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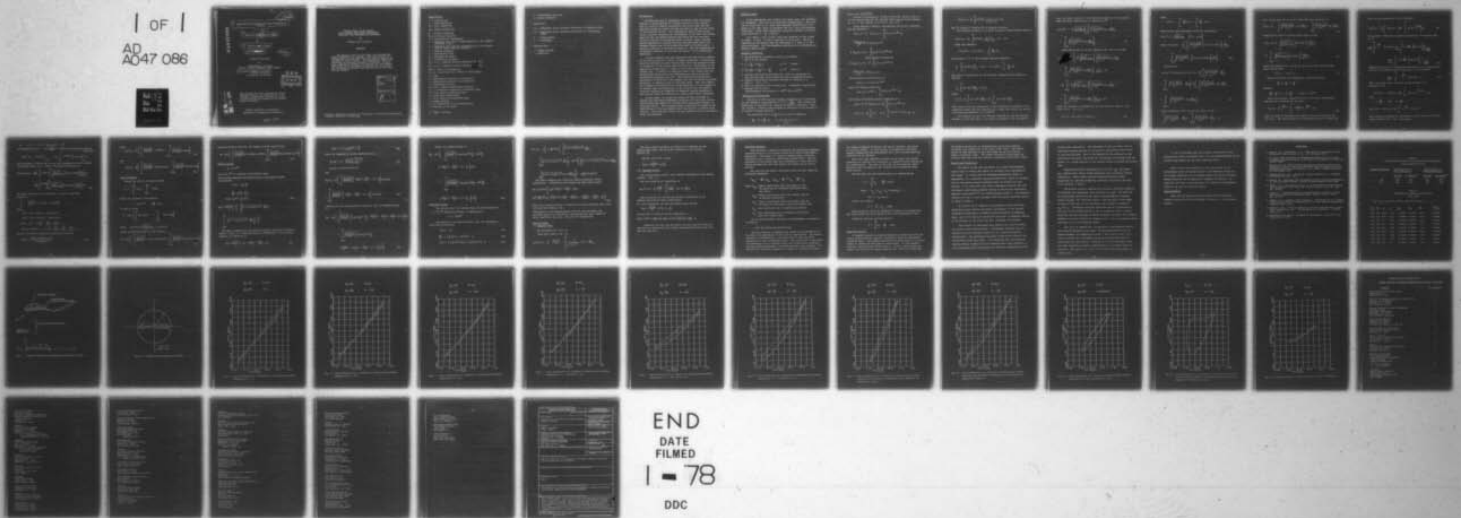
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DYNAMIC STALL OF AN AIRFOIL  
WITH LEADING EDGE BUBBLE SEPARATION  
INVOLVING TIME DEPENDENT RE-ATTACHMENT

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ABSTRACT

The dynamic stall of an airfoil with leading edge bubble separation is analyzed. The stall flutter of turbomachine blading often involves periodic growth and collapse of such a bubble. The mathematical model representing the physical problem is presented. A flat plate undergoing harmonic oscillations with time dependent point of re-attachment is studied for the perturbed aerodynamic reactions and applications to the stall flutter problem.

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## Nomenclature

a = acceleration

b = blade semichord

$C_L$  = lift coefficient

$C_M$  = moment coefficient

$\mathcal{F}$  = Fourier transform

f, g = auxiliary functions

h = translational displacement

i = imaginary unit used in representation of the complex variables  $Z$  and  $\zeta$

j = imaginary unit used in representation of the complex form of simple harmonic function

k = reduced frequency

L = perturbation lift

M = perturbation moment

p = perturbation pressure

$R_0 + j J_0$  = complex function defined by Eq. (14)

$R_1 + j J_1$  = complex function defined by (15)

S(t) = point of reattachment

$S_1, S_2$  = upper and lower limits of reattachment

t = time

u = perturbation velocity in x-direction

v = perturbation velocity in y-direction

V = freestream velocity

W =  $\phi + i\psi$ , complex acceleration potential

x, y = cartesian coordinates in physical plane

Z =  $x + iy$  point in physical plane

$\alpha$  = rotational displacement

$\zeta$  =  $\xi + i\eta$  point in transformed plane

$\mu$  = dummy variable

$\xi, \eta$  = coordinates in transformed plane

$\rho$  = density of the fluid

$\sigma = \left| \frac{x}{2b} \right|$  a variable

$\phi$  = acceleration potential  
 $\chi$  = phase difference

**Subscripts:**

$x, y$  = components along cartesian coordinates in physical plane

$\xi, \eta$  = components along cartesian coordinates in transformed plane

$h$  = translational

$\alpha$  = rotational

**Superscripts:**

' = dummy variable

- = amplitude

## Introduction

An important type of phenomenon classified under the general heading of aeroelasticity of lifting surfaces is stall flutter. This is a type of dynamic instability that occurs when the flow separates around an airfoil through the whole or part of each cycle of its vibratory motion. This nonclassical type of flutter may involve periodic breakaway and reattachment of the flow and various types of time lag effects between the motion and the reactions. The stall flutter of helicopter rotors, aircraft wings, aircraft engine compressors at ground start up and high speed flight are examples giving rise to non-steady flow about an airfoil and a possible condition of destructive behavior. Thus the prediction of aerodynamic reactions in such flow situations is of considerable importance.

In many instances the flow separation from the suction surface of the airfoil does not involve a complete breakaway. Particularly with thin airfoils of small leading edge radius the separation point is "anchored" at the leading edge followed by a reattachment of the separation-stream line at a point on the suction surface behind the leading edge. A "bubble" of separated flow is thus formed near the leading edge within which the velocities are quite low and the perturbation pressure near zero. The detailed fluid mechanical description of the flow is very complex, but the net effect on surface pressures is substantially as described above. When the airfoils of a cascade are configured as in the compressor of a gas turbine it is thought that the channelling of the relative flow by adjacent airfoils inhibits the formation of separated regions extending to the trailing edges and promotes the leading edge bubble phenomenon.

In this paper an analytical method has been developed to predict the perturbed aerodynamic reactions of a flat plate airfoil with leading edge bubble of variable extent undergoing harmonic oscillatory motion. This technique with an empirical knowledge of the time history of the reattachment point can be used to predict stall flutter. Some numerical results and the computer plots of the dynamic loops are presented.

## Physical Model

A two dimensional thin airfoil with small camber and incidence is considered. The flow is inviscid and incompressible. The problem is linear due to (i) small time dependent displacements (ii) small or zero mean angle of incidence and (iii) small perturbation velocities. Under these conditions a pressure function or acceleration potential  $\phi = -\frac{1}{\rho} \cdot p$  exists.

As a model, a flat airfoil with zero thickness on the x-axis is taken. In Fig. 1 flow is parallel to the x-axis. The flow separates at the leading edge and reattaches at a point S on the suction surface. The time-dependent positions of re-attachment are shown by dotted lines.

## Boundary Conditions

1. The perturbation pressure is zero in the bubble.

( $\phi = 0$  in the cavity)

$$2. \quad v = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) y \quad y = 0^- \quad 0 < x < 2b$$

$$3. \quad a_y = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^2 y = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad y = 0^+ \quad S(t) < x < 1$$

4. Complex acceleration potential ( $W = \phi + i\psi$ ) is continuous at the trailing edge (Kutta condition) and the separation point.

5. Complex acceleration potential vanishes at infinity (i.e.

$W(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow -\infty$ ).

6.  $W(z)$  is infinite at the leading edge. (Integrable singularity)

7. Harmonic Oscillations.

(Displacements are given by  $h = \bar{h}e^{j\omega t}$  and  $\alpha = \bar{\alpha}e^{j\omega t}$ )

## Mathematical Development

The flow, airfoil and the boundary conditions are transformed by the conformal transformation  $\zeta = \xi + i\eta = \sqrt{\frac{z}{2b}}$ . This reduces the difficulty in obtaining the solution of Laplace's Equation. Thus the Poincare boundary value problem is converted to the solution of a singular integral equation.

The prescribed value of  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta}$  on the  $\xi$ -axis is given by

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} = 4b \xi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad \text{on} \quad -1 < \xi < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad s(t) < \xi < +1 \\ \eta = 0^+$$

where  $s(t) = \sqrt{S(t)/(2b)}$

Fourier transformation is used to find the solution  $\phi(\xi, \eta, t)$  of the Laplace Equation for the half plane problem which vanishes as  $\eta \rightarrow +\infty$  and reduces to  $\phi(\xi, 0^+, t)$  for  $\eta = 0^+$ .

Using Laplace's Equation and applying the Fourier transform wrt the variable  $\xi$

$$\phi(m, \eta, t) = \mathcal{F} [\phi(\xi, \eta, t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(\xi, \eta, t) e^{-jm\xi} d\xi$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi(m, \eta, t)}{\partial \eta^2} = \mathcal{F} [\phi_{\eta\eta}(m, \eta, t)]$$

$$\mathcal{F} [\phi_{\xi\xi}(\xi, \eta, t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi_{\xi\xi}(\xi, \eta, t) e^{-jm\xi} d\xi$$

Using partial integration

$$\mathcal{F} [\phi_{\xi\xi}(\xi, \eta, t)] = -m^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(\xi, \eta, t) e^{-jm\xi} d\xi$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi(m, \eta, t)}{\partial \eta^2} - m^2 \phi(m, \eta, t) = 0$$

The solution of this equation is

$$\phi(m, \eta, t) = \phi(m, 0, t) e^{-|m|\eta}$$

Using the boundary condition

$$\phi(m, \eta, t) = e^{-|m|\eta} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(\xi', 0, t) e^{-jm\xi'} d\xi' \right]$$

and taking the inverse Fourier transform of  $\phi$

$$\phi(\xi, \eta, t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} [\phi(m, \eta, t)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(m, \eta, t) e^{jm\xi} dm$$

$$\phi(\xi, \eta, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(\xi', 0, t) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{[jm(\xi' - \xi) - |m|\eta]} dm \right] d\xi'$$

$$\phi(\xi, \eta, t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(\xi', 0^+, t) \frac{\eta}{\eta^2 + (\xi' - \xi)^2} d\xi'$$

This is Poisson's integral for a harmonic function.

The conjugate function  $\Psi$  is found using the Cauchy-Riemann equation.

$$-\Psi(\xi, \eta, t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(\xi', 0^+, t) \frac{\xi' - \xi}{\eta^2 + (\xi' - \xi)^2} d\xi' - C(t)$$

Using the identity

$$-\Psi(\xi, 0^+, t) = -\Psi(-1, 0^+, t) - \int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \xi'} d\xi'$$

and putting  $\eta = 0^+$  in the previous equation results in

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(\xi', 0^+, t) \frac{d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi} - C(t) = -\Psi(-1, 0^+, t) - \int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \xi'} d\xi'$$

The range of integration of the infinite integral may be reduced as follows:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(\xi', 0^+, t) \frac{d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi} = F(\xi, t)$$

where

$$F(\xi, t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^0 \phi(\xi', 0^+, t) \frac{d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s(t)}^1 \phi(\xi', 0^+, t) \frac{d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi}$$

This results from the assumption of zero perturbation pressure in the separation bubble and the inability of a single flat airfoil to exhibit a pressure perturbation in its wake<sup>(1)</sup>.

