

# Final Review



ASEN 3128 Aircraft Dynamics  
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# Announcements

- Final Exam: Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30-4pm
- FCQs, TA feedback due tonight (see Canvas Announcement)



# Outline

- Learning Goals
- Summary of Material

# Aircraft Dynamics

Newton's Laws	(ASEN 2703)	<i>Inertial Reference Frame</i>
+ Aerodynamics	(ASEN 2702, ASEN 3711)	<i>Body Reference Frame</i>
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Aircraft Dynamics (ASEN 3128)

# Learning Goals

- How aircraft dynamics models are constructed
- How dynamics are simulated numerically
- How dynamical behavior is understood and specified
- How control is designed to achieve behavioral objectives
- Specific understanding of “how aircraft work” for a multirotor drone and a conventional (fixed-wing) airplane



# Course Material

1. Nomenclature
2. Aircraft Static Stability
3. Euler Angles
4. Aircraft Equations of Motion (Kinematics + Dynamics)
5. Linearized Equations
6. Quadrotor Equations of Motion
7. Quadrotor Stability and Control
8. Longitudinal Dynamics of Conventional (Fixed-Wing) Aircraft
9. Lateral Dynamics of Conventional (Fixed Wing) Aircraft
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11. Mode Approximations
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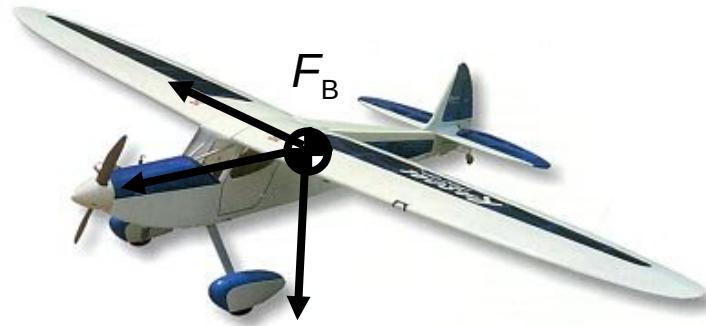
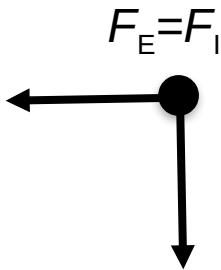
# Coordinate Systems



Note, vectors are denoted by the arrow  
(lectures) or bold

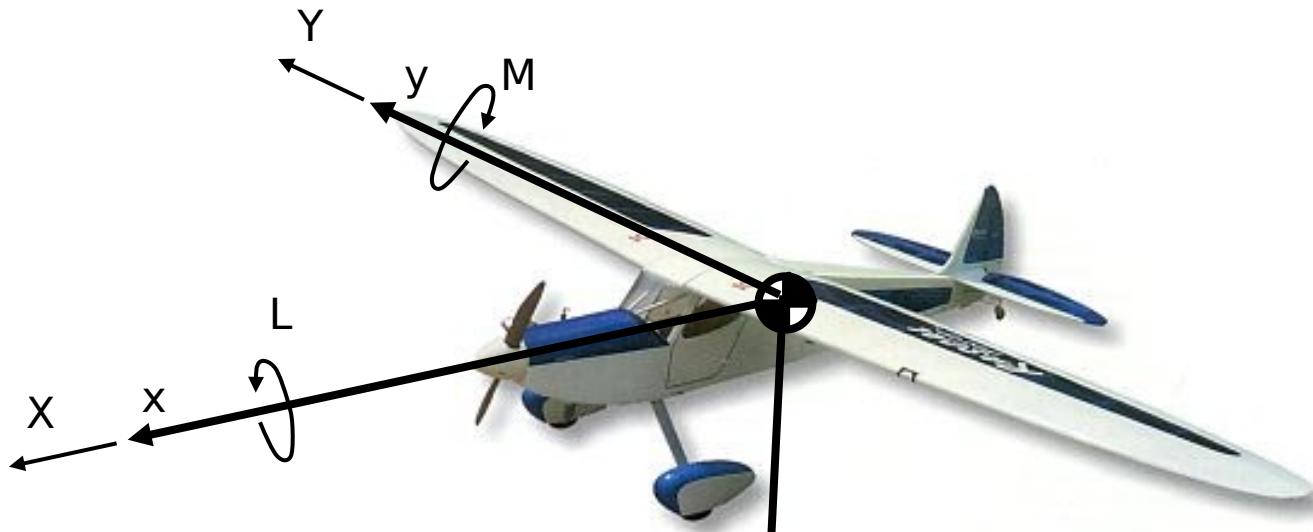
- Aircraft dynamics and control are best described in a coordinate system defined by the aircraft body
  - Often called the “body coordinate system”
  - Defines positive sign convention for all vectors (velocity, acceleration, force)

# Coordinate Systems



- Two main reference frames / coordinate systems
  - $F_B$  = Body coordinate system: Aerodynamic forces determined best
  - $F_E = F_I$  = Inertial coordinate system: Newton's Laws apply
- Superscripts denote reference frame
  - $V_B^E$  = “inertial velocity written in body coordinate system”
- Subscripts denote what coordinate system vector is written in

