

FUNC: LIFT & DRAG CALCULATOR (level flight)

>> Details

(1) Description: This program defines the equations for the lift and drag (level flight), and calculates them using the variables involved in the equation as inputs.

(2) Input values:

1. den: atmospheric density [kg/m³] or [slug/ft³]
2. vel: free stream velocity [m/s] or [ft/s]
3. area: wing area [m²] or [ft²]
4. D_o: lift zero drag coefficient
5. weight: the weight of the aircraft [N] or [lb]
6. AR: aspect ratio of the wing
7. e_o: the Oswald efficiency factor

(3) Output values:

1. L: lift [N] or [lb]
2. D: drag [N] or [lb]

(4) Theory

$$\text{Lift} = L = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty}^2 S C_L$$

$$\text{Drag} = D = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty}^2 S C_D$$

at level flight

$$L \approx mg \implies C_L = \frac{2mg}{\rho_{\infty} V_{\infty}^2 S}$$

$$C_D = C_{D_o} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e AR}$$

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function [L, D] = lift_drag_cal(den, vel, area, D_o, weight, AR, e_o)
% Calculate the coefficients
L_const = 2 * weight / den ./ vel.^2 / area;
D_const = D_o + L_const.^2 / pi / e_o / AR;
% Calculate the lift and drag
L = 0.5 * den .* vel.^2 * area .* L_const;
D = 0.5 * den .* vel.^2 * area .* D_const;
end
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