

# UAV Systems & Control

## Lecture 5

Propeller Forces and Moments

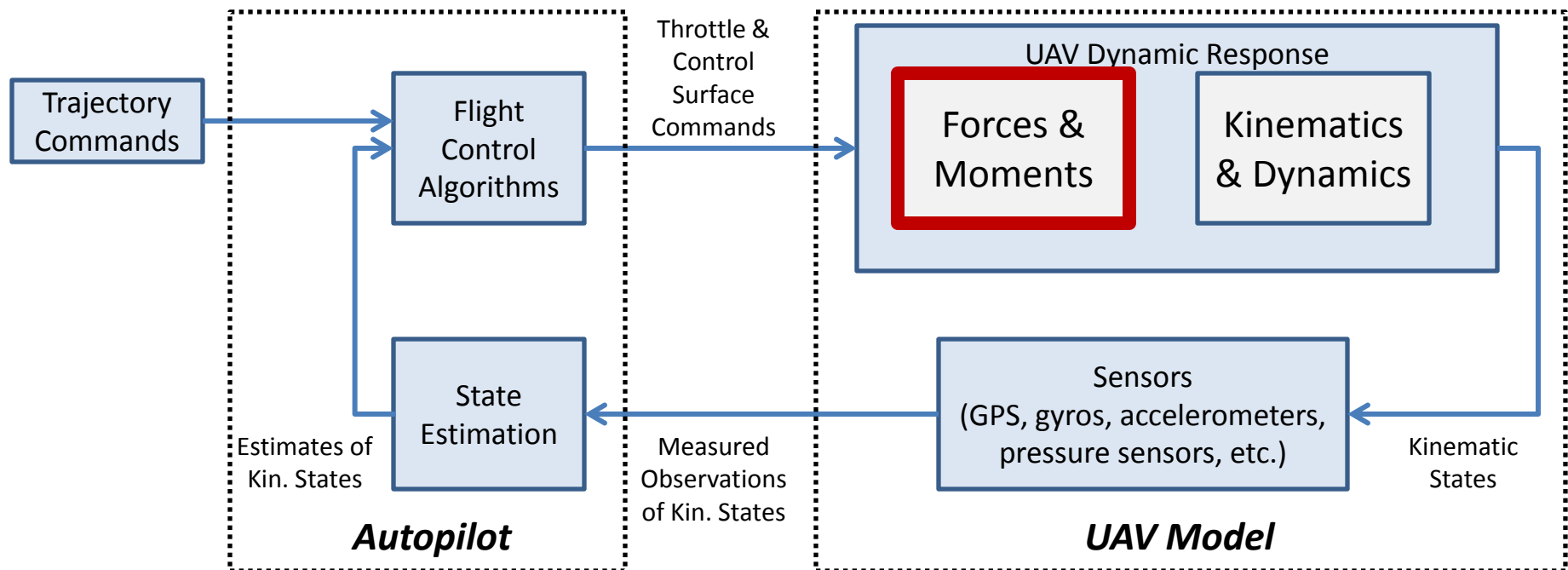
Scalar Equations of Motion

Trim

Linearization

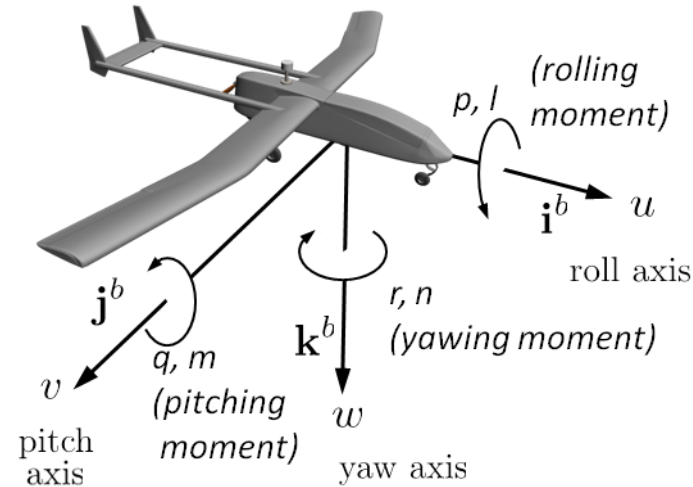
Aircraft Response Modes

# UAV System



- In the previous lecture we
  - developed the 12 equations of motion
  - developed models for forces and moments due to gravity and aerodynamics
- In this section we will develop equations for the *forces* and *moments* due to the propeller
- We will also discuss trimming and linearization (steps toward developing an autopilot)

# Aircraft Variables



## 12 State Variables

Name	Description	Metric Units
$p_n$	Inertial North position of MAV expressed along $\mathbf{i}^i$ in $\mathcal{F}^i$ .	m
$p_e$	Inertial East position of MAV expressed along $\mathbf{j}^i$ in $\mathcal{F}^i$ .	m
$p_d$	Inertial Down position of MAV expressed along $\mathbf{k}^i$ in $\mathcal{F}^i$ .	m
$u$	Ground velocity expressed along $\mathbf{i}^b$ in $\mathcal{F}^b$ .	m/s
$v$	Ground velocity expressed along $\mathbf{j}^b$ in $\mathcal{F}^b$ .	m/s
$w$	Ground velocity expressed along $\mathbf{k}^b$ in $\mathcal{F}^b$ .	m/s
$\phi$	Roll angle defined with respect to $\mathcal{F}^{v2}$ .	rad
$\theta$	Pitch angle defined with respect to $\mathcal{F}^{v1}$ .	rad
$\psi$	Heading (yaw) angle defined with respect to $\mathcal{F}^v$ .	rad
$p$	Body angular (roll) rate expressed along $\mathbf{i}^b$ in $\mathcal{F}^b$ .	rad/s
$q$	Body angular (pitch) rate expressed along $\mathbf{j}^b$ in $\mathcal{F}^b$ .	rad/s
$r$	Body angular (yaw) rate expressed along $\mathbf{k}^b$ in $\mathcal{F}^b$ .	rad/s

## Other Variables

$mass$	Vehicle mass, assumed constant	kg
$J$	3x3 Inertia matrix (Common simplifying assumption: $J_{xy}=J_{yz}=0$ )	kg-m <sup>2</sup>
$f_x$	Axial force along x-axis (e.g. majority of thrust and drag components)	N
$f_y$	Lateral force along y-axis (e.g. sideslip-induced force)	N
$f_z$	Normal force along z-axis (e.g. majority of lift and gravity compnts.)	N
$l$	Rolling moment, about x-axis	N-m
$m$	Pitching moment, about y-axis	N-m
$n$	Yawing moment, about z-axis	N-m

## Vector relationships:

$$\underline{v}_g^b = u_g \hat{i}^b + v_g \hat{j}^b + w_g \hat{k}^b$$

$$\underline{\omega}_{b/i}^b = p \hat{i}^b + q \hat{j}^b + r \hat{k}^b$$

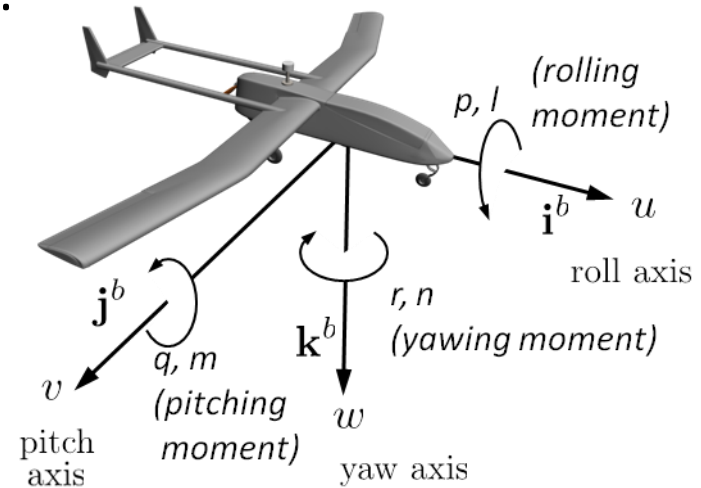
$$\underline{f}^b = f_x \hat{i}^b + f_y \hat{j}^b + f_z \hat{k}^b$$

$$\underline{m}^b = l \hat{i}^b + m \hat{j}^b + n \hat{k}^b$$

# Equations of Motion

- From Kinematics and Dynamics, the equations of motion are 12 ODEs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p}_n \\ \dot{p}_e \\ \dot{p}_d \end{bmatrix} &= R_b^{ned} \underline{v}_g^b = (R_{ned}^b)^T \underline{v}_g^b \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{w} \end{bmatrix} &= -\underline{\omega}_{b/i}^b \times \underline{v}_g^b + \frac{1}{mass} \underline{f}^b \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin \phi \tan \theta & \cos \phi \tan \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi \sec \theta & \cos \phi \sec \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{bmatrix} &= J^{-1} \left[ -\underline{\omega}_{b/i}^b \times (J \underline{\omega}_{b/i}^b) + \underline{m}^b \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

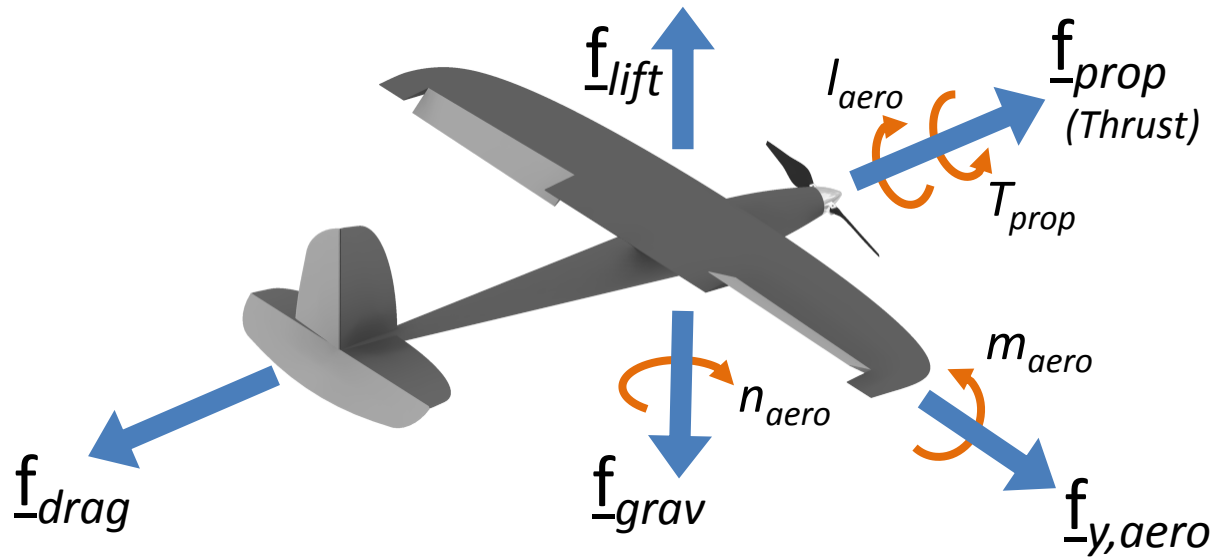


The objective of this lecture is to show how to compute the force and moment vectors:

$$\underline{f}^b = f_x \hat{\mathbf{i}}^b + f_y \hat{\mathbf{j}}^b + f_z \hat{\mathbf{k}}^b = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{m}^b = l \hat{\mathbf{i}}^b + m \hat{\mathbf{j}}^b + n \hat{\mathbf{k}}^b = \begin{bmatrix} l \\ m \\ n \end{bmatrix}$$

# External Forces and Moments



Note: Modify  $\underline{f}_{prop}$  and  $\underline{m}_{prop}$  accordingly if propulsion/thrust source is not mounted along x-axis.

Sum of Forces:

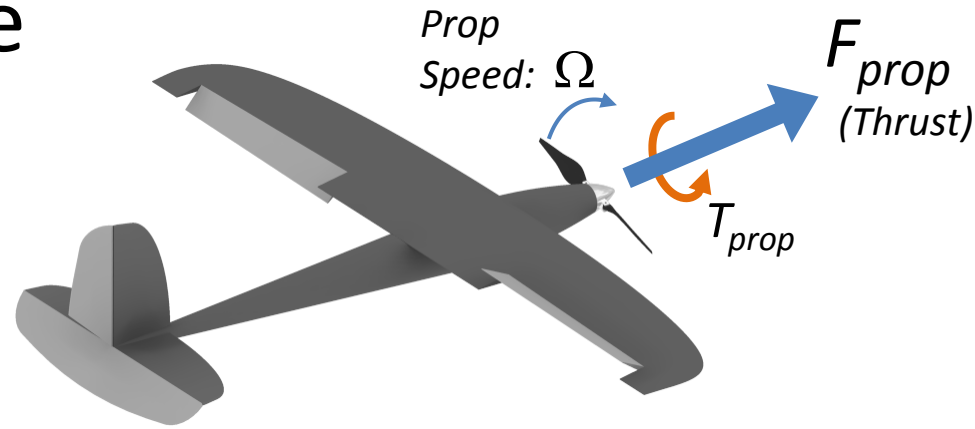
$$\Sigma \underline{f} = \underline{f}_{grav} + \underbrace{\underline{f}_{aero}}_{\underline{f}_{lift} + \underline{f}_{drag} + \underline{f}_{y,aero}} + \underline{f}_{prop}$$

Sum of Moments:

$$\Sigma \underline{m} = \underbrace{\underline{m}_{aero}}_{\begin{bmatrix} l_{aero} \\ m_{aero} \\ n_{aero} \end{bmatrix}^b} + \underbrace{\underline{m}_{prop}}_{\begin{bmatrix} T_{prop} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^b}$$

For “trim” flight, forces and moments are balanced.

