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Effect of Stagnation Temperature on Supersonic Flow Parameters with Application for Air in Nozzles

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1. Introduction

The obtained results of a supersonic perfect gas flow presented in (Anderson, 1982, 1988 & Ryhming, 1984), are valid under some assumptions. One of the assumptions is that the gas is regarded as a calorically perfect, i. e., the specific heats C_P is constant and does not depend on the temperature, which is not valid in the real case when the temperature increases (Zebbiche & Youbi, 2005b, 2006, Zebbiche, 2010a, 2010b). The aim of this research is to develop a mathematical model of the gas flow by adding the variation effect of C_P and γ with the temperature. In this case, the gas is named by calorically imperfect gas or *gas at high temperature*. There are tables for air (Peterson & Hill, 1965) for example) that contain the values of C_P and γ versus the temperature in interval 55 K to 3550 K. We carried out a polynomial interpolation of these values in order to find an analytical form for the function $C_P(T)$.

The presented mathematical relations are valid in the general case independently of the interpolation form and the substance, but the results are illustrated by a polynomial interpolation of the 9th degree. The obtained mathematical relations are in the form of nonlinear algebraic equations, and so analytical integration was impossible. Thus, our interest is directed towards to the determination of numerical solutions. The dichotomy method for the solution of the nonlinear algebraic equations is used; the Simpson's algorithm (Démidovitch & Maron, 1987 & Zebbiche & Youbi, 2006, Zebbiche, 2010a, 2010b) for numerical integration of the found functions is applied. The integrated functions have high gradients of the interval extremity, where the Simpson's algorithm requires a very high discretization to have a suitable precision. The solution of this problem is made by introduction of a condensation procedure in order to refine the points at the place where there is high gradient. The Robert's condensation formula presented in (Fletcher, 1988) was chosen. The application for the air in the supersonic field is limited by the threshold of the molecules dissociation. The comparison is made with the calorically perfect gas model.

The problem encounters in the aeronautical experiments where the use of the nozzle designed on the basis of the perfect gas assumption, degrades the performances. If during the experiment measurements are carried out it will be found that measured parameters are differed from the calculated, especially for the high stagnation temperature. Several reasons

are responsible for this deviation. Our flow is regarded as perfect, permanent and nonrotational. The gas is regarded as calorically imperfect and thermally perfect. The theory of perfect gas does not take account of this temperature.

To determine the application limits of the perfect gas model, the error given by this model is compared with our results.

2. Mathematical formulation

The development is based on the use of the conservation equations in differential form. We assume that the state equation of perfect gas ($P=\rho RT$) remains valid, with R=287.102 J/(kg K). For the adiabatic flow, the temperature and the density of a perfect gas are related by the following differential equation (Moran, 2007 & Oosthuisen & Carscallen, 1997 & Zuker & Bilbarz, 2002, Zebbiche, 2010a, 2010b).

$$\frac{C_{P}}{\gamma} dT - \frac{RT}{\rho} d\rho = 0 \tag{1}$$

Using relationship between C_P and γ [$C_P = \gamma R/(\gamma - 1)$], the equation (1) can be written at the following form:

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} = \frac{dT}{T \left[\gamma \left(T\right) - 1\right]} \tag{2}$$

The integration of the relation (2) gives the adiabatic equation of a perfect gas at high temperature.

The sound velocity is (Ryhming, 1984),

$$a^{2} = \left(\frac{dP}{d\rho}\right)_{entropy=cons\tan t}$$
(3)

The differentiation of the state equation of a perfect gas gives:

$$\frac{dP}{d\rho} = \rho R \frac{dT}{d\rho} + R T$$
(4)

Substituting the relationship (2) in the equation (4), we obtain after transformation:

$$a^2(T) = \gamma(T) R T \tag{5}$$

Equation (5) proves that the relation of speed of sound of perfect gas remains always valid for the model at high temperature, but it is necessary to take into account the variation of the ratio $\gamma(T)$.

The equation of the energy conservation in differential form (Anderson, 1988 & Moran, 2007) is written as:

$$C_{\rm P} dT + V dV = 0 \tag{6}$$

The integration between the stagnation state ($V_0 \approx 0$, T_0) and supersonic state (V, T) gives:

$$V^2 = 2 H(T) \tag{7}$$

Where

$$H(T) = \int_{T}^{T_0} C_P(T) dT$$
(8)

Dividing the equation (6) by V^2 and substituting the relation (7) in the obtained result, we obtain:

$$\frac{dV}{V} = -\frac{C_P(T)}{2 H(T)} dT$$
(9)

Dividing the relation (7) by the sound velocity, we obtain an expression connecting the Mach number with the enthalpy and the temperature:

$$M(T) = \frac{\sqrt{2 H(T)}}{a(T)} \tag{10}$$

The relation (10) shows the variation of the Mach number with the temperature for calorically imperfect gas.

