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## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. BACKGROUND

Improvements in satellite-aided detection and over-the-horizon targeting techniques have allowed the Soviets to develop an effective long range strike capability against U. S. Navy carrier battle groups. To counter this development, the U. S. Navy has shifted the emphasis of carrier operations to the projection of sea power to ranges limited only by the endurance of its strike aircraft. Carrier airwings now routinely practice long range strikes to targets at ranges of 800-1000 nautical miles from the battle group. These long range missions usually include many aircraft types with different mission weapon loads and fuel states. One of the most difficult tasks the airwing strike planner encounters is the determination of range and performance characteristics of specific aircraft types. Each aircraft in the strike group may have a different weapons and fuel configuration and therefore each will have a different maximum range, speed, etc. In order to determine the maximum range of the strike group and the requirement for air-refueling assets, the strike planner must be able to accurately forecast the performance and fuel usage of each aircraft in the strike group. This task is ostensibly accomplished by the planner manually extracting fuel consumption and performance data for each aircraft from

the appropriate Naval Air Training and Operating Standardization (NATOPS) Flight Manual. This technique is laborious, time-consuming, error-prone, and too difficult to accomplish for every strike. This technique is also complicated by the number of variables involved, such as varying drag counts for changing altitude or airspeed, changes in aircraft gross weight, deviation from standard day conditions, and configuration changes during the mission. Consequently, few planners actually use this technique to plan specific missions. Instead, they rely on range and performance estimates from experienced pilots. When unusual profiles or unfamiliar weapons loads are involved, these estimates are usually in error, but the degree of error is not generally apparent until the mission is actually executed. The estimation technique is also not a valid predictor of maximum capability. Most planners project maximum ranges on the conservative side as it is better to have a fuel "cushion" than to expose the mission to failure due to higher than expected fuel consumption. The result is a limitation to the possible options available to the Battle Group Commander.

All carrier Strike Operations Centers are equipped with a desk-top BASIC computer system (64K memory). Properly programmed, this computer is suitable for rapid and accurate computation and retrieval of aircraft performance and fuel usage data.

The purpose of this thesis was to investigate the feasibility of developing a mission planning computer program for A-7E aircraft suitable for on-board carrier use by a strike planner. This program, in conjunction with similar programs for other types of strike aircraft, will allow the planner to quickly and accurately predict mission capability and fuel requirements for various types of missions for an entire strike group.

The NATOPS Flight Manuals are the only authorized standard of the U. S. Navy for "... information on all aircraft systems, performance data, and operating procedures required for safe and effective operations" [Ref. 1]. The development of a computer program to predict aircraft performance requires the use of a data reduction technique to represent the NATOPS performance graphs as numeric equations. Computational methods to reduce the graphs to equations were investigated in a previous thesis of June 1978 by then LCDR W. M. Siegel [Ref. 2]. Siegel devised a procedure to represent each curve in the A-7E takeoff performance charts by a Least Squares Fit polynomial. This technique of curve fitting is described in Appendix A. For a family of takeoff curves, he cross-plotted the coefficients of the polynomials to develop a single multi-variable equation which represented the entire family of takeoff curves. This technique of cross-plotting coefficients is illustrated with an example in Appendix B. Siegel's work was continued by Lieutenant G. L. Koger in his thesis of September 1978 [Ref. 3]. Using Siegel's method, Koger reduced nine A-7E



performance charts to computer algorithms for use on the HP9830 desk computer and the TI-59 hand calculator. Although useful in defining the problems of reducing performance data, Siegel and Koger's products were not suitable for use by a strike planner inasmuch as Siegel's thesis was limited to takeoff performance and Koger's thesis did not address the computation of drag changes with varying flight conditions. Koger also excluded from his investigation those performance charts that did not accurately reduce by Siegel's method.

#### B. GOALS

The desired product of this thesis was an interactive BASIC computer program which would compute performance and fuel usage data for the A-7E aircraft and would be compatible with a 64K memory desk-top calculator. The program would have the flexibility to compute data for any land and carrier-based mission and for any authorized weapons load. The desired program would simplify and improve the accuracy of mission planning, and would be used routinely by airwing and strike operations personnel.

## II. PROBLEM APPROACH

### A. PROGRAM DESIGN

The program was developed using the Waterloo BASIC compiler of the IBM 3033 Computer at the Naval Postgraduate School.

The following basic outline was used to design the computer program:

1. Develop an algorithm to compute drag count each time a flight condition changed.
2. Represent each performance graph in numeric form.
3. Develop an interface program to tie together user inputs, drag computations, and performance calculations, and to output performance data.
4. Tailor the program to be " user-friendly " through error retrieval and text explanations.
5. Validate the product program for accuracy and assess its operational usefulness through qualitative evaluation by fleet pilots.

Whole missions were represented by combinations of mission segments reconstructed for a specific mission in a specific order to allow for use of subprograms. The mission segments to be chosen repetitively in order of mission occurrence were

1. Takeoff and Acceleration
2. Rendezvous
3. Low Altitude Cruise
4. Climb
5. Cruise
6. Descent
7. Attack
8. Tanking
9. End of Mission

This technique of representing a mission in segments gives the planner much flexibility to use the program for all

types of departures, recoveries, and complicated hi-lo profiles.

## B. RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions were placed on the program in order to reduce the memory requirement to that available on the candidate computer system:

1. The NATOPS manual would be the sole source of performance data.
2. Error retrieval would be minimized. This would make the program more difficult to use but would save computer space for computations.
3. No attempt would be included to limit the flight envelope of the airplane or to limit the combinations of stores to only those currently authorized for carriage. Such limiting would require memory-consuming conditional steps.
4. It would be assumed that the user would be familiar with A-7E flight characteristics, carriage and loading restrictions, and carrier flight procedures. This assumption would minimize the effects of restrictions 2. and 3. above.
5. A single repetitive method of curvefit would be used. Although using different curvefit techniques for different graphs would result in greater accuracy, a Least Squares Fit Polynomial Curvefit, with minor corrections as necessary, gave acceptable results, and allowed for one repetitive algorithm. This feature was paramount for containing the program to the size of available computer memory.

### III. SOLUTION

#### A. DRAG COMPUTATIONS

All the performance graphs in the NATOPS Manual depict the performance of a clean aircraft (no external stores). The types of drag which must be calculated to access the graphs when loaded with external stores are basic store drag, interference drag, and trim drag. The data to compute each of these is located in Figure 11-18, Sheets 1-14, of the NATOPS Manual. A sample page is included as figure C1, Appendix C. Basic store drag is the parasite drag penalty imposed when carrying external stores. It increases with airspeed for any load. Interference drag is the drag resulting from pressure buildup between stores on adjacent wing stations. It varies with the distance between adjacent stores, the airspeed the stores are carried, and with configuration type (multiple or single-loaded). Trim drag is the drag due to asymmetric loading and is a function of rolling moment. The manual calculation technique for each type of drag is detailed in Chapter 11, NATOPS. A computer algorithm was written to compute each drag and to sum the effects each time the aircraft configuration or flight condition changed.

##### 1. Basic Store Drag

Inputting a matrix of every possible configuration

drag count was impractical as a result of limited program memory; therefore, the following algorithm was developed to determine basic drag count:

1. As a response to a program prompt, basic drag count values for Mach .6, .7, .8, and .9 are entered for each station. Column 3, Figure C1, Appendix C lists sample input data which is extracted from the NATOPS Manual.
2. The cumulative drag count for each respective Mach is added and the program computes a Least Squares Fit equation of cumulative basic drag count (DC) versus Mach (M) of the form

$$DC = A + BM + CM^2$$

where A, B, and C are curvefit coefficients.

3. The user can now enter with any Mach and determine the total basic drag for that Mach.

## 2. Interference Drag

The following algorithm details the calculation of interference drag:

1. As a program response, the distance from the pylon centerline to the edge of the loaded store is entered for each station. This data is located in Column 4, Figure C1, Appendix C.
2. The configuration status (multiple or single) is next entered.
3. The program computes the distance between adjacent stores.
4. Depending on the configuration load and the adjacent stores involved, the interference drag is computed directly from a linear relationship between interference drag count and distance between stores. For outboard wing stations this relationship is depicted in Figure C2, Appendix C. For inboard wing stations, this relationship is depicted in Figure C3, Appendix C.

## 3. Trim Drag

The following algorithm details computation of trim drag:

1. The asymmetric rolling moment of the desired load is

entered. This data is listed in Column 6, Figure 11-18, NATOPS, and sample data is shown in Column 6, Figure C1, Appendix C.

2. A family of curves representing the relationship between rolling moments and trim drag (Figure C4, Appendix C) is reduced to a single multi-variable equation by the method of cross coefficients described in Appendix B.
3. For an input of rolling moment, Mach, and altitude, the trim drag is calculated.

## B. NUMERIC REDUCTION OF GRAPHS

The NATOPS Manual performance curves were constructed from experimental data. In most cases the curves of a specific graph can be accurately approximated by a curve family of a single order (all the curves on a specific chart are of the same order). Figure 1, Service Ceiling and Optimum Endurance Altitude, illustrates this feature. Every curve in this chart can be represented by a second order polynomial. The method of cross-coefficients described in Appendix B reduces this type of chart to numeric form very accurately with no additional steps. Some families of curves have unusual or uneven spacing and the curves cannot be accurately represented by a single polynomial type. An example of this is illustrated in Figure 2, Military Power Climb. This type of chart can be segmented into two or three segments by inspection, and the method of cross-coefficients is applied to each segment individually. Conditional statements in the program select the desired segment of data. This technique gives results comparable to manual graphical extraction of data. Some charts, such as the Military Power Climb Speed Schedule, Figure 3, are composed of a single curve which can be

# CRUISE CEILING AND OPTIMUM ENDURANCE ALTITUDE

MODEL: A-7E  
DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST  
DATE: NOVEMBER 1971

