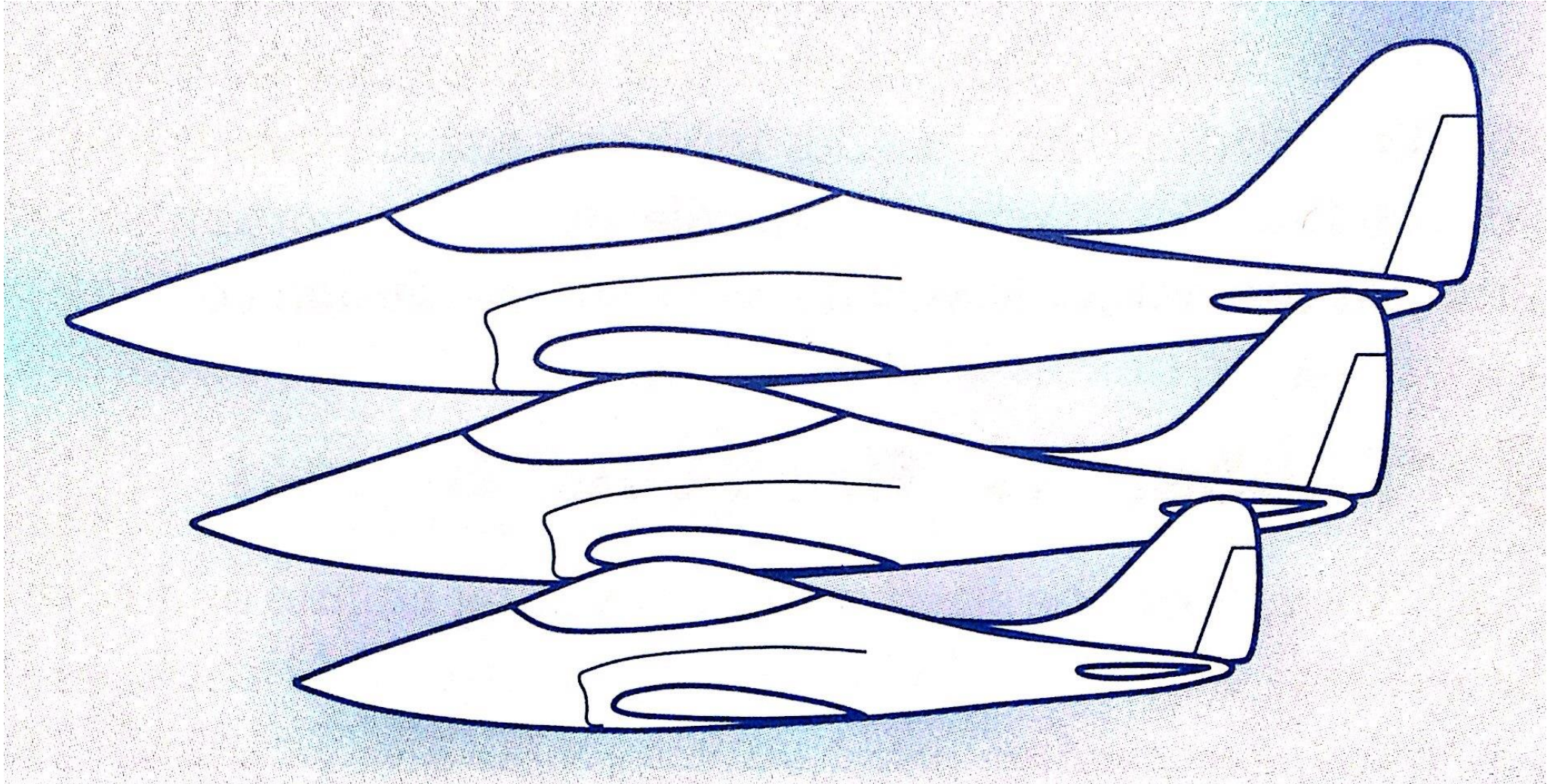


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## Initial Sizing (Chapters 6)



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- Method of Chapter 3 was simple and required minimal information
- Single most important calculation, the drawn aircraft must meet requirements!
- More refined method presented here.
- Rubber Engine Sizing
- Fixed-Sized Engine Sizing

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- Rubber engine sizing
  - $T/W$  can be held to a desired value to satisfy point performance requirements while  $W_0$  matches mission (range/loiter) requirement. Basically engine size grows proportionately with  $W_0$ .
  - Done during early stages of aircraft project. Project may warrant a new engine development.
  - Even projects where an existing engine must be selected are done this way to learn as much as possible about engine choice consequences!
- Fixed engine sizing
  - Either mission (range/loiter) or point performance requirements are a fallout.