The momentum equation in differential form can be written as (Moran, 2007, Peterson & Hill1, 1965, & Oosthuisen & Carscallen, 1997):

$$V \, dV + \frac{dP}{\rho} = 0 \tag{11}$$

Using the expression (3), the relationship (10), can be written as:

$$\frac{a\rho}{\rho} = F_{\rho}(T) \ dT \tag{12}$$
Where
$$F_{\rho}(T) = \frac{C_{P}(T)}{a^{2}(T)} \tag{13}$$

The density ratio relative to the temperature T_0 can be obtained by integration of the function (13) between the stagnation state (ρ_0, T_0) and the concerned supersonic state (ρ,T) :

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} = Exp\left(-\int_T^{T_0} F_{\rho}(T) dT\right)$$
(14)

The pressure ratio is obtained by using the relation of the perfect gas state:

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$$\frac{P}{P_0} = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right) \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right) \tag{15}$$

The mass conservation equation is written as (Anderson, 1988 & Moran, 2007)

$$\rho V A = constant \tag{16}$$

The taking logarithm and then differentiating of relation (16), and also using of the relations (9) and (12), one can receive the following equation:

$$\frac{dA}{A} = F_A(T) \ dT \tag{17}$$
 Where

$$F_{A}(T) = C_{P}(T) \left[\frac{1}{a^{2}(T)} - \frac{1}{2H(T)} \right]$$
(18)

The integration of equation (17) between the critical state (A_* , T_*) and the supersonic state (A, T) gives the cross-section areas ratio:

$$\frac{A}{A_*} = Exp\left(\int_T^{T_*} F_A(T) \ dT\right)$$
(19)

To find parameters ρ and A, the integrals of functions $F_{\rho}(T)$ and $F_A(T)$ should be found. As the analytical procedure is impossible, our interest is directed towards the numerical calculation. *All parameters M*, ρ and A depend on the temperature.

The critical mass flow rate (Moran, 2007, Zebbiche & Youbi, 2005a, 2005b) can be written in non-dimensional form:

$$\frac{m}{A_{\star} \rho_0 a_0} = \int_{A} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right) \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right) M \cos(\theta) \frac{dA}{A_{\star}}$$
(20)

As the mass flow rate through the throat is constant, we can calculate it at the throat. In this section, we have $\rho = \rho_*$, $a = a_*$, M = 1, $\theta = 0$ and $A = A_*$. Therefore, the relation (20) is reduced to:

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A_* \rho_0 a_0} = \left(\frac{\rho_*}{\rho_0}\right) \left(\frac{a_*}{a_0}\right)$$
(21)

The determination of the velocity sound ratio is done by the relation (5). Thus,

$$\frac{a}{a_0} = \left[\frac{\gamma(T)}{\gamma(T_0)}\right]^{1/2} \left[\frac{T}{T_0}\right]^{1/2}$$
(22)

The parameters *T*, *P*, ρ and *A* for the perfect gas are connected explicitly with the Mach number, which is the basic variable for that model. For our model, the basic variable is the temperature because of the implicit equation (10) connecting *M* and *T*, where the reverse analytical expression does not exist.

3. Calculation procedure

In the first case, one presents the table of variation of C_P and γ versus the temperature for air (Peterson & Hill, 1965, Zebbiche 2010a, 2010b). The values are presented in the table 1.

Т (К)	C _P (J/(KgK)	γ(T)		Т (К)	$C_{\rm P}$ (J/(Kg K)	γ(T)		Т (К)	C _P J/(Kg K)	γ (T)
55.538	1001.104	1.402		833.316	1107.192	1.350	2	2111.094	1256.813	1.296
•				888.872	1119.078	1.345		2222.205	1263.410	1.294
222.205	1001.101	1.402	7	944.427	1131.314	1.340		2333.316	1270.097	1.292
277.761	1002.885	1.401		999.983	1141.365	1.336		2444.427	1273.476	1.291
305.538	1004.675	1.400		1055.538	1151.658	1.332		2555.538	1276.877	1.290
333.316	1006.473	1.399		1111.094	1162.202	1.328		2666.650	1283.751	1.288
361.094	1008.281	1.398		1166.650	1170.280	1.325		2777.761	1287.224	1.287
388.872	1011.923	1.396		1222.205	1178.509	1.322		2888.872	1290.721	1.286
416.650	1015.603	1.394		1277.761	1186.893	1.319		2999.983	1294.242	1.285
444.427	1019.320	1.392		1333.316	1192.570	1.317		3111.094	1297.789	1.284
499.983	1028.781	1.387		1444.427	1204.142	1.313		3222.205	1301.360	1.283
555.538	1054.563	1.374		1555.538	1216.014	1.309		3333.316	1304.957	1.282
611.094	1054.563	1.370		1666.650	1225.121	1.306		3444.427	1304.957	1.282
666.650	1067.077	1.368		1777.761	1234.409	1.303		3555.538	1308.580	1.281
722.205	1080.005	1.362		1888.872	1243.883	1.300				
777.761	1093.370	1.356		1999.983	1250.305	1.298				

Table 1. Variation of $C_P(T)$ and $\gamma(T)$ versus the temperature for air.

