

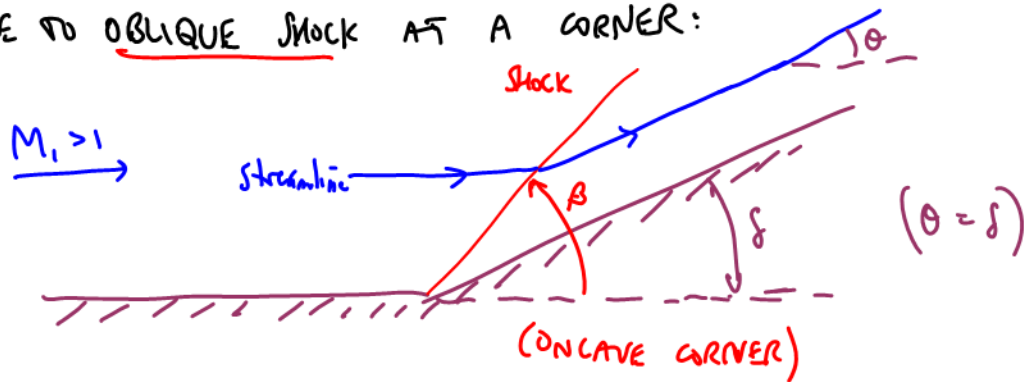
Today, we will:

- Introduce Prandtl-Meyer (P-M) expansion fans (also called P-M expansion waves)
- Give some brief histories about Prandtl and Meyer
- Develop the procedure for solving Prandtl-Meyer (P-M) expansion fan problems
- Do some example problems – P-M expansion fans
- Do **Candy Questions for Candy Friday**

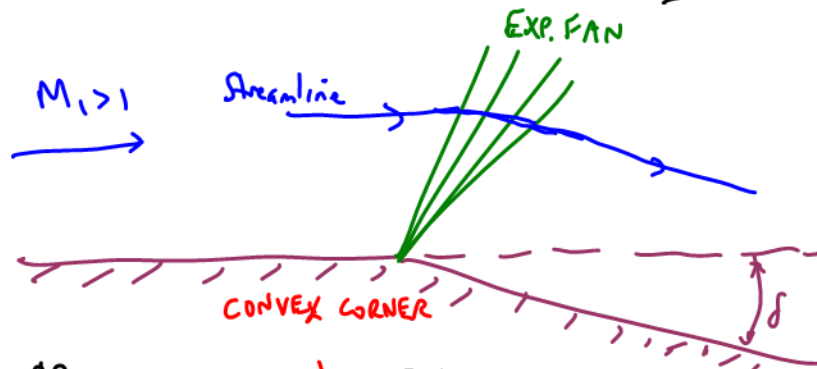
SUPERSONIC EXPANSION WAVES

[ALSO CALLED: • PRANDTL-MEYER EXPANSION WAVES  
 • P-M WAVES  
 • EXPANSION FANS  
 • P-M FANS]

COMPARE TO OBLIQUE SHOCK AT A CORNER:



OPPOSITE CASE – WALL SUDDENLY DROPS DOWN, NOT UP:



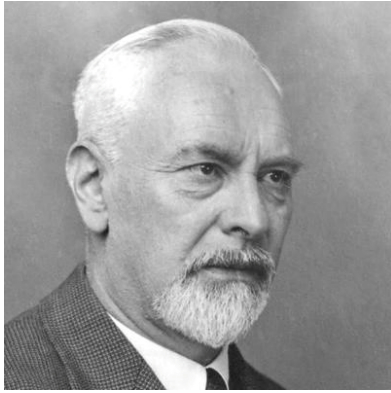
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN "EXPANSION SHOCK"

COMPARE:

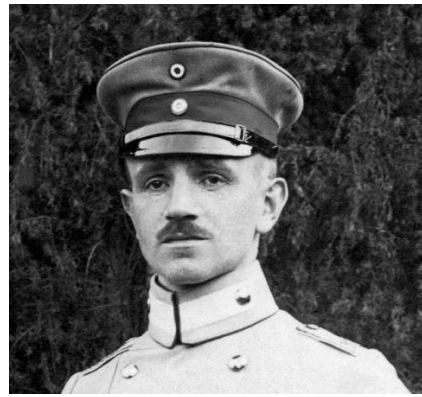
	<u>OBLIQUE SHOCK</u>	<u>EXP. FAN</u>
	$M_2 < M_1$	$M_2 > M_1$
	$T_2 > T_1$	$T_2 < T_1$
	$P_2 > P_1$	$P_2 < P_1$
	$\rho_2 > \rho_1$	$\rho_2 < \rho_1$
	$S_2 > S_1$	$S_2 = S_1$ (isentropic)

