

Task 1

Autopilot literature review

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Research questions

Autopilot

An autopilot is a system that allows an airplane to navigate without the need for constant manual control by a human operator



Inputs and outputs of Autopilot system

- ▶ inputs

- ▶ Control Inputs:

1. Radio Control Receivers
2. MAVLink Data Streams, ie ground control stations or companion computers

- ▶ Sensor inputs:

GPS, Compass, Airspeed, Rangefinders, IMU

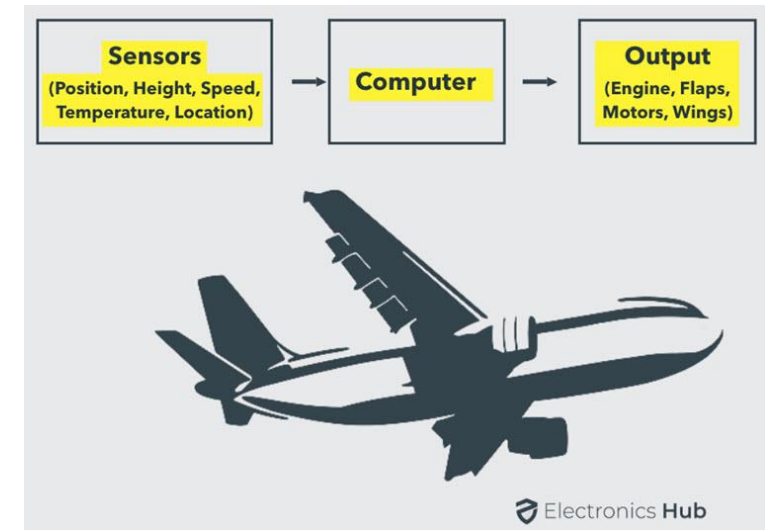
- ▶ Power Management Unit Inputs:

1. Received Signal Strength Input (RSSI)
2. Analog Airspeed Sensors

Inputs and outputs of Autopilot system

► Outputs

1. ESCs (electronic circuit that controls and regulates the speed of an electric motor) for motors
2. Servos for control surfaces
3. Telemetry data
4. Actuators and General Purpose I/O like LEDs, buzzers etc



the role of the pilot in an airplane equipped with an autopilot

The pilot sets the flight plan and turn on the autopilot sometimes the pilot reprograms the autopilot in case if worked incorrectly. autopilot is not smart enough to fly a plane by It self



What is the difference between Autopilot & SAS?

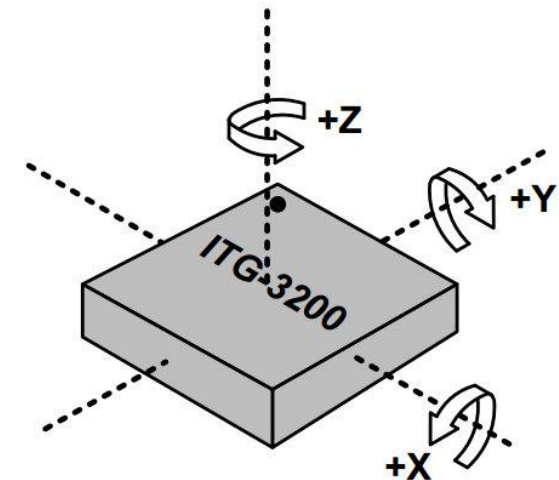
SAS (Stability augmentation system) generally used during low and slow maneuvering where the pilot may be making constant attitude changes in preparation for landing.

