

The Maya erected ^a his vaults in four principal members - two walls first, and then two half-vaults which, above the cap-stone, merge into one mass, which we have been calling the roof cap, or cap.

He did not bind the base of his half vaults to the walls, but he hid the essential disconnection of his two half vaults by this connected masonry through the cap. It will be readily agreed that the dead weight of the front half of this cap rests on the front half-vault, the rear half on the rear half-vault. Each half vault plus its cap therefore acts as a separate unit so far as the downward forces of gravity are concerned.

~~We will try to show later that where~~ There will be a slight tendency

bend of its own weight
of the cap to ~~be~~ in the middle between the tops of the soffit slopes,

but the gap is so short that we may disregard this. We will try show

that no other forces than compression, from each side toward the center,

will be brought to bear on this cap unless something else moves. We are

thus justified in theoretically cutting this cap vertically over the

center of the room, and treating each half vault and its ~~own~~ half cap

as a member of the structure. The half-vaults of which we talk will

have the form of Fig including the cap. In figuring the weight, we will

also include the roofing concrete on each half-vault as part of it, but

since this had little or no strength, we will not consider it a structural member of the building, but a dead load which the latter

must support. On the other hand we assume, at first, that each member is infinitely strong so that none of the forces involved can change its shape or volume - that is, stretch it or crush it.

Let us examine two or three cross sections of half-vaults,

apart from their walls. In Fig ~~on the left hand side~~

~~horizontal line of the wall~~ the center of gravity is between d and

s . We may consider that all the weight acts through the center of

gravity c ; and since the wall is infinitely strong, it will meet an

equal and opposite reacting force from the wall at d^e , and this is the

condition of equilibrium, since there are no moment arms to create

rotational movement. The forces meet head-on. Further, this unit is

to a certain extent in stable equilibrium. If it is tipped to the left

(rotated about c) the center of gravity will move up as well as to the

left. Unless the movement goes too far, as soon as the tipping force is

released, gravity will pull the unit back into place. The same is true

for a tipping about s as an axis, though to a less extent.

The degree of resistance to such tipping forces is equalized for

either direction in Fig 2, which is a balanced double half vault used

over ~~in~~ the inner halves of two parallel rooms. It will be clear without

further comment that either of these forms can be ~~fixed~~ built up on

independently on the walls indicated, and combined to form as many ranges of rooms as is desired; two of form one for a single range, and these combined with one of form two for each additional range desired. So long as internal deforming stress in the walls are considered, each half vault and its supporting wall will be independently stable, and so of course, will they be stable when combined.

In form 3 (Fig. 3) the half-vault is even more more stable so far as resistance to rotating around point d is concerned, but what is gained for this direction is lost for the other. The slightest push to the right will send it over, as the center of gravity on this rotating immediately begins to descend.

In figure 4 the center of gravity is out beyond point s and the half vault will obviously rotate of itself about point s (at least until it slips off) as in Fig. 5. It is clear that we can prevent this rotation by applying a ^{suitable} horizontal force F_1 as shown in Fig . Let us suppose we are dealing with a model, and the wall is set on a board floating in a tube of water. If we keep up our force F_1 , ^{which we assume is just enough to prevent the rotation,} the half vault will not tip, but the whole thing will move across the tube. If we fix wall to the table, and eliminate friction ^o between the bottom of the

half vault it will simply slip across the top of the wall, as in

Fig To prevent its doing so we would have to provide a force to

which we will make just sufficient for the task, and no more.
the right, F_2 in Fig. , / Now ~~figure~~ F_2 must exactly equal F_1

for equilibrium. This is because we are here dealing only with the

the prevention of a movement of translation, the whole mass moving from

one position to another. We long ago stopped any movement up or down

by balancing the weight through c with the equal and opposite reaction

force through s . We must similarly balance F_1 to the left with F_2 to the

If F_2 were greater than F_1 the half-vault would be pushed off
right, in an equal amount and opposite direction. / to the right; if less,
it would continue to the left, though at a slower rate.

