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***Aircraft Dynamics***

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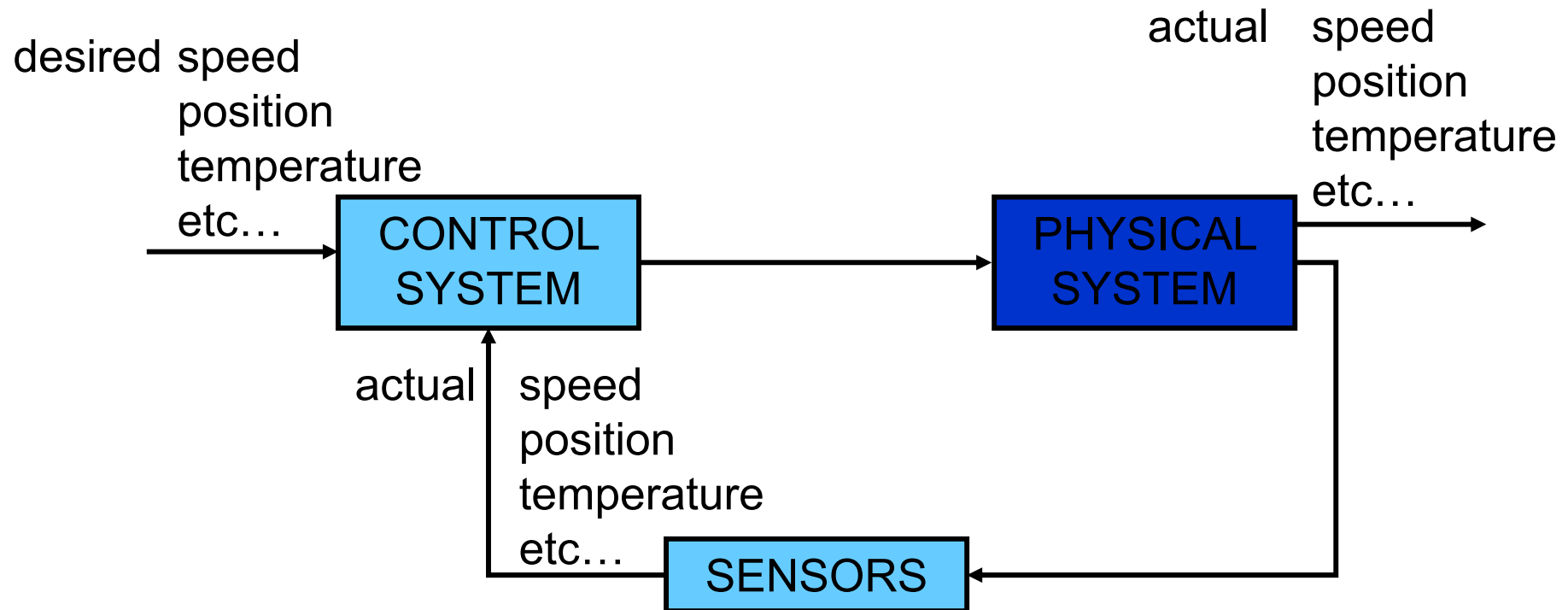
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# 1 Laplace transform

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# 1. Laplace transform: MOTIVATION



Physical system usually modeled by differential equations (electrical systems, mechanical systems with application of Newton laws, etc...)

→ use of Laplace transforms to solve differential equations

# 1. Transforms and properties

When system models are made from lineal differential equations with constant coefficients, Laplace transform methods can be used with great advantage

**Laplace transform** of a function is:

$$L[f(t)] = F(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

# 1. Transforms and properties

**Inverse transform** recovers the original function and returns 0 for time prior to  $t=0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}L^{-1}[F(s)] &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma-j\infty}^{\sigma+j\infty} F(s)e^{st} ds \\ &= \begin{cases} f(t) & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases} \\ &= f(t)u(t)\end{aligned}$$

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# 1. Transforms and properties

**Linearity:**

$$\mathcal{L}[ax(t) + by(t)] = aX(s) + bY(s)$$

$$\forall (a, b) \in \mathfrak{R}^2$$

# 1. Transforms and properties

**Derivation:**

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{dx(t)}{dt}\right] = sX(s) - x(0)$$

Can be generalized as:

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^{(n)}x(t)}{dt^n}\right] = s^n X(s) - s^{n-1}x(0) - s^{n-2}\dot{x}(0)\dots - \frac{d^{(n-1)}x(0)}{dt^{n-1}}$$

**Integration:**

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t x(\tau)d\tau\right] = \frac{X(s)}{s}$$



# 1. Transforms and properties

**Initial value theorem:**

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} x(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} sX(s)$$

**Final value theorem, for stable systems:**

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sX(s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t)$$

# 1. Transforms and properties

## Important transforms

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$\delta(t)$ , unitary impulse	1
$u(t)$ , unitary step	$\frac{1}{s}$
$\alpha.t.u(t)$	$\frac{\alpha}{s^2}$
$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
$e^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{s+a}$
$\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}e^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{(s+a)^n}$
$\sin(\omega t)$ or $\cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$ or $\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$

# 1. Transforms and properties

## Solving differential equations using Laplace transform

1. apply Laplace transform to linear differential equations with constant coefficients  $\rightarrow$  linear algebraic equations
2. solve system of equations
3. get the solution of differential equations by inverse Laplace transform

Initial conditions may be included when using Laplace transform

**Example 1**  $\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 4y(t) = 6e^{2t}$  with  $y(0) = 3$

# 1. Transforms and properties

## Decomposing into simple fractions:

When calculating inverse transform: often have to develop a fraction in simpler fractions