# Propeller Force and Moment



- For a propeller-powered UAV, propeller provides thrust force
  - Propeller rotation speed is proportional to throttle setting,  $0 < \delta_t < 1$
  - Faster propeller rotation causes an increased thrust force
  - Rotation of propeller causes a counter-torque (moment) on airframe
- Book computes propeller thrust force incorrectly (Sec. 4.3.1)
  - Derived method has negative thrust at zero throttle:  $F_{prop} = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_{prop} S_{prop} ((k_{motor} \delta_t)^2 - V_a^2)$
  - Book website provides the corrected method described on following slides
    - $\Rightarrow F_{prop} = \rho C_{prop} S_{prop} (V_a + \delta_t (k_{motor} - V_a)) (\delta_t (k_{motor} - V_a))$
    - See: [http://uavbook.byu.edu/doku.php?id=shared:supplemental\\_material](http://uavbook.byu.edu/doku.php?id=shared:supplemental_material)
    - Also: P. Fitzpatrick, "Calculation of thrust in a ducted fan assembly for hovercraft," tech. rep., Hovercraft Club of Great Britain, 2003.

# Force (Thrust) due to Propeller

- Propellers transfer energy to air molecules, causing the discharged air molecules to move faster than the intake air molecules
- Air molecules impart a reaction force on the propeller blades, yielding a net propeller force ( $F_{prop}$ ) along the propeller orientation vector,  $\mathbf{i}^p$

$$F_{prop} = \rho \cdot Q_d \cdot (V_{air,exit} - V_{air,in})$$

$Q_d$ : Quantity (volume/s) of air expelled,  $m^3/s$

$\rho$ : Air density,  $kg/m^3$

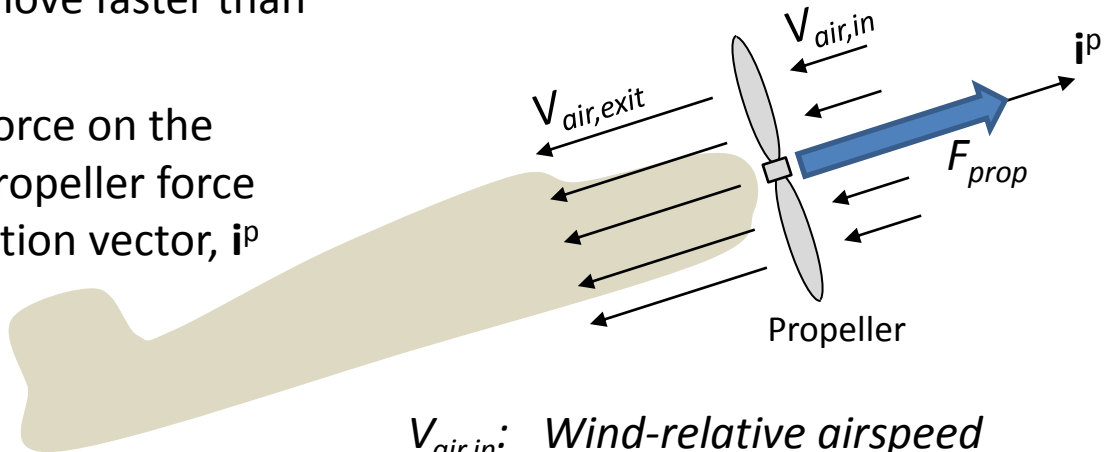
- Quantity of air being discharged ( $m^3/s$ ) by propeller is given by:

$$Q_d = C_{prop} \cdot S_{prop} \cdot V_{air,exit}$$

$C_{prop}$ : Unit-less propeller efficiency coefficient

$S_{prop}$ : Area swept out by propeller,  $m^2$

$$F_{prop} = \rho \cdot C_{prop} S_{prop} V_{air,exit} \cdot (V_{air,exit} - V_{air,in})$$



$V_{air,in}$ : Wind-relative airspeed of input air,  $m/s$

$V_{air,exit}$ : Wind-relative airspeed of expelled air,  $m/s$

# Force (Thrust) due to Propeller

- From previous, net propeller force is given by:

$$F_{prop} = \rho C_{prop} S_{prop} V_{air,exit} (V_{air,exit} - V_{air,in})$$

- Exit airspeed is directly related to throttle ( $\delta_t$ , 0-1) via a motor constant ( $k_{motor}$ , m/s).

$$\text{At } \delta_t = 0, V_{air,exit} = V_{air,in}$$

$$\text{At } \delta_t = 1, V_{air,exit} \approx k_{motor} \delta_t$$

Note:  $k_{motor}$  can be found by measuring exit air speed at full throttle

- Interpolating:

$$V_{air,exit} \approx V_{air,in} + \delta_t (k_{motor} - V_{air,in})$$

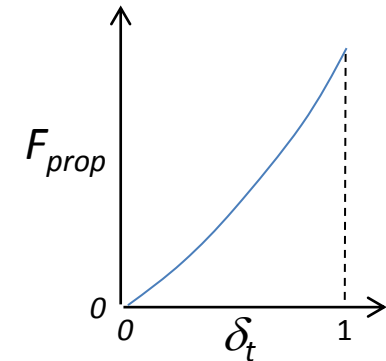
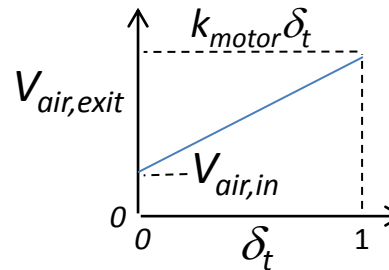
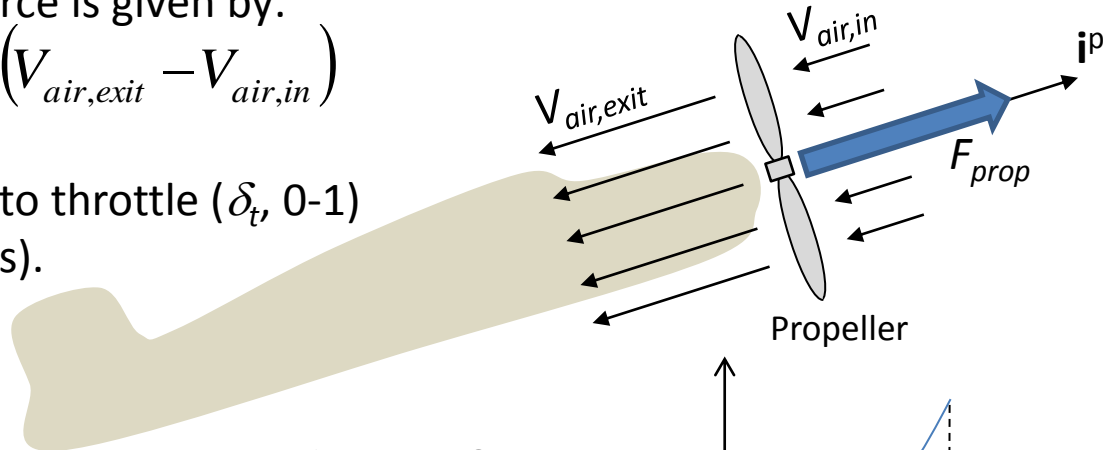


$$F_{prop} = \rho C_{prop} S_{prop} (V_{air,in} + \delta_t (k_{motor} - V_{air,in})) (\delta_t (k_{motor} - V_{air,in}))$$

$C_{prop}$ ,  $S_{prop}$ , and  $k_{motor}$  define propeller thrust performance

- Input airflow ( $V_{air,in}$ ) is the portion of the aircraft's wind-relative velocity vector ( $\underline{v}_a$ ) that is along the propeller orientation unit vector ( $\mathbf{i}^p$ ):  $V_{air,in} = \underline{v}_a \cdot \mathbf{i}^p$

- For a fixed-wing aircraft,  $V_{air,in} \approx V_a$  ( $V_a$ : airspeed, m/s)





# Moment due to Propeller

- A spinning propeller causes a counter-torque (moment) on the airframe

$$T_{prop} = -k_{Tp} \Omega^2$$

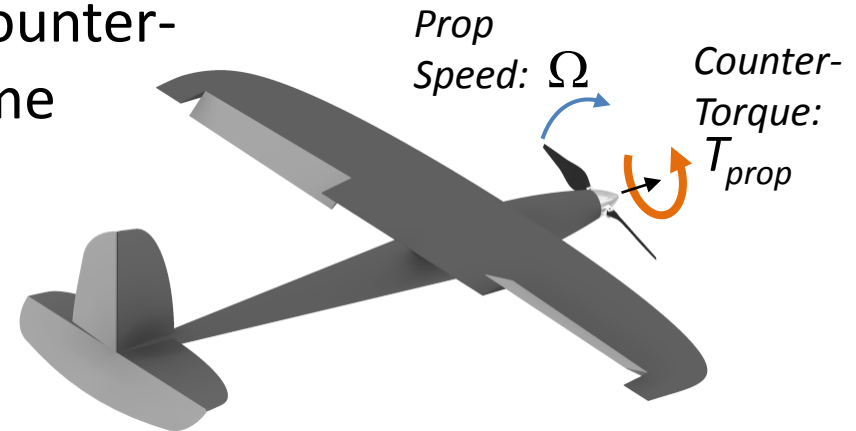
- Propeller speed is proportional to throttle

$$\Omega = k_{\Omega} \delta_t$$

- Thus, propeller counter-torque is:

$$T_{prop} = -k_{Tp} (k_{\Omega} \delta_t)^2$$

$k_{Tp}$  and  $k_{\Omega}$  can be determined via experiment



$T_{prop}$ : Propeller counter-torque, N-m  
 $\Omega$ : Propeller rotation speed, rad/s

$k_{Tp}$ : Propeller torque constant, kg-m<sup>2</sup>  
 $k_{\Omega}$ : Propeller speed constant, rad/s

$\delta_t$ : Throttle level (0-1)

# Total Fixed Wing Forces & Moments

$$\underline{\mathbf{f}}^b = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{(mass)g \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{\mathbf{f}}_{grav}^b} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 S \begin{bmatrix} -C_D(...) \cos(\alpha) + C_L(...) \sin(\alpha) \\ C_Y(...) \\ -C_D(...) \sin(\alpha) - C_L(...) \cos(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{\mathbf{f}}_{aero}^b} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} F_{prop} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{\mathbf{f}}_{prop}^b}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}}^b = \begin{bmatrix} l \\ m \\ n \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 S \begin{bmatrix} bC_l(...) \\ cC_m(...) \\ bC_n(...) \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}_{aero}^b} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} T_{prop} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}_{prop}^b}$$

$$F_{prop} = \rho C_{prop} S_{prop} (V_a + \delta_t (k_{motor} - V_a)) (\delta_t (k_{motor} - V_a))$$

$$T_{prop} = -k_{Tp} (k_{\Omega} \delta_t)^2$$

Body Rates:

$p$  : about x, °/s or rads/s

$q$  : about y, °/s or rads/s

$r$  : about z, °/s or rads/s

Environment:

$g$ : Gravity, 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>

$\rho$  : Air Density, kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Aero Params:

$S$ : Wing area, m<sup>2</sup>

$b$ : Wing span, m

$c$ : Wing mean chord, m

Aero Vars:

$\alpha$  : AoA, ° or rads

$\beta$  : Sideslip, ° or rads

$V_a$ : Airspeed, m/s

Controls:

$\delta_e$  : Elevator, ° or rads

$\delta_a$  : Aileron, ° or rads

$\delta_r$  : Rudder, ° or rads

$\delta_t$  : Throttle, (0-1)

Propeller Params:

$C_{prop}$ : Efficiency Coef.  $k_{\Omega}$ : Speed constant, m/s

$S_{prop}$ : Prop. area, m<sup>2</sup>  $k_{Tp}$ : Torque constant, kg-m<sup>2</sup>

