

## Nomenclature

Of the very large number of symbols required by the subject, many have more than one meaning. Usually the meaning is clear from the context in which the symbol is used.

$a$	Wing or wing-body lift curve slope: Acceleration: Local speed of sound
$a'$	Inertial or absolute acceleration
$a_0$	Speed of sound at sea level: Tailplane zero-incidence lift coefficient
$a_1$	Tailplane lift curve slope
$a_{1f}$	Canard foreplane lift curve slope
$a_{1f}$	Fin lift curve slope
$a_2$	Elevator lift curve slope
$a_{2a}$	Aileron lift curve slope
$a_{2r}$	Rudder lift curve slope
$a_3$	Elevator tab lift curve slope
$a_\infty$	Lift curve slope of infinite-span wing
$a_h$	Local lift curve slope at coordinate $h$
$a_y$	Local lift curve slope at spanwise coordinate $y$
$a_{zg}$	Normal acceleration at the $cg$
$a_{zp}$	Normal acceleration at the pilot
$ac$	Aerodynamic centre
$A$	Aspect ratio
$A_F$	Effective aspect ratio of fin
$A_T$	Effective aspect ratio of tailplane
$\mathbf{A}$	State matrix
$b$	Wing span
$b_1$	Elevator hinge moment derivative with respect to $\alpha_T$
$b_2$	Elevator hinge moment derivative with respect to $\eta$
$b_3$	Elevator hinge moment derivative with respect to $\beta_\eta$
$b_T$	Tailplane span
$\mathbf{B}$	Input matrix
$c$	Chord: Viscous damping coefficient: Command input
$\bar{c}$	Standard mean chord ( <i>smc</i> )
$\tilde{\bar{c}}$	Mean aerodynamic chord ( <i>mac</i> )
$\bar{c}_\eta$	Mean elevator chord aft of hinge line
$c_h$	Local chord at coordinate $h$
$c_r$	Root chord

• Control system to control an  
unmanned fixed-wing aircraft •

model: airframe / actuators / propulsion

design: controller

simulate: closed-loop controlled  
system (in Matlab)

flight regulations → sensible specifications

environmental factors → health risks  
green design  
pollution

flight stability

energy efficiency

\* identify simplifications.

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Tues 17th initial meeting

Wed 18th meet with Prof. van Wyk  
specifications & assumptions [prestudy → scope]

Platform: airframe, actuators, propulsion  
Mon 23rd initial model

Mon 30th refine model [regulations,  
environment, safety]

Mon 7th Controller & Sim

Mon 14th Start Report \*Van Wyk abs

Mon 21st Finish Report \*Van Wyk abs  
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Due Fri 25th Report due

spec by 21st

model by 25th

outline of Report: 30th ToC

Van Wyk → leaves 4th Fri

return 16th (am) Wed

- get list of names & student no.s
- nominate facilitator
- schedule meeting chair/secretary.
- secretary : Darrion
- facilitator : Daniel
- assistants : Tyson & Sidwell

UAV: RPA

Aim Class 1B for risk  
cost  
compliance  
simplification

Energy @ impact < 15kJ

Height (max) 121.92 m (400ft)

Weight (max) < 7 kg

Civil Aviation Act 2009

act 13 of 2009

SA-CATS 101

SA-CAA : SA civil aviation authority

ICAO : International Aviation org.

Airframe

• start with 2D model

actuators

reduce to linear component

propulsion

- gain or 1st order

$T_c$  from throttle  $\rightarrow$  thrust

controller

simulation  
(closed-loop)

Matlab

regulations

environmental

safety

• failure plan

- cut engine, deploy parachute

Report : 15 pages, size 11

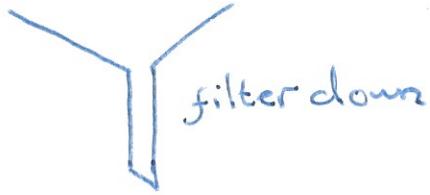
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Non-technical report : 2 pages [appendix A]

check ELOs \*particularly 7a, 7b

- cross coupling between systems

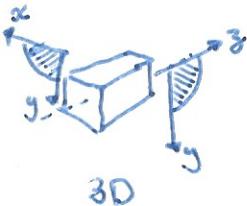
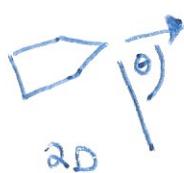
Big Problem, research, scale, options



