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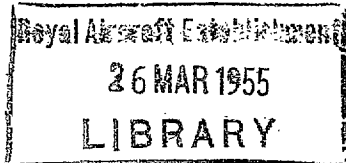
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*Summary.*—The potential flow, both with and without circulation, around several thin aeroplane wings has been studied by means of a three-dimensional potential analyser. It is shown that, by using the normal assumptions made in the exercise of the linear perturbation theory, it is possible to obtain the pressure distribution for small angles of incidence, as well as the slope of the lift-incidence curve, easily and rapidly.

Experiments are also described in which it was attempted to remove the effect of boundary restraint in a manner analogous to that used in a flexible-walled wind tunnel.

Suggestions are made for producing a potential analyser of increased scope together with the possibility of extending the work to curved and twisted thin wings.

1. *Introduction.*—An approximation to the pressure distribution over an aerofoil surface of high aspect ratio, moving at a low subsonic uniform velocity, has been satisfactorily computed by the use of lifting-line theory. After the pressure distribution has been determined the lift, pitching moment and other aerodynamic properties may be easily calculated.

The problem of the determination of the pressure distribution over low aspect ratio swept and unswept plan forms, presents considerable difficulty when using analytical methods based on lifting-surface theory; this report describes the use of a three-dimensional electrical potential analyser for the solution of problems of this nature.

The method consists, basically, of using an electrical analogy whereby the electrical potential, in an appropriately set up pure resistance network, represents the velocity potential of the disturbed flow in the vicinity of the aerofoil surface. Pressure can be calculated from the velocity potentials; the calculation of other aerodynamic properties follows in the normal manner. It must be emphasised that this method only provides a potential flow solution, although with circulation, for thin plates at small angles of attack.

Two electrical analogies for the pressure distribution on a lifting surface have been discussed by Campbell<sup>1</sup>; the first analogy he mentions is that used in this report, in his proposed second analogy electrical potentials represent the acceleration potentials of the fluid flow. Campbell's proposal is to apply the analogy using a deep electrolytic tank. The acceleration potential analogy is useful for cases in which it is desired to calculate quantities such as control hinge moments.

Malavard and Duquenne<sup>2</sup>, using the velocity potential analogy, have recently studied lifting surfaces by means of an electrolytic tank. They considered that the velocity potential analogy is preferable to the acceleration potential analogy, advocated by Campbell, except for very special cases.

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The electrolytic tank possesses an advantage over an electrical network because it provides a direct analogy to a continuous solution, whereas a network will only provide an analogy to the finite difference form of the appropriate differential equation, it only being possible to take readings at the discrete points provided by the nodal points of the net. Nevertheless, the electrolytic tank presents considerable experimental difficulty; for that reason an electrical network in the form of a three-dimensional potential analyser, which is extremely simple to operate, was chosen for the present investigation.

This report incorporates the work of two previous unpublished reports on the same subject<sup>3,4</sup>.

## 2. List of Symbols.

$x, y, z$	Cartesian co-ordinates referred to right-hand orthogonal axes. The origin $O$ is taken at the centre of the bottom edge $Ox$ of the master tier of the analyser; the faces $y = 0$ and $z = 0$ are used as reflecting surfaces, while $y = \hat{y}$ and $x = \pm \hat{x}$ are referred to as walls and $z = \hat{z}$ as the end of the analyser; $z = 0$ is referred to as the master tier
$X, Y, Z$	Cartesian co-ordinates obtained by an affine transformation from co-ordinates $x, y, z$
$x, \omega$	Two orthogonal co-ordinates such that $x$ represents the distance of a point from the plane of a disc and $\omega$ the radial distance of that point from the axis of the disc.
$r, \theta$	Polar co-ordinates
$c$	Radius
$U, V, W$	Velocities along the $x, y$ and $z$ -axes respectively
$u, v, w$	Perturbation velocities along the $x, y$ and $z$ -axes respectively
$\Phi$	Velocity potential
$\phi$	Perturbation potential, also electrical potential
$\psi$	Stream function
$M$	Mach number
$p$	Fluid pressure
$p_0$	Fluid pressure in undisturbed stream
$\Delta p$	Excess pressure defined by $\Delta p = p - p_0$
$\rho$	Fluid density, also specific resistivity
$q$	Dynamic pressure
$C_L$	Lift coefficient
$\alpha$	Angle of incidence
$A$	Wing area
$I$	Total current from source
$i$	Current density
$L$	Distance between equal source and sink
$D$	Strength of doublet, <i>i.e.</i> , limit of $IL$ as $I \rightarrow \infty$ and $L \rightarrow 0$ in such a manner that their product remains finite
$n$	Unit normal vector
$ds$	Element of area
$R$	Electrical resistance
$Q$	A non-dimensional quantity defined in the text.

3. *Aerodynamic Theory*.—3.1. *Two-dimensional Fields of Flow*.—The assumptions made with regard to the two-dimensional potential flow of an incompressible fluid are that it possesses no vorticity and no viscosity. As a consequence of the absence of vorticity, the flow may be described by means of a velocity potential function  $\phi$  such that the velocity is equal to the gradient of  $\phi$ . Due to the condition of continuity there also exists a stream function  $\psi$  whose gradient gives the mass flow per unit length at right-angles to the flow. Provided the motion is irrotational, a velocity potential exists whether the fluid is compressible or incompressible. The stream function exists only when compressibility is negligible, irrespective of whether the motion is rotational or irrotational.

Two electrical analogies, devised by Taylor and Sharman<sup>5</sup>, exist for the solution of problems concerning two-dimensional fields of flow.

3.2. *Three-dimensional Fields of Flow*.—For three-dimensional fields of flow the velocity potential  $\phi$  still satisfies Laplace's equation and is analogous to the electrical potential for the steady flow of electricity through a block of conducting material. The stream function  $\psi$  at a given point is no longer defined except in the special case of axisymmetrical flow. The reason for this being that a point specifies a certain streamline; in the two-dimensional case this line is sufficient to divide the flow into regions, whereas in the three-dimensional case a surface is required. For axially symmetrical flow the surface formed by the revolution of the streamline about the axis of symmetry can be used; as might be expected, even here  $\psi$  is no longer a solution of Laplace's equation and although streamlines are still normal to equipotential surfaces there is no form of analogy corresponding to the second analogy of Taylor and Sharman.

3.3. *Linear Perturbation Theory*.—With certain limitations the linear perturbation theory considerably simplifies the analysis of certain cases of potential flow.

If we place an aerofoil in a uniform stream moving with a velocity  $U$  parallel to the  $x$ -axis, say, the motion will be perturbed and the velocity potential will become

$$\Phi = Ux + \phi(x, y, z) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

so that  $\phi$  is the perturbation potential.

The velocity at any point which was formerly  $(-U, 0, 0)$ , now becomes  $(-U + u, v, w)$ . The perturbation is said to be linear if  $u/U$ ,  $v/U$  and  $w/U$  are small quantities of the first order whose squares and products are negligible. No limitation is imposed on  $U$  which may be either large or small. The approximation fails near a stagnation point where  $-U + u = 0$  so that  $u/U = 1$ .

Therefore the assumptions made in the exercise of the linearised theory are:—

- (a) The aerofoil is represented by an infinitely thin plate
- (b) The camber of the aerofoil must be small
- (c) Only small angles of incidence may be considered
- (d) The vortex lines at the rear of the aerofoil surface remain in the same plane as the aerofoil surface and run immediately aft.

An aerofoil defined by these limiting assumptions is suitable for high speeds and therefore in this case the linear theory will give satisfactory results.

The Prandtl-Glauert equation, satisfied by the perturbation potential is

$$(1 - M^2) \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

where  $M$  is the Mach number of the undisturbed flow.

Glauert<sup>6</sup> and Prandtl<sup>7</sup> have shown that, at subsonic speeds, a distribution of potential satisfying Laplace's equation will also satisfy the linearised compressible-flow equation (equation (2)) if the distribution  $\phi(x, y, z)$  is foreshortened along the direction of motion by the affine transformation

$$X = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - M^2}}, \quad Y = y, \quad Z = z. \quad \dots \quad (3)$$

Using (3) equation (2) transforms to

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial Y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial Z^2} = 0 \quad \dots \quad (4)$$

which is Laplace's equation.

Thus, if we start with a fictitious aerofoil longer in the  $x$ -direction than the true one and calculate the potential distribution for this aerofoil by methods applicable to incompressible flow, the correct dimensions and correct distribution of  $\phi$  are obtained when the affine transformation is applied; the transformation is not conformal. As will be seen later, the Prandtl-Glauert method can be applied directly with great advantage to the experimental results obtained from the potential analyser.

As the linearised theory only permits small angles of incidence to be considered and, for small angles of yaw, we may ignore the free-stream component velocities  $V$  and  $W$  in the  $y$  and  $z$ -axes respectively in comparison with the velocity  $U$  along the  $x$ -axis. Then if  $p$  is the pressure at any point and  $p_0$  is the pressure in the unperturbed stream we have, from Bernoulli's theorem

$$p + \frac{1}{2}\rho[(-U + u)^2 + v^2 + w^2] = p_0 + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 \quad \dots \quad (5)$$

and on the assumption that  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$  are so small that their squares and products may be neglected, and defining the excess pressure as

$$\Delta p = p - p_0$$

and

$$q = \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 \quad \dots \quad (6)$$

we have from (5)

$$\Delta p = \frac{2u}{U} q \quad \dots \quad (7)$$

The assumption that as the perturbation velocities and the angle of incidence are small, so that their squares and products may be neglected, fails at a stagnation point, for there  $u = U$ . This entails infinite pressure at the leading edge except for the ideal angle of attack<sup>8</sup>. Campbell points out that there is no trouble in the absence of discontinuity in the streamline direction at the leading edge, for in this case  $u = 0$ . Rounding the leading edge removes the infinite velocity except, of course, at the stagnation point. At a finite lift the stagnation point moves to the lower surface but if the thickness, curvature and angle of incidence are diminished, the domain in which the error is considerable shortens to the immediate neighbourhood of the leading edge<sup>9</sup>.

The Joukowski condition that the air speed at the trailing edge must be finite, has to be satisfied in order that the flow of an ideal fluid may approximate to that of a real fluid. This postulates that the streamlines at the trailing edge of a thin aerofoil must be continuous in direction with no infinite velocities.

The incidence of the aerofoil is given by the ratio of the vertical velocity, in a region not affected by the wing, and the horizontal velocity thus

$$\alpha = \frac{W}{U} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (8)$$

The pressure increment per radian of incidence is, from equations (7) and (8)

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\alpha} = \frac{2u}{W} q \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (9)$$

Hence

$$\frac{\Delta p}{q\alpha} = \frac{2u}{W} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (10)$$

Noting that the pressure on the lower surface of the wing is equal and opposite to the pressure on the corresponding point of the upper surface, we have for the lift coefficient

$$C_L = \frac{1}{A} \int_{-s}^s dy \int_0^c \frac{2\Delta p}{q} dx \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (11)$$

from which

$$\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \frac{1}{A} \int_{-s}^s dy \int_0^c \frac{2\Delta p}{q} dx \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (12)$$

4. *The Electrical Analogy.*—If we identify fluid flow with electrical flow we have a direct analogy in which the velocity potential is represented by an electrical potential.

