

## Unsteady BEM for VAWT

This Assignment deals with a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine, VAWT and how to estimate the time dependent loads using an unsteady BEM approach, **as described in the lecture notes.**

$R=3\text{m}$ ,  $V_o=8\text{m/s}$ ,  $\omega=14\text{ rad/s}$ ,  $S=Bc/R=0.2$ ,  $\rho=1.225\text{ kg/m}^3$ . The airfoil data are given in the file airfoil.txt.

Q#1: Compare the time history of the total loads  $p_{x,\text{tot}}(t)$  and  $p_{y,\text{tot}}(t)$  for  $B=1, 2$  and  $3$ . The total load is the sum of the loads for all blades and is the force experienced by the tower. Also, state the power coefficient,  $C_p$ , and thrust coefficient,  $C_T$ .

Q#2: Plot for both  $B=1$  and  $B=3$  the axial loads  $p_x(t)$  for the individual blades in the time interval between  $t=6\text{s}$  and  $7\text{s}$  to explain the differences seen in Q#1. Do the same for the lateral loads  $p_y(t)$