The solution of this last integral equation for the two sections between  $(-1 \rightarrow 0)$  and  $(s(t) \rightarrow +1)$  which is bounded at the non-special

ends, and which satisfies the singularity condition at the leading edge and Kutta condition at the trailing is <sup>(4)</sup>

$$\phi(\xi, 0^+, t) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1-\xi^2}{\xi(\xi-s(t))}} \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} F(\xi', t) \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \right. \\ \left. + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} F(\xi', t) \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \right\} \quad (1)$$

Substituting Eq. (1) in the expression for  $-\Psi(0, \eta, t)$  yields

$$-\Psi(0, \eta, t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^0 \frac{-1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1-\xi'^2}{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}} \left[ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\mu(\mu-s(t))}{1-\mu^2}} F(\mu, t) \frac{d\mu}{\mu-\xi'} \right]$$

$$+ \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\mu(\mu-s(t))}{1-\mu^2}} F(\mu, t) \frac{d\mu}{\mu-\xi'} \left] \frac{\xi'}{\eta^2 + \xi'^2} \cdot d\xi'$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \frac{-1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1-\xi'^2}{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}} \left[ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\mu(\mu-s(t))}{1-\mu^2}} F(\mu, t) \frac{d\mu}{\mu-\xi'} \right]$$

$$+ \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\mu(\mu-s(t))}{1-\mu^2}} F(\mu, t) \frac{d\mu}{\mu-\xi'} \left] \frac{\xi'}{\eta^2 + \xi'^2} \cdot d\xi'$$

where the constant of integration  $C(t)$  has been put equal to zero since  $-\Psi \rightarrow 0$  as  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$F(\xi, t) = -\Psi(-1, 0^+, t) + N(\xi, t) \quad (2)$$

where

$$N(\xi) = - \int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \xi'} d\xi' = \int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} d\xi'$$

Substituting this expression in Eq. (1) one obtains

$$\phi(\xi, 0^+, t) = \sqrt{\frac{1-\xi^2}{\xi(\xi-s(t))}} \left[ F(0) + Q(\xi) \right] \quad (3a)$$

$$\text{where } F(0)+Q(\xi) = - \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} \left[ -\Psi(-1, 0^+, t) + N(\xi') \right] \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \right.$$

$$\left. + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} \left[ -\Psi(-1, 0^+, t) + N(\xi') \right] \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \right\} \quad (3b)$$

Using Eq. (2)

$$-\Psi(-1, 0^+, t) + N(0) + Q(\xi) = \Psi(-1, 0^+, t) \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \right.$$

$$\left. + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \right] - \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} N(\xi') \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \right.$$

$$\left. + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} N(\xi') \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \right] \quad (4)$$

Using integration over the contour shown in Fig. 1

$$\int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}{1-\xi'^2}} \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} = -\pi$$

This result when put in Eq. (4) simplifies that expression to

$$Q(\xi) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^0 \frac{\sqrt{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}}{1-\xi'^2} N(\xi') \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \frac{\sqrt{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}}{1-\xi'^2} N(\xi') \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \quad (5)$$

Using Eq. (2) with  $\xi=0$  and the above result yields

$$\begin{aligned} -\Psi(0, \eta, t) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^0 \frac{\sqrt{1-\xi'^2}}{\sqrt{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}} \left[ F(0) + Q(\xi') \right] \frac{\xi' d\xi'}{\eta^2 + \xi'^2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \frac{\sqrt{1-\xi'^2}}{\sqrt{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))}} \left[ F(0) + Q(\xi') \right] \frac{\xi' d\xi'}{\eta^2 + \xi'^2} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Using the identity for  $-\Psi(\xi, 0^+, t)$ , Eq. (2) and the expression for  $N(\xi)$  reveals that

$$\bar{F}(\xi, t) = -\Psi(\xi, 0^+, t) \quad (7)$$

Assuming harmonic time dependence, the Euler equation

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}$$

becomes

$$\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial x} + \frac{j\omega}{V} \bar{v} = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}}{\partial x} \quad \text{since } v = \bar{v} e^{j\omega t}$$

Using the boundary condition  $\bar{v}(-\infty) = 0$ , the above differential equation has a solution of the form

$$\bar{v}(x, 0) = -\frac{1}{V} e^{\frac{j\omega}{V} x} \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}(x, 0)}{x} e^{\frac{j\omega}{V} x} dx \quad (8)$$

where the path of integration is taken to lie entirely along the real axis. The above equation is integrated by parts to reduce the

order of the singularity in the integrand,

$$\bar{v}(0^+, 0) = -\frac{1}{V} \left[ -\bar{\psi}(0^+, 0) + \frac{j\omega}{V} \int_{-\infty}^{0^+} \bar{\psi}(x, 0) e^{\frac{j\omega}{V} x} dx \right] \quad (9)$$

The boundary condition is applied just back of the leading edge,  $x = 0^+$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\epsilon}^{+\epsilon} e^{\frac{j\omega x}{V}} \bar{\psi}(x, 0) dx &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\epsilon}^0 (1 + \frac{j\omega x}{V}) \left[ \bar{\psi}(0, \eta, t) \right]_{\eta = +\sqrt{\frac{x}{2b}}} dx \\ &+ \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{\epsilon} (1 + \frac{j\omega x}{V}) \left[ \bar{\psi}(\xi, 0^+, t) \right]_{\xi = -\sqrt{\frac{x}{2b}}} dx \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Expressing  $F(\xi, t)$  as a generalized polynomial in  $\xi$ , using Eqs. (2), (5), (6) and performing the integration, it is found that

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\epsilon}^{+\epsilon} e^{\frac{j\omega}{V} x} \bar{\psi}(x, 0) dx = 0 \quad (11)$$

Thus, the upper limit in Eq. (9) may be changed to  $0^-$ .

Writing  $x = -|x|$

$$V \bar{v}(0^+, 0) = -\bar{\psi}(0^+, 0) + \frac{j\omega}{V} \int_0^{\infty} \bar{\psi}(x, 0) e^{-\frac{j\omega}{V} |x|} d|x|$$

with

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{|x|}{2b} \quad \text{and} \quad k \equiv \frac{\omega b}{V}$$

$$V \bar{v}(0^+, 0) = -\bar{\psi}(0^+, 0) + j2k \int_0^{\infty} e^{-j2k\sigma} \bar{\psi}(x, 0) d\sigma$$

Now, one has to change the coordinates of the function  $\bar{\psi}$ . On the lower surface  $x=0^+$ ,  $y=0^-$  corresponds

to  $\xi = 0^-$ ,  $\eta = 0^+$  and  $-\infty < x < 0^-$ ,  $y=0$   
 corresponds to  $\xi=0$ ,  $0 < \eta = \sqrt{\frac{x}{2b}} < \infty$ . Thus, continuing the previous  
 reduction

$$v\bar{v}(0^+, 0) = - \int_{\xi=0^-} \bar{\Psi}(\xi, 0^+, t) + j2k \int_0^{\infty} e^{-j2k\sigma} \left[ \bar{\Psi}(0, \eta, t) \right]_{\eta=\sigma} d\sigma$$

With reference to Equations (6) and (7), changing the dummy variable  
 and substituting  $\eta = \sigma$  reduces the previous equation to

$$v\bar{v}(0^+, 0) = \bar{F}(0^-) - \frac{j2k}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-j2k\sigma} \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \frac{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}}{\xi(\xi-s(t))} \left[ \bar{F}(0, t) + \bar{Q}(\xi) \right] \frac{\xi d\xi}{\sigma + \xi^2} \right\} d\sigma$$

$$- \frac{j2k}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-j2k\sigma} \left\{ \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \frac{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}}{\xi(\xi-s(t))} \left[ \bar{F}(0, t) + \bar{Q}(\xi) \right] \frac{\xi d\xi}{\sigma + \xi^2} \right\} d\sigma \quad (12)$$

The above function can be expressed in terms of tabulated  
 functions

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-j2k\sigma}}{\sigma + \xi^2} d\sigma = g(2k\xi^2) - jf(2k\xi^2)$$

where

$$f(z) = \sin z \operatorname{Ci}(z) + \cos z (-\operatorname{Si}(z))$$

$$g(z) = \sin z (-\operatorname{Si}(z)) - \cos z \operatorname{Ci}(z)$$

$$-\operatorname{Si}(z) = \frac{\pi}{2} - z + \frac{z^3}{3!3} - \frac{z^5}{5!5} + \frac{z^7}{7!7} - \dots$$

$$\operatorname{Ci}(z) = 0.577216\dots + \ln z - \frac{z^2}{2!2} + \frac{z^4}{4!4} - \frac{z^6}{6!6} + \dots$$

Eq. (12) is solved by numerical quadratures yielding

$$\bar{F}(0, t) = \frac{v\bar{v}(0^+, 0) + j2k(R_1 + jJ_1)}{1 - j2k(R_0 + jJ_0)} \quad (13)$$

where

$$R_0 + jJ_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} (g-jf) d\xi + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} (g-jf) d\xi \right\} \quad (14)$$

and

$$R_1 + jJ_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} \bar{Q}(\xi) (g-jf) d\xi + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} \bar{Q}(\xi) (g-jf) d\xi \right\} \quad (15)$$

### Lift and Moment

Taking the lift to be positive down;

$$\bar{L} = - \int_0^{2b} \bar{p} dx - \int_{s(t)}^{2b} (-\bar{p}) dx$$

where the conformal transformation

$$x = 2b(\xi^2 - \eta^2), \quad \frac{dx}{d\xi} = 4b\xi$$

is used to yield

$$\bar{L} = -4bp \left[ \int_{-1}^0 \bar{\phi}(\xi, 0) \xi d\xi + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \bar{\phi}(\xi, 0) \xi d\xi \right]$$

Using  $\phi(\xi, 0^+, t) = \sqrt{\frac{1-\xi^2}{\xi(\xi-s(t))}} [F(0) + Q(\xi)]$

which was derived earlier in the analysis,

$$\bar{L} = -4bp \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} [F(0, t) + \bar{Q}(\xi, t)] d\xi + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} [\bar{F}(0, t) + \bar{Q}(\xi, t)] d\xi \right\} \quad (16)$$

Assuming positive stalling, the moment is given similarly by

$$\bar{M} = -8b^2 \rho \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} [\bar{F}(0,t) + \bar{Q}(\xi,t)] \xi^2 d\xi + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} [\bar{F}(0,t) + \bar{Q}(\xi,t)] \xi^2 d\xi \right\} \quad (17)$$

### Bending Motion

$$y = -\bar{h} e^{j\omega t}$$

Here  $h = \bar{h} e^{j\omega t}$  is reckoned to be positive down.