— OPPOSITE

## Historical notes about Prandtl and Meyer:



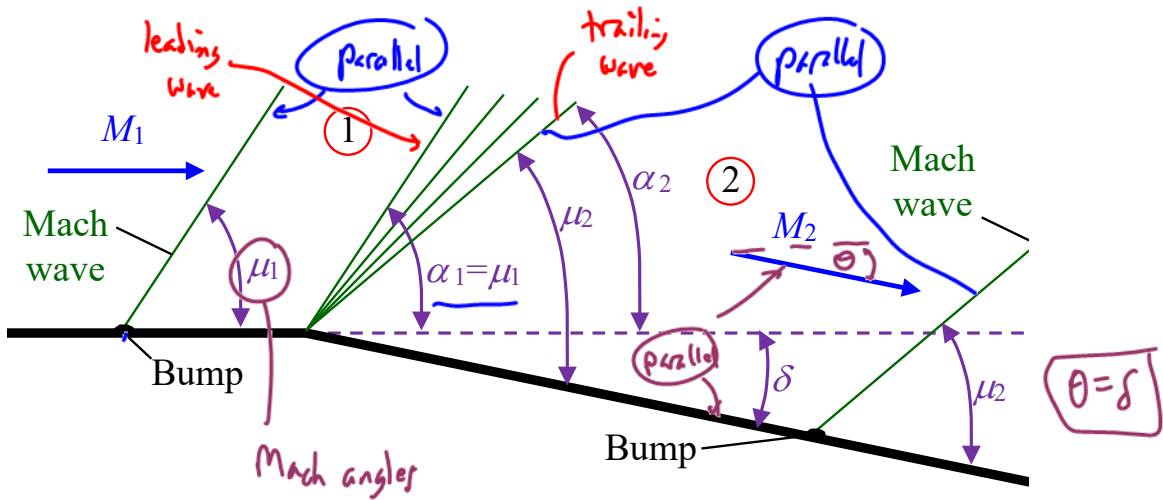
Ludwig Prandtl (1875-1953)



Theodor Meyer (1882-1971)

- **Ludwig Prandtl** studied mechanical engineering in Munich, Germany. After his PhD thesis, he married the daughter of his Ph.D. advisor, **August Föppl**.
  - He started his academic career at the University of Hanover, and later went to the University of Göttingen Germany, where he served from 1904 to 1953.
  - Prandtl is famous for conceiving the idea of a **boundary layer**, and his pioneering work on boundary layers.
  - Prandtl's first Ph.D. student was **Heinrich Blasius**, of Blasius boundary layer fame.
  - Prandtl is also famous for his pioneering work on wing theory, especially finite span wings and the concept of induced drag.
  - He was the first person to estimate the thickness of a shock wave.
  - He was the Ph.D. advisor for Meyer's work on oblique shocks and expansion fans.
  - Prandtl invented the Pitot-static probe and contributed to turbulent mixing length theory.
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- **Theodor Meyer** was another of Prandtl's early Ph.D. students at the University of Göttingen Germany, 1904-1908.
  - His Ph.D. thesis (1908) presented the theory for both **oblique shock waves** and what are now known as "**Prandtl-Meyer**" **expansion fans**, all for the *first time*!
  - Some historians claim that Meyer's thesis is *the single most important Ph.D. thesis in all of fluid dynamics*. [Others claim Blasius' thesis, also one of Prandtl's students.]
  - Meyer served in the German Army in WWI, but then was unable to find a research job and spent the rest of his career teaching high-school.
  - His life story was unknown until his biography was written by Settles, Krause, and Fütterer. "Theodor Meyer - Lost Pioneer of Gas Dynamics." *Progress in Aerospace Sciences* **45** (6-8):203-210, 2009.

## Analysis of Prandtl-Meyer (P-M) expansion fans:



*Note:* Mach angle is always measured relative to the upstream flow direction.

### Review of what we know so far:

- Flow through the expansion fan is approximated as *isentropic*.

