FREE FALL CARGO

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1   Introduction

The objective of this report is to set up the method to accurately drop a cargo from a plane and make sure that the cargo reached a specified point, with the lowest margin of error possible.

2   Examples

The best example is dropping a humatarian cargo with supplies in area that cannot be reached with land or see transportation. Catastrophic crisis in recent years that showed this problem :

- Earthquake in south of Turkey and north of Syria in 2023

- Earthquake in Morocco in the middle of the Atlas mountain chain, which started the 8th of September 2023

- Storm Daniel led to the destruction of the two dams in south of the city of Derna, Libya, and the flooding of the city on September the 10th 2023.

- Multiple wildfires in lot of islands of Greece, which started on the 17th of July 2023.

In each of these crisis, there were a lot problems to supply the victims with primary aids. The destruction of the land and the roads made it very difficult to bring aid to the destruction regions. Because of that, many victims were lost because help didn't arrive in time.

One of the solution to reduce the casualties is to drop aid cargos from planes accurately so that they reach area with victims. Along with them, rescue teams could also be trained to jump parachute in these area, with this, they can start helping the victim and save as many people as possible.

3   Reference system

how to orientate the axis system : x : facing south y : facing east z : vertical axis.

4   Initial conditions

Plane speed : v_{plane}
Plane position $P_{plane} = [xp_0, yp_0]$

Plane altitude : $altitude_{plane}$
Plane direction : $direction_{plane}$
Target position : $P_{targe} = [xt_0, yt_0]$
Cargo mass : m_{cargo}
Cargo Cx : C_x^{cargo}
Parachute Cx : $C_x^{parachute}$
initial positions : $x_0 = x(0)\ y_0 = y(0)\ z_0 = z(0)$
Launching angle : $alpha$
Propulsion force : F_p
Gravity force : F_g
If the projectile is launched from a canon, friction with cannon : $F_{friction}$ We will discuss this case at the end of the report.

5   Reynolds Number

The Reynolds number is an non-dimensional number, and used to define if the fluid flow is laminar or turbulent.

$$Re = \frac{\rho \cdot u \cdot L}{\mu} \tag{1}$$

ρ : density of the fluid
u : flow speed
L : characteristic linear dimension
μ : dynamic viscosity of the fluid

The characteristic linear dimension L depends on the shape of the object of study. Here some example :

- Plane wing : length of the wing

- Hydraulic pipe : diameter of the pipe

- Complex shape : the biggest dimension

Depending of the result, the flow can have 3 regimes

- If Re < 2040, the flow is still considered laminar

- If Re > 2100, the flow is turbulent

- If 1800 < Re < 2100, the flow is in the transition/intermediary range, which is a mix of laminar and turbulent [1]

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[1] `https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laminar_flow`

For each regime, the drag force is different. For turbulent and laminar regimes, the formula is as follows:

$$F_d^{turbulent} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot C_D \cdot S \cdot u^2 \tag{2}$$

$$F_d^{laminar} = C_F \cdot \rho \cdot D^2 \cdot u^2 \tag{3}$$

S: cross frontal section
C_D : turbulent drag coefficient
C_F : laminar drag coefficient

The intermediary regime is a mix from the 2 base regimes. In this situation, an approximation can be evaluated by computed the percent Re compared to 1800 and 2100.

$$F_d^{transition} = (1 - \frac{Re - 1800}{2100 - 1800}) \cdot F_d^{laminar} + \frac{Re - 1800}{2100 - 1800} \cdot F_d^{turbulent} \tag{4}$$

6   Cannon cinematic

In this case, we need to consider what happens to the projectile inside the barrel, from the moment the projectile starts moving until it exits the barrel.
The projectile is launched by the mean of an explosive charge placed in the breach. When the shooter presses on the fire button, this charge is set off.
The energy of the charge is used as propulsion energy for the projectile. A small portion of the energy is used to spin the projectile, which will stabilize the trajectory during the flight.

$$E_{charge} = E_{kin}^{translation} + E_{kin}^{rotation} \tag{5}$$
$$E_{charge} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot m_{projectile} \cdot v^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot I \cdot \omega^2 \tag{6}$$

To push the projectile, the energy of the charge will generate a pressure. Using the definition of the pressure and energy as functions of force, it is possible to define the pressure as function of energy.

$$p = F/A \tag{7}$$
$$E = F \cdot d \tag{8}$$
$$p = \frac{F}{A \cdot d} = \frac{E}{V} \tag{9}$$

In our example, the energy used to move the projectile is the kinetic energy of translation $E_{kin}^{translation}$, F is the propulsion force F_p, and V is the initial volume of the exploded charge (gas).

