

INTAKES

(Fluid mechanics \leftrightarrow Thermodyn)

• Function :

① Decelerate flow to $M_2 = 0.4 - 0.6$ efficiently

↳ with min losses (max Π_d , η_d).

↳ Losses due to wall friction, flow separation and shock waves.

② Adequate mass flow rate \dot{m}_0

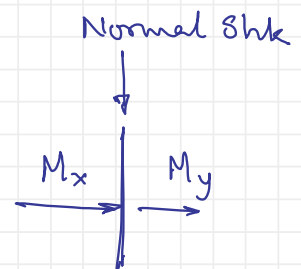
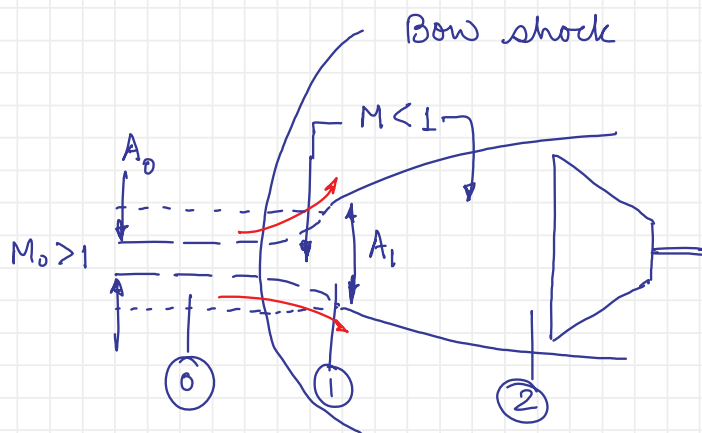
↳ with smallest engine face area (min Drag)

↳ critical for supersonic applications

③ Uniform flow at compressor entry

↳ over cross-section and in time

• Normal shock intake :



Supersonic application : $M_0 > 1$

Simplest to analyse \rightarrow relate gas dyn to Π_d, η_d .

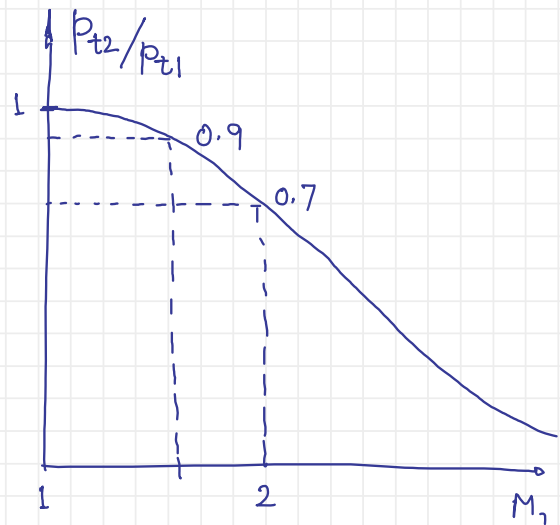
Major loss due to normal shock wave

Normal shock relations :

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = 1 + \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+1} (M_1^2 - 1)$$

$$M_2^2 = \frac{2 + (\gamma-1) M_1^2}{2\gamma M_1^2 - (\gamma-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p_{t2}}{p_{t1}} = f_n(M_1)$$



\rightarrow Intake performance :

$$\Pi_d = \frac{p_{t2}}{p_{t0}} \leq \left(\frac{p_{t2}}{p_{t1}} \right)_{N.S.} \quad (\text{friction, etc.})$$

$$\eta_d = \frac{\Pi_d^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \left[1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M_0^2 \right] - 1}{\frac{\gamma-1}{2} M_0^2} \quad \text{neglect friction, etc.}$$

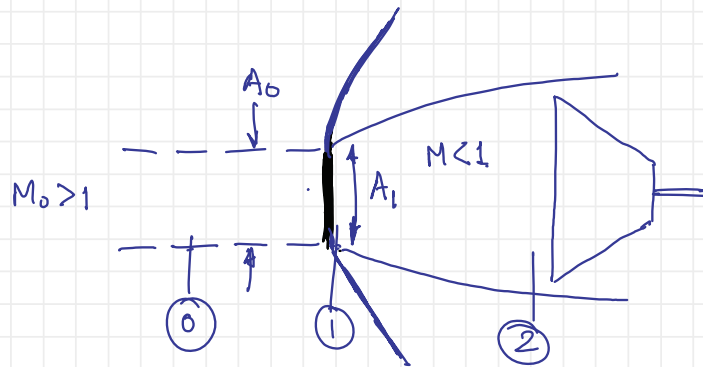
Not preferred beyond $M_0 = 1.6$

\rightarrow Spillage of air \Rightarrow capture area $<$ inlet face area

Only part of the air enters the engine.

