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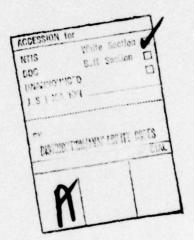
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I. INTRODUCTION

The Naval Air Training and Operating Standardization

(NATOPS) Manual is the official standard of the United States

Navy for "...information on all aircraft systems, performance
data, and operating procedures required for safe and effective
operations." [1]

The purpose of this thesis was to develop algorithms of the more often used NATOPS performance charts for the A-7E aircraft, examine their accuracy and implement them on small data processors that might be adaptable to shipboard or aircraft onboard use. The interpretation of NATOPS performance charts is an error prone and time consuming procedure even for experienced users. The need for a system to eliminate this laborious process has been fully documented in a thesis completed in June 1978 by LCDR W.M. Siegel [2]. In his investigation, LCDR Siegel devised an efficient procedure to develop algorithms from the NATOPS performance charts and exercised this procedure on the problems of "Takeoff Ground Roll Distance" and "Takeoff Airspeed".

This investigation is an extension of the aforementioned work. The original scope of this investigation was to develop algorithms for eleven of the most often used performance problem chart groups and implement them on the Texas Instruments-59 (TI-59) hand held calculator (HHC). All of the NATOPS performance charts were not reduced because of research time limitations. Of the eleven performance chart groups studied,

two performance problems, "Time to Climb" and "Fuel Required to Climb" were rejected because of implementation difficulties on the TI-59 HHC (discussed fully in "Development Difficulties"). Therefore, nine performance chart groups were reduced to analytical expressions and implemented on the TI-59 HHC. To show further possibilities and feasibility of implementation of the algorithms, they were 1) fully implemented on the Hewlett Packard-9830 (HP-9830) desk computer, 2) demonstrated on a microprocessor (INTEL Corporation Microcomputer System-48), and 3) considered for implementation on the A-7E onboard digital computer and a microprocessor utilizing a recently developed number processing chip by the National Semiconductor Corporation (MM57109).

II. DEVELOPMENT

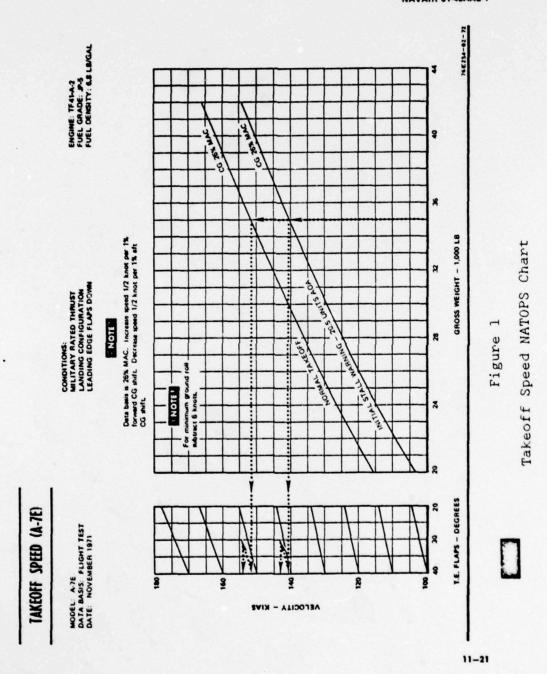
A. GUIDELINES

The scope of this investigation was established after a firm set of guidelines was defined.

Being the official United States Navy standard for the A-7E aircraft, the A-7E NATOPS Manual was the sole source of performance data used to develop the algorithms. As such, and being subject to changes during the aircraft's life cycle, the need for possible future updates to the algorithms was acknowledged. The effective date of the NATOPS Manual from which these algorithms were developed is March 1975. Since the performance data yielded by the algorithms was identical to NATOPS Manual performance curves, the same restrictions and limitations apply. For example, takeoff airspeed calculation restricts the NATOPS Manual user to trailing edge flap positions between 20 and 40 degrees down (Figure 1). For that reason, one could not expect to calculate the flaps up takeoff airspeed using the developed algorithms. An additional feature provided by the algorithms was higher order interpolation. While the inexperienced NATOPS user might attempt to interpolate linearly between non-linearly spaced curves, the algorithms do not.

An important guideline for the user's benefit was to ensure the execution of these algorithms after implementation was simple enough so very little training was required for the users. Intended users were Naval Flight Officers and Aviators.





Not included in the scope of this thesis is an introduction to the TI-59 HHC, HP-9830 desk computer and the INTEL Microcomputer System-48; however, to follow the computer programs written for these devices would required their basic understanding.

Another guideline established was that the performance calculators be light and small enough to be physically suited for its environment. For example, the TI-59 calculator and microprocessor could be used in a cockpit, briefing room or Air Operations Center. The HP-9830 desk computer would be restricted from cockpit use.

Reliability was a necessary guideline.

To make algorithm implementation on the TI-59 HHC feasible and since the program storing chip, the Continuous Read Only Memory (CROM), was limited to 5000 calculator program steps, the library of nine programs was required to fit into that space [3].

Finally, accuracy was a necessary consideration. The results obtained from the algorithms were required to be at least as accurate as following the performance charts manually. These accuracy requirements established were: One knot of airspeed, 100 feet of altitude or ground roll distance, 100 pounds of weight, ten seconds of time and one nautical mile of distance.

B. PERFORMANCE CHART REDUCTION

The reduction of the NATOPS Manual performance curves into analytical expressions was accomplished by a historically proven mathematical procedure, "least squares curve fitting". This method was applied to certain A-7E performance data by LCDR W.M. Siegel (see Introduction, Section I). His brief explanation of the "Least Squares Fit Approximation (LSFA)" is included in Appendix A.

Many performance charts from the NATOPS Manual contain three variables (two independent, one dependent) and are depicted as a two-dimensional space with the third dimension illustrated by a family of curves. The reduction of such a chart can be accomplished as follows:

- 1. Determine order of curves in family (i.e, second order, $(y = A_1 + A_2x + A_3x^2)$.
 - 2. Apply LSFA to every member of the family of curves.
- 3. Since the order of the curve families may vary, a general curve family could be depicted as follows:

$$y = A_{11} + A_{12}x + A_{13}x^{2} + \dots + A_{1m}x^{n-1}$$
 (for curve z_{1})
 $y = A_{21} + A_{22}x + A_{23}x^{2} + \dots + A_{2m}x^{n-1}$ (for curve z_{2})
 $\dot{y} = \dot{A}_{m1} + \dot{A}_{m2}x + \dot{A}_{m3}x^{2} + \dots + \dot{A}_{mn}x^{n-1}$ (for curve \dot{z}_{m})

4. Apply LSFA to the coefficients. For example, plot A_{11} , A_{21}, \ldots, A_{m1} versus z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_m , respectively, yielding $A_1 = B_{11} + B_{12}z + B_{13}z^2 + \ldots, B_{1r}z^{r-1}$.

Doing the same with all coefficients,

$$A_{1} = B_{21} + B_{22}z + B_{23}z^{2} + \dots + B_{2r}z^{r-1}$$

$$A_{n} = B_{m1} + B_{m2}z + B_{m3}z^{2} + \dots + B_{mr}z^{r-1}$$

- 5. Given z and x, y can now be calculated by:
- a. Computing coefficients from equations generated in Step 4.
 - b. Applying coefficients to $y = A_1 + A_2x + ...A_nx^{n-1}$.
- 6. It is important to note that although all curve family members must be of identical order, the equations representing the coefficients as a function of "z" need not be of similar order.

Although applying LSFA to the family of curves and then to their coefficients was the normal method of chart reduction, it was not always used for the following reasons:

- a. Some charts were two-dimensional (LSFA still used).
- b. Some charts were reduced by inspection.
 - (1) Linear curve families with linear spacing.
 - (2) Time, distance, speed charts (d = v/t).
- c. Algorithm anomalies (see "Development Difficulties").

When used, the LSFA was accomplished by a program prewritten by the Hewlett Packard Corporation for use with the HP-9830. This program, although greatly facilitating the development portion of this investigation, was written for a two-dimensional problem and had to be executed at least once for each curve and once for each set of coefficients.

A listing of all of the equations making up the performance algorithms are contained in Appendix C. The A-7E

performance chart groups from which they were developed are contained in Appendix B. They are in order:

- 1. Low Level Cruise Performance.
- 2. Takeoff Ground Roll Distance.
- Maximum Range Cruise Time and Speed at Constant Altitude.
- 4. Maximum Range Cruise Fuel Required at Constant Altitude.
 - 5. Maximum Range Climb Airspeed Schedule.
 - 6. Takeoff Airspeed.
 - 7. Maximum Refusal Airspeed.
 - 8. Optimum Endurance Altitude.
 - 9. Cruise Ceiling.

Future reference in this thesis is made to algorithms and programs by the numbers above.

C. EXAMPLE OF CHART REDUCTION

An example of the procedure discussed in the previous section is presented below. The chart chosen for reduction is the lower graph of Figure 2, from Phase II of the A-7E Cruise Performance chart group.

By inspection, all A_1 and A_2 coefficients are equal to zero. The curves appear parabolic and therefore second order, yielding $N = A_3 M^2$. The example follows:

N = intermediate result

M = mach number

D = drag count

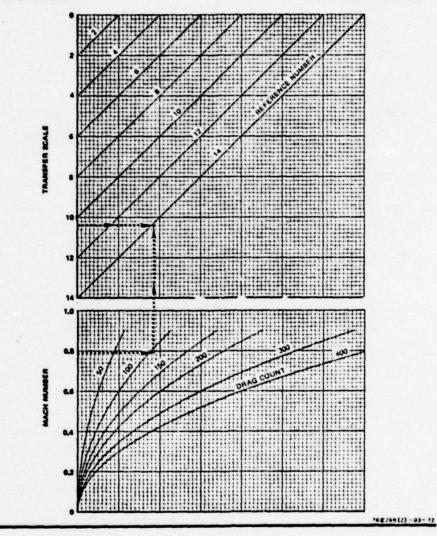
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CRUISE PERFORMANCE (A-7E)

PHASE II - AIRCRAFT REFERENCE NUMBER

MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 11-117

ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JP-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6,8 LB/GAL



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Figure 2

Cruise Performance Phase II NATOPS Chart

DRAG COUNT LINE	CURVE EQUATION
50	$N = 1.3915M^2$
100	$N = 2.7787M^2$
150	$N = 4.1658M^2$
200	$N = 5.5530M^2$
300	$N = 8.3273M^2$
400	$N = 11.102M^2$

By plotting the A_3 coefficients versus D (drag count), the LSFA yields:

 $A_3 = (4.3732E-3) + .027743D$ and therefore, $N = ((4.3732E-3) + .027743D)M^2$.

