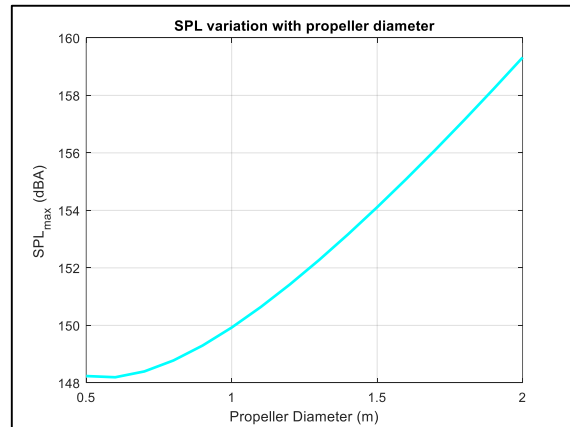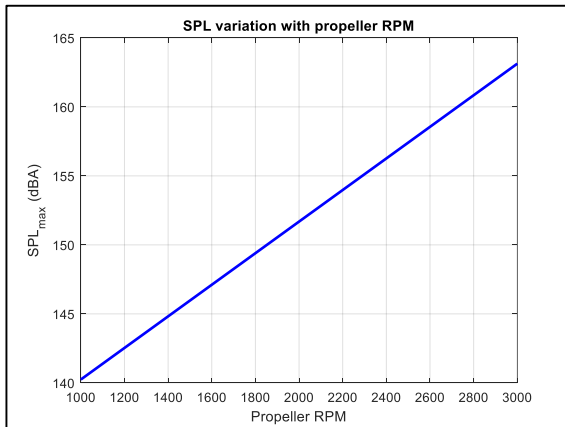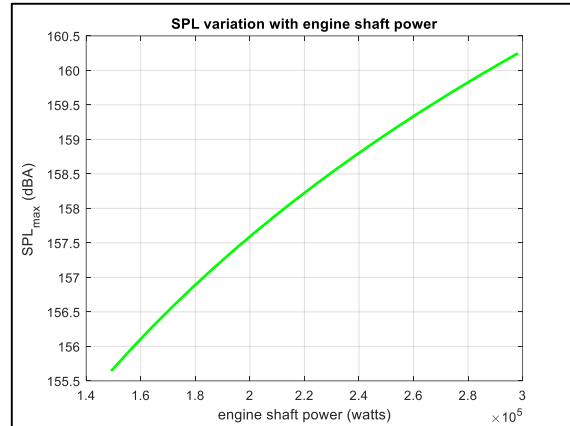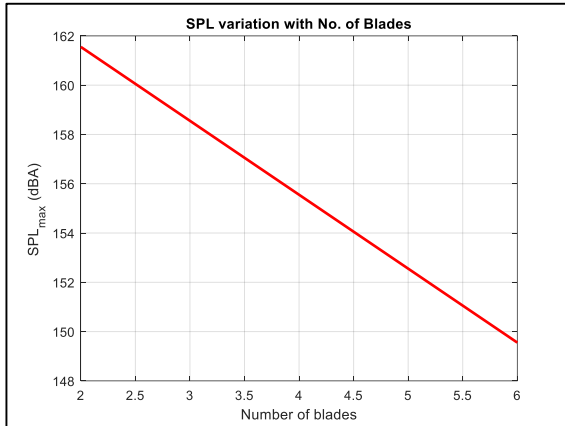# 1. Sensitivity Analysis of the Empirical Model

The following is a sensitivity analysis for the empirical model for propeller noise taken from Chapter 12 of the textbook "Elements of Aviation Acoustics" by G.J.J Ruijgrok. The propeller noise equation is given as:

$$SPL_{max}(r) = 83.4 + 15.3 \log P_{br} - 20 \log D + 38.5\, M_t - 3(B-2) + 10 \log N - 20 \log r$$
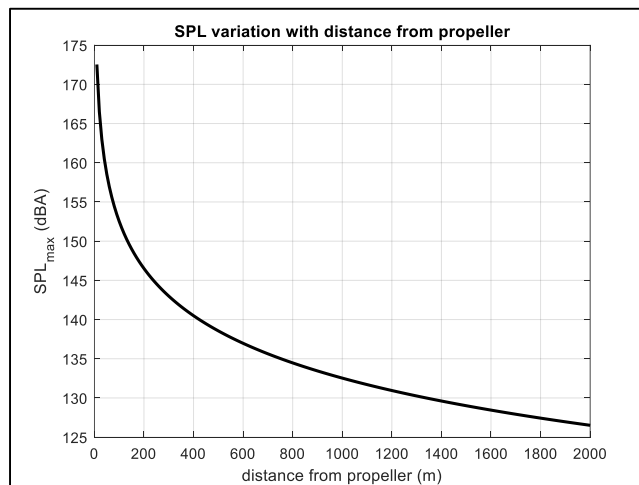
## 2. Input Identification of Regression Analysis Based Sound Models

Following table identifies the different inputs to the several flyover sound models delineated in the technical study "The Development of a Flyover Noise Prediction Technique Using Multiple Linear Regression Analysis" by Cessna Aircraft Co.

| Model Number: | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Parameter** | **Unit** | | | | | | | | | |
| Helical Mach | - | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Shaft HP | Hp | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Helical Mach Squared | - | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Two or Three Blades ? | - | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Turbocharger Enabled? | - | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Single or Twin engine? | - | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |

### 2.1 Comparison between Models 7 and 10

**comparison for varying shaft powers**
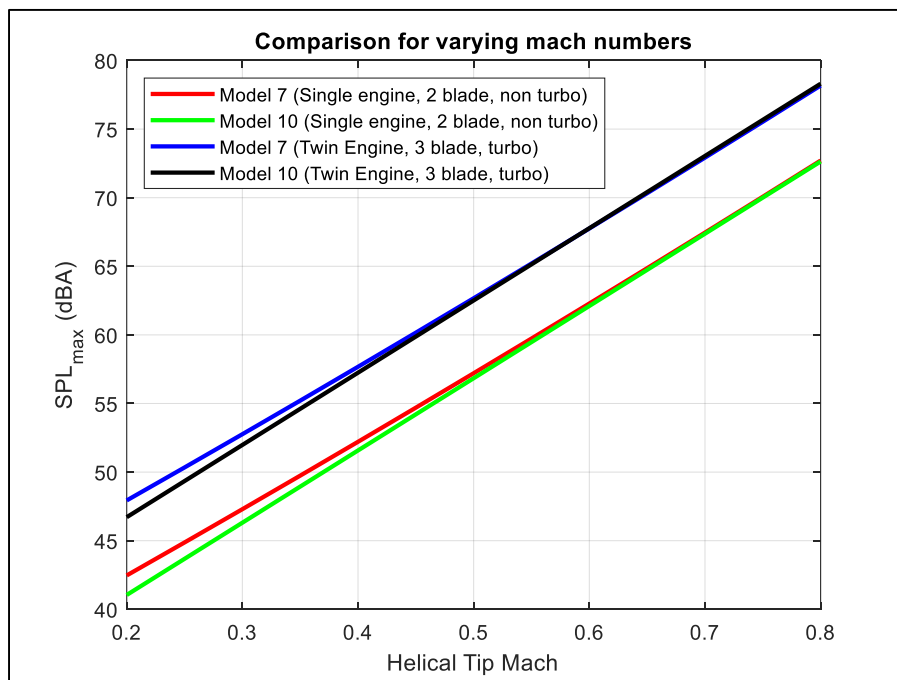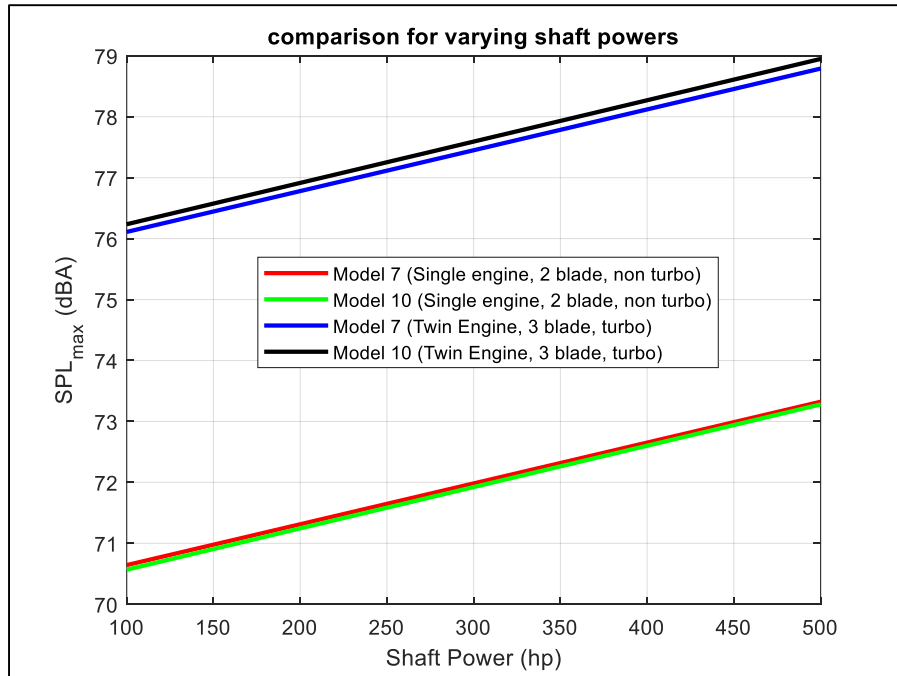
## 3. Codes for both Models

