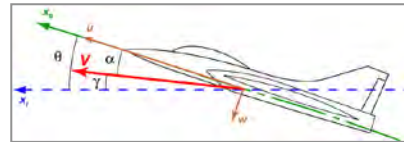


# Linearized Longitudinal Equations of Motion

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## Learning Objectives

- 6<sup>th</sup>-order  $\rightarrow$  4<sup>th</sup>-order  $\rightarrow$  hybrid equations
- Dynamic stability derivatives
- Long-period (phugoid) mode
- Short-period mode



**Reading:**  
*Flight Dynamics*  
452-464, 482-486  
*Airplane Stability and Control*  
Chapter 7

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<http://www.princeton.edu/~stengel/MAE331.html>  
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## *The Jets at an Awkward Age*

Chapter 7, *Airplane Stability and Control*,  
Abzug and Larrabee

- What are the principal subject and scope of the chapter?
- What technical ideas are needed to understand the chapter?
- During what time period did the events covered in the chapter take place?
- What are the three main "takeaway" points or conclusions from the reading?
- What are the three most surprising or remarkable facts that you found in the reading?

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- Symmetric aircraft
- Motions in the vertical plane
- Flat earth

**State Vector, 6 components**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{X}_{Lon_6}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ w \\ x \\ z \\ q \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Axial Velocity} \\ \text{Vertical Velocity} \\ \text{Range} \\ \text{Altitude(-)} \\ \text{Pitch Rate} \\ \text{Pitch Angle} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 4<sup>th</sup>-Order Longitudinal Equations of Motion

**Nonlinear Dynamic Equations, neglecting range and altitude**

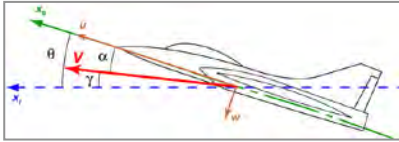
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u} &= f_1 = X / m - g \sin \theta - qw \\ \dot{w} &= f_2 = Z / m + g \cos \theta + qu \\ \dot{q} &= f_3 = M / I_{yy} \\ \dot{\theta} &= f_4 = q\end{aligned}$$

**State Vector, 4 components**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{x}_{Lon_4}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ w \\ q \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Axial Velocity, m/s} \\ \text{Vertical Velocity, m/s} \\ \text{Pitch Rate, rad/s} \\ \text{Pitch Angle, rad} \end{bmatrix} \quad 5$$

*Fourth-Order Hybrid Equations of Motion*



## Transform Longitudinal Velocity Components

Replace Cartesian body components of velocity by polar inertial components

Replace **X** and **Z** by **T**, **D**, and **L**

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u} &= f_1 = X/m - g \sin \theta - qw \\ \dot{w} &= f_2 = Z/m + g \cos \theta + qu \\ \dot{q} &= f_3 = M/I_{yy} \\ \dot{\theta} &= f_4 = q\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ w \\ q \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Axial Velocity} \\ \text{Vertical Velocity} \\ \text{Pitch Rate} \\ \text{Pitch Angle} \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Transform Longitudinal Velocity Components

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Replace **X** and **Z** by **T**, **D**, and **L**

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &= f_1 = [T \cos(\alpha + i) - D - mg \sin \gamma]/m \\ \dot{\gamma} &= f_2 = [T \sin(\alpha + i) + L - mg \cos \gamma]/mV \\ \dot{q} &= f_3 = M/I_{yy} \\ \dot{\theta} &= f_4 = q\end{aligned}$$

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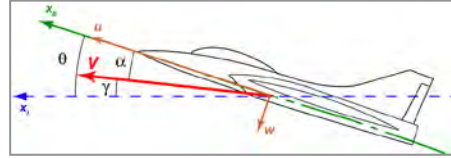


$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V \\ \gamma \\ q \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Velocity} \\ \text{Flight Path Angle} \\ \text{Pitch Rate} \\ \text{Pitch Angle} \end{bmatrix}$$

$i$  = Incidence angle of the thrust vector  
with respect to the centerline

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# Hybrid Longitudinal Equations of Motion



- Replace pitch angle by angle of attack  $\alpha = \theta - \gamma$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &= f_1 = [T \cos(\alpha + i) - D - mg \sin \gamma] / m \\ \dot{\gamma} &= f_2 = [T \sin(\alpha + i) + L - mg \cos \gamma] / mV \\ \dot{q} &= f_3 = M / I_{yy} \\ \dot{\theta} &= f_4 = q\end{aligned}$$

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# Hybrid Longitudinal Equations of Motion

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V \\ \gamma \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Velocity} \\ \text{Flight Path Angle} \\ \text{Pitch Rate} \\ \text{Angle of Attack} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta = \alpha + \gamma$$

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## Why Transform Equations and State Vector?

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V \\ \gamma \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Velocity} \\ \text{Flight Path Angle} \\ \text{Pitch Rate} \\ \text{Angle of Attack} \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Velocity** and **flight path angle** typically have **slow variations**
- **Pitch rate** and **angle of attack** typically have **quicker variations**

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## Small Perturbations from Steady Path Approximated by Linear Equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_N(t) + \Delta\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \\ &\approx \mathbf{f}[\mathbf{x}_N(t), \mathbf{u}_N(t), \mathbf{w}_N(t), t] + \mathbf{F}(t)\Delta\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}(t)\Delta\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{L}(t)\Delta\mathbf{w}(t) \end{aligned}$$

**Steady, Level Flight**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \mathbf{0} + \Delta\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \\ &\approx \mathbf{f}[\mathbf{x}_N(t), \mathbf{u}_N(t), \mathbf{w}_N(t), t] + \mathbf{F}\Delta\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}\Delta\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{L}\Delta\mathbf{w}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Rates of change are “small”

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## Nominal Equations of Motion in Equilibrium (Trimmed Condition)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_N(t) = \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{f}[\mathbf{x}_N(t), \mathbf{u}_N(t), \mathbf{w}_N(t), t]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_N^T = \begin{bmatrix} V_N & \gamma_N & 0 & \alpha_N \end{bmatrix}^T = \text{constant}$$