This was a particularly simple chart to reduce but illustrates the procedure.

D. DEVELOPMENT DIFFICULTIES

The normal method of reducing performance curves did not always yield useful information. One reason was although the NATOPS Manual Performance curves were constructed from experimental data, families of curves occasionally had very unusual spacing. They also were not always a true curve family; that is, they were of varying order. This can be visually detected in the lower graph of Phase III of the A-7E Cruise Performance chart group (Figure 3). The unequal and varying spacing between curves with different "reference numbers" is obvious. Although the coefficients for each curve can be calculated, the coefficients determined for a LSFA equation for an intermediate curve would be incorrect. To be usable for the normal

CRUISE PERFORMANCE (A-7E)

PHASE III - POUNDS OF FUEL PER NAUTICAL MILE

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

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

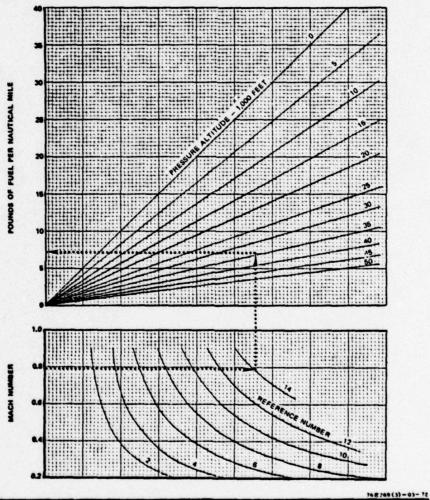


Figure 3

Cruise Performance Phase III NATOPS Chart 11-59

method of chart reduction, a chart must have equal, constantly increasing, or constantly decreasing spacing between curves. When such an incompatible chart was encountered, it was necessary to interpolate between them. Two chart groups eliminated from consideration, "Fuel Required" and "Time to Climb from Sea Level to Selected Altitude", contained so many such curves (11), that very high order expressions would have been required to compute the coefficients, making implementation on the TI-59 HHC impractical. The A-7E Cruise Performance lower chart of Phase I had the same anomaly (Figure 4). Because of the importance of the low level mission, however, the algorithm for this chart was developed, for sea level only though. The multiple algorithm was not developed but could have been for implementation on a desk computer.

Another reason a straight application of LSFA was not always appropriate was the uniqueness of the upper graph of Phase I of the A-7E Cruise Performance chart group (Figure 4). This chart requires entry from the lower chart. A line is traced upward until the user contacts the appropriate Drag Count Line (dotted lines). The first pass through the Mach Number axis, a result of the lower chart, was defined M*. Instead of now tracing horizontally to the Transfer Scale axis (this value defined TS*), one must trace "between the solid guidelines" to the interception with a line traced vertically upward from the desired Mach number, M. The Transfer Scale would now be manually obtained by tracing horizontally to the

CRUISE PERFORMANCE (A-7E)

PHASE I - CLEAN AIRPLANE TRANSFER SCALE

MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JP-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6.8 LB/GAL

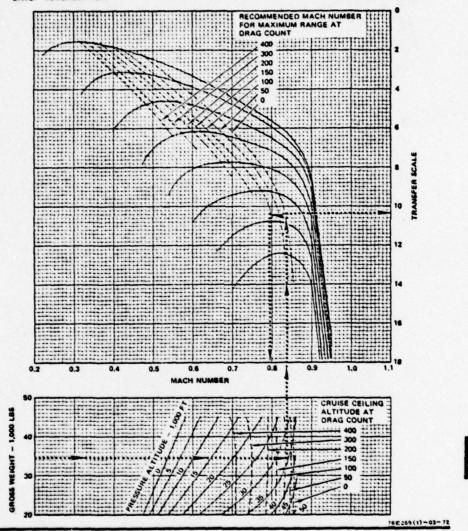


Figure 4

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Cruise Performance Phase I NATOPS Chart vertical axis. To develop the algorithm for this problem, the equations of the guidelines were also calculated as a function of Mach number. The values of the Transfer Scale resulting from M* intercepting the guidelines and tracing horizontally to the vertical axis were called TS_1^* , TS_2^* , ... TS_m^* , from top to bottom. The original position, (M^*, TS^*) , could now be determined in relation to (M^*, TS_n^*) and (M^*, TS_{n+1}^*) . "n" and "n+1" indicate the upper and lower guidelines, respectively, which bracket (M^*, TS^*) . This ratio provided the initial position relative to the guidelines:

$$R = (TS*-TS_{n+1}*)/(TS_n*-TS_{n+1}*)$$

Using the desired Mach number, M, the Transfer Scales for the same two enclosing guidelines were calculated (TS_n and TS_{n+1}). The final position relative to the guidelines was maintained using the original ratio by solving:

$$R = (x-TS_{n+1})/(TS_n-TS_{n+1})$$
 for x.

"x" is the Transfer Scale with which the user now proceeds to Phase III of this performance chart group. Figure 5 depicts this problem graphically.

E. ACCURACY

A large number of results comparisons between the generated algorithms and manually traced performance problems were made. An infinite number of comparisons would be required to check all possibilities, but since the mathematical theory was so basic, the number of checks accomplished were considered sufficient.

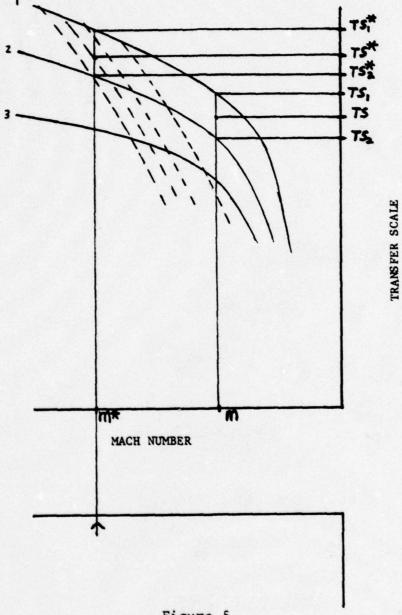


Figure 5
Guideline Chart Solution

All nine algorithms were checked for accuracy on the HP-9830 desk computer. The number of checks for each algorithm was proportional to the ease of manually tracing through the performance charts. The author spent considerable time obtaining performance results from the NATOPS Manual charts and a relatively small amount of time computing the problems on the desk computer once the algorithms had been implemented. In a significant number of instances, the results disagreed, but after rechecking, the solution obtained manually was in error. This supported the contention that manual manipulation of the performance charts is an error prone procedure, even with an experienced user.

In a few rare instances, the author entered the required given data incorrectly into the desk computer. These miskeying errors, not procedural, were noticed as soon as the answer was produced. A user familiar with the A-7E performance characteristics would normally notice an answer resulting from grossly incorrect data input. It is acknowledged, however, that there is no failsafe check on the programs. When using a desk computer, the required input data can be printed along with the answer to ensure the user of the correctness of the input data. For a hand held calculator, however, computing a performance problem twice would provide a check, which is what many NATOPS Manual users often do. As with all computer programs, a desired result requires accurate input data.

Except for those noted below, the results of programs checked (using five significant figures) were indistinguishable from the answers obtained by manually manipulating the performance charts. Answers produced from the algorithms were rounded off to the nearest digit.

PROGRAM

MAXIMUM DEVIATION

Maximum Refusal Speed

2 knots

Takeoff Airspeed

1 knot

III. IMPLEMENTATION

A. DESK COMPUTER

The use of a desk computer capable of producing A-7E performance information within seconds (less than three seconds computation time for the longest algorithm) would be ideal for a squadron briefing room or Air Operations Center use. The HP-9830 desk computer was used for this implementation stage. Very little training would be required for personnel to load the programs stored on a cassette tape cartridge and execute them.

A knowledge of "basic" computer language is required to fully understand the nine HP-9830 programs in Appendix D [4]. The nine programs are in the same order as the algorithms of Appendix C.

Only in the Low Level Cruise Performance program are subroutines required for linear interpolation or for the iterative
method to find the Transfer Scale (see "Development Difficulties").
All other programs are straight forward, sequential computations.
In these programs, the coefficients defining a curve (y = f(x))
for a given set of conditions are calculated. That chart
result, "y", is then calculated for the given independent variable "x". The next chart of that group is similarly treated
and so on until the "final result" is achieved.

The HP-9830 programs are very useful since they prompt the user to supply the correct information. Most of the programs

"request, then accept" those inputs required for the applicable NATOPS Manual performance chart. The HP-9830 then prints the data just entered (ensuring the user that data input was as desired) followed quickly by the solution. The computer is instantly ready to receive new data for another calculation.

Programs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 (as identified in "Performance Chart Reduction, section II-B), are written in this "request, then accept" format. The shorter programs, 5, 6, 8 and 9, were written with an initial set of input data already in the program. This format allowed the computer to step incrementally through the allowable range of values for the input data, thus calculating a "table of performance data" for the applicable performance chart group. These programs are easily altered to the "request, then accept" format by some simple edit commands [4].

The variables used in the programs are defined following each program in Appendix D.

B. HAND HELD CALCULATOR

The many favorable features of the hand held calculator encouraged its implementation of the performance algorithms. Its small size allowed consideration for use in the cockpit. Its simplicity and reliability was an advantage making it especially suited for users of varying experience (including no experience). Although its execution speed was the slowest of all devices used, the computation time was still much faster than using the NATOPS Manual.

The Texas Instruments-59 (TI-59) programmable hand held calculator (HHC) was selected for implementation. This selection was made for several reasons. At the time, it was the only calculator available to the author which allowed permanent program storage (on magnetic cards). Additionally, the Texas Instruments Corporation had the capability to combine all prewritten performance programs, up to a 5000 program step limit, onto a Continuous Read Only Memory (CROM) chip, making the A-7E performance programs a permanent part of the calculator. This CROM chip can also be used on the less expensive TI-58 HHC. These features made the TI-58/59 (with CROM) a practical system for the A-7E Naval Aviation community.

