

ROLLING MOMENT DERIVATIVE, L_{ξ} , FOR PLAIN AILERONS AT SUBSONIC SPEEDS

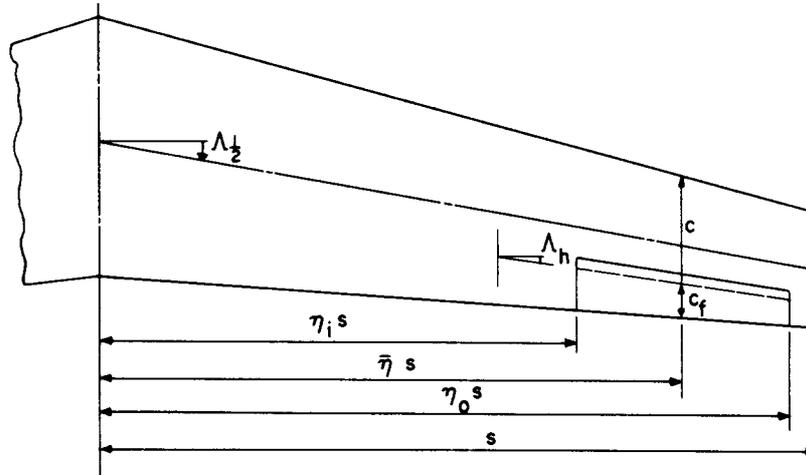
1. NOTATION AND UNITS

		<i>SI</i>	<i>British</i>
A	aspect ratio		
$(a_1)_0$	section lift-curve slope with incidence in incompressible flow	rad^{-1}	rad^{-1}
$(a_2)_0$	section lift-curve slope with control deflection in incompressible flow	rad^{-1}	rad^{-1}
b	wing span	m	ft
C_L	lift coefficient, $L / \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 S$		
C_l	rolling moment coefficient $\mathcal{L} / \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 S b$		
c_f / c	ratio of aileron chord aft of hinge line to local wing chord, at mid-span of aileron		
K_1	value of Φ_{ξ} for rectangular wing		
K_2	secondary planform component of Φ_{ξ}		
k_1	correction factor for wing thickness		
k_2	correction factor for Reynolds number		
L	lift	N	lbf
\mathcal{L}	rolling moment	N m	lbf ft
L_{ξ}	rolling moment derivative with respect to ξ , $\partial C_l / \partial \xi$	rad^{-1}	rad^{-1}
$L_{\xi'}$	rolling moment derivative with respect to ξ' , $\partial C_l / \partial \xi'$	rad^{-1}	rad^{-1}
M	free-stream Mach number		
R	Reynolds number based on aerodynamic mean chord of wing		
S	wing planform area	m^2	ft^2
s	wing semispan	m	ft
t/c	section thickness to chord ratio of wing at mid-span of aileron		

V	free-stream velocity	m/s	ft/s
α	incidence	rad	rad
β	compressibility parameter, $(1 - M^2)^{1/2}$		
δ	deflection angle of full-span plain control measured in plane parallel to plane of symmetry, positive for trailing-edge down	rad	rad
η	spanwise distance from wing centre-line as fraction of semispan		
η_i	value of η at inboard limit of aileron at hinge line		
η_o	value of η at outboard limit of aileron at hinge line		
$\bar{\eta}$	$(\eta_i + \eta_o)/2$		
λ	wing taper, ratio of tip chord to centre-line chord		
$\Lambda_{1/2}$	sweepback of wing mid-chord line	deg	deg
Λ_h	sweepback of aileron hinge line	deg	deg
ξ	aileron deflection angle measured in plane parallel to plane of symmetry, arithmetic mean of deflection angles of port and starboard ailerons, positive for starboard aileron down and port aileron up	rad	rad
ξ'	aileron deflection angle measured in plane normal to hinge line, $\tan^{-1} (\tan \xi \sec \Lambda_h)$	rad	rad
ρ	density of air	kg/m ³	slug/ft ³
τ	section trailing-edge angle at mid-span of aileron	deg	deg
Φ	part-span lift correction function in Item No. 74012 (Derivation 5), ratio of lift coefficient increment due to flaps of span $b\eta$ extending symmetrically about wing centre-line to lift coefficient increment due to full-span flaps at same deflection		
Φ_ξ	aileron rolling moment correction function, see Section 2.3 and Equation (2.5)		
Φ_{ξ_i}	value of Φ_ξ for $\eta = \eta_i$		
Φ_{ξ_o}	value of Φ_ξ for $\eta = \eta_o$		

Subscripts

T	denotes theoretical value
$t = 0$	denotes value for section of zero thickness



Sketch 1.1 Wing and aileron geometry

2. METHOD*

This Item presents a semi-empirical method for predicting the rolling moment derivative due to the operation of plain sealed aileron controls for attached flow at subsonic speeds. The method combines a geometrically defined moment arm $\bar{\eta}$ with a full-span control deflection characteristic $\partial C_L / \partial \delta$ that is modified by a correction function $(\Phi_{\xi_i} - \Phi_{\xi_o})$ that allows for the part-span of the ailerons and their effectiveness in producing rolling moment. The derivative for antisymmetric deflection of the ailerons is given by the equation

$$L_{\xi} = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{\eta} (\partial C_L / \partial \delta) (\Phi_{\xi_i} - \Phi_{\xi_o}), \tag{2.1}$$

where the aileron deflection angle is ξ , measured in a plane parallel to the plane of symmetry.

If the aileron deflection angle is ξ' , measured in a plane normal to the hinge line, the corresponding derivative is

$$L_{\xi'} = L_{\xi} \cos \Lambda_h, \tag{2.2}$$

where Λ_h is the sweepback of the aileron hinge line.

2.1 Moment Arm

In Equation (2.1), $\bar{\eta}$ approximates to the spanwise moment arm of each aileron expressed as a fraction of the semispan s . It is taken as

$$\bar{\eta} = \frac{1}{2} (\eta_i + \eta_o), \tag{2.3}$$

* A FORTRAN computer program is available for the method of this Item and that of Item No. 88029 as ESDUpac A8840, see Item No. 88040 for details.

the mean of the aileron inboard and outboard limits measured at the hinge line. This simple geometric definition neglects the effect of wing taper, but this is small for practical aileron spans ($\eta_o - \eta_i \leq 0.4s$).