For a perfect gas, the γ and C_P values are equal to γ =1.402 and C_P =1001.28932 J/(kgK) (Oosthuisen & Carscallen, 1997, Moran, 2007 & Zuker & Bilbarz, 2002).. The interpolation of the C_P values according to the temperature is presented by relation (23) in the form of Horner scheme to minimize the mathematical operations number (Zebbiche, 2010a, 2010b):

$$C_P(T) = a_1 + T(a_2 + T(a_3 + T(a_4 + T(a_5 + T(a_6 + T(a_7 + T(a_8 + T(a_9 + T(a_{10}))))))))$$
(23)

The interpolation ($a_i i=1, 2, ..., 10$) of constants are illustrated in table 2.

Ι	a_i	Ι	a_i
1	1001.1058	6	3.069773 10-12
2	0.04066128	7	-1.350935 10 ⁻¹⁵
3	-0.000633769	8	3.472262 10-19
4	2.747475 10-6	9	-4.846753 10-23
5	-4.033845 10-9	10	2.841187 10-27

Table 2. Coefficients of the polynomial $C_P(T)$.

A relationship (23) gives undulated dependence for temperature approximately low than $\overline{T} = 240$ K. So for this field, the table value (Peterson & Hill, 1965), was taken

$$\bar{C}_p = C_p(\bar{T}) = 1001.15868 \text{ J / (kg K)}$$

Thus:

for $T \leq \overline{T}$, we have $C_p(T) = \overline{C}_p$ for $T > \overline{T}$, relation (23) is used.

The selected interpolation gives an error less than ε =10⁻³ between the table and interpolated values.

Once the interpolation is made, we determine the function H(T) of the relation (8), by integrating the function $C_P(T)$ in the interval $[T, T_0]$. Then, H(T) is a function with a parameter T_0 and it is defined when $T \leq T_0$.

Substituting the relation (23) in (8) and writing the integration results in the form of Horner scheme, the following expression for enthalpy is obtained

$$H(T) = H_0 - [c_1 + T(c_2 + T(c_3 + T(c_4 + T(c_5 + Tc_6 + T(c_7 + T(c_8 + T(c_9 + T(c_{10}))))))))]$$
(24)

Where

$$H_0 = T_0(c_1 + T_0(c_2 + T_0(c_3 + T_0(c_4 + T_0(c_5 + T_0(c_6 + T_0(c_7 + T_0(c_8 + T_0(c_9 + T_0(c_{10})))))))))$$
(25)

and

$$c_i = \frac{a_i}{i}$$
 (*i* = 1, 2, 3, ..., 10)



Fig. 1. Variation of function $F_{\rho}(T)$ in the interval $[T_S, T_0]$ versus T_0 .

Taking into account the correction made to the function $C_P(T)$, the function H(T) has the following form:

For
$$T_0 < T$$
, $H(T) = C_P (T_0 - T)$
For $T_0 > \overline{T}$, we have two cases:
if $T > \overline{T}$: $H(T)$ = relation (24)
if $T \le \overline{T}$: $H(T) = \overline{C}_P (\overline{T} - T) + H(\overline{T})$

The determination of the ratios (14) and (19) require the numerical integration of $F_{\rho}(T)$ and $F_A(T)$ in the intervals $[T, T_0]$ and $[T, T_*]$ respectively. We carried out preliminary calculation of these functions (Figs. 1, 2) to see their variations and to choice the integration method.



Fig. 2. Variation of the function $F_A(T)$ in the interval $[T_S, T_*]$ versus T_0

Due to high gradient at the left extremity of the interval, the integration with a constant step requires a very small step. The tracing of the functions is selected for T_0 =500 K (low temperature) and M_s =6.00 (extreme supersonic) for a good representation in these ends. In this case, we obtain T_* =418.34 K and T_s =61.07 K. the two functions presents a very large derivative at temperature T_s .

A Condensation of nodes is then necessary in the vicinity of T_s for the two functions. The goal of this condensation is to calculate the value of integral with a high precision in a reduced time by minimizing the nodes number. The Simpson's integration method (Démidovitch & Maron, 1987 & Zebbiche & Youbi, 2006) was chosen. The chosen condensation function has the following form (Zebbiche & Youbi, 2005a):

$$s_{i} = b_{1} z_{i} + (1 - b_{1}) \left[1 - \frac{\tanh[b_{2} \cdot (1 - z_{i})]}{\tanh(b_{2})} \right]$$
(26)

Where

$$z_i = \frac{i-1}{N-1} \qquad 1 \le i \le N \tag{27}$$

Obtained s_i values, enable to find the value of T_i in nodes *i*:

$$T_i = s_i \left(T_D - T_G \right) + T_G \tag{28}$$

The temperature T_D is equal to T_0 for $F_\rho(T)$, and equal to T_* for $F_A(T)$. The temperature T_G is equal to T_* for the critical parameter, and equal to T_S for the supersonic parameter. Taking a value b₁ near zero (b₁=0.1, *for example*) and b₂=2.0, it can condense the nodes towards left edge T_S of the interval, see figure 3.