### 3.1 Empirical Model

```matlab
clc;clear;close all
%For this code, let us use the data from Chapter 14 examples of Gudmundson
%The model has been taken from Ref 18 - "Elements of aviation Acoustics"
%Starting with the piston engine noise:
n = 2600;%engine rotational speed in RPM
N = 4;%number of cylinders
f_c = n/120;%cylinder firing frequency
f_e = (N*n)/120;%exhaust firing frequency
% According to Reference 61, the overall A-weighted level of the exhaust
noise
% of an unmuffled piston engine at 150 m sideline can be estimated by:
P_br = 310*745.7;%engine shaft power, watts
L_A = 8 + (14*log10(P_br)) %dBA
%Using data in Gudmundson - An airplane is powered by a two-bladed propeller
%whose diameter is 76 inches is driven by a 310 BHP engine

%Then moving on to propeller noise:
% For the prediction of far-field propeller noise, the following expres sion
for the
% maximum sound pressure level can be used:
B = 3;%number of blades per propeller
n_p = 2600;%propeller rotational speed (rpm)
D = 1.9304;%propeller diameter (m)
r = 50;%distance from propeller (m)
c = 340;%speed of sound(m/s)
M_t = (pi*D*n_p)/(60*c);%tip mach number
SPL_max = 83.4 + (15.3*log10(P_br)) - (20*log10(D)) + (38.5*M_t) + ...
```

```matlab
        (-3*(B - 2)) + (10*log10(N)) - (20*log10(r))

%Sensitivity Analysis for the propeller model
%First we will vary each input parameter indvidually to check its impact on
%the sound level while keeping the other inputs constant.

%Sensitivity to Number of Blades
figure(1)
B_set = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6];
SPL_max_B = 83.4 + (15.3.*log10(P_br)) - (20.*log10(D)) + (38.5.*M_t) + ...
        (-3.*(B_set - 2)) + (10.*log10(N)) - (20.*log10(r))
plot(B_set,SPL_max_B,'r','LineWidth',2);grid on
xlabel('Number of blades');ylabel('SPL_{max} (dBA)');title('SPL variation
with No. of Blades')

%Sensitivity to Engine Horse Power
figure(2)
P_br_set = [200:10:400].*745.7;%watts
SPL_max_P_br = 83.4 + (15.3.*log10(P_br_set)) - (20.*log10(D)) + (38.5.*M_t)
+ ...
        (-3.*(B - 2)) + (10.*log10(N)) - (20.*log10(r))
plot(P_br_set,SPL_max_P_br,'g','LineWidth',2);grid on
xlabel('engine shaft power (watts)');ylabel('SPL_{max} (dBA)');title('SPL
variation with engine shaft power')

%Sensitivity to Propeller RPM i.e. tip mach
figure(3)
n_p_set = 1000:100:3000
M_t_set = (pi.*D.*n_p_set)./(60.*c);%tip mach number
SPL_max_n_p = 83.4 + (15.3.*log10(P_br)) - (20.*log10(D)) + (38.5.*M_t_set) +
...
        (-3.*(B - 2)) + (10.*log10(N)) - (20.*log10(r))
plot(n_p_set,SPL_max_n_p,'b','LineWidth',2);grid on
xlabel('Propeller RPM');ylabel('SPL_{max} (dBA)');title('SPL variation with
propeller RPM')

%Sensitivity to Propeller Diameter i.e. also affects tip mach
figure(4)
D_set = 0.5:0.1:2;%propeller diameter (m)
M_t_set_2 = (pi.*D_set.*n_p)./(60.*c);%tip mach number
SPL_max_D = 83.4 + (15.3.*log10(P_br)) - (20.*log10(D_set)) +
(38.5.*M_t_set_2) + ...
        (-3.*(B - 2)) + (10.*log10(N)) - (20.*log10(r))
plot(D_set,SPL_max_D,'c','LineWidth',2);grid on
xlabel('Propeller Diameter (m)');ylabel('SPL_{max} (dBA)');title('SPL
variation with propeller diameter')

%Sensitivity to distance From Propeller
figure(5)
r_set = 0:10:100;%distance from propeller (m)
SPL_max_r = 83.4 + (15.3.*log10(P_br)) - (20.*log10(D)) + (38.5.*M_t) + ...
        (-3.*(B - 2)) + (10.*log10(N)) - (20.*log10(r_set))
plot(r_set,SPL_max_r,'k','LineWidth',2);grid on
xlabel('distance from propeller (m)');ylabel('SPL_{max} (dBA)');title('SPL
variation with distance from propeller')
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## 3.2 Regression Models