An extra factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ appears in Equation (2.1) because the rolling moment coefficient is based on a reference length equal to the full span b .

2.2 Plain Control Derivative

The derivative $\partial C_L / \partial \delta$ in Equation (2.1) is the rate of change of lift coefficient due to control deflection for full-span plain controls, as predicted by the method in Item No. 74011 (Derivation 4), where it is presented in terms of the theoretical wing lift-curve slope $[\partial C_L / \partial \alpha]_T$, wing and control geometry, Reynolds number and Mach number in the form

$$\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \delta} = \left[\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \delta} / \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \right]_T \left[\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \right]_T [1 - k_1 k_2]. \quad (2.4)$$

The first expression in brackets on the right hand side of the equation is given in Figure 1 as a carpet in terms of $1/\beta A$ and c_f/c . The second expression in brackets is evaluated using Item No. 70011 (Derivation 3) which gives $[\partial C_L / \partial \alpha]_T / A$ in terms of λ , βA and $A \tan \Lambda_{1/2}$. The factors k_1 and k_2 appearing in the third expression in brackets are given in Figures 2 and 3; k_1 corrects for section thickness and is given in terms of $(t/c) \sec \Lambda_{1/2}$ and c_f/c , and k_2 corrects for Reynolds number and is given in terms of $\log_{10} R$ and c_f/c . Although the methods in Item Nos 74011 and 70011 are presented for wing planform parameters under the assumption of straight taper, they may be used for other planforms by employing the geometric technique in Appendix A of Item No. 76003 (Derivation 6) to construct an “equivalent” straight-tapered wing to provide suitably representative values of λ , A and $A \tan \Lambda_{1/2}$.

The data in Figures 1 to 3 have been reproduced directly from Item No. 74011 to avoid cross referencing. Values of c_f/c and t/c appropriate to the mid-span of the aileron should be taken. In the original construction of the correction factors k_1 and k_2 it was assumed that the section geometry was such that $\tau = 100 t/c$ (degrees). If τ lies outside the range $50t/c \leq \tau \leq 150t/c$ it is necessary to use Item Nos Aero W.01.01.05 (Derivation 1) and Aero C.01.01.03 (Derivation 2) to calculate the necessary section properties and replace the term $[1 - k_1 k_2]$ by its full form $[(a_2)_0 / (a_2)_0]_{T t=0} / [(a_1)_0 / 2\pi]$, with t/c and τ measured in a plane normal to the wing mid-chord sweep line.

2.3 Rolling Moment Correction Factors

The term $(\Phi_{\xi_i} - \Phi_{\xi_o})$ in Equation (2.1) allows for the finite span of the ailerons and for their effectiveness in producing rolling moment. Calculation of Φ_{ξ_i} and Φ_{ξ_o} is carried out by evaluating the correction function Φ_{ξ} at $\eta = \eta_i$ and $\eta = \eta_o$ respectively. The function Φ_{ξ} is expressed in terms of a value K_1 appropriate to a rectangular wing, from which is subtracted a secondary planform component, K_2 , so that

$$\Phi_{\xi} = K_1 - K_2. \quad (2.5)$$

Figure 4a gives K_1 as a carpet in η and $1/\beta A$ for $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ and $0 \leq 1/\beta A \leq 0.5$. Figures 4b and 4c show, for $0.08 \leq 1/\beta A \leq 0.30$, the central part of the carpet on an expanded scale. Figure 5 gives K_2 as a function of η for a series of values of the planform parameter $A \tan \Lambda_{1/2} - 8\lambda$.

The functions K_1 and K_2 have been established by analysing the wind-tunnel data on rolling moment in Derivations 7 to 39, and by making use of some of the results in Item No. 74012 (Derivation 5) which gives a function Φ for converting the lift coefficient increment due to full-span flaps to that for symmetrically deflected part-span flaps that extend equally to each side of the wing centre-line. Data from tests on

half-wing models have been excluded from the analysis because of the large correction factors that are applied to rolling moments measured in such tests.

It has been found that for wings of high aspect ratio ($1/\beta A \leq 0.08$) K_1 depends only on η and K_2 varies with $A \tan \Lambda_{1/2} - 8\lambda$ as in Item No 74012. For lower aspect ratios the same assumption has been made for K_2 , and the general variation of the function K_1 has been found by correlating the quantity L_ξ (*experiment*)/ $[-\frac{1}{2}\bar{\eta}(\partial C_L/\partial \delta)] + K_2$ for outboard ailerons in terms of η_i and $1/\beta A$. Figures 4a to 4c represent the result of this analysis; dashed areas of the carpets indicate the lack of experimental data. Comparisons with experimental data for inboard ailerons show that the method remains sound.

Figure 4a has been constructed mainly from an analysis of data from low speed tests, $M \leq 0.6$, but its applicability has been extended by using the similarity parameter $1/\beta A$ as a variable rather than $1/A$. Comparisons with a limited number of data from high speed tests (Derivations 12, 13, 15 and 28) show that satisfactory estimates of L_ξ can be obtained up to about $M = 0.8$ to 0.85. See also the comments in Section 4.

3. AILERON LIFT CHARACTERISTICS

Equation (2.1) must only be used in the calculation of the rolling moment derivative L_ξ , as it has been determined empirically solely for this purpose. The moment arm $\bar{\eta}$ is too approximate for that equation to be used to infer the lift-curve slope due to control deflection for individual ailerons. If required, the aileron lift-curve slope should be obtained by using the full-span control characteristic predicted by Item No. 74011 (Derivation 4) in conjunction with the part-span correction provided by Item No. 74012 (Derivation 5).