The relevant equations derived earlier in the analysis yield successively

$$\bar{v}(0^+) = -jkv \frac{\bar{h}}{b}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} = 4b^2 \omega^2 \frac{\bar{h}}{b} \xi$$

$$\bar{N}(\xi) = 2b^2 \omega^2 \frac{\bar{h}}{b} (\xi^2 - 1) \quad (18)$$

$$\bar{Q}(\xi) = \frac{2b^2 \omega^2 \bar{h}}{b} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))(1-\xi'^2)} \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} + \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\xi'(\xi'-s(t))(1-\xi'^2)} \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'-\xi} \right] + 1 \right\}$$

$s(t)$

The above integrals are evaluated by contour integration (contours similar to Fig. 1). When the result is substituted in the previous equation it simplifies to

$$\bar{Q}(\xi) = \frac{2b^2 \omega^2 \bar{h}}{b} \left( \xi^2 - \frac{s(t)\xi}{2} - \frac{s^2(t)}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad (19)$$

$$\bar{F}_h(0) = 2(A_h + jB_h)b^2 \omega^2 \frac{\bar{h}}{b} \quad (20)$$

where the subscript h denotes bending motion.

$$A_h + jB_h = j \frac{1}{2} \frac{-\frac{1}{k} + 4k(R_2 + jJ_2)}{1 - j2k(R_0 + jJ_0)} \quad (21)$$

$R_0 + jJ_0$  is given by Eq. (14)

and

$$R_2 + jJ_2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \frac{\sqrt{\xi(1-\xi^2)}}{\sqrt{\xi-s(t)}} \left[ -\frac{s(t)\xi}{2} - \frac{s^2(t)}{8} + \xi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] (g-jf) d\xi \right. \\ \left. + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \frac{\sqrt{\xi(1-\xi^2)}}{\sqrt{\xi-s(t)}} \left[ -\frac{s(t)\xi}{2} - \frac{s^2(t)}{8} + \xi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] (g-jf) d\xi \right\} \quad (22)$$

Substituting the above results in Eq. (16), lift for bending motion is

$$\bar{L}_h = -4b\rho \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \frac{\sqrt{\xi(1-\xi^2)}}{\sqrt{\xi-s(t)}} \left[ 2(A_h + jB_h)b^2 \omega^2 \frac{\bar{h}}{b} + \frac{2b^2 \omega^2 \bar{h}}{b} \left[ -\frac{s(t)\xi}{2} - \frac{s^2(t)}{8} + \xi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] \right] d\xi \right. \\ \left. + \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \frac{\sqrt{\xi(1-\xi^2)}}{\sqrt{\xi-s(t)}} \left[ 2(A_h + jB_h)b^2 \omega^2 \frac{\bar{h}}{b} + \frac{2b^2 \omega^2 \bar{h}}{b} \left[ -\frac{s(t)\xi}{2} - \frac{s^2(t)}{8} + \xi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] \right] d\xi \right\} \quad (23)$$

Moment for bending motion is

$$\bar{M}_h = -8b^2\rho \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} \left[ 2(A_h + jB_h)b^2\omega^2\frac{h}{b} + 2b^2\omega^2\frac{h}{b} \right] \left[ -\frac{s(t)\xi}{2} - \frac{s^2(t)}{8} + \xi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] \xi^2 d\xi \right.$$

$$+ \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)}{\xi-s(t)}} \left[ 2(A_h + jB_h)b^2\omega^2\frac{h}{b} + 2b^2\omega^2\frac{h}{b} \right] \left[ -\frac{s(t)\xi}{2} - \frac{s^2(t)}{8} + \xi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] \xi^2 d\xi \left. \right\} \quad (24)$$

### Torsional Motion

For torsion about the leading edge, the displacement for  $\alpha = \bar{\alpha} e^{j\omega t}$  positive stalling, is expressed as

$$y = -\bar{\alpha} x e^{j\omega t}$$

Analogously to the bending motion case, the expressions are given successively

$$\bar{v}(0^+) = -\bar{\alpha} \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial \eta} = \left[ -j \frac{8}{k} b^2 \omega^2 \xi + 8b^2 \omega^2 \xi^3 \right] \bar{\alpha} \quad (26)$$

$$\bar{N}(\xi) = \left[ -j \frac{4}{k} b^2 \omega^2 (\xi^2 - 1) + 2b^2 \omega^2 (\xi^4 - 1) \right] \bar{\alpha} \quad (27)$$

$$\bar{Q}(\xi, t) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ -(-j \frac{4}{k} b^2 \omega^2 \bar{\alpha}) \left[ \int_{-1}^0 \frac{\sqrt{\xi' (\xi' - s(t)) (1 - \xi'^2)} d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi} \right. \right. \\ \left. \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \frac{\sqrt{\xi' (\xi' - s(t)) (1 - \xi'^2)} d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi} \right] - 2b^2 \omega^2 \bar{\alpha} \left[ \int_{-1}^0 \frac{\sqrt{\xi' (\xi' (\xi' - s(t)) (1 - \xi'^2) (1 + \xi'^2))} d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi} \right. \\ \left. \left. \int_{s(t)}^{+1} \frac{\sqrt{\xi' (\xi' - s(t)) (1 - \xi'^2) (1 + \xi'^2)} d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi} \right] \right\} - j \frac{4}{k} b^2 \omega^2 \bar{\alpha} + 2b^2 \omega^2 \bar{\alpha}$$

The above integrals are solved by similar elaborate contour integrations. Substituting the results and after some algebra,

$$\bar{Q}(\xi, t) = b^2 \omega^2 \bar{\alpha} \left\{ -j \frac{4}{k} \left[ \xi^2 \frac{s(t)}{2} - \frac{s^2(t)}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \right] + 2 \right. \\ \left. \left[ \xi^4 \frac{s(t) - \xi^3}{2} + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{s^2(t)}{8} \right) \xi^2 + \left( \frac{-s(t)}{4} - \frac{s^3(t)}{16} \right) \xi - \frac{5 - s^4(t)}{128} - \frac{s^2(t)}{16} + \frac{3}{8} \right] \right\} \quad (28)$$

$\bar{F}(0, t)$  for torsional Motion is obtained by substituting Eqs. (25), (14), (15) and (28) into Eq. (13).

Analogously to the bending motion, the lift and the moment for torsional motion are obtained by substituting the above values of  $\bar{Q}(\xi, t)$  and  $\bar{F}(0, t)$  into Eqs. (16) and (17) respectively.

### Special Cases:

#### (i) Attached Flow:

For Attached Flow  $s(t) = 0$ .

Using this value in Eq. (1)

$$\phi(\xi, 0^+, t) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \xi^2}}{\xi} \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{\xi'}{\sqrt{1 - \xi'^2}} F(\xi') \frac{d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi}$$

The above result satisfies the singularity condition at the leading edge ( $\xi=0$ ), and the Kutta condition at the trailing edge ( $\xi=+1$ ).

Eq. (19) with  $s(t) =$  gives

$$\bar{Q}(\xi) = \frac{2 b^2 \omega^2 \bar{h}}{b} \left( \xi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

(ii) Stalled Airfoil:

For an oscillating airfoil with complete separation on the suction surface  $s(t) = 1$ .

For this value Eq. (1) simplifies to

$$\phi(\xi, 0^+, t) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1+\xi}{-\xi}} \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{\frac{-\xi'}{1+\xi'}} F(\xi', t) \frac{d\xi'}{\xi' - \xi}$$

This satisfies the singularity and Kutta conditions at the leading and trailing edges respectively.

For full separation, Eq. (19) of bending motion becomes

$$\bar{Q}(\xi) = \frac{2b^2 \omega^2 \bar{h}}{b} \left( \xi^2 - \frac{1}{2} \xi + \frac{3}{8} \right)$$

and Eq. (28) of torsional motion simplifies to

$$\bar{Q}(\xi) = b^2 \omega^2 \alpha \left[ -j \frac{4}{k} \left( \xi^2 - \frac{1}{2} \xi + \frac{3}{8} \right) + 2 \left( \xi^4 - \frac{1}{2} \xi^3 + \frac{3}{8} \xi^2 - \frac{5}{16} \xi + \frac{35}{128} \right) \right]$$

Similarly the lift and the moment for these special cases are obtained by substituting the relevant expressions derived above into Eqs. (16) and (17).

## Stability Analysis

This analysis is aimed at predicting the perturbed aerodynamic characteristics of a flat plate airfoil with leading edge bubble separation. The motion is a harmonic bending and/or torsional oscillation in an otherwise undisturbed uniform field. The flow separates at the leading edge and reattaches at a point which is moving periodically with time between two limits on the suction surface.

One can find the moment coefficient about any axis using the following expression.

$$C_{M_{ax}} = - \left(\frac{x}{2b}\right) C_{M_{h0}} + C_{M_{\alpha 0}} + \left(\frac{x}{2b}\right)^2 C_{L_h} - \left(\frac{x}{2b}\right) C_{L_\alpha}$$

where  $C_{M_{ax}}$  = moment coefficient about any point  $x$  along the chord due to torsional oscillation about this point.

$C_{M_{h0}}$  = moment coefficient about the leading edge due to bending oscillation.

$C_{M_{\alpha 0}}$  = moment coefficient about the leading edge due to torsional oscillation about the leading edge.

$C_{L_h}$  = lift coefficient due to bending oscillation.

$C_{L_\alpha}$  = lift coefficient due to torsional oscillation about the leading edge.

In the above analysis, the point of reattachment is assumed to be given by

$$s(t) = \frac{1}{2} [S_1 + S_2] + (S_1 - S_2) \cos(\omega t - \chi)$$

The only obstacle to applying the method is the definition of the exact time dependency of the point of reattachment. The present technique is semiempirical in the sense that it uses the above expression for the reattachment point. This empiricism in specifying the expression can be improved using flow visualization techniques and high speed photography or detailed boundary layer analysis. The variation of this point depends on a number of variables including

the reduced frequency of motion, the airfoil geometry, the nature of the flow pattern. If this history is analyzed for different reduced frequencies from experimental data, more suitable empirical functions can be obtained.

Given this time dependent movement of the point, the present technique can indicate the occurrence or absence of stall flutter for any configuration. The sign of the value of work done per cycle, positive, zero or negative, will indicate this information about stall flutter.

The work done for pure bending motion is represented by

$$W \sim \int_0^{2\pi} C_{L_h} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} \cdot d(\omega t)$$

$$\text{where } C_{L_h} = C_{L_0} + C_{L_1} \cos(\omega t + \phi_1) + \dots$$

$$\text{and } h = h_0 \cos \omega t$$

Taking the integral

$$W \sim -\frac{1}{2} \pi C_{L_1} \cdot \sin \phi_1$$

Some numerical values are presented in Table 2 as examples for the coefficients and phase angles of the "Lift Coefficient" term

Similarly for pure torsional motion

$$W \sim \int_0^{2\pi} C_M \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \cdot d(\omega t)$$

### Numerical Results

A computer program has been developed to calculate the lift and moment coefficients by numerical integration using the expressions presented above. The program calculates the coefficients at a certain number of points for each cycle of oscillation. It uses harmonic analysis, and finds the coefficients of Fourier series which represents the lift and the moment coefficients. The work coefficient

for bending oscillation is represented by one of these Fourier constants, the coefficient of the first "sine" term. The Fourier series is then employed to plot the graphs of the lift and the moment coefficient loops. The graphs presented in this paper are directly obtained using this computer program and the plotter output.