One might consider the calculator's inability to prompt the user for inputs a shortcoming of this implementation candidate, but a company spokesman, Mr. Richard Cuthbert, stated a new face could be fitted onto the calculator, identifying different buttons with the input data categories such as GW for gross weight, FLPS for flap position, T(°C) for temperature, and so on [3].

Some time was required for the author familiarization with the TI-59 HHC and its capabilities. For a detailed explanation of comments in this section involving TI-59 programming and Appendix E, consult the user's manual [5].

All programs were entered with the calculator memory partitioned to allow 879 program steps and ten memory storage locations. The loss of program steps in order to provide coefficient storage locations (ten to one) was the reason for

partitioning in this manner. Only five significant figures were considered necessary for computational accuracy. Considering the number possibilities (1.2345 to 1.2345E-12) might take from six to ten program steps, this was less than the absolute ten program steps sacrificed for a storage location. The ten memory storage locations were used to store the input data at program execution start but were often reused after the input data storage was no longer required.

The programming language level of the TI-59 HHC is below the HP-9830's and above a microprocessor's (discussed later) in sophistication. The algorithms were computed in a more space-saving manner than on the HP-9830. For example, in computing a first order polynomial, the HP-9830 program functioned as follows:

$$B(0) = A_{11} + A_{12}z$$

$$B(1) = A_{21} + A_{22}z$$

$$y = B(0) + B(1)x.$$

The TI-59 HHC was programmed to compute as follows:

$$(A_{11} + A_{12}z) + (A_{21} + A_{22}z)x = y.$$

In the Low Level Cruise Performance program, the linear interpolation and iterative methods to follow guidelines (discussed in previous section) was still accomplished using the more tedious TI-59 HHC language.

Using the partitioning already described, a program limit of 879 program steps was imposed (filling two magnetic cards). Two programs, "Takeoff Ground Roll Distance" and "Low Level

Cruise Performance", exceeded this limit and had to be continued on extra cards. These programs were written to allow storage of an intermediate result into the T-register. The rest of the cards could then be read in, any lost or newly acquired input data entered, and program execution would continue, automatically retrieving the stored intermediate result from the T-register. These artificial necessities for program completion using the magnetic cards would not be necessary if the programs were stored permanently in the CROM.

The total number of steps required for the nine performance algorithms programmed on the TI-59 HHC was 5461 steps. By subroutining (340 steps of programming are common to two programs), the total number could be reduced to 5121 steps. The elimination of the artificial steps required for the oversized programs would reduce the overage more. The sole intent of this implementation phase was not to fit these nine programs into the 5000 step CROM. If the inclusion of all nine programs was desired, streamlining aid offered by engineers from the Texas Instruments Corporation plus the reduction of significant figures in a non-critical area would accomplish this.

The program listings, storage location usage, user instructions, and execution times are included in Appendix E.

C. MICROPROCESSOR

 Single Board Computer using Software for Mathematical Operations

The single board computer (SBC) implementation was investigated both as an extension of thesis work and to meet

the course objectives of AE-4900, Air Data Systems. Work toward this effort was also done by LCDR W.M. Siegel. The performance algorithms were to be processed on a SBC using an INTEL Corporation 8048 Programmable Read Only Memory (PROM), external random access memory (RAM) and a program counter. Software development was completed on the INTEL Prompt-48 (Microcomputer System-48 language) using an INTEL 8035 arithmetic logic unit (ALU). Although a SBC using the 8048 PROM and requiring a digital keyboard and display was never actually constructed because of the time limitations, the software operation was successfully demonstrated on the Prompt-48.

To preserve the programs between operation periods, the Prompt 48 was hand wired as specified in the user's manual to an ASR-35 Teletype set which allowed paper tape storage [6]. The Prompt-48 provided 1024 by two bytes of RAM and 64 by two bytes of resident memory. Although the MCS-48 instruction set will not be discussed in this thesis, a basic understanding of assembly level language is necessary to understand the developed software presented in Appendix F [7]. This microprocessor program listing includes the MCS-48 instructions in hex code and literal mneumonics and includes full documentation to facilitate interpretation.

A full performance algorithm was not implemented on the Prompt-48 because of its memory storage limitations. The original intent was to exercise the software of the complete A-7E Takeoff Ground Roll Distance algorithm on the Prompt-48.

After the necessary routines were written and stored, only room for three coefficients remained (98 coefficients required for this algorithm). Since implementation capability was the desired result, the computation of a second order polynomial was considered sufficient. Although this effort was software oriented, the necessary RAM storage for the additional coefficients and executive routine could have been easily provided for a SBC.

The software development for algorithm implementation required routines for input/output (I/O), executive direction, binary to binary coded decimal (BCD) and BCD to binary conversions, and floating point binary addition and multiplication routines. The I/O and executive routines were written by LCDR Siegel. The nonavailability of a number oriented microprocessor at the time of this effort required the development of the mathematical package described above. The advantages for such a capability will be discussed in the following section.

In addition to the microprocessor software developed by the author and LCDR Siegel, the I/O and display routines would require alteration for SBC implementation since a digital display and keyboard would replace the Prompt-48.

Figure 6 illustrates the solution method. Figure 7 is a flow chart of the program execution sequence. Figures 8 and 9 show the Prompt-48 RAM and resident register memory, respectively.

SBC SOLUTION METHOD

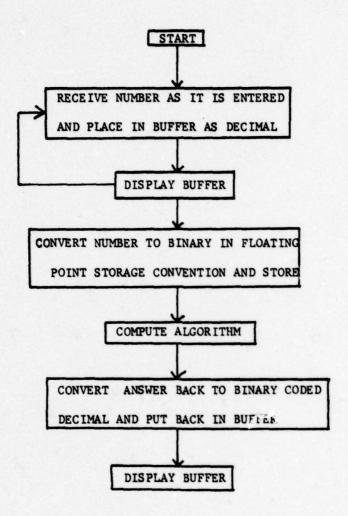


Figure 6
SBC Solution Method

SBC PROGRAM EXECUTION SEQUENCE

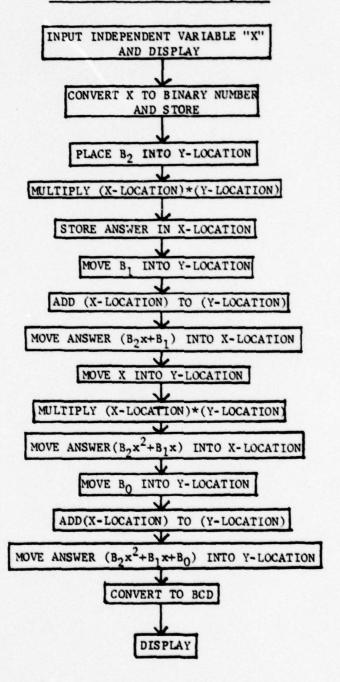


Figure 7
SBC Program Execution Sequence

RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY MAP

ADDRESS

USE

OOO-069

INPUT AND DISPLAY

O6A-06F

EXECUTIVE ROUTINE SEGMENT

Q70-079

COEFFICIENT STORAGE

O7A-0C6

MAIN EXECUTIVE ROUTINE

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BINARY TO BCD EXECUTIVE ROUTINE

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MISCELLANEOUS SUBROUTINES

100-2EC

ADDITION AND MULTIPLICATION SUBROUTINES

300-3FF

BCD TO BINARY EXECUTIVE ROUTINE AND CONVERSION SUBROUTINES

Figure 8
Random Access Memory Map

RESIDENT REGISTER MAP

DDR	SS USE	ADDRESS	USE
20	LSB	30	
21	X-LOCATION	31	
22	ARITHMETIC REGISTER	32	LSB
23	MSB	33	DISPLAY HEX
24	EXPONENT	34	BUFFER
25	LSB Y-LOCATION	35	MSB
26	MSB ARITHMETIC REGISTER	36	DECIMAL POINT MASK
27	EXPONENT	37	CHARACTER COUNTER
28	LSB BCD-BINARY	38	LSB
29	MS B CONVERSION	39	
2A	EXPONENT	3A	DISPLAY
2B		3B	
2C		3C	BIT
2 D		3D	
2E		3E	PATTERNS
2F		3F	MSB

Figure 9
Resident Register Map

The second order polynomial, $y = B(0) + B(1)x + B(2)x^2$, was calculated using a mathematical executive routine (alterable for any size polynomial and any number of polynomials). The only mathematical operations required were multiplication and addition of positive or negative numbers. For speed, binary arithmetic was used. For increased storage capability and mathematical efficiency, a floating point capability was included.

The calculation routine proceeded as follows:

$$B_{2}^{*}x = (B_{2}x)$$

$$(B_{2}x) + (B_{1}) = (B_{2}x + B_{1})$$

$$(B_{2}x + B_{1})^{*}x = (B_{2}x^{2} + B_{1}x)$$

$$(B_{2}x^{2} + B_{1}x) + B_{0} = (B_{2}x^{2} + B_{1}x + B_{0})$$

Although all mathematical operations are performed in the 8-bit (2-byte) accumulator register of the 8035 ALU (for a SBC, the 8048 PROM), a working accumulator using five registers (resident memory registers two through six), was established. All numbers in the program (independent variable "x" after conversion to binary, coefficients stored in RAM 070-079 and the 'result') were in one of two binary conventions. While in storage, the numbers were in "storage" convention. The numbers were shifted from "storage" to "working" convention only when transferred from the X and Y locations (see resident register memory map, Figure 9) to the working accumulator (registers two through six). When the desired operation was completed, the result was returned to the "storage" convention

and moved to the "X" location. Figure 10 displays the "storage and working" conventions.

This software was successfully demonstrated on the Prompt-48. The user instructions for the Prompt-48 to repeat the demonstration are listed below:

- (1) Ensure the 8035 ALU or 8048 PROM is inserted in the "execution" socket of the Prompt-48.
- (2) Enter the program in hex code in the proper storage locations as listed in Appendix F.

On the Prompt-48, press the following keys to clear the resident register memory:

"C"

"Registers"

"0"

11 . 11

"4"

11811

Do not press "Program Memory" instead of "registers" or the program just entered will be erased.