# Aerodynamic Forces and Moments



$$\mathbf{A} = X\hat{i} + Y\hat{j} + Z\hat{k}$$

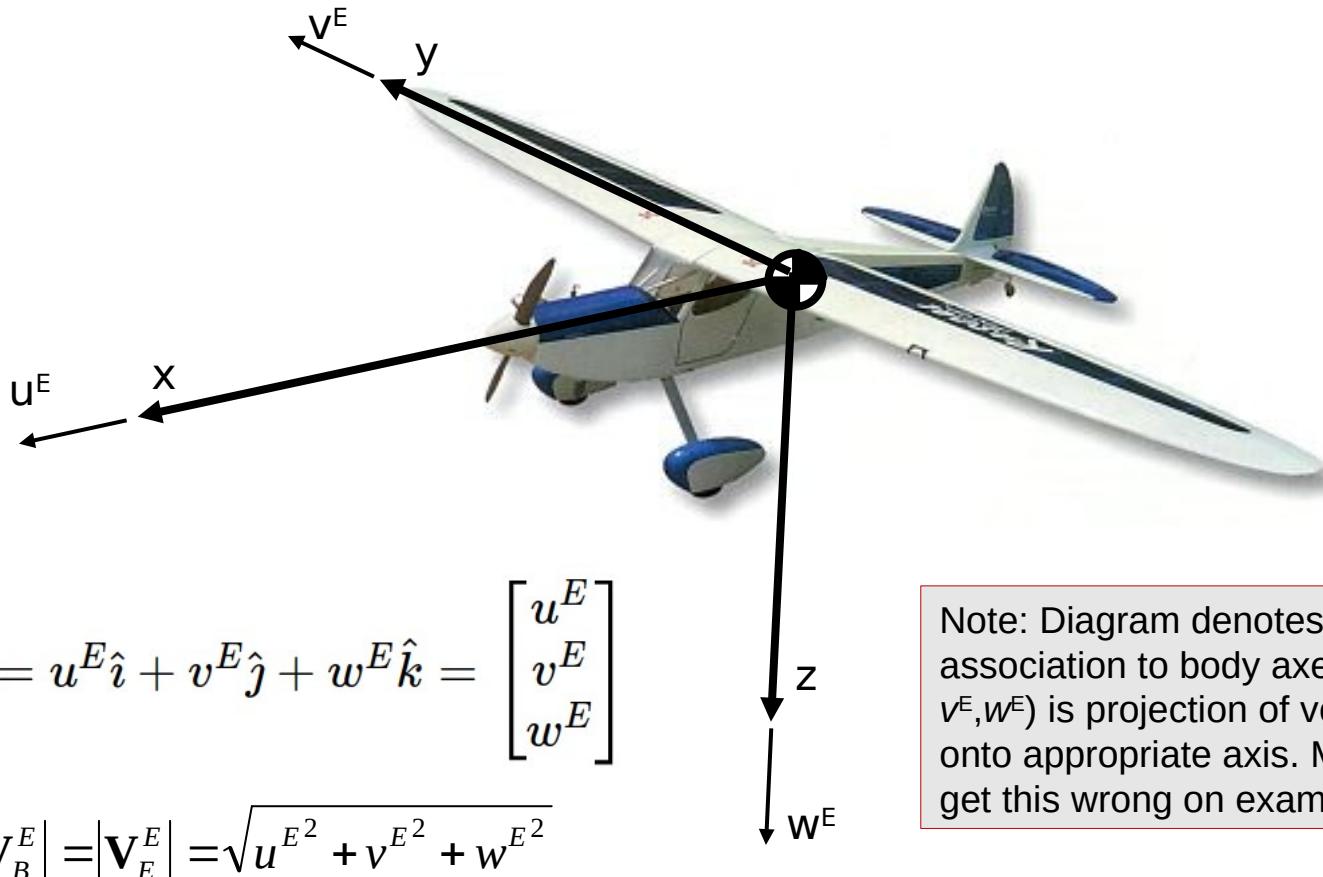
$$\mathbf{A}_B = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{G} = L\hat{i} + M\hat{j} + N\hat{k}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_B = \begin{bmatrix} L \\ M \\ N \end{bmatrix}$$

- Aerodynamic Force and moment components are represented by capital letters

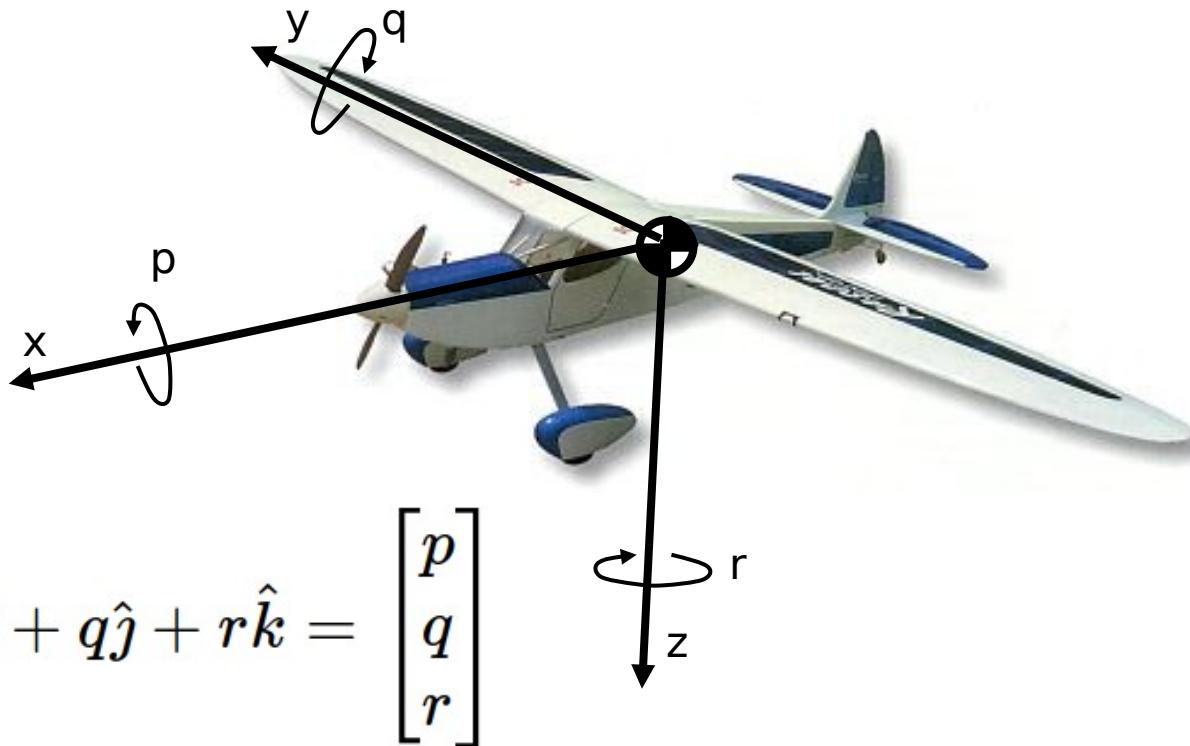
# Inertial Velocity Components



Note: Diagram denotes variable association to body axes. Value of  $(u^E, v^E, w^E)$  is projection of velocity vector onto appropriate axis. Many students get this wrong on exams!