ENGINE: TF41-A-2  
FUEL GRADE: JP-5  
FUEL DENSITY: 6.8 LB/GAL

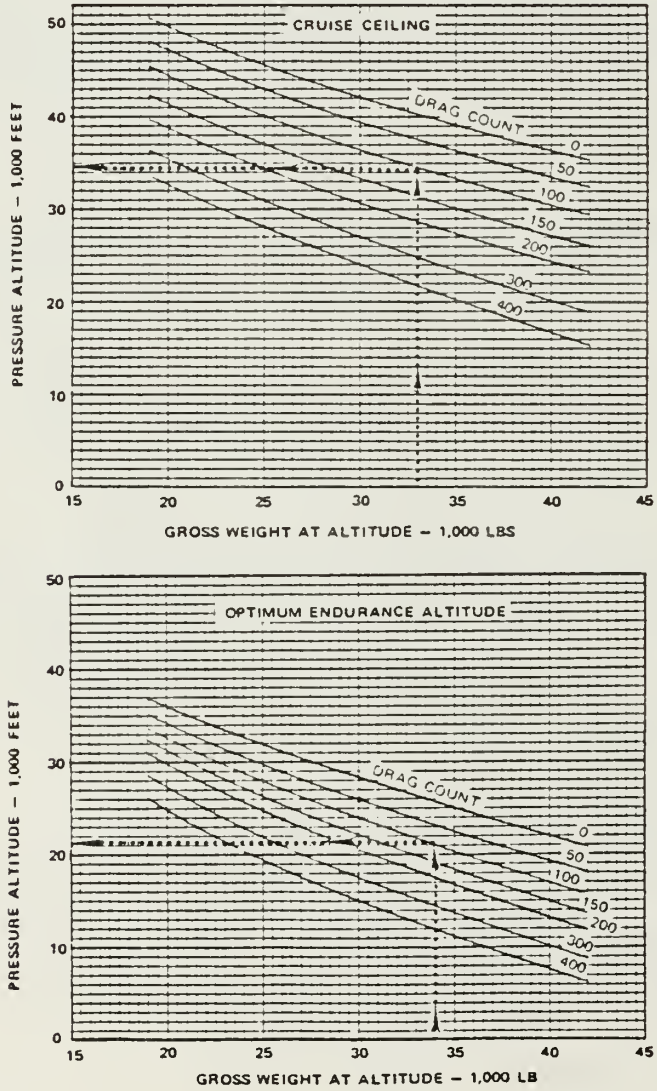


Figure 1.

# MILITARY POWER CLIMB

FUEL REQUIRED TO CLIMB FROM SEA LEVEL TO SELECTED ALTITUDE

MODEL: A-7E  
DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST  
DATE: NOVEMBER 1971

ENGINE: TF41-A-2  
FUEL GRADE: JP-5  
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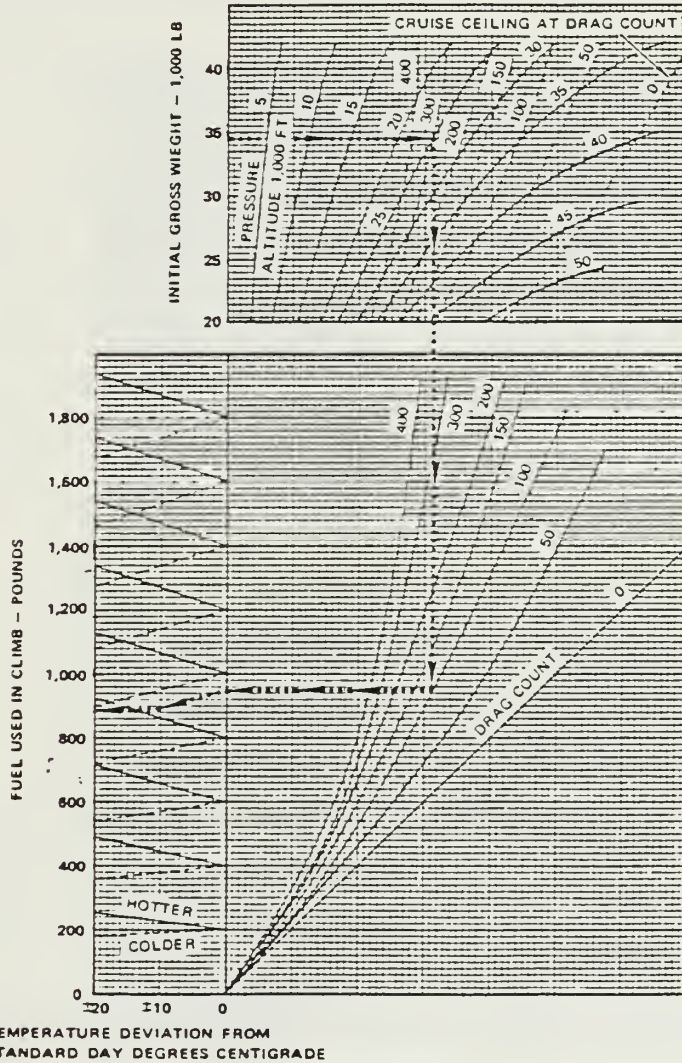


Figure 2.



# MILITARY POWER CLIMB

## CLIMB SPEED SCHEDULE

MODEL: A-7E  
DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST  
DATE: NOVEMBER 1971

ENGINE: TF41-A-2  
FUEL GRADE: JP-5  
FUEL DENSITY: 6.8 LB/GAL

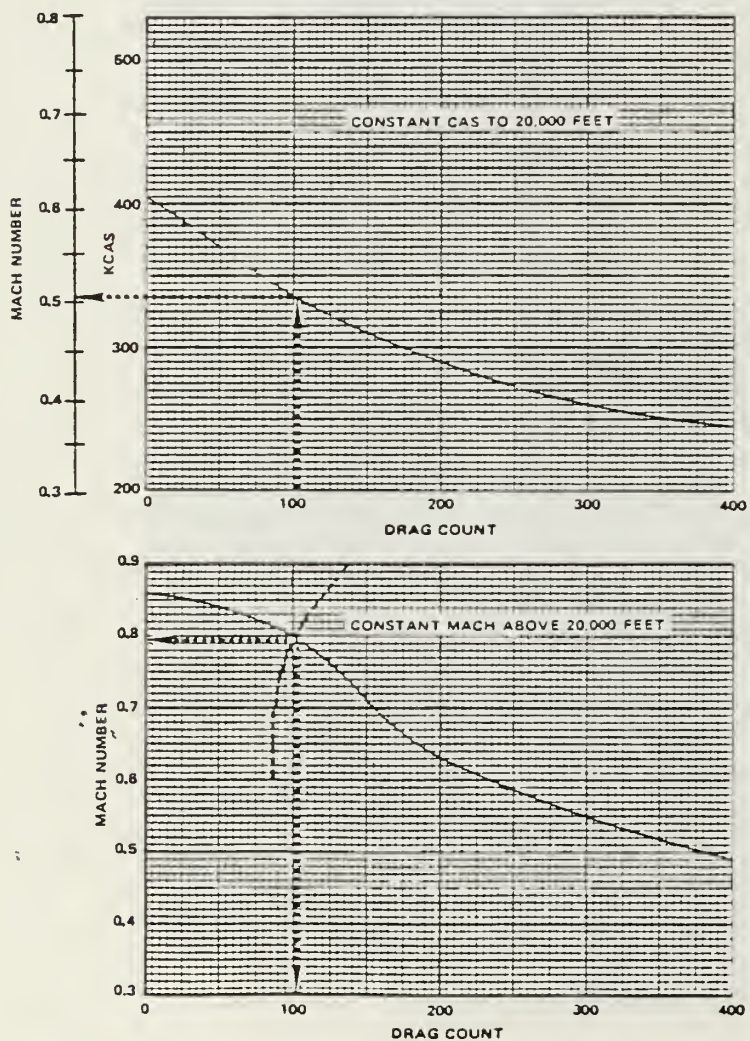


Figure 3.

represented by a simple equation. For the top curve of Figure 3, the resultant equation form is

$$KCAS = 404.5 - .75 (DRAG) + .001 (DRAG)^2$$

### C. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program was organized into four major sections as follows:

#### 1. Data Input

##### a. Basic Configuration Segment

User inputs are numbers of pylons, ejector racks, missile racks, drop tanks, and air refueling stores.

##### b. Basic Store Drag Segment

User inputs are basic store drag count values for each station by Mach number.

##### c. Interference Drag Segment

User inputs are type of store and distance from pylon centerline to the edge of the store for each station.

##### d. Trim Drag Segment

The user input is total asymmetric rolling moment of the configuration.

#### 2. Total Drag Subroutine

User inputs are Mach, gross weight, and altitude. Computer generated inputs are 1. a., b., c., and d. above. Program output is total drag count.

#### 3. Takeoff and Acceleration Segment

User inputs are takeoff gross weight, takeoff fuel state, acceleration speed after takeoff, and takeoff

elevation. Computer outputs are distance and fuel required, new fuel state, and new gross weight.

#### 4. Mission Menu

The mission was divided into the following profile segments which the user selected in the order of specific mission occurrence:

##### a. Low Altitude Cruise

Used for emission control departures, other carrier departures and recoveries, low level ingress/ egress, and radar masking profiles. User inputs are Mach, route distance, and flight level temperature. Computer generated inputs are current gross weight, fuel at the beginning of the segment, and drag count. Outputs are fuel flow, fuel used this segment, and new gross weight and fuel state.

##### b. Climb

User inputs are starting and level-off altitudes. Computer generated inputs are current gross weight, fuel state, and drag count. Outputs are recommended climb speed, maximum range and maximum endurance altitudes for the configuration, fuel and distance required to climb, and new gross weight and fuel state.

##### c. Rendezvous

User inputs are rendezvous altitude, airspeed, refueling onload/ offload, and time in rendezvous. Computer generated inputs are current fuel state, gross weight, and drag count. Outputs are fuel used in rendezvous, new gross weight, and new fuel state.

d. High Altitude Cruise

User inputs are cruising altitude, Mach, temperature at altitude, and segment distance. Computer generated inputs are true airspeed, calibrated airspeed, drag count, current gross weight, and fuel state. Outputs are fuel flow, fuel used, new gross weight, and updated fuel state.

e. Maximum Range Descent

User inputs are starting and level-off altitudes. Computer generated inputs are drag count, current fuel state, and gross weight. Outputs are maximum range descent speed, distance and fuel used in the descent, new gross weight, and fuel state.

f. Attack

User inputs are estimated fuel used for the attack and ordnance weight expended at the target. Computer generated inputs are current gross weight and fuel state. Outputs are new configuration status for drag determination, new gross weight, and updated fuel state.

g. Tanking

This segment pertains to enroute tanking by the strike aircraft going to or from the target. It also is used for mission planning for the tanker aircraft. User inputs are onload or offload fuel quantity, tanking speed, tanking altitude, time required to tank, and temperature at altitude. Computer generated inputs are current fuel state, weight, and

drag count. Outputs are new fuel state, gross weight, and net fuel gained or lost.

#### h. End of Mission

This segment administratively ends the profile and allows for restart or termination of the program. It also summarizes the end-of-mission fuel state and gross weight.