$k_{motor}$ : Motor constant, m/s

$$C_L(...) \approx C_{L_0} + C_{L_\alpha} \alpha + C_{L_q} \left(\frac{c}{2V_a} q\right) + C_{L_{\delta_e}} \delta_e$$

$$C_D(...) \approx C_{D_0} + |C_{D_\alpha} \alpha| + |C_{D_q} \left(\frac{c}{2V_a} q\right)| + |C_{D_{\delta_e}} \delta_e|$$

$$C_Y(...) \approx C_{Y_0} + C_{Y_\beta} \beta + C_{Y_p} \left(\frac{b}{2V_a} p\right) + C_{Y_r} \left(\frac{b}{2V_a} r\right) + C_{Y_{\delta_a}} \delta_a + C_{Y_{\delta_r}} \delta_r$$

$$C_l(...) \approx C_{l_0} + C_{l_\beta} \beta + C_{l_p} \left(\frac{b}{2V_a} p\right) + C_{l_r} \left(\frac{b}{2V_a} r\right) + C_{l_{\delta_a}} \delta_a + C_{l_{\delta_r}} \delta_r$$

$$C_m(...) \approx C_{m_0} + C_{m_\alpha} \alpha + C_{m_q} \left(\frac{c}{2V_a} q\right) + C_{m_{\delta_e}} \delta_e$$

$$C_n(...) \approx C_{n_0} + C_{n_\beta} \beta + C_{n_p} \left(\frac{b}{2V_a} p\right) + C_{n_r} \left(\frac{b}{2V_a} r\right) + C_{n_{\delta_a}} \delta_a + C_{n_{\delta_r}} \delta_r$$

# Equations of Motion

- From Kinematics and Dynamics, the equations of motion are 12 ODEs:

## Compact Form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p}_n \\ \dot{p}_e \\ \dot{p}_d \end{bmatrix} = R_b^{ned} \underline{v}_g^b = \left(R_{ned}^b\right)^T \underline{v}_g^b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{w} \end{bmatrix} = -\underline{\omega}_{b/i}^b \times \underline{v}_g^b + \frac{1}{mass} \underline{f}^b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin \phi \tan \theta & \cos \phi \tan \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi \sec \theta & \cos \phi \sec \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{J}^{-1} \left[ -\underline{\omega}_{b/i}^b \times (\mathbf{J} \underline{\omega}_{b/i}^b) + \underline{m}^b \right]$$

## Expanded Form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p}_n \\ \dot{p}_e \\ \dot{p}_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \psi & \sin \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi - \cos \phi \sin \psi & \cos \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi + \sin \phi \sin \psi \\ \cos \theta \sin \psi & \sin \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi + \cos \phi \cos \psi & \cos \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi - \sin \phi \cos \psi \\ -\sin \theta & \sin \phi \cos \theta & \cos \phi \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{w} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} rv & -qw \\ pw & -ru \\ qu & -pv \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{mass} \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin \phi \tan \theta & \cos \phi \tan \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi \sec \theta & \cos \phi \sec \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{J_{xz}(J_x - J_y + J_z)}{\Gamma} pq - \frac{J_z(J_z - J_y) + J_{xz}^2}{\Gamma} qr \\ \frac{J_z - J_x}{J_y} pr - \frac{J_{xz}}{J_y} (p^2 - r^2) \\ \frac{(J_x - J_y)J_x + J_{xz}^2}{\Gamma} pq - \frac{J_{xz}(J_x - J_y + J_z)}{\Gamma} qr \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{J_z}{\Gamma} l + \frac{J_{xz}}{\Gamma} n \\ \frac{1}{J_y} m \\ \frac{J_x}{\Gamma} n + \frac{J_{xz}}{\Gamma} l \end{bmatrix}$$

Where :  $\Gamma = J_x J_z - J_{xz}^2$

The 12 equations of motion will be used to propagate vehicle states forward in time, given current states and external forces and moments.

Suggestion: To propagate states, use the compact form. Expanded form will be used for insight in developing autopilot.

Uses  
 $J_{xy} = J_{yz} = 0$   
 Symmetry  
 Assumption

# Fixed Wing EoMs as 12 Scalar Functions

(We'll use these to develop an autopilot)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}_n &= (\cos \theta \cos \psi)u + (\sin \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi - \cos \phi \sin \psi)v + (\cos \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi + \sin \phi \sin \psi)w \\ \dot{p}_e &= (\cos \theta \sin \psi)u + (\sin \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi + \cos \phi \cos \psi)v + (\cos \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi - \sin \phi \cos \psi)w \\ \dot{h} &= -\dot{p}_d = (\sin \theta)u - (\sin \phi \cos \theta)v - (\cos \phi \cos \theta)w \quad \longleftarrow \text{Altitude Rate}\end{aligned}$$

**Derivatives of Positions**

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u} &= rv - qw - g \sin \theta + \frac{\rho C_{prop} S_{prop}}{mass} \{V_a + \delta_t(k_{motor} - V_a)\} \{\delta_t(k_{motor} - V_a)\} \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2(mass)} \left\{ - \left( C_{Do} + C_{D\alpha} \alpha + \frac{c}{2V_a} C_{Dq} q + C_{D\delta e} \delta_e \right) \cos \alpha + \left( C_{Lo} + C_{L\alpha} \alpha + \frac{c}{2V_a} C_{Lq} q + C_{L\delta e} \delta_e \right) \sin \alpha \right\} \\ \dot{v} &= pw - ru + g \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2(mass)} \left\{ C_{Yo} + C_{Y\beta} \beta + \frac{b}{2V_a} C_{Yp} p + \frac{b}{2V_a} C_{Yr} r + C_{Y\delta a} \delta_a + C_{Y\delta r} \delta_r \right\} \\ \dot{w} &= qu - pv + g \cos \theta \cos \phi \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2(mass)} \left\{ - \left( C_{Do} + C_{D\alpha} \alpha + \frac{c}{2V_a} C_{Dq} q + C_{D\delta e} \delta_e \right) \sin \alpha - \left( C_{Lo} + C_{L\alpha} \alpha + \frac{c}{2V_a} C_{Lq} q + C_{L\delta e} \delta_e \right) \cos \alpha \right\}\end{aligned}$$

**Derivatives of Velocities**

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\phi} &= p + q \sin \phi \tan \theta + r \cos \phi \tan \theta \\ \dot{\theta} &= q \cos \phi - r \sin \phi \\ \dot{\psi} &= q \sin \phi \sec \theta + r \cos \phi \sec \theta\end{aligned}$$

**Derivatives of Orientations**

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p} &= \frac{J_{xz}(J_x - J_y + J_z)}{\Gamma} pq - \frac{J_z(J_z - J_y) + J_{xz}^2}{\Gamma} qr - \frac{J_z}{\Gamma} k_{Tp} k_{\Omega}^2 \delta_t^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S b}{2} \left\{ \frac{J_z C_{lo} + J_{xz} C_{no}}{\Gamma} + \frac{J_z C_{l\beta} + J_{xz} C_{n\beta}}{\Gamma} \beta + \left( \frac{b}{2V_a} \right) \frac{J_z C_{lp} + J_{xz} C_{np}}{\Gamma} p + \left( \frac{b}{2V_a} \right) \frac{J_z C_{lr} + J_{xz} C_{nr}}{\Gamma} r + \frac{J_z C_{l\delta a} + J_{xz} C_{n\delta a}}{\Gamma} \delta_a + \frac{J_z C_{l\delta r} + J_{xz} C_{n\delta r}}{\Gamma} \delta_r \right\} \\ \dot{q} &= \frac{J_z - J_x}{J_y} pr - \frac{J_{xz}}{J_y} (p^2 - r^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S c}{2} \frac{1}{J_y} \left\{ C_{mo} + C_{m\alpha} \alpha + \frac{c}{2V_a} C_{mq} q + C_{m\delta e} \delta_e \right\} \\ \dot{r} &= \frac{(J_x - J_y)J_x + J_{xz}^2}{\Gamma} pq - \frac{J_{xz}(J_x - J_y + J_z)}{\Gamma} qr - \frac{J_{xz}}{\Gamma} k_{Tp} k_{\Omega}^2 \delta_t^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S b}{2} \left\{ \frac{J_x C_{no} + J_{xz} C_{lo}}{\Gamma} + \frac{J_x C_{n\beta} + J_{xz} C_{l\beta}}{\Gamma} \beta + \left( \frac{b}{2V_a} \right) \frac{J_x C_{np} + J_{xz} C_{lp}}{\Gamma} p + \left( \frac{b}{2V_a} \right) \frac{J_x C_{nr} + J_{xz} C_{lr}}{\Gamma} r + \frac{J_x C_{n\delta a} + J_{xz} C_{l\delta a}}{\Gamma} \delta_a + \frac{J_x C_{n\delta r} + J_{xz} C_{l\delta r}}{\Gamma} \delta_r \right\}\end{aligned}$$

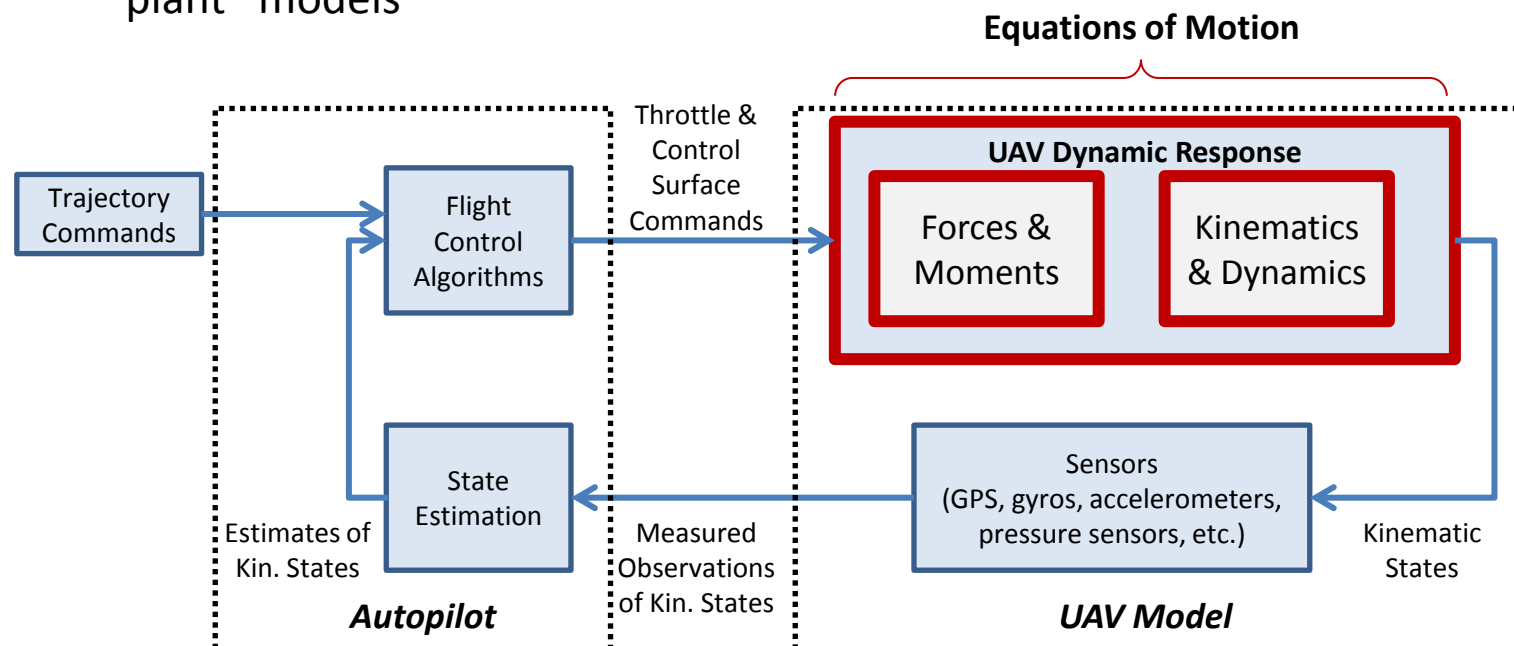
**Derivatives of Body Rates**

# Assumptions/Simplifications we've made:

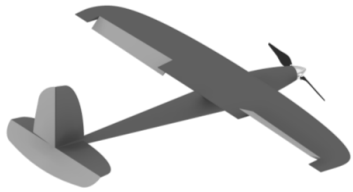
- NED (attached to ground) is an inertial reference frame
- Presuming a flat earth
- Vehicle has constant mass and inertia
- Vehicle is a rigid body
- Vehicle has symmetry about x-z plane
- Small angle-of-attack for linear and attached flow
- Aero moments provided about c.g.
- Provided linearized aero model is valid for reasonable deviations from nominal
- Forces & moments derived for single axial propeller
- Ignoring higher order propeller effects:
  - Rotational drag, blade flapping, motor response characteristics, aerodynamic & propeller interactions, etc.