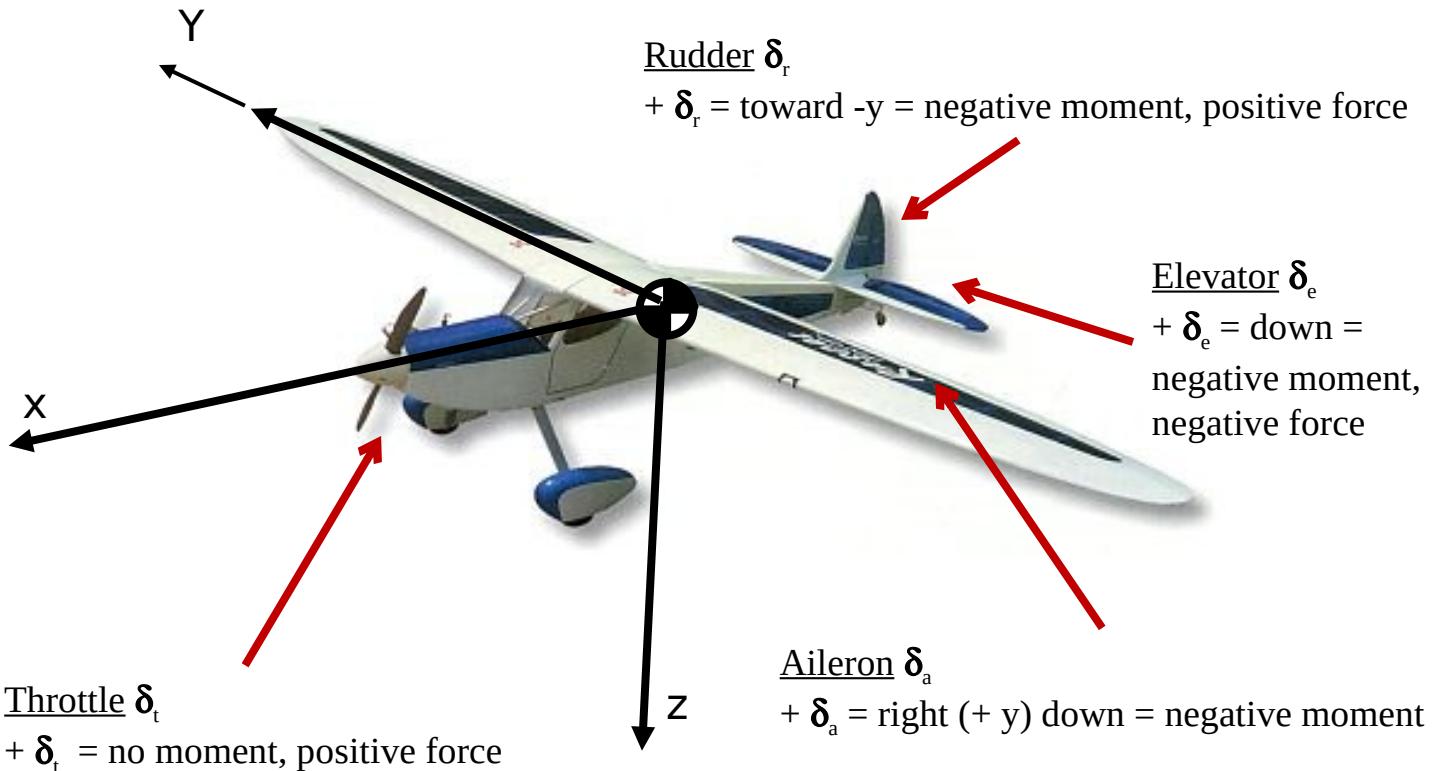
- The inertial (linear) velocity is express in body coordinates
  - Aircraft ground speed  $V_g$  can be derived from GPS measurements

# Inertial Angular Velocity



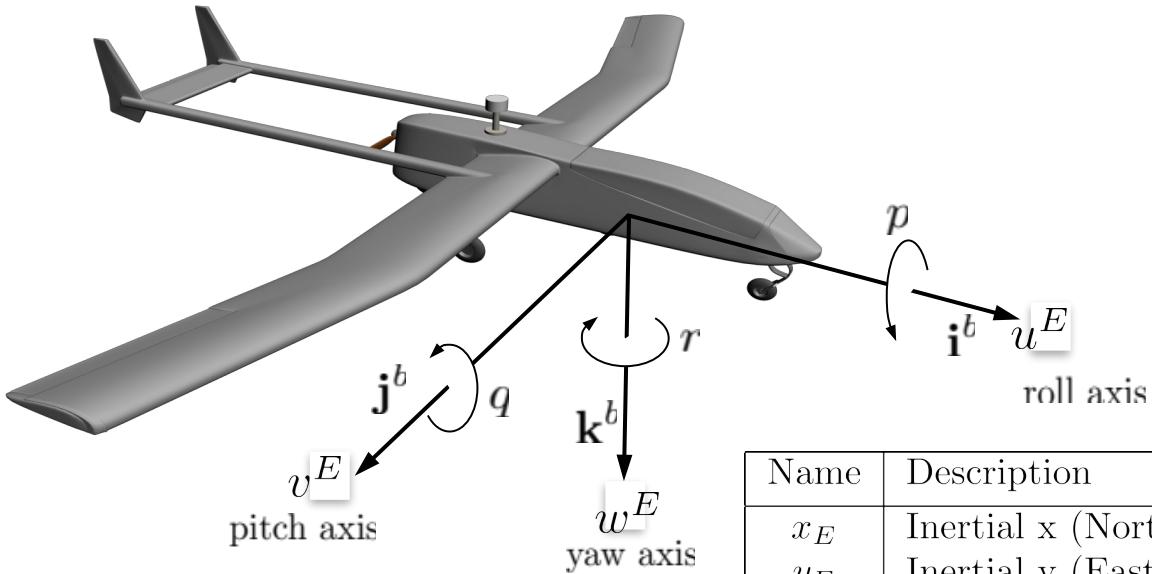
- The inertial angular velocity is also expressed in body coordinates
  - Components can be measured by rate gyros

# Four Control Surfaces



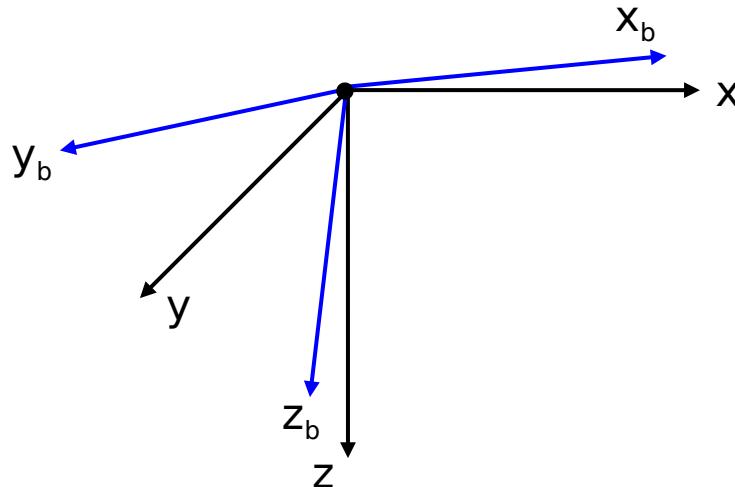
- We will focus on a standard aircraft with four control surfaces
  - 3 actual surfaces plus throttle