$$p_{charge} = \frac{F_p}{A \cdot d} = \frac{E_{kin}^{translation}}{V_{charge}} \tag{10}$$

6.1 Charge/explosion volume

$$V_{charge}^{inital} = A_{projectile} \cdot h_{projectile} = \frac{D_{projectile}^2}{4} \cdot h_{projectile} \tag{11}$$

After the charge is set off, this volume will change

$$V(t) = V_{charge}^{inital} + Position_{projectile}(t) \cdot A_{projectile} \tag{12}$$

6.2 Propulsion pressure

In reality, we need to consider the atmospheric pressure.

$$P_{charge} - p_{atm} = \frac{F_p}{A \cdot d} = \frac{E_{kin}^{translation}}{V_{charge}} \tag{13}$$

After the charge is set off, the projectile starts moving by the action of P_{charge} on its section $A_{projectile}$, which induces the propulsion force F_p.

$$F_p = P_{charge} \cdot A_{projectile} = P_{charge} \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{D_{projectile}^2}{4} \tag{14}$$

As the projectile is moving away from the breech, V_{charge} will increase and thus the pressure is reduced. Consequently, the pressure will keep pushing the projectile, but with lower propulsion force. This ends with one of these situations happens:

· The projectile is out the barrel

· P_{charge} is equal to p_{atm}

6.3 Projectile spinning

To stabilize its trajectory during its flight and increase the range, the projectile should spin with a specified angular speed. This is achieved by the thread inside the barrel. The mathematics formula is as follows :

$$E_{kin}^{rotation} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot I \cdot \omega^2 \tag{15}$$

The spinning will produce an angular momentum L:

$$L = m \cdot v \cdot r \tag{16}$$

where, m : is the projectile mass v : projectile velocity r : projectile radium

The rotational kinetic energy is the highest the moment the projectile exits the barrel. During the flight and due to the friction with air, the spinning is reduced. this value should be optimized because - to produce this spinning, the projectile has friction with the internal diameter of the barrel. The threads will initiate the projectile rotation.

the more the friction, the higher is the spinning, but it will also reduce the kinetic energy, -> lower velocity

if the friction is not enough, rotational energy is low, the trajectory is not stabilized enough and the accuracy of the shot is low.

For this, test with different - spinning thread shape and number - barrel length - explosive charge.

The angular momentum must be optimized.

To make sure it is optimized, the shell is placed on a test bench, submitted to a wind flow. This simulated the shell during the flight. in the same time, the projectile is spinning. the wind flow is reduced to simulate the air that slows the energy of the projectile. during the simulation, we measure the angular momentum and its resulting force to find if it will stays on the computed trajectory. the angular speed is controlled at the beginning of the simulation, when the shell exits the barrel.

7   Techniques

Prefabricated parts (PFP) /pre-manufactured parts (PMP)
Instead of creating the same parts again and again, design the components and make them easily modifiable. for example, combine 2 parts to create a third one, which is useful in an other application. Then add them to the system in the assembly Example : threads : try the smallest possible size, for example M3 to M20.
Test them with small parts and check the tolerances. The next step is to prepare small parts ready to be added to system parts. The final step is the merge the bodies.
table

Table 1: Holes and threaded holes

Screw	Threaded hole diameter	Bore Hole (clearance)
M3	2.8	3.2
4	35	144
5	45	300

Clearance To fix two part together, a clearance is needed. When two parts must be assembled together, a clearance of 0.1mm is enough. Then use the glue to fix the assembly.

Table 2: Nonlinear Model Results

Case	Method#1	Method#2	Method#3
1	50	837	970
2	47	877	230
3	31	25	415
4	35	144	2356
5	45	300	556

$$Length_{lattitude}(\phi) = 111132.92 - 559.82 \cdot cos(2 \cdot \phi) + 1.175 * cos(4 \cdot \phi) - 0.0023 \cdot cos(6 \cdot \phi) = ...[m/degree]$$

(17)

1 degree longitude at latitude phi

$$Length_{longitude}(\phi) = 111412.84 - 93.5 \cdot cos(3 \cdot \phi) + 0.118 \cdot cos(5 \cdot \phi) = ...[m/degree]$$

(18)

8   Schéma cinématique

8.1   Vecteurs positions

origine : centre de rotation verticale se trouvant sous les pâles principales.

position des pâles principales (pp) : vecteur verticale

position de l'hélice arrière : vecteur allant de l'origine vers l'hélice (h) arrière.