In a Maya building there is plenty of friction between the
vault and the top of the wall, and it is the wall, acting through
this friction, that supplies the counter thrust force F_2 . So long
as there is equilibrium, the force F_2 , headed outward, is transmitted
through the cap and half vault to the wall, and the wall reacts with
an equal force directed inward, just as the ^{wall} ~~floor~~ reacts with a vertical
upward reaction against the weight at s .

Now we know that F_1 , which we had to supply (from the
other half-vault in a real building) to keep our half-vault from
rotating, exactly equals F_2 . Further that ~~F_2~~ F_1 is exactly enough (and
no more) to prevent the rotation of Fig , ~~since, in Fig~~ by assumpti

But we do not know the amount of F_{l1} as yet, and since it varies for different vault forms we must work it out, and must begin by going back to the force which made it necessary - the rotational force or moment ~~xxxx~~ which seeks to cause the turning around an axis at s , the spring of the vault.

Fig is the same vault form at a larger scale. The ^{threatened} tipping is a motion of rotation about the vault spring s as an axis (s) and therefore a force acting on involves/a lever or moment arm, which is the perpendicular distance from the line of action of the force to the axis of rotation. The force is the half-vault weight acting through the vertical line through the center of gravity c . The perpendicular distance to it is ~~the~~ the line sa . The measurement of a rotational force is a moment, in this case w (the weight) times sa the moment arm. $F-1$ is a rotational force in equal amount - that is of the same moment, but its lever arm, the perpendicular

distance from its line of action ^(cb) to the axis ^(s) (~~sb~~ is much longer). Therefore the force is much less. If the section of vault we are considering ^{has a base of .60 m and a span of 1.00 (one half the width of the room, the cap stone being disregarded)} is ~~is~~ its area is (at run scale) 79.2 cm. Let the section be cut to a thickness giving it a weight of 1000, and sa measures 15 cms.,

^(.35 x 792 lbs or 277.2 lbs cms.) The moment of the weight about s is 15×1000 or 15000 Lb cms. If ~~sb~~ ^{the} ~~measures 160 cms~~ ^{moment arm of the counter thrust equals 9.9 cms.} the moment of F_{l1} about s is 160×1000 or 160000 Lb cms. ^(9.9 x $F-1$)

Since the two moments are equal (one just balances the other)

$9.9 F-1$
~~160 F-1 equals 15000 and F-1 equals 93.7 Lbs.~~ 277.20 and $F-1 = 277.20$ divided by 9.9 or 28 lbs.

would have to be distributed over a length of vault equal to the thickness

of the cut section which gave us the actual weight of ~~1000~~ 792 lbs.

span

Now if we ~~change~~ ^{increase} the soffit slope (and consequently the

vault height, but keep everything else constant, the value of $F-1$ (which as we have seen must equal the thrust to be met by $F-2$) will decrease.

This is indicated by broken lines in the Figure. While the moment arm

$s-a$ is the same, the weight is greater, and the moment or rotational force to be counteracted is greater. But the moment arm of $F-2$ has