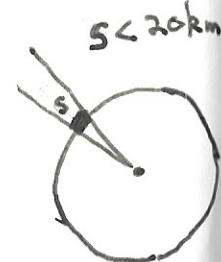
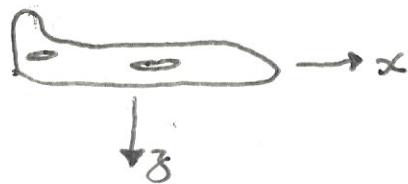
scoped down, assumptions, simplest



reduce assumptions, complexify model



Flat earth:



flat, non-rotating

Report: mathematical model  
derivation unnecessary?

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

control vector  
state variables  
non-linear functions

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{perturbations from} \\ \text{linear equilibrium} \end{array} \right.$$

$$u \cdot v = |u| |v| \cos \theta$$

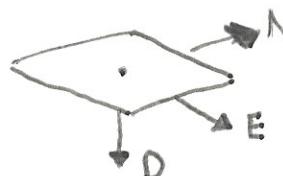


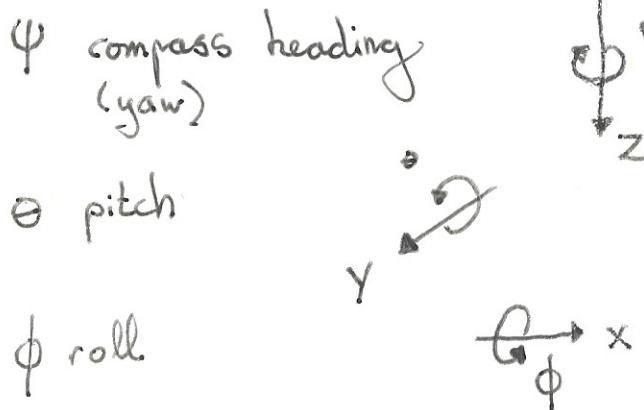
$$|u \times v| = |u| |v| \sin \theta$$



Euler:  $x, y, z$  (or  $z, y, x$ )  
angles

NED:





$$Z \ Y \ X \rightarrow 3, 2, 1$$

yaw, pitch, roll

$$\begin{aligned} -\pi &< \psi < \pi \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} &\leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -\pi &< \phi < \pi \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ranges} \\ \text{for} \\ \text{rotation} \\ \text{angles} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta s\psi & c\theta s\psi & -s\theta \\ -c\phi s\psi + s\phi s\theta c\psi & c\phi c\psi + s\phi s\theta s\psi & s\phi c\theta \\ s\phi s\psi + c\phi s\theta c\psi & -s\phi c\psi + c\phi s\psi & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

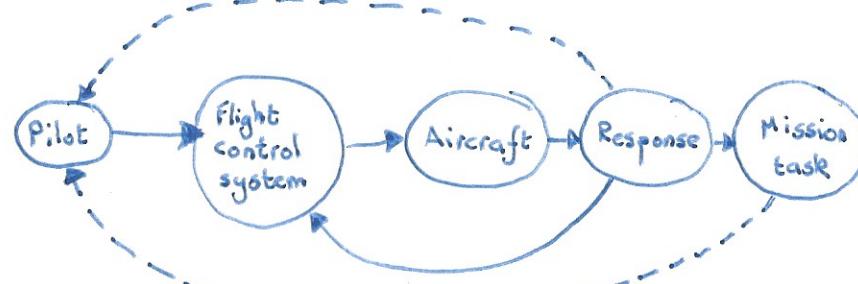
↓ direction cosine matrix

$$\begin{aligned} c &: \cos \\ s &: \sin \end{aligned}$$

{ forward / NED }

transforms from wind  $\rightarrow$  body

Fly-by-wire Flying & handling:



pitch number,  
altitude, mass,  
geometry, trim-rate



control displacement } static  
control force } characteristics

response to controls - dynamic  
characteristic

$\xi$  xi       $\zeta$  zeta       $\psi$  psi       $\rho$  rho  
 $\eta$  eta       $\epsilon$  epsilon       $\phi$  phi       $\omega$  omega

