AE321A Flight Mechanics

Assignment - 3

Due date: 5-Nov-2019

** Note: If you feel inadequate data in any question, please assume the same with proper justification.*
All questions carry equal weightage

Q1. Explain the sign convention for the following parameters of a stable aircraft:

a) C_{m_0} b) C_{m_α} c) $C_{m_{\delta_e}}$ d) C_{L_0} e) C_{L_α} f) $C_{L_{\delta_e}}$

g) $\frac{dC_m}{dC_L}$ h) $\frac{d\delta_e}{dC_L}$ i) C_{h_α} j) $C_{h_{\delta_e}}$ k) $C_{h_{\delta_t}}$ l) $\frac{dC'_m}{dC_L}$

m) C_{y_β} n) $C_{y_{\delta_r}}$ o) C_{l_β} p) $C_{l_{\delta_a}}$ q) $C_{l_{\delta_r}}$ r) $(C_{n_\beta})_{Vt}$

s) $C_{n_{\delta_a}}$ t) $C_{n_{\delta_r}}$ u) $(C_{h_{\delta_r}})_{Vt}$ v) $(C_{h_\beta})_{Vt}$ w) $(C_{n_\beta})_w$

x) Define neutral point and static margin

y) Explain the criteria for longitudinal static stability

z) Explain longitudinal stability contribution by low and high wings

Q2. Find the stick fixed and stick free neutral point of following configuration

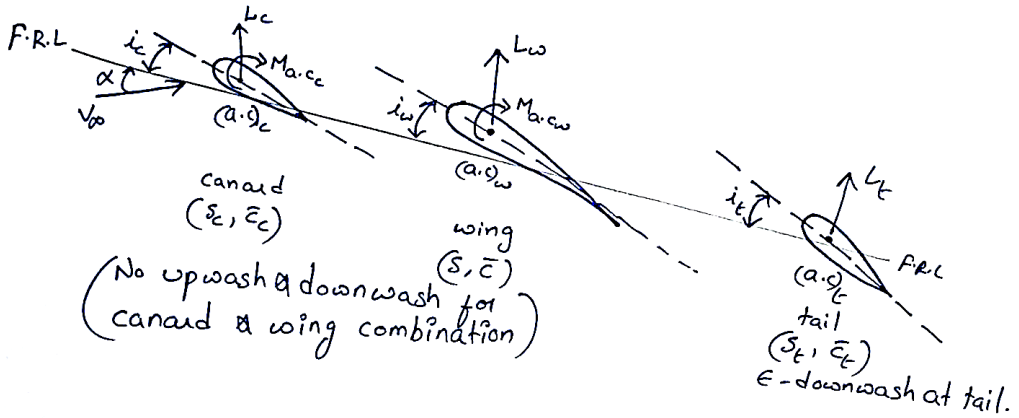

Fig. 1 Canard - Wing - Tail combination

Q3. Explain how addition of canard effects the neutral point of wing and tail combination

Q4. Explain the procedure to determine the stick fixed and stick free neutral points from flight tests with the help of plots (present it in steps)

Q5. Derive the most forward permissible center of gravity of an aircraft during cruise

Q6. An airplane with an all-movable horizontal tail has the following data: $W/S = 289$ kg/m², S = 30 m², $C_{L_{max}} = 1.5$, $\bar{c} = 3\ m$, $\bar{x}_{ac,w} = 0.25$, $C_{m_{ac,w}} = -0.05$, $\alpha_{0L,w} = -2.5$ deg, $i_w = -2$ deg, $C_{L_{\alpha_w}} = 5.7/rad$, $C_{L_{\alpha_t}} = 4.58/rad$, $\varepsilon = 0.4\alpha$, $l_t = 2.5\bar{c}$ and $\eta_t = 0.8$. Assuming that the most forward and aft permissible center of gravity locations are $0.20\bar{c}$ and $0.35\bar{c}$, determine the tail area and tail setting angle

Q7. What are the functions of a trim tab? How does it affect the floating characteristics of elevator? Explain with a schematic.