# Equations of Motion

- At this point, we've fully developed the non-linear fixed-wing UAV "plant" Equations of Motion
  - EoMs dictate aircraft dynamic response based on control signals and current states
  - EoMs are essential for simulating vehicle motion, but are too complicated (non-linear and coupled) to use directly in an autopilot controller design
  - In order to design a simple feedback control autopilot, we need simpler "plant" models

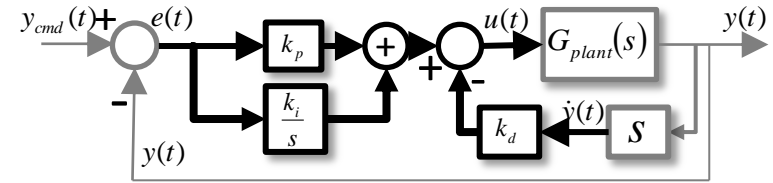


# Path to Autopilot Development



Develop the non-linear model of motion

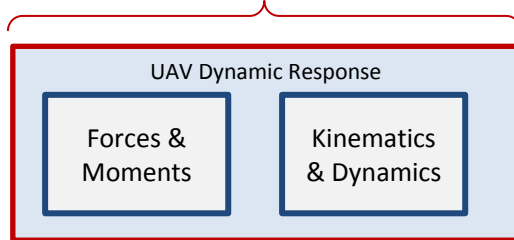
Find “trim” point that balances forces and moments at a nominal speed



Determine controller structure, e.g.:

- Classical: PID or PI w/ rate feedback, etc.
- Modern: LQR, Full-State FB, H-∞, etc.

## Equations of Motion



$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{p}_x &= (\cos \theta \cos \psi) \dot{u} - (\sin \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi - \cos \phi \sin \psi) \dot{v} + (\cos \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi + \sin \phi \sin \psi) \dot{w} \\
 \dot{p}_y &= (\cos \theta \sin \psi) \dot{u} + (\sin \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi + \cos \phi \cos \psi) \dot{v} + (\cos \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi - \sin \phi \cos \psi) \dot{w} \\
 \dot{h} &= -\dot{p}_x (\sin \theta) - (\sin \phi \cos \theta) \dot{v} - (\cos \phi \cos \theta) \dot{w} \quad \leftarrow \text{Altitude Rate} \\
 \dot{u} &= r v - q w - g \sin \theta + \frac{\rho S C_{D0}}{2m} \left[ V_x^2 + \delta_x (k_{\text{trim}} - V_x) \right] \left\{ \delta_x (k_{\text{trim}} - V_x) \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\rho S C_{D0}}{2m} \left\{ C_{D0} + C_{D0} \alpha + \frac{1}{2} C_{D0} q + C_{D0} \delta_x + C_{D0} \delta_y + C_{D0} \delta_z \right\} \sin \alpha \\
 \dot{v} &= p w - r u + g \cos \theta \sin \phi \\
 &\quad + \frac{\rho S C_{L0}}{2m} \left\{ C_{L0} + C_{L0} \beta + \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p + \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} q + C_{L0} r + C_{L0} \delta_x + C_{L0} \delta_y \right\} \\
 \dot{w} &= q u - p v + g \cos \theta \cos \phi \\
 &\quad + \frac{\rho S C_{L0}}{2m} \left\{ C_{L0} + C_{L0} \alpha + \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} q + C_{D0} \delta_x \right\} \sin \alpha - \left\{ C_{L0} + C_{L0} \alpha + \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} q + C_{L0} \delta_x \right\} \cos \alpha \\
 \dot{\phi} &= p + q \sin \phi \tan \theta + r \cos \phi \tan \theta \\
 \dot{\theta} &= q \cos \phi - r \sin \phi \\
 \dot{\psi} &= q \sin \phi \sec \theta + r \cos \phi \sec \theta \\
 \dot{p} &= \frac{\rho S C_{L0}}{2m} \left\{ p q - \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} q r \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\rho S C_{L0}}{2m} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p q + \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} q r \right\} \beta + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} \right) \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p q + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} \right) \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} q r + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} \right) \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p q \delta_x \\
 q &= \frac{\rho S C_{L0}}{2m} \left\{ p r - \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p^2 - r^2 \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\rho S C_{L0}}{2m} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p r + C_{L0} q + \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} q r + C_{L0} \delta_x \right\} \\
 \dot{r} &= \frac{\rho S C_{L0}}{2m} \left\{ p q - \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p q \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\rho S C_{L0}}{2m} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p q + \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} q r \right\} \beta + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} \right) \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p q + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} \right) \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} q r + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} \right) \frac{1}{2} C_{L0} p q \delta_x
 \end{aligned}$$

12 EoMs

“Linearize” EoMs about trim point to make de-coupled linear response models

Two options:

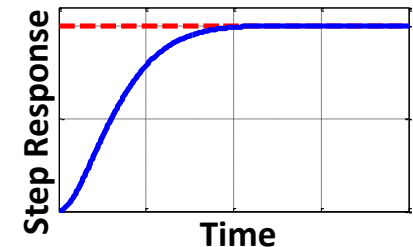
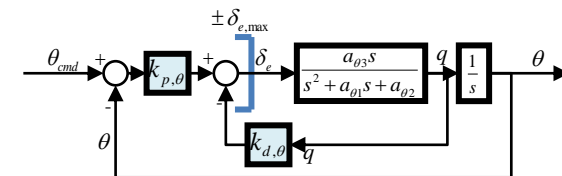
a) Numerically compute linearized state-space model (Representative, but high order)

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = \mathbf{A} \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{B} \bar{\mathbf{u}}$$

b) Analytically derive simpler 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear transfer function response models

$$\delta_e \rightarrow \frac{a_{\theta 3}}{s^2 + a_{\theta 1} s + a_{\theta 2}} \rightarrow \theta$$

Select controller-specific gains to meet desired performance around “linearized” operating point, e.g.

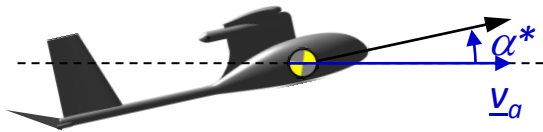


Our method

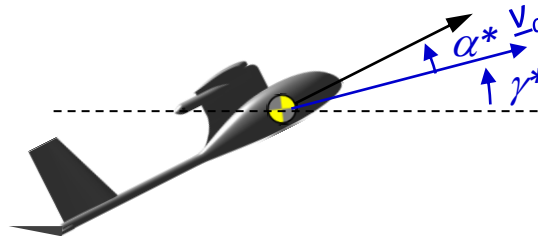
# Trim Point

- In general, a trim point is an equilibrium state where forces and moments are balanced to achieve a desired motion
- Examples of trim:

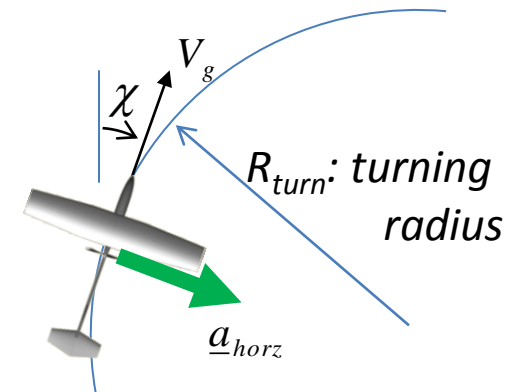
Straight-and-Level Flight



Constant Climb



Constant Turn



- We will only use Straight-and-Level flight trim condition
  - We will linearize flight dynamics about this condition
- Numerous methods exist for finding a trim condition
  - Simple method described on next slide (different from book)



# Straight-and-Level Trim Point

- Objective: Find the  $\alpha^*$ ,  $\delta_e^*$ , and  $\delta_t^*$  that balance the longitudinal forces and moments to achieve constant straight-and-level flight.
  - We want:

$$\underline{\mathbf{f}}^b = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ D.C. \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\mathbf{m}}^b = \begin{bmatrix} l \\ m \\ n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} D.C. \\ 0 \\ D.C. \end{bmatrix} \quad D.C.: \text{Don't Care}$$

- Method: Determine  $[\alpha, \delta_e, \delta_t]$  which minimizes a cost function  $J_{cost}$ , where:

$$J_{cost} = f_x^2 + f_z^2 + m^2$$

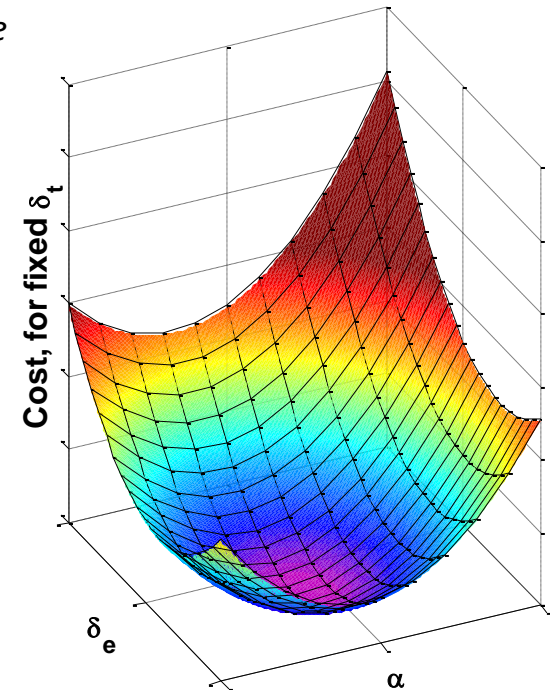
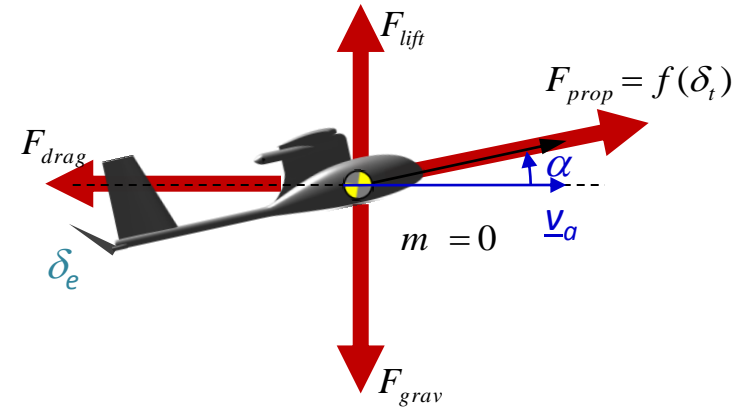
Given:  $u = V_a \cos \alpha$  (Assumes no wind)

$$w = V_a \sin \alpha$$

$$\theta = \alpha$$

$$q = 0$$

- Matlab provides a minimization routine called `fminsearch()`. See homework.



# Linearization of Equations of Motion

- We need to linearize Equations of Motion to:
  - Gain intuition of aircraft dynamics
  - Develop autopilot control algorithms based on linear feedback theory
    - E.g. PID, Classical 3-loop, LQR, H-infinity, etc.
- Linearization is performed about a trim point and can be achieved:
  - Analytically (i.e. manipulating equations to form linearized derivative equations)
  - Numerically (i.e. computing linearized derivatives via small perturbations)
- We will linearize to form a state-space model representing dynamics of small deviations from trim

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = \mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{B}\bar{\mathbf{u}} \quad \bar{\mathbf{x}} \text{ and } \bar{\mathbf{u}} : \text{Deviations from trim}$$

