2 + s((D - Ds) s^2) - s(1 - z^2 s^2) \sqrt{1 - 2iz \sin \theta_1 - z^2})}{s(1 - z^2 s^2) \sqrt{1 - 2iz \sin \theta_1 - z^2}}
\]

or

\[
k = s((D - Ds) + (D - Cs^2) s^2 - i \frac{1}{2} or \quad \frac{1}{2} or \quad l = \lambda x - i \lambda K') \quad \text{and is also shown that the transformation (105) may also be expressed}
\]

\[
1 - cn(\lambda x + iK') \quad 1 + cn(\lambda x + iK')
\]

From reference 8, paragraph 14.8, \(cn(\lambda x + iK')\) is equal to \(-m^2/2ds \lambda x\), which will, for convenience, be called \(i\mu\). Now, on the circle,

\[
l^2 = \cos 2\theta = \frac{m - (d \lambda x) \mu}{1 + m^2}
\]

or

\[
\sin 2\theta = \frac{2 \mu}{1 + \mu^2} = \frac{2ds \lambda x}{m} \sqrt{1 + (d \lambda x)^2/m}
\]

The \(\theta_s\)'s of the circular tunnel in the \(l\)-plane are determined from the above equations by the locations of the slot edges \(x_s\) in the \(x\)-plane (see fig. 1(b)).

If the slots are on the side of the tunnel, a similar analysis starting with \(z = \frac{x}{2} + iy\) or \(l = \lambda x + iK\) will show that

\[
\sin 2\theta_s = \frac{2i \sqrt{1 - m^2 \mu} (\lambda y, m)}{1 + (1 - m) [sd (\lambda y, m)]^2} = \frac{2 \sqrt{1 - m^2 \mu} (\lambda y, 1 - m)}{1 + (1 - m) [sd (\lambda y, 1 - m)]^2}
\]

As before, equation (112) may be used to determine the \(\theta_s\)'s when the slot edges are functions of \(y\).

The value of \(l\) is given in reference 8 as

\[
l^2 = \frac{1 - cn \lambda b}{1 + cn \lambda b}
\]

With \(l\) and the \(\theta_s\)'s known, the complex velocity of the tunnel in the \(l\)-plane may now be computed, and the interference may be determined from equation (46).
The calculation of the interference for rectangular tunnels may be simplified by applying the conclusion following equation (48), which states that the quality factor of the transformed tunnel is approximately equal to the quality factor of the original tunnel, provided the transformation function can be approximated with \( z = c \xi \). Equation (105) is shown in reference 8, paragraph 14.8, to be approximately equal to \( \xi = \lambda x/2 \); hence the conclusion following equation (48) is valid for rectangular tunnels. Thus, it is necessary only to determine the quality factor for the transformed tunnel and to apply it to the correction for the fully closed rectangular tunnel (see ref. 8, paragraph 14.8, for this correction) to obtain the correction for the corresponding slotted rectangular tunnel.

Circular tunnels having general slot configurations.—Equation (16) is used to obtain the complex velocity for a configuration which contains a general slot distribution.

Equation (16) may be written

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{p(\alpha_i + b_i \sin \theta) \sum_{n=0}^{m} (\alpha_n + i \beta_n) \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{(z^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2) \prod_{\xi=1}^{2m} \sqrt{\cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}}
\]

Equation (114) becomes

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{p(\alpha_i + b_i \sin \theta) \sum_{n=0}^{m} (\alpha_n + i \beta_n) \left( \frac{z+1}{z-1} \right)^n}{(z^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2) \prod_{\xi=1}^{2m} \sqrt{\cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}}
\]

Equation (115) may be reduced to

\[
\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{2(z^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2) \prod_{\xi=1}^{2m} \sqrt{\cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}}{(z^2 - s^2)(1 - z^2) \prod_{\xi=1}^{2m} \sqrt{\cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}}
\]

The constants \( \alpha_i, b_i, \alpha_0, \beta_0, \beta_1, \ldots \beta_n \) are determined in the same manner as was used for the symmetrical slot configurations; that is, the circulation about both poles is equal to \( \Gamma \), the source strength \( \sigma \) is zero, and the potential in each slot is equal to zero. The conditions on the circulation and source strength may be determined from the line integral about the poles \( s \) and \(-s\). For the pole at \( s \),

\[
\Gamma + i \sigma = \frac{2 \pi ip(a_i + b_i \sin \theta) \sum_{n=0}^{m} (\alpha_n + i \beta_n)(1-s)^{m-n}(1+s)^n(-1)^{n-m}}{4s(1-s) \prod_{\xi=1}^{2m} \sqrt{i(s+1)-(s-1) \cot \frac{\theta}{2}}}
\]

and for the pole at \(-s\),

\[
\Gamma + i \sigma = \frac{2 \pi ip(a_i + b_i \sin \theta) \sum_{n=0}^{m} (\alpha_n + i \beta_n)(1+s)^{m-n}(1-s)^n(-1)^{n-m}}{4s(1-s) \prod_{\xi=1}^{2m} \sqrt{i(1-s)+(1+s) \cot \frac{\theta}{2}}}
\]