Now as  $u = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (13)$

and, at a point remote from the aerofoil

$$W = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}, \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (14)$$

we may rewrite equation (10) as

$$\frac{\Delta p}{q\alpha} = 2 \frac{\partial \phi / \partial x}{\partial \phi / \partial z} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (15)$$

where  $\phi$  denotes either velocity or electrical potential. From equation (12), by the use of equations (13), (14) and (15) we have

$$\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{4}{A} \frac{\partial \phi / \partial x}{\partial \phi / \partial z} \int_{-s}^s dy \int_0^c \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx$$

$$\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{4}{A} \frac{\partial \phi / \partial z}{\partial \phi / \partial z} \int_{-s}^s (\phi)_{x=c} dy \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (16)$$

since  $\phi$  is zero at the leading edge.

The potential analyser will be fully described in the next section but, for the purpose of illustrating the analogy, it may be described here as consisting essentially of a cubical mesh of resistances so arranged that there are ten square tiers placed one above the other, each tier having a mesh separation of 1/24 the side length. The analogy, can then be realised by:—

- (a) Slitting the bottom tier in its own plane over an area corresponding in shape to the aerofoil considered
- (b) Short-circuiting the area surrounding the model and short-circuiting the whole of the top tier
- (c) Applying a known electrical potential between the short-circuited top tier and the short-circuited margin of the bottom tier.

In practice the bottom tier is not actually slit because as the flow is applied normal to the model this tier may be considered as a plane of symmetry. It is, therefore, only necessary to double the value of the resistances over the area which represents the model. It will be observed that this analogy is a three-dimensional form of the direct analogy of Taylor and Sharman.

An alternative method of representing the velocity potential analogy when using an electrolytic tank has been proposed by Campbell, who arranged that constant currents should be fed into a number of electrodes representing the aerofoil surface, the short-circuited margin surrounding the aerofoil being set at zero potential. Thus a distribution of source-link doublets or dipoles is used to produce the perturbation velocity.

Apart from being an easier method to apply when an electrolytic tank is used, this method possesses the advantage that twisted and cambered wings may be represented and 'flexible walls' also may be more easily represented at the boundaries of the instrument.

Although this alternative method was not used in this investigation, there is no inherent limitation in the design of the potential analyser which prevents this method being applied.

If experiments concerning potential flow without circulation are made, boundary conditions present no difficulty but special consideration must be given to practical cases which require flow with circulation. When flow with circulation is being investigated the Joukowski condition at the trailing edge has to be satisfied; this may be realised by ensuring that points immediately behind the trailing edge shall be at the same potential as corresponding points along the trailing edge. On the potential analyser this is effected by short-circuiting lines along the  $x$ -axis, and raising the potential of each individual line so that its potential is the same as at the corresponding point on the trailing edge, one mesh separation away from it. We thus have in the wake, as  $\phi$  is independent of  $x$ .

$$\phi_w = \phi_{T.E.}$$

and 
$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_w = 0. \quad \dots \dots \dots (17)$$

The second of these conditions applying since the pressure, which is proportional to  $\partial \phi / \partial x$ , vanishes on either side of the wake and is, of course, zero at the trailing edge.  $\phi$  must be continuous at the trailing edge as any discontinuity would cause an infinite velocity there.

5. *Description of Potential Analyser.*—The three-dimensional potential analyser, which was used for the experiments, has been previously fully described<sup>10</sup>. The instrument consists essentially of a cubical mesh of resistors arranged in nine main tiers with an auxiliary tier, each tier consisting of a square array of 25 × 25 points interconnected with resistors to form a square mesh. The nodal points on each tier were connected to the adjacent tiers through inter-tier resistors of the same value as the tier resistors. The individual mesh resistances were provided by special precision woven resistors having a tolerance of ± 1 per cent on a nominal resistance of 200 ohms.

Resistance elements were not assembled on the master tier but Post Office type terminals were used instead, these terminals being connected to the inter-tier resistors in the normal manner. Resistors, depending on the nature of the particular experiment in hand, were attached to the terminals of the master tier as required. The resistors on the right-hand side and bottom edges of each tier were doubled in value, while the inter-tier resistors connecting the bottom right-hand corners of the tiers were quadrupled in value, thus providing 'selvedges' for problems involving a field of single or double symmetry. The reason for using the doubled resistors is that the net can be considered to be split at the plane of symmetry. When resistance elements are added to the master tier, which is a plane of symmetry, they are also doubled in value. Figs. 1 and 2 show front and rear views of the instrument. The analyser is capable of solving the three-dimensional finite difference form of Laplace's equation.

6. *Experimental Procedure.*—6.1. *Flow Normal to the Surface.*—It was decided that the first series of experiments should be concerned with the combined undisturbed and perturbed potential flows, without circulation, normal to the following four plan forms :—

- (a) A circular lamina
- (b) A rectangular wing, constant chord, aspect ratio 6
- (c) A delta wing, 45-deg sweep, aspect ratio 4
- (d) A swept-back wing, 45-deg sweep, constant chord, aspect ratio 3.

The setting-up procedure, alike for the four experiments, consisted of representing the plan-form of the model by a resistance mesh on the master tier, which normally had no tier resistors. As this tier coincides with a plane of symmetry, the resistors used were double the value of the standard mesh resistors. The remaining area of the tier was short-circuited with heavy copper wire.

As the circular lamina and the rectangular wing each possess two axes of symmetry in plan-form, it was possible to set these forms up on the master tier so that the axes of symmetry coincided with the mutually perpendicular selvedges of the tier.

With the other two forms only one axis of symmetry existed and therefore one selvedge only could be used. All the nodes on the auxiliary tier (tier 9), were short-circuited and a potential of one volt was maintained between this tier and the short-circuited portion of the master tier.

A certain amount of importance is attached to the model size, the optimum size is the one having the largest number of points available for measurement while remaining unaffected by channel restraint due to the proximity of the boundary. The actual model sizes which were used are shown in Fig. 3.

A potential of one volt was applied to the analyser and the tiers were scanned by plugging in a probe at each socket in turn, the potentials being measured by means of a Muirhead Type D.72A potentiometer. All readings were taken to the nearest millivolt, this being the limit of accuracy of the potentiometer. The electrical circuit which was used for the experiments is shown in Fig. 4.

In the case of the circular lamina the boundary of the model cut through the square mesh and therefore resistors having a resistance value proportional to the reduced mesh arm were mounted on the master tier at the boundary of the model. This method of using a reduced resistance is analogous to the use of an irregular star in the relaxation process<sup>11</sup>.

A brief description of each experiment is given here in order to illustrate the technique employed.



6.1.1. *The Circular lamina.*—Two sizes of model were used having mesh separations of  $\frac{1}{6}$ th and  $\frac{1}{12}$ th of the diameter of the circle. This experiment provides the only possible example of axial symmetry and a theoretical solution to the problem exists.

Fig. 5 shows the results for the coarse and fine nets respectively, this figure represents the variation of velocity potential with radius for the master tier and tiers one and two.

The theoretical curves have been drawn by using the equation

$$\frac{\pi\phi}{2W} = Q + x \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{Q} \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (18)$$

where 
$$Q = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{[(x^2 + \omega^2 - c^2)^2 + 4c^2x^2]^{1/2} - [x^2 + \omega^2 - c^2]}{2} \right\}} \quad \dots \dots \quad (19)$$

$x$  and  $\omega$  being two orthogonal co-ordinates such that  $x$  represents the distance of a point from the plane of the disc and  $\omega$  the radial distance of this point from the axis of the disc,  $\phi$  is the potential at point  $(x, \omega)$  for a flow velocity  $W$  normal to a disc of radius  $c$ .

This expression has been derived directly from Lamb's theoretical work<sup>12</sup>.

It will be seen that a closer approximation to the theoretical value is obtained when a finer mesh is used. Additional curves illustrate the improvement to the results which can be obtained by using Richardson's correction, which gives results approximating to the use of a still finer mesh<sup>13</sup>.

Using the relaxation technique the nodal residuals for the experiments were calculated; the results show that the discrepancy between the experimental and theoretical curves cannot be attributed to experimental errors, as essentially the same result would have been obtained from a relaxation calculation. The differences can probably be attributed to mesh size, the boundary of the model not coinciding with the net nodes as assumed. A discussion on the effective model size will be given in a later section.

The times taken to set up the apparatus and perform the various experiments are given in Table 1. One semi-skilled person was employed throughout, with the assistance of an unskilled person during the reading and recording stage.

TABLE 1

Experiment	Setting-up time hours	Reading and recording	
		Semi-skilled hours	Unskilled hours
Circle (3 unit radius)	4	20	20
Circle (6 unit radius)	4	12	12
Rectangular wing ..	4	24	24
Delta wing .. ..	8	32	32
Swept-back wing ..	8	28	28

6.1.2. *Rectangular wing, constant chord, aspect ratio 6.*—Owing to its double axis of symmetry it was only necessary to set up a quarter of the rectangular wing, thus allowing a model of enhanced size to be used. The results call for no particular comment.



The potential distribution due to a doublet strength  $D$ , see Fig. 6, is thus

$$\phi = \frac{\rho D \cos \theta}{4\pi r^2} \quad \dots \quad (22)$$

The value of the wall correction boundary resistors may be found from the ratio of the potential to the normal potential gradient at the appropriate point, the potential gradient representing the density of the outward flowing current. Consider a rectangular wind tunnel with a flat plate normal to the current flow and take the origin  $O$  in the plate with right-hand orthogonal axes  $Ox$ ,  $Oy$ ,  $Oz$ , such that  $Oz$  is the axis of the doublet, that is to say  $Oz$  is normal to the plate. Let the radius vector from the origin  $O$  to some point on the tunnel wall be  $r$  and let the unit vector normal to the wall at this point be  $n$ , then the density of current flow normal to the wall is

$$\frac{n \text{ grad } \phi}{\rho} \quad \dots \quad (23)$$

where the components of  $\text{grad } \phi$  are

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \text{ etc.} \quad \dots \quad (24)$$

Now, 
$$\phi = \frac{\rho D \cos \theta}{4\pi r^2} \quad \dots \quad (25)$$

Therefore 
$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = -\frac{\rho D \cos \theta}{2\pi r^3} \quad \dots \quad (26)$$

and 
$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\rho D \sin \theta}{4\pi r^2}$$

while 
$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad \dots \quad (27)$$

and 
$$\tan^2 \theta = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{z^2}$$

Hence 
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} &= \frac{-\rho D}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\cos \theta}{r^3} \cdot \frac{x}{r} + \frac{\sin \theta}{2r^2} \cdot \frac{x}{z^2 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta} \right] \\ &= \frac{-3\rho D x \cos \theta}{4\pi r^4} \quad \dots \quad (28) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, 
$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \frac{3\rho D y \cos \theta}{4\pi r^4}$$

and 
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} &= -\frac{\rho D}{2\pi r^4} \left[ z \cos \theta - \frac{(x^2 + y^2)}{r} \right] \\ &= -\frac{\rho D}{2\pi r^5} [z^2 - x^2 - y^2]. \quad \dots \quad (29) \end{aligned}$$

For a tunnel wall parallel to  $Oyz$  the components of  $n$  are  $(1, 0, 0)$  hence

$$\rho i = \frac{3\rho D x \cos \theta}{4\pi r^4}$$

and 
$$\frac{\phi}{i} = \rho \frac{r^2}{3x} \quad \dots \quad (30)$$

For a resistance network this becomes :—

$$R_{\text{termination}} = R_{\text{net}} \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{3x} \right) \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad (31)$$

$x, y$  and  $z$  now being measured in mesh units.