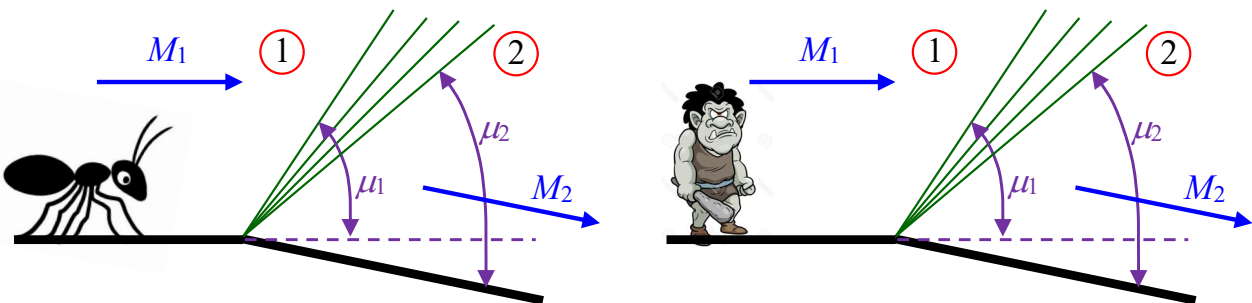
- $\mu_1$  = Mach angle measured relative to the upstream flow,  $M_1$ . Thus,  $\mu_1 = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{M_1}$ . \*

This Mach wave is parallel to the **leading wave** of the expansion fan.

- $\mu_2$  = Mach angle measured relative to the downstream flow,  $M_2$ . Thus,  $\mu_2 = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{M_2}$ . \*

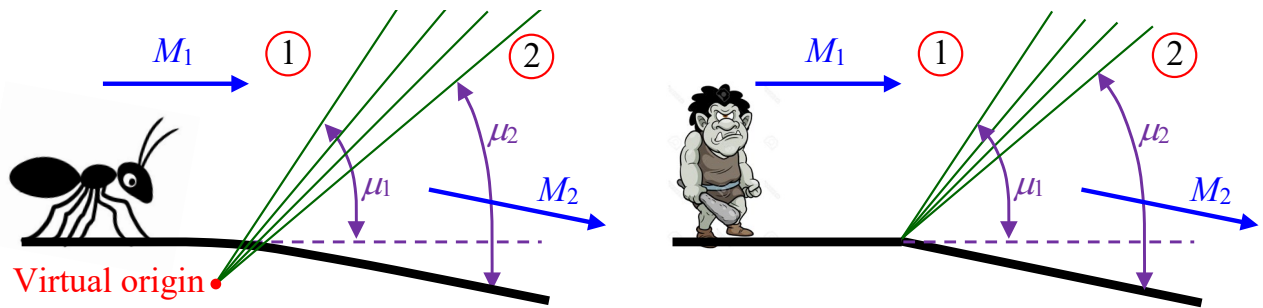
This Mach wave is parallel to the **trailing wave** of the expansion fan.

- Fluid properties such as  $M$ ,  $T$ ,  $P$ , etc. must be **constant along any of the P-M rays**. **How do we know this?** For a sharp corner, **there is no length scale in the problem**, so we see the **same rays and fluid properties no matter how close or far away we are looking**.



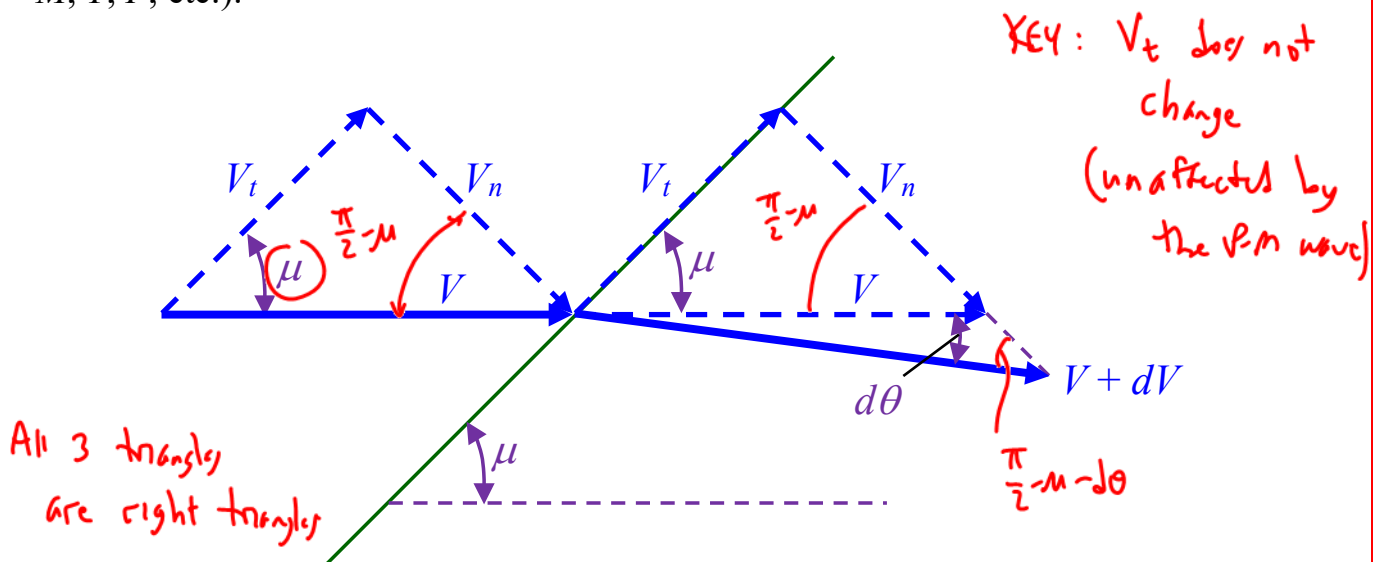
- Thus, we know that  $\mu = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{M}$  for **any** ray in the expansion fan!