### D. PROGRAM ANOMALIES

The NATOPS charts are so constructed that the data are accurate for only those regions on the charts where data are displayed. As an example, cruise information for the flight regime at the backside of the power curve is not displayed on any chart even though the aircraft can be flown in stabilized flight in that region. It is improper to extrapolate data for cruise conditions at airspeeds below maximum endurance from the NATOPS charts. The computer program will give you data for this region, but this data will be in error. Similarly, data can be obtained for airspeeds which exceed aircraft capabilities, but this data are inaccurate also. Other flight regimes that are not accurately represented in the performance charts or in the program are landing configuration performance data (gear and/or flaps down), penetration descent data (speedbrake out), partial power climb data, and level acceleration/deceleration data. Manuevering performance data was beyond the scope of this investigation.

#### IV. RESULTS

The program which resulted from this investigation is located in Appendix D. The program reduces all or part of the following graphs to numerical form (the graphs are listed by name and page number as they appear in NATOPS):

1. Military Power Climb Speed Schedule (p. 11-54)
2. Fuel Required To Climb From Sea Level (p. 11-57)
3. Distance Required To Climb From Sea Level (p. 11-57)
4. Cruise Ceiling And Optimum Endurance Altitude (p. 11-59)
5. Maximum Range Cruise At Constant Altitude (p. 11-68)
6. Cruise Performance, Aircraft Reference Number (p. 11-64)
7. Cruise Performance, Lbs Per Nautical Mile (p. 11-65)
8. Cruise Performance, Fuel Flow (p. 11-66)
9. Cruise Performance, Clean Aircraft Transfer Scale (p. 11-63)
10. Maximum Endurance Speed (p. 11-71)
11. Maximum Range Descent Fuel Required (p. 11-77)
12. Maximum Range Descent Distance To Descend (p. 11-78)
13. Maximum Range Descent Speed (p. 11-75)
14. Interference Drag (p. 11-36, 37)
15. Trim Drag Due To Asymmetric Store Loading (p. 11-38)

The program, which accurately computes the total drag count for any configuration or flight condition, is interactive for a knowledgeable user and conforms to the memory size of candidate computers. The product of the program is mission performance data for a variety of missions, and the initial statement of purpose that the product be at least as accurate as the performance predictions derived from manual extraction of data from the NATOPS graphs is satisfied.

The program was tested for operational suitability by a sample group of Navy A-7E pilots at the Naval Postgraduate

School. Several representative missions were simulated. All agreed the program gave results consistent with their experience and that the program has excellent operational utility. Most of the pilots agreed that a user manual to accompany the program would reduce input errors and make the program easier to use.

## V. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This investigation resulted in the development of an interactive computer program for the A-7E aircraft which can be used by mission planners to predict performance and fuel usage data. As a result of this investigation the following is concluded:

1. The NATOPS performance charts can be reduced to numeric form suitable for computer manipulation through math modeling techniques such as curve-fitting and cross-plotting coefficients.
2. The presentation of NATOPS performance data by computer methods can provide a quick and accurate planning tool with which planners can predict performance and fuel usage data.
3. Mission Planning computer programs that are derived from the NATOPS performance charts, and which can be implemented on desk-top calculators, can be developed for other aircraft types.
4. The memory available in most current 64K desk-top computers is satisfactory for program implementation. Increased memory size would allow for more explanatory text and error retrieval and would make the programs easier to use.

In view of the results of this investigation, recommendations involving future testing and implementation of mission planning programs are listed.

1. The accuracy of the A-7E Mission Planning Program should be verified through flight test.
2. Similar programs should be developed for other strike aircraft.
3. A NAVAIR sponsored activity should be assigned the task of managing the development, standardization, updating, and distribution of mission planning programs.
4. Planning programs for all strike aircraft should be standardized in format and combined into a Mission Planning Package for air wing and strike operations use.



APPENDIX A

LEAST SQUARES FIT APPROXIMATION

Reference 4 describes in detail the Least Squares Fit approximation. The problem in general is to describe a set of "N" data points (X,Y) by a polynomial expression of a curve whose degree is less than "N" and of the form

$$Y = A + BX + CX^2.$$

An example of the numeric procedure is as follows:

1. Given the following data points,

X	0	1	2	4	5
Y	0	1	4	11	13

with the desired equation form being

$$Y = A + BX + CX^2$$

substitute each pair of data into the desired equation form to develop the base equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A + 0B + 0C \\ 1 &= A + 1B + 1C \\ 4 &= A + 2B + 4C \\ 11 &= A + 4B + 16C \\ 13 &= A + 5B + 25C \end{aligned}$$

2. Multiply each base equation by its coefficient of "A" and add the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 0(0 &= A + 0B + 0C) \\ 1(1 &= A + 1B + 1C) \\ 1(4 &= A + 2B + 4C) \\ 1(11 &= A + 4B + 16C) \\ 1(13 &= A + 5B + 25C) \\ \hline 29 &= 5A + 12B + 46C \end{aligned}$$

3. Multiply each base equation by its coefficient of "B" and add the equations:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0(0 = A + 0B + 0C) \\
 1(1 = A + 1B + 1C) \\
 2(4 = A + 2B + 4C) \\
 4(11 = A + 4B + 16C) \\
 5(13 = A + 5B + 25C) \\
 \hline
 118 = 12A + 46B + 198C
 \end{array}$$

4. Multiply each base equation by its coefficient of "C" and add the equations:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0(0 = A + 0B + 0C) \\
 1(1 = A + 1B + 1C) \\
 4(4 = A + 2B + 4C) \\
 16(11 = A + 4B + 16C) \\
 25(13 = A + 5B + 25C) \\
 \hline
 518 = 46A + 198B + 898C
 \end{array}$$

5. Solve the three equations for the three unknowns:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 29 = 5A + 12B + 46C \\
 118 = 12A + 46B + 198C \\
 518 = 46A + 198B + 898C
 \end{array}$$

$$A = -.458 \quad B = 1.979 \quad C = .164$$

6. The desired equation is

$$Y = -.458 + 1.979X + .164X^2$$

7. The following chart depicts the original data and the curve fit data:

X	0	1	2	4	5
Y	0	1	4	11	13
Y Fitted	-.458	1.68	4.16	10.08	13.53

8. The original and curve-fitted data are displayed graphically in Figure A1.

# LEAST SQUARES FIT EXAMPLE

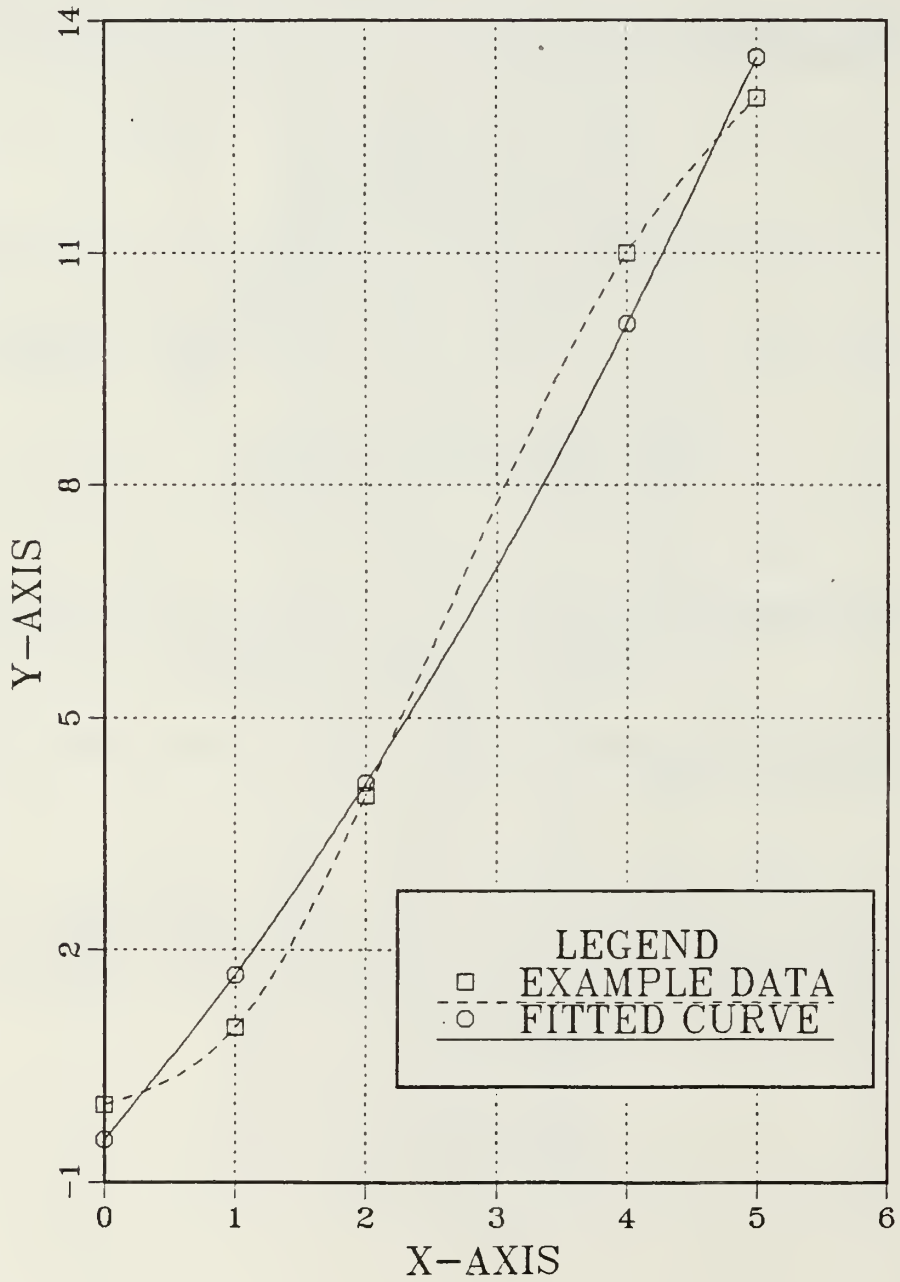


Figure A1.

APPENDIX B  
PERFORMANCE CHART REDUCTION

Most of the NATOPS performance charts contain three variables (two independent and one dependent) and are depicted on a two-dimensional graph with the dependent variable illustrated as a family of curves. Figure B1, taken from the NATOPS, shows an example of this feature. The reduction of such charts is accomplished as follows:

1. Determine the order of the family of curves. For this example the curves are all nearly straight lines and are assumed to be first order represented by the equation form

$$\text{CAS} = A + (B \times \text{GW})$$

where "A" and "B" are coefficients to be determined.