4. ACCURACY AND APPLICABILITY

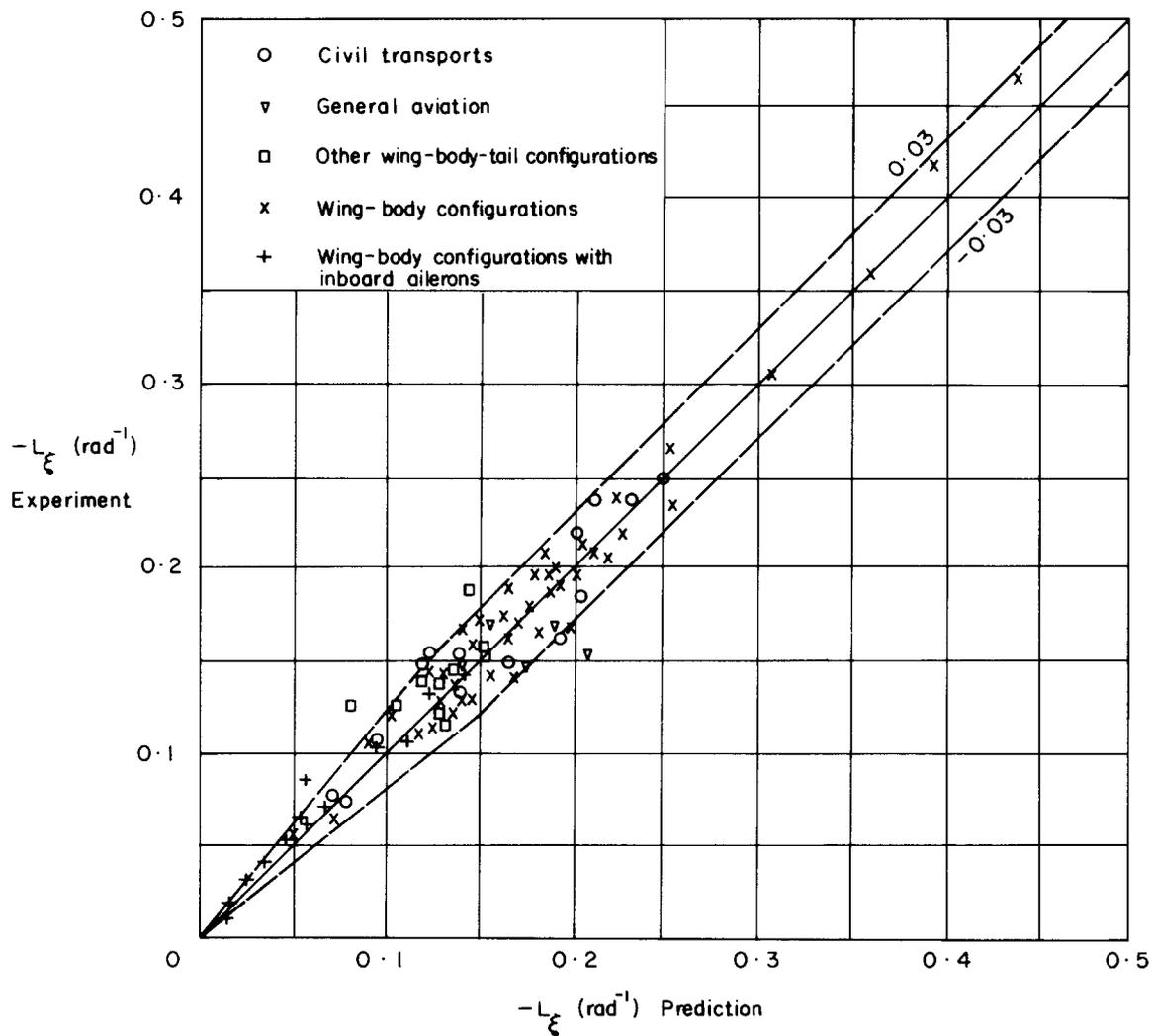
Predicted and experimental values of L_ξ are compared in Sketch 4.1. In general, L_ξ is predicted to within about $\pm 20\%$ up to $L_\xi \approx -0.15$ and to within about ± 0.03 thereafter. The analysis has been confined to ranges of ξ ($\leq \pm 10^\circ$ say) over which the variation of the rolling moment coefficient is essentially linear, and to low angles of incidence, although there is usually only a slow reduction in the magnitude of L_ξ up to $\alpha \approx 10^\circ$.

Table 4.1 shows the ranges of model geometry and flow parameters covered in the analysis. The ratio of control chord to wing chord and section properties are assumed to be fairly constant across the span of the aileron, and modest departures are compensated by defining c_f/c , t/c and τ at the mid-span of the aileron.

Attention has been restricted to ailerons that are effectively sealed. There will be a reduction in aileron effectiveness if there is flow through a control gap. If the aileron is nose-balanced rather than plain, the effect is to extend the range over which the rolling moment coefficient is linear with ξ , but the derivative L_ξ should remain essentially the same. The methods in Item Nos 70011 and 74011 assume that the flow over the wing is wholly subsonic and fully attached, and so the same restrictions apply to the method of this Item.

TABLE 4.1

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Range</i>
A	2 to 12	τ	7° to 16°
$\Lambda_{1/2}$	0 to 60°	c_f/c	0.15 to 0.35
λ	0.2 to 1	M	0 to 0.85
t/c	0.06 to 0.15	R	0.6×10^6 to 8×10^6



Sketch 4.1 Comparison of experiment with prediction

5. DERIVATION

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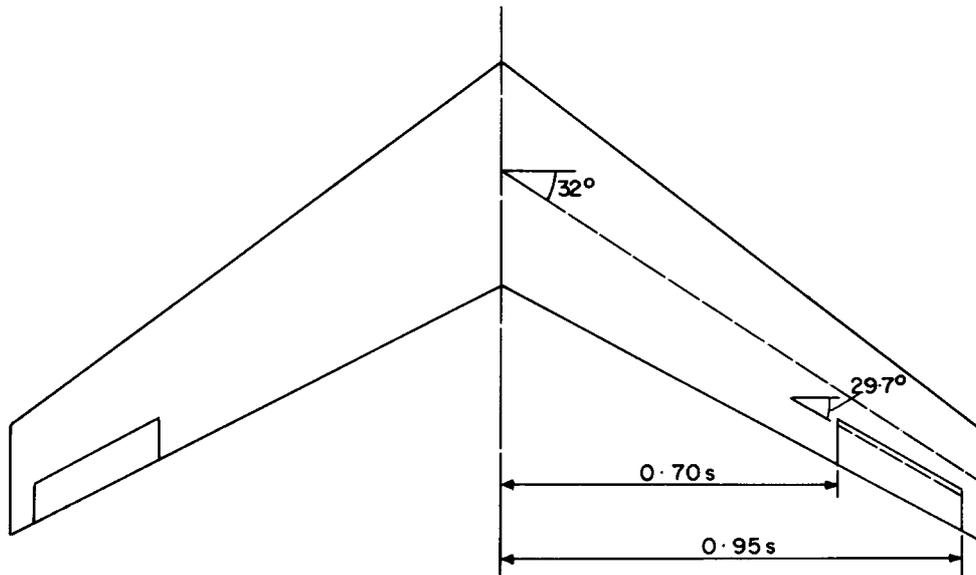
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6. EXAMPLE

Find the rolling moment derivative, with respect to control deflections measured normal to the control hinge line, for the plain sealed ailerons of the wing shown in Sketch 6.1.

