

# MAE 275 - Homework 3

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## 1 Problem 1

The longitudinal linearized aircraft equations of motion can be expressed in state space form, with state variables  $\Delta u, \Delta w, \Delta q, \Delta \theta, \Delta h$ , as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{X_u}{Z_u} & \frac{X_w}{Z_w} & 0 & -g \cos(\theta_0) & 0 \\ 1 - \frac{Z_{\dot{w}}}{Z_u} & 1 - \frac{Z_{\dot{w}}}{Z_w} & \frac{Z_q + u_0}{1 - \frac{Z_{\dot{w}}}{Z_w}} & \frac{g \sin \theta_0}{1 - \frac{Z_{\dot{w}}}{Z_w}} & 0 \\ M_u + \frac{M_{\dot{w}} Z_u}{1 - \frac{Z_{\dot{w}}}{Z_w}} & M_w + \frac{M_{\dot{w}} Z_w}{1 - \frac{Z_{\dot{w}}}{Z_w}} & M_q + \frac{M_{\dot{w}}(Z_q + u_0)}{1 - \frac{Z_{\dot{w}}}{Z_w}} & -\frac{M_{\dot{w}} g \sin \theta_0}{1 - \frac{Z_{\dot{w}}}{Z_w}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & u_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Plugging in the data for the VZ-4 “Doak” aircraft in Appendix A of **Aircraft Dynamics and Automatic Control** yields

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1.3700e - 1 & 0 & 0 & -3.2200e + 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1.3700e - 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ +1.3600e - 2 & 0 & -4.5200e - 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrices B, C, and D can also be formed

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{X_{\delta_e}}{Z_{\delta_e}} \\ \frac{1 - \frac{Z_{\dot{w}}}{Z_u}}{M_{\dot{w}} Z_{\delta_e}} + M_{\delta_e} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1.08 \\ 1.00 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can find the resulting transfer functions,  $\frac{q}{\delta e}(s)$  and  $\frac{\theta}{\delta e}(s)$ , with the following commands

```
1 [n, d] = ss2tf(A, B, C, D);
2 minreal(zpk(tf(n(3, :), d))) % q
3 minreal(zpk(tf(n(4, :), d))) % theta
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which results in

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1          s (s+0.137)
2  _____
3  (s+0.8223) (s^2 - 0.6401s + 0.5326)
```

and

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1          (s+0.137)
2  _____
3  (s+0.8223) (s^2 - 0.6401s + 0.5326)
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## 2 Problem 2

The following MATLAB command is called to identify the characteristic roots and eigenvector elements

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1 [v, d] = eig(A);
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resulting in two real eigenvalues and a complex pair of eigenvalues

$$d_1 = -8.2230e - 01$$

$$d_2 = -1.3700e - 01$$

$$d_3 = +3.2005e - 01 \pm i6.5583e - 1$$

and their associated eigenvectors

$$\begin{aligned}v_1 &= [-9.9962e - 1, \\&\quad +0.0000e + 0, \\&\quad +1.7494e - 2, \\&\quad -2.1275e - 2, \\&\quad +0.0000e + 0], \\v_2 &= [+0.0000e + 0, \\&\quad +1.3573e - 1, \\&\quad +0.0000e + 0, \\&\quad +0.0000e + 0, \\&\quad +9.9075e - 1], \\v_3 &= [+9.9953e - 1, \\&\quad +0.0000e + 0, \\&\quad +8.8107e - 3 \mp i1.5820e - 2, \\&\quad -1.4187e - 2 \mp i2.0358e - 2, \\&\quad +0.0000e + 0]\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Problem 2