Autopilot do same functions as SAS in addition it provides more functions ,Autopilot Is more sophisticated than SAS

Role of onboard sensors

- Sensors provide the autopilot computers with data like speed, coordinates, position so the computers can estimate the states and give the correct control actions to the actuators for example

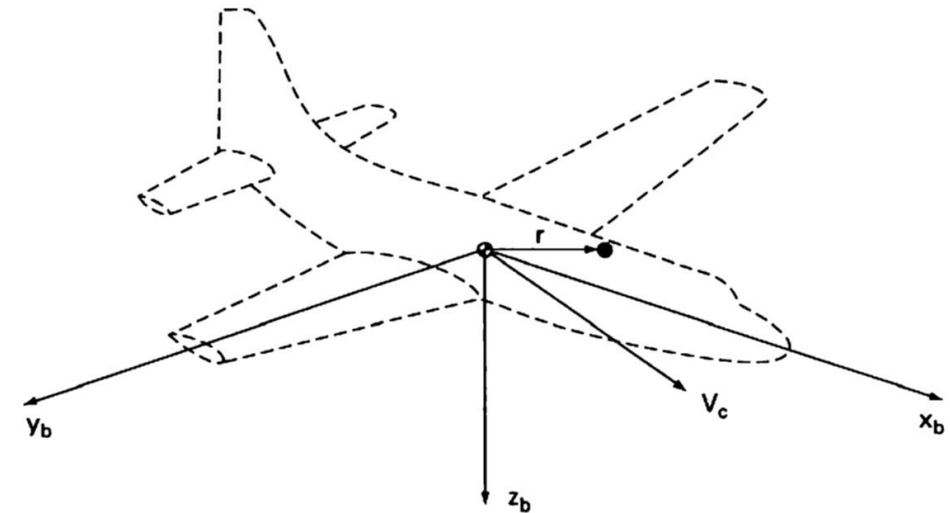
Gyroscope an IMU supplies the autopilot with position data so if the airplane is in incorrect position it gives the actuator signal so that it can adjust position



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Assume

- The body is rigid which means the mass is constant and there is no change in geometry (Stress calculations are neglected).
- Fix a body axes at the center of mass of the rigid body.



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► RBD

► calculations of linear momentum:

$$\vec{V} = \vec{V}_c + \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

$$\delta\vec{F} = \delta m \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{A}}{dt_I} = \frac{d\vec{A}}{dt_B} + \omega \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{F} = F_x \vec{i} + F_y \vec{j} + F_z \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{\omega} = P \vec{i} + q \vec{j} + r \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{V}_c = u \vec{i} + v \vec{j} + w \vec{k}$$

Get

$$F_x = m(\dot{u} + qw - rv)$$

$$F_y = m(\dot{v} + ru - pw)$$

$$F_z = m(\dot{w} + pv - qu)$$

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► RBD

- calculations of angular momentum:

$$\vec{V} = \vec{V}_c + \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

$$\delta\vec{M} = \frac{d}{dt}\delta\vec{H} = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times \vec{V})\delta m$$

$$\frac{d\vec{A}}{dt_I} = \frac{d\vec{A}}{dt_B} + \omega \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$$

$$H_x = pI_x - qI_{xy} - rI_{xz}$$

$$H_y = -pI_{xy} + qI_y - rI_{yz}$$

$$H_z = -pI_{xz} - qI_{yz} + rI_z$$

Get

$$L = \dot{H}_x + qH_z - rH_y$$

$$M = \dot{H}_y + rH_x - pH_z$$

$$N = \dot{H}_z + pH_y - qH_x$$

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- Now we are dealing with an aircraft which means that $I_{xy} = I_{yz} = 0$ (*symmetry cond.*)