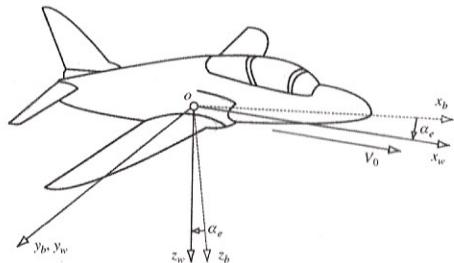


FIGURE 2.2 Moving-axis systems.

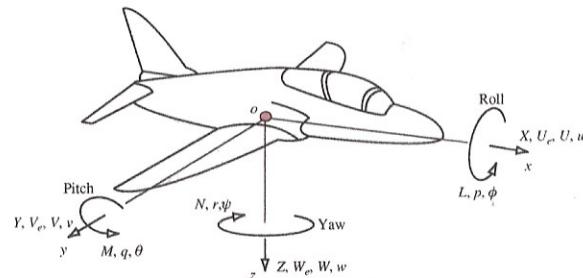


FIGURE 2.3 Motion variables notation.

Table 2.1 Summary of Motion Variables

	Trimmed Equilibrium			Perturbed		
Aircraft axis	$ox$	$oy$	$oz$	$ox$	$oy$	$oz$
Force	0	0	0	$X$	$Y$	$Z$
Moment	0	0	0	$L$	$M$	$N$
Linear velocity	$U_e$	$V_e$	$W_e$	$U$	$V$	$W$
Angular velocity	0	0	0	$p$	$q$	$r$
Attitude	0	$\theta_e$	0	$\phi$	$\theta$	$\psi$

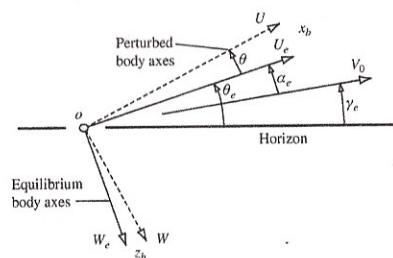


FIGURE 2.4 Generalised body axes in symmetric flight.

Table 2.2 Perturbation Variables

$X$	Axial "drag" force	Sum of the components of aerodynamic, thrust and weight forces
$Y$	Side force	
$Z$	Normal "lift" force	
$L$	Rolling moment	Sum of the components of aerodynamic, thrust and weight moments
$M$	Pitching moment	
$N$	Yawing moment	
$p$	Roll rate	Components of angular velocity
$q$	Pitch rate	
$r$	Yaw rate	
$U$	Axial velocity	Total linear velocity components of the cg
$V$	Lateral velocity	
$W$	Normal velocity	

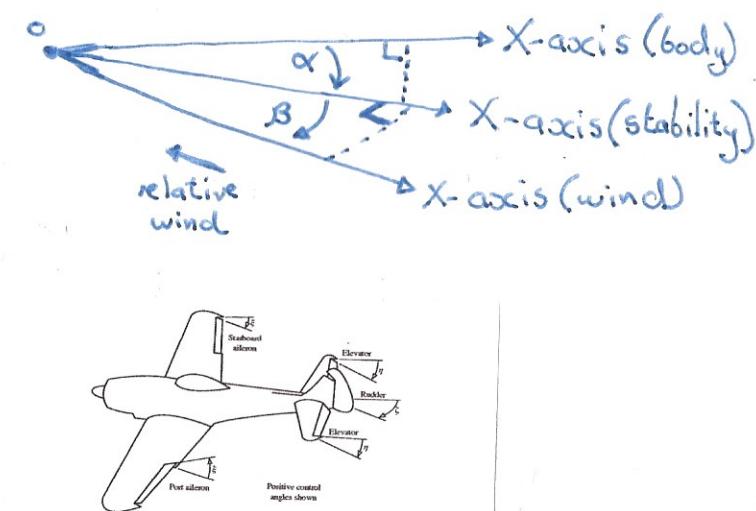


FIGURE 2.11 Aerodynamic control angles.