# Aircraft State Variables



Name	Description
$x_E$	Inertial x (North) position
$y_E$	Inertial y (East) position
$z_E$	Inertial z (Down) position
$\phi$	Roll angle
$\theta$	Pitch angle
$\psi$	Yaw angle
$u^E$	Inertial velocity vector component along $\mathbf{i}_B$
$v^E$	Inertial velocity vector component along $\mathbf{j}_B$
$w^E$	Inertial velocity vector component along $\mathbf{k}_B$
$p$	Angular velocity vector component along $\mathbf{i}_B$ (Roll rate)
$q$	Angular velocity vector component along $\mathbf{j}_B$ (Pitch rate)
$r$	Angular velocity vector component along $\mathbf{k}_B$ (Yaw rate)

# Inertial Frame to Body Frame Transformation



“1”      “2”      “3”

$$\mathcal{R}_E^B(\phi, \theta, \psi) = \mathcal{R}_{v2}^B(\phi) \mathcal{R}_{v1}^{v2}(\theta) \mathcal{R}_E^{v1}(\psi)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & \sin \psi & 0 \\ -\sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta c_\psi & c_\theta s_\psi & -s_\theta \\ s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi - c_\phi s_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & s_\phi c_\theta \\ c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi + s_\phi s_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi c_\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} c_\theta &= \cos \theta \\ s_\theta &= \sin \theta \\ \text{etc.} & \end{aligned}$$

# Vector Derivatives

Consider the vector  $\mathbf{p}$

$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt}$  is the time rate of change of the vector  $\mathbf{p}$

If  $\mathbf{p}$  was the inertial position of an aircraft, then  $\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt}$  would be the inertial velocity.

# Vector Derivatives

Now consider the vector  $\mathbf{p}_B$  written in a particular coordinate frame, e.g. the body coordinate system

$$\mathbf{p}_B = \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ y_B \\ z_B \end{pmatrix}$$

The time rates of change of the individual components of the vector is defined to be

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_B = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_B \\ \dot{y}_B \\ \dot{z}_B \end{pmatrix}$$

If the coordinate system  $F_B$  is rotating then

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}_B}{dt} \neq \dot{\mathbf{p}}_B$$

# Vector Derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{p}_B = \dot{\mathbf{p}}_B + (\boldsymbol{\omega}_B \times \mathbf{p}_B) = \dot{\mathbf{p}}_B + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_B \mathbf{p}_B$$

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -r & q \\ r & 0 & -p \\ -q & p & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

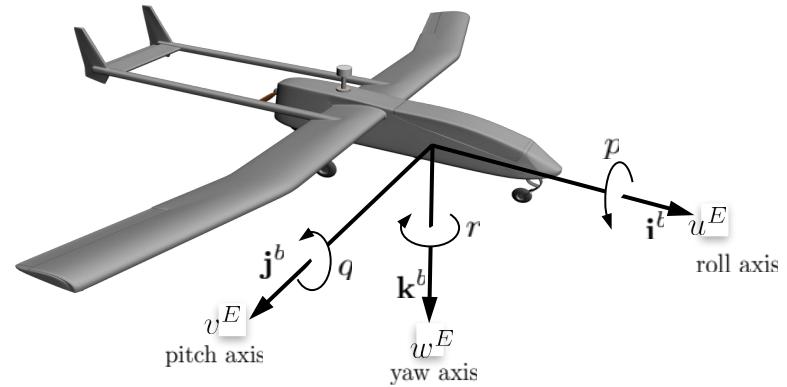
# Rotational Kinematics

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + R_1(\phi) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + R_1(\phi) R_2(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Inverting gives:

Not rotation matrices  
(not orthonormal)

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



Vector form:  $\dot{\mathbf{o}} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_B$

# Kinematic Equations

Six of the 12 state equations for the aircraft come from the kinematic equations relating positions and velocities:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}_E^E}{dt} = R_B^E \cdot \mathbf{v}_B^E$$

“Orientation vector” not in a coordinate system  
(Also referred to as “attitude” or just “Euler angles”)



$$\dot{\mathbf{o}} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_B$$

The remaining six equations will come from applying Newton’s 2<sup>nd</sup> law to the translational and rotational motion of the aircraft.

# Dynamic Equations

The remaining six equations for the aircraft come from the dynamic equations relating derivatives of velocities and forces and moments:

$$\dot{\mathbf{V}}_B^E = -\tilde{\omega}_B \mathbf{V}_B^E + \frac{\mathbf{f}_B}{m}$$

$$\dot{\omega}_B = \mathbf{I}_B^{-1} [-\tilde{\omega}_B (\mathbf{I}_B \omega_B) + \mathbf{G}_B]$$

# Rotational Dynamics

$$\dot{\omega}_B = \mathbf{I}_B^{-1} [-\tilde{\omega}_B (\mathbf{I}_B \omega_B) + \mathbf{G}_B]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_1 pq - \Gamma_2 qr \\ \Gamma_5 pr - \Gamma_6(p^2 - r^2) \\ \Gamma_7 pq - \Gamma_1 qr \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_3 L + \Gamma_4 N \\ \frac{1}{I_y} M \\ \Gamma_4 L + \Gamma_8 N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{I_{xz}(I_x - I_y + I_z)}{\Gamma}$$

$$\Gamma_2 = \frac{I_z(I_z - I_y) + I_{xz}^2}{\Gamma}$$

$$\Gamma_3 = \frac{I_z}{\Gamma}$$

$$\Gamma_4 = \frac{I_{xz}}{\Gamma}$$

$$\Gamma_5 = \frac{I_z - I_x}{I_y}$$

$$\Gamma_6 = \frac{I_{xz}}{I_y}$$

$$\Gamma_7 = \frac{I_x(I_x - I_y) + I_{xz}^2}{\Gamma}$$

$$\Gamma_8 = \frac{I_x}{\Gamma}$$

$$\Gamma = I_x I_z - I_{xz}^2$$



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Same as Eq. 4.5,9, though book does not give the equations in this form