$T$ ,  $D$ ,  $L$ , and  $M$  contain state, control, and disturbance effects

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_N = 0 = f_1 &= [T \cos(\alpha_N + i) - D - mg \sin \gamma_N] / m \\ \dot{\gamma}_N = 0 = f_2 &= [T \sin(\alpha_N + i) + L - mg \cos \gamma_N] / m V_N \\ \dot{q}_N = 0 = f_3 &= M / I_{yy} \\ \dot{\alpha}_N = 0 = f_4 &= (0) - \frac{1}{m V_N} [T \sin(\alpha_N + i) + L - mg \cos \gamma_N] \end{aligned}$$

(See Supplemental Material for trimmed solution) 13

## Small Perturbations from Steady Path Approximated by Linear Equations

### Linearized Equations of Motion

$$\Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \dot{V} \\ \Delta \dot{\gamma} \\ \Delta \dot{q} \\ \Delta \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{F}_{Lon} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta V \\ \Delta \gamma \\ \Delta q \\ \Delta \alpha \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{G}_{Lon} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \delta T \\ \Delta \delta E \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} + \dots$$

# Linearized Equations of Motion

## Phugoid (Long-Period) Motion



## Short-Period Motion



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## Approximate Decoupling of Fast and Slow Modes of Motion

Hybrid linearized equations allow the two modes to be examined separately

Effects of **phugoid** perturbations on **phugoid** motion

Effects of **short-period** perturbations on **phugoid** motion

$$\mathbf{F}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{Ph} & \mathbf{F}_{SP}^{Ph} \\ \mathbf{F}_{Ph}^{SP} & \mathbf{F}_{SP} \end{bmatrix}$$

Effects of **phugoid** perturbations on **short-period** motion

Effects of **short-period** perturbations on **short-period** motion

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{Ph} & \textit{small} \\ \textit{small} & \mathbf{F}_{SP} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{Ph} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{F}_{SP} \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Sensitivity Matrices for Longitudinal LTI Model

$$\Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{Lon}(t) = \mathbf{F}_{Lon} \Delta \mathbf{x}_{Lon}(t) + \mathbf{G}_{Lon} \Delta \mathbf{u}_{Lon}(t) + \mathbf{L}_{Lon} \Delta \mathbf{w}_{Lon}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \gamma} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \gamma} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial V} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \gamma} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial V} & \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \gamma} & \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \alpha} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta E} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta T} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta F} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta E} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta T} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta F} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta E} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta T} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta F} \\ \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \delta E} & \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \delta T} & \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \delta F} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V_{wind}} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V_{wind}} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial V_{wind}} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} \\ \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial V_{wind}} & \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Velocity Dynamics

### Nonlinear equation

$$\dot{V} = f_1 = \frac{1}{m} [T \cos \alpha - D - mg \sin \gamma]$$

Thrust along  $x_B$

$$= \frac{1}{m} \left[ C_T \cos \alpha \frac{\rho V^2}{2} S - C_D \frac{\rho V^2}{2} S - mg \sin \gamma \right]$$

### First row of linearized dynamic equation

$$\Delta \dot{V}(t) = \left[ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V} \Delta V(t) + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \gamma} \Delta \gamma(t) + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial q} \Delta q(t) + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \alpha} \Delta \alpha(t) \right]$$

$$+ \left[ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta E} \Delta \delta E(t) + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta T} \Delta \delta T(t) + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta F} \Delta \delta F(t) \right]$$

$$+ \left[ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V_{wind}} \Delta V_{wind} + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} \Delta \alpha_{wind} \right]$$

## Sensitivity of Velocity Dynamics to State Perturbations

$$\dot{V} = \left[ (C_T \cos \alpha - C_D) \frac{\rho V^2}{2} S - mg \sin \gamma \right] / m$$

Coefficients in first row of **F**

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V} = \frac{1}{m} \left[ (C_{T_V} \cos \alpha_N - C_{D_V}) \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S + (C_{T_N} \cos \alpha_N - C_{D_N}) \rho_N V_N S \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{-1}{m} [mg \cos \gamma_N] = -g \cos \gamma_N$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial q} = \frac{-1}{m} \left[ C_{D_q} \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{-1}{m} \left[ (C_{T_N} \sin \alpha_N + C_{D_\alpha}) \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S \right]$$

$$C_{T_V} \equiv \frac{\partial C_T}{\partial V}$$

$$C_{D_V} \equiv \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial V}$$

$$C_{D_q} \equiv \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial q}$$

$$C_{D_\alpha} \equiv \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial \alpha}$$

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## Sensitivity of Velocity Dynamics to Control and Disturbance Perturbations

Coefficients in first rows of **G** and **L**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta E} &= \frac{-1}{m} \left[ C_{D_{\delta E}} \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S \right] \\ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta T} &= \frac{1}{m} \left[ C_{T_{\delta T}} \cos \alpha_N \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S \right] \\ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta F} &= \frac{-1}{m} \left[ C_{D_{\delta F}} \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V_{wind}} &= - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V} \\ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} &= - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{T_{\delta T}} &\equiv \frac{\partial C_T}{\partial \delta T} \\ C_{D_{\delta E}} &\equiv \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial \delta E} \\ C_{D_{\delta F}} &\equiv \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial \delta F} \end{aligned}$$

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# Flight Path Angle Dynamics

## Nonlinear equation

$$\dot{\gamma} = f_2 = \frac{1}{mV} [T \sin \alpha + L - mg \cos \gamma]$$

$$= \frac{1}{mV} \left[ C_T \sin \alpha \frac{\rho V^2}{2} S + C_L \frac{\rho V^2}{2} S - mg \cos \gamma \right]$$

## Second row of linearized equation

$$\Delta \dot{\gamma}(t) = \left[ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V} \Delta V(t) + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \gamma} \Delta \gamma(t) + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial q} \Delta q(t) + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha} \Delta \alpha(t) \right]$$

$$+ \left[ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta E} \Delta \delta E(t) + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta T} \Delta \delta T(t) + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta F} \Delta \delta F(t) \right]$$

$$+ \left[ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V_{wind}} \Delta V_{wind} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} \Delta \alpha_{wind} \right]$$

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# Sensitivity of Flight Path Angle Dynamics to State Perturbations

$$\dot{\gamma} = \left[ (C_T \sin \alpha + C_L) \frac{\rho V^2}{2} S - mg \cos \gamma \right] / mV$$