Subsonic speeds:  $< \text{mach } 1.0$   
 $C_L \propto \alpha$

$$\frac{d C_m}{d \alpha} < 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\frac{d C_m}{d C_L} < 0$$

$$C_m(\alpha=0) > 0$$

pitching moment  $C_m$

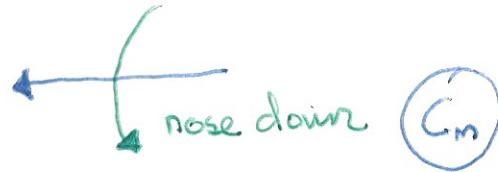
lift coefficient  $C_L$

$$C_m(C_L=0) > 0$$

angle of attack  $\alpha$

Too stable: difficult to change/control  
 Unstable: too responsive to change

High  $\tau$ :



Low  $\tau$ :



Assume Rigid structure  
 (no elasticity)

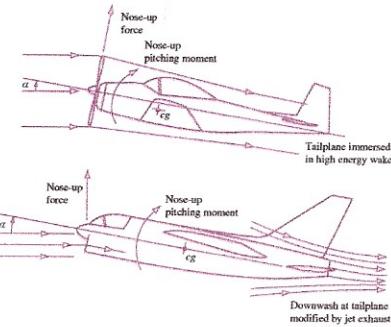


FIGURE 3.5 Typical induced-flow effects on pitching moment.

Max height 400 ft = 120m

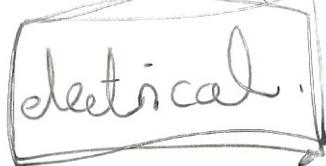
chosen height 100m

air density 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> [JHB 0.98 kg/m<sup>3</sup>]