(3) To execute the program, press the following keys:

"A"

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"Execute"

"Go"

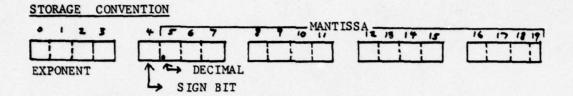
"No Break"

"0"

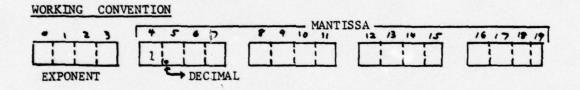
"Execute"

BINARY CONVENTIONS

Each large block depicts 1 byte which includes 4 bits. The compartmented blocks represent 1 bit.



In storage convention, the mantissa is left justified to bit 5. A positive number is denoted by 0 in the first bit of the second byte(sign bit); a 1 indicates a negative number.



In working convention, the mantissa is left justified to bit 4.

The sign bit is stored in FO(X-location number) and F1(Y-location number) flags of the program status word.

Figure 10
Binary Conventions

The display will blank, awaiting the input of the independent variable "x". To enter "x", enter the digit keys for numbers (base 10) and "D" for decimal point. "x" will be displayed on the digital display as it is entered. To compute the algorithm (second order polynomial), press "E". The answer will rapidly appear. To calculate the polynomial with a new value for "x", start at Step 3.

(4) To prevent the time consuming reloading of the program, it is advisable to store the program on a peripheral device (paper tape, disc, etc.).

2. Single Board Computer using Number Oriented Microprocessor

Very recently, the National Semiconductor Corporation began production of a chip intended for use in number processing applications [8]. This chip, the MM57109 MOS/LSI, is capable of all scientific calculator functions, test and branch capabilities, internal number storage, and I/O instructions. Of the specific calculator functions, only addition, subtraction and multiplication would be used.

A SBC using this chip would need the 8048 PROM for coefficient and executive routine storage but would not need the space consuming mathematical package of the SBC in the last section. A program counter would still be required but external RAM would not. The computation time would be increased over the demonstrated SBC (approximate computation time of a HHC), but the simplicity of programming would make this proposed SBC very attractive.

D. A-7E TACTICAL COMPUTER

In February 1978 the author made a trip to the Naval Air Facility at China Lake, California. The purpose of this visit was to receive indoctrination on the TC-2/2A tactical computers and obtain a programming manual for these devices. The desired goal was implementation of selected performance algorithms on the laboratory bench computer run by the A-7 Program Office of the Naval Weapons Center (NWC). A thorough understanding of the computer's capabilities and limitations was provided by Mr. Robert Westbrook, a software technician.

The A-7E computer provides very accurate navigation and weapons guidance capability. The TC-2 and TC-2A computers are a generation apart, the TC-2A being over two times faster and having twice the storage capability of its earlier version. Both computers are operational at this time. Specific design and programming information is available from the programming manual [9].

The instruction set of the tactical computer provides fixed point arithmetic, logical transfer of control (branching), address modification and single word input/output instructions specifically intended for operations primarily involving arithmetic. These features made the implementation of algorithms a logical decision. Several factors made this implementation by the author impractical. The computer design was quite old, the instruction set being very tedious and difficult to interpret. The computer's inability to function using floating point

arithmetic would require a significant software effort in that area alone. The time required to become fully familiar with the instruction set, write the software, and load and test the programs at NWC would have been prohibitive for this investigation.

It is hoped that the programmers at NWC will be able to implement those algorithms deemed desireable to achieve an onboard capability. Takeoff Airspeed and Maximum Refusal Airspeed are considered ideal for implementation.

IV. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Nine of the A-7E NATOPS Manual performance chart groups were reduced to a series of analytical expressions or algorithms. These algorithms, accurate to five significant figures, are as accurate as results obtained by manual manipulation of the performance charts.

Implementation was made on three data processors of different programming levels and storage capabilities. These devices and degrees of implementation were:

- (1) HP-9830 Desk Computer complete implementation with successful demonstration.
- (2) TI-59 Hand Held Calculator complete implementation with successful demonstration.
- (3) Microprocessor partial implementation with successful demonstration.

In view of the success of this investigation, recommendations concerning implementation possibilities are listed below:

- (1) Complete reduction of the NATOPS Manual performance charts could be accomplished and implemented onto a desk computer as one large program capable of performance data computation within seconds. The desk computer would be ideal for mission planning on a squadron or air wing level or for Air Operations Center use.
- (2) The programs written for the TI-59 HHC could be consolidated onto a CROM and used with a TI-58 HHC for use on a

squadron level. As an alternative, the software could be rewritten for any HHC of comparable capability.

- (3) Although implementation on a single board computer using a number oriented microprocessor is completely feasible, because of programming ease and cost consideration, the HHC is considered a superior implementation possibility at this time.
- (4) The A-7E tactical computer could easily be programmed by software engineers at NWC, China Lake, California, to produce an onboard capability.

APPENDIX A

Least Squares Fit Approximation

References 10 and 11 describe the Least Squares Fit Approximation in detail. In general the problem is to represent a set of "n" data points in two-dimensional space

 X_i , Y_i i = 1 to n

by a polynomial expression of a curve whose degree is less than "n". Two classes of problems exist:

(1) Linearly independent - those in which the degree (d) of the polynomial is one less than the number of data points

$$d = n-1 \tag{1}$$

(2) Linearly dependent - those in which the degree (d) is less than n-1

$$d < n-1 \tag{2}$$

As an example, a set of four (4) data points randomly spaced was chosen. If a third degree polynomial of the form

$$Y = A + BX + CX^2 + DX^3$$
 (3)

were desired, and the data points X_i and Y_i were inserted (i = 1 to 4) into four such equations, an exact solution for the four unknown coefficients would exist. These four unknowns could be found from the four equations by numerous conventional techniques (Direct substitution, Cramer's rule, etc.). The polynomial expression generated would be termed a "col-location" polynomial because its plot would pass through all data points.

It is often advantageous to describe a set of data points by a curve that does not pass through each point. This type of polynomial would be termed a "regression" equation. For any set of data points an infinite number of regression expressions exist for any specified degree (except the linearly independent case) and the object of the Least Squares Method is to find the polynomial coefficients of the chosen degree that best describe the data points. In the previous example of four data points, assume that, instead of the third degree form chosen, a second degree equation were selected of the form

$$Y = A + BX + CX^2 \tag{4}$$

With four data points, the polynomial is overspecified and thus linearly dependent. For this case an infinite number of solutions exist for the coefficients a, b and c. If an error term (δ) were defined for any given X,Y pair as

$$\delta_1 = |Y_1 - A + BX_1 + CX_1^2| \tag{5}$$

a total squared error term (E) could then be defined by squaring and summing the terms attained:

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \delta_{1}^{2} \tag{6}$$

If E were them minimized for any given degree chosen, the best Least Squares Fit would have been achieved.

If the values for δ from Equation 5 were inserted in Equation 6 and the partial derivative of E were taken with respect to the coefficient A, an equation would be generated that when set equal to zero (0) would define a minimum value of E for a given value of A. If the same operation were performed with respect to the

coefficients B and C then three equations would be generated with three unknowns (A, B and C). The solution of these simultaneous equations would produce the coefficients A, B and C, that would minimize the value of E and hence would produce a Least Squares Fit approximation to a set of linearly dependent equations.

A numerical procedure has been developed to accomplish this task. An example of this procedure has been included in the following paragraphs [10, 11].

Least Squares Fit Method Example

Given the following set of data:

$$X = 0$$
 1 2 4 7 $f(X) = Y = 0$ 1 3 12 20

fit a curve of the form

$$f(X) = Y - A + BX + CX^2$$

STEP 1: Substitute all pairs of data into the form equation yielding the fact that the coefficients (A, B and C) must satisfy all the following:

$$0 = A + B(0) + C(0)^2$$

$$1 = A + B(1) + C(1)^2$$

$$3 = A + B(2) + C(2)^2$$

$$12 = A + B(4) + C(4)^2$$

$$20 = A + B(7) + C(7)^2$$

Now multiply each expression by its coefficient of A in that expression and add all equation yielding

36 = 5A + 14B + 70C

Now multiply each expression by its coefficient of B in that expression and add all the equations yielding

0 = 0(A) + 0(B) + 0(C)

1 = A + 1B + 1C

6 = 2A + 4(B) + 8(C)

48 = 4A + 16(B) + 64(C)

140 = 7A + 44(B) + 343(C)

195 = 14A + 70(B) + 416(C)

Now multiply each expression by its coefficient C in that expression and add all the expressions yielding

0 = 0(A) + 0(B) + 0(C)

1 = 1(A) + 1(B) + 1(C)

12 = 4(A) + 8(B) + 16(C)

192 =16(A) +64(B) +256(C)

980 =49(A) +343(B)+2401(C)

1185 = 70A + 416B + 2674C

Now solve the following three previously generated equations for the coefficients A, B and C yielding

36 = 5A + 14B + 70C

195 =14A + 70B +416C

1185 = 70A +416B +2674C

A = -.99, B = 2.6, C = .065

and

 $Y = -.99 + 2.6X + .065X^2$

The following plot and chart depict the original data and the data obtained from the equation for the fitted curve:

	Original	Fitted Curve Polynomial
X	Y	Y
0	0	98
1	1	1.67
2	3	4.48
4	12	10.46
7	20	20.41

Q.E.D.