The Mach number is $M = 0.4$ and the Reynolds number is $R = 7 \times 10^6$. The wing has an aspect ratio $A = 6$, a sweep $\Lambda_{1/2} = 32^\circ$ and a taper $\lambda = 0.5$. The ailerons extend from $\eta_i = 0.70$ to $\eta_o = 0.95$. At the mid-span of the aileron the control to wing chord ratio is $c_f/c = 0.25$, and the wing section has a thickness to chord ratio $t/c = 0.085$ and a trailing edge angle $\tau = 10.0^\circ$. The sweep of the control hinge line is $\Lambda_h = 29.7^\circ$.



Sketch 6.1

The calculation of the rolling moment derivative is carried out as follows.

(i) *Moment Arm* $\bar{\eta}$

The distance to the mid-point of the aileron as a fraction of the wing semispan is

$$\bar{\eta} = \frac{1}{2}(\eta_i + \eta_o) = \frac{1}{2}(0.7 + 0.95) = 0.825.$$

(ii) *Plain Control Derivative* $\partial C_L / \partial \delta$

From Item No. 70011, with $\lambda = 0.5$, $\beta A = (1 - 0.42)^{1/2} \times 6 = 5.50$, and $A \tan \Lambda_{1/2} = 6 \times A \tan 32^\circ = 3.75$,

$$\frac{1}{A} \left[\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \right]_T = 0.685,$$

so
$$\left[\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \right]_T = 6 \times 0.685 = 4.11 \text{ rad}^{-1}.$$

From Figure 1, with $1/\beta A = 1/5.50 = 0.182$ and $c_f/c = 0.25$,

$$\left[\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \delta} / \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \right]_T = 0.636.$$

A preliminary check on applicability, see Section 2.2, reveals that τ is reasonably close to $100 t/c$ (degrees), so Figures 2 and 3 may be used to estimate the effects of thickness and Reynolds number.

From Figure 2, with $c_f/c = 0.25$ and $(t/c) \sec \Lambda_{1/2} = 0.085 \sec 32^\circ = 0.085 \times 1.179 = 0.100$,

$$k_1 = 0.16.$$

From Figure 3, with $c_f/c = 0.25$ and $\log_{10}R = \log_{10}7 \times 10^6 = 6.845$,

$$k_2 = 0.56.$$

Substitution in Equation (2.4) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \delta} &= \left[\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \delta} / \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \right]_T \left[\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \right]_T [1 - k_1 k_2] \\ &= 0.636 \times 4.11 \times [1 - 0.16 \times 0.56] \\ &= 2.38 \text{ rad}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Correction Functions Φ_{ξ_i} and Φ_{ξ_o}

From Figure 4c, with $1/\beta A = 0.182$

$$K_1 = 0.167 \text{ for } \eta = 0.70$$

and $K_1 = 0.020$ for $\eta = 0.95$.

From Figure 5, with $A \tan \Lambda_{1/2} - 8\lambda = 3.75 - 8 \times 0.5 = -0.25$

$$K_2 = 0.050 \text{ for } \eta = 0.70$$

and $K_2 = 0.011$ for $\eta = 0.95$.

Using Equation (2.5), for the inboard limit of the aileron

$$\Phi_{\xi_i} = \Phi_{\xi}(\eta = 0.70) = K_1 - K_2 = 0.167 - 0.050 = 0.117.$$

and for the outboard limit of the aileron

$$\Phi_{\xi_o} = \Phi_{\xi}(\eta = 0.95) = K_1 - K_2 = 0.020 - 0.011 = 0.009.$$

(iv) Calculation of L_{ξ} ,

Substitution into Equation (2.1) of the quantities evaluated above gives the rolling moment derivative for control deflections measured in a plane parallel to the plane of symmetry,

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\xi} &= -\frac{1}{2} \bar{\eta} (\partial C_L / \partial \delta) (\Phi_{\xi_i} - \Phi_{\xi_o}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \times 0.825 \times 2.38 \times (0.117 - 0.009) \\ &= -0.106 \text{ rad}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

For control deflections measured normal to the hinge line, Equation (2.2) gives

$$\begin{aligned}L_{\xi'} &= L_{\xi} \cos \Lambda_h \\ &= -0.106 \cos 29.7^\circ \\ &= -0.092 \text{ rad}^{-1} .\end{aligned}$$