airspeed 20 m/s



$$\phi = 0$$



ARF60  $\rightarrow$  Ma<sub>2</sub>

{ Daniel  
calculate  
co-efficients

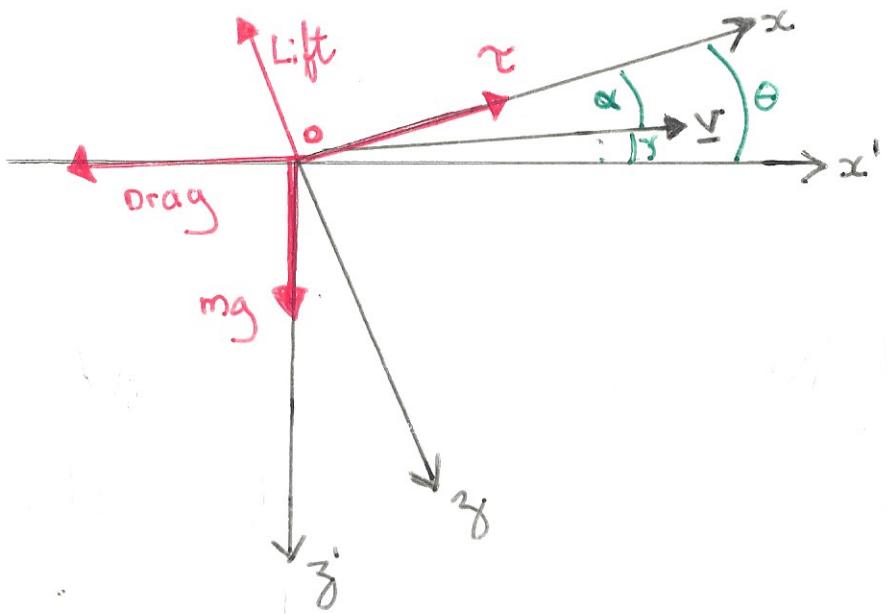


TF → SS model

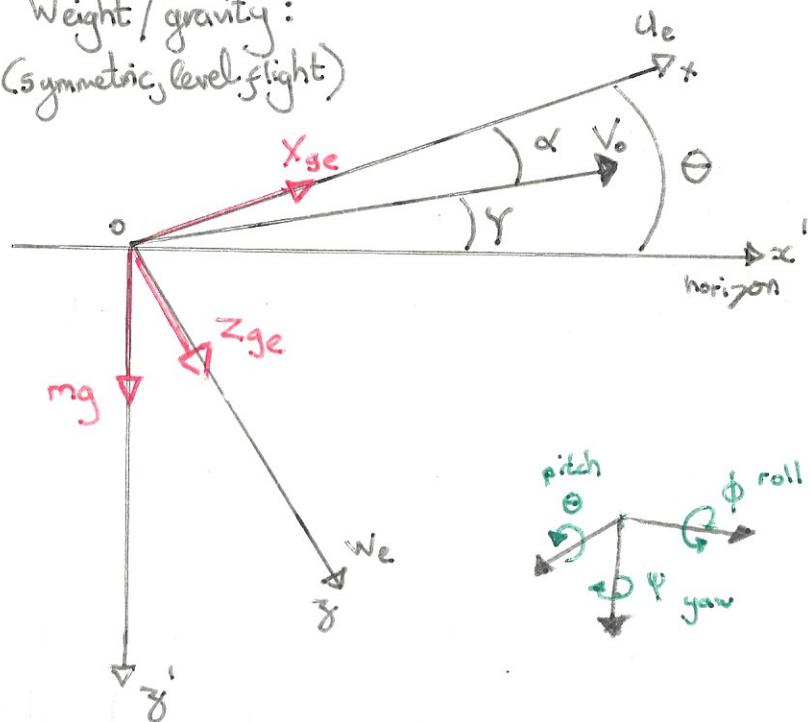


ARF60

vs. Ultra-flight  
(smaller, lighter,  
easier to  
classify as  
class 1B )



Weight / gravity:  
(symmetric, level flight)



$$x_{ge} = -mg \sin \theta_e$$

$$y_{ge} = 0$$

$$z_{ge} = mg \cos \theta_e$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_g \\ y_g \\ z_g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \psi & -\theta_e \\ -\psi & 1 & \phi \\ \theta_e & -\phi & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{ge} \\ y_{ge} \\ z_{ge} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_g &= -mg \sin \theta_e - mg \theta \cos \theta_e \\ y_g &= mg \psi \sin \theta_e + mg \phi \cos \theta_e \\ z_g &= mg \cos \theta_e - mg \theta \sin \theta_e \end{aligned}$$

Forces:

$$m(u - rV + gW) = X_a + X_g + X_c + X_p + X_d$$

roll rate      aerodynamic      gravitational      control power      external disturbance

$$m(v - pW + rU) = Y_a + Y_g + Y_c + Y_p + Y_d$$

pitch rate

$$m(w - qU + pV) = Z_a + Z_g + Z_c + Z_p + Z_d$$

Moments:      rolling moment

$$I_{x\dot{p}} - (I_y - I_z)q\dot{r} - I_{x\dot{z}}(pq + \dot{r}) = L_a + L_g + L_c + L_p + L_d$$

inertial moment      pitching moment

$$I_y\dot{q} + (I_z - I_y)p\dot{r} + I_{x\dot{z}}(p^2 - r^2) = M_a + M_g + M_c + M_p + M_d$$

yawing moment

$$I_z\dot{r} - (I_x - I_y)pq + I_{x\dot{y}}(qr - \dot{p}) = N_a + N_g + N_c + N_p + N_d$$

Assume steady, trimmed, symmetric, rectilinear flight with no roll, sideslip or yaw angles.