### Results and Conclusions

The effect on the lift and moment of a single nonstationary airfoil with a leading edge bubble of variable extent described in this paper. To verify that the developed mathematical model is applicable, fully separated (supercavitated) flow, which is a special case of the general method presented above, is studied for this purpose. It is found that the general expressions derived for lift and moment coefficients simplify exactly to the results obtained by previous investigators<sup>(2)</sup> for supercavitating airfoils. The numerical results are also, in good agreement with the results obtained earlier as shown in Table 1.

An initial set of numerical and graphical results have been obtained for pure bending (plunging) oscillations of the airfoil. Although the discussion is based on these necessarily preliminary data, many of the physical conclusions carry over to expected results to be obtained in the future for pure torsional oscillations.

The location of the bubble that forms on the airfoil governs the airfoil stall characteristic. Aerodynamic reactions vary in a periodic but non-sinusoidal manner for an airfoil oscillating harmonically. The hysteresis increases as the travel range of the reattachment point gets wider. It is believed that the numerical results deviate somewhat from the mathematically exact solution if the reattachment point approaches the immediate neighborhood of the

leading edge singularity. The amplitudes of lift and moment due to oscillation become smaller as the point of reattachment moves closer to the trailing edge. This is attributable to the reduction of the perturbation pressure, and hence the contribution to unsteady lift and moment, of a larger portion of the suction surface including the leading edge.

Damping derivatives (imaginary part of lift,  $C_{Lh}$ , and moment  $C_{M\alpha}$ , coefficients) attain larger magnitudes with increasing reduced frequencies. These higher reduced frequencies produce higher amplitudes for unsteady aerodynamic reactions in general, see Figs. 6, 7, 8 and Figs. 9 and 10.

The present analysis supplies the necessary information required to determine the aerodynamic work including its sign. The work can be analytically obtained by the cyclic integrals  $\oint L dh$  for bending motion and  $\oint M d\alpha$  for torsional motion. From the type of data shown in Table 2 this work can be calculated and is found to depend on  $C_{L1}$  and  $\phi_1$ . Aerodynamic work per cycle may also be interpreted as the area of the closed figures in the  $L, h$  plane or the  $M, \alpha$  plane. Work done per cycle depends on reduced frequency and phase lag of bubble movement as can be inferred by comparing Figs. 3 to 6 for phasing effect and Figs. 6 to 8 for frequency effect.

Fig. 11 is an example for a fixed point of reattachment showing the expected elliptical lift loop. The hysteresis effects due to bubble movement are emphasized in Figs. 7 and 9 and in Figs. 8, 10, and 12 in which the reattachment point moves during the cycle of oscillation for each series. Crossing of the lift and moment loops has been reported by previous investigators as a possible effect of stalling. See Figs. 3, 4, 5 and 13, the last being one example of a moment loop.

It can be concluded that the integral formulation of the mathematical model as presented here is a good representation of the leading edge bubble for the cases discussed above.

With a better understanding of the time history of the reattachment point and perhaps using a time dependent phase lag, the present technique can be studied further and using a suitable mapping function can be applied for cascades of airfoils. An important next step is the execution of a numerical and graphical study of the case of torsional motion.

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Table 1  
Fixed Separation Point in Translational Oscillation  
(Fully Separated Case)

<u>Reduced frequency</u>	<u>Imaginary Part of Lift Coefficient</u>		<u>Imaginary Part of Moment Coefficient</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>L.C.Woods</u> (6)	<u>Present</u>	<u>L.C.Woods</u> (6)
.04	.061	.062	.019	.019
.64	.949	.965	.292	.302

Table 2  
Translational (Bending) Oscillation  
 $h=h_0 \cos \omega t$

$$C_L = C_{L0} + C_{L1} \cos(\omega t + \phi_1) + C_{L2} \cos(\omega t + \phi_2) + \dots$$

<u>S<sub>1</sub></u>	<u>S<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>k</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>C<sub>L0</sub></u>	<u>C<sub>L1</sub></u>	<u>φ<sub>1</sub></u>	<u>C<sub>L2</sub>/C<sub>L1</sub></u>
1/3	1/9	0.05	-π/2	-0.01183	0.23960	-88.5	0.04967
1/3	1/9	0.05	-π/3	0.00986	0.23949	-88.4	0.04938
1/3	1/9	0.1	-π/2	0.02480	0.46954	88.7	0.05385
1/3	1/9	0.2	-π/2	-0.05422	0.84945	82.7	0.06574
1/3	1/9	0.5	-π/2	-0.10274	1.29881	83.6	0.08603
2/9	1/9	0.05	-π/2	-0.00581	0.25164	-88.3	0.023268
2/9	1/9	0.1	-π/2	-0.01222	0.49446	89.3	0.02559
2/9	1/9	0.2	-π/2	-0.02801	0.9009	84	0.0323
2/9	1/9	0.5	0	0.16037	1.38703	85.6	0.04256

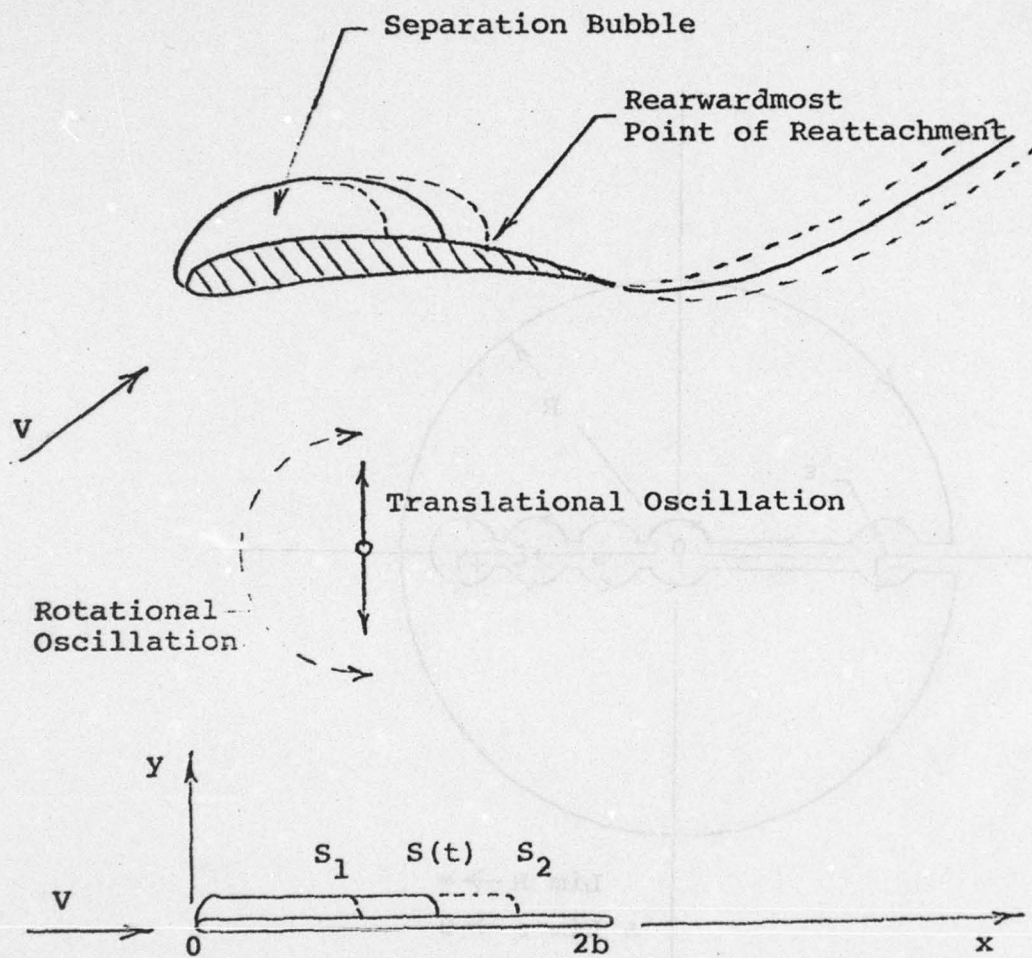


Fig. 1 - Physical model and corresponding mathematical model.

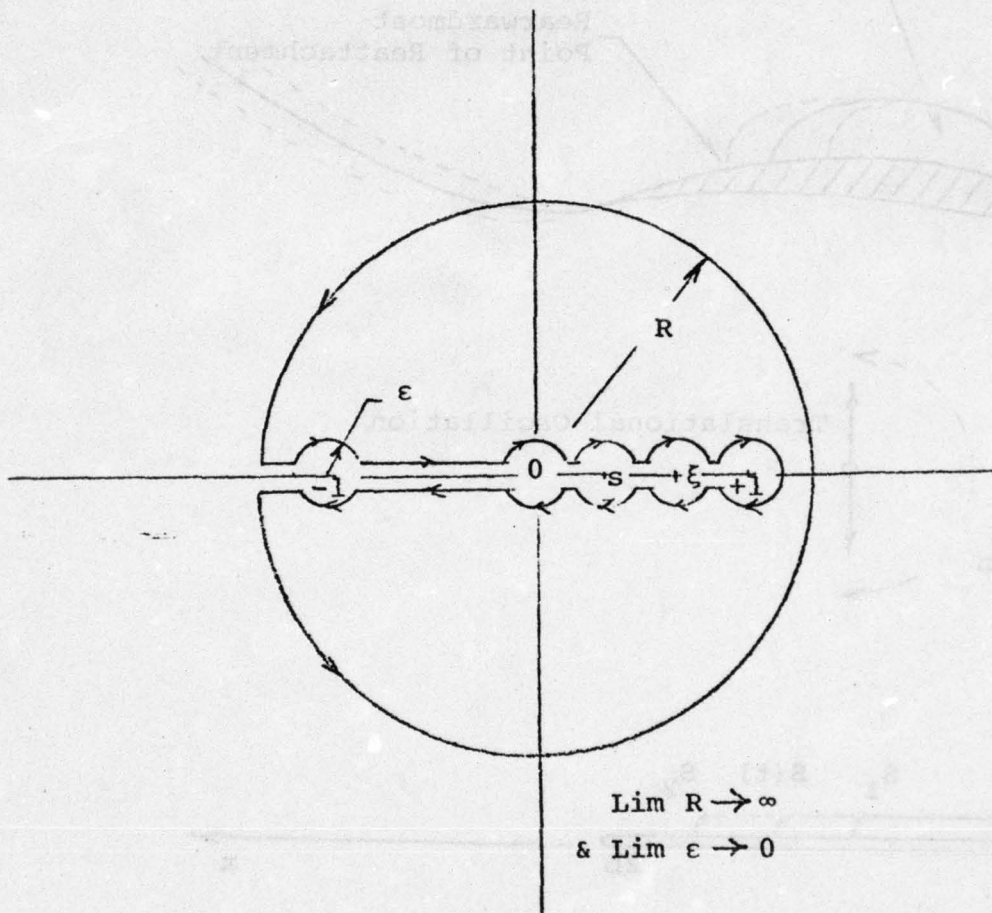


Fig. 2 - Countour for integration of Eq.(4).