2. Apply a Least Squares Fit approximation to each curve. The results are

Drag (DR)	Equation:	CAS = A + (B X GW)
0	CAS =	110.9 + (4.6 X GW)
50	CAS =	108.4 + (4.3 X GW)
100	CAS =	108.0 + (4.0 X GW)
200	CAS =	107.4 + (3.6 X GW)
300	CAS =	104.6 + (3.4 X GW)

3. Graph the "A" coefficients versus the dependent variable Drag. The "A" coefficients for this example are graphed in Figure B2. Determine a Least Squares Fit approximation for the resulting curve. The result for this example is

$$A = 110.84 - .0618 (\text{DR}) + .0004 (\text{DR})^2$$

4. Graph the "B" coefficients versus the dependent variable Drag. See Figure B3 for a graph of "B" coefficients for this example. Determine a Least Squares Fit approximation for the resulting curve. The result for this example is

$$B = 4.5471 - .0059 (\text{DR})$$

5. Apply the coefficients to the original equation form of

$$\text{CAS} = A + ( B \times \text{GW} )$$

For our example the final equation becomes

$$\text{CAS} = [ 110,84 - .0618 (\text{DR}) + .0004 (\text{DR})^2 ] + [ 4.5471 - .0059 (\text{DR}) ] \times \text{GW}$$

6. For any entry of drag and gross weight, the descent airspeed results. Sample comparisons are listed:

Gross Weight ( 1000 lbs )	Total Drag Count	Graphical Solution (CAS)	Numerical Solution(CAS)
24	50	211	211
30	100	228	227
32	175	226	225
36	200	237	236

# MAXIMUM RANGE DESCENT

## DESCENT SPEEDS

MODEL: A-7E  
DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST  
DATE: NOVEMBER 1971

ENGINE: TF41-A-2  
FUEL GRADE: JP-5  
FUEL DENSITY: 6.8 LB/GAL

CONDITIONS:  
IDLE THRUST  
STANDARD DAY

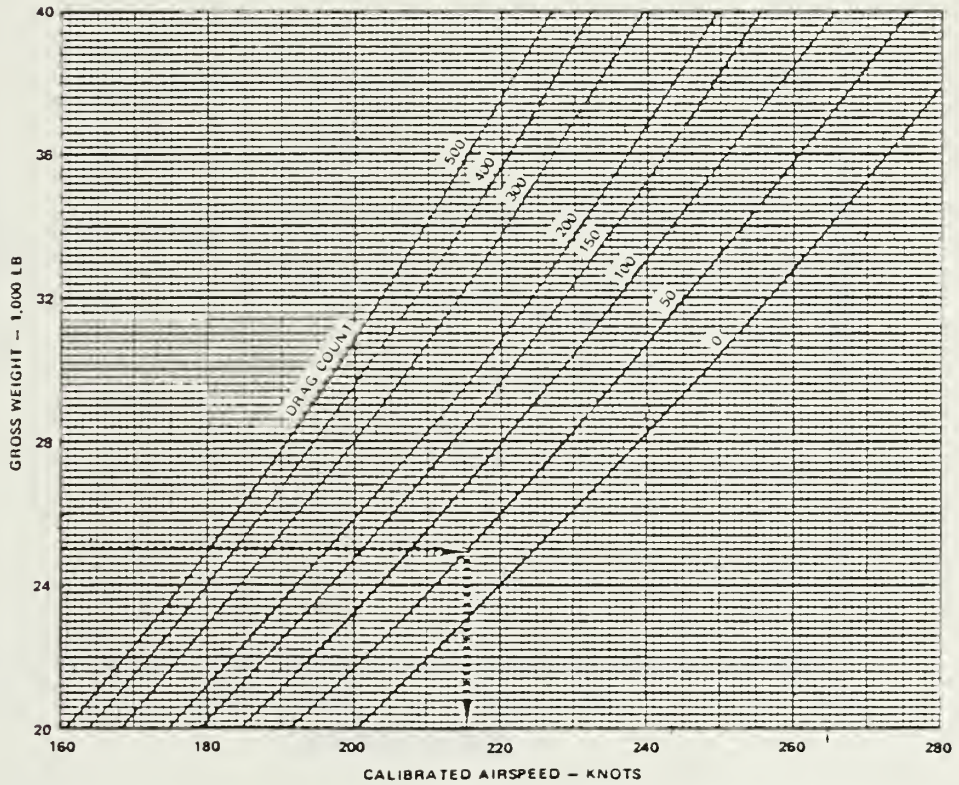


Figure B1.

# A COEFFICIENTS

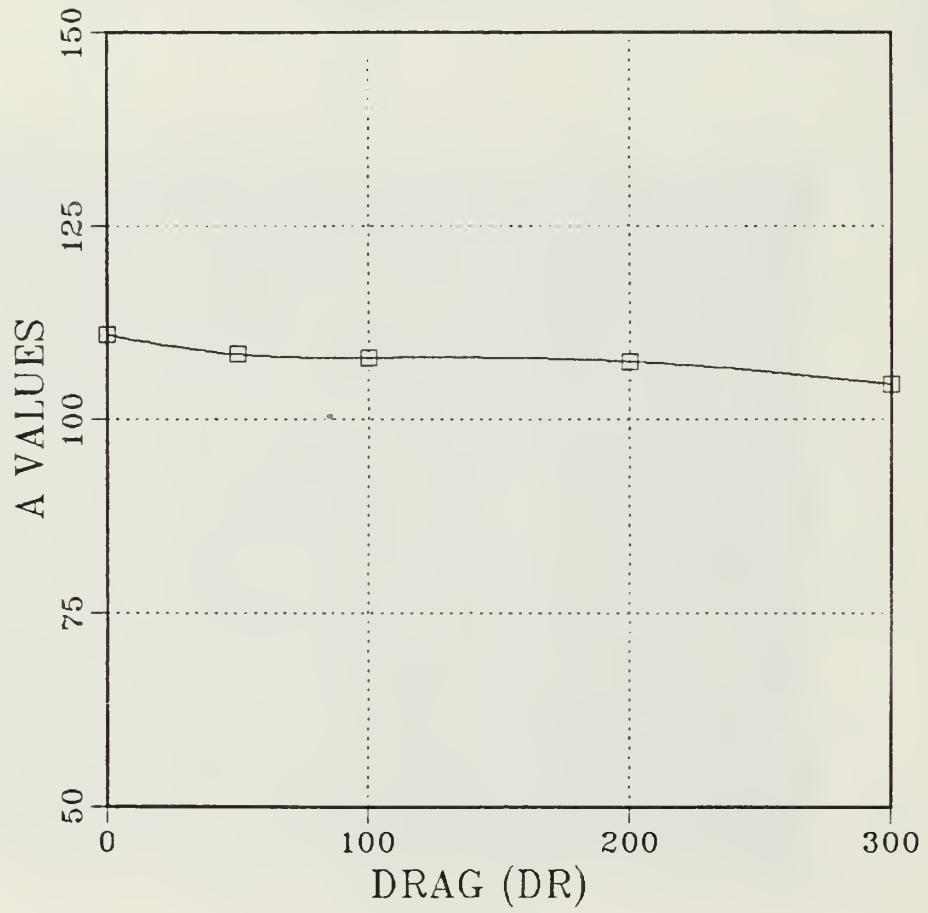


Figure B2.

## B COEFFICIENTS

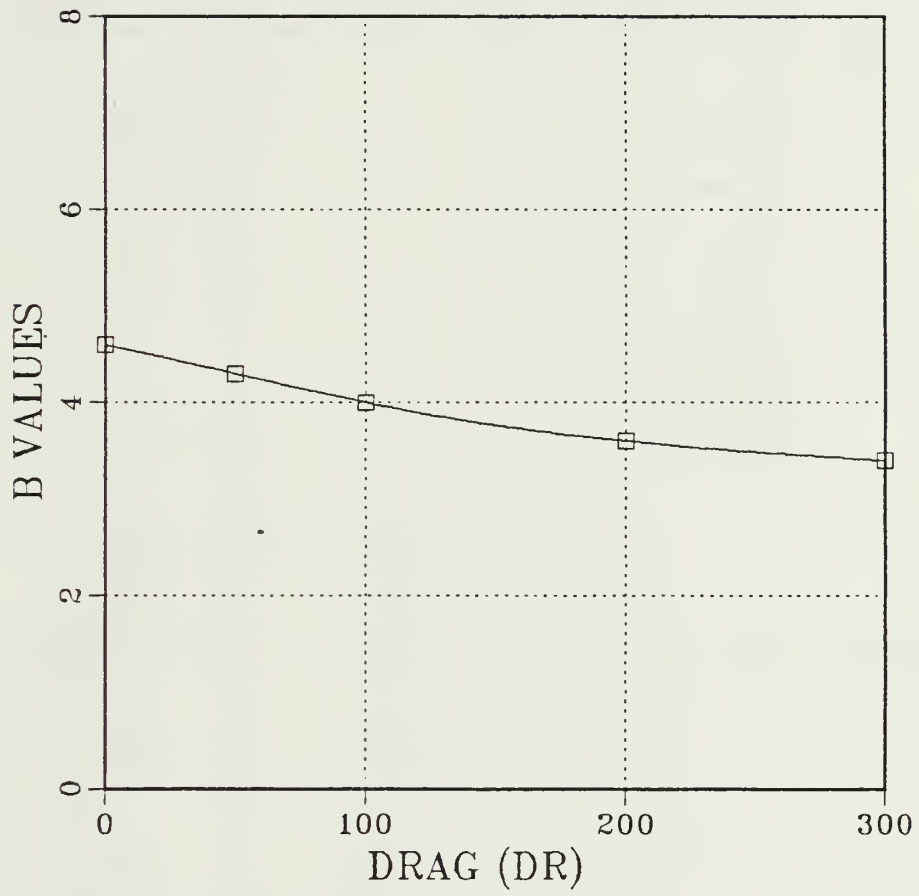


Figure B3.



APPENDIX C

A-7E NATOPS DRAG DATA CHARTS

STORES COMPUTATIONS

(1) STORE	(2) MOUNT/NO. OF STORES	(3) BASIC DRAG COUNT (Note 1)				(4) DISTANCE FROM PYLON CENTER TO EDGE OF STORE IN INCHES (Note 2)	(5) WEIGHT IN LBS (Note 3)	(6) ROLLING MOMENT FT LBS (Note 4) Sta 1 or 8 Sta 2 or 7 Sta 3 or 6	REMARKS
		MN =0.6	MN =0.7	MN =0.8	MN =0.9				
BOMBS (Continued)									
Mk 36 Destructor	MER/6	58.5	60.5	68.5	90.5	14.5	3,636	41,562 29,557 18,610	
	MER/4	46.5	48.5	55.6	73.5	14.5	2,494	28,555 20,307 12,786	
	MER/2	36.0	36.0	42.0	57.0	5.5	1,354	15,547 11,057 6,962	
	TER/3	37.5	39.0	51.0	76.5	14.5	1,806	20,707 14,726 9,272	
	TER/2	29.0	30.5	41.5	64.5	14.5 5.5	1,236	14,203 10,101 6,360	
	PR/1	9.5	10.5	14.0	23.0	5.5	570	6,504 4,625 2,912	
Mk 40 Destructor	PR/1	8.0	9.0	12.5	20.5	7.25	1,057	11,891 8,456 5,324	
FIRE BOMBS									
Mk 77 Fire Bomb	PR/1	16.0	16.5	17.0	26.0	9.37	520	5,923 4,212 2,652	
PRACTICE BOMBS									
Mk 76 Practice Bomb	MER/6	28.0	30.0	33.5	48.5	9.18	361	4,180 2,973 1,872	

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Figure C1.