Similarly for a wall parallel to  $Oxz$  :—

$$R_{\text{termination}} = R_{\text{net}} \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{3y} \right) \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad (32)$$

while for a tunnel end parallel to  $Oxy$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\phi}{i} &= \frac{r^3 \cos \theta}{2(z^2 - x^2 - y^2)} \\ &= \frac{r^2 z}{2(z^2 - x^2 - y^2)} \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad (33) \end{aligned}$$

or for the network

$$R_{\text{termination}} = R_{\text{net}} \frac{z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{2(z^2 - x^2 - y^2)} \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad (34)$$

It will be observed that this result postulates negative values of  $R$  when the value of  $z$ , for the furthest tier, is less than the greatest radial distance of any point on the tiers from the  $Oz$ -axis.

$$\text{i.e., } z_{\text{max}} < [\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)}]_{\text{max}} \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad (35)$$

6.2.2. *Application of the theory.*—The investigation in the previous section considered termination resistances for a model which could be represented sufficiently accurately by a single doublet. In consequence, this case covered only perturbation velocity potentials for flow without circulation; under these conditions, the model was represented by a set of current sources, the current at each point being proportional to the slope of the centre of the aerofoil at that point. Nodes outside, but in the plane of the model, were held at a uniform zero potential and the ends of all terminating resistances were also taken to zero potential.

In the actual experiments which were undertaken, the model was a flat plate and the velocity potentials which were observed were the total velocity potentials for flow normal to the plate; that is to say, the sum of the perturbation velocity potentials and the undisturbed flow potentials. The alteration to the boundary conditions was such that no connection was made to the nodes on the model, while the nodes over the most remote tier were raised to a uniform potential; under these conditions the channel and terminating resistors had to be omitted, while the wall resistors were not connected to zero potential but to the potential at infinity, appropriate to their own particular tiers. For the actual analyser which was used the end resistors could not, in any case, have been used, for many of them would have to be of negative value.

Where circulation was represented on the analyser, the appropriate terminating resistances could not be found for the surface through which the trailing-edge vortex sheet passed.

The models considered had an axis of symmetry and this axis was represented as the axis  $Ox$  and, therefore, the surface  $y = 0$  was a reflecting surface and not a channel wall; that is, it needed no terminating resistors.

Fig. 7 shows, diagrammatically, the electrical circuit used for the channel wall resistors. A view of the apparatus set up for an experiment is shown in Fig. 8.

The resistance values of the wall resistors are tabulated in Appendix I, to this report.

6.2.3. *Experiments using flexible-wall analogy.*—Experiments were carried out to determine the velocity potentials for flow normal to flat plates of the following wing shapes :—

- (a) Rectangular
- (b) Delta
- (c) Swept-back.

These were represented on the master tier, as before, by leaving the corresponding mesh nodes disconnected while shorting the remaining points on the master tier to zero potential. In case (a), the rectangular plate had to be moved to the centre of the master tier as the terminating resistors had been calculated on the assumption of a doublet at this point.

The flow normal to the plates was again represented by raising the auxiliary tier,  $z = 9$ , to a potential of 1,000 units, approximately 1 volt, and the experiments then consisted of measuring the potentials at other nodes. Terminating resistors on tier 1 had a potential of  $111 \pm 5$  units at their far end and  $222 \pm 5$  units on tier 2, etc., these potentials being derived from a 5-ohm potential divider with 100 tapping points.

6.2.4. *Results and comments.*—The experiment which was made to the delta model was the only one which showed any significant difference from the experiments which have been described in section 6.1. In the flexible-wall experiment the potentials over the centre of the model increased by about 2 units, approximately 1 per cent change. A visual inspection of the various model shapes and sizes, compared with the tier size, showed that the delta model would certainly be one which would be most affected by channel constraint.

It seems likely that the end effect will swamp the wall effect, for the analyser has only 9 tiers, on either side of the master tier, although it has an equivalent cross-section of  $24 \times 48$  units. It is impossible, however, to add correcting resistors to the top tier ; this is due both to the method of application of the flow conditions and to the fact that even if this were rectified by representing perturbation flow only, as suggested in this report, then negative resistors would be required. The solution of this difficulty would appear to lie in the addition of a net of increasing coarseness.

6.3. *Flow Normal to the Surface with Circulation.*—It has already been pointed out that it would have been possible to have made tests to determine the perturbation flow without circulation, together with the circulation originating in a trailing vortex sheet, but without the undisturbed flow normal to the aerofoil surface. However, for the purpose of this investigation it was decided to combine the three flows ; therefore the results of this section, when combined with the desired amount of undisturbed flow along the aerofoil surface, give the complete solution to the problem under consideration without recourse to the results of the previous experiments.

In this series of experiments it was not possible to use the flexible-walled terminal analogy because the appropriate terminating resistances could not be found for the surface through which the trailing-edge vortex sheet passed.

With the exception of the circular lamina all the planforms previously investigated were re-investigated to determine the effect of circulation.

A diagrammatic arrangement of the set-up for the master tier is shown in Fig. 9. Reference to this illustration shows that the model was set out on the tier in the normal way and that the portion of the tier unoccupied either by the model, or the vortex sheet immediately behind it, was short-circuited and set at zero potential. Commencing with nodal points, such as A', B', C', etc., which are one mesh unit to the rear of corresponding points A, B, C, etc., successive nodal points were shorted to the boundary of the tier. Thus the area from one unit behind the trailing edge to the boundary was shorted by bars running in one direction only. Each shorting bar was connected through a rheostat to a potential divider. The condition for

circulation is that the potential at a point immediately behind the surface shall be at the same potential as the corresponding point on the surface trailing edge. The experimental procedure was to apply a uniform unit voltage at the auxiliary tier and then by means of the potential divider and rheostats, to adjust the potential on the shorting bars so that the potentials at A', B', C', etc., coincided with the potentials at the corresponding points A, B, C, etc. It will be appreciated that adjustment to the potential on any bar upset the values of the potentials on neighbouring bars and the setting up developed into what might be termed an electrical iteration process. It was found, however, that with a little practice the setting up of a model was quite rapid. After the set up had been completed the method of scanning was identical to that carried out for the previous experiments.

The results of these experiments are given in Appendix II to this report.

6.3.1. *Results and comments.*—From the foregoing experiments the velocity potential  $\phi$  was plotted for chordwise sections of the aerofoil, these curves being graphically differentiated to obtain values of  $\partial\phi/\partial x$ . Then, by the use of equation (15), values of  $\Delta p/q\alpha$  were computed and are pictorially represented in Figs. 10, 11 and 12 for the three experiments. These figures call for no special comment although it will be observed that in each case the load distribution curves appear to be reasonable.

Values of  $\partial C_L/\partial\alpha$  for each aerofoil were calculated from equation (16) and are compared with theoretical values, supplied by Mr. W. P. Jones of the National Physical Laboratory, in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Experiment	$\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial\alpha}$	
	Theoretical	Experimental
Rectangular wing Aspect ratio = 6 .. ..	4.26	4.80
Delta wing Aspect ratio = 4 .. ..	3.47	3.22
Swept-back wing Aspect ratio = 3 .. ..	2.75	2.75

When making these calculations it was difficult to assess the true area of the aerofoil, a difficulty which has been previously mentioned in section 6.1.1. The difficulty arises because the net used was too coarse for the true boundary position to be precisely located. The actual locus of the boundary must lie between lines joining the nodal points on the assumed boundary, which was short-circuited on the model set up on the analyser, and lines joining the nodal points one mesh distance within the model from the short-circuited boundary. For the purpose of the present investigation the true boundary was assumed to lie along lines one half mesh distance inside the model, from the short-circuited boundary. This difficulty could have been obviated if the tier size had been larger, this would have allowed a larger model to be used with, of course, a finer mesh separation.

7. *Conclusions.*—The potential analyser proved to be easy and quick to operate, even by unskilled personnel. The apparatus was designed for the general solution of the three-dimensional form of Laplace's equation and this, to a certain extent, proved to be a handicap when it was used for the particular flow problems described in this report.

For problems concerning potential flow around thin plates, under conditions in which the linear-perturbation theory applies, it is only necessary to measure the electrical potentials over the master tier. It would thus be possible to have a very large master tier, thus permitting a small mesh separation, so avoiding the difficulty regarding the indeterminacy of the model boundary. The effect of additional tiers would have to be produced but, as the tiers would not need to be accessible, a considerable simplification in the construction would be possible. Furthermore, a graded resistance net could be used, thus increasing the effective size of the network.

In addition to the study of problems of the type described in this report, curved and twisted aerofoils could also be studied and in this connection there are many practical advantages to be gained in using an electrical network as opposed to an electrolytic tank.

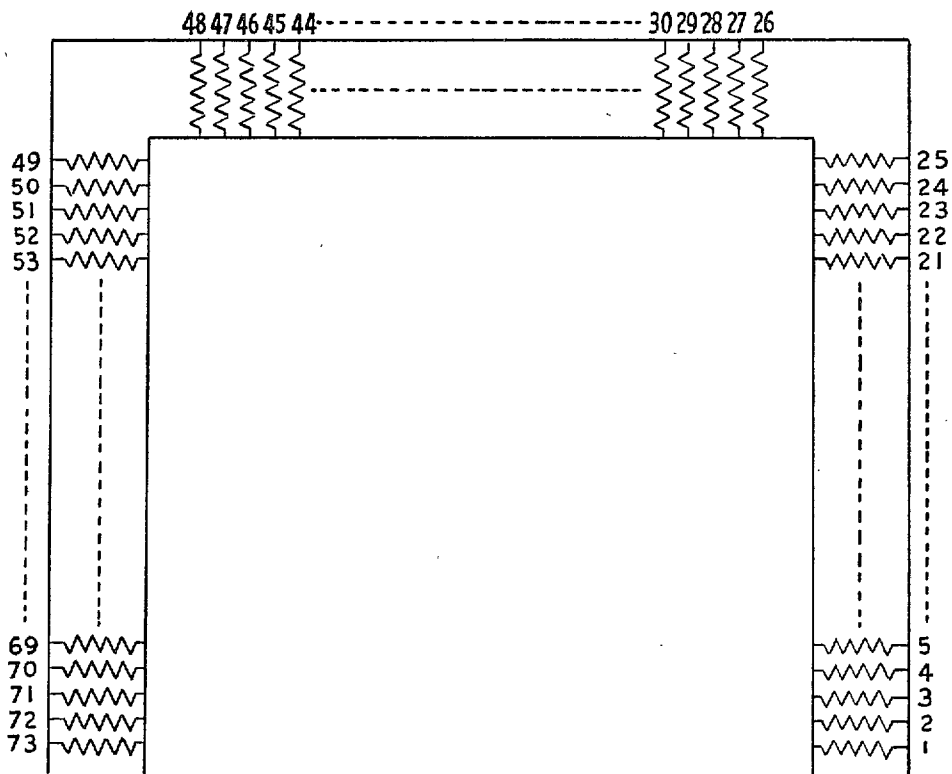
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## APPENDIX I

### *Correction Resistors*

The arrangement of the wall correction resistors for the tiers 1 to 8 inclusive is shown diagrammatically below.