Stable, undisturbed atmosphere.

$$X_d = Y_d = Z_d = L_d = M_d = N_d = 0$$

$a_j, r_j, w_j$ : small perturbations in  $u, v, w$   
 $p_j, q_j, r_j$ : small angular perturbation velocities.

$$\text{so } U = U_e + u$$

$$V = V_e + v = v \quad (V_e = 0)$$

$$W = W_e + w$$

ignoring small values that are squared or multiplied:

$$m(u + qW_e) = X_a + X_g + X_c + X_p$$

$$m(v + rU_e) = Y_a + Y_g + Y_c + Y_p$$

$$m(w - qU_e) = Z_a + Z_g + Z_c + Z_p$$

$$I_{x\dot{p}} - I_{x\dot{z}}\dot{r} = L_a + L_g + L_c + L_p$$

$$I_y\dot{q} = M_a + M_g + M_c + M_p$$

$$I_z\dot{r} + I_{x\dot{y}}\dot{p} = N_a + N_g + N_c + N_p$$

$$X_a = X_{ae} + \left( \frac{\partial X}{\partial u} u + \frac{\partial X}{\partial u^2} \frac{u^2}{2!} + \dots \right) \quad \text{Acrodamic}$$

$$+ \left( \frac{\partial X}{\partial r} r + \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial r^2} \frac{r^2}{2!} + \dots \right)$$

... [terms in  
 $w, p, q, r, \dot{u}, \dot{v}, \dot{w}, \dot{p}, \dot{q}, \dot{w}, \dot{r}$   
+ higher order derivative terms]

$$\approx X_{ae} + \frac{\partial X}{\partial u} u + \frac{\partial X}{\partial r} r + \frac{\partial X}{\partial w} w + \frac{\partial X}{\partial p} p$$

$$+ \frac{\partial X}{\partial q} q + \frac{\partial X}{\partial v} v + \frac{\partial X}{\partial w} \dot{w}$$

or:

aerodynamic  
stability  
derivatives

$\dot{X}$  \*dimensional

$$\dot{X}_q = \dot{X}_{q_e} + \dot{X}_{u u} + \dot{X}_{v v} + \dot{X}_{w w} + \dot{X}_{p p} + \dot{X}_{q q} \\ + \dot{X}_{r r} + \dot{X}_{w w}$$

etc. for  $Y, Z, L, M, N$

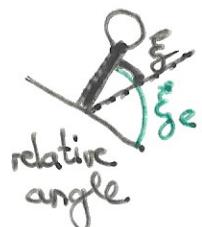
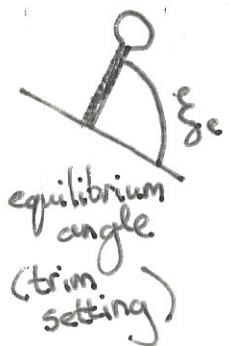
Control terms:

$$M_c = \frac{\partial M}{\partial \xi} \xi + \frac{\partial M}{\partial \eta} \eta + \frac{\partial M}{\partial \gamma} \gamma$$

elevator angle

aileron angle

rudder angle



$$\Rightarrow M_c = \dot{M}_\xi \xi + \dot{M}_\eta \eta + \dot{M}_\gamma \gamma$$

Power terms:

$\tau$ : thrust perturbation from  $\tau_e$

$\epsilon$ : throttle lever angle from  $E_e$

$$\frac{\tau(s)}{\epsilon(s)} = \frac{k\tau}{(1+sT_\tau)} \quad \text{(1st order TF of jet engine)}$$

$$\text{e.g. } Z_p = \dot{Z}_\tau \tau$$

(normal force due to thrust)