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$$K = 0.1$$

$$S_2 = 1/9$$

$$x = 0$$

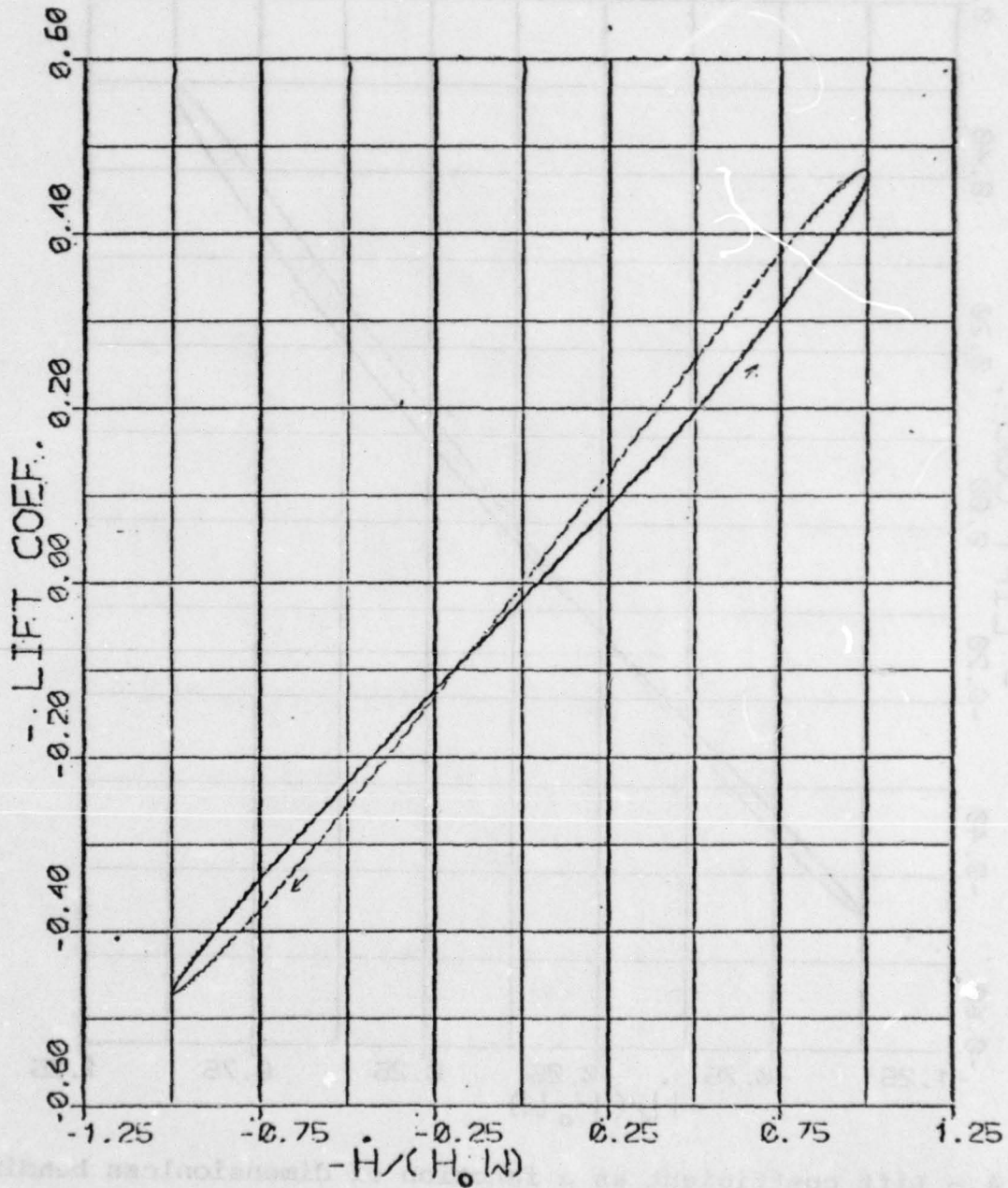


Fig. 3 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity at  $x = 0$ .

$$S_1 = 1/3$$

$$K = 0.1$$

$$S_2 = 1/9$$

$$\alpha = -\pi/6$$

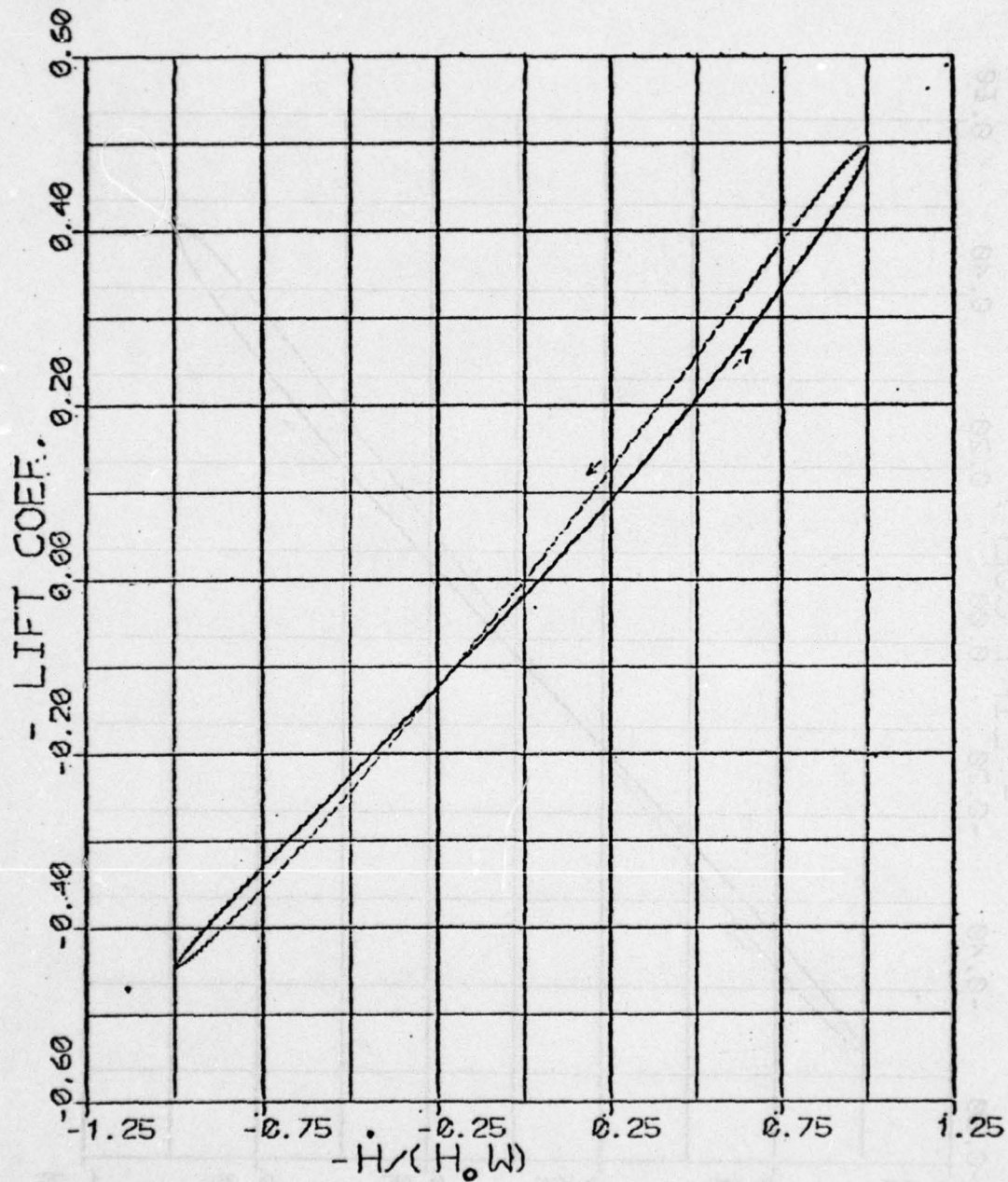


Fig. 4 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity at  $\alpha = \pi/6$ .

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$$\alpha = -\pi/3$$

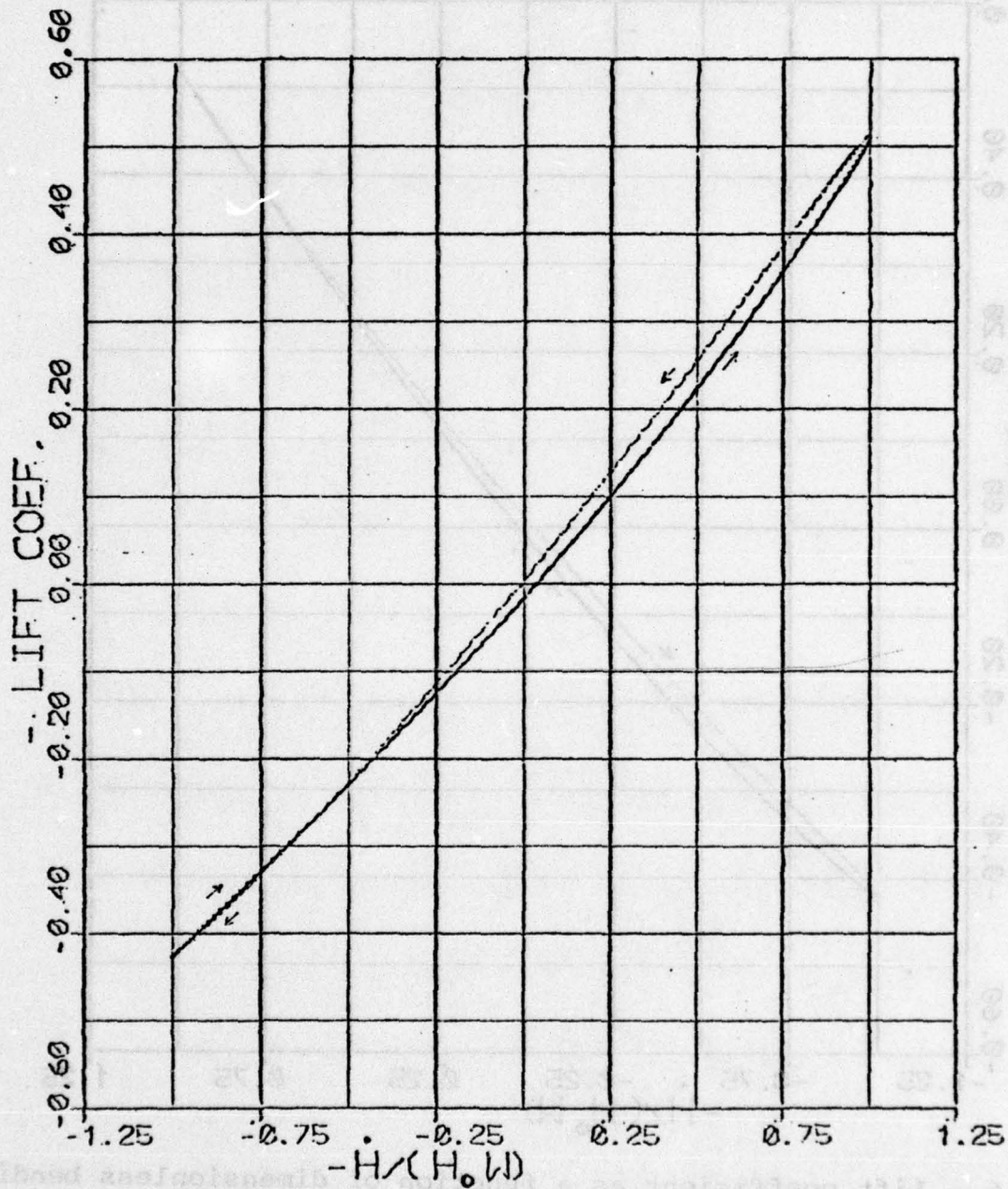


Fig. 5 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity at  $\alpha = \pi/3$ .