The following table gives the values of each resistor for each tier.



		BOUNDARY POINT RESISTOR (Ohms)							
POINT	TIER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	1		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	2200	2200
2		820	820	820	820	1000	1000	1000	1200
3		820	820	820	1000	1000	1000	1000	1200
4		820	820	820	1000	1000	1000	1200	1200
5		820	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1200	1200
6		1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1200	1200	1200
7		1000	1000	1000	1000	1200	1200	1200	1500
8		1000	1000	1200	1200	1200	1200	1500	1500
9		1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1500	1500	1500
10		1200	1200	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1800
11		1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1800	1800
12		1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1800	1800	1800
13		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
14		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	2200	2200
15		1800	1800	1800	1800	2200	2200	2200	2200
16		2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2700
17		2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2700	2700	2700
18		2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700
19		2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700
20		2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	3300	3300	3300
21		3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300
22		3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3900
23		3300	3300	3300	3300	3900	3900	3900	3900
24		3900	3900	3900	3900	3900	3900	3900	3900
25		2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
26		2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
27		2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
28		1800	1800	1800	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
29		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	2200	2200	2200
30		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	2200	2200
31		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	2200
32-42		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
43		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	2200
44		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	2200	2200
45		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	2200	2200	2200
46		1800	1800	1800	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
47		2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
48		2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
49		1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
50		3900	3900	3900	3900	3900	3900	3900	3900
51		3300	3300	3300	3900	3900	3900	3900	3900
52		3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3900
53		3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300
54		2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	3300	3300	3300
55		2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	3300
56		2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700
57		2200	2200	2200	2200	2700	2700	2700	2700
58		2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2700	2700
59		1800	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
60		1800	1800	1800	1800	2200	2200	2200	2200
61		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	2200
62		1500	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
63		1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1800	1800	1800
64		1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1800	1800
65		1200	1200	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1800
66		1200	1200	1200	1200	1500	1500	1500	1500
67		1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1500	1500	1500
68		1000	1000	1200	1200	1200	1200	1500	1500
69		1000	1000	1000	1200	1200	1200	1200	1500
70		1000	1000	1000	1000	1200	1200	1200	1500
71		1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1200	1200	1200
72		1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1200	1200	1200
73		1800	1800	1800	2200	2200	2200	2200	2700

# APPENDIX II

## *Tabulated Results of Experiments ; Flow with Circulation*

### — THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
A																										
B																										
C																										
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E																										
F																										
G																										
H																										
J																										
K																										
L																										
M																										
N											o	o	o	o	o	o										
O											o	180	168	191	204	204										
P											o	168	243	281	299	299										
Q											o	192	281	331	356	356										
R											o	208	308	363	389	389										
S											o	219	326	384	413	413										
T											o	226	338	399	430	430										
U											o	232	345	410	442	442										
V											o	236	351	417	450	450										
W											o	238	358	422	456	456										
X											o	240	358	426	460	460										
Y											o	241	360	428	462	462										
Z											o	241	361	428	463	463										

**PROBLEM.** NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
**MODEL SIZE.** RECTANGULAR. 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 4 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1000 AT TIER 9.
 **TIER No 0**

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
A		112		111		111		111		111		111		110		111		112		111		111		112		
B																										
C		112		111		111		111		111		111		111		111		111		111		112		111		
D																										
E		111		111		111		111		111		111		111		112		112		112		112		113		115
F																										
G		111		111		111		112		112		112		113		113		114		114		115		115		
H																										
J		111		111		112		113		113		115		116		116		117		117		119		120		119
K																		122		119		122				
L		111		111		112		114		116		121		126		129		126		131		131		132		132
M										119		123		129		135		139		142		144		145		148
N		111		112		113		114		123		131		146		159		168		174		178		179		180
O										129		146		192		226		247		260		267		270		272
P		112		113		114		117		134		153		227		277		309		328		357		381		344
Q										140		166		250		312		354		376		388		392		393
R		112		113		115		122		143		176		266		335		381		408		420		426		429
S										146		182		277		352		402		431		445		451		454
T		112		114		116		124		149		186		285		364		417		446		462		469		472
U										151		189		291		373		427		459		474		481		485
V		112		113		116		125		152		191		295		378		434		466		483		490		495
W										152		193		298		382		440		474		489		497		501
X		112		114		116		125		153		194		300		385		443		478		493		501		506
Y										153		194		301		387		445		480		496		503		508
Z		112		112		117		126		153		194		302		388		446		481		497		504		509

**PROBLEM.** NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
**MODEL SIZE.** RECTANGULAR, 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN, 4 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1000 AT TIER 9

**TIER No 1**

**—THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER—**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
A		222		222		222		223		222		222		223		224		222		223		223		223		223
B																										
C		222		222		222		222		222		222		223		223		223		224		224		224		224
D																										
E		222		222		222		223		223		223		224		224		225		225		225		226		226
F																										
G		222		222		222		223		224		225		226		227		228		229		229		229		229
H																										
J		222		222		223		224		227		229		233		235		238		237		237		238		238
K																			250	247						
L		222		222		224		227		232		239		247		254		260		262		258		257		257
M										234	242	249	256	262	267	272	276	282								
N		222		223		225		230		242		254		265		276		288		297		302		307		311
O										249	265	290	313	331	344	352	357	360								
P		222		224		227		235		252		276		314		347		371		388		399		405		409
Q										263	290	333	373	404	425	436	444	449								
R		223		225		229		240		269		300		348		393		428		452		467		475		480
S										274	307	359	403	447	473	489	496	504								
T		224		226		231		243		277		312		367		419		460		488		505		515		520
U										279	316	373	427	470	499	516	527	534								
V		224		226		232		245		281		319		377		433		477		507		525		536		543
W										283	321	380	438	482	512	531	543	550								
X		224		227		232		247		283		322		383		441		485		516		536		547		554
Y										284	323	384	442	487	516	538	550	557								
Z		224		229		233		247		285		323		385		443		488		519		539		551		557

**PROBLEM.** NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
**MODEL SIZE.** RECTANGULAR, 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN, 4 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1000 AT TIER 9.

**TIER N° 2**

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A		333		333		333		333		333		333		333		334		333		334		335		335	
B																									
C		333		333		333		333		333		334		334		334		334		335		335		336	
D																									
E		332		333		333		334		334		335		336		336		336		337		338		338	
F																									
G		332		332		333		334		335		337		339		340		341		341		342		342	
H																									
J		332		333		334		336		338		342		346		349		352		352		352		352	
K																									
L		333		333		335		339		345		353		361		369		379		375		374		374	
M																									
N		333		335		337		343		355		375		396		410		418		420		421		421	
O																									
P		334		336		340		349		369		409		450		474		485		490		492		491	
Q																									
R		335		337		342		355		382		436		493		526		541		547		550		550	
S																									
T		335		338		344		358		391		454		519		558		578		584		588		589	
U																									
V		336		339		346		361		396		465		535		578		597		606		610		611	
W																									
X		336		340		347		363		399		470		543		587		608		617		621		623	
Y																									
Z		337		340		347		363		400		471		546		590		611		621		624		626	

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION.  
 MODEL SIZE. RECTANGULAR. 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 4 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE 1000 AT TIER 9. **TIER No 3**

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	555		555		555		555		555		555		556		556		557		557		557		557		557
B																									
C	555		555		555		555		555		555		556		556		556		557		558		558		558
D																									
E	554		554		555		556		556		557		557		558		559		560		560		561		561
F																									
G	554		552		555		556		558		560		561		562		564		565		565		565		565
H																									
J	555		554		556		558		562		565		568		571		574		575		575		574		574
K																									
L	555		556		557		561		566		573		580		586		590		591		592		592		592
M																									
N	555		557		560		565		573		585		593		610		616		619		620		621		621
O																									
P	556		558		562		570		583		603		625		641		650		655		657		659		659
Q																									
R	557		559		563		575		593		620		649		670		682		688		691		693		693
S																									
T	558		560		566		578		600		633		666		691		705		712		715		717		717
U																									
V	558		561		568		581		606		641		677		704		719		727		731		733		733
W																									
X	559		561		568		583		608		644		683		711		727		736		740		741		741
Y																									
Z	559		562		569		583		608		646		684		713		729		738		742		744		744

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
 MODEL SIZE. RECTANGULAR. 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 4 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9 **TIER No 5**

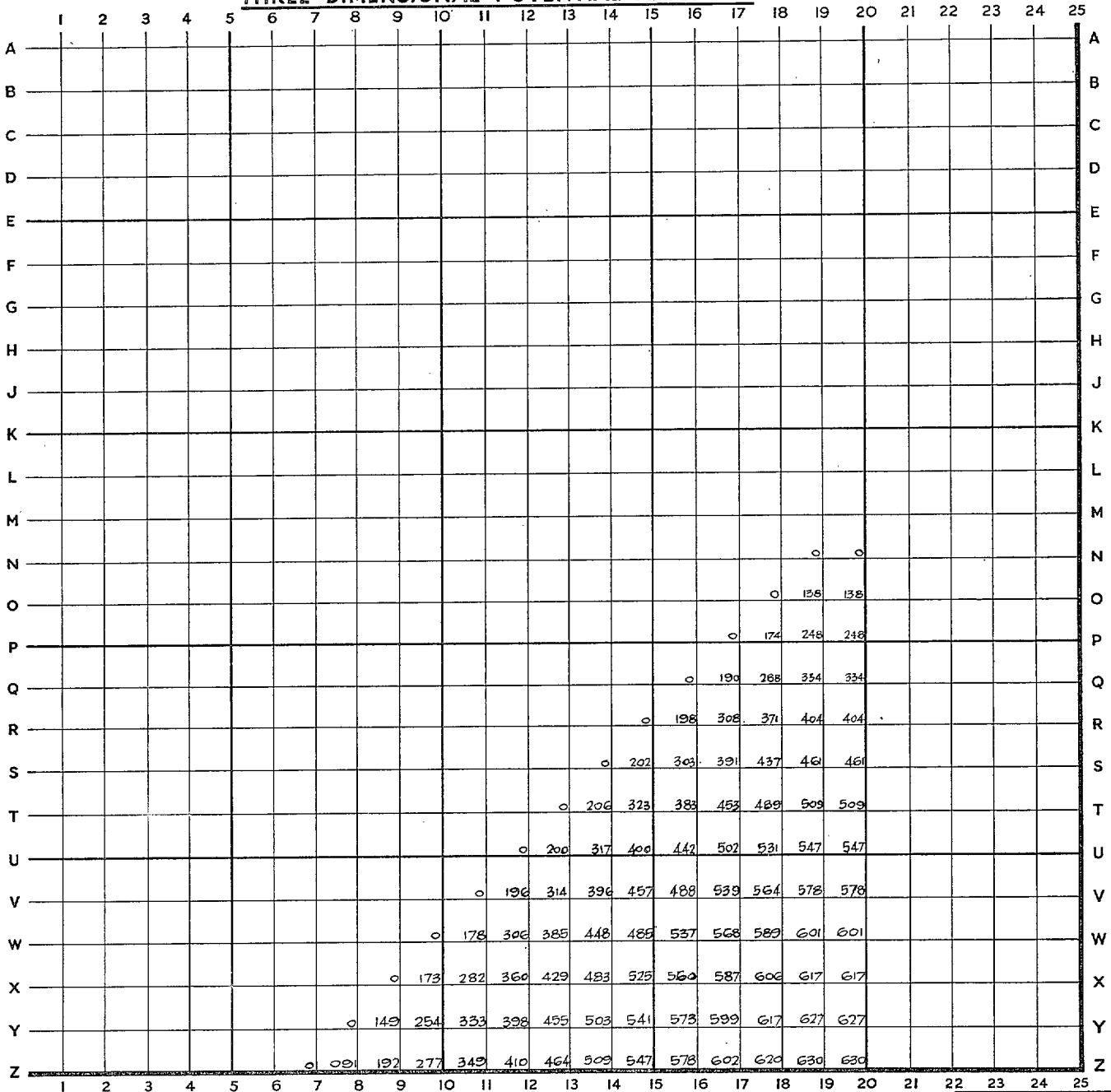
**—THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER—**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A		778		778		777		776		775		776		777		777		778		778		779		779	
B										773						776									
C		777		777		777		775	774	769	773	776		776	776	774	777	778		779		779		779	
D										774						771									
E		777		776		777		777		776		778		778	777	776	778	780		780		780		780	
F				771												779									
G		775	771	749	772	776		778		779		780		781		781		783		784		783		783	
H				771																					
J		776		775		777		779		781		783		785		787		788		788		789		789	
K																									
L		775		775		775		779		784		788		792		794		796		797		798		798	
M	770	773																							
N	765	771	774	775		775		781		789		796		801		805		808		810		811		812	
O	770	773																							
P		774		777		780		785		794		803		811		818		823		826		827		828	
Q																									
R		775		779		782		788		797		809		821		831		837		841		843		843	
S																									
T		778		779		782		789		801		815		829		841		848		853		855		855	
U						783																			
V		779		779	782	777	787	790		803		819		835		847		856		861		863		863	
W						785																			
X		780		779		784		792		805		821		838		851		860		865		867		867	
Y																									
Z		780		781		784		792		806		822		839		852		861		865		868		869	