The condition on the potential in each slot may be determined from integrating the velocity over each panel, or

\[
0 = \int_{\text{panel}} \left[ (a_i \cos \theta + b_i \sin \theta) \sum_{n=0}^{m} (\alpha_n + i \beta_n) \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] d\theta
\]

and

\[
0 = \int_{\text{panel}} \left[ (a_i \cos \theta + b_i \sin \theta) \sum_{n=0}^{m} (\alpha_n + i \beta_n) \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] d\theta
\]

The constants \( a_i, b_i, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \ldots \alpha_n, \beta_0, \beta_1, \ldots \beta_n \) are determined from the solution of the set of simultaneous equations (117). Once the constants are determined, the complex velocity may be determined, and the interference may then be computed in the same manner as was used for the various symmetrical cases.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

INTERFERENCE QUALITY FACTORS FOR SEVERAL CIRCULAR TUNNELS WITH SYMMETRICALLY LOCATED, EVENLY SPACED SLOTS

The quality factors for circular tunnels containing various symmetrically located, evenly spaced slots of equal length and wings of very small span \((s \rightarrow 0)\) are given in figure 3. The curves for tunnels that have panels across the \( z \)-axis and contain 4, 8, or 12 slots are calculated from the formula

\[
k = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\theta_1} \cos \left( \frac{m \theta}{2} \right) \theta \, d\theta
\]

where \( \theta \) is defined in figure 1 and \( m \) is the number of slots. Equation (118) may be derived by considering the value of equation (34), expressed for symmetrically located, evenly spaced slots of equal width, when \( s \) and \( z \) are equal to zero. It is also the negative of the relation given in reference 5 for the same tunnel configurations, the minus sign being used to conform with the notation of this report.
An analysis of figure 3 shows that, for all configurations except the one with two slots across the z-axis, only a small percentage of the tunnel wall must be opened in order to obtain no interference at the center of a small model and that the amount of opening required rapidly becomes smaller when the number of slots is increased. It is also noted that the change in quality factor is very rapid at the null-interference condition, so that an accurate estimate of the interference is difficult.

The importance of slot location in determining the quality factor is indicated by the large divergence of the two curves for tunnels containing two slots. It can be shown, however, by comparing the quality-factor functions for the conditions of slots across the x- and y-axes and panels across the x- and y-axes, that as the number of slots increases, the quality factors will approach each other. Since the quality factors approach each other, it may be expected that the quality-factor curves for tunnels containing 8 or 12 evenly spaced slots of equal length will be approximately correct for any slot location. Thus, the quality factor should be approximately correct, even though the model is rolled in the tunnel.

VARIATION OF QUALITY FACTOR WITH SPAN OF MODEL

The effect of model span on the quality factor $k$ at the center of several slotted tunnels is shown in figure 4. Examination of the curves shows that the quality factor is fairly constant over an appreciable range of spans, in that it does not vary more than 10 percent for spans of 0.5 to 0.6 of the tunnel diameter or width. The quality factor for the tunnel containing two slots is seen to vary more, in that the quality factor changes 0.10 for a change in the span from zero to 0.46 of the tunnel diameter. The quality factor of the single slot, however, is seen to remain fairly constant regardless of span.

The spanwise variations of the quality factor for a model with a span of 0.75 of the tunnel diameter is shown in figure 5. This figure shows that the quality factor for the tunnels containing 8 or 12 slots is about 0.3 larger at the wing tips than it is at the center, whereas for the tunnel containing two slots it decreases about 0.6. These changes indicate that the spanwise change in $k$ can depend upon the boundary condition at the intersection of the wall and z-axis; that is, if a panel intersects the z-axis, $k$ will become larger, and if a slot intersects the z-axis, $k$ will become smaller. Such a tendency would be difficult to prove, however, so that an analysis of the variation in $k$ for any particular tunnel would require a computation of $k$ along the span for that model. These variations in $k$ also indicate that the lift corrections for a model with a span as great as 0.75 of the tunnel diameter can be roughly approximated by using the value of $k$ at the center of the tunnel; however, a more accurate correction would involve the use of an average value for $k$ as well as an average of the load over the span.
A résumé of the observations made from figures 4 and 5 indicates that, for these specific slot configurations at least, the quality factors for tunnels containing 8 or 12 slots, provided they are symmetrically located, equally spaced, and of equal length, are more nearly constant throughout a greater portion of the central region of the tunnel than are the quality factors in tunnels containing two slots. The fact that the quality factor is moderately constant even at spans of 0.75 permits the correction for lift interference to be made by computing the interference of the closed tunnel having the same cross section and then multiplying that interference by the quality factor for the center of the slotted tunnel.

**QUALITY FACTORS IN TUNNELS CONTAINING A SINGLE SLOT**

The variation of the quality factor with percentage of wall open in a tunnel containing a single slot symmetrically located with respect to the z-axis is shown in equation (80) and in figure 6 to be somewhat different from those previously studied in that $k$ is greater on the half-span of the wing which points toward the panel and is smaller on the side which points toward the slot. This variation of $k$ means that a spanwise variation in angle of attack exists which would cause the model to roll. Thus, a tunnel of this type, that is, a single slot symmetrically located with respect to the z-axis, has interferences which are more difficult to correct for because of the introduction of an unnecessary rolling moment into the measured data.