Maximum \dot{m}_0 when shock at inlet lip.

Minimum A_1 for a required $\dot{m}_0 \rightarrow$ reqd F_{net} .



• External compression inlet:

To reduce tot press loss \Rightarrow increase Π_d .

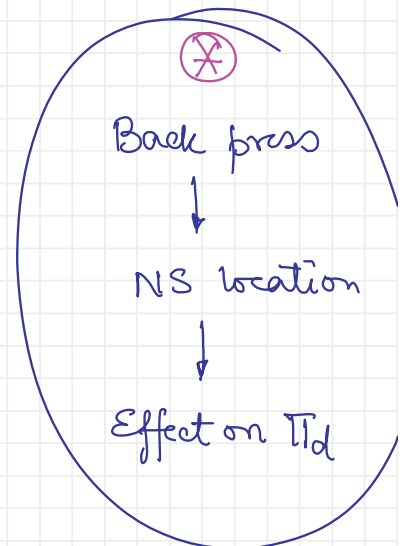
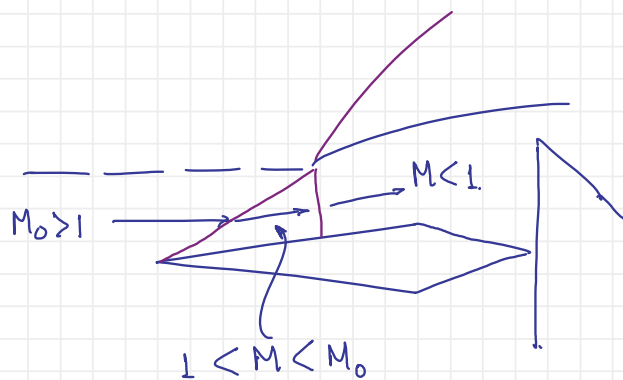
Operate at higher M_0 .

Oblq shocks have lower losses than Normal shk.

(weak)
Introduce oblique shocks ahead of terminal normal shock.

Reduce strength of normal shock

$$M_x \downarrow \Rightarrow p_{t2}/p_{t1} \uparrow$$



Multiple weak oblique shocks better than a single oblique shock

⇒ Extend idea to infinite number of very weak shock waves

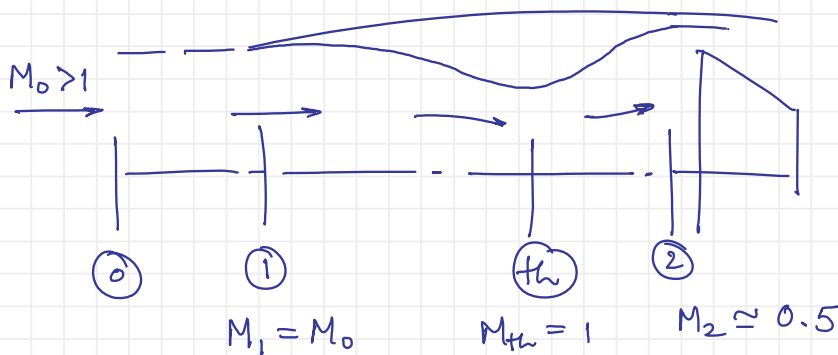
- Isentropic C-D diffuser:

Very gradual turning ⇒ weak compression waves (isentropic).