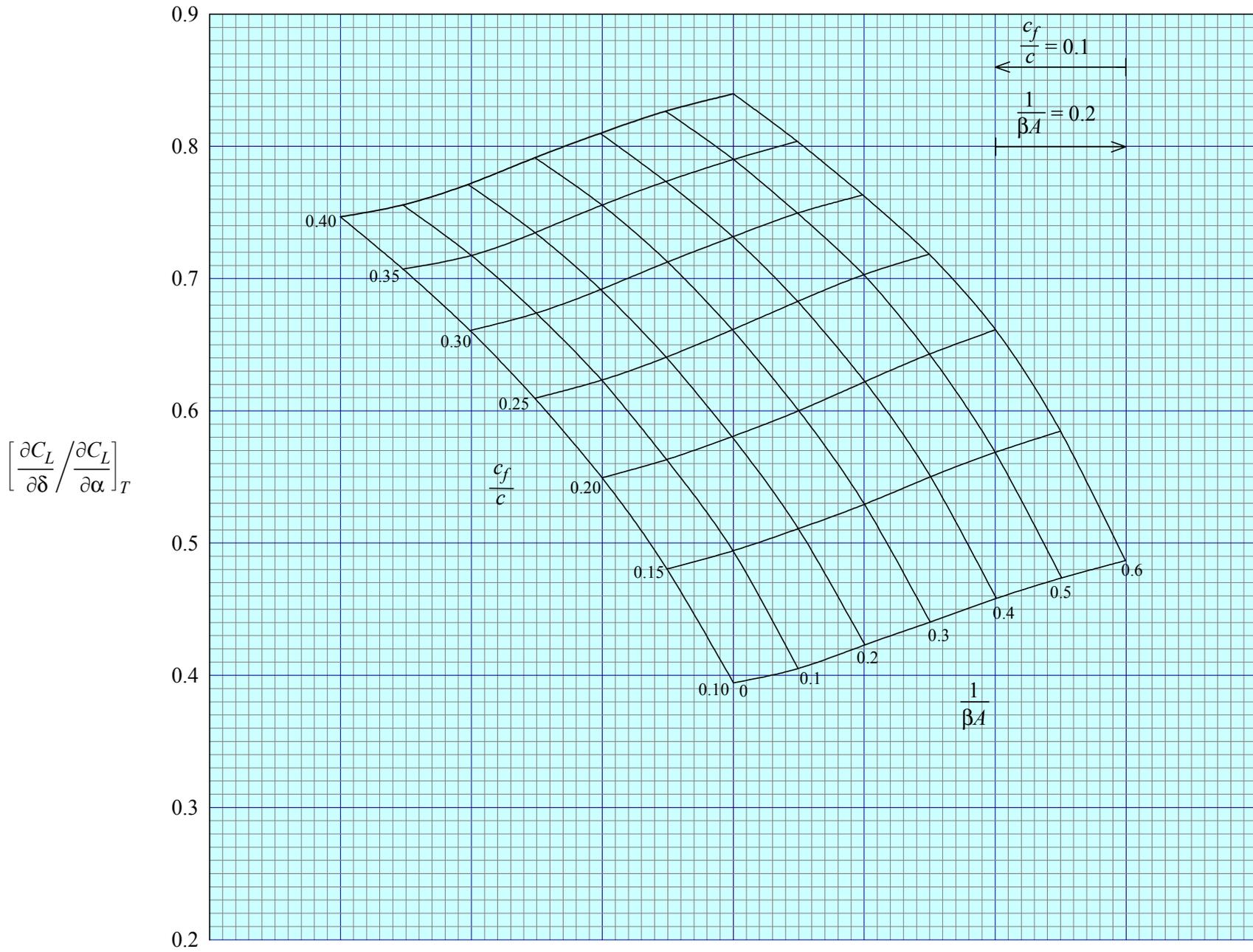


FIGURE 1 THEORETICAL LIFT EFFECTIVENESS RATIO OF FULL-SPAN PLAIN CONTROLS

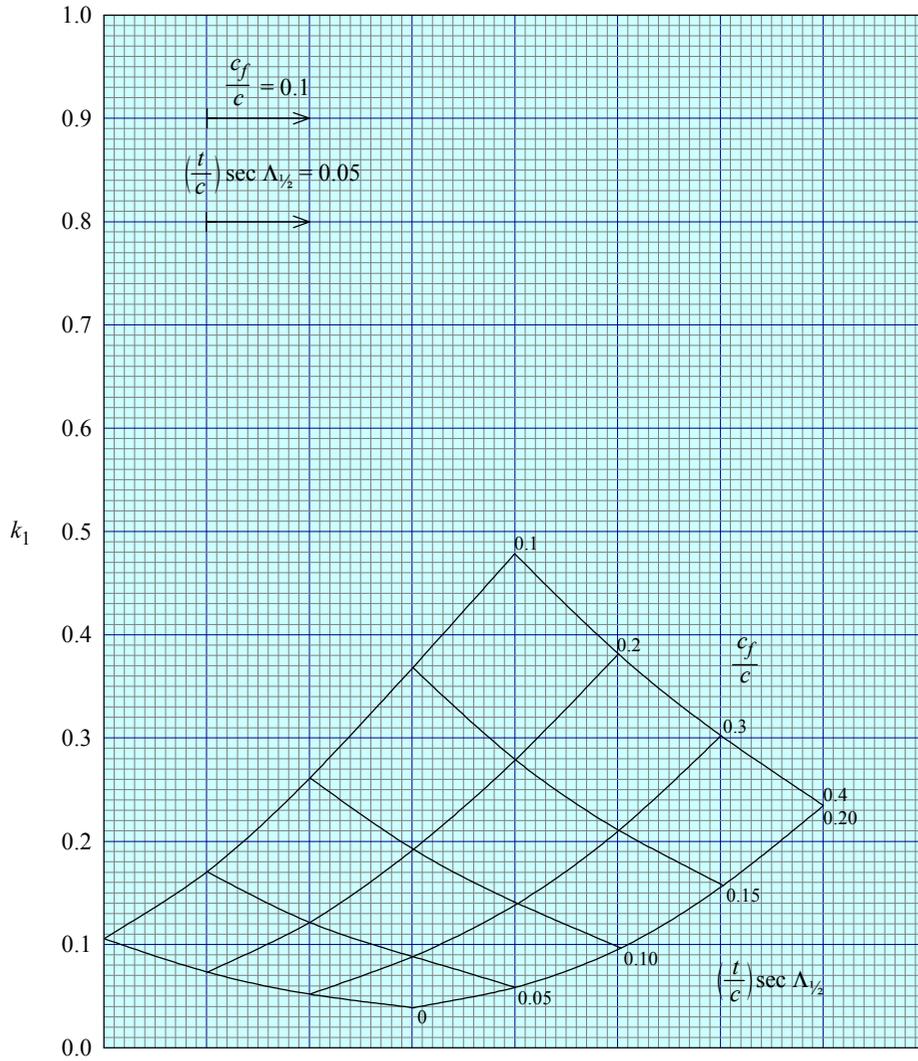


FIGURE 2 CORRECTION FACTOR FOR SECTION THICKNESS