Fig. 3. Presentation of the condensation of nodes

3.1 Critical parameters

The stagnation state is given by *M*=0. Then, the critical parameters correspond to *M*=1.00, for example at the throat of a supersonic nozzle, summarize by:

When M=1.00 we have $T=T_*$. These conditions in the relation (10), we obtain:

$$2 H(T_*) - a^2(T_*) = 0 \tag{29}$$

The resolution of equation (29) is made by the use of the dichotomy algorithm (Démidovitch & Maron, 1987 & Zebbiche & Youbi, 2006), with $T_* < T_0$. It can choose the interval $[T_1, T_2]$ containing T_* by $T_1=0$ K and $T_2=T_0$. The value T_* can be given with a precision ε if the interval of subdivision number K is satisfied by the following condition:

$$K = 1.4426 \, Log\left(\frac{T_0}{\varepsilon}\right) + 1 \tag{30}$$

If ε =10⁻⁸ is taken, the number *K* cannot exceed 39. Consequently, the temperature ratio T_*/T_0 can be calculated.

Taking $T=T_*$ and $\rho=\rho_*$ in the relation (14) and integrating the function $F_{\rho}(T)$ by using the Simpson's formula with condensation of nodes towards the left end, the critical density ratio is obtained.

The critical ratios of the pressures and the sound velocity can be calculated by using the relations (15) and (22) respectively, by replacing $T=T_*$, $\rho=\rho_*$, $P=P_*$ and $a=a_*$,

3.2 Parameters for a supersonic Mach number

For a given supersonic cross-section, the parameters $\rho = \rho_S$, $P = P_S$, $A = A_S$, and $T = T_S$ can be determined according to the Mach number $M = M_S$. Replacing $T = T_S$ and $M = M_S$ in relation (10) gives

$$2H(T_s) - M_s^2 a^2(T_s) = 0$$
(31)

The determination of T_S of equation (31) is done always by the dichotomy algorithm, excepting $T_S < T_*$. We can take the interval $[T_1, T_2]$ containing T_S , by $(T_1=0 \ K, \text{ and } T_2=T_*]$

Replacing $T=T_S$ and $\rho=\rho_S$ in relation (14) and integrating the function $F_{\rho}(T)$ by using the Simpson's method with condensation of nodes towards the left end, the density ratio can be obtained.

The ratios of pressures, speed of sound and the sections corresponding to $M=M_S$ can be calculated respectively by using the relations (15), (22) and (19) by replacing $T=T_S$, $\rho=\rho_S$, $P=P_S$, $a=a_S$ and $A=A_S$.

The integration results of the ratios ρ_* / ρ_0 , ρ_S / ρ_0 and A_S / A_* primarily depend on the values of N, b_1 and b_2 .

3.3 Supersonic nozzle conception

For supersonic nozzle application, it is necessary to determine the thrust coefficient. For nozzles giving a uniform and parallel flow at the exit section, the thrust coefficient is (Peterson & Hill, 1965 & Zebbiche, Youbi, 2005b)

$$C_F = \frac{F}{P_0 A_*} \tag{32}$$

Where

$$F = m V_E = m M_E a_E \tag{33}$$

The introduction of relations (21), (22) into (32) gives as the following relation:

$$C_F = \gamma(T_0) \ M_E\left(\frac{a_E}{a_0}\right) \left(\frac{\rho_*}{\rho_*}\right) \left(\frac{a_*}{a_0}\right)$$
(34)

The design of the nozzle is made on the basis of its application. For rockets and missiles applications, the design is made to obtain nozzles having largest possible exit Mach number, which gives largest thrust coefficient, and smallest possible length, which give smallest possible mass of structure.

For the application of blowers, we make the design on the basis to obtain the smallest possible temperature at the exit section, to not to destroy the measuring instruments, and to save the ambient conditions. Another condition requested is to have possible largest ray of the exit section for the site of instruments. Between the two possibilities of construction, we prefer the first one.

3.4 Error of perfect gas model

The mathematical perfect gas model is developed on the basis to regarding the specific heat C_P and ratio γ as constants, which gives acceptable results for low temperature. According to this study, we can notice a difference on the given results between the perfect gas model and developed here model. The error given by the *PG* model compared to our *HT* model can be calculated for each parameter. Then, for each value (T_0 , M), the ε error can be evaluated by the following relationship:

$$\varepsilon_{y}(T_{0}, M) = \left| 1 - \frac{y_{PG}(T_{0}, M)}{y_{HT}(T_{0}, M)} \right| \times 100$$
(35)

The letter y in the expression (35) can represent all above-mentioned parameters. As a rule for the aerodynamic applications, the error should be lower than 5%.

4. Application

The design of a supersonic propulsion nozzle can be considered as example. The use of the obtained dimensioned nozzle shape based on the application of the *PG* model given a supersonic uniform Mach number M_S at the exit section of rockets, degrades the desired performances (exit Mach number, pressure force), especially if the temperature T_0 of the combustion chamber is higher. We recall here that the form of the nozzle structure does not change, except the thermodynamic behaviour of the air which changes with T_0 . Two situations can be presented.