$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}_n &= (\cos\theta \cos\psi)u + (\sin\phi \sin\theta \cos\psi - \cos\phi \sin\psi)v + (\cos\phi \sin\theta \cos\psi + \sin\phi \sin\psi)w \\ \dot{p}_e &= (\cos\theta \sin\psi)u + (\sin\phi \sin\theta \sin\psi + \cos\phi \cos\psi)v + (\cos\phi \sin\theta \sin\psi - \sin\phi \cos\psi)w \\ \dot{h} &= -\dot{p}_n = (\sin\theta)u - (\sin\phi \cos\theta)v - (\cos\phi \cos\theta)w \end{aligned}$	Derivatives of Positions
$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= rv - qw - g \sin\theta + \frac{C_{F\psi} S_{F\psi}}{mass} \{V_a + \delta_t(k_{motor} - V_a)\} \{\delta_t(k_{motor} - V_a)\} \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2(mass)} \left\{ (C_{D0} + C_{D\alpha}\alpha + \frac{C_{Dq}}{2V_a} C_{Dq}q + C_{D\delta}\delta_e) \cos\alpha + (C_{L0} + C_{L\alpha}\alpha + \frac{C_{Lq}}{2V_a} C_{Lq}q + C_{L\delta}\delta_e) \sin\alpha \right\} \\ \dot{v} &= pw - ru + g \cos\theta \sin\phi \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2(mass)} \left\{ C_{Y0} + C_{Y\beta}\beta + \frac{C_{Yp}}{2V_a} p + \frac{C_{Yr}}{2V_a} r + C_{Y\delta}\delta_a + C_{Y\delta_r}\delta_r \right\} \\ \dot{w} &= qu - pv + g \cos\theta \cos\phi \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2(mass)} \left\{ (C_{D0} + C_{D\alpha}\alpha + \frac{C_{Dq}}{2V_a} C_{Dq}q + C_{D\delta}\delta_e) \sin\alpha - (C_{L0} + C_{L\alpha}\alpha + \frac{C_{Lq}}{2V_a} C_{Lq}q + C_{L\delta}\delta_e) \cos\alpha \right\} \end{aligned}$	Derivatives of Velocities
$\begin{aligned} \dot{\phi} &= p + q \sin\phi \tan\theta + r \cos\phi \tan\theta \\ \dot{\theta} &= q \cos\phi - r \sin\phi \\ \dot{\psi} &= q \sin\phi \sec\theta + r \cos\phi \sec\theta \end{aligned}$	Derivatives of Orientations
$\begin{aligned} \dot{p} &= \frac{J_z(J_x - J_y + J_z)}{2} pq - \frac{J_z(J_x - J_y + J_z)}{2} qr \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S b}{2} \left\{ \frac{J_z C_{lp} + J_{xz} C_{np}}{\Gamma} + \frac{J_z C_{lp} + J_{xz} C_{np}}{\Gamma} \beta + \left(\frac{b}{2V_a}\right) \frac{J_z C_{lp} + J_{xz} C_{np}}{\Gamma} p + \left(\frac{b}{2V_a}\right) \frac{J_z C_{lp} + J_{xz} C_{np}}{\Gamma} r + \frac{J_z C_{lp} + J_{xz} C_{np}}{\Gamma} \delta_a + \frac{J_z C_{lp} + J_{xz} C_{np}}{\Gamma} \delta_r \right\} \\ \dot{q} &= \frac{J_x - J_z}{J_y} pr - \frac{J_x - J_z}{J_y} (p^2 - r^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S c}{2} \frac{1}{J_y} \left\{ C_{m0} + C_{m\alpha}\alpha + \frac{c}{2V_a} C_{mq}q + C_{m\delta}\delta_e \right\} \\ \dot{r} &= \frac{J_x - J_z}{\Gamma} pq - \frac{J_x - J_z}{\Gamma} qr \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S b}{2} \left\{ \frac{J_z C_{rp} + J_{xz} C_{lp}}{\Gamma} + \frac{J_z C_{rp} + J_{xz} C_{lp}}{\Gamma} \beta + \left(\frac{b}{2V_a}\right) \frac{J_z C_{rp} + J_{xz} C_{lp}}{\Gamma} p + \left(\frac{b}{2V_a}\right) \frac{J_z C_{rp} + J_{xz} C_{lp}}{\Gamma} r + \frac{J_z C_{rp} + J_{xz} C_{lp}}{\Gamma} \delta_a + \frac{J_z C_{rp} + J_{xz} C_{lp}}{\Gamma} \delta_r \right\} \end{aligned}$	Derivatives of Body Rates



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{p}}_n \\ \dot{\bar{p}}_e \\ \dot{\bar{p}}_d \\ \dot{\bar{u}} \\ \dot{\bar{v}} \\ \dot{\bar{w}} \\ \dot{\bar{\phi}} \\ \dot{\bar{\theta}} \\ \dot{\bar{\psi}} \\ \dot{\bar{p}} \\ \dot{\bar{q}} \\ \dot{\bar{r}} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{p}_n \\ \bar{p}_e \\ \bar{p}_d \\ \bar{u} \\ \bar{v} \\ \bar{w} \\ \bar{\phi} \\ \bar{\theta} \\ \bar{\psi} \\ \bar{p} \\ \bar{q} \\ \bar{r} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{B} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\delta}_e \\ \bar{\delta}_a \\ \bar{\delta}_r \\ \bar{\delta}_t \end{bmatrix}$$

**A** 12x12

**B** 12x4

# Linear State-space Models

$$12 \text{ EoMs: } \dot{\underline{x}} = f(\underline{x}, \underline{u})$$

$$\text{Trim State: } \underline{x}^*$$

We will derive the state space equations about trim.

Recall that the nonlinear equations are given by  $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$ . The trim condition is  $\dot{x}^* = f(x^*, u^*)$ . Let  $\bar{x} = x - x^*$  be the deviation from trim. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\bar{x}} &= \dot{x} - \dot{x}^* \\ &= f(x, u) - f(x^*, u^*) \\ &= f(x + x^* - x^*, u + u^* - u^*) - f(x^*, u^*) \\ &= f(x^* + \bar{x}, u^* + \bar{u}) - f(x^*, u^*) \end{aligned}$$

Using a Taylor series expansion around trim gives

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\bar{x}} &= f(x^*, u^*) + \frac{\partial f(x^*, u^*)}{\partial x} \bar{x} + \frac{\partial f(x^*, u^*)}{\partial u} \bar{u} + H.O.T - f(x^*, u^*) \\ &\approx \frac{\partial f(x^*, u^*)}{\partial x} \bar{x} + \frac{\partial f(x^*, u^*)}{\partial u} \bar{u} \\ &\triangleq A\bar{x} + B\bar{u} \end{aligned}$$

# Jacobians of Equations of Motion

12 EoMs:  $\dot{\underline{x}} = f(\underline{x}, \underline{u})$

$$\dot{\underline{\bar{x}}} = A \underline{\bar{x}} + B \underline{\bar{u}} \quad \underline{\bar{x}} \text{ and } \underline{\bar{u}}: \text{ Deviations from trim point}$$

$$A = \frac{\partial f(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\partial \underline{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{\underline{x}}}{\partial p_n} \right] & \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{\underline{x}}}{\partial p_e} \right] & \dots & \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{\underline{x}}}{\partial \psi} \right] & \dots & \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{\underline{x}}}{\partial q} \right] & \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{\underline{x}}}{\partial r} \right] \end{pmatrix}_{12 \times 12}$$

Jacobian of  $f(\underline{x}, \underline{u})$  wrt  $\underline{x}$ , evaluated at  $(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)$

$$B = \frac{\partial f(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\partial \underline{u}} = \begin{pmatrix} \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{\underline{x}}}{\partial \delta_e} \right] & \dots & \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{\underline{x}}}{\partial \delta_t} \right] \end{pmatrix}_{12 \times 4}$$

Jacobian of  $f(\underline{x}, \underline{u})$  wrt  $\underline{u}$ , evaluated at  $(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)$

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = A\bar{\mathbf{x}} + B\bar{\mathbf{u}}$$

[illegible]

Jacobian of  
 $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$  wrt  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  
evaluated  
at  $(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{u}^*)$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\bar{w}} \approx & \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial p_n} \bar{p}_n + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial p_e} \bar{p}_e + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial p_d} \bar{p}_d + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial u} \bar{u} + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial v} \bar{v} + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial w} \bar{w} + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial \phi} \bar{\phi} + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial \theta} \bar{\theta} + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial \psi} \bar{\psi} + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial p} \bar{p} + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial q} \bar{q} + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial r} \bar{r} \\ & + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial \delta_e} \bar{\delta}_e + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial \delta_a} \bar{\delta}_a + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial \delta_r} \bar{\delta}_r + \frac{\partial \dot{w}}{\partial \delta_t} \bar{\delta}_t \end{aligned} \quad 21$$

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# Numerical Computation of Jacobians

- To numerically compute the Jacobian matrices A and B:

- Let:  $x_i$  be the  $i^{th}$  state, e.g. for our model,  $w = x_6$
- Let:  $f_i(\underline{x}, \underline{u})$  be the non-linear expression for the derivative of the  $i^{th}$  state at condition  $(\underline{x}, \underline{u})$

- e.g.  $\dot{w} = f_6(\underline{x}, \underline{u})$

- Then, the  $i^{th}$  column of A is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\partial x_i} \\ \frac{\partial f_2(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\partial x_i} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\partial x_i} \end{pmatrix} \approx \frac{f(\underline{x}^* + \varepsilon \cdot e_i, \underline{u}^*) - f(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\varepsilon}$$

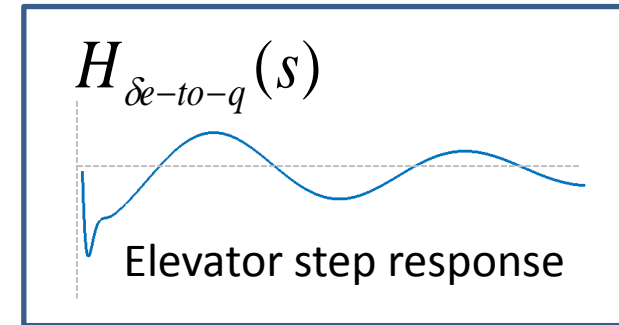
where:  $\varepsilon$  is a really small value, and  $e_i = [0 \ 0 \ \dots 1 \ \dots 0]^T$  ( $i^{th}$  component is 1)

- Similarly, the  $i^{th}$  column of B is:
- $$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\partial u_i} \\ \frac{\partial f_2(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\partial u_i} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\partial u_i} \end{pmatrix} \approx \frac{f(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^* + \varepsilon \cdot e_i) - f(\underline{x}^*, \underline{u}^*)}{\varepsilon}$$

# Uses of Linear State Space Model

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{p}}_n \\ \dot{\bar{p}}_e \\ \dot{\bar{p}}_d \\ \dot{\bar{u}} \\ \dot{\bar{v}} \\ \dot{\bar{w}} \\ \dot{\bar{\phi}} \\ \dot{\bar{\theta}} \\ \dot{\bar{\psi}} \\ \dot{\bar{p}} \\ \dot{\bar{q}} \\ \dot{\bar{r}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{p}_n \\ \bar{p}_e \\ \bar{p}_d \\ \bar{u} \\ \bar{v} \\ \bar{w} \\ \bar{\phi} \\ \bar{\theta} \\ \bar{\psi} \\ \bar{p} \\ \bar{q} \\ \bar{r} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\delta}_e \\ \bar{\delta}_a \\ \bar{\delta}_r \\ \bar{\delta}_t \end{bmatrix}$$

Coupled Linear Model



A & B matrices can be used to obtain linear responses from inputs to states

Gain intuition of generic aircraft response modes

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{u}} \\ \dot{\bar{w}} \\ \dot{\bar{q}} \\ \dot{\bar{\theta}} \\ \dot{\bar{p}}_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{w} \\ \bar{q} \\ \bar{\theta} \\ \bar{p}_d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\delta}_e \\ \bar{\delta}_t \end{bmatrix}$$

Decoupled Longitudinal Linear Model

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{v}} \\ \dot{\bar{p}} \\ \dot{\bar{r}} \\ \dot{\bar{\phi}} \\ \dot{\bar{\psi}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v} \\ \bar{p} \\ \bar{r} \\ \bar{\phi} \\ \bar{\psi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\delta}_a \\ \bar{\delta}_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Decoupled Lateral Linear Model

*Decoupled Linear Models are often the basis for autopilot controllers*

# Decoupling Linear State Space Models

- Most aircraft are designed to be fairly de-coupled:
  - Longitudinal motion (pitching, climbing, airspeed)
    - 5 states:  $[u, w, q, \theta, p_d]$  and two controls:  $[\delta_e \delta_t]$  (*elevator and throttle*)
  - Lateral motion (rolling, yawing, turning)
    - 5 states:  $[v, p, r, \phi, \psi]$  and two controls:  $[\delta_a \delta_r]$  (*aileron and rudder*)

- We can isolate the longitudinal and lateral states in A and B

– Let:  $k_{pd}=3, k_u=4, k_v=5, k_w=6, k_\phi=7, k_\theta=8, k_\psi=9, k_p=10, k_q=11, k_r=12$

– Let:  $k_{\delta e}=1, k_{\delta a}=2, k_{\delta r}=3, k_{\delta t}=4$

– Longitudinal

$$\bullet A_{lon} = A([k_u \ k_w \ k_q \ k_\theta \ k_{pd}], [k_u \ k_w \ k_q \ k_\theta \ k_{pd}]) \quad [5 \times 5]$$

$$\bullet B_{lon} = B([k_u \ k_w \ k_q \ k_\theta \ k_{pd}], [k_{\delta e} \ k_{\delta t}]) \quad [5 \times 2]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{w} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{p_d} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{w} \\ \bar{q} \\ \bar{\theta} \\ \bar{p_d} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_e \\ \delta_t \end{bmatrix}$$

Decoupled Longitudinal Linear Model

– Lateral

$$\bullet A_{lat} = A([k_v \ k_p \ k_r \ k_\phi \ k_\psi], [k_v \ k_p \ k_r \ k_\phi \ k_\psi]) \quad [5 \times 5]$$

$$\bullet B_{lat} = B([k_v \ k_p \ k_r \ k_\phi \ k_\psi], [k_{\delta a} \ k_{\delta r}]) \quad [5 \times 2]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{v} \\ \dot{p} \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v} \\ \bar{p} \\ \bar{r} \\ \bar{\phi} \\ \bar{\psi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_a \\ \delta_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Decoupled Lateral Linear Model