so lengthened as to more than make up for this. The calculation will

now be . Thus it

is seen that while a steep vault for a given span and wall is heavier,

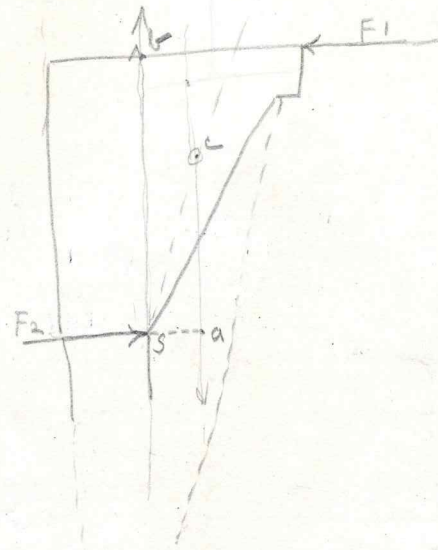
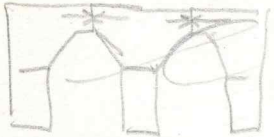
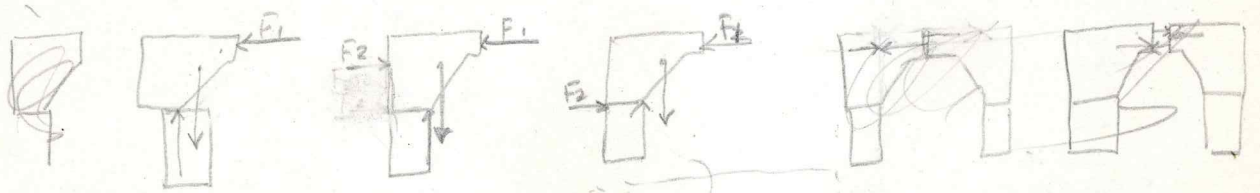
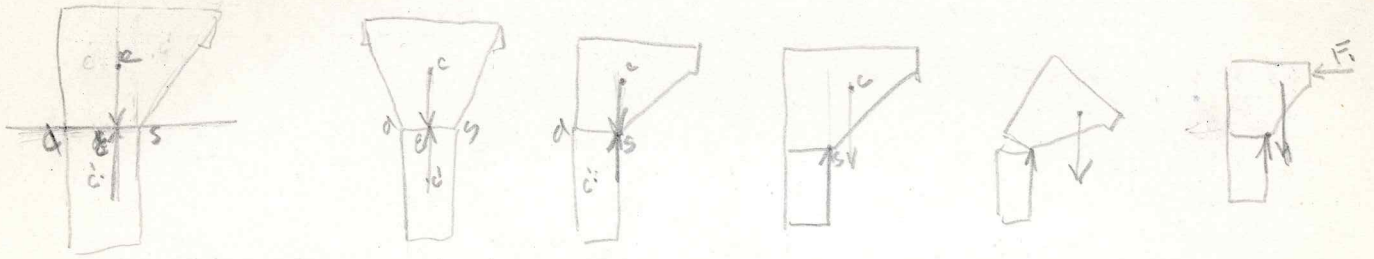
it introduces less side thrust and is more nearly stable. Trial with

various slopes will show that ^(given) that is, either positive or negative battered, if the upper facade slopes, both the

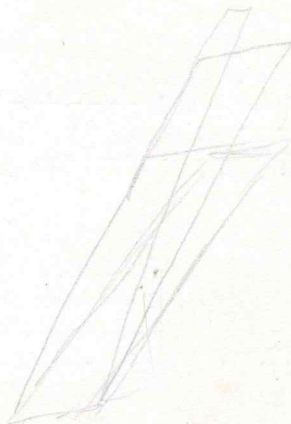
weight and its moment arm increase, but the combined effect does not equal

the advantage of the moment arm or leverage of $F-2$. Only when the

slope



160) $\frac{150000}{1440} = 93.7$
 $\frac{600}{460} = 1.304$
 $\frac{1400}{200} = 7$



That is to say, whether the upper facade is vertical or has a given slope, for a given span ~~the~~ (offsets and cap-stone exposure remaining the same, of course) a steep soffit slope will reduce the side thrust, though it will increase the downward component or weight.

Therefore

2. After erection, the direction of the resultant of the equal amount of thrust in Lbs., when combined with the greater downward force of the weight, in pounds, will be changed by the difference in the relation of the moment or lever arms of the one to the other, and as we shall see, this will be favorable to the stability of the wall, and impose a lesser strain on it, internally.