Practically difficult → careful design & fabric.
→ fail at off-design M_0

Good for concepts → throat sizing
→ starting problems
→ off-design operations

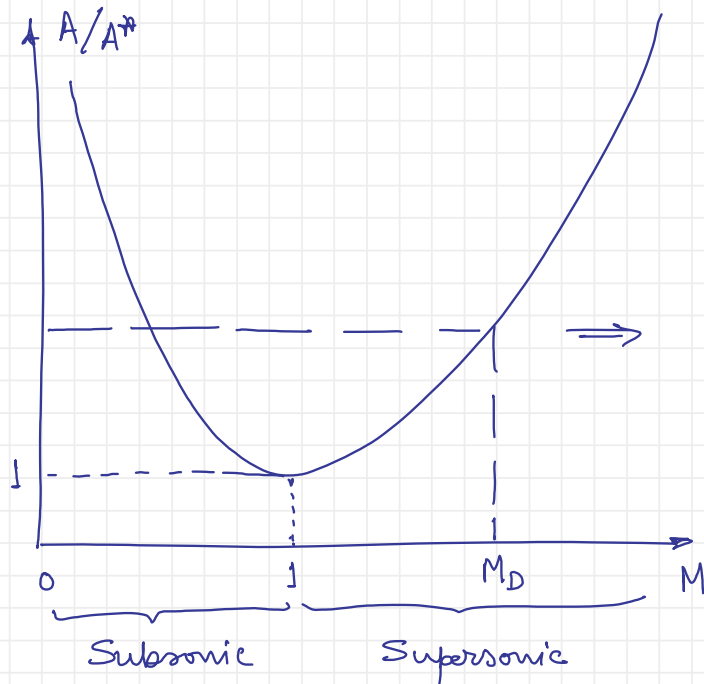
Capture ratio: $A_0/A_1 = 1$.



Assume: Isentropic

$$p_t = \text{const}, \quad T_t = \text{const}.$$

$$\frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M} \left[\left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right) \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}$$



Choosing a design Mach number M_D fixes the area ratio A_1/A_{th} .

Knowing the required \dot{m}_0 at a given altitude (p_0, T_0, M_0) fixes the inlet face area A_1 .

A_{th} can thus be determined, but it will work/for only $M_0 = M_D$ that too once started.

