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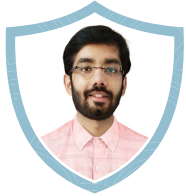
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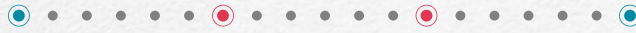
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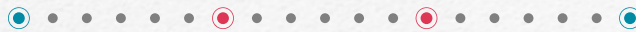
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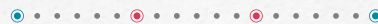
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# ROCKET PROPULSION

## BASICS OF ROCKET

### 1. Thrust Equation

$$F = \dot{m}_p V_e + (p_e - p_a) A_e$$

$F \rightarrow$  Thrust

$\dot{m}_p \rightarrow$  Propellant mass flow

$V_e \rightarrow$  Nozzle exit plane velocity

$p_e \rightarrow$  Nozzle exit plane pressure

$p_a \rightarrow$  Ambient pressure

$A_e \rightarrow$  Nozzle exit plane area

Note: - For optimum expansion  $p_e = p_a$

### 2. Specific Impulse

$$I_{sp} = \frac{F}{\dot{m} g_0}$$

### 3. Effective Exhaust Velocity

$$C_j = \frac{F}{\dot{m}_p} = I_{sp} \times g_0$$

### 4. Tsiolkovsky Rocket Equation:

$$\Delta V = V_b - V_i = C_j \ln \left[ \frac{m_0}{m_f} \right] - g t_b$$

$\Delta V \rightarrow$  Change in velocity

$m_0 \rightarrow$  Initial Mass

$m_f \rightarrow$  Final Mass

$g \Delta t \rightarrow$  Gravity loss

$V_b \rightarrow$  burnout velocity

$V_i \rightarrow$  initial velocity

$t_b \rightarrow$  burnout time

### 5. Mass Ratio:

$$\mu = \frac{m_f}{m_0} = 1 - \frac{m_p}{m_0}$$

### 6. Propellant Mass Ratio:

$$\xi = \frac{m_p}{m_0} = \frac{m_p}{m_p + m_f} = 1 - \frac{m_f}{m_0}$$

### 7. Propulsive Efficiency:

$$\eta_p = \frac{2\sigma}{1 + \sigma^2}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{U}{C_j}$$

$U =$  Rocket's forward speed

### 8. Terminology

$$m_0 = m_p + m_s + m_L$$

$$m_f = m_0 - m_p = m_s + m_L$$

$m_0 \rightarrow$  Initial Mass

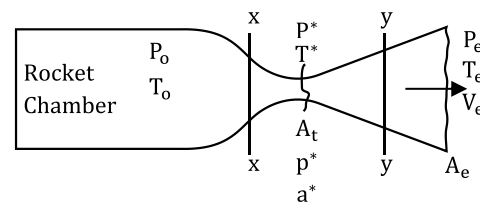
$m_f \rightarrow$  Final mass

$m_p \rightarrow$  Propellant mass

$m_s \rightarrow$  Structural mass

$m_L \rightarrow$  Pay load mass

### 9. Ideal Nozzle flows (Isentropic Flows)



$$\frac{A_x}{A_y} = \frac{M_y}{M_x} \sqrt{\left[ \frac{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M_x^2}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M_y^2} \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}}$$

$$\dot{m}_p = p^* a^* A_t$$

$$\dot{m}_p = \frac{P_0}{\sqrt{RT_0}} \sqrt{\gamma} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}} A_t \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Choked} \\ \text{Flow} \\ \text{Rate} \end{array} \right)$$