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## Initial Sizing (Chapters 6)

- Better  $W_e/W_0$  estimate for jets!

$W_e/W_0 = [a + b W_0^{C1} A^{C2} (T/W_0)^{C3} (W_0/S)^{C4} M_{\max}^{C5}] K_{vs}$							
fps units	$a$	$B$	$C1$	$C2$	$C3$	$C4$	$C5$
Jet trainer	0	4.28	-0.10	0.10	0.20	-0.24	0.11
Jet fighter	-0.02	2.16	-0.10	0.20	0.04	-0.10	0.08
Military cargo/bomber	0.07	1.71	-0.10	0.10	0.06	-0.10	0.05
Jet transport	0.32	0.66	-0.13	0.30	0.06	-0.05	0.05

$K_{vs}$  = variable sweep constant = 1.04 if variable sweep and 1.00 if fixed sweep



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## Initial Sizing (Chapters 6)

- Better  $W_e/W_0$  estimate for propeller-driven aircraft!

$W_e/W_0 = a + b W_0^{c1} A^{c2} (hp/W_0)^{c3} (W_0/S)^{c4} V_{max}^{c5}$							
fps units	$a$	$b$	$c1$	$c2$	$c3$	$c4$	$c5$
Sailplane—unpowered	0	0.76	-0.05	0.14	0	-0.30	0.06
Sailplane—powered	0	1.21	-0.04	0.14	0.19	-0.20	0.05
Homebuilt—metal/wood	0	0.71	-0.10	0.05	0.10	-0.05	0.17
Homebuilt—composite	0	0.69	-0.10	0.05	0.10	-0.05	0.17
General aviation—single engine	-0.25	1.18	-0.20	0.08	0.05	-0.05	0.27
General aviation—twin engine	-0.90	1.36	-0.10	0.08	0.05	-0.05	0.20
Agricultural aircraft	0	1.67	-0.14	0.07	0.10	-0.10	0.11
Twin turboprop	0.37	0.09	-0.06	0.08	0.08	-0.05	0.30
Flying boat	0	0.42	-0.01	0.10	0.05	-0.12	0.18

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- Refined sizing equation:

$$W_0 = W_{\text{crew}} + W_{\text{fixed payload}} + W_{\text{dropped payload}} \\ + W_{\text{fuel}} + \left( \frac{W_e}{W_0} \right) W_0$$

- To allow payload drops,  $W_{\text{fuel}}$  is calculated at each segment instead of multiplying all weight fractions ( before, **all** weight change was due to fuel burn!)

$$W_f = 1.06 \left( \sum_1^x W_{fi} \right)$$

- As before, guess  $W_0$  and **iterate**.



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## Initial Sizing (Chapters 6)

- Geometry sizing of the fuselage (starting point):

Length = $aW_0^c$ (ft or {m})	$a$	$c$
Sailplane—unpowered	0.86 {0.383}	0.48
Sailplane—powered	0.71 {0.316}	0.48
Homebuilt—metal/wood	3.68 {1.35}	0.23
Homebuilt—composite	3.50 {1.28}	0.23
General aviation—single engine	4.37 {1.6}	0.23
General aviation—twin engine	0.86 {0.366}	0.42
Agricultural aircraft	4.04 {1.48}	0.23
Twin turboprop	0.37 {0.169}	0.51
Flying boat	1.05 {0.439}	0.40
Jet trainer	0.79 {0.333}	0.41
Jet fighter	0.93 {0.389}	0.39
Military cargo/bomber	0.23 {0.104}	0.50
Jet transport	0.67 {0.287}	0.43

- Reality of packaging internal components will ultimately establish fuselage length

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- $S_{ref} = W_o / W/S$
- Can now lay out the trapezoidal wing using aspect ratio, taper ratio, sweep, etc.