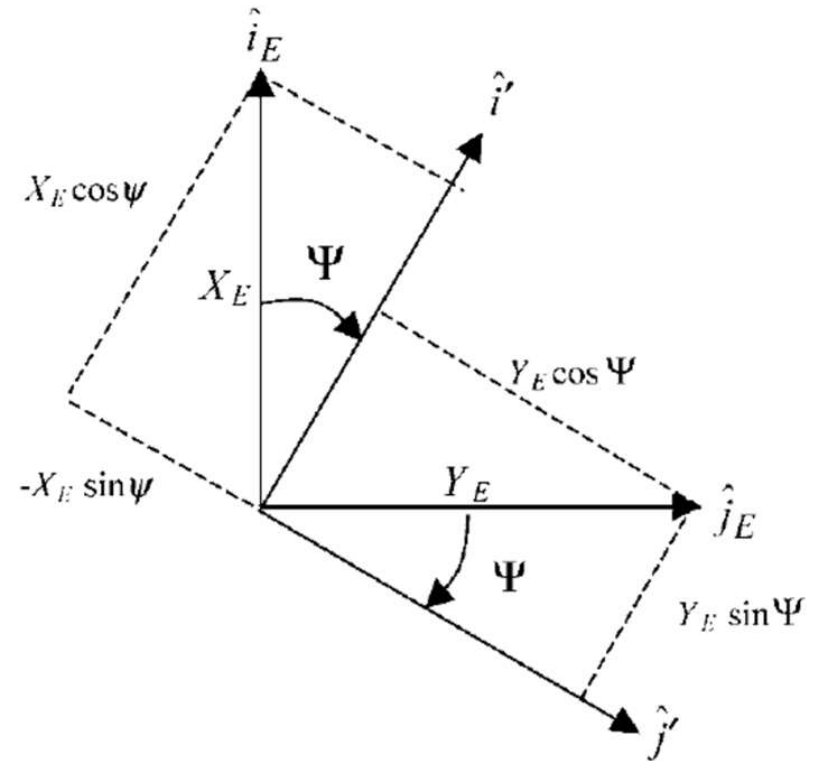
$$\begin{aligned}L &= I_x \dot{p} - I_{xz} \dot{r} + qr(I_z - I_y) - I_{xz}pq \\M &= y\dot{q} + rp(I_x - I_z) + I_{xz}(p^2 - r^2) \\N &= -I_{xz}\dot{p} + I_z \dot{r} + pq(I_y - I_x) + I_{xz}qr\end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ earth axis to body axis transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\psi & \sin\psi & 0 \\ -\sin\psi & \cos\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_E \\ Y_E \\ Z_E \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = R_3(\psi)\mathbf{F}_E$$

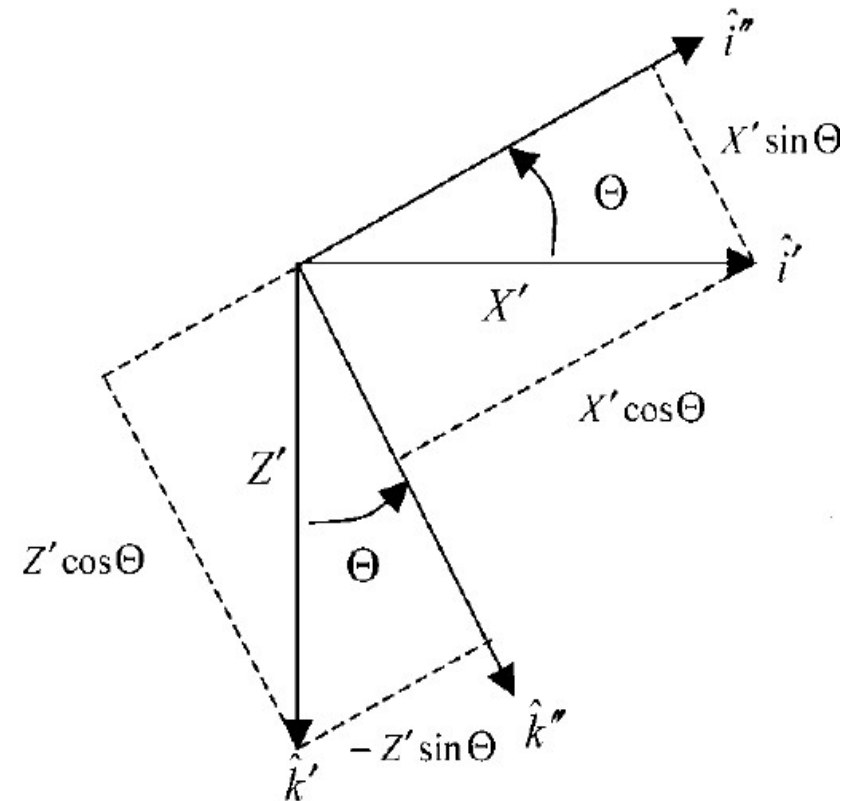


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- earth axis to body axis transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = R_2(\theta)\mathbf{F}_1 = R_2(\theta)R_3(\psi)\mathbf{F}_E$$