Substitute into e.o.m:

$$m(\dot{u} + q w_e) = \boxed{X_{ae}} + \dot{X}_u u + \dot{X}_v v + \dot{X}_w w + \dot{X}_p p + \dot{X}_q q + \dot{X}_r r + \dot{X}_{\omega e} \omega_e - mg \sin \theta_e - mg \cos \theta_e$$

$$m(\dot{v} - p w_e + r u_e) = \boxed{Y_{ae}} + \dot{Y}_u u + \dot{Y}_v v + \dot{Y}_w w + \dot{Y}_p p + \dot{Y}_q q + \dot{Y}_r r + \dot{Y}_{\omega e} \omega_e - mg \cos \theta_e$$

$$m(\dot{w} - q u_e + r v_e) = \boxed{Z_{ae}} + \dot{Z}_u u + \dot{Z}_v v + \dot{Z}_w w + \dot{Z}_p p + \dot{Z}_q q + \dot{Z}_r r + \dot{Z}_{\omega e} \omega_e - mg \sin \theta_e$$

$\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{no gravity} \\ \text{terms.} \end{array} \right\}$

$$\begin{aligned} I_p \dot{I}_{xy} \dot{r} &= L_{ae} + \dot{L}_u u + \dot{L}_v v + \dot{L}_w w + \dot{L}_p p + \dot{L}_q q + \dot{L}_r r \\ I_y \dot{q} &= M_{ae} + \dot{M}_u u + \dot{M}_v v + \dot{M}_w w + \dot{M}_p p + \dot{M}_q q + \dot{M}_r r \\ I_z \dot{r} - I_{xy} \dot{p} &= N_{ae} + \dot{N}_u u + \dot{N}_v v + \dot{N}_w w + \dot{N}_p p + \dot{N}_q q + \dot{N}_r r \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_{ae} &= mg \sin \theta_e \\ Y_{ae} &= 0 \\ Z_{ae} &= -mg \cos \theta_e \end{aligned}$$

but in trimmed flight:

$$X_{ae} = mg \sin \theta_e$$

$$Y_{ae} = 0$$

$$Z_{ae} = 0$$

To decouple Lateral & Longitudinal:  
assume disturbances limited to

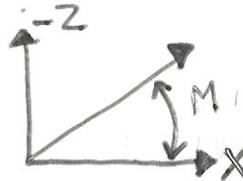
$oxz$  plane  $\Rightarrow X, Z, M$  only

$$\dot{r}_p \dot{r}_j \dot{r}_j \dot{r} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{also, } \dot{X}_v &= \dot{X}_p = \dot{Z}_v = \dot{Z}_p = \dot{M}_v = \dot{M}_p = \dot{M}_r \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{coupled forces & moments negligible small}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \dot{X}_g = \dot{X}_p = \dot{Z}_g = \dot{Z}_p = \dot{M}_p = \dot{M}_g = 0$$

(aerilar & rudder perturbations don't affect longitudinal plane motion)



$$\begin{aligned} m \ddot{u} - \dot{X}_u u - \dot{X}_v v - \dot{X}_w w - (\dot{X}_p - m \dot{W}_e) q_v + mg \dot{\theta} \cos \theta_e \\ = \dot{X}_p \gamma + \dot{X}_r \tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Z}_u u + (m - \dot{Z}_w w) - \dot{Z}_w w - (\dot{Z}_q + m \dot{U}_e) q_v + mg \dot{\theta} \sin \theta_e \\ = \dot{Z}_p \gamma + \dot{Z}_r \tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\dot{M}_u u - \dot{M}_v v - \dot{M}_w w + I_y \dot{\tau} - \dot{M}_p q \\ = \dot{M}_p \gamma + \dot{M}_r \tau \end{aligned}$$

$$m\ddot{u} - \dot{\tilde{x}}_w w = \dot{\tilde{x}}_u u + \dot{\tilde{x}}_w w + (\dot{\tilde{x}}_q - m\tilde{w}_e) q - mg\theta \cos\theta_e + \dot{\tilde{x}}_r \gamma + \dot{\tilde{x}}_c \tau$$

$$m\ddot{w} - \dot{\tilde{z}}_w w = \dot{\tilde{z}}_u u + \dot{\tilde{z}}_w w + (\dot{\tilde{z}}_q + m\tilde{u}_e) q - mg\theta \sin\theta_e + \dot{\tilde{z}}_r \gamma + \dot{\tilde{z}}_c \tau$$

$$I_y \ddot{q} - \dot{M}_w \dot{w} = \dot{M}_u u + \dot{M}_w w + \dot{M}_q q + \dot{M}_r \gamma + \dot{M}_c \tau$$

state variables:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ w \\ q \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \eta \\ \tau \end{bmatrix}$$