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION.  
 MODEL SIZE. RECTANGULAR. 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 4 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9

**TIER NO 7**

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**



**PROBLEM.** NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION.  
**MODEL SIZE.** DELTA. 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 12 MESH UNITS ROOT CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.0000 AT TIER 9.

**TIER NO** 0



**—THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER—**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
A		112		111		111		111		111		111		110		111		112		111		111		112		A
B																										B
C		112		111		111		111		111		111		111		111		111		111		112		111		C
D																										D
E		112		111		111		111		111		111		111		112		111		112		112		112		E
F																										F
G		111		111		111		111		110	109	110		112		112		113		114		114		114		G
H										109	105	109														H
J		111		111		111		111		112	109	111	112	113		115		115		118		119		119		J
K																										K
L		111		111		112		112		112		114		116		119	118	098	132	129		129		130		L
M																			128	137	140	142	142			M
N		111		112		112		113		114		117		122		130		147	160	166	170	171		173		N
O														126		142	157	180	223	236	241	245		245		O
P		112		112		113		115		117		123		134		164	194	254	296	316	316	319		321		P
Q		112		113		114		116		120		128		147	167	205	272	329	364	378	385	387		390		Q
R		112		113		114		117		122		135		169	206	281	348	396	426	438	444	446		449		R
S		112		114		115		119		127		147	169	208	286	358	414	454	478	489	494	497		499		S
T		112		114		116		121		134		167	207	287	362	423	469	502	522	532	537	539		541		T
U		112		114		118		125		145	165	204	284	360	424	475	514	542	589	567	572	574		576		U
V		113		114		118		129		161	199	278	354	419	473	516	549	573	588	596	600	602		604		V
W		113		115		119		136	154	191	266	342	408	464	510	547	576	597	611	617	621	623		625		W
X		113		115		121		146	179	250	323	398	446	495	535	569	595	614	626	632	636	638		640		X
Y		113		115		123	134	160	224	293	358	417	468	513	550	581	606	624	636	642	645	647		648		Y
Z		113		114		125	139	180	243	308	370	426	476	519	555	586	609	627	639	645	648	650		651		Z

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION.  
 MODEL SIZE DELTA. 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 12 MESH UNITS ROOT CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER ②.

**TIER NO 1.**

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
A	222		222		222		222		222		222		223		222		222		223		222		223			
B																										
C	222		222		222		222		222		222		222		223		223		223		223		224			
D																										
E	222		222		222		222		222		222		223		223		224		224		225		225			
F									222		222															
G	222		222		222		223	222	221	218	222	224	224		225		227		227		228		228			
H								219	196	219																
J	222		222		222		223	223	223	220	223	226	227		229		234		234		235		236			
K								224	224									243								
L	222		222		223		224		226		228		232		239	257	276	255	252		253		253			
M																	262	265	267	269	270					
N	223		222		224		225		228		233		241		255		276	286	293	296	300		301			
O															271	287	306	325	337	343	347					
P	223		223		225		238		234		243		261		295	320	350	375	389	395	400		403			
Q													277	299	329	366	400	425	440	448	453					
R	223		225		227		233		243		263		301	334	376	417	450	474	488	495	500		503			
S											279	302	336	381	426	446	497	517	630	638	642					
T	224		226		231		240		260		301	335	381	429	473	509	537	556	568	574	579		582			
U								273	297	331	378	428	474	514	546	571	588	598	605	609						
V	225		228		235		252		291	325	372	422	470	512	548	577	598	614	623	629	633		637			
W						260	282	315	360	410	469	503	542	574	600	620	634	643	648	652						
X	226		230		240		270	300	343	393	442	487	526	563	593	617	635	648	657	662	665		668			
Y					243	257	281	319	366	414	461	504	543	576	604	627	645	657	665	670	673					
Z	226		232		244	259	287	327	374	421	468	510	548	580	608	631	648	660	666	673	676		678			

PROBLEM. MODEL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
 MODEL SIZE DELTA . 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN, 12 MESH UNITS ROOT CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9

**TIER No 2**

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
A	332		333		333		333		333		333		333		333		333		334		334		335		335	A	
B																											B
C	332		333		333		333		333		333		334		334		334		334		335		336		336		C
D																											D
E	332		333		333		333		333		334		335		335		335		336		337		337		337		E
F																											F
G	332		332		333		333		336		337		337		338		339		340		341		341		341		G
H																											H
J	332		332		333		334		337		338		340		343		347		348		350		350		350		J
K																											K
L	333		333		334		335		338		341		346		353		370		367		369		370		370		L
M																											M
N	332		334		335		337		341		347		357		372		390		405		411		414		414		N
O																											O
P	334		335		337		341		347		353		370		408		445		473		484		487		487		P
Q																											Q
R	335		336		340		347		359		379		415		467		518		548		561		565		565		R
S																											S
T	336		338		343		355		376		413		422		536		595		613		625		630		630		T
U																											U
V	338		341		349		368		403		463		533		594		637		661		672		676		676		V
W																											W
X	339		343		355		383		437		508		576		630		668		689		699		703		703		X
Y																											Y
Z	339		344		368		392		453		526		591		643		679		699		708		712		712		Z

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
 MODEL SIZE. DELTA. 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 12 MESH UNITS ROOT CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9 **TIER No 3**

**—THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER—**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
A		553		554		555		555		555		555		556		556		556		557		557		557		A	
B																											B
C		554		555		555		555		555		554		556		555		556		557		558		558		C	
D																											D
E		554		554		554		555		556		556		556		557		558		559		560		560		E	
F																											F
G		553		552		554		556		558		559		559		560		562		563		564		564		G	
H																											H
J		554		554		555		557		558		562		563		565		569		571		572		573		J	
K																											K
L		555		555		556		558		560		564		568		574		580		585		588		589		L	
M																											M
N		555		556		557		560		563		569		578		589		601		610		616		618		N	
O																											O
P		556		557		560		563		569		579		595		613		632		647		655		660		P	
Q																											Q
R		557		559		563		569		579		596		619		646		671		689		699		704		R	
S																											S
T		559		561		567		576		593		617		649		682		709		727		737		742		T	
U																											U
V		560		564		571		585		609		642		679		714		749		757		767		771		V	
W																											W
X		561		565		575		594		624		662		701		735		760		776		785		788		X	
Y																											Y
Z		562		566		578		598		630		670		709		742		767		782		791		794		Z	

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
 MODEL SIZE. DELTA. 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN, 12 MESH UNITS ROOT CHORD, UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1000 AT TIERS

**TIER No 5**

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
A	777		777		777		776		776		777		777		777		778		778		778		779		779	A	
B																											B
C	777		777		776		775		769		776		776		774		778		779		779		779		778	C	
D																											D
E	776		774		776		777		776		777		778		775		779		780		780		780		780	E	
F																											F
G	775		747		775		777		778		779		779		780		782		783		782		782		783	G	
H																											H
J	776		776		777		778		779		780		782		783		785		786		787		787		788	J	
K																											K
L	777		777		778		779		781		783		786		788		792		795		795		795		797	L	
M																											M
N	778		778		778		780		785		788		792		797		802		807		809		809		811	N	
O																											O
P	777		778		780		783		788		794		800		808		817		823		827		827		829	P	
Q																											Q
R	777		779		781		786		791		800		811		823		834		842		847		847		849	R	
S																											S
T	779		781		783		789		793		810		824		838		851		860		865		865		867	T	
U																											U
V	780		782		786		794		805		820		836		852		865		874		879		879		880	V	
W																											W
X	782		782		788		797		811		828		846		862		875		883		888		888		889	X	
Y																											Y
Z	781		783		785		799		814		831		850		865		877		886		890		890		892	Z	

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
 MODEL SIZE. DELTA. 12 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 12 MESH UNITS ROOT CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1000 AT TIER 9. **TIER No 7**

**—THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER—**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A																									
B																									
C																									
D																									
E																									
F																									
G																									
H																									
J																									
K																									
L																									
M																									
N																									
O																									
P																									
Q															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R														0	153	197	212	213	197	185	185				
S												0	174	262	302	318	319	304	304						
T										0	181	280	338	368	381	379	379								
U									0	185	286	350	389	411	418	418									
V							0	180	286	353	398	425	438	438											
W						0	175	279	349	396	426	444	444												
X					0	164	266	337	387	421	441	441													
Y				0	143	241	312	366	406	430	430														
Z				0	089	184	263	327	375	408	408														

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION.

MODEL SIZE. SWEEP BACK. 9 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 6 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9.

TIER No 0.