# INTERFERENCE DRAG

(For Determining Interference Drag Between Stations 1 and 2 or 7 and 8)

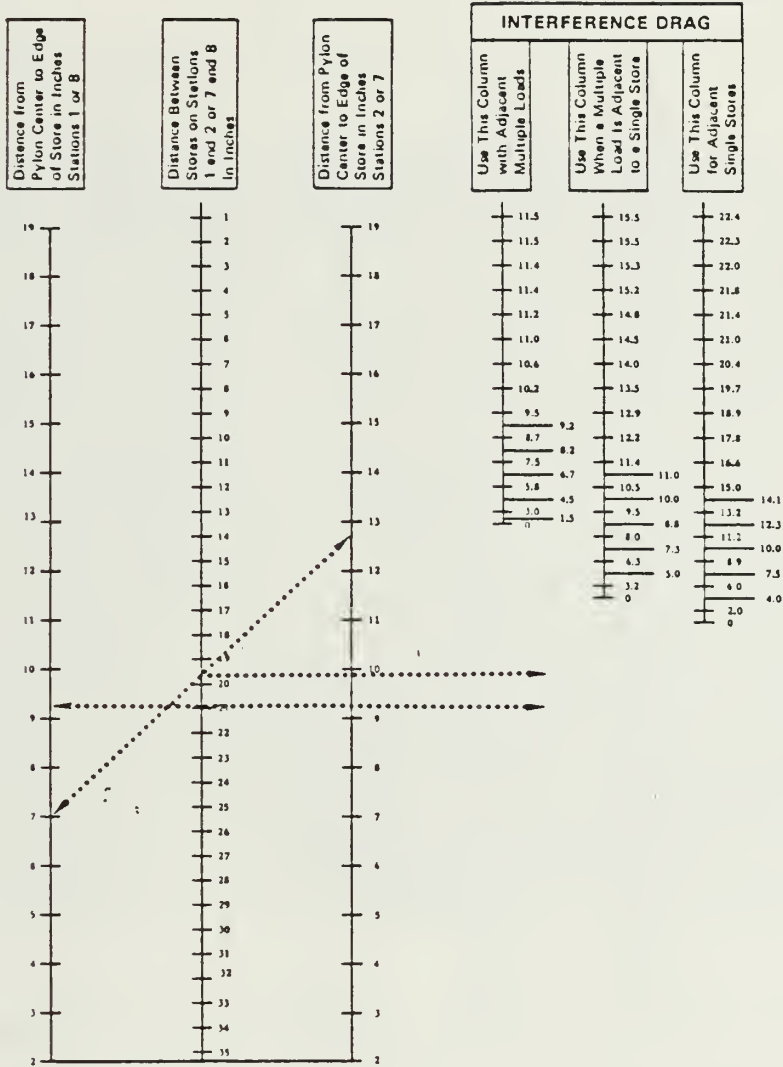


Figure C2.

# INTERFERENCE DRAG

(For Determining Interference Drag Between Stations 2 and 3 or 6 and 7)

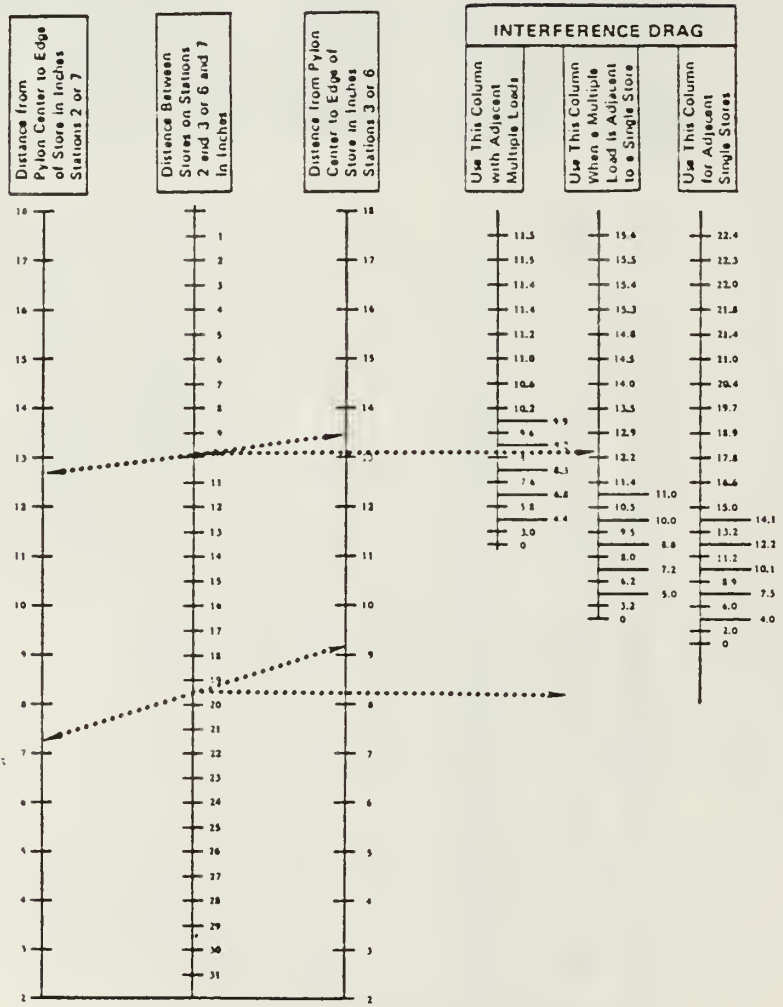


Figure C3.

# TRIM DRAG DUE TO ASYMMETRICAL STORE LOAD

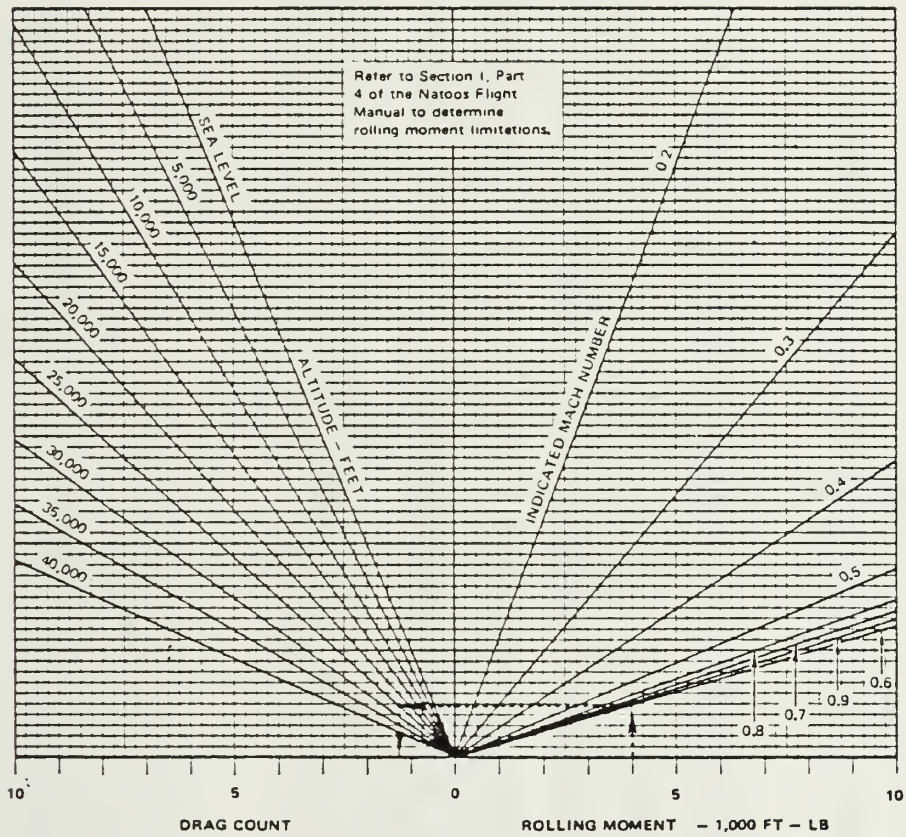


Figure C4.

APPENDIX D

A-7E MISSION PLANNING PROGRAM

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00001 PRINT
00002 PRINT
00003 PRINT
00004 PRINT
00005 PRINT
00006 PRINT
00007 PRINT
00008 DIM BDC(8),SM(8,4),T(8),CD(8),DIS(16),BA(4),TA(4),B(11),C(66),PP(4)
00009 F1=0
00010
00011 GPTION FRTZC 14
00012 PRINT
00013 PRINT
00014 CN CONV
00015 INPUT
00016 PRINT
00017 CN CONV
00018 INPUT
00019 PRINT
00020 CN CONV
00021 INPUT
00022 PRINT
00023 CN CONV
00024 INPUT
00025 PRINT
00026 CN CONV
00027 INPUT
00028 GO TO
00029 PRINT
00030 GO TO
00031 FOR I= 1 TO 8
00032 BDC(I)=C
00033 T(I)=0
00034 CD(I)=C
00035 NEXT I
00036 FOR I= 1 TO 8
00037 M = .6
00038 FOR J= 1 TO 4
00039 PRINT
00040 PRINT
00041 CN CONV
00042 INPUT
00043 GO TO
00044 GO TO
00045 PRINT
00046 GO TO
00047 M=M+.1
00048 NEXT J

THIS PART OF THE PROGRAM ASKS YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MISSION
LOAD AND DRAG DATA ARE FOUND IN NATOPS, CHA 11, FIG 11-18.
IF YOUR EXACT LOAD IS NOT LISTED, INTERPOLATE TO GET REPRESENTATIVE FIGURES FOR YOUR LCAD VS MACH.
WHEN READY WITH YOUR LOAD AND PRCFILE, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AS THEY APPEAR. TORA TORA TORA

MERS ARE LOADED (ENTER A NUMBER) ?
MERS ARE LOADED (ENTER A NUMBER) ?
DROPS/BUDDY STGRES ARE LOADED ?
ARM MISSLE RACKS ( AERO 5 ) ARE LOADED ?
PYLONS ARE PHYSICALLY ABOARD (ENTER A NUMBER) ?