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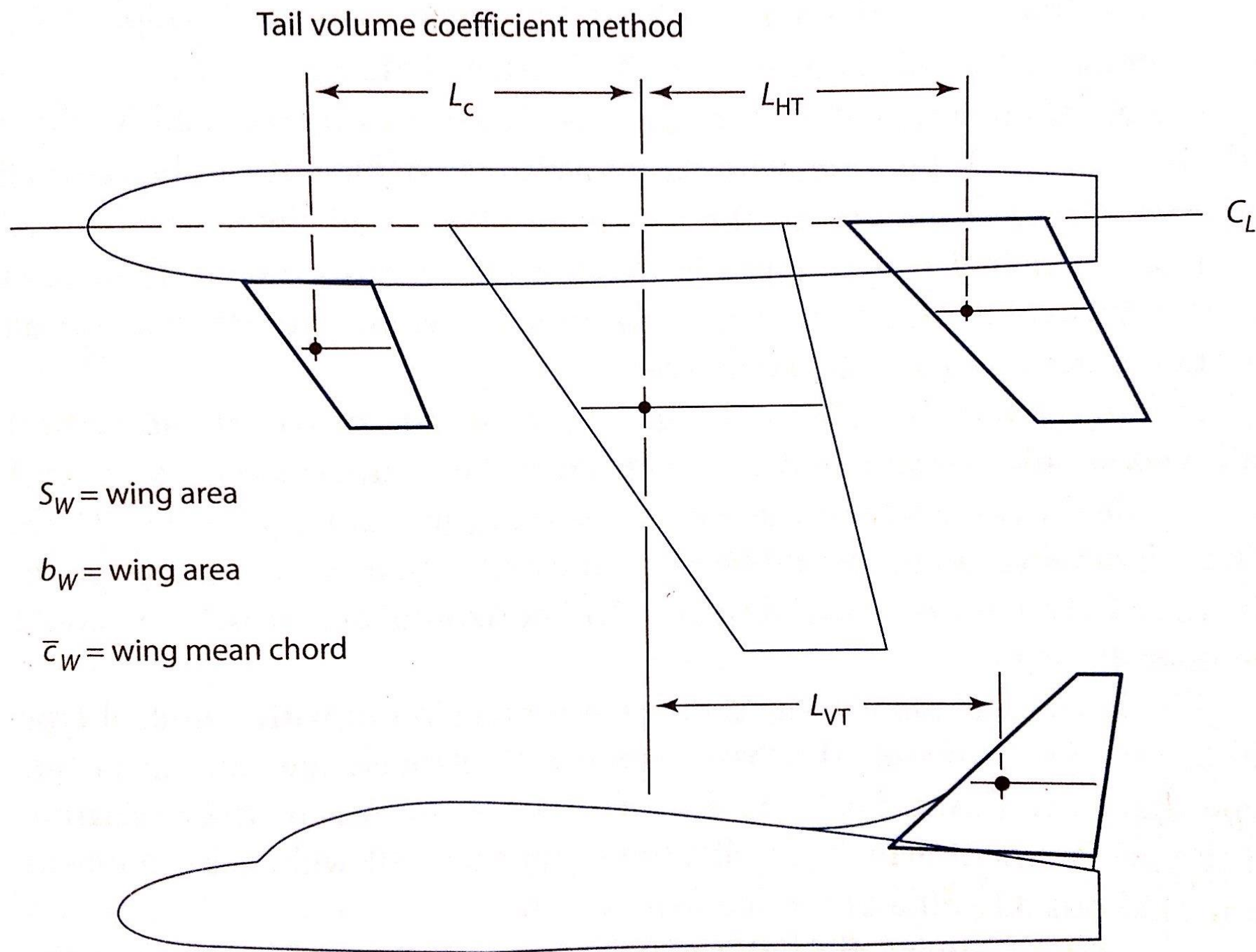
- Tail volume coefficient:
  - Tail effectiveness is proportional to the force generated by it and its moment arm
  - Since the tail has to counter the moments of the wing, its size is proportional to the wing's
  - The vertical tail's moments are non-dimensionalized with wing span, and the horizontal tail's with m.a.c. ( $\bar{c}$ ):

$$c_{VT} = \frac{L_{VT} S_{VT}}{b_W S_W}$$
$$c_{HT} = \frac{L_{HT} S_{HT}}{\bar{c}_W S_W}$$

- Lengths measured with respect to 25% chord of m.a.c. of all surfaces.

