











Example rocket engines (comparison of first stage, second stage, and satellite engines):

First stage rocket engine: (Rocketdyne F-1)



Example: Rocket nozzle exit Mach number

<u>Given</u>: The rocket engine shown above, with an **exit-to-throat area ratio of 16 to 1**.

<u>**To do**</u>: Calculate the Mach number at the exit plane. Assume that $\gamma = 1.33$, typical of rocket exhaust.

<u>Assumptions and Approximations</u>: The exhaust gas is ideal with $\gamma = 1.33$. The flow is steady and can be approximated as isentropic, adiabatic, and one-D.

Solution:

Use
$$\frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M} \left[\left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right) \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}$$
 at the exit plane to calculate M_e .

Second stage rocket engine:



Pratt & Whitney RL-10 rocket motor designed for a specific M_{exit} (photographed at the National Air & Space Museum). 1960-vintage, $M_{\text{exit}} = 5$, $\gamma = 1.33$, thrust = 15,000 lbf, $D_e \sim 1$ m, used in the Saturn IV 2^{nd} stage.

Example: Rocket nozzle exit area ratio

<u>Given</u>: The rocket engine shown above, with an exit Mach number of 5.

<u>To do</u>: Calculate the exit-to-throat area ratio.

<u>Assumptions and Approximations</u>: The exhaust gas is ideal with $\gamma = 1.33$. The flow is steady and can be approximated as isentropic, adiabatic, and one-D.

Solution:

Use
$$\frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M} \left[\left(\frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right) \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma + 1}{2(\gamma - 1)}} \text{ at the exit plane to calculate } A_e / A^*.$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^4} M_e = \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} K_e = 37.4$$



Over-expanded nozzles:

Shock Diamonds ("tiger tail")

The complex interactions between shock waves and expansion waves in an "overexpanded" supersonic jet. The flow is visualized by a schlierenlike differential interferogram.

From https://slideplayer.com/slide/4179827/.

OVER-EXPANDED FLOW





From https://www.slideshare.net/sabirahmed796/nozzles-45206272.



Rocket engine on test stand. Notice the very over-expanded conditions.

More shock diamonds:





Example – Speed of a high speed jet aircraft

Given: The SR-71 travels at M = 3.2 at 24 km altitude (80,000 ft)!

To do: Calculate its air speed.

Solution:

- From standard atmosphere table, $T_{24 \text{ km}} = -69.7^{\circ}\text{F} = 217 \text{ K}$.
- Air: $\gamma = 1.4$ and $R_{air} = 287 \text{ m}^2/(\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{K})$, $a = (\gamma RT)^{1/2} = 295 \text{ m/s}$.
- Thus, $V = M \cdot a = 3.2(295 \text{ m/s}) = 944 \text{ m/s} (= 2110 \text{ mph})!$

Beautiful Shock Diamonds!





Supersonic underexpanded jet at $M_e = 1.55$ (pseudo Schlieren image from DNS calculations). From <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTfQ-CRnUlk</u>.

