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$$\frac{c}{c_0} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2} \text{Ma}^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \frac{c^*}{c_0} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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$$\frac{p}{p_0} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2} \text{Ma}^2\right)^{\frac{k}{1-k}} \quad \frac{p^*}{p_0} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2}\right)^{\frac{k}{1-k}} \quad \frac{p^*}{p_0} \Bigg|_{\substack{\text{for air} \\ (k=1.4)}} = 0.5283$$
$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2} \text{Ma}^2\right)^{\frac{1}{1-k}} \quad \frac{\rho^*}{\rho_0} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-k}}$$

From conservation of mass for a 1D, steady flow:

$$\rho VA = \text{constant} \Rightarrow \frac{d\rho}{\rho} + \frac{dV}{V} + \frac{dA}{A} = 0$$

From Bernoulli's equation (linear momentum equation) for a gas (neglect gravitational forces):

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + VdV = 0$$

Combine conservation of mass with Bernoulli's equation and the definition of the speed of sound

($c^2 = (\partial p / \partial \rho)_s$) and the Mach number ($\text{Ma} = V/c$):

$$(\text{Ma}^2 - 1) \frac{dV}{V} = \frac{dA}{A}$$

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From Conservation of Mass for a 1D, steady flow, combined with the isentropic relations:

$$\frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{1}{\text{Ma}} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} \text{Ma}^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{2(k-1)}}$$