## Coefficients in second row of **F**

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V} = \frac{1}{mV_N} \left[ (C_{T_v} \sin \alpha_N + C_{L_v}) \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S + (C_{T_N} \sin \alpha_N + C_{L_N}) \rho_N V_N S \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{mV_N^2} \left[ (C_{T_N} \sin \alpha_N + C_{L_N}) \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S - mg \cos \gamma_N \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{1}{mV_N} [mg \sin \gamma_N] = g \sin \gamma_N / V_N$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial q} = \frac{1}{mV_N} \left[ C_{L_q} \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{1}{mV_N} \left[ (C_{T_N} \cos \alpha_N + C_{L_\alpha}) \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S \right]$$

$$C_{T_v} = \frac{\partial C_T}{\partial V}$$

$$C_{L_v} = \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial V}$$

$$C_{L_q} = \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial q}$$

$$C_{L_\alpha} = \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha}$$

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# Pitch Rate Dynamics

## Nonlinear equation

$$\dot{q} = f_3 = \frac{M}{I_{yy}} = \frac{C_m(\rho V^2/2) \overline{S\bar{c}}}{I_{yy}}$$

## Third row of linearized equation

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \dot{q}(t) = & \left[ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial V} \Delta V(t) + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \gamma} \Delta \gamma(t) + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial q} \Delta q(t) + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \alpha} \Delta \alpha(t) \right] \\ & + \left[ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta E} \Delta \delta E(t) + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta T} \Delta \delta T(t) + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta F} \Delta \delta F(t) \right] \\ & + \left[ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial V_{wind}} \Delta V_{wind} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} \Delta \alpha_{wind} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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# Sensitivity of Pitch Rate Dynamics to State Perturbations

$$\dot{q} = C_m(\rho V^2/2) \overline{S\bar{c}} / I_{yy}$$

## Coefficients in third row of **F**

$$\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial V} = \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ C_{m_v} \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} \overline{S\bar{c}} + C_{m_N} \rho_N V_N \overline{S\bar{c}} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \gamma} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial q} = \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ C_{m_q} \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} \overline{S\bar{c}} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ C_{m_\alpha} \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} \overline{S\bar{c}} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{m_v} &\equiv \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial V} \\ C_{m_q} &\equiv \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial q} \\ C_{m_\alpha} &\equiv \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

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# Angle of Attack Dynamics

## Nonlinear equation

$$\dot{\alpha} = f_4 = \dot{\theta} - \dot{\gamma} = q - \frac{1}{mV} [T \sin \alpha + L - mg \cos \gamma]$$

## Fourth row of linearized equation

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \dot{\alpha}(t) = & \left[ \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial V} \Delta V(t) + \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \gamma} \Delta \gamma(t) + \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial q} \Delta q(t) + \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \alpha} \Delta \alpha(t) \right] \\ & + \left[ \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \delta E} \Delta \delta E(t) + \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \delta T} \Delta \delta T(t) + \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \delta F} \Delta \delta F(t) \right] \\ & + \left[ \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial V_{wind}} \Delta V_{wind} + \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} \Delta \alpha_{wind} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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# Sensitivity of Angle of Attack Dynamics to State Perturbations

$$\dot{\alpha} = \dot{\theta} - \dot{\gamma} = q - \dot{\gamma}$$

## Coefficients in fourth row of F

$$\frac{\partial f_4}{\partial V} = -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_4}{\partial q} = 1 - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial q}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \gamma} = -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \gamma}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \alpha} = -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha}$$

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## Alternative Approach: Numerical Calculation of the Sensitivity Matrices (“1<sup>st</sup> Differences”)

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V}(t) \approx \frac{f_1 \begin{bmatrix} (V + \Delta V) \\ \gamma \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} - f_1 \begin{bmatrix} (V - \Delta V) \\ \gamma \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}}{2\Delta V} \Bigg|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_N(t) \\ \mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_N(t) \\ \mathbf{w}=\mathbf{w}_N(t)}}; \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \gamma}(t) \approx \frac{f_1 \begin{bmatrix} V \\ (\gamma + \Delta\gamma) \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} - f_1 \begin{bmatrix} V \\ (\gamma - \Delta\gamma) \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}}{2\Delta\gamma} \Bigg|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_N(t) \\ \mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_N(t) \\ \mathbf{w}=\mathbf{w}_N(t)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V}(t) \approx \frac{f_2 \begin{bmatrix} (V + \Delta V) \\ \gamma \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} - f_2 \begin{bmatrix} (V - \Delta V) \\ \gamma \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}}{2\Delta V} \Bigg|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_N(t) \\ \mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_N(t) \\ \mathbf{w}=\mathbf{w}_N(t)}}; \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \gamma}(t) \approx \frac{f_2 \begin{bmatrix} V \\ (\gamma + \Delta\gamma) \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} - f_2 \begin{bmatrix} V \\ (\gamma - \Delta\gamma) \\ q \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}}{2\Delta\gamma} \Bigg|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_N(t) \\ \mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_N(t) \\ \mathbf{w}=\mathbf{w}_N(t)}}$$

Remaining elements of  $\mathbf{F}(t)$ ,  $\mathbf{G}(t)$ , and  $\mathbf{L}(t)$   
calculated accordingly

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## *Current Events* **SpaceShipTwo Accident** October 31, 2014



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**SpaceShipOne Flight**

Pilot earns astronaut wings

weightless

50 nm

100 km

Apache Helicopter  
15,895

U2 Spy Plane  
75,000 ft

F-4 Phantom II  
50,000 ft

White Knight  
50,000 ft

747 Airliner  
45,000 ft

50 nm

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# Current Events

## SpaceShipTwo Accident

### October 31, 2014



**Probable Cause, as of 11/3/14**  
**Premature Feathering at  $M = 1$**

**Chris Hart, '68, \*70**  
**Acting Chairman, NTSB**

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# SpaceShipOne

## Ansari X Prize, December 17, 2003



**Brian Binnie, \*78**  
**Pilot, Astronaut**

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**MAE 331**  
**AIRCRAFT FLIGHT DYNAMICS**  
**Assignment #4**  
**due: October 21, 2010**

Interest in space tourism is growing, as several companies compete to offer sub-orbital rides into space for paying customers. The door was opened on October 4, 2004 when Mojave Aerospace Ventures *SpaceShipOne* (Fig. 1) flew higher than 100 km for the second time in less than three weeks, winning the Ansari X-Prize (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SpaceShipOne>). Princeton alumnus, Brian Binnie, was at the controls for the award-winning flight.