4th equation:  $\dot{\theta} = q$  for small perturbations

$$\dot{\mathbf{M}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_u & x_w & x_q & x_\theta \\ z_u & z_w & z_q & z_\theta \\ m_u & m_w & m_q & m_\theta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

aerodynamic stability derivatives

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_\eta & x_\tau \\ z_\eta & z_\tau \\ m_\eta & m_\tau \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

control derivatives

$$\mathbf{Y}(t) = \mathbf{I} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ w \\ q \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Lateral:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{lat}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ p \\ r \\ \phi \\ \psi \end{bmatrix}$$

roll, yaw, sideslip

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \zeta \end{bmatrix}$$

4th equation:  $\dot{\phi} = p$  for small perturbations  
5th equation:  $\dot{\psi} = r$  for "

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_v & Y_p & Y_r & Y_\phi & Y_\psi \\ L_v & L_p & L_r & L_\phi & L_\psi \\ N_v & N_p & N_r & N_\phi & N_\psi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

values?

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_\xi & Y_\zeta \\ L_\xi & L_\zeta \\ N_\xi & N_\zeta \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

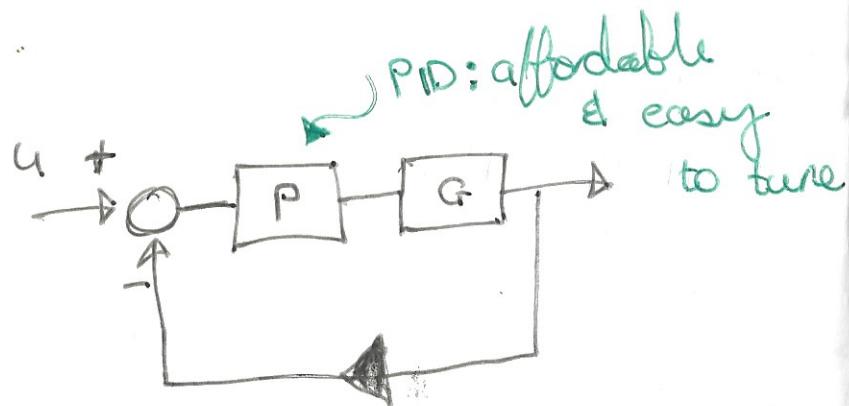
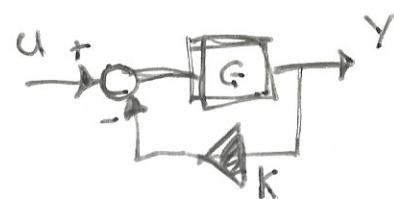
$\eta$ : elevator  
 $\epsilon$ : throttle  
 $\xi$ : ailerons  
 $\zeta$ : rudder

$u$ : perturbation in  $x$   
 $w$ : perturbation in  $z$   
 $q$ : pitching rate  
 $\theta$ : pitch angle  
 $X$ : axial force  
 $Z$ : normal force  
 $M$ : pitching moment

$v$ : perturbation in  $y$   
 $p$ : roll rate  
 $r$ : yaw rate  
 $\phi$ : roll angle  
 $\psi$ : yaw angle  
 $Y$ : sideslip force  
 $L$ : rolling moment  
 $N$ : yawing moment

Control:  $\eta$  elevator  
output:  $\theta$  pitch angle

Assume thrust unaffected by pitch?  
(for simplicity) i.e.  $T = \text{const}$ ?



But not optimal.

2 loops in previous  
project: will three  
loops work.

$q$  → pitch rate  
responsiveness

$\theta$  → pitch angle  
smooth & dampen

$h$  → regulate by  
external measurement?

altitude change.



State observer?

Non-linear system?