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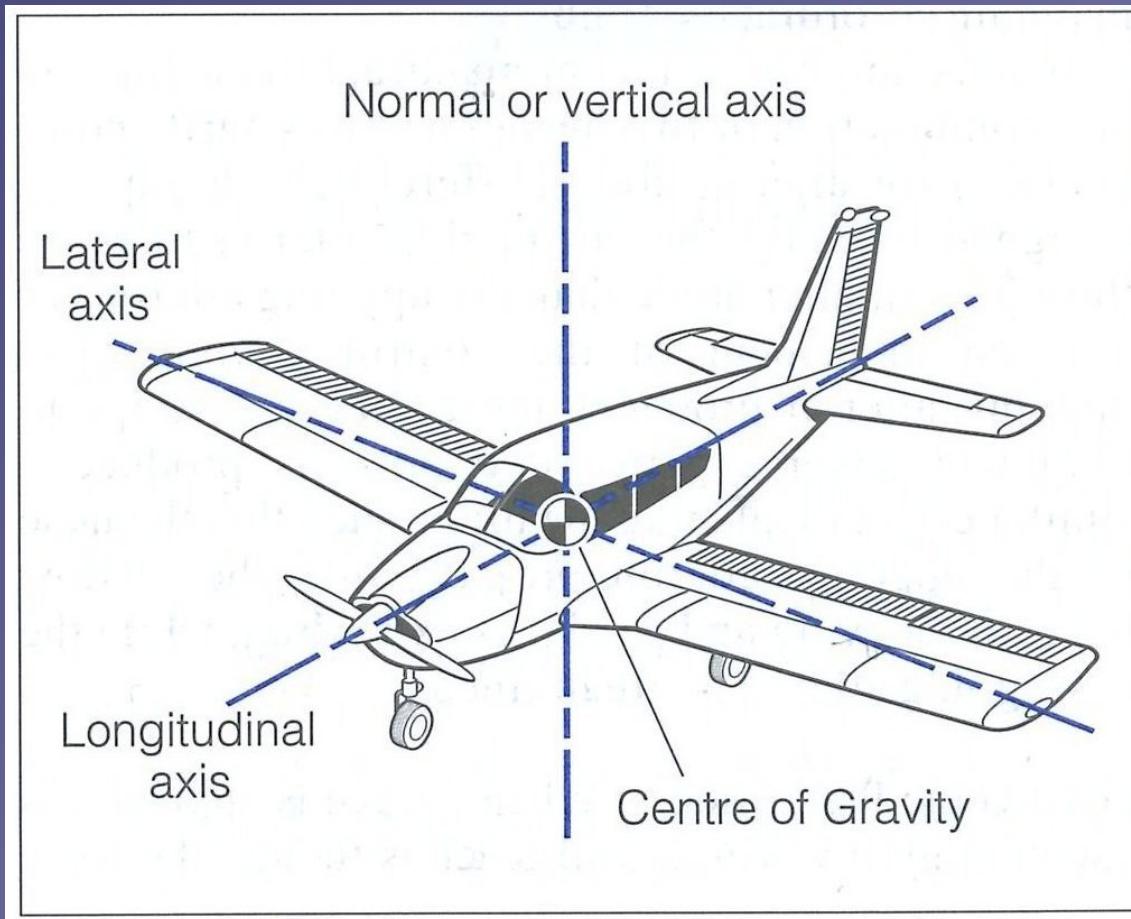


Attitudes and Movements

- Definition and Motivation
- Normal Aircraft Attitudes
- Rotational Movements



Attitudes and Movements





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Cruise Attitude





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Pitch Attitudes: Nose-Up Attitude



- Normal Nose-Up Attitude Range to **+15°**



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Pitch Attitudes: Nose-Up Attitude





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Pitch Attitudes: Nose-Down Attitude



