

# Mathematical Modelling of UAS

- Guideline for Computer Lab -

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## I. Introduction

In this computer lab, the 6 degree-of-freedom (DoF) dynamics of UAS is simulated with MATLAB. The 6 DoF dynamics simulator is completed and simple simulations are conducted to understand and acclimatize to the simulator.

Please open the m-file named ‘UAS\_dynamics\_Exercise’ and mdl-file named ‘UAS\_Model\_Exercise’ to start.

## II. Initial Conditions

States	Values
Velocity ( $V_{T_0}$ )	400 ft / s
Angle-of-Attack ( $\alpha_0$ )	0°
Sideslip Angle ( $\beta_0$ )	0°
Euler Angles ( $[\phi_0 \ \theta_0 \ \psi_0]$ )	[0 5 0] °
Body Angular Rates ( $[p_0 \ q_0 \ r_0]$ )	[0 0 0] °/s
Position ( $[x_{E_0} \ x_{N_0} \ h_0]$ )	[0 0 1500] ft

## III. Activity

The activity instructions are addressed below.

### 1. Completing 6 Degree-of-Freedom Simulator of UAS

#### (1) Review on 6 DoF Model of UAS

Recall the nonlinear 6 DoF dynamics model of UAS.

i. Velocity in Body Axis

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u} &= rv - qw - g \sin \theta + \frac{X_b + X_T}{m} \\ \dot{v} &= pw - ru + g \sin \phi \cos \theta + \frac{Y_b}{m} \\ \dot{w} &= qu - pv + g \cos \phi \cos \theta + \frac{Z_b + Z_T}{m}\end{aligned}$$

ii. Euler Angles

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\phi} &= p + q \sin \phi \tan \theta + r \cos \phi \tan \theta \\ \dot{\theta} &= q \cos \phi - r \sin \phi \\ \dot{\psi} &= q \sin \phi \sec \theta + r \cos \phi \sec \theta\end{aligned}$$

### iii. Body Angular Rates

$$\begin{aligned} I_{xx}\dot{p} - I_{xz}(r + pq) + qr(I_{zz} - I_{yy}) &= L_b \\ I_{yy}\dot{q} + I_{xz}(p^2 - r^2) + pr(I_{xx} - I_{zz}) &= M_b \\ I_{zz}\dot{r} - I_{xz}\dot{p} + pq(I_{yy} - I_{xx}) + I_{xz}qr &= N_b \end{aligned}$$

### iv. Position in Inertial Frame

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_{E_0} &= u \cos \psi \cos \theta + v (-\sin \psi \cos \phi + \cos \psi \sin \theta \sin \phi) + w (\sin \psi \sin \phi + \cos \psi \sin \theta \cos \phi) \\ \dot{x}_{N_0} &= u \sin \psi \cos \theta + v (\cos \psi \cos \phi + \sin \psi \sin \theta \sin \phi) + w (-\cos \psi \sin \phi + \sin \psi \sin \theta \cos \phi) \\ \dot{h}_0 &= u \sin \theta - v \cos \theta \sin \phi - w \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{aligned}$$

$[u \ v \ w]$  : Velocity in Body Frame

$[\phi \ \theta \ \psi]$  : Euler Angles

$[p \ q \ r]$  : Body Angular Rates

$[x_E \ x_N \ h]$  : Position in Inertial Frame

$[X_b \ Y_b \ Z_b]$  : Aerodynamic Forces in Body Axis

$[L_b \ M_b \ N_b]$  : Aerodynamic Moments in Body Axis

$[X_T \ 0 \ Z_T]$  : Thrust in Body Axis

$m$  : UAS Mass

$I_{xx} \ I_{yy} \ I_{zz} \ I_{xz}$  : UAS Moment of Inertia

$g$  : Gravitational Acceleration

Hint : Body angular rate dynamics is needed to be rewritten for each body angular rate element.

## (2) Instruction for Coding

- i. Open “UAS\_dynamics\_Exercise.m”.
- ii. Read the code carefully and understand the meaning of each part.
- iii. Find missing parts of the code.
- iv. Fill in the missing parts with the dynamic equations.
- v. Open [UAS\_Model\_Exercise / Aircraft Model / A/C Frame] block and change ‘S-function name’ to ‘UAS\_dynamics\_Exercise’.
- vi. Run the completed simulator and check the results.

## **2. Simulation with Completed Simulator**

### (1) Changes in Initial Conditions

#### *(a) Longitudinal Motion*

i. Change the initial condition of  $\alpha$  to  $5^\circ$  and observe the simulation results.

What are the differences from the original initial condition case? Could you explain why?

ii. Explain the effects of initial  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$  by changing their values and observing the results.

#### *(b) Lateral Motion*

i. Change the initial condition of  $\beta$  to  $5^\circ$  and observe the difference in the simulation results.

What are the differences from the original initial condition case? Could you explain why?

ii. Explain the effects of initial  $\beta$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  by changing their values and observing the results.

### (2) Effects of Control Surfaces

#### *(a) Longitudinal Motion*

i. Change the elevator deflection angle to  $10^\circ$  and observe the simulation results.

What are the differences from the original initial condition case? Could you explain why?

What if the elevator deflection angle is  $-10^\circ$  ?

ii. Explain how the magnitude change in elevator deflection angle affects the motion of UAS using the simulator.

#### *(b) Lateral Motion*

i. Change the aileron deflection angle to  $10^\circ$  and observe the simulation results.

What are the differences from the original initial condition case? Could you explain why?

What if the aileron deflection angle is  $-10^\circ$  ?

ii. Explain how the magnitude change in aileron deflection angle affects the motion of UAS using the simulator.

iii. Perform i. and ii. for rudder deflection angle.