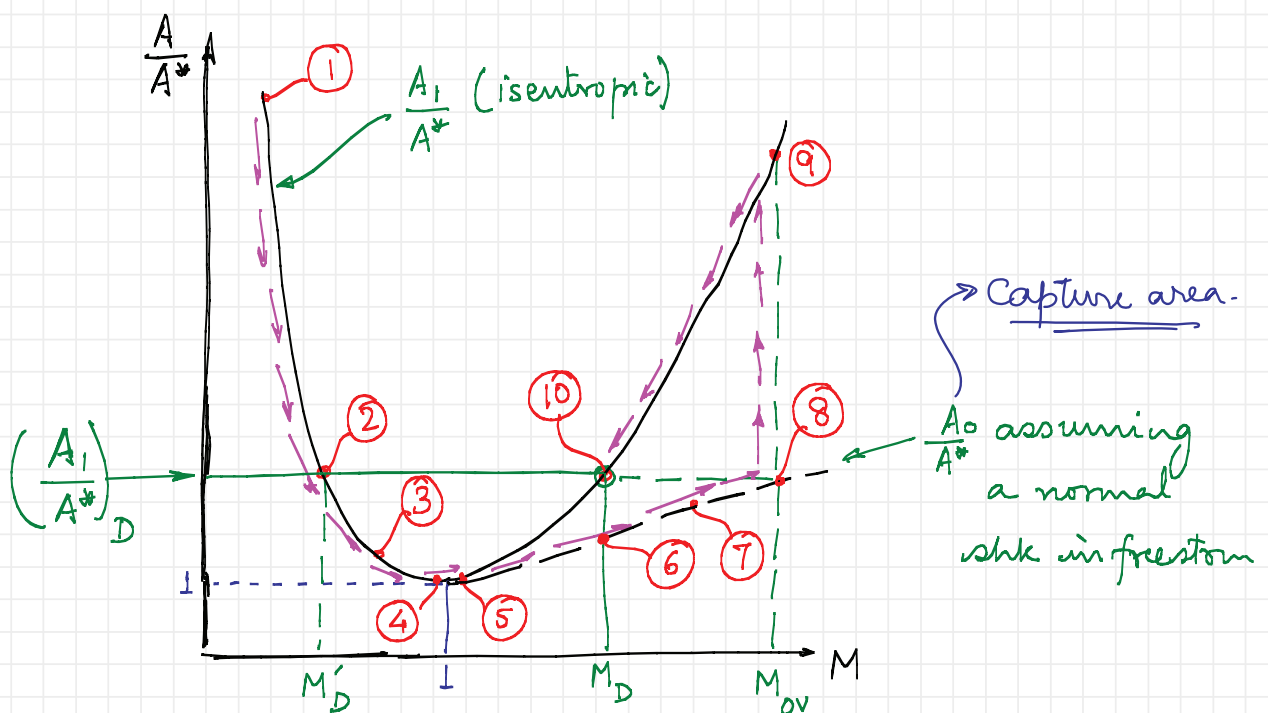
isentropically

@ $M_0 \neq M_D$: can have shk waves

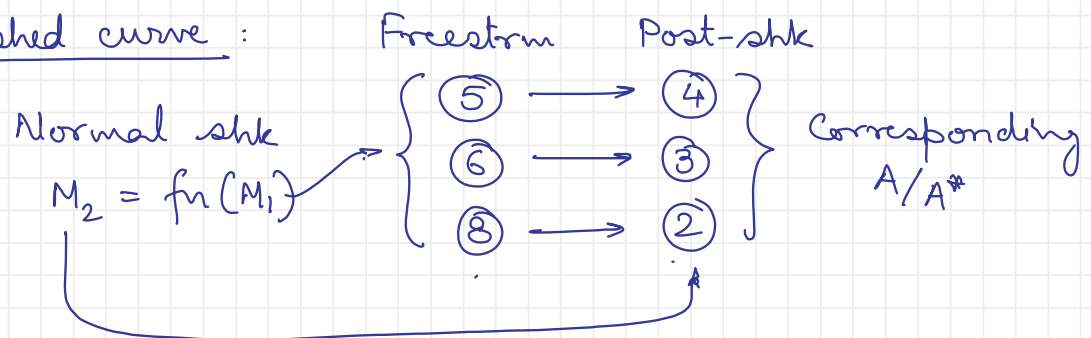
\Rightarrow unstarted subsonic flow.

Supersonic Intake Starting Problem:

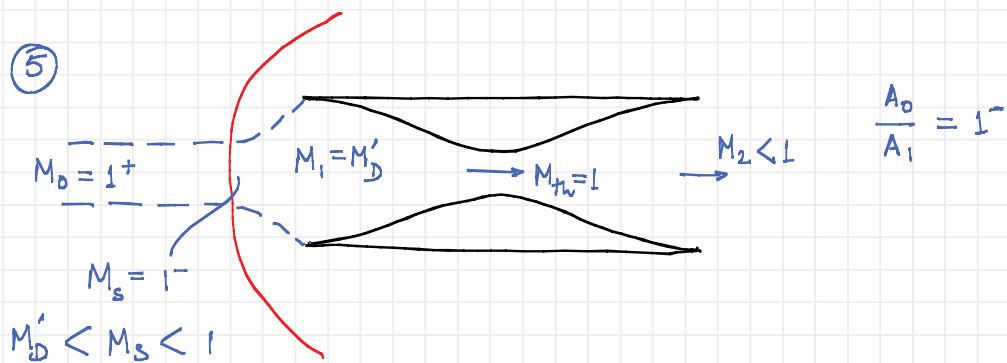
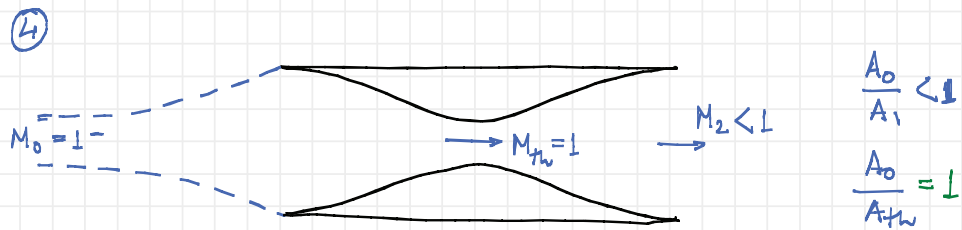
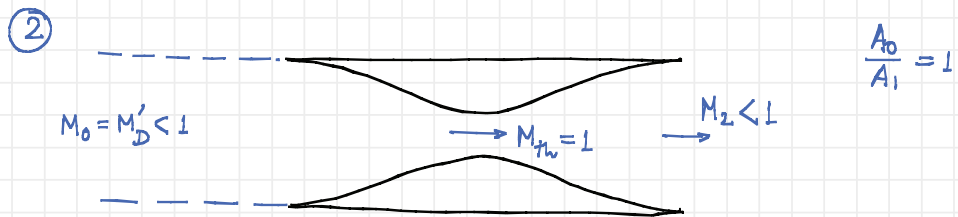
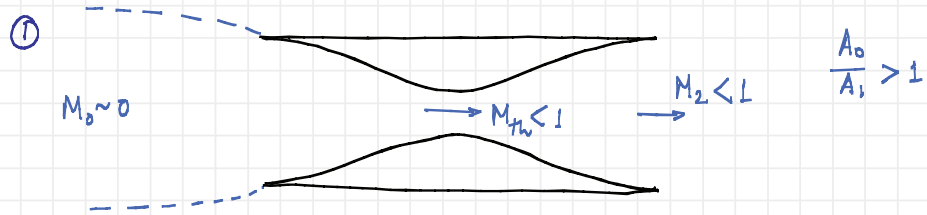
- The intake is designed assuming supersonic flow in convergent part. at $M_0 = M_D$
- Same A_{th} chokes for a subsonic Mach no. also!
@ $M_0 = M'_D$
- How to establish supersonic flow inside the duct as the vehicle accelerates from 0 to design Mach no.