The first situation presented is that, if we wants to preserve the same variation of the Mach number throughout the nozzle, and consequently, the same exit Mach number M_E , is necessary to determine by the application of our model, the ray of each section and in particular the ray of the exit section, which will give the same variation of the Mach number, and consequently another shape of the nozzle will be obtained.

$$M_{S}(HT) = M_{S}(PG) \tag{36}$$

$$M_{S}(PG) = \frac{\sqrt{2 H[T_{S(HT)}]}}{a[T_{S(HT)}]}$$
(37)

$$\frac{A_{s}}{A_{\star}}(HT) = e^{\int_{T_{s}(HT)}^{T_{\star}}} \frac{F_{A}(T) dT}{>\frac{A_{s}}{A_{\star}}(PG)}$$
(38)

The relation (36) indicates that the Mach number of the *PG* model is preserved for each section in our calculation. Initially, we determine the temperature at each section; witch presents the solution of equation (37). To determine the ratio of the sections, we use the relation (38). The ratio of the section obtained by our model will be superior that that determined by the *PG* model as present equation (38). Then the shape of the nozzle obtained by *PG* model is included in the nozzle obtained by our model. The temperature T_0 presented in equation (38) is that correspond to the temperature T_0 for our model.

The second situation consists to preserving the shape of the nozzle dimensioned on the basis of PG model for the aeronautical applications considered the *HT* model.

$$\frac{A_S}{A_*}(HT) = \frac{A_S}{A_*}(PG)$$
(39)

$$M_{\rm s}\,(\,HT) < M_{\rm s}\,(\,PG) \tag{40}$$

The relation (39) presents this situation. In this case, the nozzle will deliver a Mach number lower than desired, as shows the relation (40). The correction of the Mach number for *HT* model is initially made by the determination of the temperature T_s as solution of equation (38), then determine the exit Mach number as solution of relation (37). The resolution of equation (38) is done by combining the dichotomy method with Simpson's algorithm.

5. Results and comments

Figures 4 and 5 respectively represent the variation of specific heat $C_P(T)$ and the ratio $\gamma(T)$ of the air versus the temperature up to 3550 K for HT and PG models. The graphs at high temperature are presented by using the polynomial interpolation (23). We can say that at low temperature until approximately 240 K, the gas can be regarded as calorically perfect, because of the invariance of specific heat $C_P(T)$ and the ratio $\gamma(T)$. But if T_0 increases, we can see the difference between these values and it influences on the thermodynamic parameters of the flow.



Fig. 4. Variation of the specific heat for constant pressure versus stagnation temperature T_0 .



Fig. 5. Variation of the specific heats ratio versus T_0 .

5.1 Results for the critical parameters

Figures 6, 7 and 8 represent the variation of the critical thermodynamic ratios versus T_0 . It can be seen that with enhancement T_0 , the critical parameters vary, and this variation becomes considerable for high values of T_0 unlike to the *PG* model, where they do not depend on T_0 . For example, the value of the temperature ratio given by the *HT* model is always higher than the value given by the *PG* model. The ratios are determined by the choice of *N*=300000, b_1 =0.1 and b_2 =2.0 to have a precision better than ε =10⁻⁵. The obtained numerical values of the critical parameters are presented in the table 3.



Fig. 6. Variation of T_*/T_0 versus T_0 .



Fig. 7. Variation of ρ_*/ρ_0 versus T_0 .



Fig. 8. Variation of P_*/P_0 versus T_0 .

Figure 9 shows that mass flow rate through the critical cross section given by the perfect gas theory is lower than it is at the *HT* model, especially for values of T_0 .



Fig. 9. Variation of the non-dimensional critical mass flow rate with T_0 .

Figure 10 presents the variation of the critical sound velocity ratio versus T_0 . The influence of the T_0 on this parameter can be found.



Fig. 10. Effect of T_0 on the velocity sound ratio.

	$\frac{T_*}{T_0}$	$\frac{P_*}{P_0}$	$rac{ ho_*}{ ho_0}$	$\frac{a_*}{a_0}$	$\frac{m}{A_* \ \rho_0 \ a_0}$
PG (γ=1.402)	0.8326	0.5279	0.6340	0.9124	0.5785
T ₀ =298.15 K	0.8328	0.5279	0.6339	0.9131	0.5788
T ₀ =500 K	0.8366	0.5293	0.6326	0.9171	0.5802
T ₀ =1000 K	0.8535	0.5369	0.6291	0.9280	0.5838
T ₀ =2000 K	0.8689	0.5448	0.6270	0.9343	0.5858
T ₀ =2500 K	0.8722	0.5466	0.6266	0.9355	0.5862
T ₀ =3000 K	0.8743	0.5475	0.6263	0.9365	0.5865
T ₀ =3500 K	0.8758	0.5484	0.6262	0.9366	0.5865

Table 3. Numerical values of the critical parameters at high temperature.