YOUR LAST ENTRY WAS IN ERROR . TRY AGAIN :
FOR THE LCAD ON STATION,I, ENTER THE BASIC DRAG COUNT FOR
MACH = ,M
GOTC 45
SM(I,J)
YOUR DRAG COUNT ENTRY IS IMPROPER. CHECK YOUR VALUE

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00045 TI=0
00050 IF ((I=4) OR (I=5)) THEN 85
00051 IF ((I=3) OR (I=6)) THEN 63
00052 PRINT
00053 PRINT
00054 PRINT
00055 PRINT
00056 CN CONV GUTC 59
00057 INPUT CIS(I)
00058 IF (DIS(I)<0 OR DIS(I)>18) THEN 59 ELSE 62
00059 PRINT
00060 YOUR ENTRY WAS CUT-OF-RANGE CR IMPROPER, CHECK YCUR VALUE
00061 GO TO 52
00062 GO TO 74
00063 PRINT
00064 PRINT
00065 PRINT
00066 PRINT
00067 PRINT
00068 ON CONV GUTC 71
00069 INPUT CIS(I)
00070 IF (DIS(I)<0 OR DIS(I)>18) THEN 71 ELSE 74
00071 PRINT
00072 PRINT
00073 GO TO 63
00074 IF ((I=2) OR (I=7)) THEN 75 ELSE 81
00075 PRINT
00076 PRINT
00077 PRINT
00078 PRINT
00079 INPUT CIS(2*I)
00080 PRINT
00081 PRINT
00082 PRINT
00083 PRINT
00084 INPUT T(I)
00085 NEXT I
00086 PRINT
00087 PRINT
00088 PRINT
00089 INPUT RM=RM/1000
00090 FOR J = 1 TC 4
00091 FOR I = 1 TC 8
00092 BDC(J) = SM(I,J)+ BDC(J)
00093 NEXT I
00094 NEXT J
00095 CD(1) = (39.4) - DIS(1) - DIS(4)

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00097 CU(2) = 36-DIS(2)-DIS(3)
00098 CD(6) = 36-DIS(6)-DIS(7)
00099 CD(7) = (39.4) - DIS(14) - DIS(8)
00100 FOR I = 1 TO 7
00101 IF (I=3 OR I=4) CR (I=5) THEN 114
00102 IF (T(I)+T(I+1)) = 2 THEN 111
00103 IF (T(I)+T(I+1))=0 THEN 105
00104 IF (T(I)+T(I+1))=1 THEN 108
00105 ID=17.1611-3.12*CD(I)+.5004*CD(I)**2-.0268*CD(I)**3
00106 IF CD(I) > 13.5 THEN ID=0
00107 GO TO 113
00108 ID = 19.5579-2.1487*CD(I)+.2710*CD(I)**2-.0129*CD(I)**3
00109 IF CD(I) > 16.5 THEN ID = 0
00110 GO TO 113
00111 ID = 23.6656-.7328*CD(I)+.0859*CD(I)**2-.0069*CD(I)**3
00112 IF CD(I) > 17.5 THEN ID = 0
00113 TI = TI + ID
00114 NEXT I
00115 GOSUB 152
00116 FOR I = 1 TO 4
00117 DIS(I) = E(I)
00118 PRINT I
00119 PRINT GM
00120 INPUT GM
00121 PRINT
00122 INPUT FUEL
00123 PRINT
00124 INPUT GAS
00125 PRINT
00126 INPUT EL
00127 PRINT
00128 PRINT
00129 PRINT
00130 INPUT V
00131 M = 15255*V
00132 M = INT(M)*.01
00133 PK INT
00134 GU = 2*(.658*M)-150
00135 D = .01*(.658*M)-.5
00136 PRINT V, KTS, CAS AND, M, MACH.
00137 GAS = GAS - GU
00138 GW = GW - GL
00139 PRINT
00140 PK INT
00141 PRINT
00142 PRINT
00143 PRINT
00144 PK INT

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ENTER YOUR TAKE-OFF GROSS WEIGHT (ENTER 42,000 LBS AS 42000):  
ENTER YOUR TAKE-OFF FUEL (10,200 LBS AS 10200):  
ENTER THE TAKE-OFF ELEVATION ( 2732 FT AS 2732 , S.L. AS 0 ):  
ENTER THE SPEED TO WHICH YOU WILL ACCEL AFTER TAKE-OFF  
IN CAS (ENTER 250 KTS AS 250):  
( .658\*M ) - 150  
( .658\*M ) - .5  
IT TAKES S, INT(GU), LBS AND, INT(C), MILES TO TAKE-OFF AND ACCEL TO  
V, KTS, CAS AND, M, MACH.  
FUEL LEFT = , INT(GAS), . UPDATED GROSS WT = , INT(GW)  
THE NEXT PART OF THE PROGRAM IS A MENU OF FLIGHT PROFILE  
SEGMENTS. C THROUGH YOUR PLANNED MISSION FROM ACCEL AFTER  
TAKE-OFF TO END OF MISSION AS A SERIES OF PROFILE SEGMENTS.

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PICK THE VERY NEXT PROFILE SEGMENT YCU WILL FLY BY ENTERING.
THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AS THEY APPEAR.
1. LOW ALTITUDE CRUISE (EMCON DEPT, CASE 1 DEPT, LOW LEVEL).
2. CLIMB (TO RENDZ, TO ENROUTE ALT, ETC).
3. RENDEZVOUS WITH OR WITHOUT TANKING.
4. HI ALTITUDE CRUISE ( AEGVE 1000 FT MSL ).
5. DESCENT (TO START RUN-IN, TO RETURN TO BASE, ETC).
6. TARGET ATTACK.
7. ENROUTE TANKING.
8. END OF MISSION.
ON CONV GOTC 171
ON ERR GCTO 171

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00145 PRINT
00146 PRINT
00147 PRINT
00148 PRINT
00149 PRINT
00150 PRINT
00151 PRINT
00152 PRINT
00153 PRINT
00154 PRINT
00155 ON CONV GOTC 171
00156 ON ERR GCTO 171
00157 PRINT
00158 PRINT
00159 PRINT
00160 ON CONV GOTC 171
00161 ON ERR GCTO 171
00162 PRINT
00163 PRINT
00164 PRINT
00165 PRINT
00166 PRINT
00167 PRINT
00168 PRINT
00169 PRINT
00170 PRINT
00171 GO TO 145
00172 GO TO 145
00173 FOR I=1 TO 4
00174 TAX(I)=CIS(I)
00175 NEXT I
00176 W=
00177 IF W<.6 THEN M=.6
00178 IF F2=.55 THEN 179 ELSE 181
00179 GO SUB 265
00180 RETURN
00181 TB=TA(
00182 A=-98.54+517.7*M-838.*M**2+430.*M**3
00183 B=58.6823-284.8642*M+446.054*M**2-223.9858*M**3
00184 C=-3.9662+21.1894*M-33.8090*M**2+17.0152*M**3
00185 D=.1037-.5588*M+.842*M**2-.3950*M**3
00186 TR=(.11+.*005*ALT+.00008*ALT**2)*RN
00187 DR=TB+TB-6
00188 IF W<.6 THEN DR=DR-((.6-W)*DR)
00189 PRINT DR,AT M, W
00190 RETURN
00191 FOR I=
00192 I 1 TO 11

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ENTER THE NEXT PROFILE SEGMENT NUMBER.
PS=1 THEN 279
PS=2 THEN 389
PS=3 THEN 532
PS=4 THEN 491
PS=5 THEN 561
PS=6 THEN 601
PS=7 THEN 616
PS=8 THEN 643
YCUR ENTRY WAS IN ERROR. TRY AGAIN :

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00193 B(I)=0
00194 NEXT I = 1 TO 66
00195 FOR I = 1 TO 66
00196 C(I) = C
00197 NEXT I
00198 B(1)=1
00199 N=0
00200 M=.6
00201 Q=1
00202 C2=3
00203 B(2) = N
00204 Y = BDC(C)
00205 Z=1
00206 FOR I=2 TO C2
00207 B(I+1)=E(I)*B(2)
00208 NEXT I
00209 B(C2+2)=Y
00210 R=0
00211 I=1 TO C2+2
00212 FOR O=1 TO C2+2
00213 R=R+1
00214 C(R)=C(R)+B(I)*B(O)*Z
00215 NEXT O
00216 NEXT I
00217 N=N+Z
00218 G = G+1
00219 M = M+.1
00220 IF N<4 THEN 203
00221 D1=3
00222 I=P=1
00223 D2=C2+1
00224 FOR O=1 TO C2
00225 C(P)=S(C(P))
00226 FOR I=1 TO C2-O+1
00227 C(P+I)=C(P+I)/C(P)
00228 NEXT I
00229 R=P+I
00230 S=R
00231 FOR L=1 TO C2-O
00232 P=P+L
00233 FOR H=1 TO C2+2-O-L
00234 C(R+H-1)=C(R+H-1)-C(P)*C(P+H-1)
00235 NEXT H
00236 R=R+H-1
00237 NEXT L
00238 P=S
00239 NEXT O
00240 T=(D2+1)*(D2+2)/2

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00241 FOR I=1 TO C2-1
00242 T=I-1-I
00243 C(T)=1/(C(T))
00244 FOR O=1 TO C2-I
00245 P=D2+1-I-0
00246 R=P*(D2+1-(P-1)/2)-I
00247 S=0
00248 U=I+0+1
00249 V=P
00250 FOR K=1 TO C
00251 V=V+U-K
00252 S=S-C(R+K)*C(V)
00253 NEXT K
00254 C(P)=S/C(R)
00255 NEXT I
00256 NEXT I
00257 C(1)=1/C(1)
00258 T=0
00259 FOR I=1 TO C1+1
00260 B(I)=0
00261 FOR O=1 TO C1-I+2
00262 R=(I+C-1)*(D2+2-.5*(I+O))
00263 B(I)=B(I)+C(T+O)*C(R)
00264 NEXT O
00265 T=I*(D2+(3-I)/2)
00266 NEXT I
00267 RETURN
00268 BDC(1)=MER*23+TER*12+AM*7+DP*17+PY*5
00269 BDC(2)=MER*24+TER*14+AM*7.5+DPP*17.5+PY*5
00270 BDC(3)=MER*29+TER*23+AM*10.5+DP*22.5+PY*9
00271 BDC(4)=MER*40+TER*37.5+AM*16.5+DP*52+PY*13
00272 GUSUB 152
00273 DR=B(1)+B(2)*W+B(3)*W**2+B(4)*W**3
00274 IF K<.6 THEN DR=DR-((.6-W)*DR)
00275 PRINT 'CR=',DR,'AT M=',W
00276 M=K
00277 RETURN
00278 DIM GF(2),GU(2),AL(2),CG(2),DI(2)
00279 PRINT 'LOW LEVEL SEGMENT'
00280 GUSUB 58
00281 IF I=1 THEN 145
00282 PRINT 'ENTER THE DISTANCE IN NM OF THIS LOW LEVEL LEG : '
00283 INPUT NM
00284 PRINT 'ENTER THE ALT IN FT ABOVE MSL OF THIS LEG (200 FT AS 200): '
00285 INPUT ALT
00286 PRINT 'ENTER THE TAS OF THIS LEG (360 KTS AS 360): '
00287 ALT=ALT/1000
00288 PRINT

