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Characteristics curves of Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines

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Chapter 1

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1.1 Algorithm Introduction

The function returns the characteristics curves of horizontal axis wind turbines: $C_T(\lambda)$, $C_Q(\lambda)$, $C_P(\lambda)$ according to Blade Element Momentum Theory. The procedure used to obtain these curves is shown in [2]. For a given windmill geometry, fixing arbitrarily α , the algorithm calculates the gradients of thrust $\frac{dC_T(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}}$, torque $\frac{dC_Q(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}}$ and power $\frac{dC_P(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}}$. For assigned speed ratio λ , it integrates gradients from $\bar{r} = 0$ to $\bar{r} = 1$ in order to obtain $C_T(\lambda)$, $C_Q(\lambda)$, $C_P(\lambda)$.

$$C_T = \int_0^1 \frac{dC_T(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}} d\bar{r} \quad (1.1)$$

$$C_Q = \int_0^1 \frac{dC_Q(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}} d\bar{r} \quad (1.2)$$

$$C_P = \int_0^1 \frac{dC_P(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}} d\bar{r} \quad (1.3)$$

The algorithm simplifies the aerodynamics of the blade elements assuming $C_{l\alpha} = 2\pi$ and $C_d = 0.01$

1.2 Algorithm description

The algorithm uses the equations shown in [1] that are similar than ones shown in [2] adapting to windmill convention. In the first code line a vector of α is assigned. For every blade element and α the algorithm calculates C_l and inflow angle ϕ . On these basis it determines C_x , C_y and so a , a' . From that equations explaining λ :

$$\lambda = \frac{1-a}{1+a'} \frac{1}{\tan\phi} \frac{1}{\bar{r}} \quad (1.4)$$

The algorithm calculates:

$$\frac{dC_T(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}} = \frac{2\sigma C_x \bar{r} (1-a)^2}{\sin^2\phi} \quad (1.5)$$

$$\frac{dC_Q(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}} = \frac{2\sigma C_y \bar{r}^2 (1-a)^2}{\sin^2 \phi} \quad (1.6)$$

$$\frac{dC_P(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}} = \frac{dC_Q(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}} \lambda \quad (1.7)$$

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v_alpha=convang( linspace(0.5,60,100), 'deg', 'rad' );

rs=r/R;          % adimensional radius

for i=1:length(r)
    for j=1:length(v_alpha)
        Cl(i,j)=Cl_alpha*v_alpha(j);
        phi(i,j)=v_alpha(j)+beta(i);

        Cx(i,j)=Cl(i,j)*cos(phi(i,j))+cd*sin(phi(i,j));
        Cy(i,j)=Cl(i,j)*sin(phi(i,j))-cd*cos(phi(i,j));

        sigmar(i,j)=N*c(i)/(2*pi*r(i)); % solidity

        a(i,j)=(sigmar(i,j)*Cx(i,j)/(4*(sin(phi(i,j)))^2))/...
            (1+(sigmar(i,j)*Cx(i,j)/(4*(sin(phi(i,j)))^2)));

        ap(i,j)=(sigmar(i,j)*Cy(i,j)/(4*sin(phi(i,j))...
            *cos(phi(i,j))))/(1-(sigmar(i,j)*Cy(i,j)/...
            (4*sin(phi(i,j))*cos(phi(i,j)))));

        lambda(i,j)=((1-a(i,j))/(1+ap(i,j)))...
            *(1/tan(phi(i,j)))*(1/rs(i));

        dCtdrs(i,j)=2*sigmar(i,j)*Cx(i,j)*(r(i)/R)*(1-a(i,j))^2...
            /((sin(phi(i,j)))^2);

        dCqdrs(i,j)=2*sigmar(i,j)*Cy(i,j)*(r(i)/R)^2*(1-a(i,j))^2...
            /((sin(phi(i,j)))^2);

        dCpdrs(i,j)=dCqdrs(i,j)*lambda(i,j);

    end

end

end

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In the second part of the code is assigned a vector of tip speed λ . From previous listing, the algorithm calculates the gradients $\frac{dC_T(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}}$, $\frac{dC_Q(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}}$, $\frac{dC_P(\bar{r})}{d\bar{r}}$ for every α and blade station and the corresponding tip speed λ (see eq. 1.4). In order to obtain gradients

distributions along adimensional radius fixed λ , in the following loop the algorithm implements an interpolation of datas. In the final part of the code, known gradients distributions, the integrals 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 are calculated using MATLAB function *"trapz"* for every λ .