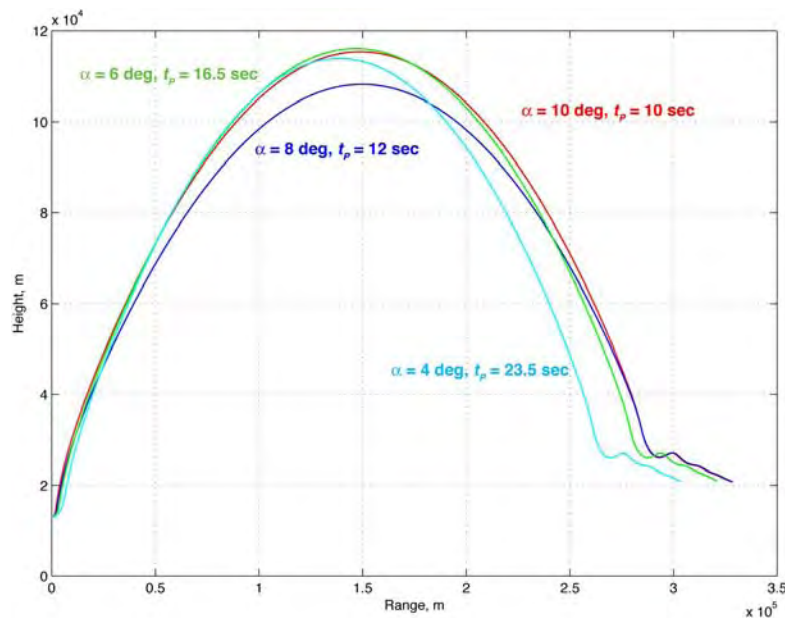


Figure 1. *SpaceShipOne*, in flight, and with astronaut/test pilot Brian Binnie, MAE \*78.

This week's assignment is to simulate *SpaceShipOne*'s flight. There are two major parts to the assignment. First, you will develop a longitudinal aerodynamic, inertial, and thrust model for the aircraft. Then, you will calculate the flight trajectory (Fig. 2) using point-mass longitudinal equations of motion. The dynamic equations are similar to those of Assignment #2, but are modified to include thrust, to portray the vehicle in conventional and "feathered" re-entry configuration over a range of angles of attack and Mach numbers, and to account for altitude-dependent variations in gravitational acceleration and atmospheric properties.

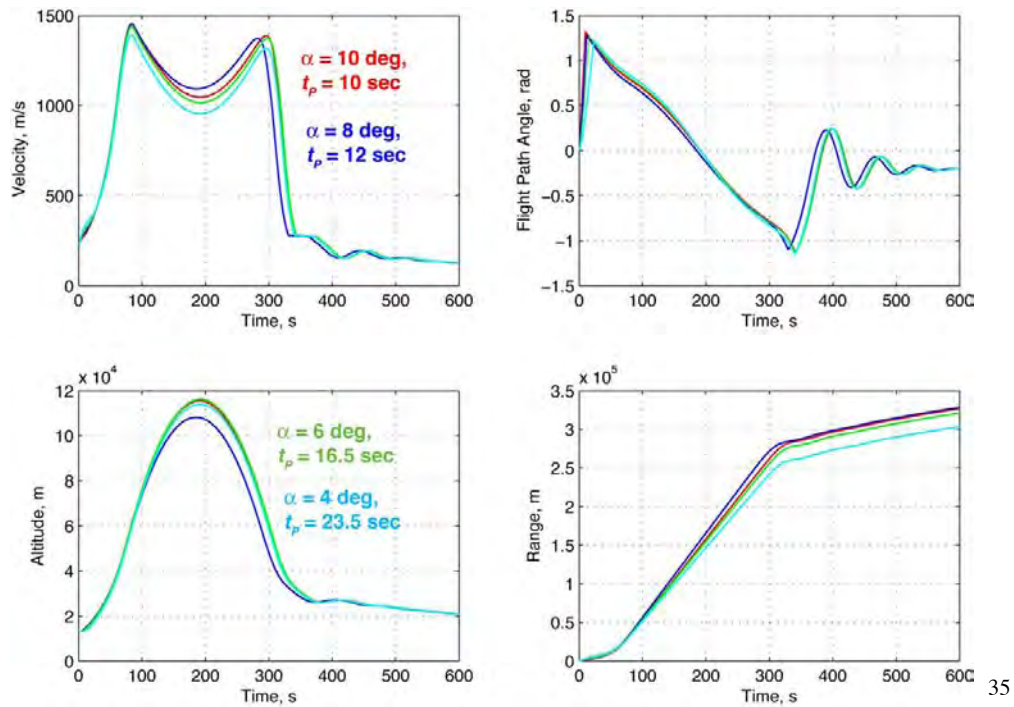
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## SpaceShipOne Altitude vs. Range MAE 331 Assignment #4, 2010



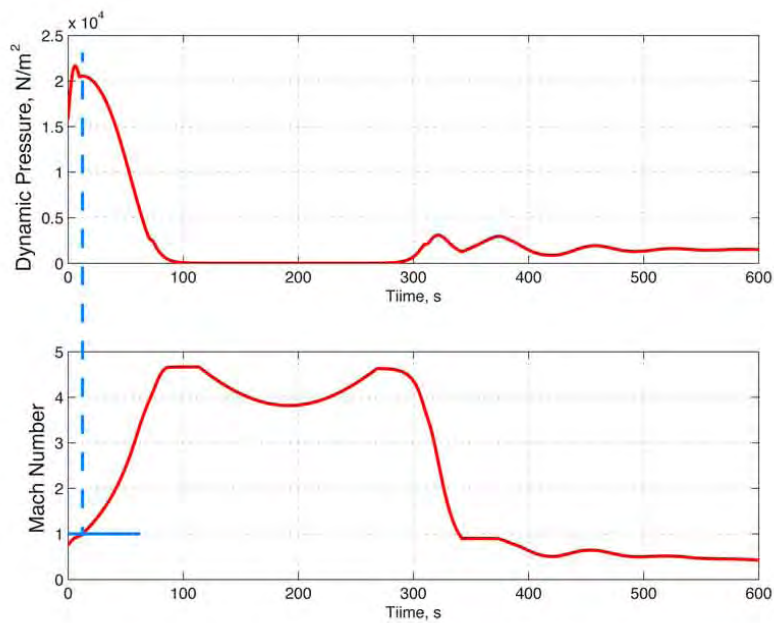
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## SpaceShipOne State Histories