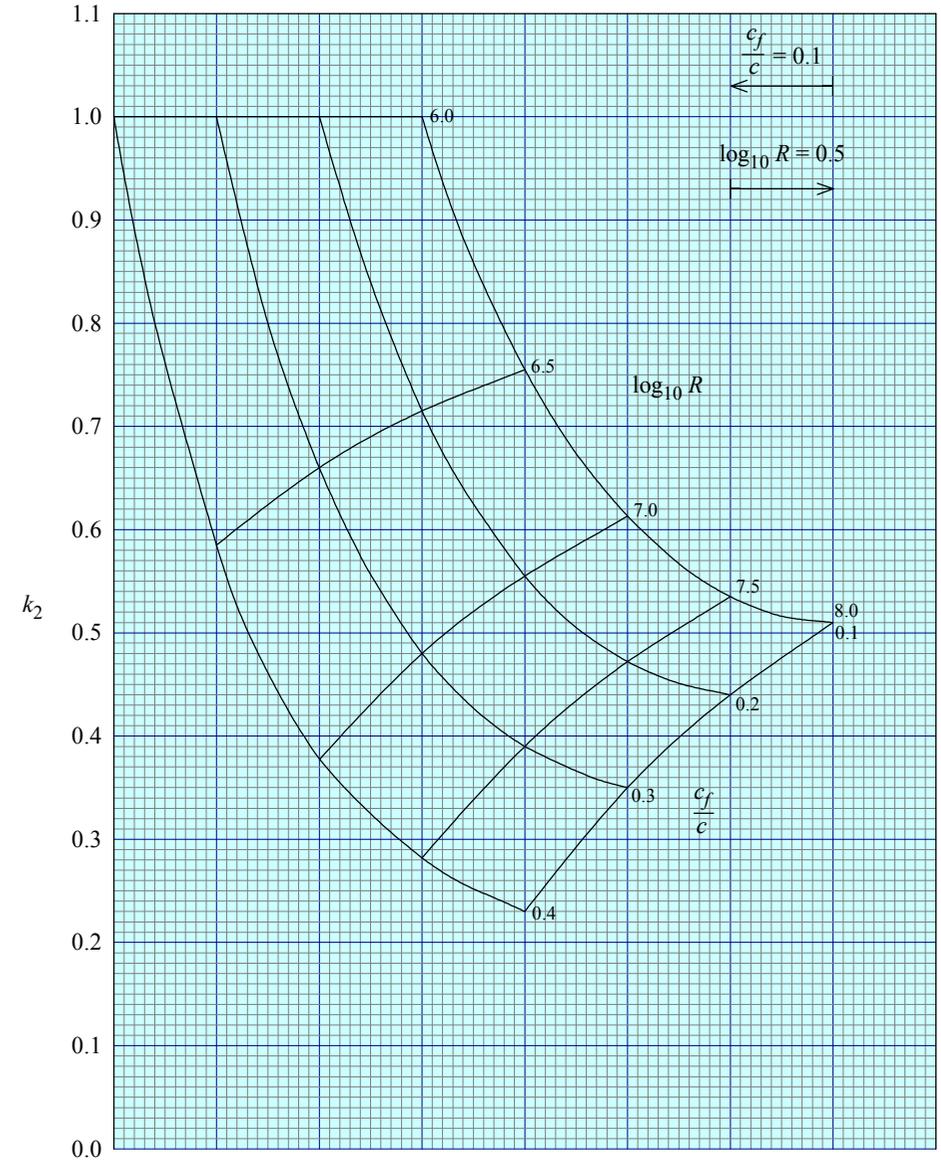


FIGURE 3 CORRECTION FACTOR FOR REYNOLDS NUMBER

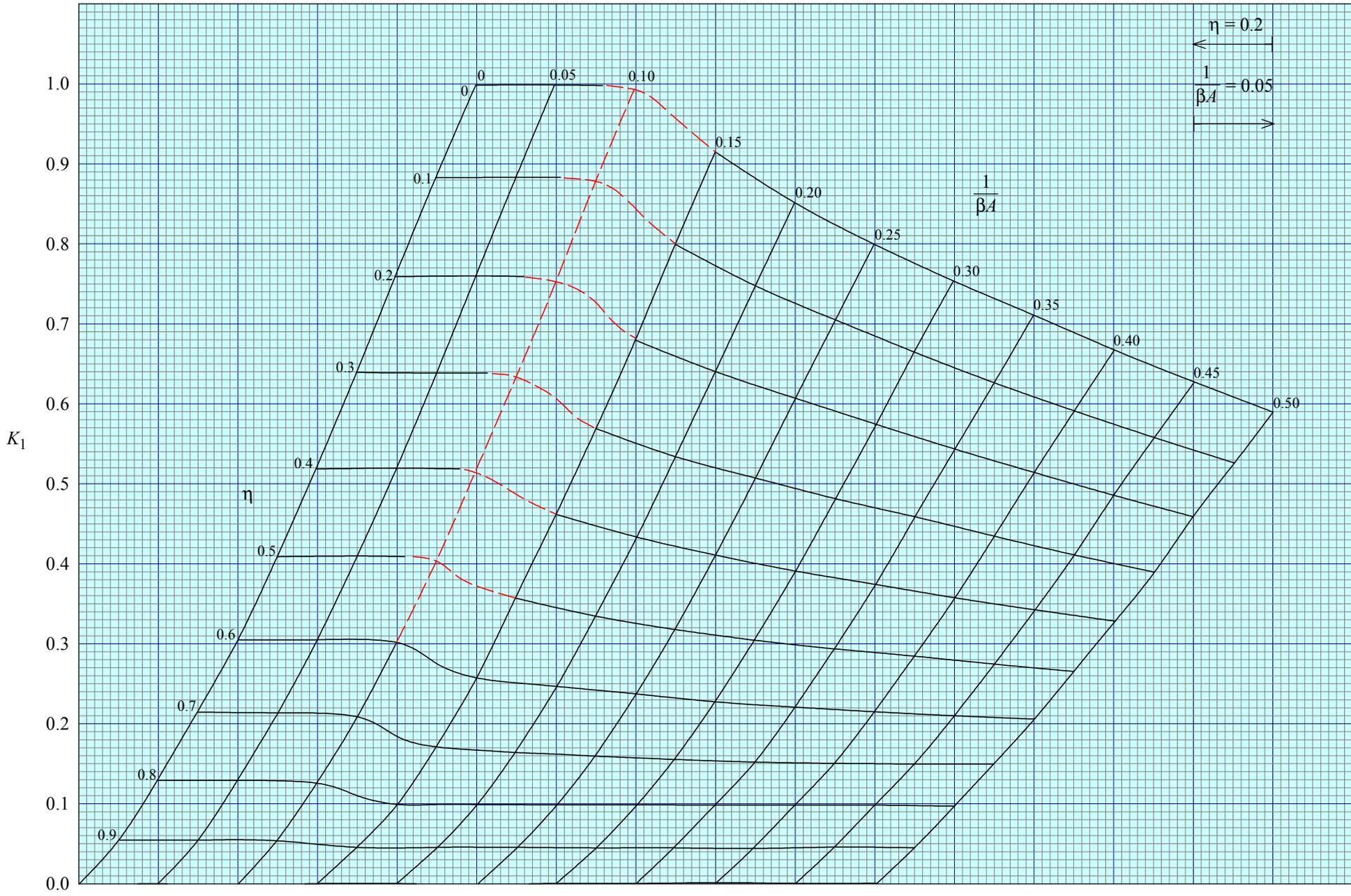


FIGURE 4a AILERON ROLLING MOMENT CORRECTION FUNCTION Φ_ξ FOR RECTANGULAR WINGS