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## Initial Sizing (Chapters 6)



$$S_{VT} = \frac{c_{VT} b_W S_W}{L_{VT}}$$

$$S_{HT} = \frac{c_{HT} \bar{c}_W S_W}{L_{HT}}$$



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- Typical tail volume coefficients:

	Typical values	
	Horizontal $c_{HT}$	Vertical $c_{VT}$
Sailplane	0.50	0.02
Homebuilt	0.50	0.04
General aviation—single engine	0.70	0.04
General aviation—twin engine	0.80	0.07
Agricultural	0.50	0.04
Twin turboprop	0.90	0.08
Flying boat	0.70	0.06
Jet trainer	0.70	0.06
Jet fighter	0.40	0.07–0.12*
Military cargo/bomber	1.00	0.08
Jet transport	1.00	0.09

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## Initial Sizing (Chapters 6)

- Front-mounted propeller ,  $L_{HT}$  is about 60% of fuselage length
- For engines on the wings, 50-55%
- Aft-mounted engines, 45-50%
- Sailplane, 65%
- For all-moving tails, can reduce volume coefficient 10-15%
- For t-tail, can reduce volume coefficient 5%
- For a v-tail, find conventional areas and split them between two. Dihedral should be arctangent of square root of required vertical and horizontal areas)
- For a control canard,  $C_{HT}$  is approx. 0.1. Consider only the exposed area.
- For a lifting canard, designer must decide canard/wing area split.