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
A		111		111		111		111		111		111		110		110		112		110		111		111		
B																										
C		112		111		111		110		110		111		110		111		111		111		111		111		
D																										
E		111		111		111		111		110		111		111		111		111		111		112		112		
F																										
G		111		111		111		111		111		111		111		112		112		112		113		112		
H																										
J		111		111		111		112		111		112		112		113		113		114		114		113		
K																		114	120	117						
L		111		111		111		112		112		113		115		116	114	097	143	123	119	117		117		
M																		118	125	122						
N		111		112		112		113		114		117		120		122		124		124		124		124		
O																										
P		112		113		113		116		119		126		137	142	145	146	147	148	148	147	147	148	148	148	
Q													147	162	173	180	182	182	182	182	182	182	182	182	182	
R		113		114		116		121		130		154	181	231	258	271	275	273	271	271	271	271	270	270	270	
S											158	189	252	302	332	347	352	351	351	351						
T		113		115		120		131		159	193	260	320	362	389	409	408	409	410	410		411		411		
U									157	193	262	325	375	409	430	441	445	447								
V		114		117		127		155	189	260	325	377	416	442	457	464	468	470		472		473		473		
W							150	183	252	318	373	414	444	462	472	477										
X		115		121		142	173	239	305	361	405	437	459	471	478	482		486		488		488		488	488	
Y					132	156	215	273	337	385	422	448	463	472												
Z		115		122	137	175	233	294	348	393	426	447	459	467	476		479		481		481		481		482	

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
 MODEL SIZE. SWEEP BACK 9 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN 6 MESH UNITS CHORD UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9.

**TIER N° 1.**

**—THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER—**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
A	222			222		222		222		222		221		222		222		221		222		222		222		A		
B																											B	
C		222		221		221		222		221		221		222		222		222		222		222		222		222	C	
D																											D	
E		221		221		221		222		222		222		223		223		223		223		223		224		224	E	
F										222		228		221													F	
G		221		222		222		222		222		218		221		223		224		224		224		225		225	G	
H								222		218		196		219		223				226							H	
J		222		222		222		223		223		222		219		223		225		226		227		228		228	J	
K										222		224		225		226				237		235		232			K	
L		222		222		223		224		225		227		229		233		239		264		246		238		234	L	
M																				245		243		241			M	
N		222		223		224		226		229		233		238		243		247		247		247		245		245	N	
O																											O	
P		223		224		226		230		237		247		261		267		272		275		277		278		278	P	
Q													272		286		297		304		308		310		311		311	Q
R		224		226		231		239		254		282		302		326		344		356		361		363		363	R	
S											286		312		344		373		394		407		413		416		417	S
T		226		229		238		254		288		316		352		388		417		437		450		456		460	T	
U								296		315		354		398		427		453		471		482		489		492	U	
V		227		233		248		282		312		351		393		429		460		482		496		506		511	V	
W						275		304		344		386		425		457		483		501		513		520			W	
X		229		238		265		291		330		373		413		449		477		498		512		522		522	X	
Y				253		274		309		351		393		431		462		487		505		517					Y	
Z		230		244		256		280		317		359		400		436		466		489		506		517		531	Z	

**PROBLEM.** NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION.  
**MODEL SIZE.** SWEEPED BACK 9 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 6 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9.

**TIER N° 2**



**—THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER—**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
A	332		332		332		332		332		332		333		333		333		3		3		4				
B																											
C	332		332		332		332		332		333		333		333		333		333		334		334		334		
D																											
E	331		332		332		333		333		333		334		334		334		334		335		335		335		
F																											
G	332		332		332		333		335		336		335		336		336		336		337		337		337		
H																											
J	337		332		333		334		337		338		338		339		342		341		340		340		340		
K																											
L	333		333		334		335		338		340		342		346		349		355		352		350		348		347
M																											
N	333		334		336		338		342		347		353		358		362		368		368		362		362		
O																											
P	335		336		339		344		351		362		375		386		391		394		394		394		393		
Q																											
R	336		338		344		353		369		393		424		445		484		486		486		487		486		
S																											
T	338		342		351		368		399		443		486		512		523		523		527		528		529		
U																											
V	341		347		362		393		442		497		537		589		569		569		573		575		576		
W																											
X	343		353		377		424		482		532		564		581		590		594		594		596		597		
Y																											
Z	345		365		385		439		498		543		577		587		594		599		600		601		601		

**PROBLEM.** NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION.  
**MODEL SIZE.** SWEEP BACK 9 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN, 6 MESH UNITS CHORD, UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9.

**TIER No 3**

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	554			554		553		553		554		555		555		555		556		556		556		556	
B																									
C	554			553		553		554		554		554		555		555		555		556		557		557	
D																									
E	553			552		553		554		555		555		555		556		556		557		558		558	
F																									
G	553			551		553		555		556		557		557		558		559		559		560		559	
H																									
J	554	553	553	554	554		556		559		560		560		562		563		563		563		563		563
K																									
L	554			555		555		558		560		562		565		568		570		570		570		570	
M																									
N	555			556		558		560		563		568		573		578		581		582		583		583	
O																									
P	556			558		561		565		571		580		590		598		603		605		606		608	
Q																									
R	558			561		566		574		585		601		617		629		635		639		640		642	
S																									
T	560			564		572		585		604		627		648		663		671		675		678		678	
U																									
V	563			568		580		599		626		653		676		690		699		703		705		705	
W																									
X	565			572		587		613		643		671		693		707		714		718		720		721	
Y																									
Z	566			574		591		618		650		678		698		712		719		723		725		725	

PROBLEM. NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION  
 MODEL SIZE. SWEEP BACK. 9 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 6 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9

**TIER No 5**

**— THREE DIMENSIONAL POTENTIAL ANALYSER —**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	771		776		774		774		775		776		776		776		777		778		778		778		778
B																									
C	776		774		768		775		768		775		776		774		777		778		778		778		778
D																									
E	775		771		773		775		775		776		777		774		778		778		778		778		779
F																									
G	773		745		774		776		777		778		778		779		780		780		780		780		780
H																									
J	776		775		776		777		778		779		780		781		782		782		782		782		782
K																									
L	777		776		776		778		780		782		784		785		786		787		786		787		787
M																									
N	777		777		777		780		785		787		789		791		792		793		794		794		794
O																									
P	776		778		780		784		789		794		797		801		803		805		805		806		806
Q																									
R	776		779		783		788		794		802		809		814		818		819		820		821		821
S																									
T	780		782		784		793		803		813		822		829		833		836		836		836		836
U																									
V	782		783		783		798		811		823		834		841		846		848		849		849		849
W																									
X	784		785		792		804		818		832		842		849		854		856		857		857		857
Y																									
Z	784		787		794		806		822		834		845		851		856		858		859		859		859

**PROBLEM.** NORMAL FLOW WITH CIRCULATION.  
**MODEL SIZE.** SWEEPED BACK 9 MESH UNITS SEMI-SPAN. 6 MESH UNITS CHORD. UNIFORM VOLTAGE OF 1.000 AT TIER 9.

**TIER N° 7**

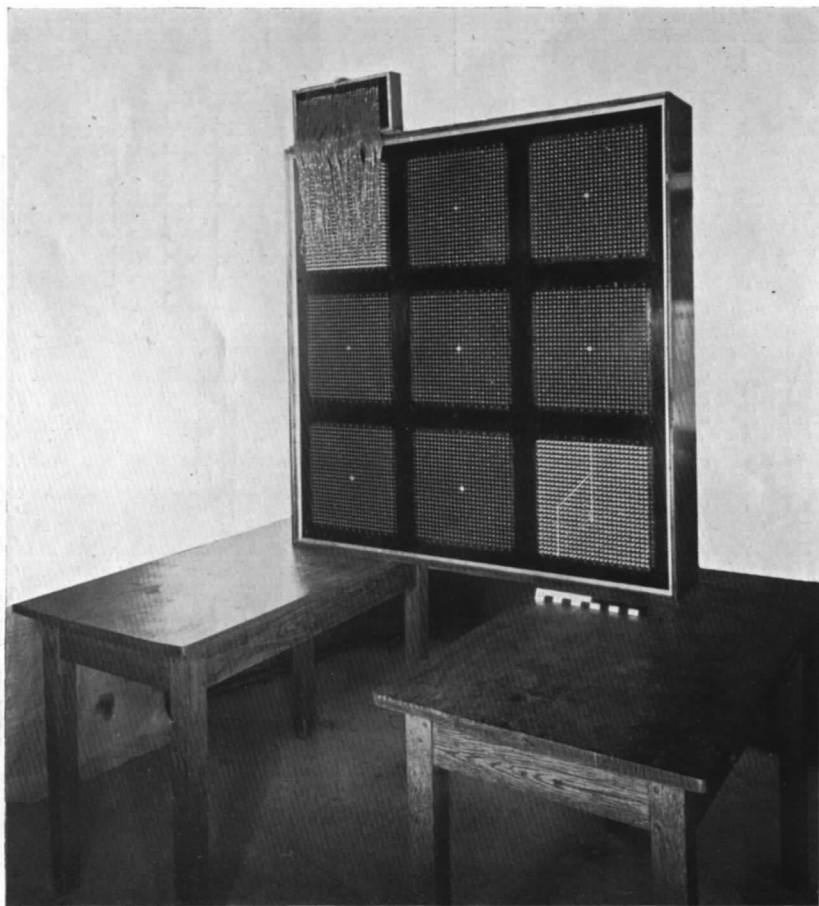


FIG. 1. General view of potential analyser.

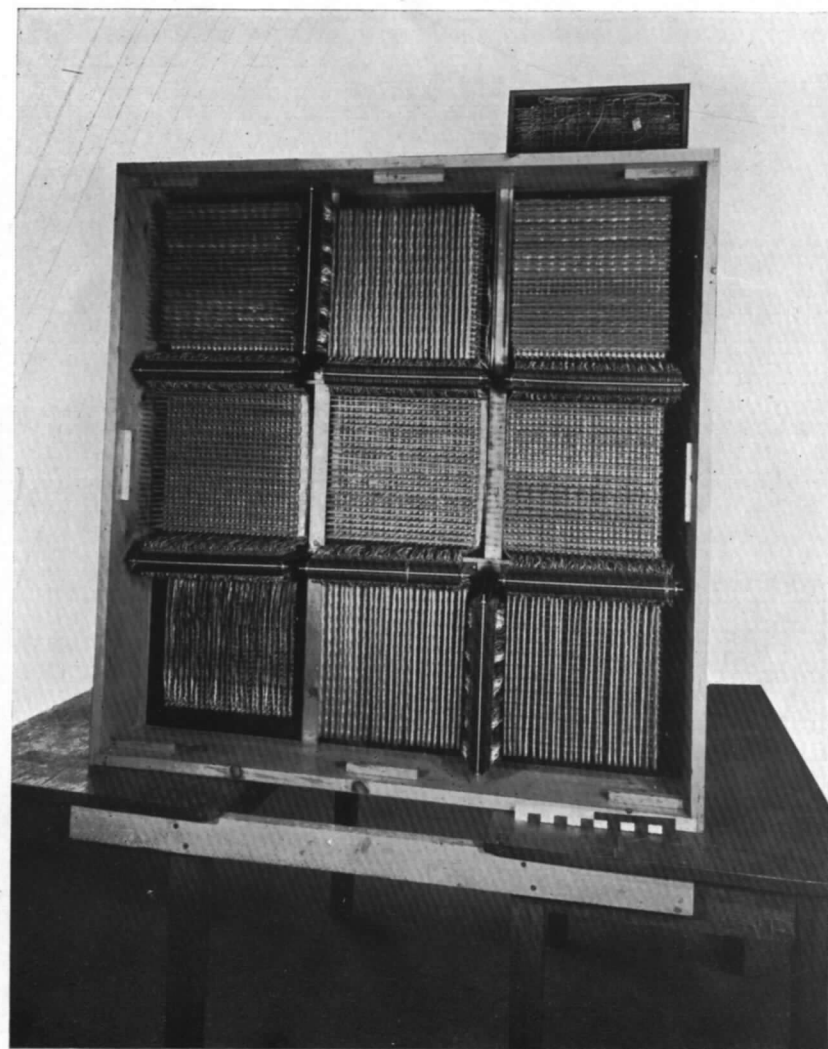


FIG. 2. Rear view of potential analyser.