APPENDIX B

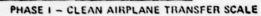
NATOPS Manual Performance Charts

These charts from which the performance algorithms were developed are listed below in order:

Figure	<u>Title</u>
B1	Cruise Performance, Phase I
B2	Cruise Performance, Phase II
В3	Cruise Performance, Phase III
B4	Cruise Performance, Phase IV
B5	Takeoff Factor
B6	Takeoff Ground Roll Distance
B7	Adjusted Takeoff Ground Roll Distance
B8	Maximum Range Cruise at Constant Altitude (Time, Speed)
В9	Maximum Range Cruise at Constant Altitude (Fuel Required)
B10	Military Power Climb Schedule
811	Takeoff Speed
B12	Maximum Refusal Speed
B13	Cruise Ceiling and Optimum Endurance Altitude

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CRUISE PERFORMANCE (A-7E)



MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JF-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6.8 LB/GAL

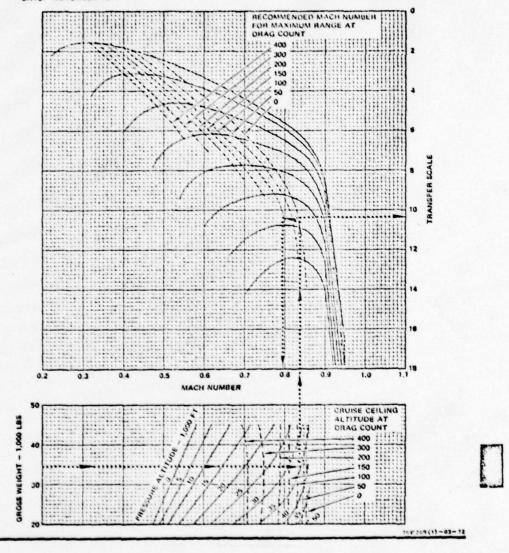


Figure B1

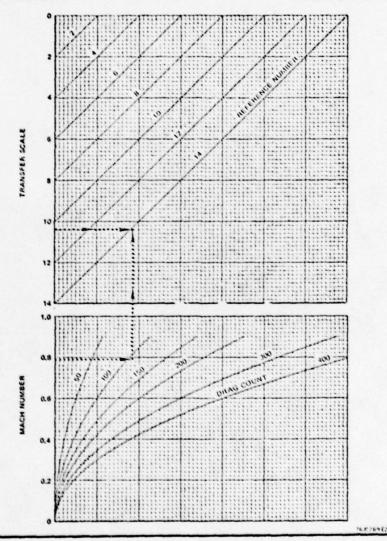
Cruise Performance, Phase I

CRUISE PERFORMANCE (A-7E)

PHASE II - AIRCRAFT REFERENCE NUMBER

MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 11-117

ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JF-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6,8 L8/GAL



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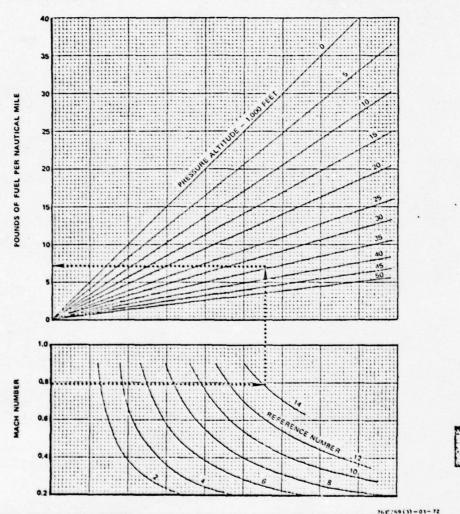
Figure B2

Cruise Performance, Phase II

CRUISE PERFORMANCE (A-7E)

PHASE III - POUNDS OF FUEL PER NAUTICAL MILE

MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JP-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6.8 LB/GAL



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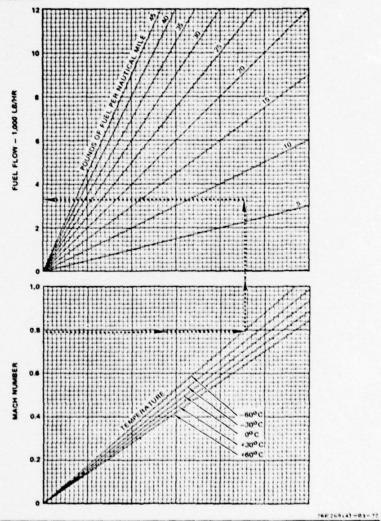
Figure B3

Cruise Performance, Phase III

CRUISE PERFORMANCE (A-7E)

PHASE IV - FUEL FLOW

MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JF-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6.8 LB/GAL



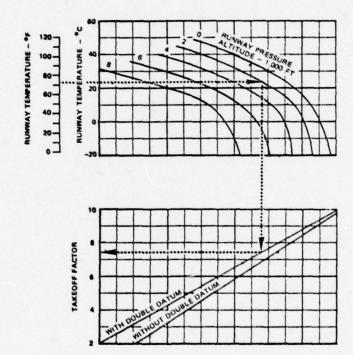
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Figure B4 Cruise Performance, Phase IV

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TAKEOFF FACTOR (A-7E)

MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JP-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6.8 LB/GAL.



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Figure B5
Takeoff Factor

TAKEOFF GROUND ROLL DISTANCE (A-7E)

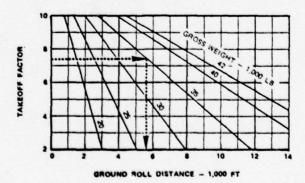
MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 CONDITIONS:
LEVEL HARD SURFACE RUNWAY
MILITARY RATED THRUST
LANDING CONFIGURATION
ZERO HEADWIND
CG: 26% MAC
FULL FLAPS

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

· NOTE:

For minimum ground roll corresponding to minimum lift-off speed, subtract 500 feet.

For humidity effects on takeoff distance, ground roll distances should be increased 1% for each 10% increase in the relative humidity above 40%.



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Figure B6
Takeoff Ground Roll Distance

TAKEOFF GROUND ROLL DISTANCE (A-7E)

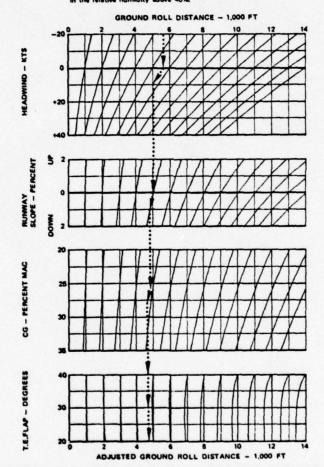
ADJUSTED GROUND ROLL DISTANCE

MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 CONDITIONS:
HARD SURFACE RUNWAY
MILITARY RATED THRUST
LANDING CONFIGURATION
LEADING EDGE FLAPS DOWN

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

NOTE

For humidity affects on takeoff distance, ground roll distances should be increased 1% for each 10% increase in the relative humidity above 40%.



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Figure B7
Adjusted Takeoff Ground Roll Distance

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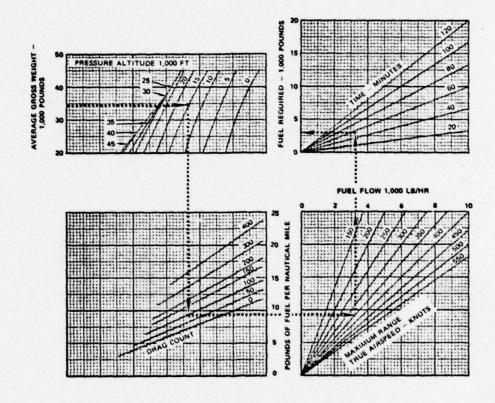
Figure B8 Maximum Range Cruise at Constant Altitude (Time, Speed)

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MAXIMUM RANGE CRUISE AT CONSTANT ALTITUDE (A-7E)

FUEL REQUIRED

MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JP-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6.8 LB/GAL



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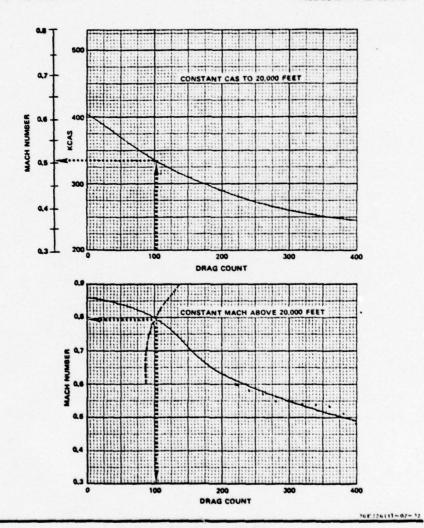
Figure B9

Maximum Range Cruise at Constant Altitude (Fuel Required)

MILITARY POWER CLIMB (A-7E)

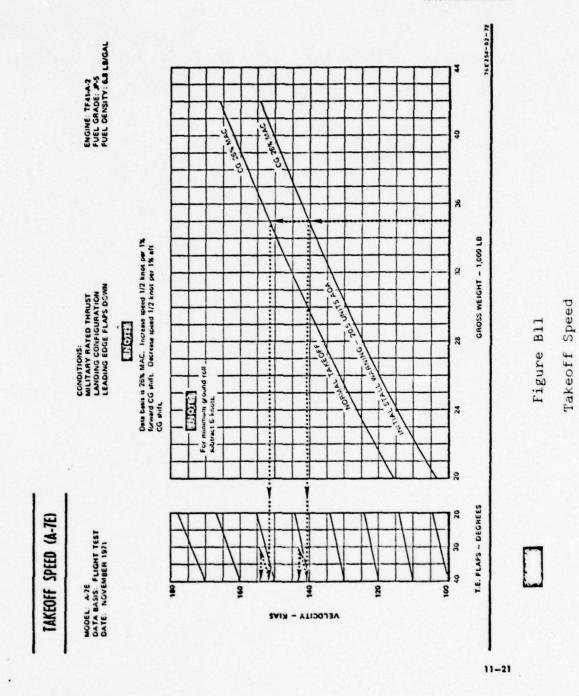
CLIMB SPEED SCHEDULE

MODEL: A-7E DATA BASIS: FLIGHT TEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1971 ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JP-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6,8 LB/GAL



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Figure B10
Military Power Climb Schedule



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MAXIMUM REFUSAL SPEED (A-7E)

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WITH ANTI-SKID

ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: P-6 FUEL DENSITY: 68 LB/GAL

S WEIGHT 1 000 LB |

S WEIGH 1 000 LB |

S WEIGHT 1

Figure B12

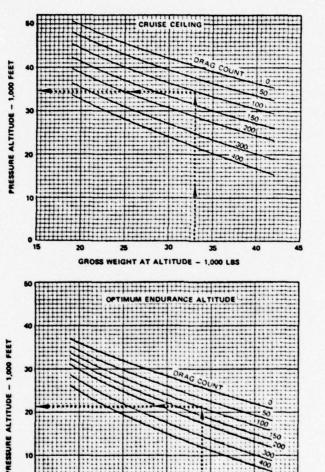
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Maximum Refusal Speed