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v_lambda=linspace(lambdainiziale , lambdafinale ,150);
STOP=ones( length( r ) , length( v_lambda ) );

for k=1:length( v_lambda )
    LAM=v_lambda(k);
    for i=1:length( r )
        aa(i ,k)=interp1( lambda( i ,: ) , a( i ,: ) ,LAM, 'pchip ' );
        aap(i ,k)=interp1( lambda( i ,: ) , ap( i ,: ) ,LAM, 'pchip ' );

        if aa( i ,k)>0.5
            STOP( i ,k)=k;
        else
            STOP( i ,k)=length( v_lambda );
        end

        DCtdrs( i ,k)=interp1( lambda( i ,: ) , dCtdrs( i ,: ) ,LAM, 'pchip ' );
        DCqdrs( i ,k)=interp1( lambda( i ,: ) , dCqdrs( i ,: ) ,LAM, 'pchip ' );
        DCpdrs( i ,k)=interp1( lambda( i ,: ) , dCpdrs( i ,: ) ,LAM, 'pchip ' );

    end

    CT(k)=trapz( rs , DCtdrs( : ,k ) );
    CQ(k)=trapz( rs , DCqdrs( : ,k ) );
    CP(k)=CQ(k)*LAM;

end
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1.3 Input & Output

1.4 Test Case

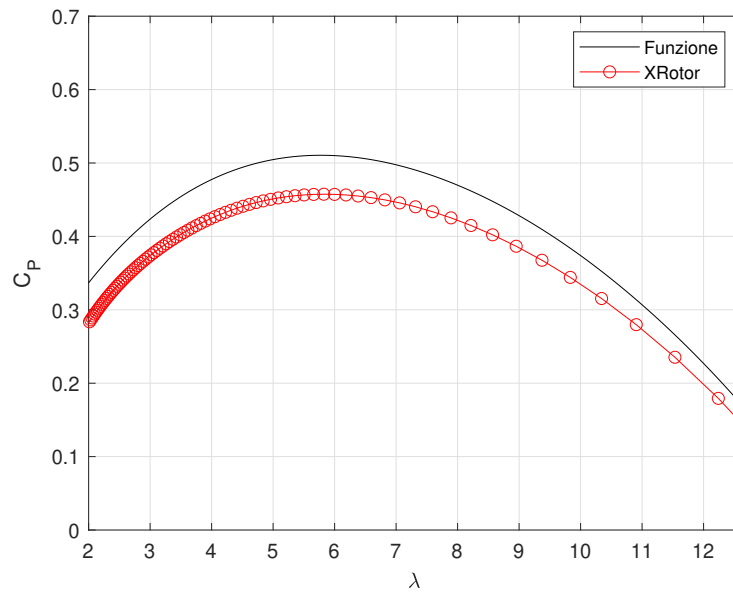


Figure 1.1

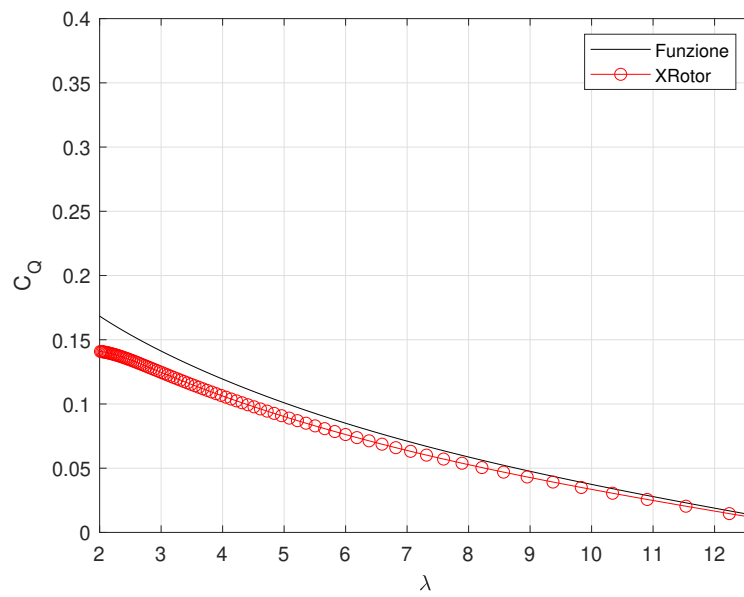


Figure 1.2

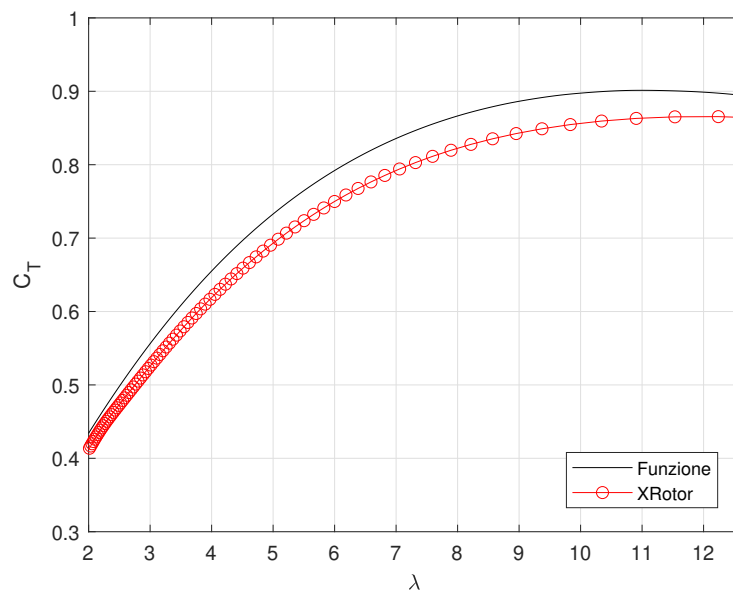


Figure 1.3

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