

Another Example: Roll angle for a 3-min turn

Equation to solve for roll angle ϕ :

For an aircraft flying at airspeed v , for a turn radius r ,

$$\frac{v^2}{r} = g \tan \phi$$

justification: Lift $L = g \cos \phi$,

centrifugal force $v^2/r = L \sin \phi = g \tan \phi$.

Use $r = vT/(2\pi)$ where T is the time for a 360° turn:

$$\phi = \arctan \left(\frac{2\pi v}{gT} \right)$$

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TAS <- 150      ## assumed airspeed, m/s
gravity <- 9.8   ## m/(s^2)
Time <- 60 * 3   ## time in seconds
## the following prints the required roll angle in degrees
atan (2 * pi * TAS / (gravity * Time)) * 180 / pi
## [1] 28.1149
```