# Equation of Motion in Vector Form

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_E^E = R_B^E \mathbf{v}_B^E$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{o}}_{B/E} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_B$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{V}}_B^E = -\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_B \mathbf{V}_B^E + \frac{\mathbf{f}_B}{m}$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_B = \mathbf{I}_B^{-1} [-\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_B (\mathbf{I}_B \boldsymbol{\omega}_B) + \mathbf{G}_B]$$

# Equation of Motion Summary

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_E \\ \dot{y}_E \\ \dot{z}_E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta c_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi - c_\phi s_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi + s_\phi s_\psi \\ c_\theta s_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi \\ -s_\theta & s_\phi c_\theta & c_\phi c_\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^E \\ v^E \\ w^E \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u}^E \\ \dot{v}^E \\ \dot{w}^E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} rv^E - qw^E \\ pw^E - ru^E \\ qu^E - pv^E \end{pmatrix} + g \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{m} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_1 pq - \Gamma_2 qr \\ \Gamma_5 pr - \Gamma_6(p^2 - r^2) \\ \Gamma_7 pq - \Gamma_1 qr \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_3 L + \Gamma_4 N \\ \frac{1}{I_y} M \\ \Gamma_4 L + \Gamma_8 N \end{pmatrix}$$

# Quadrotor Equations of Motion

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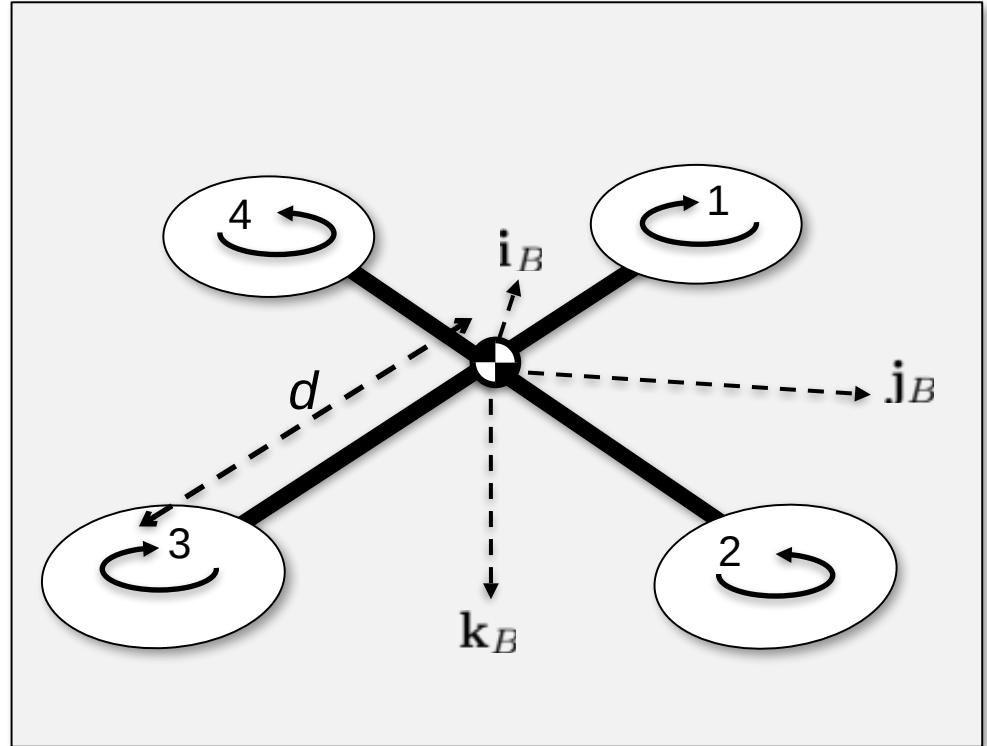
$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{I_y - I_z}{I_x} qr \\ \frac{I_z - I_x}{I_y} pr \\ \frac{I_x - I_y}{I_z} pq \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{I_x} L \\ \frac{1}{I_y} M \\ \frac{1}{I_z} N \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{I_x} L_c \\ \frac{1}{I_y} M_c \\ \frac{1}{I_z} N_c \end{pmatrix}$$

# Control Forces and Moments

$${}^c\mathbf{f}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -f_1 - f_2 - f_3 - f_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$${}^c\mathbf{G}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{\sqrt{2}}(-f_1 - f_2 + f_3 + f_4) \\ \frac{d}{\sqrt{2}}(f_1 - f_2 - f_3 + f_4) \\ -\tau_1 + \tau_2 - \tau_3 + \tau_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Equilibrium and Static Stability

- Equilibrium = The states do not change without a disturbance or control action
  - Derivative of the state vector is zero (almost)
- Static stability = Consider the equilibrium condition and whether aircraft returns to condition after small perturbation
- Dynamic Stability = Details of how a system returns to equilibrium
- For aircraft we call the equilibrium condition the “**trim condition**”
- For fixed-wing aircraft the trim condition is
  - “Straight, level, unaccelerated flight (SLUF)”
- For a quadrotor the trim state is
  - “Hovering”
  - “Steady hover”