CRUISE CEILING AND OPTIMUM ENDURANCE ALTITUDE (A-7E)



ENGINE: TF41-A-2 FUEL GRADE: JP-5 FUEL DENSITY: 6,8 LB/GAL



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Figure B13

Cruise Ceiling and Optimum Endurance Altitude

APPENDIX C

Generated Algorithms

LOW LEVEL CRUISE PROGRAM

Phase I

M1 = -92.512 + 236.896G

Transfer Scale Versus Drag Count

A0 = $-2.3287 - .26316D + .0073327D^2 - (7.513E-5)D^3 + (3.5396E-7)D^4$ - $(7.78E-10)D^5 + (6.462E-13)D^6$

Al = $4.835 + 1.0956D - .030653D^2 + (3.1912E - 4)D^3 - (1.5276E - 6)D^4 + (3.408E - 9)D^5 - (2.8692E - 12)D^6$

A2 = $10.284 - 1.0719D + .031094D^2 - (3.2878E-4)D^3 + (1.595E-6)D^4$ -(3.6009E-9)D⁵ + (3.0634E-12)D⁶

 $S1 = A0 + (A1)(M1) + (A2)(M1)^{2}$

Transfer Scale Versus Guidelines

 $B0 = 22.819 - 31.734I + 41.33I^2 - 5.0953I^3$

 $B1 = -154.98 + 217.51I - 261.73I^2 + 35.905I^3$

 $B2 = 405.08 - 525.56I + 607.49I^2 - 88.737I^3$

 $B3 = -445.62 + 542.98I - 611.55I^2 + 92.894I^3$

 $B4 = 184.78 - 204.42I + 225.89I^2 - 35.189I^3$

 $S = B0 + (B1)(M1) + (B2)(M1)^{2} + (B3)(M1)^{3} + (B4)(M1)^{4}$

Phase II

 $R = S + 2[(4.3732E-3) + .027743D]M^{2}$

Phase III

B0 = $5.6253 - 1.989R + 3.0252R^2 - 1.0761R^3 + .17675R^4 - .013095R^5 + (3.526E-4)R^6$

B1 = $205.3012 - 248.9317R + 91.66355R^2 - 15.55218R^3 + 1.224432R^4$ -.0395333R⁵ + (2.896385E-4)R⁶

 $B2 = -1052.123 + 1231.24R - 487.4233R^{2} + 91.6522R^{3} - 8.662962R^{4}$ $+ .3953974R^{5} - .006905535R^{6}$

B3 = $1680.142 - 1950.139R + 788.8513R^2 - 152.5733R^3 + 15.03819R^4$ -.7274139R⁵ + .013707R⁶

R3 = R

R1 = 2 (Integer (R/2))

R2 = R1 + 2

 $N1 = B0 + (B1)(R1) + (B2)(R1)^{2} + (B3)(R1)^{3}$

 $N2 = B0 + (B1)(R2) + (B2)(R2)^{2} + (B3)(R2)^{3}$

Using Linear Interpolation

N = N1 + [(N2-N1)(R3-R1)/2]

 $P = 4.9746N + (7.9043E-6)N^2$

Phase IV

 $N4 = [6.4375 + .010426T - (6.8925E - 6)T^2 + (4.9127E - 7)T^3]M$ F = .1(N4)P

TAKEOFF DISTANCE PROGRAM

B0 = 13.086 -.00017113A -(2.0655E-7)A² + (3.6861E-11)A³ -(2.4156E-15)A⁴

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B1 = -.045635 - (7.8931E-6)A + (3.7545E-9)A^2 - (9.7088E-13)A^3 + (6.997E-17)A^4
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B2 = $-.001317 - (8.2558E-7)A + (4.0739E-10)A^2 - (8.548E-14)A^3 + (5.4964E-18)A^4$

B3 = $-(1.9097E-5) + (1.3671E-8)A - (9.4694E-12)A^2 + (2.0434E-15)A^3$ - $(1.4617E-19)A^4$

 $C = B0 + B1(B) + B2(B)^2 + B3(B)^3$

If double datum on,

E = 1.9773 + .56598C

If double datum off,

E = .54178 + .65876C

G0 = -(4.8896E+5) + (8.4974E+1)G -(5.7856E-3)G² + (1.9373E-7)G³ -(3.1744E-12)G⁴ + (2.0446E-17)G⁵

G1 = (5.8621E+4) -(1.0146E+1)G + $(6.8807E-4)G^2$ - $(2.292E-8)G^3$ + $(3.7387E-13)G^4$ - $(2.3964E-18)G^5$

H = GO + G1(E)

If relative humidity < 40%, K = H

If not, $K = 4\{[(I-40)/1000]+1\}$

L0 = $67.124 + .89509K + (2.3306E-5)K^2 - (1.6254E-9)K^3 + (3.3728E-14)K^4$

L1 = -9.0995 -(1.0856E-2)K + (2.1754E-7)K² -(2.5327E-11)K³ + (1.197E-15)K⁴

L2 = $(1.4782E-1) - (2.1666E-6)K + (3.4274E-9)K^2 - (2.7817E-13)K^3 + (9.3077E-18)K^4$

 $M = L0 + L1(L) + L2(L)^2$

If winds calm, M = K

 $X0 = (4.5704E+1) + .93429M + (2.2265E-5)M^2 - (2.338E-9)M^3$ + (7.941E-14)M* $X1 = 7.9472 + .014914M + (9.0708E-6)M^2 - (7.1235E-10)M^3$ + (3.0684E-14)M* $X2 = 5.3616 - .0085136M + (3.5914E-6)M^2 - (4.5932E-10)M^3$ + (1.9889E-14)M* $X = X0 + X1(N) + X2(N)^{2}$ $Q0 = 2604.2 - 2.1694X + .0010915X^2 - (1.1119E-7)X^3 + (3.662E-12)X^4$ $Q1 = -175.73 + .22601X - (7.5225E-5)X^2 + (7.7018E-9)X^3$ -(2.5437E-13)X* $Q2 = 2.8549 - .0040102X + (1.2832E-6)X^2 - (1.3234E-10)X^3$ + (4.3908E-15)X4 $Q = Q0 + Q1(P) + Q2(P)^2$ $S0 = -400.79 + 1.5801Q - (2.0254E-4)Q^2 + (2.4111E-8)Q^3$ -(8.6737E-13)Q* $S1 = 16.196 - .024333Q + (9.3484E-6)Q^2 - (1.2594E-9)Q^3$ + (4.7522E-14)Q* $S2 = -.14758 + (2.359E-4)Q - (1.037E-7)Q^2 + (1.6016E-11)Q^3$ -(6.3195E-16)Q*

MAXIMUM RANGE CRUISE TIME AND SPEED AT CONSTANT ALTITUDE PROGRAM

B0 = -1 + $(5.0794E-3)H - (1.3968E-3)H^2 + (8.254E-5)H^3$ - $(1.2698E-6)H^4$

 $S = S0 + S1(R) + S2(R)^2$

B1 = .05 + .0015159H + (1.123E-4)H² -(3.4921E-6)H³ + (7.9365E-8)H⁴

N = B0 + B1(G)

B0 = .47803 + .0013417D + $(6.2287E-6)D^2 - (1.6261E-8)D^3$ + $(1.6438E-11)D^4$

B1 = .08217 + (4.1209E-4)D -(4.5577E-6)D² + (1.6777E-8)D³ -(2.001E-11)D⁴

B2 = $(4.2143E-4) - (9.4397E-5)D + (1.2646E-6)D^2 - (4.8537E-9)D^3 + (5.7222E-12)D^4$

B3 = $-(6.6767E-4) + (8.4671E-6)D - (1.0501E-7)D^2 + (3.6382E-10)D^3$ -(3.7828E-13)D⁴

 $M = B0 + B1(N) + B2(N)^2 + B3(N)^3$

M1 = M - [(60-T)(2)(M)/1200]

V = (710)(M1 - .14) + 100 - E

T1 = D1/V

FUEL REQUIRED FOR MAXIMUM RANGE CRUISE AT CONSTANT ALTITUDE PROGRAM

B0 = $4.54 - .16444A + .0033932A^2 - (1.0283E-4)A^3 + (1.926E-6)A^4 - (1.3757E-8)A^5$

B1 = (3.22E-9) -(3.6664E-3)A + $(8.9338E-4)A^2$ - $(5.5939E-5)A^3$ + $(1.4593E-6)A^4$ - $(1.3281E-8)A^5$

B2 = (6E-4) + (1.1203E-4)A - $(2.3358E-5)A^2$ + $(1.4536E-6)A^3$ - $(3.7144E-8)A^4$ + $(3.3334E-10)A^5$

 $N = B0 + B1(G) + B2(G)^2$

B0 = $-(2.5399E-3)D + (9.7299E-5)D^2 - (2.3516E-7)D^3$

+ (1.4251E-10)D*

 $B1 = 2 + (4.2388E-3)D + (1.2326E-5)D^2 - (1.0298E-7)D^3$

+ (1.7277E-10)D*

L = B0 + B1(N)

F = L/V

R = (F)(T)/60

MAXIMUM RANGE CLIMB AIRSPEED SCHEDULE

 $S = 405.56 - .79075D + .0011382D^2 - (4.1018E-7)D^3$

 $M = .86 - (2.1634E - 3)D + (7.6582E - 5)D^{2} - (1.1344E - 6)D^{3}$

+ $(7.2125E-9)D^4$ - $(2.3035E-11)D^5$ + $(3.6588E-14)D^6$

 $-(2.3062E-17)D^7$

TAKEOFF AIRSPEED PROGRAM

 $U1 = 54.023 + (3.4787E-3)G - (1.9475E-8)G^2$

U = U1 + [(26-P)/2]

