

C++ PROGRAM TO CALCULATE AERODYNAMIC COEFFICIENTS

The structure of the program is as follows:

1. The user inputs a file “coefficients.txt”
2. The program reads the file, ignores first line, and adds the values of α , C_D , C_Y , C_L into 4 arrays
3. C_{D0} , C_{Y0} , C_{L0} = C_D , C_Y , C_L | $\alpha = 0$
4. User inputs Angle of attack α in degrees (α_{in})
5. Program calculates stability derivatives with formula
 $CN = CN|_a + \frac{dCN}{da}(a)$, where $a = \alpha_{in}$, $\frac{dCN}{da}$ found using midpoint method with a total step size = 0.2, N is any property (e.g. D,Y,L)
6. Program puts α_{in} and C_D, C_Y, C_L into matrices and solves C_X, C_Y, C_Z

$$\begin{Bmatrix} C_X \\ C_Y \\ C_Z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & 0 & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & 0 & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} -C_D \\ C_Y \\ -C_L \end{Bmatrix}$$

(reference: *Flight Dynamics by Wayne Durham*)