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$$K = 0.1$$

$$S_2 = 1/9$$

$$x = -\pi/2$$

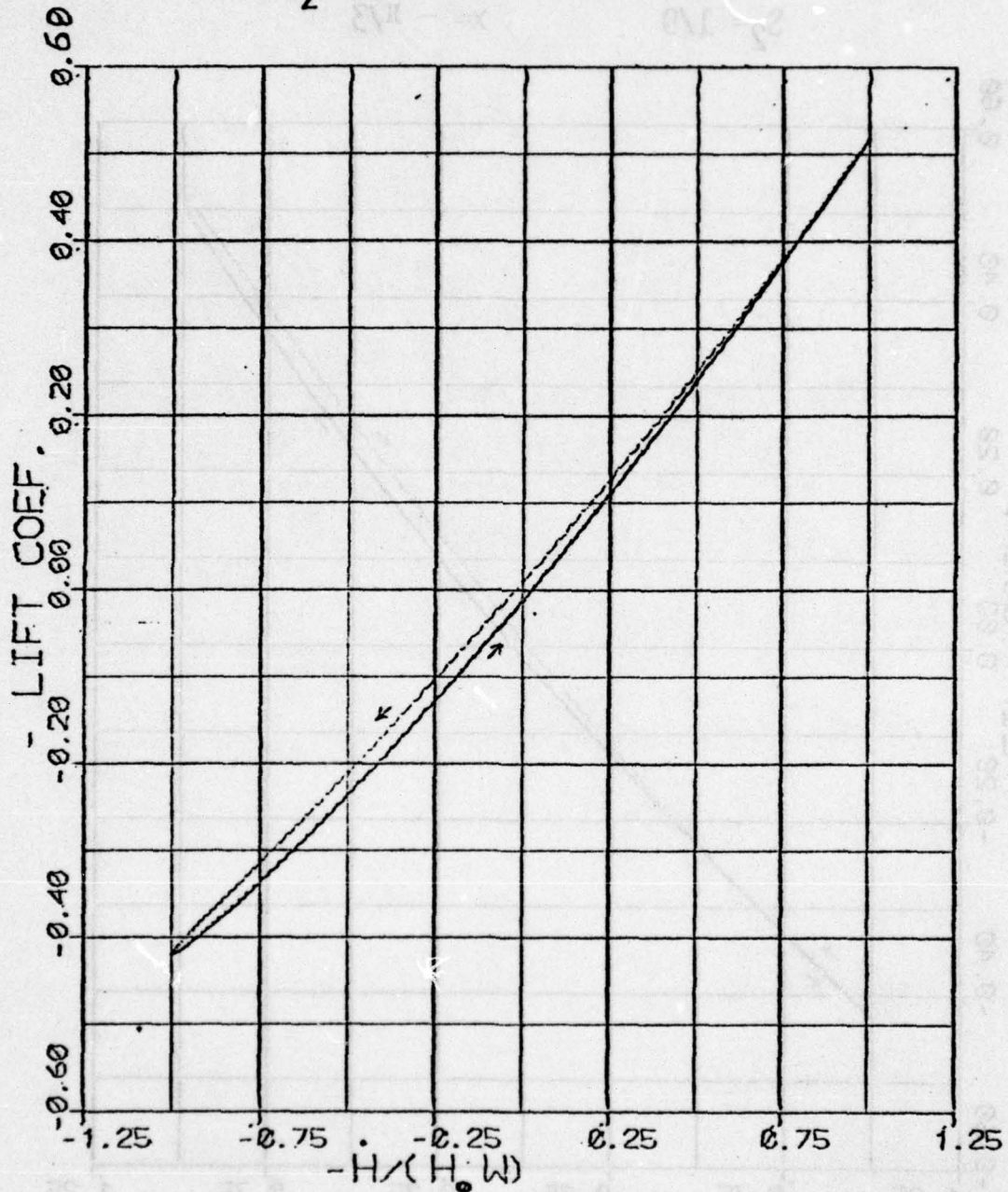


Fig. 6 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity at  $x = -\pi/2$  and  $k = 0.1$

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$$S_2 = 1/9 \quad \alpha = -\pi/2$$

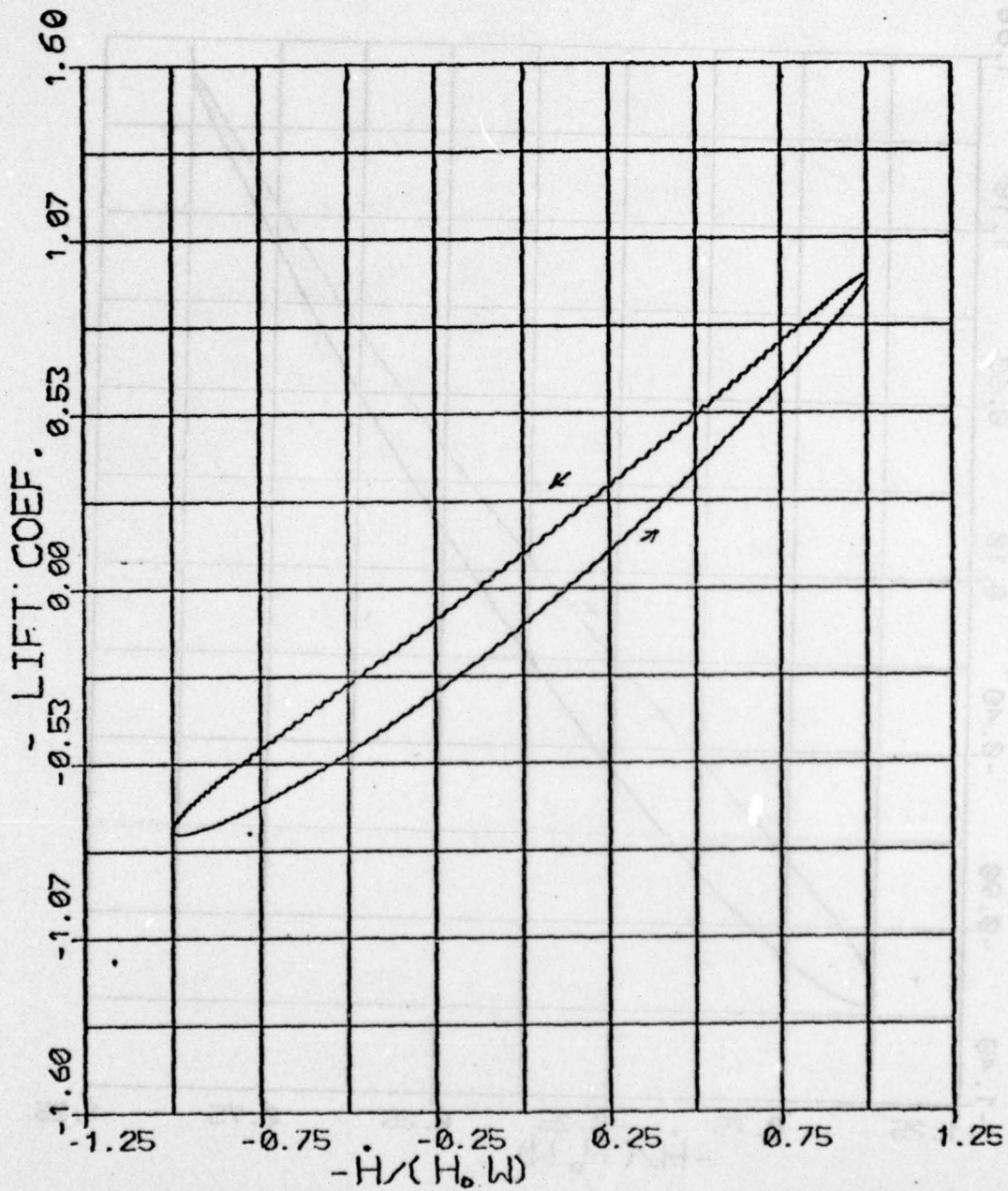


Fig. 7 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity at  $\alpha = -\pi/2$  and  $k = 0.2$