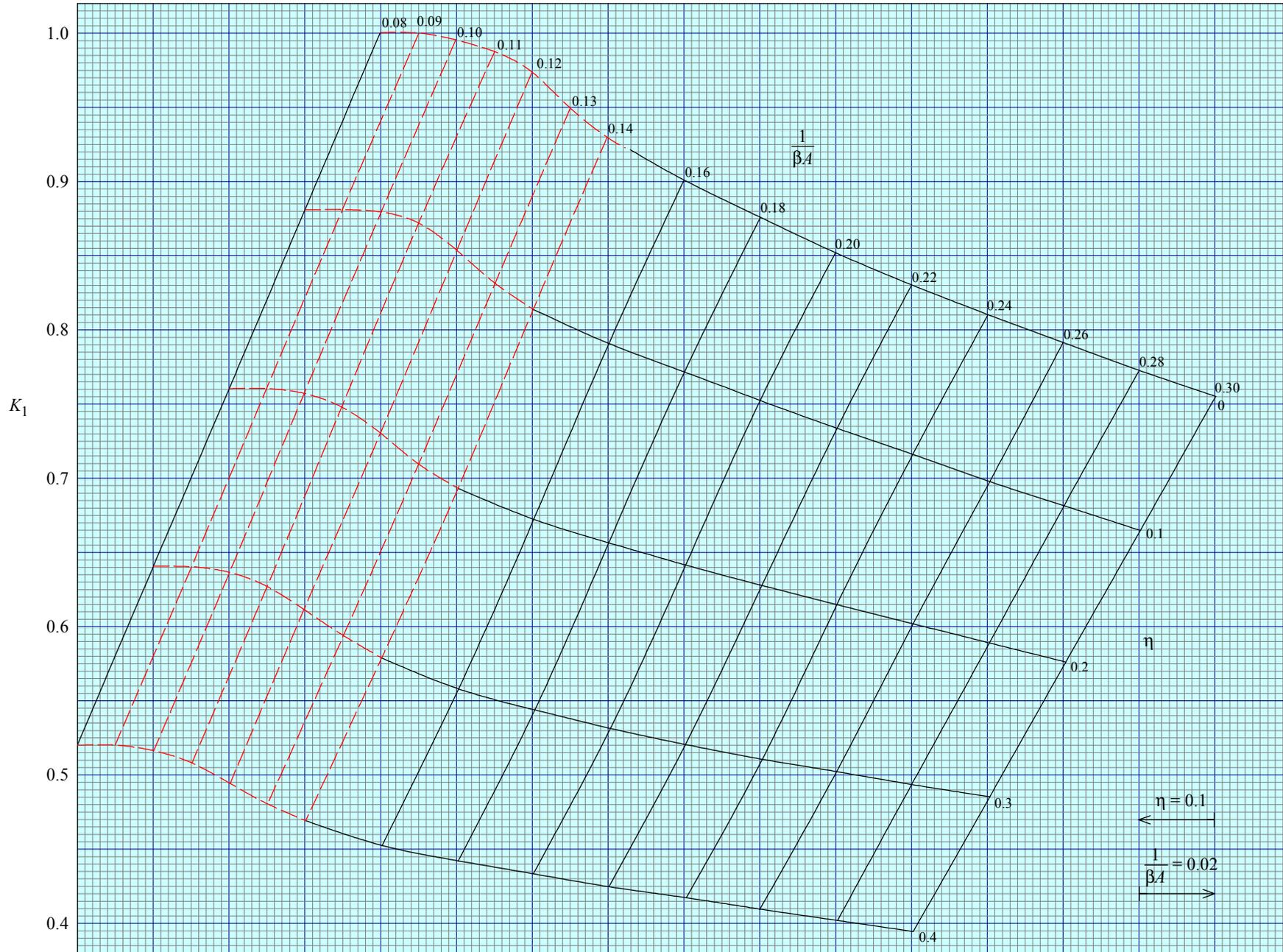


FIGURE 4b AILERON ROLLING MOMENT CORRECTION FUNCTION Φ_{ξ} FOR RECTANGULAR WINGS

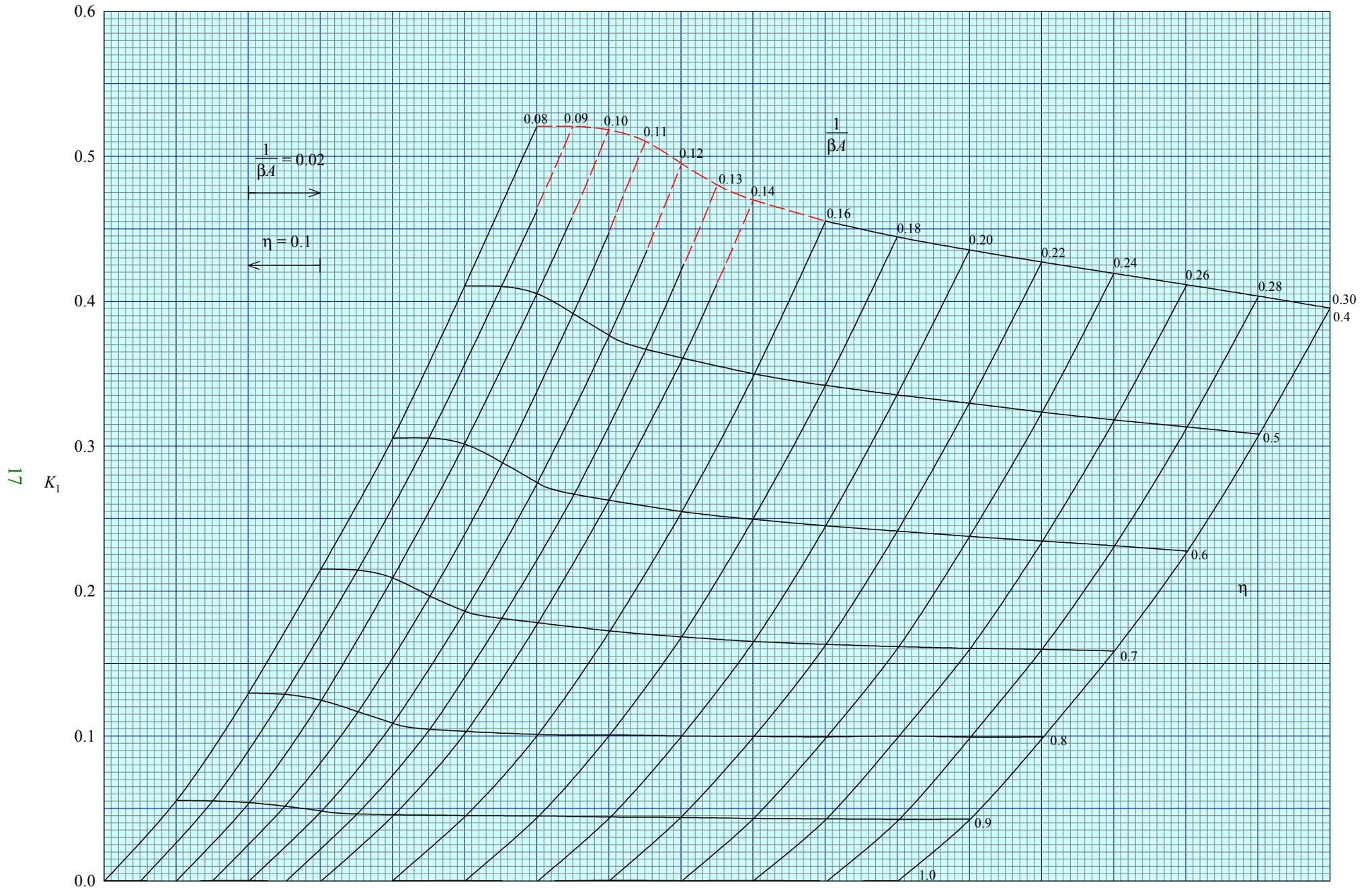


FIGURE 4c AILERON ROLLING MOMENT CORRECTION FUNCTION Φ_ξ FOR RECTANGULAR WINGS