- Normal Nose-Down Attitude Range to **-10°**



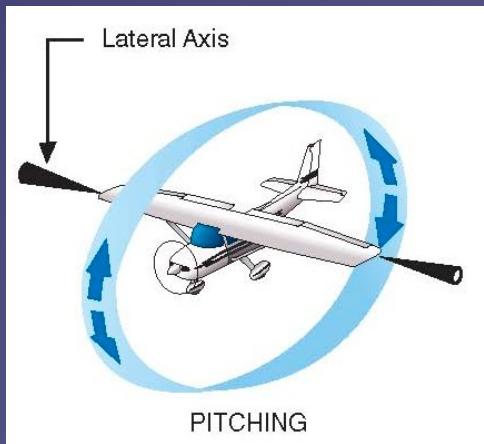
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Pitch Attitudes: Nose-Down Attitude





Pitching – Establishing and Recovering a Pitch Attitude



Push / Pull, Adjust Pressure

- Very *small movements* required (millimeters)
- Control **pressures** change *gradually* after establishing and holding new pitch attitude
- Trim may help to relieve control pressures



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Bank Attitudes: Left-Banked Attitude



- Normal Left-Banked Attitude Range to **-30°**



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Bank Attitudes: Left-Banked Attitude





Bank Attitudes: Right-Banked Attitude



- Normal Right-Banked Attitude Range to **+30°**



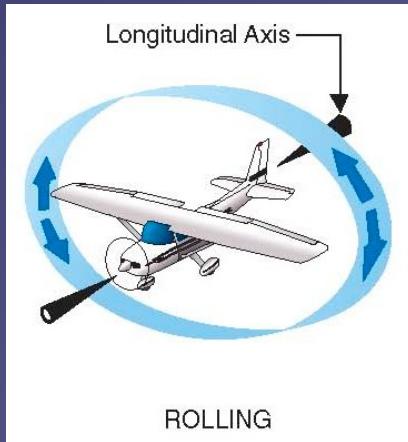
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Bank Attitudes: Right-Banked Attitude





Rolling – Establishing and Recovering a Banked Attitude



Select



Neutralize

- Rotation **angle** controls *rate* of roll
- **Select** rotation angle *until* banked attitude is established
- **Neutralize** yoke to *maintain* banked attitude
- **Select** opposite rotation angle *until* cruise attitude is established
- **Neutralize** yoke to *maintain* cruise attitude



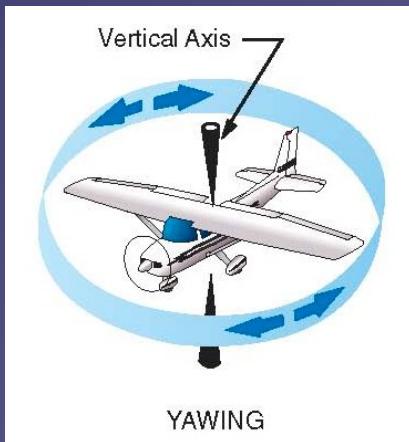
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Combined Attitudes





Yawing – Controlling Yaw and Coordination



- **Yawing** is a rotational movement about the **vertical** (normal) axis
- Yawing changes the **heading** of the aircraft (left, right)
- Yawing is primarily controlled with the **rudder** pedals
- *Coordinated flight* is desired in most situations (**kick and center the ball**)
- Real and indicated heading change (**heading indicator**, turn **coordinator**)