- **Note:** If the corner is *rounded*, we have the same expansion fan, but relative to a *virtual origin* under the wall.



### But how do we calculate $M_2$ ?

- Consider one of the rays – one of the P-M waves with infinitesimal change in flow angle  $d\theta$  and speed  $dV$  (with corresponding infinitesimal changes in other properties such as  $M, T, P$ , etc.):



- Useful trig identities and series expansions:

$$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{V_t}{V} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \mu\right)$$

$$\frac{V_t}{V+dV} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \mu - d\theta\right)$$

let  $d\theta \rightarrow 0$

equating  $V_t$

$$\text{use } \mu = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{M}\right)$$

$$\star d\theta = \sqrt{M^2 - 1} \frac{dV}{V}$$

THIS HOLDS FOR ANY  
GAS (we have not made  
ideal gas approx. yet.)

INTEGRATE

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} d\theta = \int_{M_1}^{M_2} \sqrt{M^2 - 1} \frac{dV}{V}$$

We want in terms  
of Mach #

$$V = Ma$$

$$\ln V = \ln(M \cdot a) = \ln M + \ln a$$

differentiate

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{dM}{M} + \frac{da}{a}$$

Now - APPROX AS IDEAL GAS:

$$\frac{a_0}{a} = \sqrt{\frac{T_0}{T}} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{dM}{M} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2}$$

$$\theta_2 - \theta_1 = \int_{M_1}^{M_2} \frac{\sqrt{M^2 - 1}}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2} \frac{dM}{M} \star$$

We typ. set  
 $\theta_1 = 0$

INTRODUCE THE PRANDTL-MEYER FUNCTION  $\nu(M)$

Not Kinematic Viscosity

$$\nu(M) = \int \frac{\sqrt{M^2 - 1}}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2} \frac{dM}{M}$$

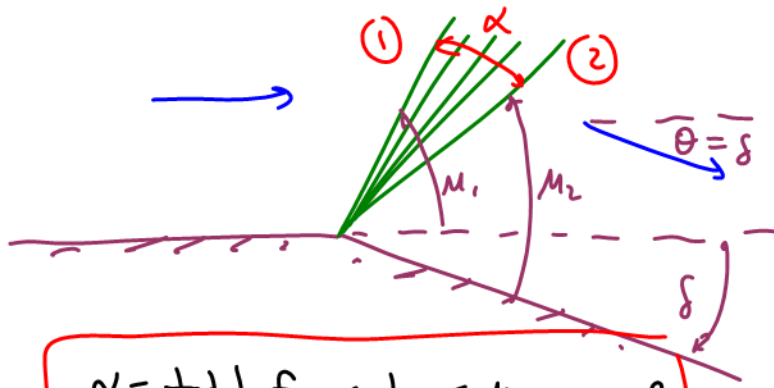
$$\theta_2 - \theta_1 = \nu(M_2) - \nu(M_1)$$

typ. set = 0

THE PRANDTL-MEYER EQ.

$$\theta_2 = \nu(M_2) - \nu(M_1)$$

Apply:



total  $\alpha =$  turning angle of the P-M exp. fan

$$\alpha = \text{total fan angle} = \mu_1 - \mu_2 + \delta$$

$$[\delta = \theta_2 \text{ here}]$$

INTEGRATE (FOR IDEAL GAS)



Finally, after much algebra...