Now suppose the change in the soffit slope is applied to a half-vault with a positively battered upper facade. Both the weight and its moment arm will be increased. Notwithstanding this the moment arm of the counter-thrust will be so increased as to compensate for this

Now if we increase the soffit slope ~~to~~ 31 degrees from the vertical we will increase the moment arm of the counter thrust to 13.8 cms., but the weight to 1104 Lbs. The moment arm of the thrust (produced by the weight of the half vault) will remain the same. That is, the new center of gravity of the half vault will be directly over the former. Working these out we will find the amount of counter thrust in Lbs.

we will find it ~~again~~ the same ^{28 Lbs.} T_c at is, 1104 Lbs. times .35 cms

~~3864.00~~ 386.40 Lb-cms equals ~~5520-Lbs.-cms.~~, and this, divided by the new moment of the

counter-thrust, 13.8, still equals 28 Lbs. Increasing the slope to

24 degrees from the vertical gives the same result. The thirty-degree

slope with which we started is a very flat hypothetical soffit, the

other two slopes which are known, approximately at Piedras Negras.

The spread is a wide one, and we may conclude that raising the

soffit slope, with a vertical upper facade, does not ~~increase~~

~~increase~~ that is the counter thrust which must equal it, ~~the~~ the amount of side thrust, /in Lbs. per lineal measure of the

the vault. We should note two things however:

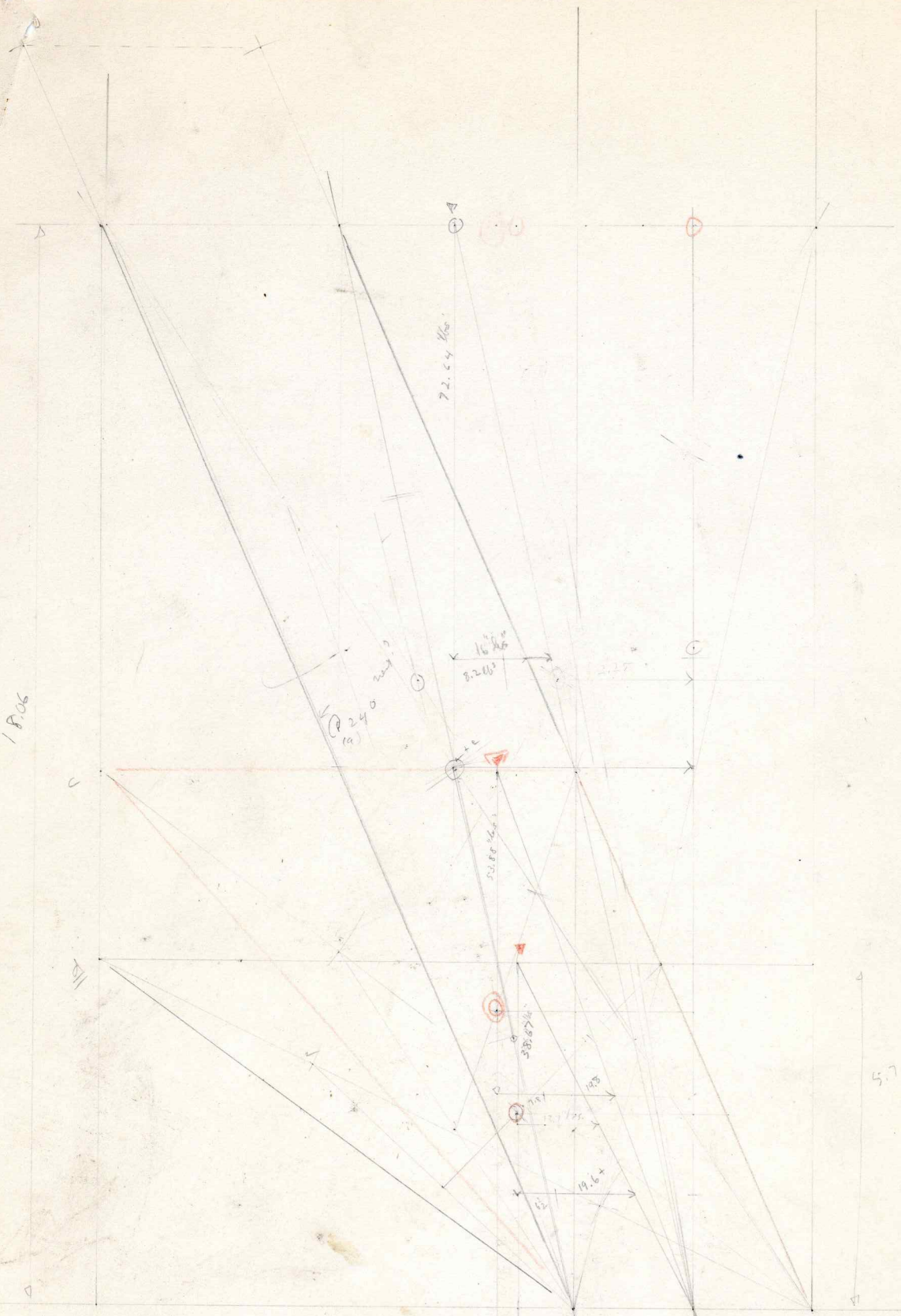
Before the counter thrust has been applied, the tendency to the