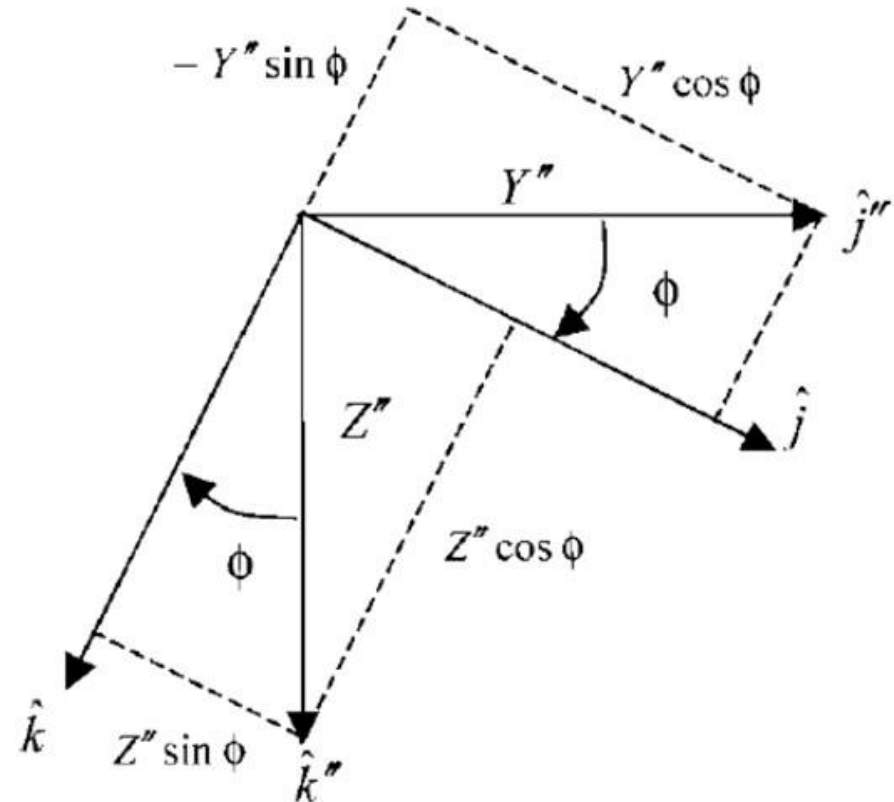


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- earth axis to body axis transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_B \\ Y_B \\ Z_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\phi & \sin\phi \\ 0 & -\sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_B = R_1(\phi)\mathbf{F}_2 = R_1(\phi)R_2(\theta)R_3(\psi)\mathbf{F}_E$$

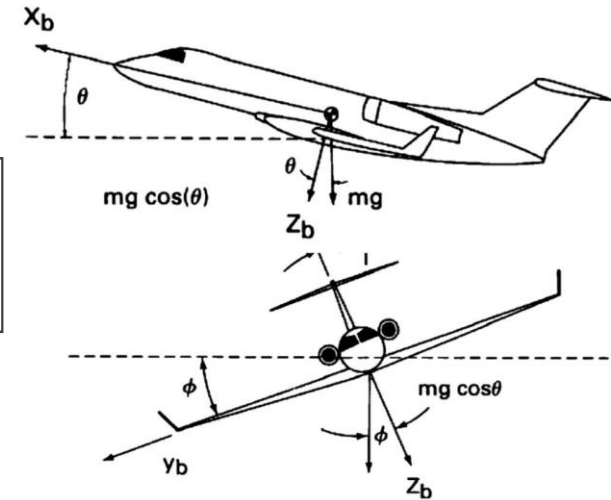


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- Let's apply the above transformation on the gravitational force of the airplane as following:

$$\vec{F}_{Gravity_B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\phi & \sin\phi \\ 0 & -\sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\psi & \sin\psi & 0 \\ -\sin\psi & \cos\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ mg \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}_{Gravity_B} = \begin{bmatrix} -mg\sin\theta \\ mg\sin\phi\cos\theta \\ mg\sin\theta\cos\phi \end{bmatrix}_B$$