Final result for 2-D Prandtl-Meyer expansion fans:

$$\theta_2 = v(M_2) - v(M_1)$$

where we define:

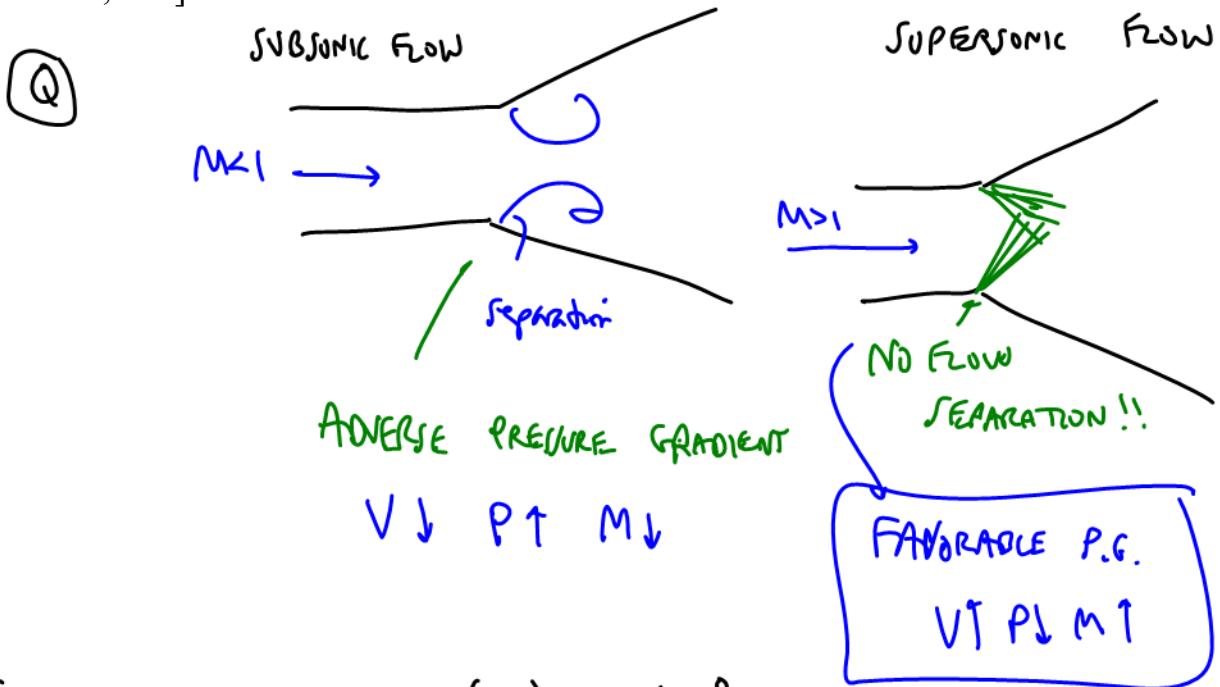
**The Prandtl-Meyer Function (for an ideal gas):**

P-M function:  $v(M) = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \tan^{-1} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma+1}} (M^2 - 1) \right] - \tan^{-1} \left[ \sqrt{M^2 - 1} \right]$  \*

For air ( $\gamma = 1.4$ ):  $v(M) = \sqrt{6} \tan^{-1} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} (M^2 - 1) \right] - \tan^{-1} \left[ \sqrt{M^2 - 1} \right]$



[These three equations are on the equation sheet and are all sufficient to solve P-M expansion fan problems, along with isentropic relations to solve for other fluid properties like pressure, temperature, etc.]



