



where  $L = \text{lift}$ ,  $CPF = \text{centrifugal force}$ ,  $W = \text{weight}$   
 $\theta = AOB$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{CPF}{W} = \frac{mv^2/r}{W}$$

but  $m = W/g$

$$\text{so } \tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{gr} \quad \therefore r = \frac{v^2}{g \tan \theta}$$

which is great but that's all in SI units so to convert to a simplified version using Mach No and calling it nm/min

$$\text{radius} = (\text{nm/min})^2 \times 0.103 \quad \text{at } 30^\circ \text{ AoB}$$

of course I might have all the conversion factors wrong but...

Extending the thinking process for minimum radius turns:

$V_m = V_0 \sqrt{n}$  where  $V_m = V$  manoeuvre speed,  $V_0 = \text{basic stall}$  &  $n = \text{load factor}$

$$n = \frac{L}{W} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$V_m^2 = V_0^2 \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \quad \text{so } r = \frac{V_0^2}{g \tan \theta} \times \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{V_0^2}{g \sin \theta}$$

At stalling speed  $L = W = C_{Lmax} \frac{1}{2} \rho V_0^2 S$

$$\text{so } V_0^2 = \frac{2W}{C_{Lmax} \rho S}$$

$$\text{thus } r = \left( \frac{1}{C_{Lmax} \sin \theta} \right) \frac{W}{S} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{2}{g}$$

so for min radius, term 1 must be a minimum.  $\frac{1}{\sin \theta}$  trends to 1 as  $\theta$  to  $90^\circ$ . therefore increase speed to  $C_{Lmax}$ ,  $W/S$  measures wing loading and must be a minimum and  $\rho$  density must be maximum so sea level.

And finally maximum rate turns

$$\sin \theta = \frac{CPF}{L} = \frac{W}{S} \frac{v^2}{r} \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\text{rate of turn} = \frac{v}{r} = \frac{L \sin \theta g}{Wv} \quad \text{but } L = C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 S$$

$$= \frac{C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 S \sin \theta g}{Wv}$$

$$= C_L v \sin \theta \rho \left( \frac{S}{W} \right) \frac{g}{2}$$

so for a max rate turn,  $C_L v \sin \theta$  must be a max. As before  $\sin \theta$  trends to 1 as  $\theta$  to  $90^\circ$ . Therefore increase bank requires increased speed as long as  $C_L$  does not decrease faster than  $v \sin \theta$  increases. Wing loading must be a minimum and  $\rho$  density must be maximum so sea level.

QED.