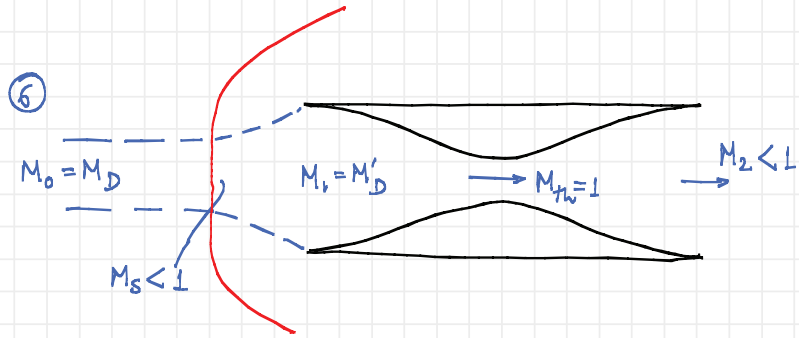


Dashed curve :

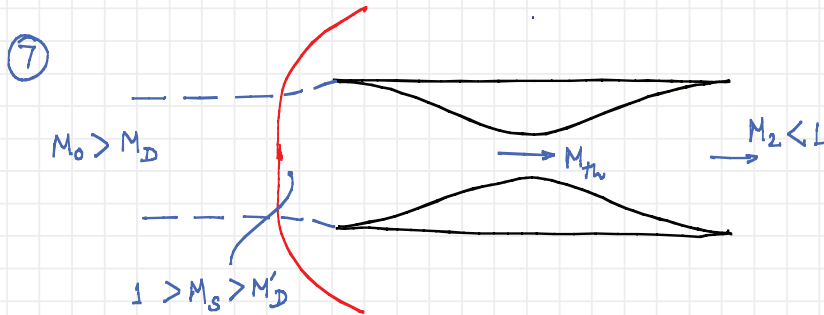


→ Sequence of states :