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00285 INPLT TV
00290 PRINT TV
00291 M=TV/((28.96)*(T+273)**.5)
00292 PRINT ('YOUR LOW LEVEL MACH=',.01*INT(100*M))
00293 GO SUB 172
00294 WW=GW
00295 WQ=GAS
00296 FOR Q= 1 TO 2
00297 M1=.38E13+.0042981*(.001*GW)
00298 GO SUB 381
00299 I=0
00300 GO SUB 374
00301 S2=S
00302 IF S1>S2 THEN 306
00303 S=S2
00304 GO TO 325
00305 I=1
00306 GO SUB 374
00307 S3=S
00308 IF S1<S3 THEN 314
00309 S2=S3
00310 I=I+1
00311 GO SUB 374
00312 GO TO 308
00313 I1=(S1-S2)/(S3-S2)
00314 M1=M
00315 I=-1+I1
00316 I=INT(I)
00317 GO SUB 374
00318 S2=S
00319 I=I+1
00320 GO SUB 374
00321 S3=S
00322 S=S2+(I1*(S3-S2))
00323 GO TO 325
00324 R=S+2*(4.3732E-03+.027743*DR)*M**2
00325 R3=R
00326 R1=2*INT(R/2)
00327 R2=R1+2
00328 J=1
00329 IF J=2 THEN 333
00330 R=R1
00331 GO TO 334
00332 R=R2
00333 B0=5.6253-1.989*R+3.0252*R**2-1.0761*R**3+.17675*R**4
00334 B0=B0-.013095*R**5+.2.526E-04*R**8
00335 B1=205.3012-248.9317*R+91.66355*R**2-15.55218*R**3+1.224432*R**4
00336

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00337 B1=B1-.C355333*RR**5+.2.896385E-04*RR**6
00338 B2=-1052.123+1231.24*RR-487.4233*RR**2+91.6522*RR**3-8.062962*RR**4
00339 B2=B2+.553574*RR**5-.0069055*RR**6
00340 B3=1680.142-1950.135*RR+788.8513*RR**2-152.5733*RR**3+15.03819*RR**4
00341 B3=B3-.727414*RR**5+.013707*RR**6
00342 B4=-864.6875+1000.443*RR-408.7451*RR**2+80.08314*RR**3-8.03958*RR**4
00343 B4=B4+.3582527*RR**5-7.720617E-03*RR**6
00344 N=B0+B1*M+B2*M**2+B3*M**3+B4*M**4
00345 IF J=2 THEN 350
00346 N1=N
00347 J=2 TO 333
00348 GO TO 333
00349 R=2
00350 N2=N
00351 N=N1+(N2-N1)*(R3-R1)/2
00352 N=4.89*N+7.9E-06*N**2
00353 N4=(6.4375+.010426*T-6.8925E-06*T**2+.4.5127E-07*T**3)*M
00354 F=(.1*N4*P)*1000
00355 F=INT(F)
00356 GU=P*N
00357 GU(G)=P
00358 GU(Q)=GL
00359 GF(Q)=F
00360 GW=GW-GL
00361 NEXT Q
00362 NU=(GU(1)+GU(2))/2
00363 F=(GF(1)+GF(2))/2
00364 P=(GP(1)+GP(2))/2
00365 GW=PW-GL
00366 GAS=KG-GU
00367 PRINT
00368 PRINT
00369 PRINT
00370 PRINT
00371 GO TO 663
00372 PRINT
00373 PRINT
00374 B0=22.154
00375 B1=22.154
00376 B2=405.08-5225.56*I+607.49*I**2-88.737*I**3
00377 B3=-445.62+542.98*I-611.55*I**2+92.894*I**3
00378 B4=184.78-204.42*I+225.89*I**2-35.189*I**3
00379 S=B0+B1*M+B2*M**2+B3*M**3+B4*M**4
00380 RETURN
00381 A0=-2.3287-.26316*DR+.0073327*DR**2-7.513E-05*DR**3+3.5396E-07*DR**4
00382 A0=A0-.778E-10*DR**5+.64624E-13*DR**6
00383 A1=4.835+1.0956*DR-.030653*DR**2+.31912E-04*DR**3-1.5276E-06*DR**4
00384 A1=A1+.3408E-09*DR**5-.2.8692E-12*DR**6

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00385 A2=10.284-1.0719*DR+.031094*DR**2-3.2878E-04*DR**3+1.595E-06*DR**4
00386 A2=A2-3.6005E-09*DR**5+3.0634E-12*DR**6
00387 SI=A0+A1*M1+A2*M1**2
00388 PRINT
00389 GO SUB 678
00390 CLIMB SEGMENT
00391 IF I=1 THEN 145
00392 PRINT THE A-7E BEST ENERGY CLIMB IS A
00393 PRINT CONSTANT CALIBRATED AIRSPEED CLIMB TO 20000 FT THEN A CONSTANT
00394 PRINT MACH CLIMB ABOVE 20000 FT. FCUR CURR CURRENT FLIGHT CCNDITIONS
00395 PRINT THIS SEGMENT WILL GIVE RECOMMENDED CLIMB SPEEDS. DEVIATION
00396 PRINT FROM THESE SPEEDS WILL RESULT IN A SMALL ( 5-7% ) FUEL PENALTY.
00397 PRINT
00398 PRINT ENTER THE START CLIMB ALT ( ENTER 5000 FT AS 5000 ):
00399 INPUT AL1
00400 AL(1)=AL1/1000
00401 ALT=AL(1)
00402 PRINT
00403 M=.6
00404 FOR E=1 TO 4
00405 GO SUB 173
00406 PP(E)=CF
00407 ME=WT*.1
00408 NEXT E
00409 FOR I=1 TO 4
00410 BDC(I)=PP(I)
00411 NEXT I
00412 GO SUB 152
00413 ME=.3
00414 CU1=B(1)+B(2)*M**2+B(4)*M**3
00415 CD2=7846.4313-31915.4533*M+44780.4062*M**2-21243.9031*M**3
00416 IF ABS(CD1-CD2)<5 THEN 419
00417 M=M+.005
00418 GO TO 414
00419 CAS=404.5-.78*CD1+.001*CD1**2
00420 PRINT
00421 PRINT RECOMMENDED CLIMB SPEED IS, INT(CAS), KTS CAS TO 20000 FT
00422 THEN, INT(M*100)*.01, MACH ABOVE 20000 FT.
00423 GO SUB 173
00424 GS=GW/1000
00425 B1=-2.7877+.025635*DR-3.3063E-04*DR**2+1.4162E-06*DR**3
00426 B1=B1-1.8343E-09*DR**4
00427 B2=.003327-E.5289E-04*DR+1.0814E-05*DR**2-4.6514E-08*DR**3
00428 B2=B2+.6060E-11*DR**4
00429 B3=-6.0468E-04+.90826E-06*DR-1.143E-07*DR**2+.4.9304E-10*DR**3
00430 B3=B3-6.4567E-13*DR**4
00431 B0=85.118-.29117*DR+.0030434*DR**2-1.2851E-05*DR**3
00432 B0=B0+1.6621E-08*DR**4
00433

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00433 L=B0+B1*GS+B2*GS**2+B3*GS**3
00434 IF L>35 THEN L=39
00435 PR INT THE ALT FOR MAX CRUISE RANGE FOR YOUR CONFIGURATION IS
00436 PR INT INT(L*1000), FT
00437 B1=55.333+.073076*DR-9.7836E-04*DR**2+3.5015E-06*DR**3
00438 B1=B1-.35782E-09*DR**4
00439 B2=-1.1-8.0597E-03*DR+8.0097E-05*DR**2-2.8836E-07*DR**3
00440 B2=B2+.33032E-10*DR**4
00441 B3=6.6667E-03+1.2541E-04*DR-1.4039E-06*DR**2+5.2032E-09*DR**3
00442 B3=B3-6.0218E-12*DR**4
00443 L=B1+B2*GS+B3*GS**2
00444 PR INT MAX ENDURANCE ALT FOR YCLR CCFNFIGURATION IS
00445 PR INT INT(L*1000), FT
00446 PR INT ENTER THE ALT YOU ARE CLIMBING TO (30000 FT AS 30000):
00447 INPUT AL2
00448 AL(2)=AL2/1000
00449 FOR J=1 TO 2
00450 ALT=AL(J)
00451 GO SUB 175
00452 GWS=GW/1000
00453 RN=(.9125+.00208*ALT+.00006*ALT**2)*(GWS-3)
00454 IF ALT > 26. THEN 456 ELSE 457
00455 RN=RN-.3
00456 IF (ALT < 24 AND ALT > 12 ) THEN 458 ELSE 459
00457 RN=RN+.15
00458 IF ALT < 5 THEN 460 ELSE 461
00459 RN=RN-.15
00460 GC=(195.4643+1.2932*DR-.0009*DR**2)*RN
00461 IF ((GC-(.7*DR)<0) THEN 466
00462 IF ((CR>49)AND(RN<3.8)) THEN GC=GC-(.7*DR)
00463 IF GC<(.7*DR) THEN GC=(300*RN)
00464 IF ((DR>180) AND (RN>2.5)) THEN GC=GC+(30*RN)
00465 IF AL(J)<1 THEN GC=0
00466 RN=(.0026+.0006*ALT+.0001*ALT**2)*(GWS-5)
00467 IF ALT>13 THEN RN=(RN-(.000029*ALT**2*GWS))
00468 IF (ALT>10 AND ALT < 25) THEN RN=(RN+.1)
00469 DI S=(20.1298+.1451*DR-.0005*DR**2)*RN
00470 IF DR>100 AND RN>.9 THEN 472 ELSE 473
00471 DI S=DIS+((.0011*(DR-100)**2*RN)-(1-RN/2))*(DR/6))
00472 IF DR>50 AND RN>1.8 THEN 474 ELSE 475
00473 DI S=DIS-((DR-50)*(1.8-.95*RN))
00474 CG(J)=LI S
00475 CG(J)=GC
00476 NEXT J
00477 IF ((AL(1)+1)>AL(2)) THEN DI(1)=0
00478 DI S=DIS-DI(1)
00479 GC=GC-CG(1)
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00481 PRINT 'GAS AND DIS FROM',AL(1)*1000,'TC',AL(2)*1000,'IS'
00482 PRINT INT(GC),'LBS AND',INT(DIS),'NM'
00483 GW=GW-GC
00484 GAS=GAS-GC
00485 PRINT
00486 'UPDATED FUEL AFTER THE CLIMB IS',INT(GAS),'LBS.'
00487 'UPDATED GROSS WEIGHT IS',INT(GW),'LBS.'
00488 GU=GC
00489 PRINT
00490 GO TO
00491 'CRUISE LEG'
00492 GO SUB 58
00493 IF I=1 THEN 145
00494 PRINT 'ENTER YOUR CRUISE MACH:'
00495 INPUT M
00496 'ENTER YOUR CRUISE ALT (30000 FT AS 30000):'
00497 INPUT ALT
00498 ALT=ALT/1000
00499 GO SUB 173
00500 PRINT 'ENTER THE TEMP IN C AT YOUR NEW ALT ( 15 DEG AS 15):'
00501 INPUT T
00502 TV=38+.5*(T+273)**.5*M
00503 PRINT 'YOUR TAS IN KTS IS',INT(TV)
00504 DE=.951-.0354*ALT+.0005*ALT**2
00505 SP=.661+.5*(DE**.5)*M
00506 IF PS=.3 THEN 508
00507 PRINT 'YOUR GAS IN KTS IS',INT(SP)
00508 TS=2.155-.95*M+22.5*M**2
00509 NE=(.4415+.0238*DR+.0001*DR**2)*(M-.3)
00510 IF DR<50 CR MK=.4 THEN 512 ELSE 511
00511 RN=N-(DR-50)**2*.00013*(M-.4)
00512 RN=2*N+TS
00513 NE=(8.1-22.5167*M+22.75*M**2-8.3333*M**3)+(1+.3*(RN-2))
00514 IF MK>.6 THEN N=N-(.6*(M-.6))*(RN-8)
00515 IF MK>.6 THEN N=N-(.25*(M-.6))*(RN-8)
00516 N=N+.1*(RN-E)
00517 P=(4.9553-.1823*ALT+.0028*ALT**2)*N
00518 F=TV*P
00519 IF F1=55 THEN 530
00520 PRINT 'YOUR FUEL FLOW IS',INT(F),'YOUR LB/NM IS',INT(P)
00521 PRINT 'ENTER THE DISTANCE OF THIS LEG IN MILES:'
00522 INPUT L1
00523 GU=PTDI
00524 PRINT 'GAS USED THIS LEG=',INT(GU)
00525 GW=GW-GU
00526 GAS=GAS-GU
00527 F1=0
00528 PRINT 'UPDATED GROSS WEIGHT=',INT(GW),'FUEL LEFT=',INT(GAS)