9   Angular momentum

9.1   Formula

$$\vec{L} = \vec{OA} \otimes \vec{P} = \vec{r} \otimes \vec{P} = \vec{r} \otimes m \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{I} \otimes \vec{\omega} \tag{19}$$

$\vec{L}$: Angular Momentum $[kg \cdot \frac{m^2}{s}]$
$\vec{OA}$ and r: position of the mass $[m]$ according to a referance
$\vec{P}$: linear momentum $[kg \cdot \frac{m}{s}]^2$
$\vec{v}$: velocity $[\frac{m}{s}]$ I : moment of inertia $[m^2 \cdot kg\cdot]$
ω : angular speed $[\frac{rad}{s}]$
Torque :

$$M = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \frac{d(\vec{I} \otimes \vec{\omega})}{dt} \tag{20}$$

if we consider a particule of mass m, $\vec{r}$ is the position of the center of mass. If it is a solid object, L is first computed according to the axis of rotation of the object :

$$\vec{L}_{ar} = \vec{I}_{ar} \otimes \vec{\omega}_{ar} \tag{21}$$

To compute the angular moment according to an other axis of rotation (new referance), we use the Huygens-Steiner theorem (or the Parallel axis theorem) :

$$\vec{L}_0 = \vec{I}_0 \otimes \vec{\omega}_{cm} \tag{22}$$

$$\vec{I}_0 = \vec{I}_{ar} + m \cdot d^2 \tag{23}$$

with d the distance between the axis of rotation of the object and the new referance.

9.2   Condition of stability

Main rotor(s):
$$\vec{L}_{mr} = \vec{r}_{mr} \otimes m_{mr} \cdot \vec{v_{mr}} = \vec{I_{mr}} \otimes \vec{\omega_{mr}} \tag{24}$$

Rear rotor :
$$\vec{L}_{rr} = \vec{r}_{rr} \otimes m_{rr} \cdot \vec{v_{rr}} = \vec{I_r}r \otimes \vec{\omega_{rr}} \tag{25}$$

assurer la stabilité lors du vol: les moments cinétiques doivent s'annuler. (poser la formule et résoudre)

$$\vec{L_{mr}} = \vec{L_{rr}} \tag{26}$$

or
The generated torque is compensated :

$$\sum \vec{M_{mr}} = \sum \vec{M_{rr}} \tag{27}$$

find a relation between ω_{mr} and ω_{rr} -> determine the transmission ratio

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[2] $\vec{L}$ is perpendicular to both $\vec{P}$ and $\vec{r}$

9.3 Pivots à droite et à gauche

pour tourner à gauche ou doite, on ne doit plus satisfaire la condition de stabilité. le pilote utiliser le pédalier pour accélérer/ralentir l'hélice arrière. ainsi les moments cinétiques ne sont plus égaux.

calculer l'effet de rotation sur l'hélicoptère si l'hélice est accélérée/ralentie de 10,20,30,.. %. mettre un tableau. calculer la vitesse de rotation dans ces cas-là.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l_1 \end{bmatrix}_{R_1} \vec{AB}_{R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{R_2} \quad \vec{BC}_{R_3} = \begin{bmatrix} l_3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{R_3} \quad \vec{CD}_{R_4} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -l_4 \end{bmatrix}_{R_4} \tag{28}$$

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$$\vec{OE}_R = \vec{OA}_R + \vec{AB}_R + \vec{BB_1}_R + \vec{B_1C_1}_R + \vec{C_1C}_R \\ + \vec{CC_2}_R + \vec{C_2D}_R + \vec{DD_1}_R + \vec{D_1E}_R \tag{29}$$

$$\vec{OF}_R = \vec{OA}_R + \vec{AB}_R + \vec{BB_1}_R + \vec{B_1C_1}_R + \vec{C_1C}_R \\ + \vec{CC_2}_R + \vec{C_2D}_R + \vec{DD_1}_R + \vec{D_1E}_R + \vec{EF}_R \tag{30}$$

$$\vec{OG}_R = \vec{OA}_R + \vec{AB}_R + \vec{BB_1}_R + \vec{B_1C_1}_R + \vec{C_1C}_R + \vec{CC_2}_R \\ + \vec{C_2D}_R + \vec{DD_1}_R + \vec{D_1E}_R + \vec{EF}_R + \vec{FF_3}_R + \vec{F_3G}_R \tag{31}$$

$$\vec{OH}_R = \vec{OA}_R + \vec{AB}_R + \vec{BB_1}_R + \vec{B_1C_1}_R + \vec{C_1C}_R + \vec{CC_2}_R + \vec{C_2D}_R \\ + \vec{DD_1}_R + \vec{D_1E}_R + \vec{EF}_R + \vec{FF_3}_R + \vec{F_3G}_R + \vec{GH}_R \tag{32}$$

10 Conclusion