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## SpaceShipOne Dynamic Pressure and Mach Number Histories



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# *Dimensional Stability and Control Derivatives*

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## Dimensional Stability-Derivative Notation

- Redefine force and moment symbols as acceleration symbols
- Dimensional stability derivatives portray acceleration sensitivities to state perturbations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\text{Drag}}{\text{mass (m)}} &\Rightarrow D \propto \dot{V} \\ \frac{\text{Lift}}{\text{mass}} &\Rightarrow L \propto V\dot{\gamma} \\ \frac{\text{Moment}}{\text{moment of inertia (I}_{yy})} &\Rightarrow M \propto \dot{q}\end{aligned}$$

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## Dimensional Stability-Derivative Notation

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V} \equiv -D_v \triangleq \frac{1}{m} \left[ (C_{T_v} \cos \alpha_N - C_{D_v}) \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S + (C_{T_N} \cos \alpha_N - C_{D_N}) \rho_N V_N S \right]$$

*Thrust and drag effects are combined and represented by one symbol*

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha} \equiv L_\alpha / V_N \triangleq \frac{1}{m V_N} \left[ (C_{T_N} \cos \alpha_N + C_{L_\alpha}) \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S \right]$$

*Thrust and lift effects are combined and represented by one symbol*

$$\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \alpha} \equiv M_\alpha \triangleq \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ C_{m_\alpha} \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2} S \bar{c} \right]$$

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## Longitudinal Stability Matrix

Effects of phugoid  
perturbations on  
phugoid motion

Effects of short-period  
perturbations on phugoid  
motion

$$\mathbf{F}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{Ph} & \mathbf{F}_{SP}^{Ph} \\ \mathbf{F}_{Ph}^{SP} & \mathbf{F}_{SP} \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} -D_v & -g \cos \gamma_N & -D_q & -D_\alpha \\ L_v / V_N & \frac{g}{V_N} \sin \gamma_N & L_q / V_N & L_\alpha / V_N \\ \hline M_v & 0 & M_q & M_\alpha \\ -L_v / V_N & -\frac{g}{V_N} \sin \gamma_N & \left(1 - \frac{L_q}{V_N}\right) & -\frac{L_\alpha}{V_N} \end{array} \right]$$

Effects of phugoid  
perturbations on short-  
period motion

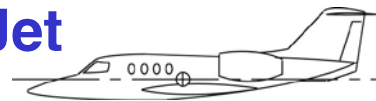
Effects of short-period  
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# Comparison of Fourth- and Second-Order Dynamic Models

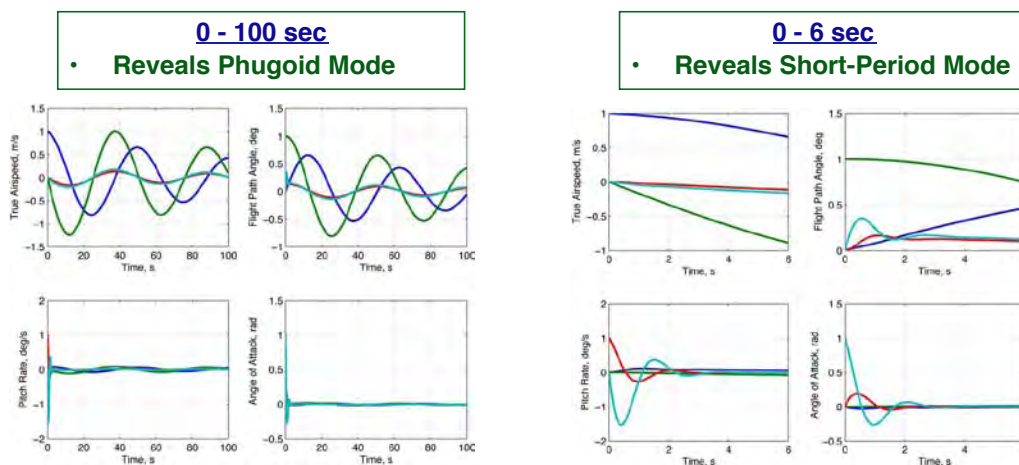
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## 4<sup>th</sup>-Order Initial-Condition Responses of Business Jet at Two Time Scales



Plotted over different periods of time

4 initial conditions [ $V(0)$ ,  $\gamma(0)$ ,  $q(0)$ ,  $\alpha(0)$ ]



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## 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Models of Longitudinal Motion

Assume off-diagonal blocks of (4 x 4) stability matrix are negligible

$$\mathbf{F}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{Ph} & \sim 0 \\ \sim 0 & \mathbf{F}_{SP} \end{bmatrix}$$

### Approximate Phugoid Equation

$$\Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{Ph} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \dot{V} \\ \Delta \dot{\gamma} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -D_V & -g \cos \gamma_N \\ L_V / V_N & \frac{g}{V_N} \sin \gamma_N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta V \\ \Delta \gamma \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} T_{\delta T} \\ L_{\delta T} / V_N \end{bmatrix} \Delta \delta T + \begin{bmatrix} -D_V \\ L_V / V_N \end{bmatrix} \Delta V_{wind}$$

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## 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Models of Longitudinal Motion

$$\mathbf{F}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{Ph} & \sim 0 \\ \sim 0 & \mathbf{F}_{SP} \end{bmatrix}$$

### Approximate Short-Period Equation

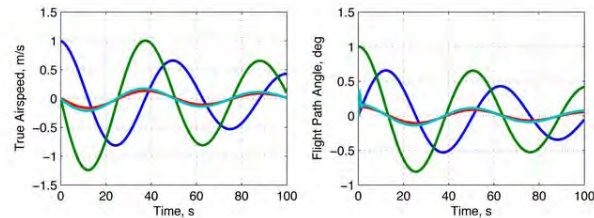
$$\Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{SP} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \dot{q} \\ \Delta \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} M_q & M_\alpha \\ \left(1 - L_q / V_N\right) & -L_\alpha / V_N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta q \\ \Delta \alpha \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M_{\delta E} \\ -L_{\delta E} / V_N \end{bmatrix} \Delta \delta E + \begin{bmatrix} M_\alpha \\ -L_\alpha / V_N \end{bmatrix} \Delta \alpha_{wind}$$