Q8. a) Prove that for a stick free stable aircraft $\frac{d\delta_t}{dC_L} > 0$

b) Define stick fixed Static Margin (SM). Prove that $C_{m_\alpha} = -(SM) * C_{L_\alpha}$

Q9. Find the neutral point of the wing alone configuration given in Fig. 2. The cross section of the UAV is NACA 23112 and the plot in Fig. 3 presents the variation of C_L with α. Estimate C_{L_0}, C_{L_α} C_{m_0} and C_{m_α} of the UAV about CG with a static margin of 10%. Assume $C_{m_{a.c}}$ = 0.01.

Hint: Consider weighted average for parameters such as aspect ratio, mac etc.

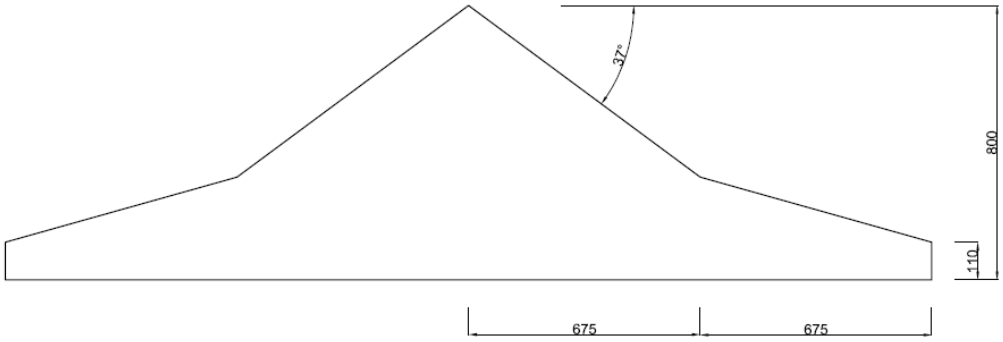

Fig. 2 Wing alone UAV

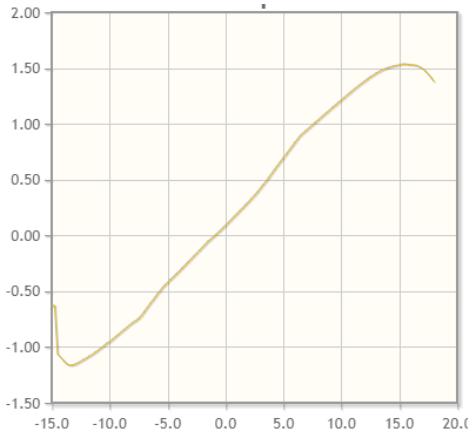

Fig. 3 C_L vs. α of NACA 23112

Q10. Find $C_{L_0}, C_{L_\alpha}, C_{m_0}, C_{m_\alpha}$ and neutral point of the following biplane configuration with cambered wings. Assume that the wings of the biplane are placed at equidistant from the FRL and also negligible drag and downwash at wings.

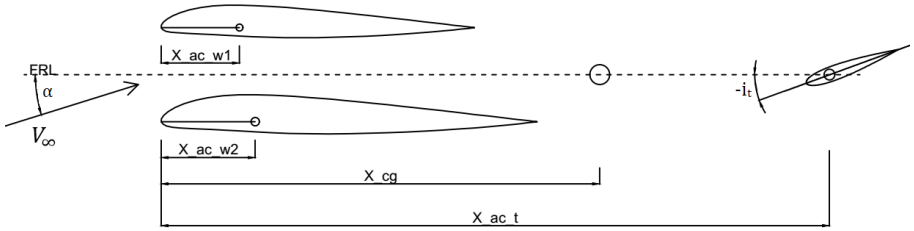

Fig. 4 Biplane UAV