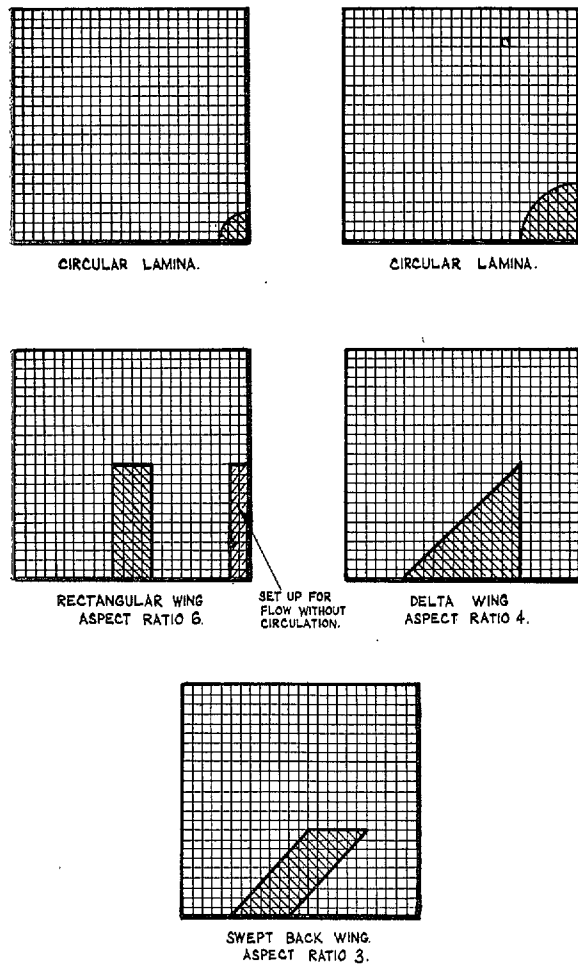


FIG. 3. Model sizes.

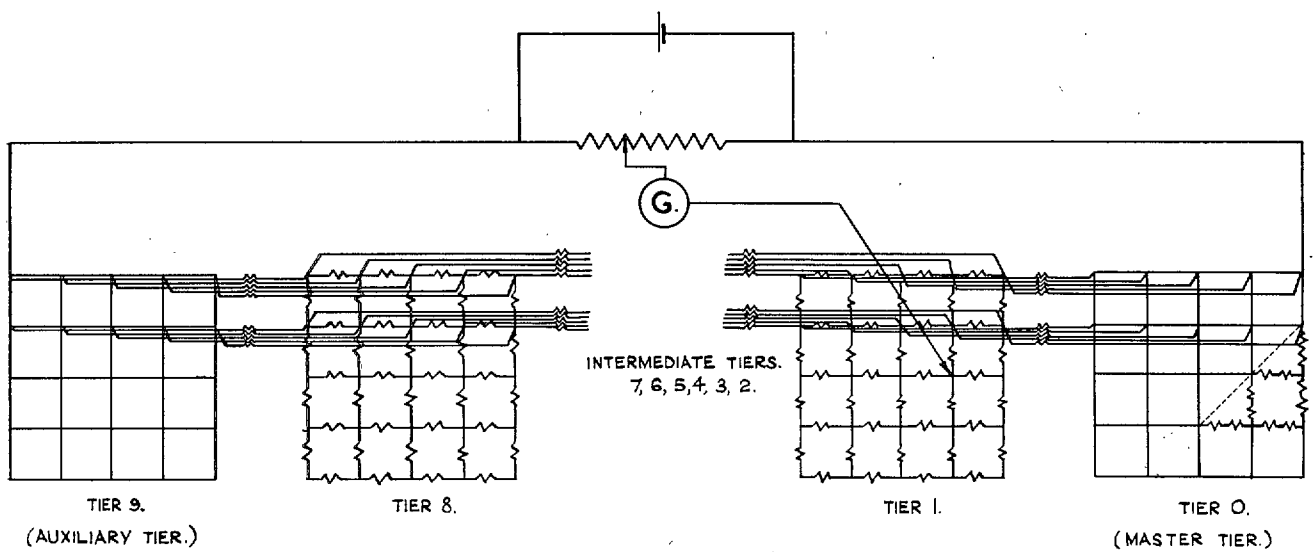


FIG. 4. Electrical circuit for analyser experiments.

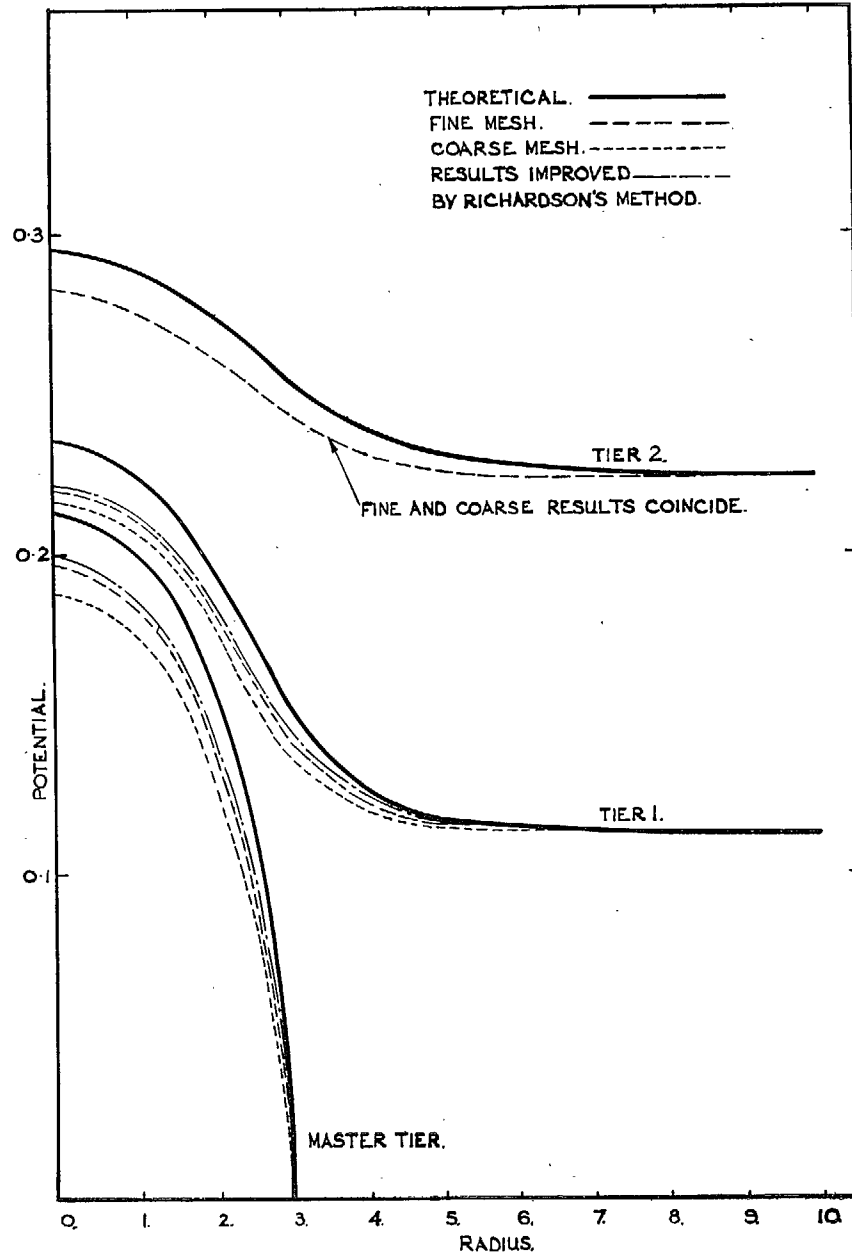
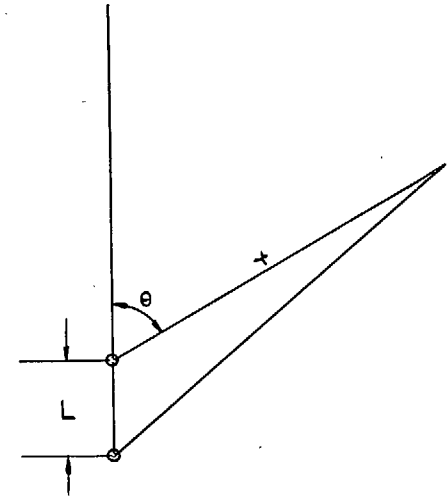


FIG. 5. Results of circular-disc experiments.



STRENGTH OF DOUBLET,  $D$ , =  $IL$

POTENTIAL DISTRIBUTION,  $\phi$ , =  $\frac{\rho D \cos \theta}{4 \pi r^2}$

FIG. 6. Potential distribution due to doublet strength.

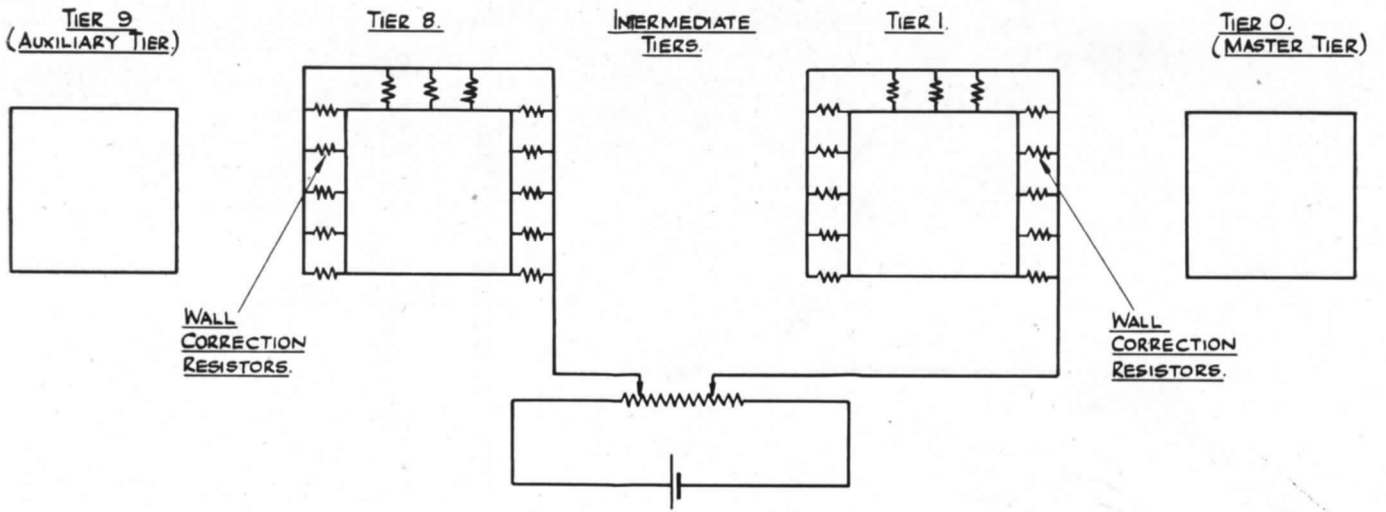


FIG. 7. Electrical circuit for channel wall resistors.