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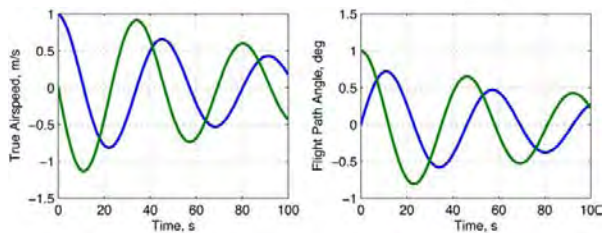
# Comparison of Bizjet 4<sup>th</sup>- and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Model Responses

Phugoid Time Scale, ~100 s

**4<sup>th</sup> Order,**  
4 initial conditions  
[ $V(0)$ ,  $\gamma(0)$ ,  $q(0)$ ,  $\alpha(0)$ ]



**2<sup>nd</sup> Order,**  
2 initial conditions  
[ $V(0)$ ,  $\gamma(0)$ ]

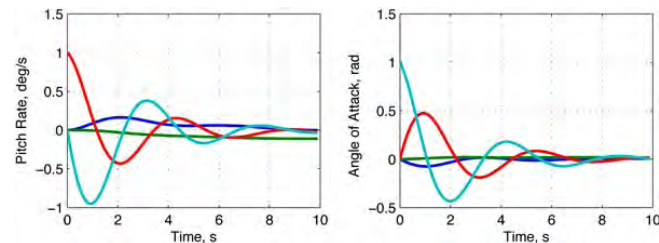


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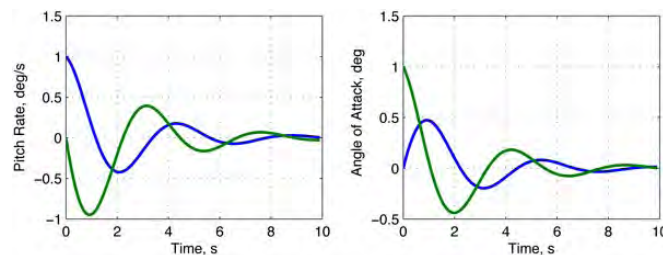
# Comparison of Bizjet 4<sup>th</sup>- and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Model Responses

Short-Period Time Scale, ~10 s

**4<sup>th</sup> Order,**  
4 initial conditions  
[ $V(0)$ ,  $\gamma(0)$ ,  $q(0)$ ,  $\alpha(0)$ ]



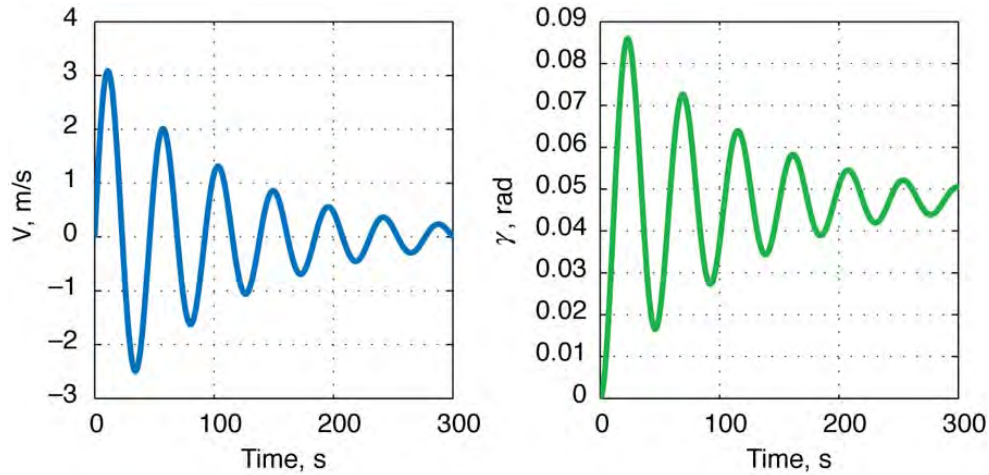
**2<sup>nd</sup> Order,**  
2 initial conditions  
[ $q(0)$ ,  $\alpha(0)$ ]



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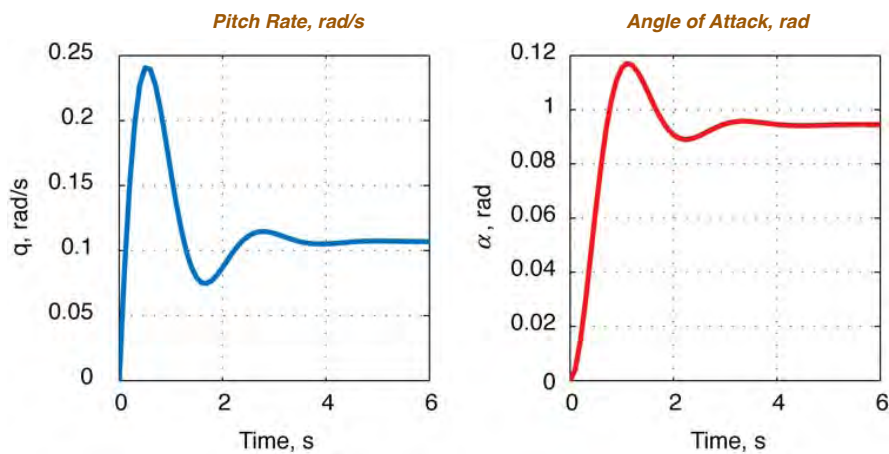
## Approximate Phugoid Response to a 10% Thrust Increase



What is the steady-state response?

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## Approximate Short-Period Response to a 0.1-Rad Pitch Control Step Input



What is the steady-state response?