rotate about point s has increased as as the ^{increasing} weight, times the

same moment arm (sa) has increased. T_c at is, the steeper slope calls

for more outside support while it is being erected.

Trial with a positively battered upper facade will show that both the weight and its moment arm increase, but the longer moment arm of the counter-thrust ~~(R*2)~~ will still more than compensate. With a negatively battered upper facade, as the soffit slope is raised, the weight only increases. The moment arm of the weight is lessened and that of the counter thrust is increased. In any case then, raising the soffit slope will decrease the actual number of pounds of thrust, per unit length of vault. ~~Rmk~~



$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 456} \\ 228 \\ \hline 228 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 1205} \\ 602 \\ \hline 603 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 36} \\ 18 \\ \hline 18 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 522} \\ 261 \\ \hline 522 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 137} \\ 68 \\ \hline 137 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

5.00
0.05
9.11

$\odot 24^\circ$
a/c cam = 4.0

area ov # 18.6 at 36.20
 $\frac{18.6}{4} = 4.65$
 18.02
 54.62
 18.02
 72.64

OV \rightarrow 54.62
 18.02
 72.64

7.05
 4
 28
 280
 280

a/b = 9.05
 4
 36.20

c
 120
 24

d 9.01
 2 3604 (18.02)

d cam = 2.95

area ov 23.40
 $\frac{23.40}{8} = 2.925$
 23.60
 118.0
 26.90

1.95
 5.75
 11.70
 11.80
 15.10
 26.90

2.05
 6.75
 13.50
 14.25
 16.25
 21.7875 (5.8937)
 15.10



c/c cam = 2.29

2 715 (356)
 357
 714
 715

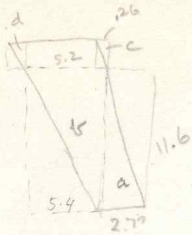
2 93 (465)
 465
 930
 930

4.00
 1.95
 2.05

5.75
 2 46.70 (23.35)

Slabang

@ 28° 40'



Overhangawa.

$$b = 31.32$$

$$c = 4.16$$

$$d = .16$$

$$c = .08$$

$$35.72$$

Slabang

$$20.66$$

c v. work 56.38 (calat kilos).

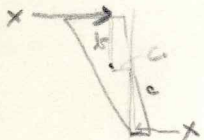
1 cm = 1 kilo.