# Trim Condition

In a “**steady hover**” equilibrium condition

$$\dot{x}_{E,0} = 0$$

$$\dot{y}_{E,0} = 0$$

$$\dot{z}_{E,0} = 0$$

$$u_0^E = 0$$

$$v_0^E = 0$$

$$w_0^E = 0$$

$$\dot{u}_0^E = 0$$

$$\dot{v}_0^E = 0$$

$$\dot{w}_0^E = 0$$

$$p_0 = 0$$

$$q_0 = 0$$

$$r_0 = 0$$

$$\dot{p}_0 = 0$$

$$\dot{q}_0 = 0$$

$$\dot{r}_0 = 0$$

$$\phi_0 = 0$$

$$\theta_0 = 0$$

$$\psi_0 = \cdot$$

Subscript 0 denotes  
trim value

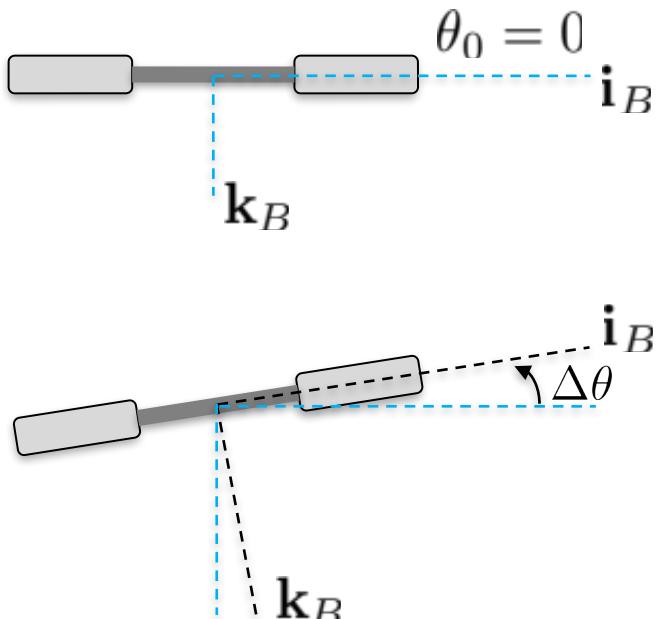
Any constant value



# Small Disturbances

Can describe variables as reference condition (“trim condition”) plus small disturbance, e.g  $u^E = u = u_0 + \Delta u$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_E \\ y_E \\ z_E \\ \phi \\ \theta \\ \psi \\ u^E \\ v^E \\ w^E \\ p \\ q \\ r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{E,0} + \Delta x_E \\ y_{E,0} + \Delta y_E \\ z_{E,0} + \Delta z_E \\ \Delta\phi \\ \Delta\theta \\ \psi_0 + \Delta\psi \\ \Delta u \\ \Delta v \\ \Delta w \\ \Delta p \\ \Delta q \\ \Delta r \end{pmatrix}$$



# Linearization

# Linearized Quadrotor EOM

## Longitudinal

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta\dot{x}_E \\ \Delta\dot{u} \\ \Delta\dot{\theta} \\ \Delta\dot{q} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta u \\ -g\Delta\theta \\ \Delta q \\ \frac{1}{I_y}\Delta M_c \end{pmatrix}$$

## Lateral

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta\dot{y}_E \\ \Delta\dot{v} \\ \Delta\dot{\phi} \\ \Delta\dot{p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta v \\ g\Delta\phi \\ \Delta p \\ \frac{1}{I_r}\Delta L_c \end{pmatrix}$$

## Vertical

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta\dot{z}_E \\ \Delta\dot{w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta w \\ \frac{1}{m}\Delta Z_c \end{pmatrix}$$

## Spin

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta\dot{\psi} \\ \Delta\dot{r} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta r \\ \frac{1}{I_z}\Delta N_c \end{pmatrix}$$

# Unleash the Memes!



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- Oil changes
- Several hours when both pilots were asleep

# Break



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# Linear ODEs

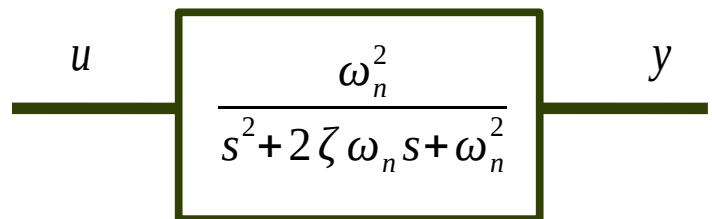
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= A x + B u \\ y &= C x + D u\end{aligned}$$

Aircraft dynamics (mostly) uses this one  
It is called a “state space” model.

These contain (roughly) the same information!

Always keep this in mind!

$$\ddot{y} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{y} + \omega_n^2 y = \omega_n^2 u$$



