

1. (25 %) Three identical airfoils are flying at the same α (three separate flow situations). Airfoil A has recently increased its α , so there's a starting vortex behind it. Airfoil C has recently decreased its α , so there's an opposite "stopping" vortex behind it. Airfoil B has had no change in α . For each part a) and b), circle the statement which is true. Hint: Consider the total velocity seen by each airfoil.

a)

i) $L'_A < L'_B < L'_C$

ii) $L'_A = L'_B = L'_C$

iii) $L'_A > L'_B > L'_C$

iv) $L'_A < L'_B > L'_C$

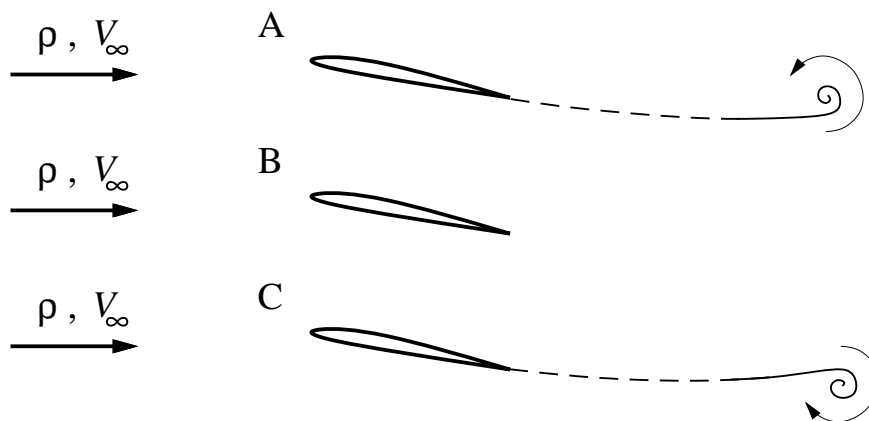
b)

i) $D'_A < D'_B < D'_C$

ii) $D'_A = D'_B = D'_C$

iii) $D'_A > D'_B > D'_C$

iv) $D'_A < D'_B > D'_C$



2. (35 %) A deforming airfoil is proposed for aerodynamic control in lieu of an aileron. The airfoil is to be deformed by an actuator with maximum stroke h . Two installations A and B are considered as shown in the figure. The resulting camberlines are:

$$Z_A(x) = 4h \frac{x}{c} \left(1 - \frac{x}{c}\right)$$
$$Z_B(x) = -h \left(\frac{x}{c}\right)^2$$

Determine and compare the following quantities for each installation.

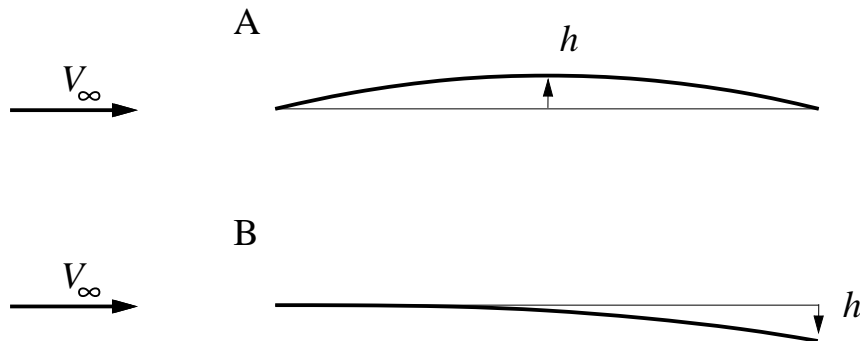
a) The control derivative $dc_\ell/d(h/c)$.

The larger this number, the more effective the actuator (good).

Hint: First determine the c_ℓ resulting from the imposed h/c deflection.

b) The moment derivative $dc_{m,c/4}/d(h/c)$.

The larger this number, the larger the structural torque on the wing (bad).



3. (40 %) We wish to design the geometry of a rectangular wing which is to have a nearly-constant circulation distribution and the following parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
 b &= 2 \text{ m} \\
 V_\infty &= 5 \text{ m/s} \\
 \Gamma(y) &\simeq \Gamma_0 = 0.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is recognized that this $\Gamma(y)$ must drop abruptly to zero at each tip. For simplicity we will also make the following choices:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha_{L=0} &= 0 && \text{(zero-camber airfoil)} \\
 \alpha &= 0 && \text{(common ref. axis placed along } V_\infty)
 \end{aligned}$$

- First, determine the downwash distribution $w(y)$, and sketch the associated $\alpha_i(y) = -w/V_\infty$. Give numerical values of α_i at the three points $y = 0 \text{ m}, 0.75 \text{ m}, 0.95 \text{ m}$.
- We now choose a constant chord distribution $c(y) = 0.2 \text{ m}$. What are the required $c_\ell(y)$ and $\alpha_{\text{geom}}(y)$ distributions?
- What difficulties do you see with trying to build such a wing?