# Longitudinal State-space Equations

- We will solve for linearized state-space models (A & B) numerically
- But, it is informative to derive them *analytically*
  - Very cumbersome!
  - Example derivations for two components of longitudinal model: (actually derived on next slide)

11<sup>th</sup> equation  
in 12 EoMs

$$\dot{q} = \frac{J_z - J_x}{J_y} pr - \frac{J_{xz}}{J_y} (p^2 - r^2) + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S c}{2} \frac{1}{J_y} \left\{ C_{m0} + C_{m\alpha} \alpha + \frac{c}{2V_a} C_{mq} q + C_{m\delta_e} \delta_e \right\}$$

$$q = q^* + \bar{q}$$

$$\dot{\bar{q}} \approx \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial u} \bar{u} + \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial w} \bar{w} + \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial q} \bar{q} + \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial \theta} \bar{\theta} + \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial p_d} \bar{p}_d + \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial \delta_e} \bar{\delta}_e + \left\{ \text{Less dominant lateral terms, etc.} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial \delta_e} = \frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S c C_{m\delta_e}}{2 J_y}$$

$$\frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial w} = \frac{w^* \rho S c}{J_y} \left[ C_{m0} + C_{m\alpha} \alpha^* + C_{m\delta_e} \delta_e^* \right] + \frac{\rho S c C_{m\alpha} u^*}{2 J_y} + \frac{\rho S c^2 C_{mq} q^* w^*}{4 J_y V_a^*}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{u}} \\ \dot{\bar{w}} \\ \dot{\bar{q}} \\ \dot{\bar{\theta}} \\ \dot{\bar{p}}_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{w} \\ \bar{q} \\ \bar{\theta} \\ \bar{p}_d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\delta}_e \\ \bar{\delta}_t \end{bmatrix}$$

Decoupled Longitudinal Linear Model

Note: Star notations (\*) represent trimmed state values

# Longitudinal State-space Equations

11<sup>th</sup> equation  
in 12 EoMs

$$\dot{q} = \frac{J_z - J_x}{J_y} pr - \frac{J_{xz}}{J_y} (p^2 - r^2) + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S c}{2} \frac{1}{J_y} \left\{ C_{m0} + C_{m\alpha} \alpha + \frac{c}{2V_a} C_{mq} q + C_{m\delta_e} \delta_e \right\}$$

`%% Define symbolic variables`

`syms u w alpha p q r g rho S m Va c de Jx Jy Jz Jxz Cm_0 Cm_alpha Cm_q Cm_de`

`%% Define qdot, and replace Va and alpha terms`

`qdot = (Jz-Jx)/Jy*p*r-Jxz/Jy*(p^2-r^2)+rho*Va^2*S*c/2/Jy*(Cm_0+Cm_alpha*alpha+c/2/Va*Cm_q*q+Cm_de*de);`

`qdot = subs(qdot, alpha, atan(w,u));`

`qdot = subs(qdot, Va, sqrt(u^2+w^2))`

`%% Derive: d(qdot)/d(de), Deriv. of qdot wrt de`

`d_qdot_dde = diff(simplify(qdot),de)`

`% (Cm_de*S*c*rho*(u^2 + w^2))/(2*Jy)`

`d_qdot_dde = subs(d_qdot_dde, u^2+w^2, Va^2)`

`% (Cm_de*S*Va^2*c*rho)/(2*Jy)`

`%% Derive: d(qdot)/d(w), Deriv. of qdot wrt w`

`d_qdot_dw = diff(simplify(qdot),w)`

`% Long equation consisting of imag(u), real(u), etc.`

`d_qdot_dw = subs(d_qdot_dw, imag(w), 0);`

`d_qdot_dw = subs(d_qdot_dw, imag(u), 0);`

`d_qdot_dw = subs(d_qdot_dw, real(w), w);`

`d_qdot_dw = subs(d_qdot_dw, real(u), u);`

`d_qdot_dw = simplify(d_qdot_dw);`

`d_qdot_dw = subs(d_qdot_dw, (u^2+w^2)^(1/2), Va);`

`d_qdot_dw = subs(d_qdot_dw, atan2(w,u), alpha);`

`d_qdot_dw = simplify(d_qdot_dw)`

`% (S*c*rho*(2*Cm_alpha*Va*u + 4*Cm_0*Va*w`

`+ 4*Cm_alpha*Va*alpha*w + 4*Cm_de*Va*de*w + Cm_q*c*q*w))/(4*Jy*Va)`

Re-arrange & replace state variables  
with trimmed \* notation:

$$\frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial \delta_e} = \frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S c C_{m\delta_e}}{2 J_y}$$

$$\frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial w} = \frac{w^* \rho S c}{J_y} \left[ C_{m0} + C_{m\alpha} \alpha^* + C_{m\delta_e} \delta_e^* \right] + \frac{\rho S c C_{m\alpha} u^*}{2 J_y} + \frac{\rho S c^2 C_{mq} q^* w^*}{4 J_y V_a^*}$$

# Longitudinal State-space Equations

If solved analytically, the de-coupled longitudinal state space model is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\bar{u}} \\ \dot{\bar{w}} \\ \dot{\bar{q}} \\ \dot{\bar{\theta}} \\ \dot{\bar{p}_d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_u & X_w & X_q & -g \cos \theta^* & 0 \\ Z_u & Z_w & Z_q & -g \sin \theta^* & 0 \\ M_u & M_w & M_q & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta^* & \cos \theta^* & 0 & -u^* \cos \theta^* - w^* \sin \theta^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{w} \\ \bar{q} \\ \bar{\theta} \\ \bar{p}_d \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{\delta_e} & X_{\delta_t} \\ Z_{\delta_e} & 0 \\ M_{\delta_e} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\delta}_e \\ \bar{\delta}_t \end{pmatrix}$$

Modifications  
due to new  
propeller  
model

Longitudinal	Formula
$X_u$	$\frac{u^* \rho S}{m} [C_{X_0} + C_{X_\alpha} \alpha^* + C_{X_{\delta_e}} \delta_e^*] - \frac{\rho S w^* C_{X_\alpha}}{2m} + \frac{\rho S c C_{X_q} u^* q^*}{4m V_a^*} - \frac{\rho S_{prop} C_{prop} u^*}{m} \delta_t^* \left[ 1 + \left( 1 - \frac{k_{motor}}{V_a^*} \right) (1 - 2\delta_t^*) \right]$
$X_w$	$-q^* + \frac{w^* \rho S}{m} [C_{X_0} + C_{X_\alpha} \alpha^* + C_{X_{\delta_e}} \delta_e^*] + \frac{\rho S c C_{X_q} w^* q^*}{4m V_a^*} + \frac{\rho S C_{X_\alpha} u^*}{2m} - \frac{\rho S_{prop} C_{prop} w^*}{m} \delta_t^* \left[ 1 + \left( 1 - \frac{k_{motor}}{V_a^*} \right) (1 - 2\delta_t^*) \right]$
$X_q$	$-w^* + \frac{\rho V_a^* S C_{X_q} c}{4m}$
$X_{\delta_e}$	$\frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S C_{X_{\delta_e}}}{2m}$
$X_{\delta_t}$	$\frac{\rho S_{prop} C_{prop}}{m} (k_{motor} - V_a^*) (2\delta_t^* k_{motor} + V_a^* - 2V_a^* \delta_t^*)$
$Z_u$	$q^* + \frac{u^* \rho S}{m} [C_{Z_0} + C_{Z_\alpha} \alpha^* + C_{Z_{\delta_e}} \delta_e^*] - \frac{\rho S C_{Z_\alpha} w^*}{2m} + \frac{u^* \rho S C_{Z_q} c q^*}{4m V_a^*}$
$Z_w$	$\frac{w^* \rho S}{m} [C_{Z_0} + C_{Z_\alpha} \alpha^* + C_{Z_{\delta_e}} \delta_e^*] + \frac{\rho S C_{Z_\alpha} u^*}{2m} + \frac{\rho w^* S c C_{Z_q} q^*}{4m V_a^*}$
$Z_q$	$u^* + \frac{\rho V_a^* S C_{Z_q} c}{4m}$
$Z_{\delta_e}$	$\frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S C_{Z_{\delta_e}}}{2m}$
$M_u$	$\frac{u^* \rho S c}{J_y} [C_{m_0} + C_{m_\alpha} \alpha^* + C_{m_{\delta_e}} \delta_e^*] - \frac{\rho S c C_{m_\alpha} w^*}{2J_y} + \frac{\rho S c^2 C_{m_q} q^* u^*}{4J_y V_a^*}$
$M_w$	$\frac{w^* \rho S c}{J_y} [C_{m_0} + C_{m_\alpha} \alpha^* + C_{m_{\delta_e}} \delta_e^*] + \frac{\rho S c C_{m_\alpha} u^*}{2J_y} + \frac{\rho S c^2 C_{m_q} q^* w^*}{4J_y V_a^*}$
$M_q$	$\frac{\rho V_a^* S c^2 C_{m_q}}{4J_y}$
$M_{\delta_e}$	$\frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S c C_{m_{\delta_e}}}{2J_y}$

Derived on  
previous  
slide

See Book for derivation and nomenclature. (Note: Book uses  $h$  instead of  $p_d$ .)

# Lateral State-space Equations

If solved analytically, the de-coupled lateral state space model is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\bar{v}} \\ \dot{\bar{p}} \\ \dot{\bar{r}} \\ \dot{\bar{\phi}} \\ \dot{\bar{\psi}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_v & Y_p & Y_r & g \cos \theta^* \cos \phi^* & 0 \\ L_v & L_p & L_r & 0 & 0 \\ N_v & N_p & N_r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cos \phi^* \tan \theta^* & q^* \cos \phi^* \tan \theta^* - r^* \sin \phi^* \tan \theta^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \phi^* \sec \theta^* & p^* \cos \phi^* \sec \theta^* - r^* \sin \phi^* \sec \theta^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{v} \\ \bar{p} \\ \bar{r} \\ \bar{\phi} \\ \bar{\psi} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} Y_{\delta_a} & Y_{\delta_r} \\ L_{\delta_a} & L_{\delta_r} \\ N_{\delta_a} & N_{\delta_r} \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\delta}_a \\ \bar{\delta}_r \end{pmatrix}$$

Lateral	Formula
$Y_v$	$\frac{\rho S b v^*}{4 m V_a^*} [C_{Y_p} p^* + C_{Y_r} r^*] + \frac{\rho S v^*}{m} [C_{Y_0} + C_{Y_\beta} \beta^* + C_{Y_{\delta_a}} \delta_a^* + C_{Y_{\delta_r}} \delta_r^*] + \frac{\rho S C_{Y_\beta}}{2 m} \sqrt{u^{*2} + w^{*2}}$
$Y_p$	$w^* + \frac{\rho V_a^* S b}{4 m} C_{Y_p}$
$Y_r$	$-u^* + \frac{\rho V_a^* S b}{4 m} C_{Y_r}$
$Y_{\delta_a}$	$\frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S}{2 m} C_{Y_{\delta_a}}$
$Y_{\delta_r}$	$\frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S}{2 m} C_{Y_{\delta_r}}$
$L_v$	$\frac{\rho S b^2 v^*}{4 V_a^*} [C_{p_p} p^* + C_{p_r} r^*] + \rho S b v^* [C_{p_0} + C_{p_\beta} \beta^* + C_{p_{\delta_a}} \delta_a^* + C_{p_{\delta_r}} \delta_r^*] + \frac{\rho S b C_{p_\beta}}{2} \sqrt{u^{*2} + w^{*2}}$
$L_p$	$\Gamma_1 q^* + \frac{\rho V_a^* S b^2}{4} C_{p_p}$
$L_r$	$-\Gamma_2 q^* + \frac{\rho V_a^* S b^2}{4} C_{p_r}$
$L_{\delta_a}$	$\frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S b}{2} C_{p_{\delta_a}}$
$L_{\delta_r}$	$\frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S b}{2} C_{p_{\delta_r}}$
$N_v$	$\frac{\rho S b^2 v^*}{4 V_a^*} [C_{r_p} p^* + C_{r_r} r^*] + \rho S b v^* [C_{r_0} + C_{r_\beta} \beta^* + C_{r_{\delta_a}} \delta_a^* + C_{r_{\delta_r}} \delta_r^*] + \frac{\rho S b C_{r_\beta}}{2} \sqrt{u^{*2} + w^{*2}}$
$N_p$	$\Gamma_7 q^* + \frac{\rho V_a^* S b^2}{4} C_{r_p}$
$N_r$	$-\Gamma_1 q^* + \frac{\rho V_a^* S b^2}{4} C_{r_r}$
$N_{\delta_a}$	$\frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S b}{2} C_{r_{\delta_a}}$
$N_{\delta_r}$	$\frac{\rho V_a^{*2} S b}{2} C_{r_{\delta_r}}$

See Book for derivation and nomenclature.