# Laplace Transform Properties

# Transfer Function Uses

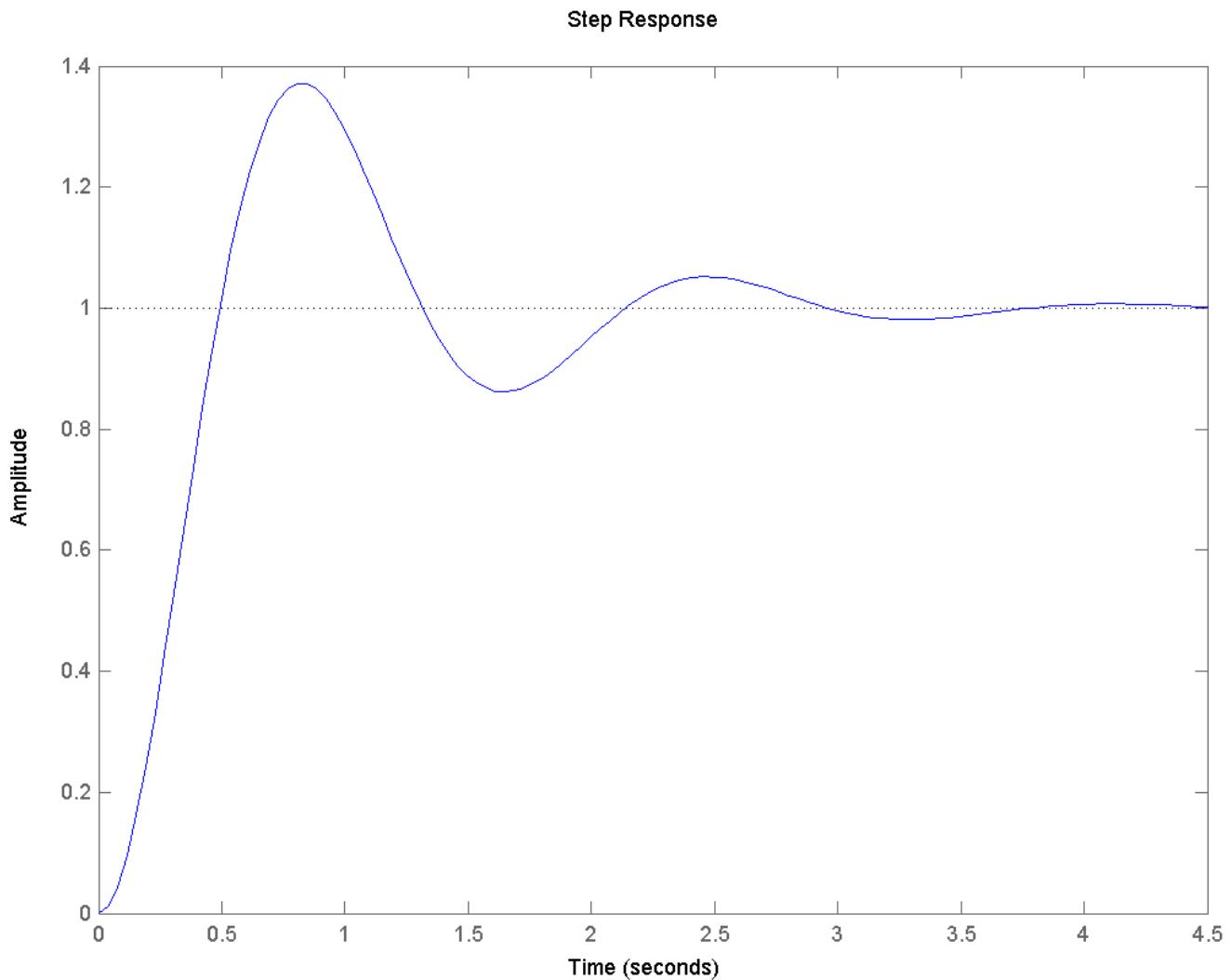
# Step Response Example

**Second order system**

$$G(s) = \frac{16}{s^2 + 2.4s + 16}$$

$$\zeta = 0.3$$

$$\omega_n = 4$$



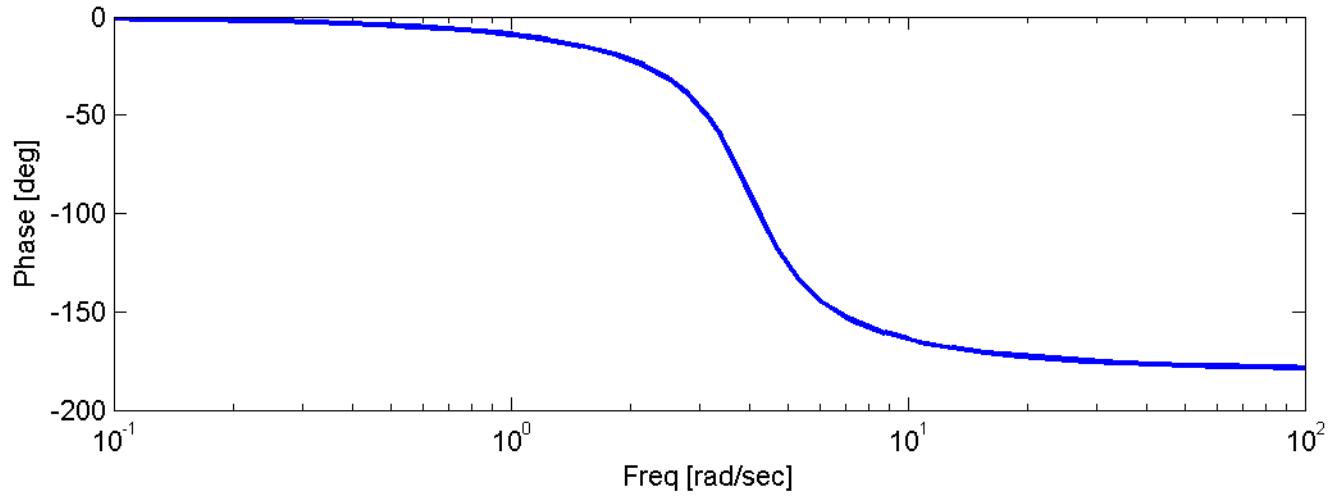
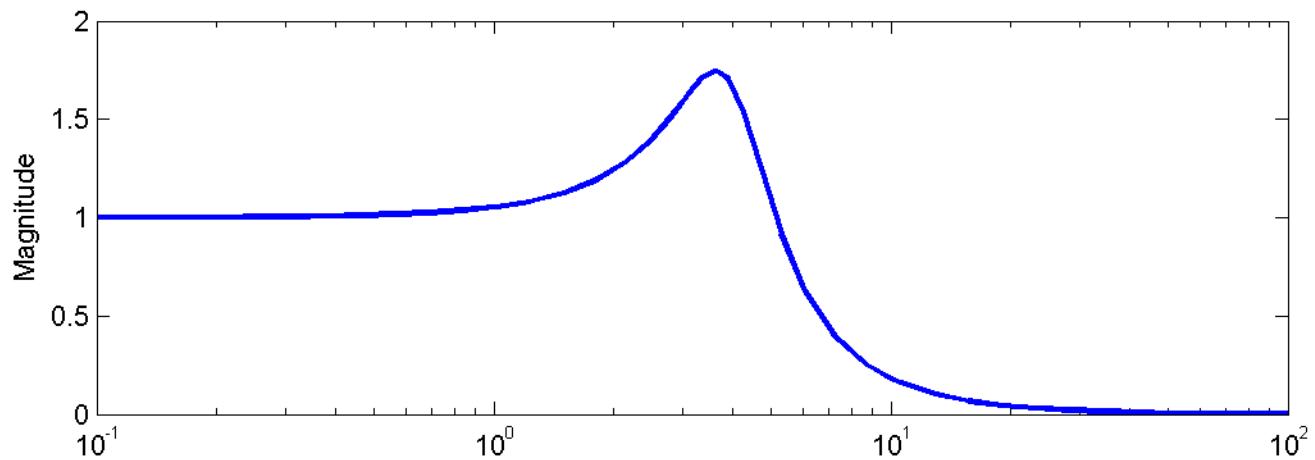
# Frequency Response Example

**Second order system**

$$G(s) = \frac{16}{s^2 + 2.4s + 16}$$

$$\zeta = 0.3$$

$$\omega_n = 4$$



# Translating between representations

$$G_{Y_n}(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{b_0 s^m + b_1 s^{m-1} + \dots + b_m}{a_0 s^n + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & 1 \\ -a_n & \dots & \dots & \dots & -a_1 & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = [b_m \dots b_0 \underbrace{0 \ 0 \ 0}_{\text{if } n > m+1}]$$

$$D = [0]$$

$\vec{x}$  may not correspond to physical states



# Modal Analysis

For  $n$ -by- $n$   $A$  with  $n$  distinct nonzero eigenvalues (the only case you will be tested on)

The solution is

Eigenvalues are solutions to the characteristic equation,

For second order system,

but the characteristic equation could be higher order!

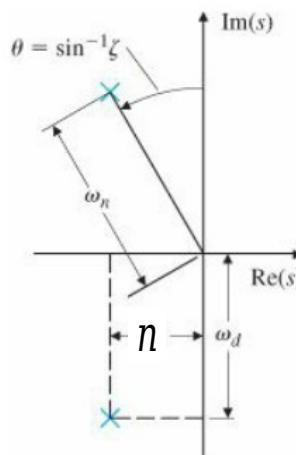


Image from Franklin, Powell, and Emami-Naeini

Roots of the transfer function denominator are the eigenvalues of  $A$ !