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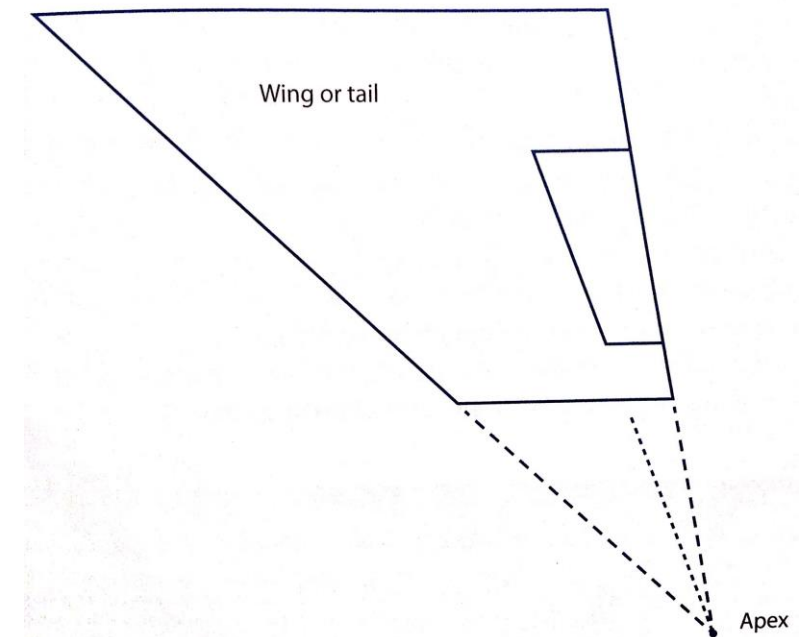
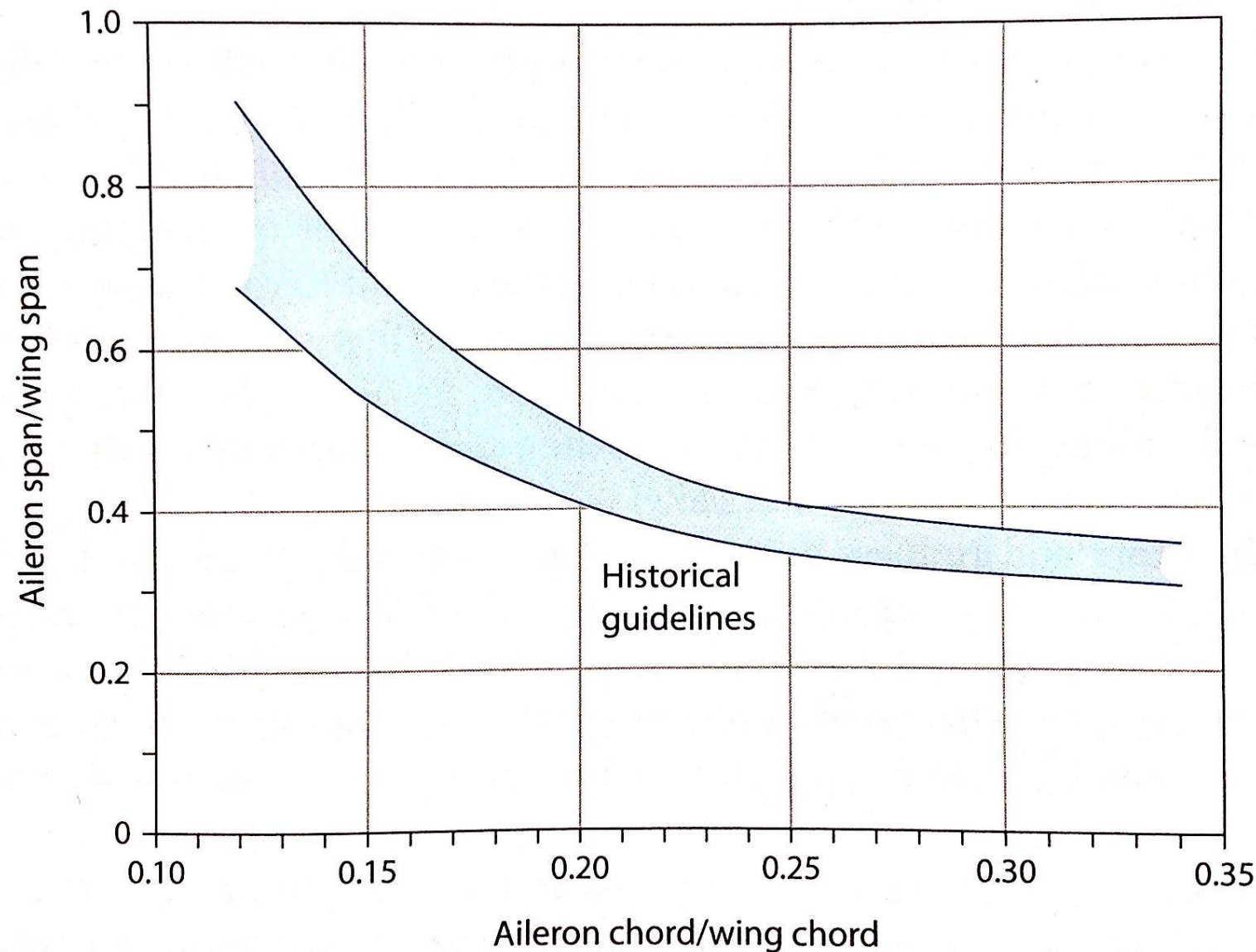
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Control surface sizing:

- Roll = Ailerons
- Pitch = Elevator
- Yaw = Rudder
- Finally sized by dynamics, structures, control system constraints

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- Wing flaps occupy part of wing inboard of ailerons. If more needed, use of spoilers for roll control could be used.



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Aircraft	Elevator $C_e/C$	Rudder $C_r/C$
Fighter/attack	0.30*	0.30
Jet transport	0.25 <sup>†</sup>	0.32
Jet trainer	0.35	0.35
Biz jet	0.32 <sup>†</sup>	0.30
GA single	0.45	0.40
GA twin	0.36	0.46
Sailplane	0.43	0.40

\*Supersonic usually all-moving tail without separate elevator.

<sup>†</sup>Often all-moving plus elevator.

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## Initial Sizing (Chapters 6)

Other things to consider in control surface sizing :

- Aileron reversal in high speed aircraft
  - Spoilers, rolling tail
- Flutter
  - Mass or aerodynamic balancing
  - Connection of left-right elevators
- All moving surfaces



- Homework
- 6.2, 6.3, 6.4