5.2 Results for the supersonic parameters

Figures 11, 12 and 13 presents the variation of the supersonic flow parameters in a crosssection versus Mach number for T_0 =1000 K, 2000 K and 3000 K, including the case of perfect gas for γ =1.402. When *M*=1, we can obtain the values of the critical ratios. If we take into account the variation of $C_P(T)$, the temperature T_0 influences on the value of the thermodynamic and geometrical parameters of flow unlike the *PG* model.

The curve 4 of figure 11 is under the curves of the *HT* model, which indicates that the perfect gas model cool the flow compared to the real thermodynamic behaviour of the gas, and consequently, it influences on the dimensionless parameters of a nozzle. At low temperature and Mach number, the theory of perfect gas gives acceptable results. The obtained numerical values of the supersonic flow parameters, the cross section area ratio and sound velocity ratio are presented respectively if the tables 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

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T/T_0	M=2.00	M=3.00	M=4.00	M=5.00	M=6.00
<i>PG</i> (γ=1.402)	0.5543	0.3560	0.2371	0.1659	0.1214
<i>T</i> ₀ =298.15 K	0.5544	0.3560	0.2372	0.1659	0.1214
<i>T</i> ₀ =500 K	0.5577	0.3581	0.2386	0.1669	0.1221
<i>T</i> ₀ =1000 K	0.5810	0.3731	0.2481	0.1736	0.1269
<i>T</i> ₀ =1500 K	0.6031	0.3911	0.2594	0.1810	0.1323
<i>T</i> ₀ =2000 K	0.6163	0.4058	0.2694	0.1873	0.1366
<i>T</i> ₀ =2500 K	0.6245	0.4162	0.2778	0.1928	0.1403
<i>T</i> ₀ =3000 K	0.6301	0.4233	0.2848	0.1977	0.1473
<i>T</i> ₀ =3500 K	0.6340	0.4285	0.2901	0.2018	0.1462

Table 4. Numerical values of the temperature ratio at high temperature



Fig. 11. Variation of T/T_0 versus Mach number.

ρ/ρ_0	M=2.00	M=3.00	M=4.00	M=5.00	M=6.00
<i>PG</i> (γ=1.402)	0.2304	0.0765	0.0278	0.0114	0.0052
<i>T</i> ₀ =298.15 K	0.2304	0.0765	0.0278	0.0114	0.0052
<i>T</i> ₀ =500 K	0.2283	0.0758	0.0276	0.0113	0.0052
<i>T</i> ₀ =1000 K	0.2181	0.0696	0.0250	0.0103	0.0047
<i>T</i> ₀ =1500 K	0.2116	0.0636	0.0220	0.0089	0.0041
<i>T</i> ₀ =2000 K	0.2087	0.0601	0.0197	0.0077	0.0035
<i>T</i> ₀ =2500 K	0.2069	0.0581	0.0182	0.0069	0.0030
<i>T</i> ₀ =3000 K	0.2057	0.0569	0.0173	0.0063	0.0027
T ₀ =3500 K	0.2049	0.0560	0.0166	0.0058	0.0024

Table 5. Numerical values of the density ratio at high temperature



Mach number

Fig. 12. Variation of ρ/ρ_0 versus Mach number.

P/P_0	M=2.00	M=3.00	M=4.00	M=5.00	M=6.00
<i>PG</i> (γ=1.402)	0.1277	0.0272	0.0066	0.0019	0.0006
<i>T</i> ₀ =298.15 K	0.1277	0.0272	0.0066	0.0019	0.0006
<i>T</i> ₀ =500 K	0.1273	0.0271	0.0065	0.0018	0.0006
<i>T</i> ₀ =1000 K	0.1267	0.0259	0.0062	0.0017	0.0006
<i>T</i> ₀ =1500 K	0.1276	0.0248	0.0057	0.0016	0.0005
<i>T</i> ₀ =2000 K	0.1286	0.0244	0.0053	0.0014	0.0004
<i>T</i> ₀ =2500 K	0.1292	0.0242	0.0050	0.0013	0.0004
<i>T</i> ₀ =3000 K	0.1296	0.0240	0.0049	0.0004	0.0003
<i>T</i> ₀ =3500 K	0.1299	0.0240	0.0048	0.0011	0.0003

Table 6. Numerical values of the Pressure ratio at high temperature.



Fig. 13. Variation of P/P_0 versus Mach number.

A/	A*	M=2.00	M=3.00	M=4.00	M=5.00	M=6.00
$PG(\gamma =$	1.402)	1.6859	4.2200	10.6470	24.7491	52.4769
$T_0=298$	3.15 K	1.6859	4.2195	10.6444	24.7401	52.4516
$T_0=5$	00 K	1.6916	4.2373	10.6895	24.8447	52.6735
$T_0=10$	000 K	1.7295	4.4739	11.3996	26.5019	56.1887
$T_0 = 15$	500 K	1.7582	4.7822	12.6397	29.7769	63.2133
$T_0=20$	000 K	1.7711	4.9930	13.8617	33.5860	72.0795
$T_0=25$	500 K	1.7795	5.1217	14.8227	37.2104	81.2941
$T_0=30$	000 K	1.7851	5.2091	15.5040	40.3844	90.4168
$T_0=35$	500 K	1.7889	5.2727	16.0098	43.0001	98.7953

Table 7. Numerical Values of the cross section area ratio at high temperature.