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0052S TO 663
0053C FL=0
00541 RETURN
00552 PRINT "RENDEZ SECTION"
00563 GO SUB 658
00574 IF I=1 THEN 145
00585 FL=99
00596 PRINT "ENTER RENDEZVOUS ALT (15000 FT AS 15000):"
00607 INPUT ALT
00618 ALT=ALT/1000
00629 PRINT "ENTER RENDEZVOUS AIRSPEED (CAS, ENTER 250 AS 250):"
00640 INPUT SP
00651 PRINT "ENTER TIME IN MIN TO RENDEZVOUS AND/CR TANK:"
00662 INPUT MI
00673 PRINT "ENTER FUEL IN LBS ON/OFF-LOADED FROM/AS TANKER ( 0 FOR NONE )"
00684 PRINT "ENTER OFFLOAD AS NEGATIVE NUMBER:"
00695 INPUT CX
00706 DE=.9951-.0354*ALT+.0005*ALT**2
00717 ME=(1/DE**0.5)*SP/661.5
00728 HR=MI/60
00739 GO SUB 173
00750 M=W
00761 GO SUB 500
00772 GU=(HR*F)*1.1
00783 PRINT "YOUR M=",INT(W*100)*.01
00794 PRINT "FUEL USED IN RENDEZ =",INT(GU), "LES"
00805 GW=GW-GU+CX
00816 PRINT "NEW GW =",INT(GW), "LBS"
00827 GAS=GAS-GU+CX
00838 PRINT "UPDATED FUEL =",INT(GAS), "LBS"
00849 FL=0
00860 GO TO 663
00871 PRINT "MAX RANGE DESCENT SECTION"
00882 GO SUB 658
00893 IF I=1 THEN 145
00904 GW=GW/1000
00915 M=.4
00926 PRINT "ENTER THE DESCENT START ALT (20000 FT AS 20000):"
00937 INPUT ALT
00948 ALT=ALT/1000
00959 GO SUB 585
00970 F3=F
00981 D3=DIS
00992 SP=(111-0.0618*DR+.0004*DR**2)+((4.5471-.0055*DR)*GW)
01003 SP=INT(SP)
01014 PRINT "THE MAX RANGE DESCENT SPEED IS",SP,"KTS CAS"
01025 PRINT "ENTER THE LEVEL-OFF ALT (ENTER 2000 FT AS 2000):"

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00577 INPUT ALT
00578 ALT=AL1/1000
00579 GO SUB 550
00580 DIS=D3-CIS
00581 F=F3-F
00582 PR INT 'DISTANCE AND FUEL TO DESCEND FROM',AL1*1000,'TO'
00583 PR INT ALT*1000,'FT IS',INT(DIS),'MILES AND',INT(F),'LBS.'
00584 GAS=GAS-F
00585 GW=(GW*1000)-F
00586 PR INT 'UPDATED GROSS WEIGHT AND FUEL ARE',INT(GW),'AND',INT(GAS)
00587 GU=F
00588 GO TO 663
00589 GO SUB 173
00590 N=(.4+.1186*ALT+.0017*ALT**2)
00591 N=(.0037*ALT+.0002*ALT**2-.0000033*ALT**3)*GW
00592 IF (ALT<21 AND ALT>8) THEN N=N+.18
00593 DIS=(16.6646-.0705*DR+.00023*DR**2)*N
00594 IF DR>145 THEN 595 ELSE 596
00595 DIS=DIS-((DR-150)*.04*N)
00596 DIS=INT(DIS)
00597 F=.2*(ALT-25)+(14.9-.43*GW+.005*GW**2)
00598 F=(37.4214-.1250*DR+.0004*DR**2-5E-07*DR**3)*N
00599 F=INT(F)
00600 RETURN 'ATTACK SECTION'
00601 PR INT 658
00602 GO SUB 658
00603 IF I=1 THEN 145
00604 PR INT 'ENTER FUEL IN LBS YOU ESTIMATE IC USE IN THE ATTACK.'
00605 PR INT 'A TYPICAL WEAPCONS DELIVERY TACTIC TAKES ABOUT 600 LBS.'
00606 INPUT GU
00607 GAS=GAS-GU
00608 PR INT 'ENTER ORDNANCE WT IN LBS DROPPED ON TARGET:'
00609 INPUT CX
00610 CX=-OX
00611 F2=99
00612 GW=GW+CX-GU
00613 PR INT 'GROSS WT AFTER ATTACK=',INT(GW)
00614 PR INT 'FUEL STATE AFTER ATTACK =',INT(GAS)
00615 GO TO 663
00616 PR INT 'TANK SEGMENT'
00617 GO SUB 658
00618 IF I=1 THEN 145
00619 F1=99
00620 PR INT 'ENTER YOUR TANK ALT IN FT:'
00621 INPUT ALT
00622 ALT=AL1/1000
00623 PR INT 'ENTER YOUR TANK GAS IN KTS:'
00624 INPUT SF

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00625  PRINT  •ENTER YOUR TANK GN(+)/OFF(-) LOAC OF FUEL IN LBS:•
00626  INPUT  CX
00627  PRINT  •ENTER TEMP (C) AT YOUR ALT:•
00628  INPUT  T
00629  PRINT  •ENTER YOUR TANKING TIME IN MIN:•
00630  INPUT  G
00631  M=(1/(.5991-.0354*ALT+.0005*ALT**2)**.5)*SP/661.5
00632  TV=38.56*(T+273)**.5*M
00633  GO SUB 173
00634  GO SUB 5CE
00635  GU=G/60*F*1.1
00636  DIS=G/60*TV
00637  GAS=GAS-GU+CX
00638  GW=GW-GL+GX
00639  PRINT  •YOUR NEW FUEL STATE IS, INT(GAS), LBS•
00640  PRINT  •YOUR NEW GROSS WEIGHT IS, INT(GW), LBS•
00641  PRINT  •DISTANCE TRAVELED THIS LEG=, INT(DIS), NM.•
00642  GO TO 662
00643  PRINT  •END CF MISSION SEGMENT•
00644  GO SUB 658
00645  IF I=1 THEN 145
00646  PK INT •YOUR END-OF -MISSION GROSS WT IS, INT(GW)
00647  PRINT •YOUR FUEL STATE IS, INT(GAS)
00648  IF GAS<C THEN 649 ELSE 654
00649  GAS=ABS(GAS)
00650  PRINT •YOU HAVE A NEGATIVE FUEL STATE WHICH MEANS YOU NEED •
00651  PRINT •AT LEAST, INT(GAS), MORE LBS FUEL FOR THIS PROFILE PLUS•
00652  PRINT •A RESERVE. YOU MUST TANK, CHANGE YOUF PROFILE, OR •
00653  PRINT •TAKE-OFF WITH MCRE FUEL •
00654  PRINT •TO START ALL OVER AGAIN, TYPE IN A 1 (ONE); ELSE, PRESS ENTER. •
00655  CN CONV GUTC 672
00656  IN PLT M
00657  IF M=1 THEN 5
00658  I=0
00659  PRINT •TC CONTINUE, PRESS ENTER. TC RETURN TO MISSION MENU, ENTER A 1. •
00660  CN CONV GUTC 662
00661  INPUT I
00662  RETURN
00663  PRINT •IF YOU WISH TO REDO THIS PART FRCM THE BEGINNING WITH NEW INPUTS, •
00664  PRINT •ENTER A 1, ELSE JUST PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE. •
00665  CN CONV GUTC 145
00666  INPUT I
00667  GW=GW+GL-GX
00668  GAS=GAS+GU-CX
00669  IF PS=6 THEN F2=0
00670  IF PS=6 THEN GAS=GAS+GX
00671  GO TO 162
00672  END

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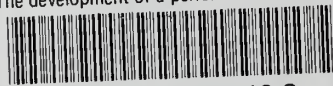
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