

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 (α_0)	0°
Sideslip Angle (β_0)	0°
Euler Angles ($[\phi_0 \ \theta_0 \ \psi_0]$)	$[0 \ 5 \ 0]^\circ$
Body Angular Rates ($[p_0 \ q_0 \ r_0]$)	$[0 \ 0 \ 0]^\circ/\text{s}$
Position ($[x_{E_0} \ x_{N_0} \ h_0]$)	$[0 \ 0 \ 1500]\text{ft}$

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

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

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 α to 5° 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 α and θ by changing their values and observing the results.

(b) Lateral Motion

- i. Change the initial condition of β to 5° 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 β , ϕ and ψ by changing their values and observing the results.

(2) Effects of Control Surfaces

(a) Longitudinal Motion

- i. Change the elevator deflection angle to 10° 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° ?

- 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° 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° ?

- 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.