Figure 14 represent the variation of the critical cross-section area section ratio versus Mach number at high temperature. For low values of Mach number and T_0 , the four curves fuses and start to be differs when M>2.00. We can see that the curves 3 and 4 are almost superposed for any value of T_0 . This result shows that the *PG* model can be used for T_0 <1000 K.

Figure 15 presents the variation of the sound velocity ratio versus Mach number at high temperature. T_0 value influences on this parameter.

Figure 16 shows the variation of the thrust coefficient versus exit Mach number for various values of T_0 . It can be seen the effect of T_0 on this parameter. We can found that all the four curves are almost confounded when M_E <2.00 approximately. After this value, the curves begin to separates progressively. The numerical values of the thrust coefficient are presented in the table 9.



Fig. 14. Variation of the critical cross-section area ratio versus Mach number.

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a/a_0	M=2.00	M=3.00	M=4.00	M=5.00	M=6.00
PG (γ=1.402)	0.7445	0.5966	0.4870	0.4074	0.3484
<i>T</i> ₀ =298.15 K	0.7450	0.5970	0.4873	0.4076	0.3486
T ₀ =500 K	0.7510	0.6019	0.4913	0.4110	0.3515
<i>T</i> ₀ =1000 K	0.7739	0.6245	0.5103	0.4268	0.3651
<i>T</i> ₀ =1500 K	0.7862	0.6408	0.5254	0.4398	0.3762
<i>T</i> ₀ =2000 K	0.7923	0.6501	0.5354	0.4489	0.3841
<i>T</i> ₀ =2500 K	0.7959	0.6556	0.5420	0.4553	0.3898
<i>T</i> ₀ =3000 K	0.7985	0.6595	0.5465	0.4600	0.3942
<i>T</i> ₀ =3500 K	0.7998	0.6618	0.5495	0.4632	0.3973

Table 8. Numerical values of the sound velocity ratio at high temperature.



Fig. 15. Variation of the ratio of the velocity sound versus Mach number.

Cf	M=2.00	M=3.00	M=4.00	M=5.00	M=6.00
$PG(\gamma=1.402)$	1.2078	1.4519	1.5802	1.6523	1.6959
T ₀ =298.15 K	1.2078	1.4518	1.5800	1.6521	1.6957
<i>T</i> ₀ =500 K	1.2076	1.4519	1.5802	1.6523	1.6958
<i>T</i> ₀ =1000 K	1.2072	1.4613	1.5919	1.6646	1.7085
<i>T</i> ₀ =1500 K	1.2062	1.4748	1.6123	1.6871	1.7317
<i>T</i> ₀ =2000 K	1.2048	1.4832	1.6288	1.7069	1.7527
<i>T</i> ₀ =2500 K	1.2042	1.4879	1.6401	1.7221	1.7694
<i>T</i> ₀ =3000 K	1.2038	1.4912	1.6479	1.7337	1.7828
T ₀ =3500 K	1.2033	1.4936	1.6533	1.7422	1.7932

Table 9. Numerical values of the thrust coefficient at high temperature



Fig. 16. Variation of C_F versus exit Mach number.

5.3 Results for the error given by the perfect gas model

Figure 17 presents the relative error of the thermodynamic and geometrical parameters between the *PG* and the *HT* models for several T_0 values.

It can be seen that the error depends on the values of T_0 and M. For example, if T_0 =2000 K and M=3.00, the use of the PG model will give a relative error equal to ε =14.27 % for the temperatures ratio, ε =27.30 % for the density ratio, error ε =15.48 % for the critical sections ratio and ε =2.11 % for the thrust coefficient. For lower values of M and T_0 , the error ε is weak. The curve 3 in the figure 17 is under the error 5% independently of the Mach number, which is interpreted by the use potential of the PG model when T_0 <1000 K.

We can deduce for the error given by the thrust coefficient that it is equal to ε =0.0 %, if M_E =2.00 approximately independently of T_0 . There is no intersection of the three curves in the same time. When M_E =2.00.



Curve 3 Error compared to HT model for $(T_0=2000 \text{ K})$

(a): Temperature ratio. (b): Density ratio. (c): Critical sections ratio. (d): Thrust coefficient.

Fig. 17. Variation of the relative error given by supersonic parameters of *PG* versus Mach number.

5.4 Results for the supersonic nozzle application

Figure 18 presents the variation of the Mach number through the nozzle for T_0 =1000 K, 2000 K and 3000 K, including the case of perfect gas presented by curve 4. The example is selected for M_S =3.00 for the *PG* model. If T_0 is taken into account, we will see a fall in Mach number of the dimensioned nozzle in comparison with the *PG* model. The more is the temperature T_0 , the more it is this fall. Consequently, the thermodynamics parameters force to design the nozzle with different dimensions than it is predicted by use the *PG* model. It should be noticed that the difference becomes considerable if the value T_0 exceeds 1000 K.