This rolling moment does not exist, however, if the slot is symmetrically located with respect to the y-axis. It is shown in equation (97), however, that the induced velocities will not be normal to the span but will have a small component along the span. Such a component should not affect the total forces seriously, since it would not affect the total induced velocity. However, the effects of this component should perhaps be considered in the treatment of load distributions along the span. Thus, the peculiarities of the interference effects of tunnels containing a single slot symmetrically located with respect to either axis indicate that its effects will be more difficult to correct.

If the equations for the single-slot case are extended to a larger odd number of evenly spaced, equal-width slots, it can be expected that both the rolling moment and the cross flows will become smaller because the walls create a more uniform interference field at the model.

**EFFECTS OF COMPRESSIBILITY ON THE CORRECTIONS**

It is shown in reference 9 that the lift due to compressible flow can be corrected in exactly the same manner as though the flow were incompressible. Thus, neither the $k$ nor the $\delta$ of equations (43) and (44) is a function of compressibility. Since the arguments used in reference 9 are based on subsonic linearized compressible flow, it may be expected that
corrections can be made for the critical or slightly higher Mach numbers.

**APPLICABILITY OF THE THEORY**

Several of the differences between the idealized and the actual problem are those due to viscosity, which causes a mixing region in the neighborhood of the slot rather than the assumed constant pressure surface which divides the high-velocity tunnel air and the stagnant tank air. Since the mixing region involves various complicated phenomena such as turbulence, velocity gradients, separation at the outer slot edges, and differences in boundary conditions in different slots depending upon the direction of flow through the slots, it is very likely that its effects on the lift interference will have to be determined from analysis of experimental data (for example, ref. 10).

Another effect of viscosity which becomes important if the slots are narrow and deep is the friction on the air as it flows through the slots. Since the friction reduces the amount of flow through the slots, they will effectively become narrower, so that the quality factor may be expected to become larger.

The possibility also exists that, in an actual tunnel, the pressures may not be equal in all the slots and the slot pressures may not be equal to the pressure in the tank. It would be expected that if the difference between the pressure in the slot and that in the tank causes more flow through the slot than occurs in the ideal tunnel, the slot will effectively be narrower, so that the quality factor may be expected to become larger.

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Other differences occur because a practical tunnel cannot be constructed like the ideal tunnel. These differences involve finite slot lengths, variable-width slots, and lips on the slot edges. In considering the effects of finite slot lengths, it seems reasonable to assume that these effects should be no more serious than the effects of a finite-length open tunnel. In reference 11, it is shown that the theoretical lift corrections for an infinitely long open tunnel are adequate, provided the model is located at a distance of at least one-half the tunnel height from the entrance and exit regions. Therefore, if the slot configuration is such that the width is constant over a section whose length is at least equal to tunnel height, the theoretical corrections should be adequate even though the slot width may vary considerably outside that region. The effect of lips on the slots may be shown qualitatively by comparing the pressure gradients of the two types of slot configurations, that is, with and without lips. Since the lips confine the flow, the pressure gradient in that configuration is less steep through the slot than if there were no lips. Therefore, the velocity may be expected to be lower, so that the effective width of the slots will be reduced and the quality factor thereby increased.

**CONCLUSIONS**

An analysis of the equations which represent the interference on the trailing-vortex system of a uniformly loaded wing, due to wind-tunnel walls with mixed open and closed boundaries, has shown that:

1. Slot openings of the order of 7 percent of the tunnel periphery for four evenly spaced slots of equal length, and less for larger numbers of slots, are required to reduce the interference on a lifting model to zero. The zero-interference quality factor, which is defined as the ratio of the interference of a slotted tunnel to the interference of a closed tunnel, is critical with respect to the percentage of wall opening, inasmuch as a small change in wall opening will cause an appreciable change in the quality factor when its value is near zero.

2. The tunnels which contain two symmetrically located slots showed quite different values of the interference for different slot locations. The differences in interference became smaller as the number of slots increased.

3. In the tunnels examined, a region is noted to exist about the center of the tunnel in which the ratio of the slotted-tunnel interference to the closed-tunnel interference was fairly constant, so that in order to obtain the corrections for the effects of a slotted tunnel it is necessary only to multiply the closed-tunnel interference by a constant.

4. The region in which the ratio of the slotted-tunnel interference to the closed-tunnel interference is reasonably uniform was found to be larger for the tunnels containing 8 or 12 slots than for those containing 2 slots.

5. An examination of tunnels containing a single slot showed that this slot produced a rolling moment or a cross flow on the model. Either or both of these phenomena may be expected for tunnels containing a larger odd number of evenly spaced, equal-width slots. These effects should, however, decrease as the number of slots increases. Similar interference may also be expected for any case in which the slots are asymmetrically arranged with respect to the model axes.

6. An analysis of the effects of compressibility shows that the quality factor is relatively unaffected by compressibility throughout the subsonic region.

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