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► Then:

$$-mg\sin\theta + F_{T_X} = m(\dot{u} + qw - rv)$$

$$mg\sin\phi\cos\theta + F_{T_Y} = m(\dot{v} + ru - pw)$$

$$mg\sin\theta\cos\phi + F_{T_Z} = m(\dot{w} + pv - qu)$$

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► *Also we can get*

$$\begin{Bmatrix} P \\ Q \\ R \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \cos\phi & \cos\theta\sin\phi \\ 0 & -\sin\phi & \cos\phi\cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \dot{X} \\ \dot{Y} \\ \dot{Z} \end{Bmatrix}_E = \begin{bmatrix} C_\theta C_\psi & S_\phi S_\theta C_\psi - C_\phi S_\psi & C_\phi S_\theta C_\psi + S_\phi S_\psi \\ C_\theta S_\psi & S_\phi S_\theta S_\psi + C_\phi C_\psi & C_\phi S_\theta S_\psi - S_\phi C_\psi \\ -S_\theta & S_\theta C_\theta & C_\phi C_\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{Bmatrix}_B$$

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- Classification of equations
 - Kinetics equations

$$-mg\sin\theta + F_{T_X} = m(\dot{u} + qw - rv)$$

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$$mg\sin\theta\cos\phi + F_{T_Z} = m(\dot{w} + pv - qu)$$

$$L = I_x\dot{p} - I_{xz}\dot{r} + qr(I_z - I_y) - I_{xz}pq$$

$$M = y\dot{q} + rp(I_x - I_z) + I_{xz}(p^2 - r^2)$$

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- Classification of equations
 - Kinematics equations:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} P \\ Q \\ R \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \cos\phi & \cos\theta\sin\phi \\ 0 & -\sin\phi & \cos\phi\cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{Bmatrix}$$

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► The additional EOM of airplanes:

→ The effect of the control surfaces: δ_e , δ_a , δ_r , δ_T

i- The change in forces:

$$\text{► } \Delta X = m \left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial u} \Delta u + \frac{\partial X}{\partial w} \Delta w + \frac{\partial X}{\partial \delta_e} \Delta \delta_e + \frac{\partial X}{\partial \delta_T} \Delta \delta_T \right)$$

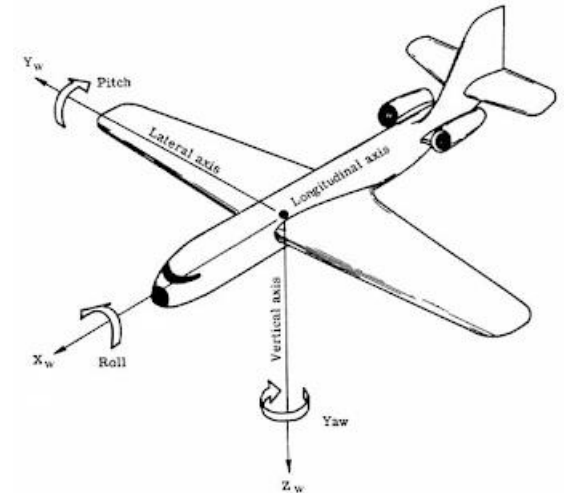
$$\text{► } \Delta Y = m \left(\frac{\partial Y}{\partial v} \Delta v + \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \beta} \Delta \beta + \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \delta_a} \Delta \delta_a + \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \delta_r} \Delta \delta_r \right)$$

$$\text{► } \Delta Z = m \left(\frac{\partial Z}{\partial u} \Delta u + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial w} \Delta w + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \dot{w}} \Delta \dot{w} + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial q} \Delta q + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \delta_e} \Delta \delta_e + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \delta_T} \Delta \delta_T \right)$$