# Full Linear Aircraft Response Models

- The state space models provide an efficient means of representing aircraft dynamics (near the trim point)

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = A\bar{\mathbf{x}} + B\bar{\mathbf{u}}$$

(12 states, 4 inputs)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{p}}_n \\ \dot{\bar{p}}_e \\ \dot{\bar{p}}_d \\ \dot{\bar{u}} \\ \dot{\bar{v}} \\ \dot{\bar{w}} \\ \dot{\bar{\phi}} \\ \dot{\bar{\theta}} \\ \dot{\bar{\psi}} \\ \dot{\bar{p}} \\ \dot{\bar{q}} \\ \dot{\bar{r}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{p}_n \\ \bar{p}_e \\ \bar{p}_d \\ \bar{u} \\ \bar{v} \\ \bar{w} \\ \bar{\phi} \\ \bar{\theta} \\ \bar{\psi} \\ \bar{p} \\ \bar{q} \\ \bar{r} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_e \\ \delta_a \\ \delta_r \\ \delta_i \end{bmatrix}$$



$H(s)$ :  
12x4 matrix of  
Transfer  
Functions from  
4 control  
deflections to  
12 states

- We can gain more insight by converting the state space models into Laplace transfer functions
- Using the full 12-state, 4-input model, a multi-input, multi-state model can be converted to Laplace transfer functions via:

$$H(s) = (sI - A)^{-1} B$$

- The result is a 12x4 matrix of Laplace transfer functions
  - $H_{ij}(s)$  is the transfer function from the  $j^{th}$  input to the  $i^{th}$  state
- In Matlab, this is accomplished via:

```
s=tf('s'); % Create a Laplace s variable
H = inv(s*eye(12)-A)*B; % Convert to Laplace transfer functions
H = minreal(H); % Use min. realization (i.e. cancel identical poles and zeros)
H = zpk(H); % Convert from polynomial num and den to zero/pole form
H(i,j) % Display the TF from the jth input to the ith output
```

# Reduced Order Modes

In traditional literature, aerodynamicists have defined several open-loop aircraft dynamics modes. We can use the transfer functions from the state-space models to investigate these modes.

## Longitudinal Modes

- Short Period Mode
- Phugoid Mode

## Lateral Modes

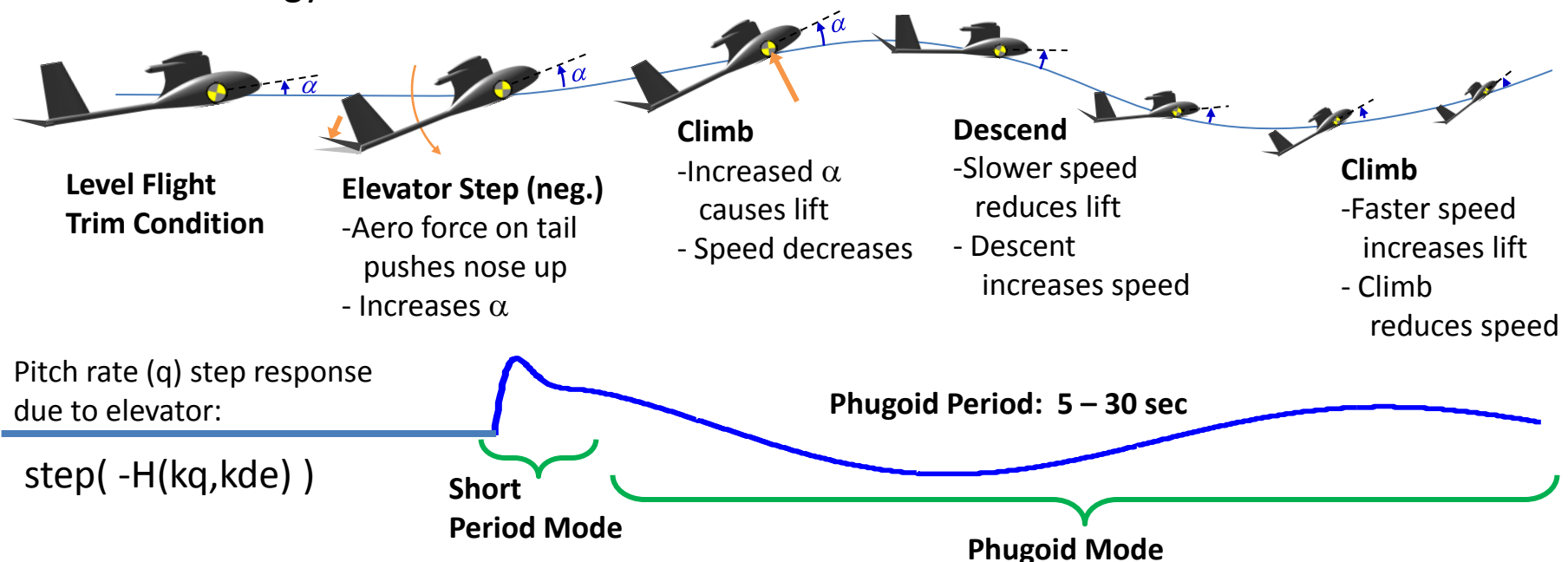
- Roll Mode
- Spiral Mode
- Dutch-roll Mode

# Aircraft Longitudinal Modes

- Elevator motion induces two separate oscillatory modes in longitudinal states  $(u, w, q, \theta, p_d)$ , e.g.:

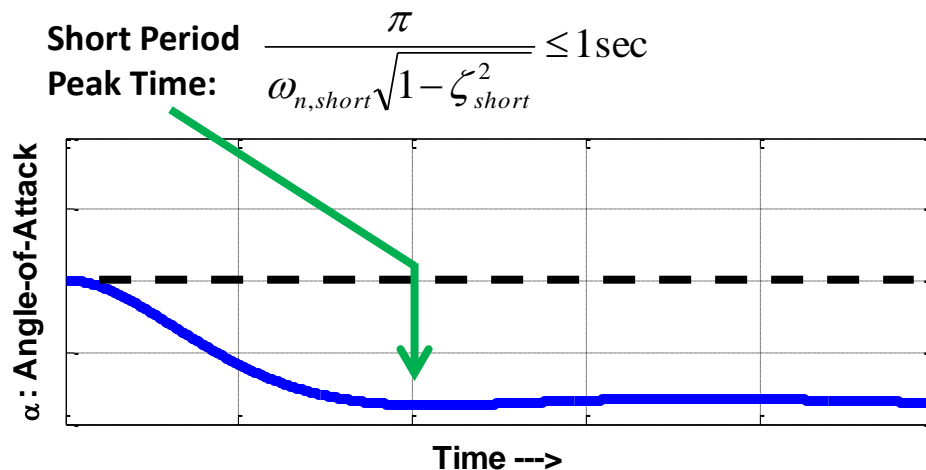
$$H(k_q, k_{\delta_e}) = \frac{\text{numerator}}{(s^2 + 2\zeta_{\text{phugoid}}\omega_{n,\text{phugoid}}s + \omega_{n,\text{phugoid}}^2)(s^2 + 2\zeta_{\text{short}}\omega_{n,\text{short}}s + \omega_{n,\text{short}}^2)} \quad \omega_{n,\text{phugoid}} \ll \omega_{n,\text{short}}$$

- Short Period Mode:** Fast, damped mode ( $\omega_{n,\text{short}}, \zeta_{\text{short}}$ ) causing quick pitch response to an elevator step
- Phugoid Mode:** Slow, lightly damped mode ( $\omega_{n,\text{phugoid}}, \zeta_{\text{phugoid}}$ ) resulting from speed & altitude energy transfer



# Aircraft Longitudinal Mode: Short Period

- **Short Period Mode**: Fast, damped mode ( $\omega_{n,short}$ ,  $\zeta_{short}$ ) causing quick pitch response to an elevator step
  - Changes Angle-of-Attack quickly
  - Positive elevator causes negative Angle-of-Attack

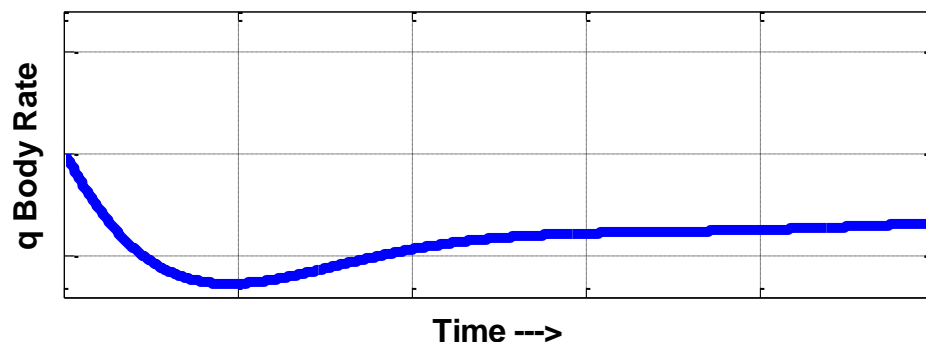


$$w = V_a \sin \alpha \cos \beta \approx V_a \sin \alpha$$

$$\bar{w} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \alpha} \bar{\alpha} \approx V_a^* \cos \alpha^* \bar{\alpha}$$

$$\bar{\alpha} \approx \frac{\bar{w}}{V_a^* \cos \alpha^*}$$

$$\text{step}(H(kw, kde)/P.Va0/\cos(P.alpha0))$$

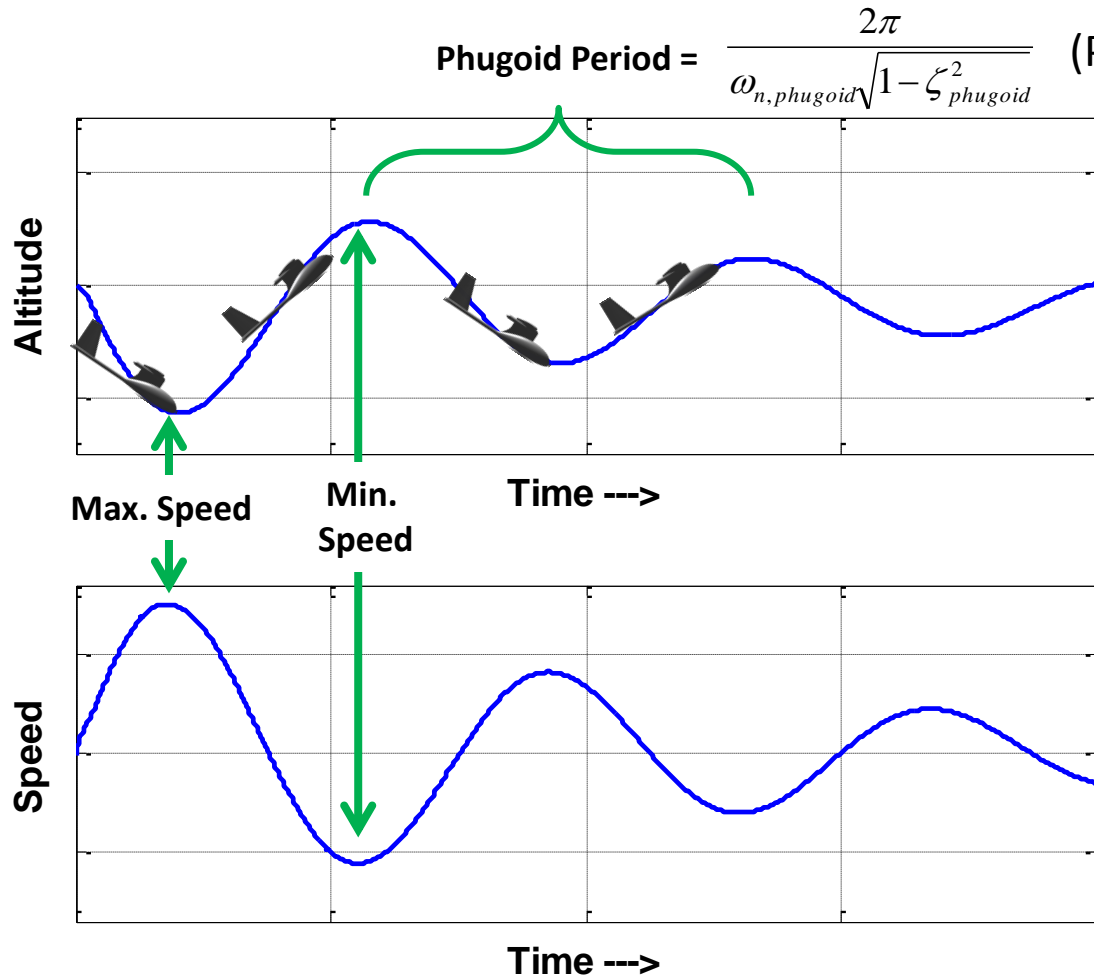


$$\text{step}(H(kq, kde))$$



# Aircraft Longitudinal Mode: Phugoid

- **Phugoid Mode:** Slow, lightly damped mode ( $\omega_{n,phugoid}$ ,  $\zeta_{phugoid}$ ) resulting from speed & altitude energy transfer
  - Named after Greek word “to fly” (actually means “to flee”)



$$\bar{h} = -\bar{p}_d$$

$\text{impulse}(-\pi/180 * H(kpd, kde))$

Note:

$H(kpd, kde)$ : m/rad

$\pi/180 * H(kpd, kde)$ : m/deg

$\text{impulse}(\pi/180 * H(ku, kde))$

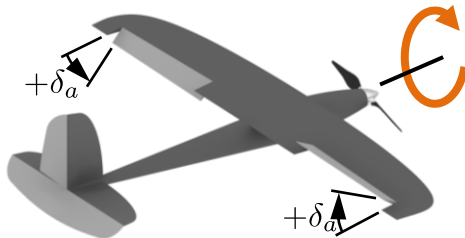
# Aircraft Lateral Modes

Aileron/rudder motion induces three modes in lateral states ( $v, p, r, \phi, \psi$ )

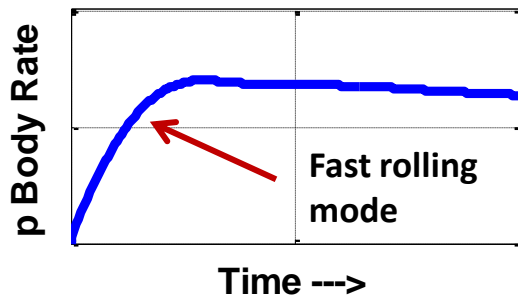
$$H(k_r, k_{\delta r}) = \frac{\text{numerator}}{(s - \lambda_{\text{rolling}})(s - \lambda_{\text{spiral}})(s^2 + 2\zeta_{\text{dutch}}\omega_{n,\text{dutch}}s + \omega_{n,\text{dutch}}^2)}$$

**Rolling Mode:** First order, fast stable mode between aileron and roll rate

$$\lambda_{\text{rolling}} < 0 \text{ (stable)}$$

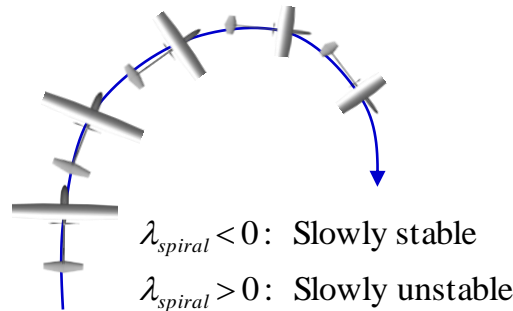


step(  $H(k_p, k_{\delta a})$  )

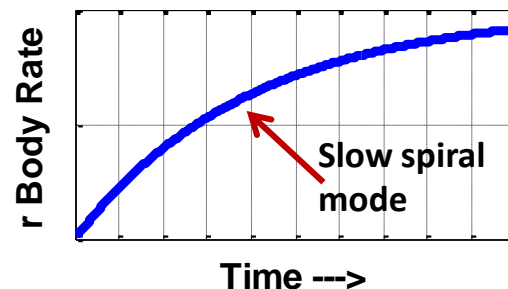


Short Time Scale (~2 sec)

**Spiral Mode:** First order, *really slow* mode between aileron/rudder and yaw/course.  $\lambda_{\text{spiral}}$  is small



step(  $H(k_r, k_{\delta a})$  )

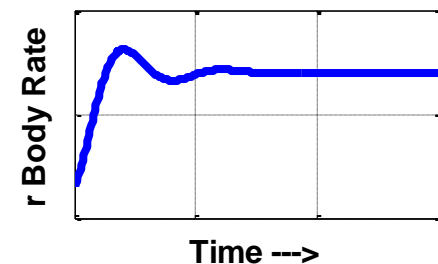


Very Long Time Scale (~1+ min)

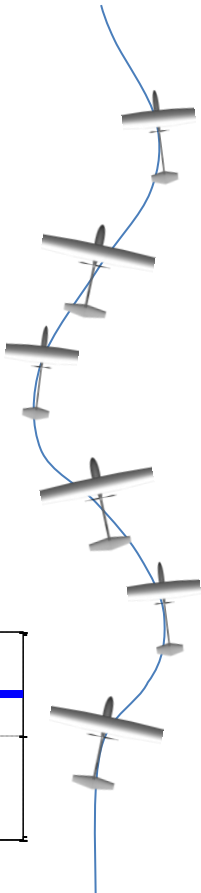
**Dutch Roll Mode:**

Second order mode, coupling between yaw, roll and sideslip. Like a duck wagging its tail.

step(  $H(k_r, k_{\delta r})$  )



Fairly Short Time Scale (~3 sec)



# Lecture 5 Homework, 1/5

1) Implement propeller forces and moments in UAV 6DOF and combine with others (from previous homework). Print out `uavsim_forces_moments.m`.

Check: `uavsim_forces_moments(ones(20,1),P)'` = [2.1301 6.9345 4.4475 0.0422 -0.0678 -0.0718]

2) Develop a longitudinal trim routine, and trim for  $P.Va0=13$  m/s

Modify `compute_longitudinal_trim()` appropriately. Note, `compute_longitudinal_trim()` uses a subfunction called `cost_function()`, which calls `uavsim_forces_moments()` and returns a cost. The routine uses `fminsearch()` to find the  $[\alpha, \delta_e, \delta_t]$  which minimizes the cost,  $J_{cost}$ . The resulting trimmed states and control surfaces are used as the initial values (e.g. `P.w0`, `P.theta0`, `P.delta_e0`, etc.)

Uncomment “`P=compute_longitudinal_trim(P);`” in “`load_uavsim.m`”, and re-run “`load_uavsim.m`” (Leave the line uncommented from now on!)

A) Turn in the resulting longitudinal trim values  $[\alpha^*, \delta_e^*, \delta_t^*]$ , in degrees for the 2 angles

B) By default, `uavsim_control()` outputs [`P.delta_e0` `P.delta_a0` `P.delta_r0` `P.delta_t0`], which were set in the trim routine. Run `uavsim`. Is the UAV trimmed? Describe.

(Note: For convenience, the propeller torque parameter has been zeroed.)

3) A trim routine can be used to determine idealized capabilities. If throttle must stay between 0 and 1, elevator must stay between -45deg and 45deg, and alpha must stay between -30deg and 30deg, what are the minimum and maximum valid airspeeds (to the nearest 0.1 m/s) of this vehicle (i.e. run trim routine for various  $P.Va0$  values around the nominal of  $P.Va0=13$ ). Run `uavsim` at these min and max speeds. Does it fly trimmed? What angle-of-attack and throttle settings are necessary at each of these extreme speeds to maintain lift and counteract drag?

4) After a fresh “`load_uavsim`”, temporarily add some propeller counter-torque,  $P.k_{Tp} = 5e-6$ . What are the effects? Determine (via trial-and-error to the nearest  $0.1^\circ$ ) an aileron that mostly nullifies the rolling moment. (UAV will still have some sideslip and yaw rate. A combination of aileron and rudder would be needed to nullify both rolling moment and sideslip.)

*Return  $P.k_{Tp}$  to zero afterward.*

# Lecture 5 Homework, 2/5

Re-run load\_uavsim!  
(Should start from trim)

## 5) Develop a routine to make the linearized A and B matrices

- Modify linearize\_uavsim.m appropriately. Note, linearize\_uavsim() has a subfunction:  
 $\dot{x} = \text{eval\_forces\_moments\_kin\_dyn}(x, \text{deltas}, P)$

This subroutine calls both uavsim\_forces\_moments() and uavsim\_kin\_dyn() to generate  $\dot{x}$  as a function of  $x$  and the control deflections.

- A) Run “[A B]=linearize\_uavsim(P)” using the trimmed P found in Problem #2 (with  $P.Va0=13$  m/s). Extract and print out the longitudinal and lateral submatrices (A\_lon, B\_lon, A\_lat, B\_lat). Do your submatrices have the same form described in notes?

- B) Do some spot checks to verify correctness (see slides for reference):

Verify that  $A_{lon}(1,4) = -g \cos \theta^*$

Verify that  $A_{lon}(3,3) = M_q$

Verify that  $B_{lon}(3,1) = M_{\dot{\delta}_e}$

Note: use the zpk transfer functions to determine the poles, natural frequencies and dampings.  
DO NOT use the book’s analytical methods (Section 5.6).

- C) Print out the zpk form of the transfer function from  $\delta_e$  to  $q$ .  
What are the phugoid and short period natural frequencies and dampings?

- D) Print out the zpk form of the transfer function from  $\delta_r$  to  $r$ .  
What are the rolling and spiral eigenvalues (poles)? What are the dutch roll natural frequency and damping? (Remember that stable poles are negative. e.g. for  $G(s)=3/(s+4)$ , the pole is -4, not +4.)

# Lecture 5 Homework, 3/5

Re-run load\_uavsim!  
(Should start from trim)

## 6) Compare linear longitudinal response with uavsim

- A) Modify uavsim\_control() to perform a 0.001 deg elevator step response:

```
delta_e=P.delta_e0 + .001*pi/180;
```

Run uavsim starting with the P.Va0=13 m/s trim condition for 20 seconds and compare the resulting pitch body rate (q) with the linear result:

```
plot( out.time_s, out.q_dps, 'b', ... % uavsim output
      out.time_s, step(0.001*H(kq,kde), out.time_s),'r:'); % linear step
```

Do they match? Highlight both the short period response and the phugoid response.

- B) Estimate the phugoid period from the plot in 5(A). Does the phugoid period match what you expect?
- C) The described modes can result from any deviation from trim, not just control surface changes. Undo the elevator step in uavsim\_control(), and temporarily overwrite the initial pitch to 25 deg:  $P.\theta_0 = 25 \cdot \pi / 180$ . Run uavsim and describe the result. Specifically, note the interplay between altitude, airspeed, pitch and flight path angle. What aircraft mode are you witnessing?

# Lecture 5 Homework, 4/5

Re-run load\_uavsim!  
(Should start from trim)

## 7) Compare linear lateral response with uavsim

- A) Modify uavsim\_control() to perform a 0.001 deg aileron step response:

```
delta_a=P.delta_a0 + .001*pi/180;
```

Run uavsim for 5 seconds (starting with the P.Va0=13 m/s trim) and compare resulting roll body rate (p) with linear result:

```
plot( out.time_s, out.p_dps, 'b', ... % uavsim output
      out.time_s, step(0.001*H(kp,kda), out.time_s),'r:'); % linear step
```

Do they match? Highlight the rolling mode response. How quickly does roll rate respond to an aileron step (peak time)?

- B) Similarly, perform a 1 deg aileron step and compare p with linear response. Do they still match for the first 10 seconds? If not, explain why. Run the simulation for a long time. What happens to the UAV?
- C) The dutch roll mode can be difficult to see. Undo the aileron step from above and temporarily add some initial sideslip, via setting P.v0=5 m/s from the command line. Run the simulation and plot the first 2 seconds of roll and sideslip, highlighting the dutch roll oscillation. (No need to compare with linear response)

# Lecture 5 Homework, 5/5

*Undo changes from previous questions,  
and re-run load\_uavsim!*

8) Just for fun, try manually flying the UAV.

- Copy the following from “Later\_Use\_Files” (unless otherwise provided by instructor):
  - allow\_figure\_motion.m (Allows Matlab to recognize button-down mouse movements.)
  - joystick.m (Creates a virtual joystick, via allow\_figure\_motion.m)
- After re-running load\_uavsim, set P.manual\_flight\_flag to 1 and re-run uavsim. (Doing so will overwrite the outputs of uavsim\_control.m)
- Use mouse to directly control elevator (up/down) and aileron (right/left) on virtual joystick.
- Use keys ‘s’ and ‘w’ to change throttle.
- Use keys ‘a’ and ‘d’ to change rudder.
- Can you maintain stable flight? Can you do any acrobatics? How long can you fly before either crashing, violating the angle-of-attack limit, or getting bored.
- If uavsim isn’t able to run in near-real-time, try increasing P.Tlog and/or P.Tvis. If that doesn’t work, don’t bother with this problem.

**Recommended Reading:** 4.3, 4.5, 5.5, 5.6

**Notes:**

- In 4.3, propeller model in book is incorrect
- In 5.5 & 5.6, book derives state space matrices and aircraft modes analytically. Useful, but unnecessary. Read lightly.
- Homework uses routines in “Later\_Use\_Files” directory (or otherwise provided). Copy relevant files to uavsim directory.