```
%Following are the regression based models from the paper:
%  "The Development of a Flyover Noise Prediction Technique Using Multiple
%  Linear Regression Analysis"
clc;clear variables;close all
%MODEL # 1 - (Single Engine Aircraft)
X_1 = 0.79;%Helical Mach
Y_1 = 12.7506 + (75.6219*X_1);%dBA


%MODEL # 2 - (Twin Engine Aircraft)
X_2 = 0.78;%Helical Mach
Y_2 = 25.99 + (65.0586*X_2);%dBA


%MODEL # 3 - (Single and Twin Engine)
X_3_1 = 0.78;%Helical Mach
X_3_2 = 0;% 0 for single and 1 for double prop
Y_3 = 13.2314 + (75.0445*X_3_1) + (4.3295*X_3_2);%dBA


%MODEL # 4 - (Single Engine Aircraft)
X_4 = 0.78;%Helical Mach
Y_4 = 86.7697 + (137.8972*X_4);%dBA


%MODEL # 5 - (Single Engine Aircraft)
X_5 = 0.78;%Helical Mach
Y_5 = 60.8837 + (0.00481*X_5);%dBA


%MODEL # 6 - ILLEGIBLE


%MODEL # 8 - (Single Engine Aircraft)
X_8_1 = 250;%BHP
X_8_2 = 0.78;%Helical Mach
X_8_3 = 0;%0 for 2 blade, 1 for 3 blade
X_8_4 = 0;%0 for non-turbo, 1 for turbo
Y_8 = 30.5646 + (0.00942*X_8_1) + (49.9636*X_8_2) + (2.4494*X_8_3) +
(0.4552*X_8_4);


%MODEL # 9 - (Twin Engine Aircraft)
X_9_1 = 250;%BHP
X_9_2 = 0.78;%Helical Mach
Y_9 = 5.2566 + (0.01428*X_9_1) + (84.2969*X_9_2);


%MODEL # 10 -
X_10_1 = 250;%BHP
X_10_2 = 0.78;%Helical Mach
X_10_3 = 0;%0 for 2 blade, 1 for 3 blade
X_10_4 = 0;%0 for non-turbo, 1 for turbo
X_10_5 = 0;%0 for single engine, 1 for twin engine
Y_10 = 28.8194 + (0.00678*X_10_1) + (52.6543*X_10_2) + (2.8333*X_10_3)...
      + (0.2603*X_10_4) + (2.5742*X_10_5);