$$S_1 = 1/3$$

$$K = 0.5$$

$$S_2 = 1/9$$

$$x = -\pi/2$$

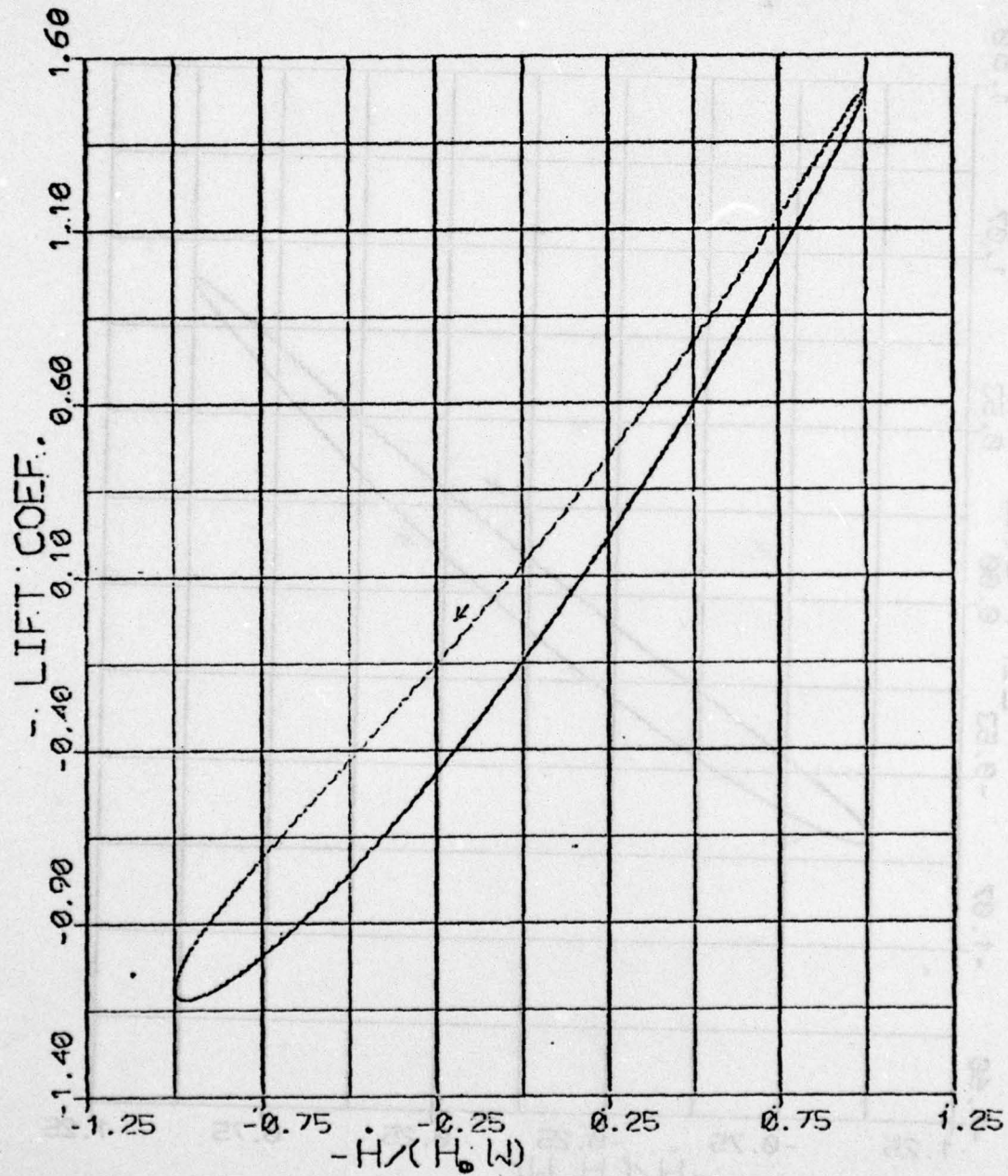


Fig. 8 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity at  $x = -\pi/2$  and  $k = 0.5$

$$S_1 = 2/9$$

$$K = 0.2$$

$$S_2 = 1/9$$

$$\alpha = -\pi/2$$

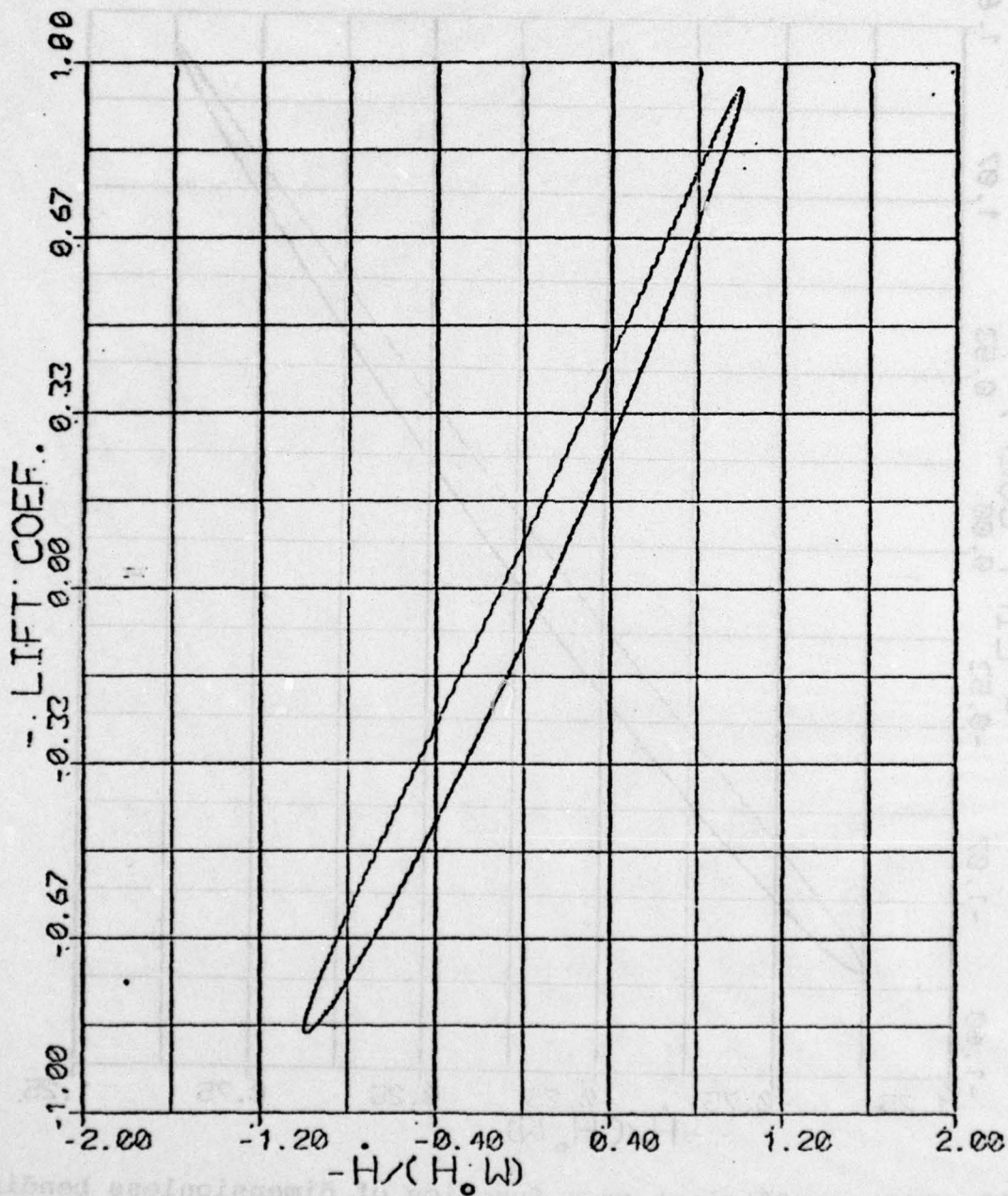


Fig. 9 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity with different reattachment point movement as compared to figure 7.

$$S_1 = 2/9$$

$$K = 0.5$$

$$S_2 = 1/9$$

$$\alpha = -\pi/2$$

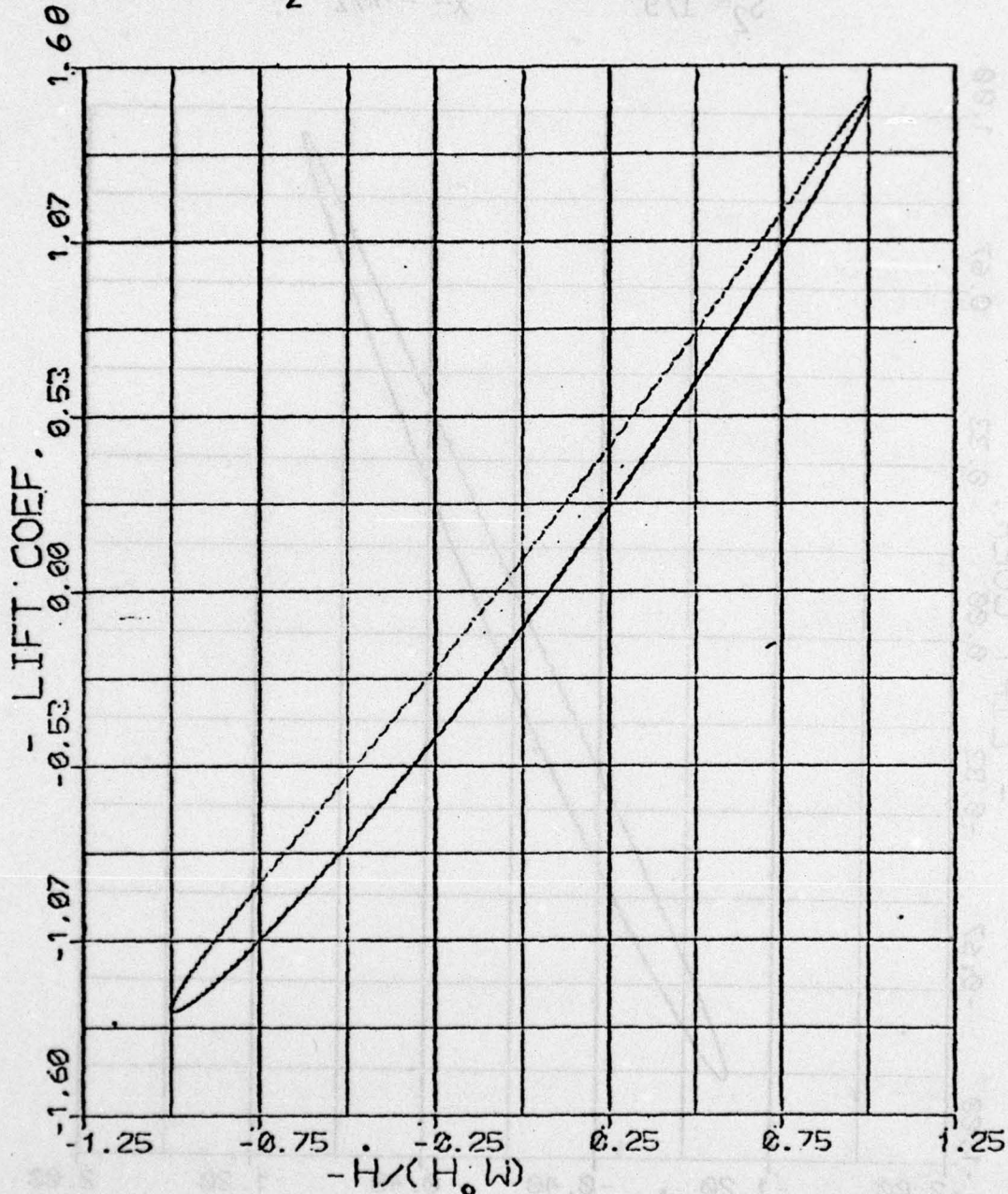


Fig. 10 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity with different reattachment point movement as compared to figure 8.