Piagamal □ is 12.4 = 56.38 kilos

$$1 \text{ cm} = 12.4 \mid 56.380 \quad \underline{454}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 496 \\ 6780 \\ 620 \\ 580 \\ 496 \end{array}$$

Targa \square mens 1.48 (1.15 kilos).
4.54 (kencm)



$$1.48$$

$$35632$$

$$8456$$

$$454$$

$$\underline{5.7192}$$

Trg = 5.71 kilos

$$b \cdot x = 5.71 \text{ kilos}$$

b mens 5.5

$$5.5 \cdot x = 5.71 \text{ kilos}$$

$$x = 5.5 \mid 5.71 \quad \underline{1038}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 55 \\ 210 \\ 165 \\ 450 \\ 440 \end{array}$$

$$c \cdot x' = 5.71$$

c mens 6.90

$$6.90 \cdot x' = 5.71$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 145 \\ - 82 \\ \hline 63 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 145 \mid 630 \\ \underline{580} \\ 150 \end{array}$$

$$4346 \cdot x' = 6.90 \mid 5.710$$

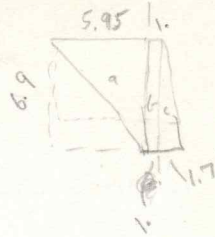
$$\begin{array}{r} 5520 \\ 4900 \\ 2800 \end{array}$$

(.82 +)

daerah in thrust.

S-11 hand room

@ 40°



Overhang a 5.95

$$\begin{array}{r} 5.95 \\ \underline{6.9} \\ 5455 \\ 3570 \\ \hline 2 \mid 41.155 \end{array} \quad 20521$$

Slab. b = 6.9 x 1 = 6.90

$$c = \begin{array}{r} 6.9 \\ \underline{1.7} \\ 483 \\ \underline{69} \\ 2 \mid 11.73 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 6.90 \\ 5.86 \end{array} \right\} 33.33 = \text{round weight.}$$

Piug (v.h) = 6.9 = 33.33 kilos (our scale).

$$1 \text{ cm} = 6.9 \mid 33.330 \quad \underline{4.830}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2761 \\ 573 \\ 552 \\ 210 \\ 207 \\ \hline 30 \end{array}$$



Targa \square mens 1.2 ; 4.83

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.2 \\ \underline{966} \\ 483 \\ \hline 5.796 \text{ (Targa)} \end{array}$$

$$b \cdot x = 5.79$$

b mens 2.91

$$2.91 \cdot x = 5.796$$

$$x = 2.91 \mid 5.796 \quad \underline{1.99}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 291 \\ 28860 \\ 2619 \\ 2670 \\ \hline 2619 \end{array}$$

$$c \cdot x' = 5.796$$

c mens 3.99

$$3.99 \cdot x' = 5.796$$

$$x' = 3.99 \mid 5.796 \quad \underline{1.45}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 399 \\ 1806 \\ 1596 \\ 2100 \\ \hline 1495 \end{array}$$

$$145 \mid 820 \quad \underline{1.55+}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 725 \\ 770 \end{array}$$

uagan in hand

For edge of wall

a
 $w = 72.24$
 cam = $\frac{2.05}{36120}$
 $\frac{144480}{148.0920}$

$18.06 \overline{) 148.092}$ $\underline{8.2}$ checks with vector.
 $\frac{14448}{3612}$
 $\frac{3612}{18060}$
 $\frac{18060}{16254}$

c
 $w = 53.88$
 $\frac{1.3}{16164}$
 $\frac{5388}{70.044}$

$8.98 \overline{) 70.044}$ $\underline{7.8}$ checks with vector.
 $\frac{6286}{7184}$
 $\frac{7184}{7184}$

- a 8.2 F
- c 7.8 F
- d 6.5 F

d
 $w = 38.67$
 cam. $\frac{.98}{30936}$
 $\frac{34803}{37.8966}$

$5.75 \overline{) 37.8966}$ $\underline{6.5+}$ checks with vector.
 $\frac{3450}{3396}$
 $\frac{2875}{5216}$

On each axis, F as to each other as same as to each other.

For center

a F = 16 (other shed) - checks on vector 4.

c
 $\frac{53.88}{3.29}$
 $\frac{48492}{10776}$
 $\frac{16164}{177.3652}$

$8.98 \overline{) 177.26}$ $\underline{19.8+}$ checks with Δ vector. $\neq 1$

- a = 16 \neq focus over room.
- c = 19.8 \neq focus to inner wall.
- d = 19.6 \neq focus over wall.