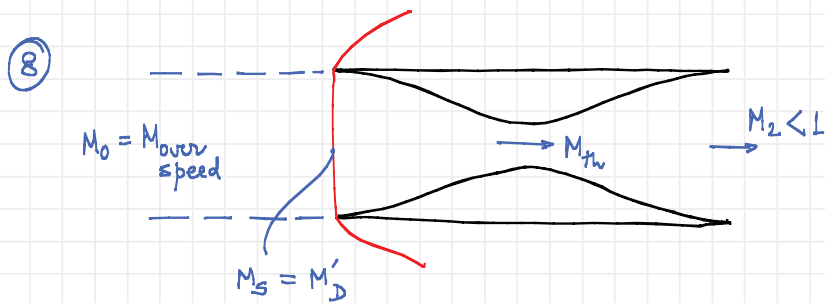




$$\frac{A_0}{A_1} < 1$$

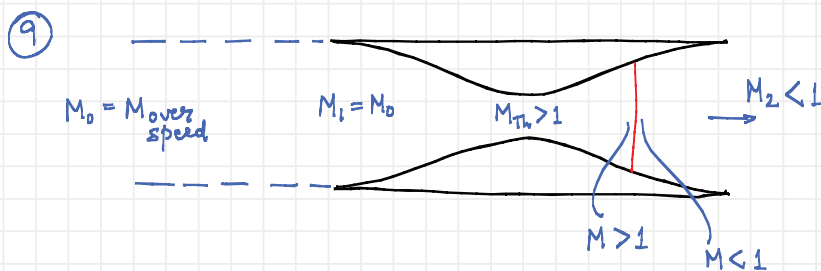


Shock closer to inlet face

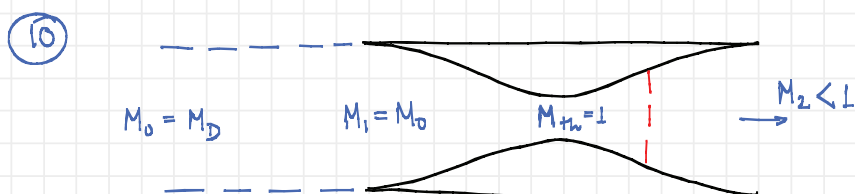


$$\frac{A_0}{A_1} = 1$$

Shock at inlet face.



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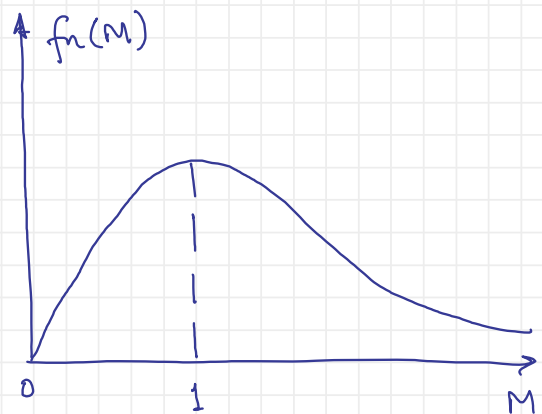
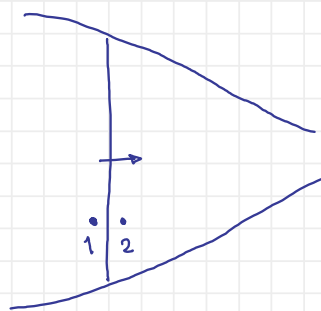


Shock possible depending on back pressure

- Shock unstable in a convergent duct:

$$\dot{m} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \frac{p_t}{\sqrt{T_t}} A M \left[1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{\frac{-(\gamma+1)}{2(\gamma-1)}}$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \frac{p_t}{\sqrt{T_t}} f_n(M)$$



Small displacement of shk towards the throat

$$M \downarrow \Rightarrow \text{weaker shk} \Rightarrow \Delta p_t \downarrow \Rightarrow p_{t2} \uparrow$$

$$\text{also } f_n(M) \uparrow \Rightarrow \frac{\dot{m}}{A} \uparrow$$

\Rightarrow Easier for the mass of air to go through throat

\Rightarrow Shock gets sucked towards the throat.

and stands in the divergent part of inlet.

Shock location adjusts to match back pressure

\rightarrow Optimal location \rightarrow just downstream of throat.



- Engine Thrust : $F_{\text{net}} \propto \dot{m}_0 \propto \rho_0 A_1 V_1 \propto M_1$.

Less than adequate \dot{m}_0 for ①, ②, ..., ⑦.

Only @ ⑧ : $M_1 = M_1'$ and all of A_0 enters engine

Starting strategies :

- ① Overspeeding
- ② Variable area : change A_n
- ③ Design CD inlet by assuming a normal shock in div section.

$$\cancel{\frac{p_t}{p_t^*}} \frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M} \left[\left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right) \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}$$

$$(\quad)^{1/3} = (a + bM^2)$$

$$(\quad)t = a + bt^6$$