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# Normal Load Factor Response to a 0.1-Rad Pitch Control Step Input

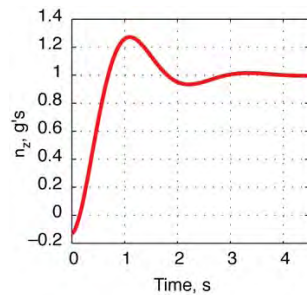
- Normal load factor at the center of mass

$$n_z = \frac{V_N}{g} (\Delta \dot{\alpha} - \Delta q) = \frac{V_N}{g} \left( \frac{L_\alpha}{V_N} \Delta \alpha + \frac{L_{\delta E}}{V_N} \Delta \delta E \right)$$

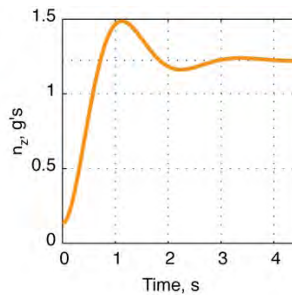


- Pilot focuses on normal load factor during rapid maneuvering

Normal Load Factor, g's at c.m.  
Aft Pitch Control (Elevator)



Normal Load Factor, g's at c.m.  
Forward Pitch Control (Canard)



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**Next Time:**  
**Lateral-Directional Dynamics**

**Reading:**  
**Flight Dynamics**  
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## *Supplemental Material*

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## *Trimmed Solution of the Equations of Motion*

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# Flight Conditions for Steady, Level Flight

## Nonlinear longitudinal model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &= f_1 = \frac{1}{m} [T \cos(\alpha + i) - D - mg \sin \gamma] \\ \dot{\gamma} &= f_2 = \frac{1}{mV} [T \sin(\alpha + i) + L - mg \cos \gamma] \\ \dot{q} &= f_3 = M / I_{yy} \\ \dot{\alpha} &= f_4 = \dot{\theta} - \dot{\gamma} = q - \frac{1}{mV} [T \sin(\alpha + i) + L - mg \cos \gamma]\end{aligned}$$

## Nonlinear longitudinal model in equilibrium

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= f_1 = \frac{1}{m} [T \cos(\alpha + i) - D - mg \sin \gamma] \\ 0 &= f_2 = \frac{1}{mV} [T \sin(\alpha + i) + L - mg \cos \gamma] \\ 0 &= f_3 = M / I_{yy} \\ 0 &= f_4 = \dot{\theta} - \dot{\gamma} = q - \frac{1}{mV} [T \sin(\alpha + i) + L - mg \cos \gamma]\end{aligned}$$

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# Numerical Solution for Level Flight Trimmed Condition

- Specify desired altitude and airspeed,  $h_N$  and  $V_N$
- Guess starting values for the **trim parameters**,  $\delta T_0$ ,  $\delta E_0$ , and  $\theta_0$
- Calculate starting values of  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ , and  $f_3$

$$\begin{aligned}f_1 &= \frac{1}{m} [T(\delta T, \delta E, \theta, h, V) \cos(\alpha + i) - D(\delta T, \delta E, \theta, h, V)] \\ f_2 &= \frac{1}{mV_N} [T(\delta T, \delta E, \theta, h, V) \sin(\alpha + i) + L(\delta T, \delta E, \theta, h, V) - mg] \\ f_3 &= M(\delta T, \delta E, \theta, h, V) / I_{yy}\end{aligned}$$

- $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ , and  $f_3 = 0$  in equilibrium, but not for arbitrary  $\delta T_0$ ,  $\delta E_0$ , and  $\theta_0$
- Define a scalar, positive-definite **trim error cost function**, e.g.,

$$J(\delta T, \delta E, \theta) = a(f_1^2) + b(f_2^2) + c(f_3^2)$$

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# Minimize the Cost Function with Respect to the Trim Parameters

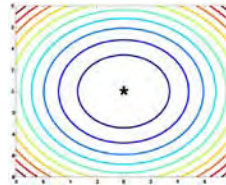
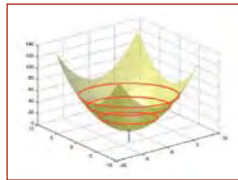
Error cost is “bowl-shaped”

$$J(\delta T, \delta E, \theta) = a(f_1^2) + b(f_2^2) + c(f_3^2)$$

Cost is minimized at bottom of bowl, i.e., when

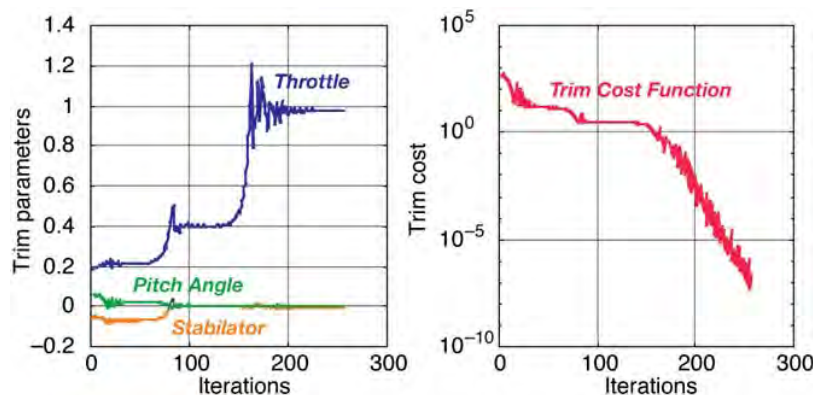
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \delta T} & \frac{\partial J}{\partial \delta E} & \frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Search to find the minimum value of  $J$



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## Example of Search for Trimmed Condition (Fig. 3.6-9, *Flight Dynamics*)



In MATLAB, use ***fminsearch*** to find trim settings

$$(\delta T^*, \delta E^*, \theta^*) = \text{fminsearch}[J, (\delta T, \delta E, \theta)]$$

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# Elements of the Stability Matrix

Stability derivatives portray acceleration  
sensitivities to state perturbations

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial V} = -D_V; \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \gamma} = -g \cos \gamma_N; \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial q} = -D_q; \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \alpha} = -D_\alpha$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V} = \frac{L_V}{V_N}; \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{g}{V_N} \sin \gamma_N; \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial q} = \frac{L_q}{V_N}; \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{L_\alpha}{V_N}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial V} = M_V; \quad \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \gamma} = 0; \quad \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial q} = M_q; \quad \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \alpha} = M_\alpha$$

$$\frac{\partial f_4}{\partial V} = -\frac{L_V}{V_N}; \quad \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \gamma} = -\frac{g}{V_N} \sin \gamma_N; \quad \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial q} = 1 - \frac{L_q}{V_N}; \quad \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \alpha} = -\frac{L_\alpha}{V_N}$$