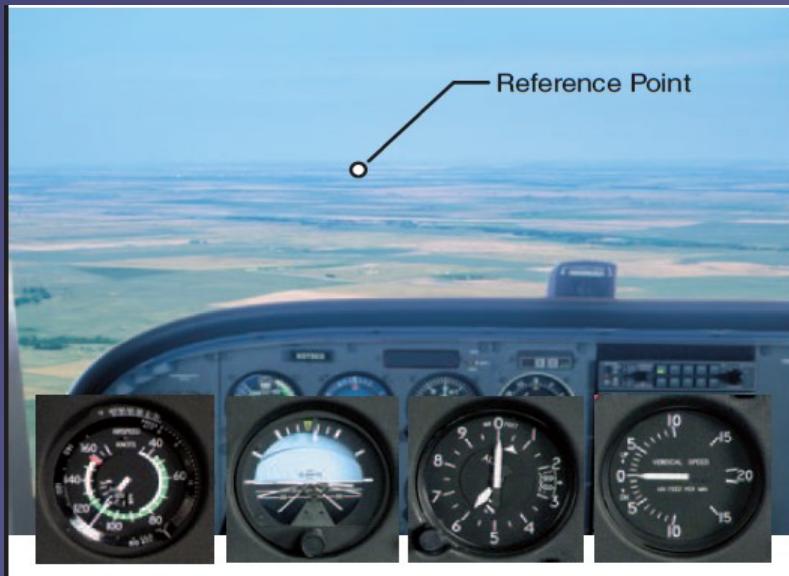


Straight-and-Level Flight

- Definition and Motivation
- **Straight Flight**
- **Level Flight**



Straight Flight



- Maintain *constant heading* (horizon and reference point)
- Control **roll** and **yaw** to keep **wings level** in *coordinated flight*
- Check **attitude indicator** (bank attitude), **heading indicator** and **turn coordinator**
- Straight flight is *not necessarily* level flight (**variable altitude**)



Level Flight



- Maintain *constant* **altitude** (attitude and power)
- Control **pitch** and **power** to maintain **altitude** in *coordinated flight*
- Check **attitude indicator** (pitch attitude), **RPM** (power setting), **altitude indicator** and **vertical speed indicator**
- Level flight is *not necessarily* straight flight (**variable heading**)



Level Flight – Attitude and Power



- *Attitude plus power equals performance*
- **Less power** requires **more nose-up** (less nose-down) attitude (and vice versa) to *maintain* altitude at **lower constant airspeed**
- **More power** requires **less nose-up** (more nose-down) attitude (and vice versa) to *maintain* altitude at **higher constant airspeed**
- **Trim** is used to compensate control forces at different settings



Straight-and-Level Flight

- Maintain **heading** and **altitude** in close tolerances
- *Restrained* use of all three flight controls
- Control **roll** and **yaw** to maintain **heading**
- Control **pitch** and **power** to maintain **altitude**
- Maintain *coordinated flight*
- Level flight at different power settings (airspeeds) is required for **separation** with other traffic
- Pitch and power affect the aerodynamic and economic **performance** of the aircraft (range and endurance)



Gentle, Medium and Steep Turns

- Motivation and Definition
- Initiating, Maintaining and Recovering Coordinated **Gentle, Medium Level and Steep Turns**



Gentle, Medium and Steep Level Turns



- Gentle level turns – up to **15°** bank angle
- Medium level turns – **15°** up to **30°** bank angle
- Steep level turns – beyond 30° bank angle (**45°**)
- Heading changes maintaining a constant altitude



Initiating a Coordinated Level Turn



- Perform **lookout** in cruise attitude before initiating a turn
- Establish a **banked attitude** using the **yoke**
- Apply **rudder** as required to remain **coordinated**
- Center **yoke** after **banked attitude** is established



Maintaining a Coordinated Level Turn

Corrections



References



Lookout

- Apply **back-pressure** as required to maintain **pitch attitude**
- Apply **corrections** as required to maintain **bank attitude**
- Apply **rudder** as required to remain **coordinated**



External References



- Continue to **lookout** and observe **references** during turn
- **Horizon** remains the primary attitude reference
- Nose moves steadily around the horizon neither rising or falling
- **Landmarks** can be used to establish headings



Recovering a Coordinated Level Turn



- Continue to **lookout** observing **references** during recovery
- Turns need to be finished **anticipatory** – **half the bank angle**
- Establish **cruise attitude** using the **yoke**
- Control **yaw** with **rudder** as required to remain **coordinated**
- Adjust **cruise attitude** and **trim**



Steep Turns



45° Steep Turn



30° Medium Turn

- **Steep turns** – beyond **30°** bank angle
- **Evasive actions** and collision avoidance
- Control coordination practice
- Higher load factor, stall speed and required power



Performing a Steep Level Turn

- **Lookout** all around before initiating a steep turn
- Initiate steep level turn like medium level turn
- Add **power** beyond **30°** bank angle to maintain **safe airspeed** above increased stall speed
- Correct as necessary to **maintain attitude**
- Remain **coordinated** and correct **overbanking**
- Left and right turns require *different* control inputs
- Reduce **power** accordingly during recovery
- Transition from left to right requires **smooth control** and **power adjustments**