Does change cease after begin only as focus gives over room?

d
 $w = 38.67$
 $\frac{2.95}{19335}$
 $\frac{34803}{7734}$
 $\frac{1130765}{1130765}$

$5.75 \overline{) 113.076}$ $\underline{19.6+}$ checks in Δ (#)
 $\frac{575}{5557}$
 $\frac{5175}{3826}$
 $\frac{3450}{1130765}$

Prophy.

+ compare with above

See Sheet C

0.7264 mm = 72.64 mils
 .01 mm = 10 mils
 1 cm = 10 mm
 1 m = 1000 mm
 10 mm = 1 cm
 72 mm = 7.2 cm

a
 $W = 72.64$
 $Cam = \frac{4}{290.56}$

$F = 18.06 \overline{) 290.560}$
 $\frac{1806}{10996}$
 $\frac{10836}{16000}$
 $\frac{14448}{1552}$

$F = 16.08 \overline{) 290.560} (= 16.09)$

$W = 72.24$
 $Cam = \frac{4}{288.96}$

$F = 18.06 \overline{) 288.96}$
 $\frac{1806}{10836}$
 $\frac{10836}{0}$

d
 $W = 26.90$
 $Cam = \frac{2.45}{13450}$
 $\frac{24210}{5380}$
 $\frac{793550}{}$

$F = 5.75 \overline{) 79.355}$
 $\frac{575}{2185}$

$W = 38.67$
 $Cam = \frac{2.95}{19335}$
 $\frac{34803}{7734}$
 $\frac{1930765}{}$

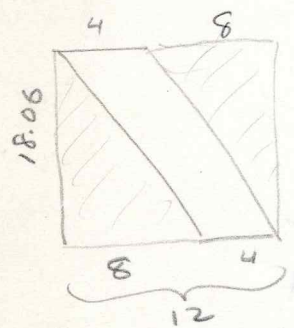
$F = 5.75 \overline{) 103.076}$
 $\frac{575}{4557}$
 $\frac{4025}{5320}$
 $\frac{5175}{}$

c
 $W = 53.88$
 $Cam = \frac{2.24}{48492}$
 $\frac{10776}{10776}$
 $\frac{1233852}{}$

$F = 8.98 \overline{) 123.38}$
 $\frac{898}{3358}$
 $\frac{2694}{6640}$
 $\frac{6288}{}$

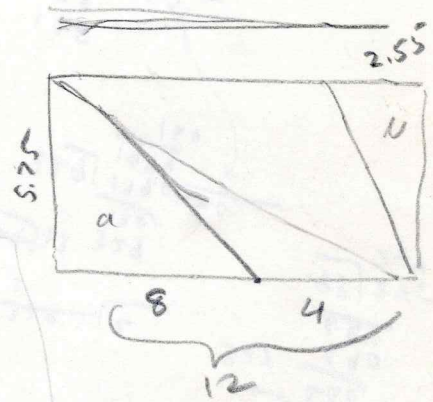
- $F_{in} \begin{cases} a = 16.08 \rightarrow 16. \\ c = 13.7 \rightarrow 13.7 \\ d = 17.9 \end{cases}$

Area of a



$\frac{18.06}{12} \text{ len } 18.06$
 $\frac{3612}{1806}$
 $\frac{21672}{14448}$
 $\frac{17224}{}$

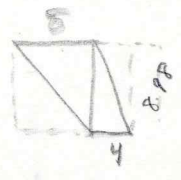
Area d



$\frac{5.75}{12} \text{ len } 5.75$
 $\frac{1150}{575}$
 $\frac{6900}{3033}$
 $W = 38.67$

$\frac{5.75}{8} \text{ len } 5.75$
 $\frac{23000}{73312}$
 $\frac{2875}{2875}$
 $\frac{1150}{146625}$