$$S_1 = 1/3 \quad K = 0.5$$

$$S_2 = 1/3 \quad X = \text{UNDEFINED}$$

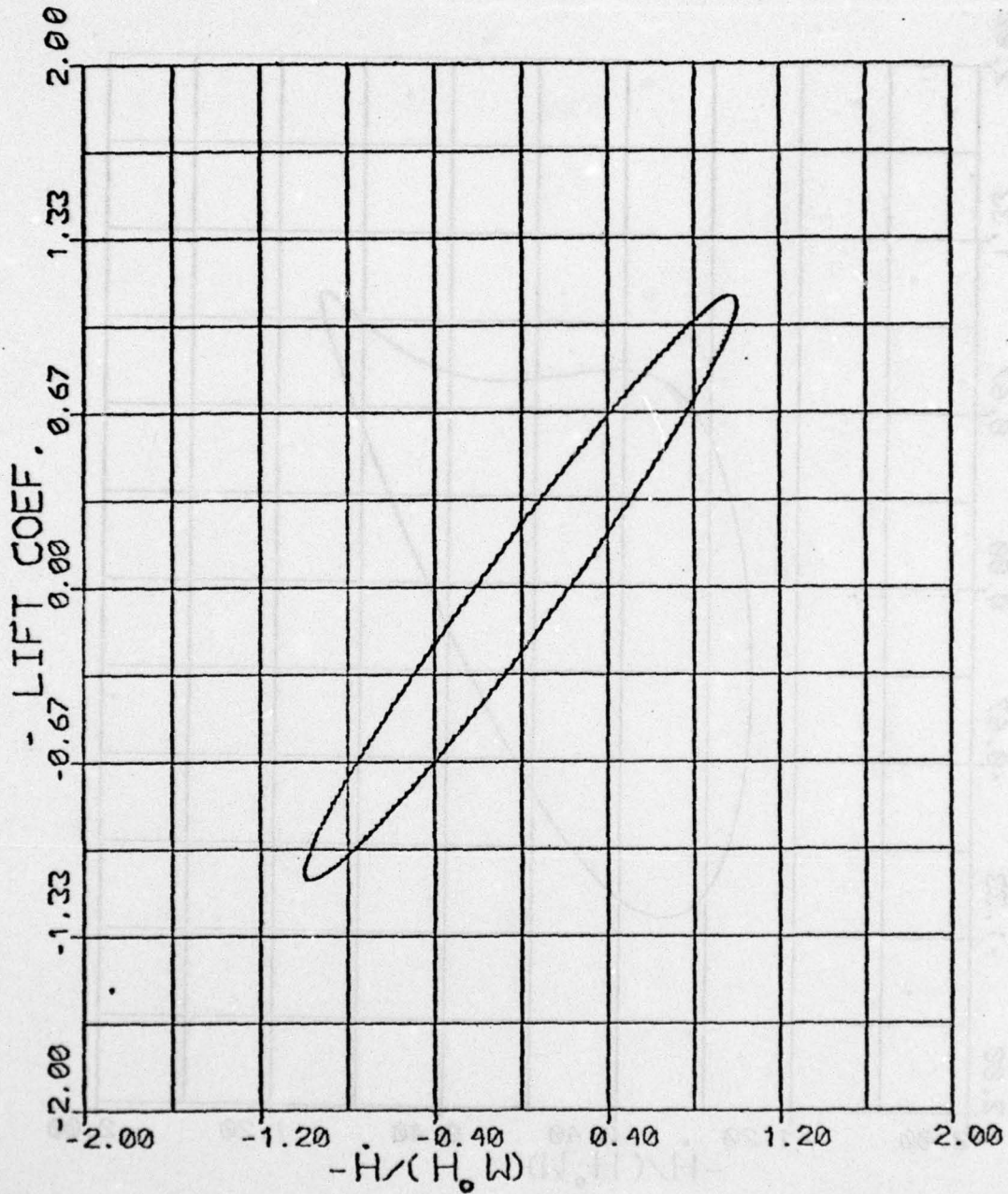


Fig. 11 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity with fixed reattachment point.

$$S_1 = 1$$

$$K = 0.5$$

$$S_2 = 1/3$$

$$\alpha = -\pi/2$$

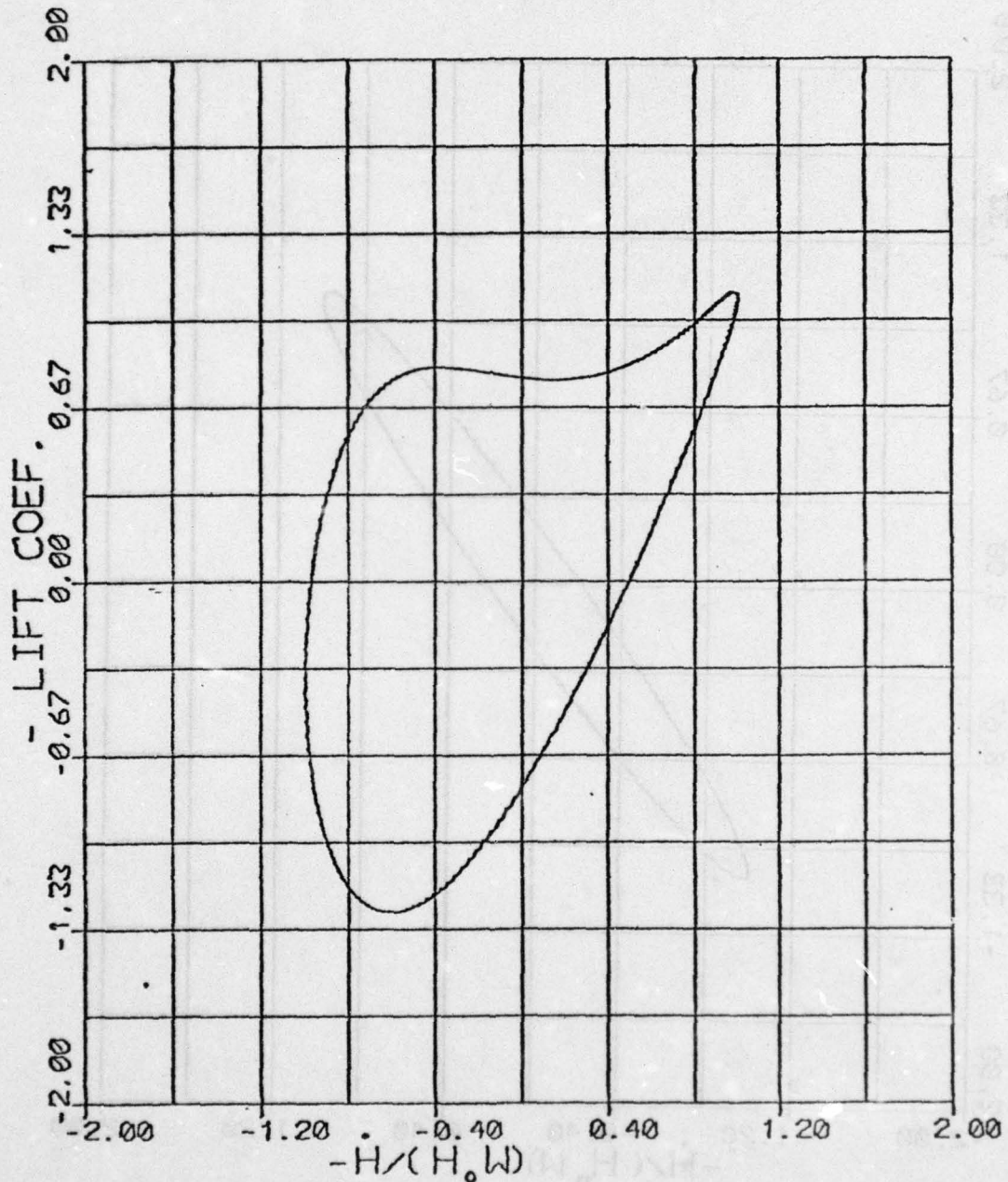


Fig. 12 - Lift coefficient as a function of dimensionless bending velocity with different reattachment point movement as compared to figures 8, 10 and 11.

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$$x = -\pi/2$$

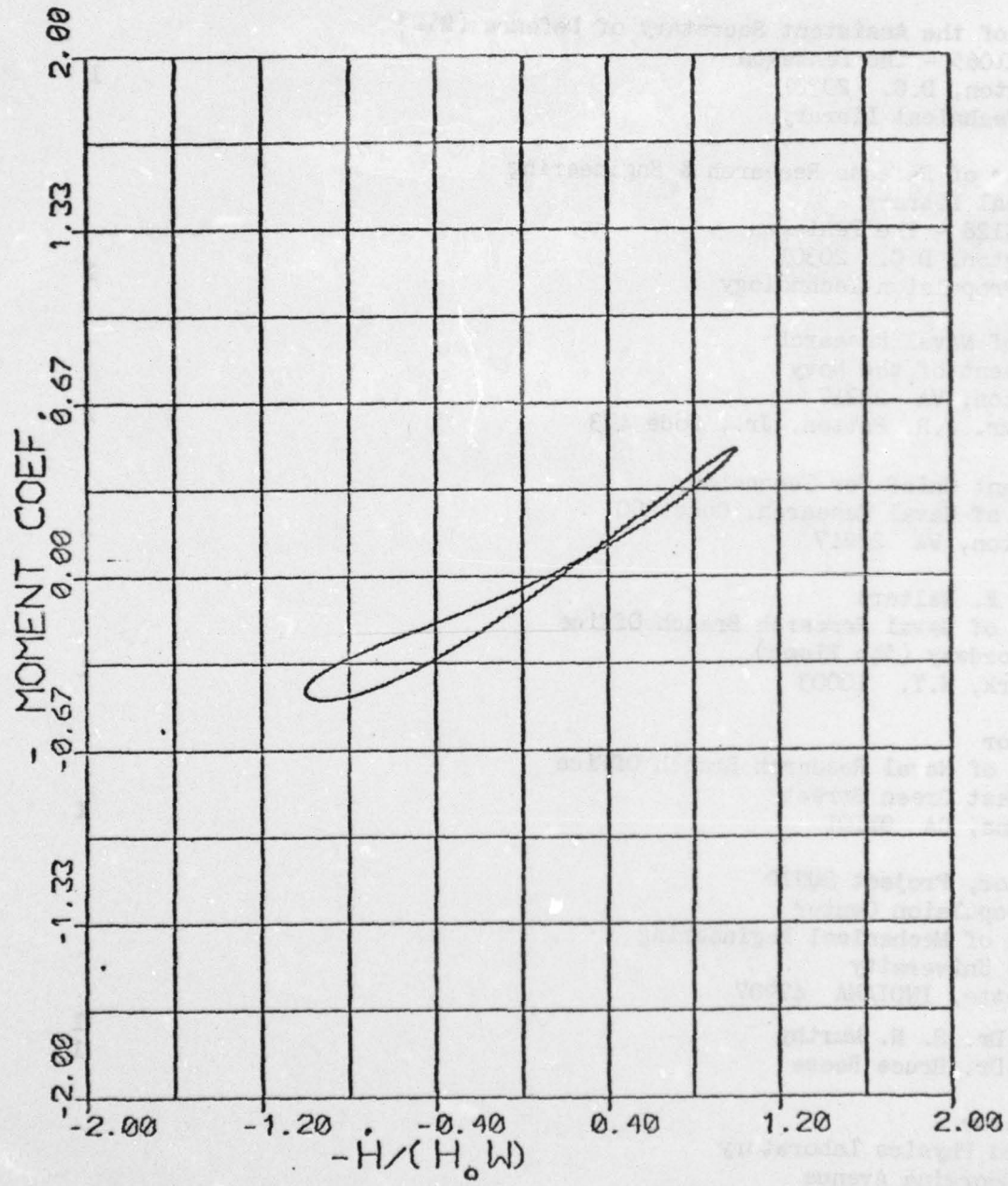


Fig. 13 - Example of moment coefficient loop for data of figure 8.

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