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## Control and Disturbance Sensitivities in Flight Path Angle, Pitch Rate, and Angle-of-Attack Dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta E} &= \frac{1}{mV_N} \left[ C_{L_{\delta E}} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \right] \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta T} &= \frac{1}{mV_N} \left[ C_{T_{\delta T}} \sin \alpha_N \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \right] \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta F} &= \frac{1}{mV_N} \left[ C_{L_{\delta F}} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \right] \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta E} &= \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ C_{m_{\delta E}} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \bar{c} \right] \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta T} &= \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ C_{m_{\delta T}} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \bar{c} \right] \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta F} &= \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ C_{m_{\delta F}} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \bar{c} \right] \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \delta E} &= -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta E} \\ \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \delta T} &= -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta T} \\ \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \delta F} &= -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta F} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V_{wind}} &= -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} &= -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial V_{wind}} &= -\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial V} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} &= -\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial V_{wind}} &= \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial V} \\ \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial \alpha_{wind}} &= \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

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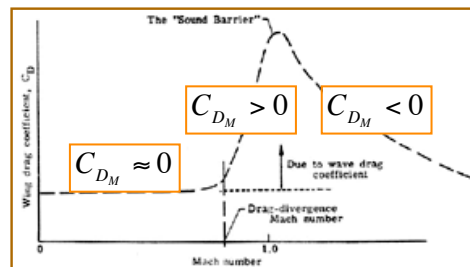
# Velocity-Dependent Derivative Definitions

**Air compressibility effects are a principal source of velocity dependence**

$$C_{D_M} \equiv \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial M} = \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial (V/a)} = a \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial V}$$

$a$  = Speed of Sound

$M$  = Mach number =  $V/a$



$$C_{D_V} \equiv \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial V} = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) C_{D_M}$$

$$C_{L_V} \equiv \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial V} = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) C_{L_M}$$

$$C_{m_V} \equiv \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial V} = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) C_{m_M}$$

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## Wing Lift and Moment Coefficient Sensitivity to Pitch Rate

**Straight-wing incompressible flow estimate (Etkin)**

$$C_{L_{\dot{q}_{wing}}} = -2C_{L_{\alpha_{wing}}} (h_{cm} - 0.75)$$

$$C_{m_{\dot{q}_{wing}}} = -2C_{L_{\alpha_{wing}}} (h_{cm} - 0.5)^2$$

**Straight-wing supersonic flow estimate (Etkin)**

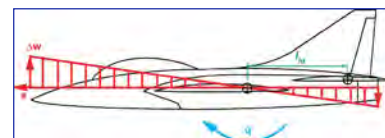
$$C_{L_{\dot{q}_{wing}}} = -2C_{L_{\alpha_{wing}}} (h_{cm} - 0.5)$$

$$C_{m_{\dot{q}_{wing}}} = -\frac{2}{3\sqrt{M^2 - 1}} - 2C_{L_{\alpha_{wing}}} (h_{cm} - 0.5)^2$$

**Triangular-wing estimate (Bryson, Nielsen)**

$$C_{L_{\dot{q}_{wing}}} = -\frac{2\pi}{3} C_{L_{\alpha_{wing}}}$$

$$C_{m_{\dot{q}_{wing}}} = -\frac{\pi}{3AR}$$



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# Control- and Disturbance- Effect Matrices

- Control-effect derivatives portray acceleration sensitivities to control input perturbations

$$\mathbf{G}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} -D_{\delta E} & T_{\delta T} & -D_{\delta F} \\ L_{\delta E} / V_N & L_{\delta T} / V_N & L_{\delta F} / V_N \\ M_{\delta E} & M_{\delta T} & M_{\delta F} \\ -L_{\delta E} / V_N & -L_{\delta T} / V_N & -L_{\delta F} / V_N \end{bmatrix}$$

- Disturbance-effect derivatives portray acceleration sensitivities to disturbance input perturbations

$$\mathbf{L}_{Lon} = \begin{bmatrix} -D_{V_{wind}} & -D_{\alpha_{wind}} \\ L_{V_{wind}} / V_N & L_{\alpha_{wind}} / V_N \\ M_{V_{wind}} & M_{\alpha_{wind}} \\ -L_{V_{wind}} / V_N & -L_{\alpha_{wind}} / V_N \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Primary Longitudinal Stability Derivatives

$$D_V \triangleq \frac{-1}{m} \left[ (C_{T_V} - C_{D_V}) \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S + (C_{T_N} - C_{D_N}) \rho V_N S \right]$$

$$L_V / V_N \approx \frac{1}{m V_N} \left[ C_{L_V} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S + C_{L_N} \rho V_N S \right] - \frac{1}{m V_N^2} \left[ C_{L_N} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S - mg \right]$$

$$M_q = \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ C_{m_q} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \bar{c} \right]$$

$$M_\alpha = \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ C_{m_\alpha} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \bar{c} \right]$$

$$L_\alpha / V_N \approx \frac{1}{m V_N} \left[ (C_{T_N} + C_{L_\alpha}) \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \right]$$

Small angle assumptions

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## Primary Phugoid Control Derivatives

$$D_{\delta T} \approx \frac{-1}{m} \left[ C_{T_{\delta T}} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \right]$$

$$L_{\delta F} / V_N \approx \frac{1}{m V_N} \left[ C_{L_{\delta F}} \frac{\rho V_N^2}{2} S \right]$$

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## Primary Short-Period Control Derivatives

$$M_{\delta E} = C_{m_{\delta E}} \left( \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2 I_{yy}} \right) S \bar{c}$$

$$L_{\delta E} / V = C_{L_{\delta E}} \left( \frac{\rho_N V_N^2}{2 m} \right) S$$

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# Flight Motions

**Simulator Demonstration of  
Short-Period Response to Elevator Deflection**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1O7ZqBS0\\_B8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1O7ZqBS0_B8)

**Simulator Demonstration of Phugoid Response**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEOGM\\_9NGTI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEOGM_9NGTI)



**Dornier Do-128 Short-Period Demonstration**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hdLXE0rc9Q>

**Dornier Do-128 Phugoid Demonstration**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzxtpQ30nLg&feature=related>