 $V0 = -1917.1 + 61.604U - .70348U^2 + .0035661U^3 - (6.6578E - 6)U^4$

 $V1 = 76.824 - 2.4517U + .028779U^2 - (1.4753E - 4)U^3 + (2.7872E - 7)U^4$

 $V2 = -.72239 + .023415U - (2.798E-4)U^2 + (1.4596E-6)U^3$

-(2.807E-9)U*

 $V3 = V0 + V1(R) + V2(R)^{2}$

MAXIMUM REFUSAL SPEED PROGRAM

 $B0 = -43.01 + 6.761G - .35159G^2 + .0080545G^3 - (6.7769E-5)G^4$

 $B1 = 26.312 - 3.8382G + .20326G^2 - .047022G^3 + (3.994E-5)G^4$

 $B2 = -4.9639 + .72723G - .038721G^2 + (8.985E-4)G^3 - (7.638E-6)G^4$

B3 = $.30288 - .044855G - .0023921G^2 - (5.5549E-5)G^3$ + $(4.7217E-7)G^4$

 $R = B0 + B1(E) + B2(E)^2 + B3(E)^3$

 $B0 = -11.412 + 62.185L - 9.0037L^2 + .64921L^3 - .017455L^4$

 $B1 = -.2811 - 4.2012L + .70377L^2 -.058693L^3 + .0017461L^4$

M = B0 + B1(R)

OPTIMUM ENDURANCE ALTITUDE PROGRAM

B0 = $55.333 + .073076D - (9.7836E-4)D^2 + (3.5015E-6)D^3$ -(3.9782E-9)D⁴

B1 = -1.1 -(8.0597E-3)D + (8.0097E-5)D² -(2.8836E-7)D³ + (3.3032E-10)D⁴

 $B2 = (6.6667E-3) + (1.2541E-4)D - (1.4039E-6)D^2$

 $H = B0 + B1(G) + B2(G)^{2}$

CRUISE CEILING PROGRAM

B0 = 85.118 -.29117D + .0030434D² -(1.2851E-5)D³ + (1.6621E-8)D⁴

B1 = $-2.7877 + .025635D - (3.3063E-4)D^2 + (1.4162E-6)D^3$ -(1.8343E-9)D⁴

B2 = $.063327 - (8.5289E-4)D + (1.0814E-5)D^2 - (4.6514E-8)D^3 + (6.0606E-11)D^4$

B3 = $-(6.0468E-4) + (9.0826E-6)D - (1.143E-7)D^2 + (4.9304E-10)D^3$ - $(6.4567E-13)D^4$

 $H = B0 + (B1)G + (B2)G^2 + (B3)G^3$

APPENDIX D

HP-9830 Programs and Lists of Variables

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1 REM THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE FUEL FLOW AND LEFUEL *MAUTICAL MILE FOR AN 2 REM A-7E FLYING A LOW LEVEL MISSION AND IS DEPENDENT ON 4 VARIABLES -- 3 REM GROSS WEIGHT, DRAG COUNT, MACH NUMBER, AND TEMPERATURE (CENTIGRADE) 10 PRINT "ENTER GROSS WI, DRAG CT, MACH *, AND TEMPERATURE."
 11 PRINT
12 PRINT
 20 INPUT G.D.M.T
49 G=G/1000
50 M1=0.38813+0.0042981+G
54 GOSUB 800
56 1=0
58 GOSUB 600
60 S2=S
70 IF S1>S2 THEN 100
90 $=$2
95 GOTO 300
100 I=1
110 GOSUB 600
120 S3=S
130 IF S1<S3 THEN 200
140 S2=S3
150 I=I+1
160 GOSUB 600
170 GOTO 120
200 [1=($1-$2)/($3-$2)
210 M1=M
220 I=I-1+I1
221 I=INT(I)
222 GOSUB 60
223 S2=S
         GOSUB 600
224 [=1+1
225 GOSUB 600
226 S3=S
227 S=S2+([1+(S3-S2))
 240 GOTO 300
285 PRINT
286 PRINT
 300 R=S+2*(4.3732E-03+0.027743*D)*M†2
301 R3=R
302 R1=2*INT(R/2)
 304 R2=R1+2
 306 J=1
 308 IF J=2 THEN 311
309 R=R1
 310 GOTO 319
311 R=R2

319 80=5.6253-1.989*R+3.0252*R*2-1.0761*R*3+0.17675*R*4

320 80=80-0.013095*R*5+3.526E-04*R*6

330 81=205.3012-248.9317*R+91.66355*R*2-15.55218*R*3+1.224432*R*4

340 81=81-0.0395333*R*5+2.896385E-04*R*6

350 82=-1052.123+1231.24*R-487.4233*R*2+91.6522*R*3-8.662962*R*4+0.3953974*R*5
 360 B2=B2-0.006905535*R16
360 82=82-0.006905535*R+6
370 83=1680.142-1950.139*R+738.8513*R+2-152.5733*R+3+15.03819*R+4
380 83=83-0.7274139*R+5+0.013707*R+6
390 84=864.6875+1000.443*R-408.7451*R+2+80.08314*R+3-8.03958*R+4
400 84=84+0.3982527*R+5-7.720617E-03*R+6
430 N=80+B1*M+82*M+2+B3*M+3+B4*M+4
440 IF J=2 THEN 480
450 N1=N
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Variable	<u>Definition</u>			
G	Gross weight (lbs.)			
D	Drag count			
T	Temperature (°C)			
М	Mach number			
Ml	Result of lower graph, Figure Bl			
I	Guidelines, numbered top to bottom consecutively			
s	Transfer Scale calculated as function of I			
Sl	Transfer Scale calculated as function of D			
S2	Transfer Scale calculated for upper guideline			
\$3	Transfer Scale calculated for lower guideline			
Il	Relative Transfer Scale location between guidelines Reference number			
R,R3				
Rl	Even reference number below actual reference number			
R2	Even reference number above actual reference number			
J	Integer counter			
N	Result of lower graph, Figure B3			
Nl	Result of lower graph, Figure B3 for R1			
N2	Result of lower graph, Figure B3 for R2			
N4	Result of lower graph, Figure B4			
A0,B0, A1,B1	Coefficients Coefficients Pounds of fuel per nautical mile			
A2,B2, B3,B4				
P				
F	Fuel flow			

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THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE TAKEOFF DISTANCE REQUIRED FOR AN A-7E
IT IS DEPENDENT ON 9 VARIABLES --
GROSS WEIGHT, PNUY ALTITUDE, TEMP, DRAG COUNT, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, WINDS
RNWY SLOPE, CENTER OF GRAVITY LOCATION, FLAPS, AND DOUBLE DATUM STATUS
IT "INPUT ALT, TEMP, DC, GW"
1 REM
2 REM
3 REM
4 REM
9 PRINT
10 INPUT A, B, D, G
12 L=10
13 N=1
14 P=27
20 R=25
100 B0=13.086-0.00017113*A-2.0655E-07*A+2+3.6861E-11*A+3
101 80=80-2.4156E-15*A*4
110 81=-0.045635-7.8931E-06*A+3.7545E-09*A*2
111 81=81-9.7088E-13*A*3+6.997E-17*A*4
120 82=-0.001317-8.2558E-07*A+4.0739E-10*A*2
121 82=82-8.548E-14*A*3+5.4964E-18*A*4
130 B3=-1.9097E-05+1.3671E-03*A-9.4694E-12*A+2+2.0434E-15*A+3
140 B3=B3-1.4617E-19*A+4
150 C=80+81*8+82*8+2+83*8+3
160 IF D=1 THEN 190
170 E=0.54178+0.65876*C
170 E=0.54178+0.65876*C
180 GOTO 200
190 E=1.9773+0.56598*C
200 GO=-4.8896E+05+8.4974E+01*G-5.7856E-03*G*2+1.9373E-07*G*3-3.1744E-12*G*4
210 GO=GO+2.0446E-17*G*5
220 G1=5.9621E+04-1.0146E+01*G+6.8807E-04*G†2-2.292E-08*G†3+3.7387E-13*G†4
230 G1=G1-2.3964E-18*G+5
240 H=G0+G1*E
250 J=0
260 IF I<40 THEN 280
270 J=(I-40)/1000
280 K=H*J+H
286 FE L=0 THEN 340
285 IF L=0 THEN 340
290 L0=6.7124E+01+8.9509E-01+K+2.3306E-05*K+2-1.6254E-09*K+3+3.3728E-14*K+4
300 L1=-9.0995-1.0856E-02*K+2.1754E-07*K+2-2.5327E-11*K+3+1.197E-15*K+4
310 L2=1.4782E-01-2.1666E-06*K+3.4274E-09*K+2-2.7817E-13*K+3+9.3077E-18*K+4
 320 M=L0+L1*L+L2*L†2
 330 GOTO 350
340 M=K
350 X0=4.5704E+01+9.3429E-01+M+2.2265E-05*M+2-2.338E-09*M+3+7.941E-14*M+4
360 X1=7.9472+1.4914E-02*M+9.0708E-06*M+2-7.1235E-10*M+3+3.0684E-14*M+4
370 X2=5.3616-8.5136E-03*M+3.5914E-06*M+2-4.5932E-10*M+3+1.9889E-14*M+4
380 X=X0+X1*N+X2*N+2
390 00=2.6042E+03-2.1694*X+1.0915E-03*X*2-1.1119E-07*X*3+3.662E-12*X*4
400 01=-1.7573E+02+2.2601E-01*X-7.5225E-05*X*2+7.7018E-09*X*3-2.5437E-13*X*4
410 02=2.8549-4.0102E-03*X+1.2832E-06*X*2-1.3234E-10*X*3+4.3908E-15*X*4
420 0=00+01*P+02*P+2
430 S3=-4.0079E+02+1.5801*0-2.0254E-04*0+2+2.4111E-08*0+3-8.6737E-13*0+4
440 S1=1.6196E+01-2.4333E-02*0+9.3484E-06*0+2-1.2594E-09*0+3+4.7522E-14*0+4
450 S2=-1.4758E-01*2.359E-04*0-1.037E-07*0+2+1.6016E-11*0+3-6.3195E-16*0+4
460 S=50+31*R+S2*R+2
        S=INT(S)
470
479 PRINT
                                            FOR"
480 PRINT "GN="G" ALT="A" TEMP="B" DC="D"RH="I"HDWD="L
482 PRINT "RNWY SLP="N"% CEN GRAV="P"FLAPS="R
483 PRINT
530 PRINT "TAKEOFF ROLL DIST="S
531 GOTO 9
532 END
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Variable	<u>Definition</u>				
Α	Runway Altitude (feet)				
В	Temperature (°C)				
D	Double datum status (1 indicates "with")				
G	Gross weight (lbs.)				
I	Relative humidity (%)				
L	Headwind (kts.)				
N	Runway slope (%)				
P	Center of gravity (%)				
R	Flap position (degrees)				
С	Result of upper graph, Figure B5				
E	Takeoff factor				
Н	Unadjusted ground roll distance, Figure B6				
J	Adjustment factor due to relative humidity				
К	Ground roll distance (GRD) adjusted for relative humidity				
М	GRD adjusted for wind				
Х	GRD adjusted for runway slope				
Q	GRD adjusted for the center of gravity location				
S	True GRD (also adjusted for flap position)				
B0,G0,L0, X0,Q0	Coefficients				
B1,G1,L1, X1,Q1	Coefficients				
B2,G2,L2, X2,Q2	Coefficients				
B3,S0, S1,S2	Coefficients 75				