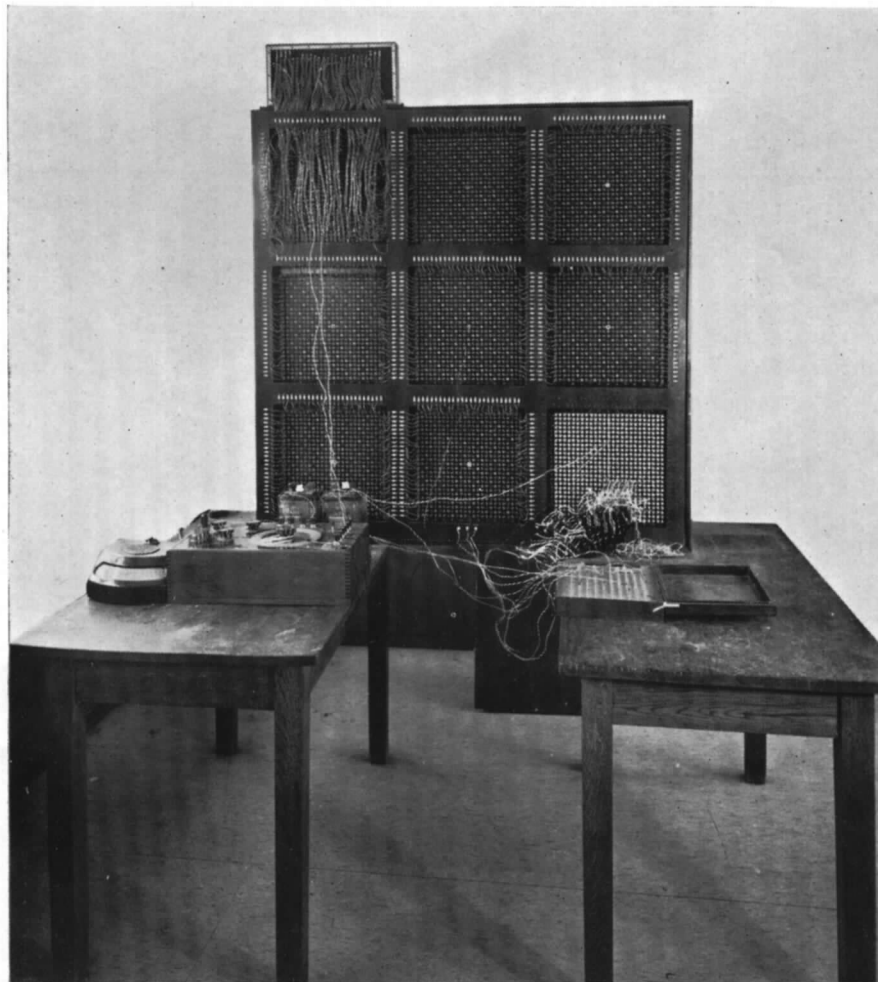


FIG. 8. Potential analyser set up for an experiment.

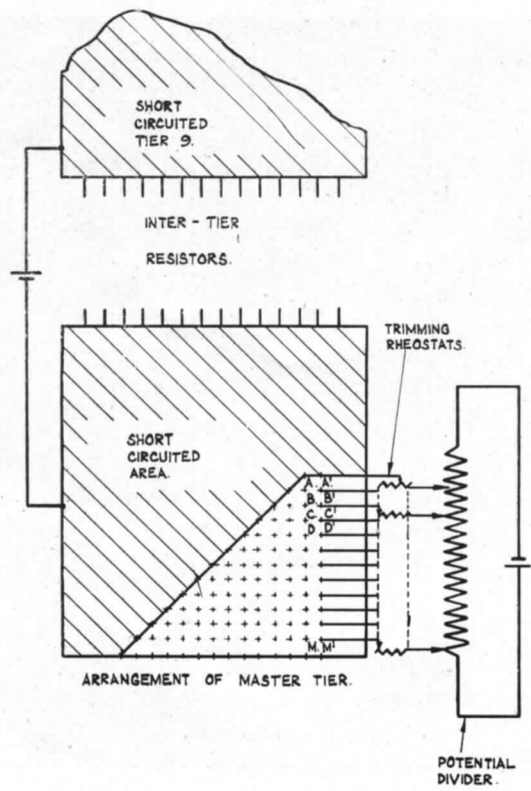


FIG. 9. Electrical circuit for flow with circulation.

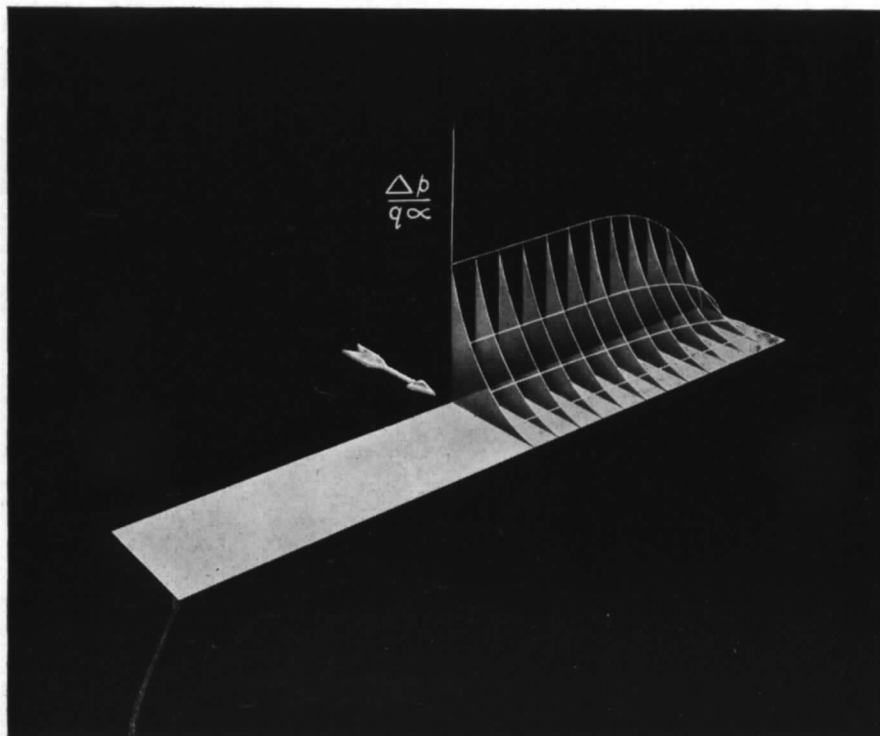


FIG. 10. Pressure distribution over rectangular wing.



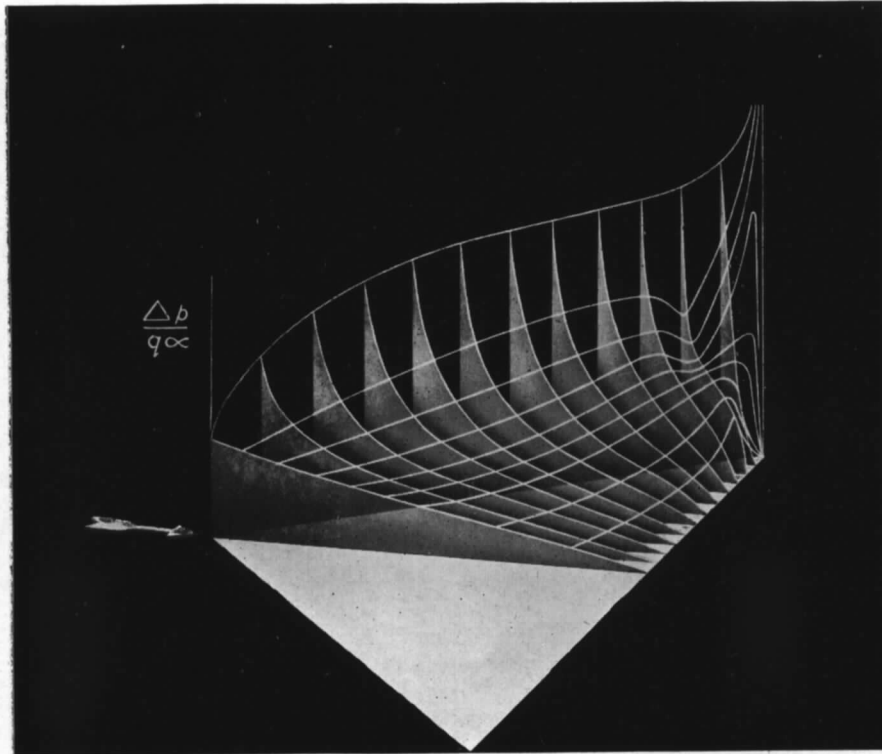


FIG. 11. Pressure distribution over delta wing.

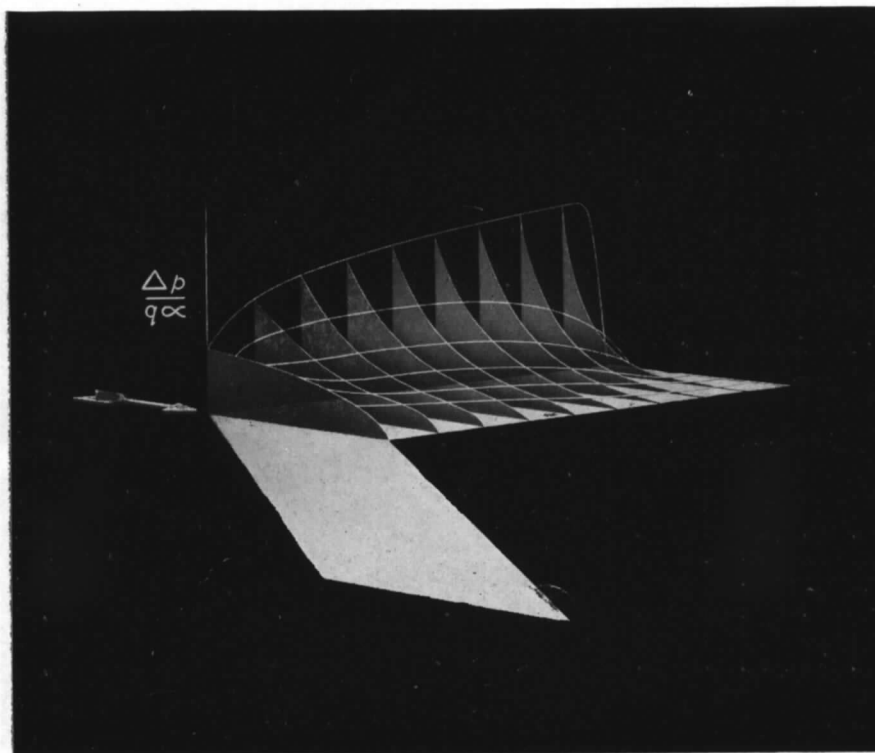


FIG. 12. Pressure distribution over swept-back wing.

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