Figure 19 present the correction of the Mach number of nozzle giving exit Mach number M_S , dimensioned on the basis of the *PG* model for various values of T_0 .

One can see that the curves confound until Mach number M_S =2.0 for the whole range of T_0 . From this value, the difference between the three curves 1, 2 and 3, start to increase. The curves 3 and 4 are almost confounded whatever the Mach number if the value of T_0 is lower than 1000 K. For example, if the nozzle delivers a Mach number M_S =3.00 at the exit section, on the assumption of the *PG* model, the *HT* model gives Mach number equal to M_S =2.93, 2.84 and 2.81 for T_0 =1000 K, 2000 K and 3000 K respectively. The numerical values of the correction of the exit Mach number of the nozzle are presented in the table 10.



(a): Shape of nozzle, dimensioned on the consideration of the PG model for M_s =3.00. (b): Variation of the Mach number at high temperature through the nozzle.

Fig. 18.	Effect of stag	gnation temp	perature on	the variation	n of the Mach	n number	through the
nozzle.							

$M_{S}(PG \ \gamma=1.402)$	1.5000	2.0000	3.0000	4.0000	5.0000	6.0000
<i>M_s</i> (<i>T</i> ₀ =298.15 K)	1.4995	1.9995	2.9995	3.9993	4.9989	5.9985
<i>M_s</i> (<i>T</i> ₀ =500 K)	1.4977	1.9959	2.9956	3.9955	4.9951	5.9947
<i>M_s</i> (<i>T</i> ₀ =1000 K)	1.4879	1.9705	2.9398	3.9237	4.9145	5.9040
<i>M_s</i> (<i>T</i> ₀ =1500 K)	1.4830	1.9534	2.8777	3.8147	4.7727	5.7411
<i>M_S</i> (<i>T</i> ₀ =2000 K)	1.4807	1.9463	2.8432	3.7293	4.6372	5.5675
<i>M_s</i> (<i>T</i> ₀ =2500 K)	1.4792	1.9417	2.8245	3.6765	4.5360	5.4209
<i>M_S</i> (<i>T</i> ₀ =3000 K)	1.4785	1.9388	2.8121	3.6454	4.4676	5.3066
<i>M_s</i> (<i>T</i> ₀ =3500 K)	1.4778	1.9368	2.8035	3.6241	4.4216	5.2237

Table 10. Correction of the exit Mach number of the nozzle.

Figure 20 presents the supersonic nozzles shapes delivering a same variation of the Mach number throughout the nozzle and consequently given the same exit Mach number M_S =3.00. The variation of the Mach number through these 4 nozzles is illustrated on curve 4 of figure 18. The three other curves 1, 2, and, 3 of figure 15 are obtained with the *HT* model use for T_0 =3000 K, 2000 K and 1000 K respectively. The curve 4 of figure 20 is the same as it is in the figure 13a, and it is calculated with the *PG* model use. The nozzle that is calculated according to the *PG* model provides less cross-section area in comparison with the *HT* model.



Fig. 19. Correction of the Mach number at High Temperature of a nozzle dimensioned on the perfect gas model.



Fig. 20. Shapes of nozzles at high temperature corresponding to same Mach number variation througout the nozzle and given M_S =3.00 at the exit.

6. Conclusion

From this study, we can quote the following points:

If we accept an error lower than 5%, we can study a supersonic flow using a perfect gas relations, if the stagnation temperature T_0 is lower than 1000 K for any value of Mach number, or when the Mach number is lower than 2.0 for any value of T_0 up to approximately 3000 K.

The *PG* model is represented by an explicit and simple relations, and do not request a high time to make calculation, unlike the proposed model, which requires the resolution of a nonlinear algebraic equations, and integration of two complex analytical functions. It takes more time for calculation and for data processing.

The basic variable for our model is the temperature and for the *PG* model is the Mach number because of a nonlinear implicit equation connecting the parameters *T* and *M*.

The relations presented in this study are valid for any interpolation chosen for the function $C_P(T)$. The essential one is that the selected interpolation gives small error.

We can choose another substance instead of the air. The relations remain valid, except that it is necessary to have the table of variation of C_P and γ according to the temperature and to make a suitable interpolation.

The cross section area ratio presented by the relation (19) can be used as *a source of comparison for verification of the dimensions calculation of various supersonic nozzles.* It provides a uniform and parallel flow at the exit section by the method of characteristics and the Prandtl Meyer function (Zebbiche & Youbi, 2005a, 2005b, Zebbiche, 2007, Zebbiche, 2010a & Zebbiche, 2010b). The thermodynamic ratios can be used to determine the design parameters of the various shapes of nozzles under the basis of the *HT* model.

We can obtain the relations of a perfect gas starting from the relations of our model by annulling all constants of interpolation except the first. In this case, the *PG* model becomes a particular case of our model.

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