# Feedback control

Let's consider a **feedback control law**

$$\Delta L_c = -k_1 \Delta p - k_2 \Delta \phi$$

which we can implement by measuring the roll rate and roll angle and "feeding them back" into the command for the roll moment.

# Closed Loop Behavior

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{Bu}$$

Original system, “plant”



$$\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{Kx}$$

Control law

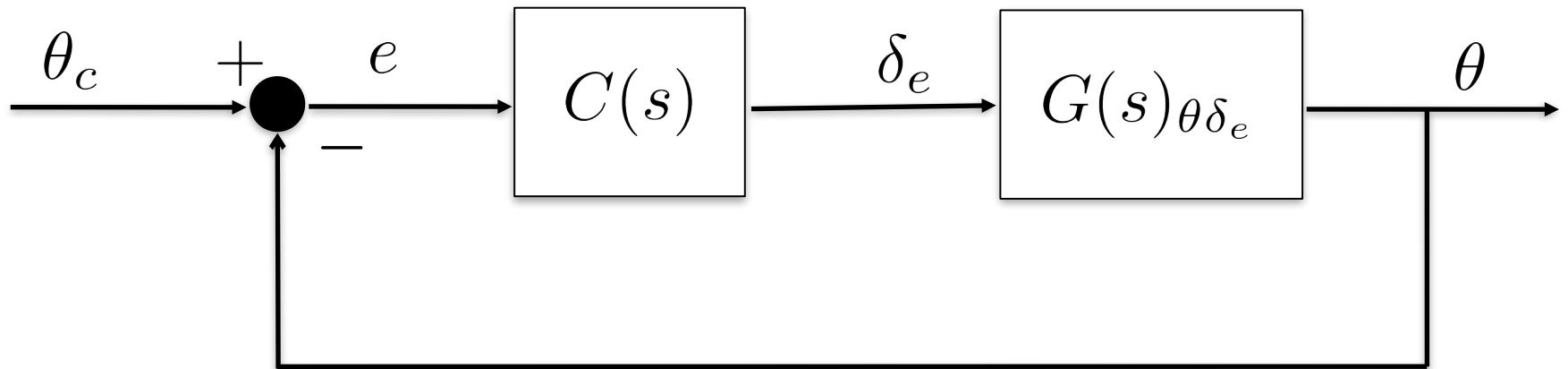
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$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{BK}) \mathbf{x}$$

Closed loop dynamics

The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of this closed loop state space matrix describe the “closed loop behavior”.

# Feedback Control: Pitch



$$G_{\theta \theta_c} = \frac{C G_{\theta \delta_e}}{1 + C G_{\theta \delta_e}}$$

Should be able to

- derive transfer functions for simple block diagrams
- pick gains for simple controllers

# General Approach to Control Design by Hand

1. Write down the control law
2. Determine the closed-loop representation of the system

$$A - BK \text{ or } \frac{CG}{1+CG}$$

3. Decide what performance goals should be (damping ratio, rise time, steady-state error, etc.)
4. Calculate gains to achieve goal

# Questions

# Question from Piazza

## Problem 4 (10 pts)

Consider a controller for a quadrotor aircraft that feeds back roll angle error  $\phi_c - \phi$ , where  $\phi_c$  is the commanded roll angle, and roll rate  $p$  to the roll control moment  $L_c$ . The mass and moments of inertia of the quadrotor are:  $m = 0.1$  kg,  $I_x = 2\text{e-}4$  kg m<sup>2</sup>,  $I_y = 1.6\text{e-}4$  kg m<sup>2</sup>,  $I_z = 8\text{e-}4$  kg m<sup>2</sup>.

- a. (4 pts) Use the linearized equations to design a feedback control law such that the closed loop behavior of the roll angle has natural frequency  $\omega_n = 3$  rad/sec and damping ratio  $\zeta = 0.5$ .
- b. (4 pts) Consider the outer loop feedback control law  $\phi_c = k(y_c - y_E)$  where  $\phi_c$  is the roll command passed to the controller designed for Problem 4.a and  $y_c$  is the lateral position command. What are the eigenvalues of the closed loop state matrix for the case when  $k = -2$ .

# Most Missed Quiz Questions

**Q4**

1 Point

If  $\phi = 90^\circ$  and  $\theta = 0^\circ$  and the aircraft is rotating at 10 degrees per second about the body y-axis, which of the following is true?

- $\dot{\theta} = -10^\circ/s$
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A quadrotor is in steady hover. A small perturbation causes a small forward motion (+x inertial direction). The linearized equations give a resulting drag force on the aircraft that is

- a small value in the negative x direction.
- zero.
- a small value in the positive x direction.
- a small value upward.

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**Q1**

1 Point

At trim, the quad copter is stable.

True

False



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A student team designed a conventional aircraft with a horizontal tail behind the main wing. The team collected data in a wind tunnel and derived the stability and control derivatives for the aircraft. The team forgot the sign convention they used for the elevator angle but determined that  $C_{m_{\delta_e}} > 0$ . What is the sign convention used by the team for the elevator deflection?

- A positive elevator corresponds to an upward deflection.
- A positive elevator corresponds to a downward deflection.
- The angle of attack is needed to determine the sign convention.
- The area of the horizontal tail is needed to determine the sign convention.

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An aircraft is flying along in trim at height  $h$  with speed  $V$ . At time  $t_0$  the pilot introduces a positive step input to the elevator angle. Which statement is TRUE?

- The natural frequency of the phugoid mode is increased by the step change in the elevator angle.
- The aircraft will oscillate, but it will eventually decay and the aircraft will return to trim at the same height and same speed.
- The short period mode, but not the phugoid mode, will be excited in the aircraft.
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**Q3**

**1 Point**

Which feature of an aircraft will increase (make more positive/less negative) the dihedral effect stability derivative?

- A positive dihedral angle on the main wings.
- The main wing mounted below the center of the fuselage.
- A positive sweep angle on the main wing.
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In addition to damping the yaw rate of an aircraft, the yaw damper has the effect of speeding up (i.e. making the eigenvalue more negative) which other aircraft mode?

- Spiral mode
- Roll mode
- Short period mode
- Phugoid mode

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A control system designer wants to use LQR with the standard longitudinal linearized dynamics to reduce phugoid oscillations.  
Which  $Q$  matrix would be most appropriate for the cost function?

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$$\Delta \dot{y}^E = u_0 \cos \theta_0 \Delta \psi + \Delta v$$

# Questions?