$P_0 \rightarrow$  Chamber pressure

$T_o \rightarrow$  Chamber temperature

$A_t \rightarrow$  Throat area

## PARAMETERS

### 1. Characteristics Velocity:

$$C^* = \frac{P_o A_t}{\dot{m}}$$

$A_t =$  Throat area

$p_o =$  Chamber pressure

$\dot{m} =$  Mass flow rate

{ $\because F = \dot{m}V$  and  $p_o A_t = F$ }

### 2. Thrust Coefficient,

$$C_F = \frac{F}{p_o \cdot A_t}$$

### 3. Exit Velocity:

$$C_j = C_F \times C^*$$

$$C_F = \frac{F}{p_o A_t}$$

$$C_F = \frac{F}{\dot{m} C^*} = \frac{C_j}{C^*}$$

## STAGING

### 1. Serial Staging:

$m_L \rightarrow$  True payload

$m_{o,i} \rightarrow$  Initial mass of  $i^{\text{th}}$  stage

$m_{f,i} \rightarrow$  Final mass of  $i^{\text{th}}$  stage

$m_{p,i} \rightarrow$  Propellant mass of  $i^{\text{th}}$  stage

$m_{s,i} \rightarrow$  Structural mass of  $i^{\text{th}}$  stage

$m_{L,i} \rightarrow$  Payload mass of  $i^{\text{th}}$  stage

$$\mu_i = \frac{m_{f,i}}{m_{o,i}}$$

$$m_{o,i} = m_{s,i} + m_{p,i} + m_{L,i}$$

$$m_{f,i} = m_{o,i} - m_{p,i}$$

$$m_{L,i} = m_{o,i+1}$$

### 2. Payload Ratio:

$$\lambda = \frac{m_L}{m_o - m_L} = \frac{m_L}{m_p + m_s}$$

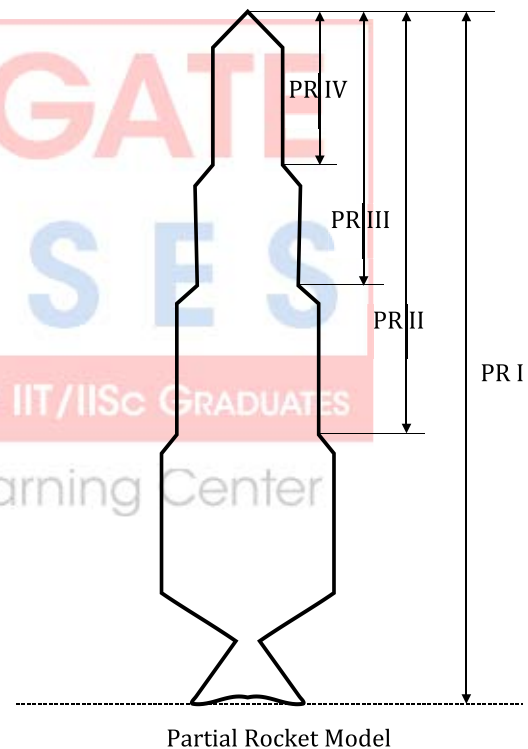
### 3. Structural Coefficient:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{m_s}{m_o - m_L} = \frac{m_s}{m_p + m_s}$$

### 4. Rocket Equation Alternate Form

$$\mu = \frac{\varepsilon + \lambda}{1 + \lambda}$$

$$\therefore \Delta V_e = C_j \ln \left( \frac{1 + \lambda}{\varepsilon + \lambda} \right) \text{ can be obtained}$$



### $i^{\text{th}}$ Stage:

$$\Delta V_i = C_{ji} \ln \left[ \frac{m_{o,i}}{m_{o,i} - m_{p,i}} \right] = C_{ji} \ln \left[ \frac{1}{\mu_i} \right]$$

$m_{o,i+1} = m_{f,i} - m_{s,i}$  (Initial mass of  $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$  stage).

$$\mu_i = \frac{m_{f,i}}{m_{o,i}} = \frac{\varepsilon_i + \lambda_i}{1 + \lambda_i}$$

$$\lambda_i = \frac{m_{L,i}}{m_{0,i} - m_{L,i}}$$

$$\epsilon_i = \frac{m_{S,i}}{m_{0,i} - m_{S,i}}$$

**5. Total Change in velocity of a serial rocket staging**

$$\Delta V = \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta V_i$$

**6. Total Payload Ratio:**

$$\lambda^* = \frac{m_{L,n}}{m_{0,i}} = \frac{m_{L,n}}{m_{0,i}} \times \frac{m_{0,i}}{m_{0,i-1}} \times \frac{m_{0,i-1}}{m_{0,i-2}} \times \dots \times \frac{m_{0,s}}{m_{0,2}} \times \frac{m_{0,2}}{m_{0,1}}$$

$$\lambda^* = \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{1 + \lambda_i} \right)$$

**7. Parallel Staging:**

Thrust

$$F^* = \sum_{i=1}^k \dot{m}_{pi} V_{ei}$$

k → Number of parallel stages.

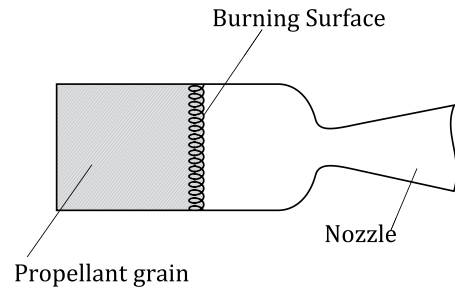
**8. Effective Exhaust Velocity:**

$$C_j = \frac{F^*}{\dot{m}_p}$$

$$\dot{m}_p = \sum_{i=1}^k \dot{m}_{pi}$$

**SOLID PROPELLANT ROCKETS**

**1. Solid Propellant Motor:**



**2. Burn Rate:**

$$r_b = a p_c^n \text{ in mm/s or cm/s}$$

$p_c$  → Chamber pressure

a → Empirical constant

n → Burn rate exponent

Note

n > 1 → unstable burning

n < 1 → stable burning

n = 1 → Neutral burning

**3. Mass of Generated Gas:**

$$\dot{m}_g = \rho_p \times A_b \times r_b$$

$A_b$  → Burn Area

$\rho_p$  → Propellant Density

$r_b$  → Burn Rate

Mass Generated - Mass Ejected in nozzle

= Mass accumulation in the system

$$\rho_p \times A_b \times r_b - \frac{p_o \cdot A^*}{C^*} = \frac{dm}{dt}$$

Chamber Pressure (at equilibrium)

$$p_o = \left[ \frac{a \cdot \rho_p \cdot A_b \cdot C^*}{A^*} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-n}}$$



**LIQUID PROPELLANT ROCKET****Mixture ratio:**

$$r = \frac{\dot{m}_o}{\dot{m}_f}$$

 $\dot{m}_o$  → Oxidizer mass flow $\dot{m}_f$  → Fuel mass flow

$$\dot{m}_p = \dot{m}_o + \dot{m}_f$$

 $\dot{m}_p$  → Propellant mass flow**IITians GATE  
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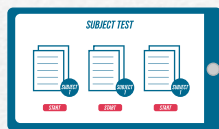
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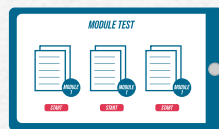
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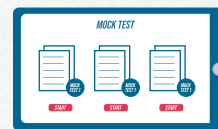
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