%MODEL # 7 - (Sing and Twin Engine Aircraft)
X_7_1 = 250;%BHP
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```matlab
X_7_2 = 0.78;%Helical Mach
X_7_3 = X_7_2^2;%Helical Mach Squared
X_7_4 = 0;%0 for 2 blade, 1 for 3 blade
X_7_5 = 0;%0 for non-turbo, 1 for turbo
X_7_6 = 0;%0 for single engine, 1 for twin engine
Y_7 = 31.3920 + (0.0067*X_7_1) + (46.1576*X_7_2) + (4.2376*X_7_3) + ...
      (2.5981*X_7_4) + (0.2577*X_7_5) + (2.6106*X_7_6);


%COMPARISONS BETWEEN MODELS 7 & 10


%Helical Tip Mmach Variance Comparison:
%Single engine (250 hp), 2 blade, non turbo
figure(1)
M_hel_Set = 0.2:0.05:0.8;
Y_7_Mach_1 = 31.3920 + (0.0067.*250) + (46.1576.*M_hel_Set) +
(4.2376.*(M_hel_Set.^2)) + ...
      (2.5981.*0) + (0.2577.*0) + (2.6106.*0);
Y_10_Mach_1 = 28.8194 + (0.00678*250) + (52.6543*M_hel_Set) + (2.8333*0)...
       + (0.2603*0) + (2.5742*0);
%Twin Engine, 3 blade, turbo
Y_7_Mach_2 = 31.3920 + (0.0067.*250) + (46.1576.*M_hel_Set) +
(4.2376.*(M_hel_Set.^2)) + ...
      (2.5981.*1) + (0.2577.*1) + (2.6106.*1);
Y_10_Mach_2 = 28.8194 + (0.00678*250) + (52.6543*M_hel_Set) + (2.8333*1)...
       + (0.2603*1) + (2.5742*1);
plot(M_hel_Set,Y_7_Mach_1,'r','LineWidth',2);grid on;hold on
plot(M_hel_Set,Y_10_Mach_1,'g','LineWidth',2)
plot(M_hel_Set,Y_7_Mach_2,'b','LineWidth',2);
plot(M_hel_Set,Y_10_Mach_2,'k','LineWidth',2)
xlabel('Helical Tip Mach');ylabel('SPL_{max} (dBA)');title('comparison for
varying mach numbers')
legend('Model 7 (Single engine, 2 blade, non turbo)', 'Model 10 (Single
engine, 2 blade, non turbo)',...
       'Model 7 (Twin Engine, 3 blade, turbo)', 'Model 10 (Twin Engine, 3
blade, turbo)','Location','NorthWest')
xlim([0.2 0.8])


%Shaft Horse Power Variance Comparison:
%Mach 0.78, 2 blade, non turbo
figure(2)
M_hel_Set = 0.78;
Power_Set = 100:10:500;%hp
Y_7_Power_1 = 31.3920 + (0.0067.*Power_Set) + (46.1576.*M_hel_Set) +
(4.2376.*(M_hel_Set.^2)) + ...
      (2.5981.*0) + (0.2577.*0) + (2.6106.*0);
Y_10_Power_1 = 28.8194 + (0.00678*Power_Set) + (52.6543*M_hel_Set) +
(2.8333*0)...
       + (0.2603*0) + (2.5742*0);
%Twin Engine, 3 blade, turbo
Y_7_Power_2 = 31.3920 + (0.0067.*Power_Set) + (46.1576.*M_hel_Set) +
(4.2376.*(M_hel_Set.^2)) + ...
      (2.5981.*1) + (0.2577.*1) + (2.6106.*1);
Y_10_Power_2 = 28.8194 + (0.00678*Power_Set) + (52.6543*M_hel_Set) +
(2.8333*1)...
       + (0.2603*1) + (2.5742*1);
plot(Power_Set,Y_7_Power_1,'r','LineWidth',2);grid on;hold on
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plot(Power_Set,Y_10_Power_1,'g','LineWidth',2)
plot(Power_Set,Y_7_Power_2,'b','LineWidth',2);
plot(Power_Set,Y_10_Power_2,'k','LineWidth',2)
xlabel('Shaft Power (hp)');ylabel('SPL_{max} (dBA)');title('comparison for
varying shaft powers')
legend('Model 7 (Single engine, 2 blade, non turbo)', 'Model 10 (Single
engine, 2 blade, non turbo)',...
       'Model 7 (Twin Engine, 3 blade, turbo)', 'Model 10 (Twin Engine, 3
blade, turbo)','Location','NorthWest')
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