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1 REM THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE A-TE MAXIMUM RANGE AIRSPEED AND
2 REM TIME OF FLIGHT AND IS DEPENDENT ON 6 VARIABLES --
3 REM GROSS WEIGHT.ALTITUDE.DRAG COUNT.TEMPERATURE.WINDS, AND DISTANCE
9 PRINT "INPUT GW.ALT.DC.TEMP(*C).HDWD.DISTANCE"
10 INPUT G.H.D.T.L.DI
30 G=G/1000
40 H=H/1000
50 A0=-1+5.0794E-03*H-1.3968E-03*H+2-3.4912E-06*H+3+7.9365E-08*H+4
60 A1=0.05+0.0015159*H+1.123E-04*H+2-3.4921E-06*H+3+7.9365E-08*H+4
70 N=A0+A1*G
80 B0=0.47803-0.0013417*D+6.2287E-06*D+2-1.6261E-08*D+3+1.6438E-11*D+4
85 B1=0.08217*4.1209E-04*D-4.5577E-06*D+2+1.6777E-08*D+3+1.6438E-11*D+4
90 B2=4.2143E-04-9.4397E-05*D+1.2646E-06*D+2-4.8537E-09*D+3+5.7222E-12*D+4
95 B3=-6.6767E-04*B.4671E-06*D-1.0501E-07*D+2+3.6382E-10*D+3-3.7828E-13*D+4
100 M=B0+B1*N+B2*N+12+B3*N+13
110 M=M-(((60-T)*2*M)/(10*120))
120 V=710*(M-0.14)*100-L
130 T1=D1/V
135 V=INT(V)
140 PRINT "FOR"
160 PRINT "GROUND SPEED="V" TIME OF FLIGHT="T1
170 END
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Variable Definition	
G	Gross weight (lbs.)
Н	Altitude (ft.)
D	Drag count
T	Temperature (°C)
L	Headwind (kts.)
Dl	Distance to fly
N Result of first chart, Figure B8	
M Cruise Mach number (adjusted	Cruise Mach number (adjusted and unadjusted for T)
V	Ground speed (kts.)
Tl	Time of flight
A0,B0	Coefficients
A1,B1	Coefficients
В3	Coefficient

Variable	Definition		
G	Gross weight (lbs.)		
Α	Altitude (ft.)		
D	Drag count		
V	True airspeed (kts.)		
T	Time of flight (minutes)		
N	Result of first chart, Figure B9		
L	Pounds of fuel per nautical mile		
F	Fuel flow		
R	Fuel required		
B0,A0	Coefficients		
B1,A1	Coefficients		
B2	Coefficient		

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1 REM THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE CLIMB AIRSPEED OF AN A-7E
2 REM (INDICATED AIRSPEED BELOW 20,000')
3 REM (MACH NUMBER ABOVE 20,000')
10 D=0
12 PRINT "CLIMB AIRSPEED SCHEDULE"
15 PRINT "DRAG CT CLIMB AIRSPEED CLIMB MACH"
16 PRINT " (IAS TO 20000') (ABOVE 20000')"
20 S=403.56-0.79075*D+0.0011382*D*2-4.1018E-07*D*3
21 S=INT(S)
30 M=0.86-2.1634E+03*D+7.6582E-05*D*2-1.1344E-06*D*3+7.2125E-09*D*4-2.3035E-11*D
40 M=M+3.6588E-14*D*6-2.3062E-17*D*7
42 M=M*1000
44 M=INT(M)
46 M=M/1000
55 PRINT D,S.M
50 D=D+30
70 IF D<310 THEN 20
80 END
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Variable Definition D Drag count M Mach number S Calibrated airspeed (kts.)

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THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE TAKEOFF AIRSPEED OF AN A-7E UNDER VARYING GROSS WEIGHTS, FLAP POSITIONS; AND CENTER OF GRAVITY LOCATIONS
 400 REM
400 KEN 1812 THE VARYING GROSS & 401 REM UNDER VARYING GROSS & 402 REM AND CENTER OF GRAVITY 498 R=20 499 P=20 500 G=20000 501 PRINT "FOR GROSS WEIGHT="G 502 PRINT
 503 PRINT
  504 PRINT "FLAPS
                                                                    CG
                                                                                          TAKEOFF AIRSPEED"
 530 U1=5.4023E+01+3.4787E-03*G-1.9475E-08*G+2
 530 U1=3.4023E+01+3.4787E-03.6G-1.7478E 03.65

540 U=U1+(26-P)/2

550 V0=-1.9171E+03+6.1604E+01*U-7.0348E-01*U*2+3.5661E-03*U*3-6.6578E-06*U*4

560 V1=7.6824E+01+2.4517*U+2.8779E-02*U*2-1.4753E-04*U*3+2.7872E-07*U*4

570 V2=-7.2239E-01+2.3415E-02*U-2.798E-04*U*2+1.4596E-06*U*3-2.807E-09*U*4

580 V3=V0+V1*R+V2*R*2
 590 V4=INT(V3)
 600 PRINT R.P. V4
 610 R=R+5
620 IF R>40 THEN 630
625 GOTO 530
630 P=P+3
 631 R=20
635 IF P>35 THEN 650
640 GOTO 530
 650 G=G+3000
 651 R=20
652 P=20
655 PRINT
656 PRINT
657 PRINT
 660 PRINT "FOR GROSS WEIGHT="G
 662 PRINT FOR GROSS NE
662 PRINT
663 PRINT
669 IF G>42000 THEN 710
670 GOTO 530
710 END
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<u>Variable</u>	Definition	
R		
P		
G Gross weight (lbs.)		
Ul	Unadjusted takeoff airspeed	
U Takeoff airspeed adjusted for center of gravity V4 Actual takeoff airspeed (adjusted for flap posit		
		V0,V1, V2,V3

Variable	Definition		
Α	Runway Altitude (ft.)		
В	Temperature (°C)		
L	Runway length (ft.)		
G Gross weight (lbs.)			
D Double datum status (1 indicates "			
C Result of upper chart, Figure B5 E Takeoff factor	Result of upper chart, Figure B5		
	Takeoff factor		
R Result of first chart, Figure Bla			
М	Maximum refusal speed (kts.)		
B0,B1, B2,B3	Coefficients		

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1 REM THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE OPTIMUM ENDURANCE ALTITUDE
2 REM OF AN A-7E AT VARYING GROSS WEIGHTS AND DRAG COUNTS
4 DIM B[3]
5 G=19
6 D=0
10 PRINT "OPTIMUM ENDURANCE ALT "
20 PRINT "GROSS WT DRAG CT OPT END ALT"
50 G=G+3
80 B[3]=55.333+0.073076*D-9.7836E-04*D+2+3.5015E-06*D+3-3.9782E-09*D+4
90 B[1]=-1.1-8.0597E-03*D+8.0097E-05*D+2-2.8836E-07*D+3+3.3032E-10*D+4
100 B[2]=6.6667E-03+1.2541E-04*D-1.4039E-06*D+2+5.2032E-09*D+3-6.0218E-12*D+4
110 H=8[3]+B[1]*G+B[2]*G+2
115 Z=INT(H*1000)
118 X=G*1000
119 PRINT X,D,Z
120 D=D+30
121 IF D(310 THEN 80
122 D=0
123 IF G(45 THEN 50
```

Variable	Definition		
G	Gross weight (1bs. times 1000) Drag count Optimum endurance altitude (ft.)		
D			
Н			
Z	Optimum endurance altitude (integer format)		
X	Gross weight (lbs.)		
B1,B2,B3	Coefficients		

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1 REM THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE CRUISE CEILING OF AN A-7E
2 REM UNDER VARYING GROSS WEIGHTS AND DRAG COUNTS
4 DIM B(4)
5 G=19
6 D=0
10 PRINT "CRUISE CEILING"
20 PRINT "GROSS WT DRAG CT CRUISE CEILING"
50 G=(+3)
30 B(4)=85.118-0.29117*D+0.0030434*D†2-1.2851E-05*D†3+1.6621E-08*D†4
100 B(1)=-2.7877+0.025635*D-3.3063E-04*D†2+1.4162E-06*D†3-1.8343E-09*D†4
100 B(2)=0.063327-8.5289E-04*D+1.0814E-05*D†2-4.6514E-08*D†3+6.0606E-11*D†4
105 B(3)=-6.0468E-04+9.0826E-06*D-1.143E-07*D†2+4.9304E-10*D†3-6.4567E-13*D†4
110 H=B(4)+B(1)*G+B(2)*G†2+B(3)*G†3
1115 Z=INT(H*1000)
113 PRINT X,D,Z
120 D=D+30
121 IF D(310 THEN 30)
122 D=0
123 IF G(45 THEN 50)
140 END
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Variable	Definition	
G	Gross weight (lbs. times 1000)	
D	Drag count	
Н	Cruise ceiling (ft.)	
Z	Cruise ceiling (integer format)	
x	Gross weight (lbs.)	
B1,B2, B3,B4	Coefficients	

APPENDIX E

TI-59 Programs and User Information

USER INFORMATION FOR PROGRAM 1

Program: Low Level Cruise Performance

Number of Steps: 1336

Computation Time: 90-110 seconds

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1	gross weight (lbs.)	A	gross weight/1000
2	drag count	С	drag count
3	mach number	D	mach number
4	temperature (°C)	E	Transfer Scale
5		R/S	Unusable number
6	read in cards 3 & 4	- -	
7	drag count	С	Transfer Scale
8	mach number	D	mach number
9	temperature (°C)	E	<pre>lb.fuel/nautical mile</pre>
10		R/S	fuel flow

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