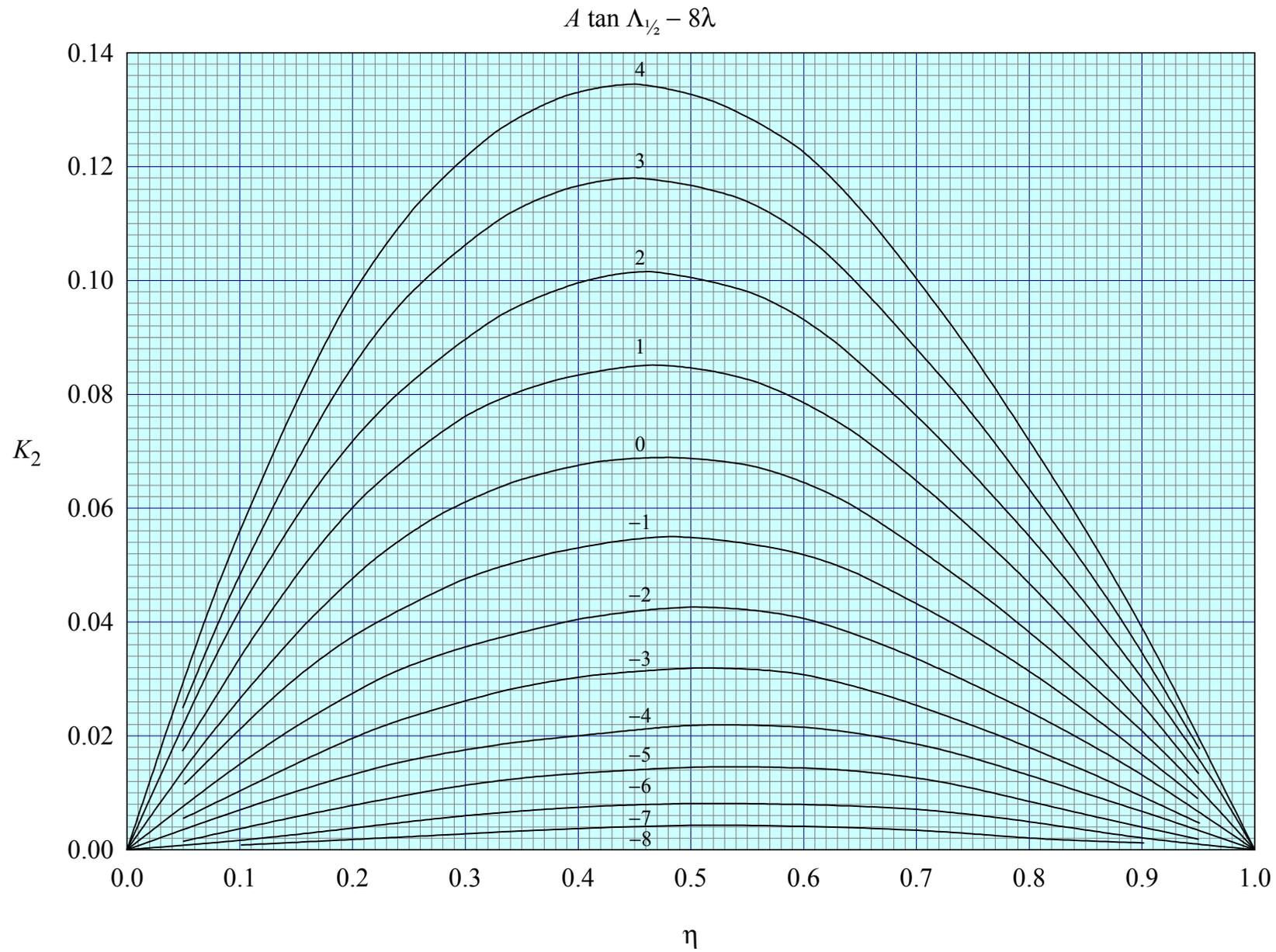


FIGURE 5 SECONDARY PLANFORM CONTRIBUTION TO AILERON ROLLING MOMENT CORRECTION FUNCTION Φ_ξ

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