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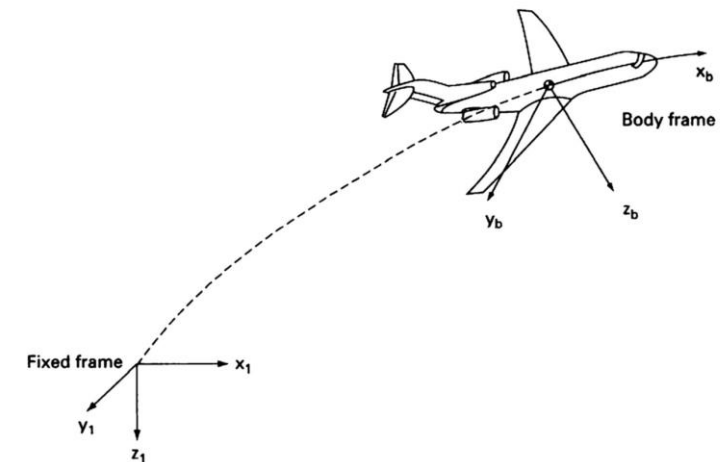
ii- The change in moments:

- ▶ $\Delta L = I_{xx} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta} \Delta\beta + \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \Delta p + \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} \Delta r + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \delta_r} \Delta\delta_r + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \delta_a} \Delta\delta_a \right)$
- ▶ $\Delta M = I_{yy} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial u} \Delta u + \frac{\partial M}{\partial w} \Delta w + \frac{\partial M}{\partial \dot{w}} \Delta \dot{w} + \frac{\partial M}{\partial q} \Delta q + \frac{\partial M}{\partial \delta_e} \Delta\delta_e + \frac{\partial M}{\partial \delta_T} \Delta\delta_T \right)$
- ▶ $\Delta N = I_{zz} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial \beta} \Delta\beta + \frac{\partial N}{\partial p} \Delta p + \frac{\partial N}{\partial r} \Delta r + \frac{\partial N}{\partial \delta_r} \Delta\delta_r + \frac{\partial N}{\partial \delta_a} \Delta\delta_a \right)$



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- ▶ The EOM's are coupled, nonlinear and first order DE.
- ▶ Difference bet. Body & inertial Axes
 - Body axes: they are a set of axes which are fixed at the body in its translational and rotations.
 - Inertial axes: they are a set of axes which are fixed at a specified position on the ground.



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- ▶ **Pitch angle:** it's the angle between the body y-axis and the horizon.
- ▶ **AOA:** the angle at which the chord of an aircraft's wing meets the relative wind.
- ▶ **Sideslip angle:** it's formed due to lateral deviation between the plane and the direction of the flow.
- ▶ **Yaw angle (heading):** it's formed due to the rotation about z-axis.

numerical solving algorithms for ODE

One-step methods, like:

- Euler-Cauchy method
- Improved Euler method
- Raunge-Kutta method
- Backward Euler method

Multistep methods, like:

- Adams-Bash forth method
- Adams-Moulton method

Other methods

- Predector –coeector methods
- Exponential integrator methods

The chosen method for solving the aircraft EOM

We choose to use Runge-Kutta method since it's one of the most accurate one step methods used in the numerical solutions, in addition it's the method used in the MATLAB ODE45 algorithm.

4th order Runge-Kutta

$$k_1 = \Delta t f(t_n, x_n)$$

$$k_2 = \Delta t f\left(t_n + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t, x_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right)$$

$$k_3 = \Delta t f\left(t_n + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t, x_n + \frac{1}{2}k_2\right)$$

$$k_4 = \Delta t f(t_n + \Delta t, x_n + k_3)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