Area c



$\frac{8.98}{4} \text{ len } 8.98$
 $\frac{3592}{1796}$
 $\frac{8.98}{8} \text{ len } 8.98$
 $\frac{3592}{5388}$

Mount

Wall

Math

a 2.05

4.00 = $\frac{2}{1}$

$\frac{4.00}{2.05}$ 4.00

c 1.30

3.29 $\frac{2.5}{1}$

$\frac{3.29}{1.30}$

d .98

2.95 $\frac{3}{1}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 130 \overline{) 329} \quad (2) \\ \underline{260} \\ 690 \\ \underline{680} \\ 10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 130 \overline{) 329} \quad (2) \\ \underline{260} \\ 690 \\ \underline{680} \\ 10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} .98 \overline{) 295} \quad (3) \\ \underline{294} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8.2 \\ 2 \\ \hline 164 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.8 \\ 25 \\ \hline 390 \\ 156 \\ \hline 1970 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6.5 \\ 3 \\ \hline 19.5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 329 \overline{) 13} \quad (2) \\ \underline{658} \\ 130 \\ 329 \overline{) 1990} \quad (6) \\ \underline{1974} \\ 160 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 19.8 \\ 7.8 \\ \hline 12.00 \\ 1188 \\ \hline 12 \end{array}$$

a

weight = 740.

$$am = \frac{2.25}{14800}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 370.8 \\ \hline 14800 \\ \hline 18.6 \mid 1517.00 \\ \hline 14881 \\ \hline 29.09 \\ \hline 186 \\ \hline 1040 \\ \hline 930 \end{array}$$

81.5+ $\frac{1}{2}$

Quarter than in lbs.
But direct in is
still better.

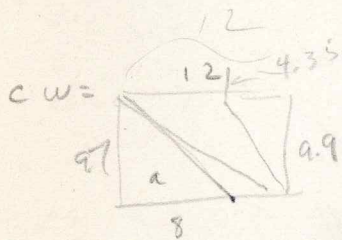
c

weight = 690.

$$\frac{1.21}{690}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 690 \\ \hline 1380 \\ \hline 690 \\ \hline 9.9 \mid 834.90 \\ \hline 792 \\ \hline 4299 \end{array}$$

8 $\frac{1}{2}$



E. w. = 576.7.

$$\frac{1.21}{576.7}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 576.7 \\ \hline 11534 \\ \hline 5767 \\ \hline 9.9 \mid 6978.97 \\ \hline 693 \\ \hline 480 \\ \hline 396 \\ \hline 84 \end{array}$$

60.4+

$$\frac{9.9}{12}$$

$$a = \frac{9.9}{8}$$

$$2792 \mid 39.6$$

$$b = \frac{9.9}{4.35}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 495 \\ \hline 297 \\ \hline 396 \\ \hline 243065 \mid 21.53 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 21.53 \\ \hline 39.60 \\ \hline 61.13 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 118.88 \\ \hline 61.13 \\ \hline 57.67 \end{array}$$

3.14
2.5

Increasing span with vertical zone.

rule 25% - sheet A. (cp) See over

a Overhang = 7.44
 stub on = 7.44
 Total area = 14.88

0 moment = .35 14.88
 7440
 4464
 5.2080

F-1 row = 18.6 | 5.208 | .28 (+)
 372
 1488
 1488
 000

a Overhang = 3.96
 stub = 3.96
 7.92

7.92 = 792 (7792)
 .35
 3966
 2376
 277.20

9.9 | 2.772 | .028
 198
 792
 792

9.9 | 277.2 | 28.
 108
 792
 792

b Overhang. overhang: 110.4

x .35
 5520

3312
 13.8 | 38.640 | .280
 276
 1104
 1104
 6

Note ~~no~~ steeper slope = same thrust in lbs; but better angle.

1104
 35

13.8 | 386.40 | 280
 276
 1104
 1104

If span is increased, we have other changes:

for vertical upper zone, is no change in lbs of thrust (about big change in counter thrust moment arm.)