E.g. If  $M = 2.0$   $v(2.0) = 26.38^\circ$

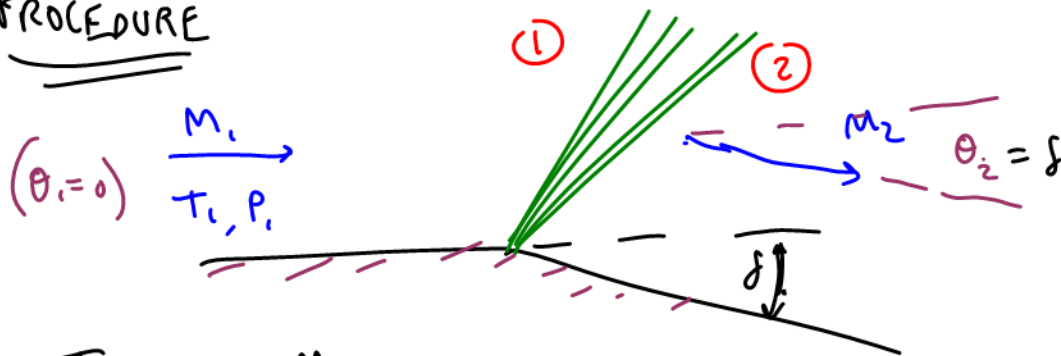
see CAC under Isentropic flow

AGREES ☺

## COMMENTS ABOUT $\nu(M)$

- $\nu(M)$  is an angle
- $\nu(M)$  is not any physical angle in the problem
- When  $\underline{M=1}$ ,  $\underline{\nu(M)=0}$
- $\nu \uparrow$  as  $M \uparrow$

## PROCEDURE



To calc.  $M_2, T_2, P_2$

PROCEDURE: 1) @  $M=M_1$ ,  $\rightarrow$  calc  $\nu(M_1)$  explicit

2) calc  $\nu(M_2) = \nu(M_1) + \theta_2$

(Has  $\rho A$ )  $\rightarrow$  3) Calc  $M_2 =$  implicit func of  $\nu(M_2)$

4) Use Isentropic relations to get  $T_2, P_2$ , etc.

$\uparrow$  easy since isentropic!

$T_0 = \text{const}$   $P_0 = \text{const}$

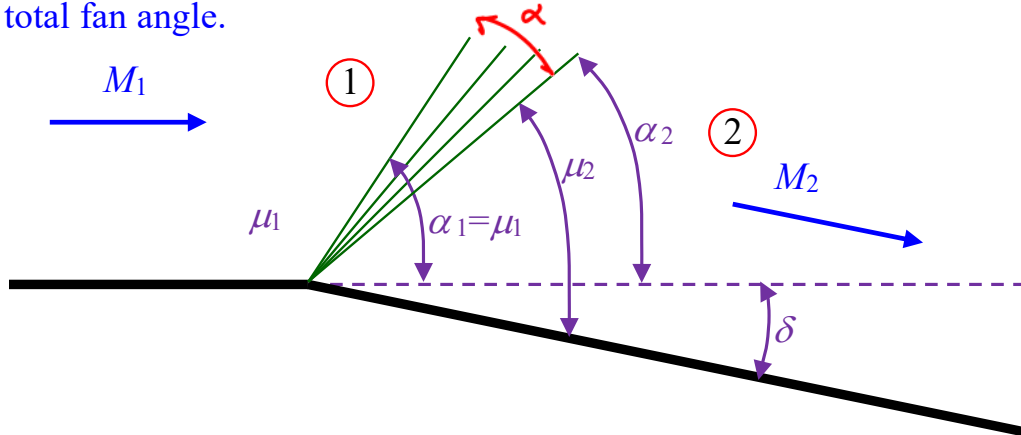


### Example: P-M expansion fan

**Given:** Air flows supersonically and horizontally until it encounters a sudden expansion:

- $M_1 = 2.0$
- $P_1 = 230 \text{ kPa}$  and  $T_1 = 300 \text{ K}$
- Wall deflection angle  $\delta = 10^\circ$

**To do:** Calculate  $M_2$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $T_2$ , the angles of the leading and trailing waves of the expansion fan, and the total fan angle.



### Solution:

#### Assumptions and Approximations:

1. The air is an ideal gas.
2. The process is adiabatic.
3. The process is isentropic (ignore boundary layers, friction, etc).

PROCEDURE: 1) @  $M_1 = 2.0$ ,  $\nu(M_1) = 26.38^\circ$

2)  $\nu(M_2) = \nu(M_1) + \theta_2$   
 $= 26.38^\circ + 10^\circ = 36.38^\circ$

3) solve for  $M_2$  @  $\nu(M_2) = 36.38^\circ$

IMPLICIT  $\longrightarrow$  get  $M_2 = 2.385$

4) Use isentropic relations

$$P_2 = \frac{P_2}{P_1} P_1 = \frac{P_2}{P_0} \frac{P_0}{P_1} P_1$$

$\rightarrow P_2 = 126.0 \text{ kPa}$

Similarly for  $T_2$

$\rightarrow T_2 = 252.6 \text{ K}$

$$\mu_1 = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{M_1} = 30^\circ$$

$$\mu_2 = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{M_2} = 24.79^\circ$$

$$\alpha_{\text{fin}} = \text{total fin angle} = \mu_1 - \mu_2 + \delta$$

$$= 30 - 24.79 + 10 = 15.21^\circ$$

$$\alpha = 15.2^\circ$$