1- If polynomial of numerator is of smaller order than the one of denominator and it has no repeated roots, it is possible to determine constants  $K_1, K_2, \dots$ , called residues that lead to:

$$Y(s) = \frac{q(s)}{p(s)} = \frac{\text{polynomial numerator}}{(s+a)(s+b)\dots} = \frac{K_1}{s+a} + \frac{K_2}{s+b} + \dots$$

# 1. Transforms and properties

## Decomposition en simple fractions:

Note that individual terms in the development represent exponential functions for  $t > 0$ :

$$y(t) = K_1 e^{-at} + K_2 e^{-bt} + K_3 e^{-ct} + \dots \quad t \geq 0$$

Coefficients can be obtained through the following expression:

$$K_i = \lim_{s \rightarrow s_i} \frac{(s - s_i)q(s)}{p(s)}$$

**Example 1**

# 1. Transforms and properties

## Decomposition in simple fractions:

2- If polynomial in numerator is of bigger order than the one in denominator: there is a **quotient polynomial** and a **remainder polynomial**.

$$Y(s) = \text{quotient polynomial} + \frac{\text{remainder polynomial}}{(s+a)(s+b)(s+c)\dots}$$
$$= \text{quotient polynomial} + \frac{K_1}{s+a} + \frac{K_2}{s+b} + \frac{K_3}{s+c} + \dots$$

# 1. Transforms and properties

## Decomposition in simple fractions:

3- If roots or factors in denominator are repeated, corresponding terms in the partial fraction development are:

$$\frac{\text{Numerator}}{(s+a)^n} = \frac{K_1}{s+a} + \frac{K_2}{(s+a)^2} + \dots + \frac{K_n}{(s+a)^n}$$

Inverse Laplace transform for a repeated root:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{K_n}{(s+a)^n} \right] = \frac{K_n}{(n-1)!} t^{n-1} e^{-at} u(t)$$

**Example 2**

$$F(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2}{s^3 - s^2 - 5s - 3} = \frac{s^2 + 2}{(s+1)^2 (s-3)}$$

# 1. Transforms and properties

## Decomposition in simple fractions:

4- If there is a complex number root:

$$Y(s) = \frac{\text{Numerator}}{(s + a)(s^2 + bs + c)} = \frac{K_1}{s + a} + \frac{K_2s + K_3}{s^2 + bs + c}$$

The inverse transform for a repeated root has the form of a sine or a cosine

**Example 3**  $F(s) = \frac{2s + 1}{s^3 + 2s^2 + s + 2}$



## 2. Transfer functions (TF)

**One of the most powerful tools to design control systems**

For a simple in & out system, with  $x(t)$  input and  $y(t)$  output, transfer function that links the output with the input is defined as the following quotient

$$T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$$

where

$Y(s)$ : Laplace transform of output

$X(s)$ : Laplace transform of input

**with initial conditions equal to zero**

## 2. Transfer functions

Given a described system for the following differential equation relating output  $y(t)$  with input  $x(t)$ :

$$a_n \frac{d^n y}{dt^n} + a_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dt^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0 y = b_m \frac{d^m x}{dt^m} + b_{m-1} \frac{d^{m-1} x}{dt^{m-1}} + \dots + b_1 \frac{dx}{dt} + b_0 x$$

Applying Laplace transform on this equation, **with zero initial conditions**:

$$a_n s^n Y(s) + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} Y(s) + \dots + a_1 s Y(s) + a_0 Y(s) = b_m s^m X(s) + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} X(s) + \dots + b_1 s X(s) + b_0 X(s)$$

## 2. Transfer functions

Can be factorized as:

$$Y(s) \left( a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0 \right) = X(s) \left( b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0 \right)$$

The following transfer function is obtained:

$$T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0}$$

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## 2. Transfer functions

### Block diagram

- describes systems schematically
- describes internal functions of a system (amplifiers, control engines, filters, etc.)
- offers a simpler alternative to directly study the equations

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## 2. Transfer functions

### Block Diagram

original system of equations can be replaced by a diagram formed by:

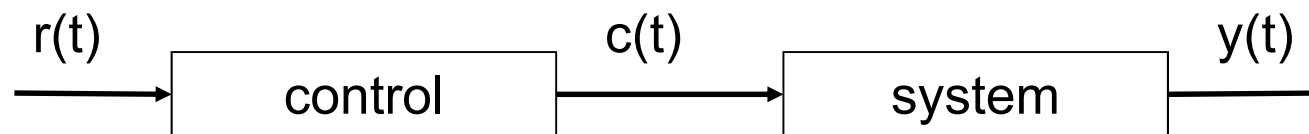
- **branches** (arrows) representing variables,
- **blocks** showing proportionality between 2 Laplace transform signals, inside of which TF relating input and output is shown,
- **sums** used to show signal sums or subtractions,
- **unions** showing that the same signal parts in two different ways

### Schematics + Example 4

## 2. Transfer functions

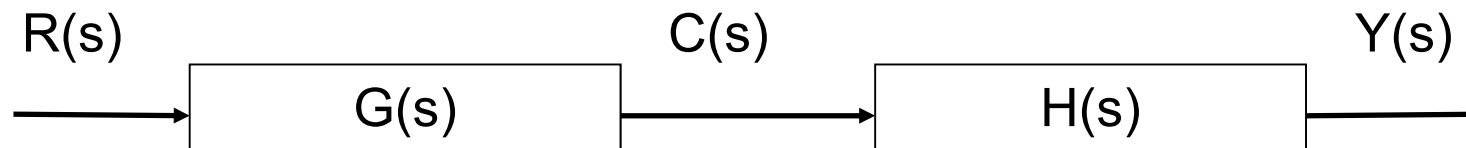
### How to calculate TF?

Transfer function in direct transmittance or open-loop systems



- no perturbation intakes
- input not influenced by output results

$$\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = G(s) \times H(s)$$

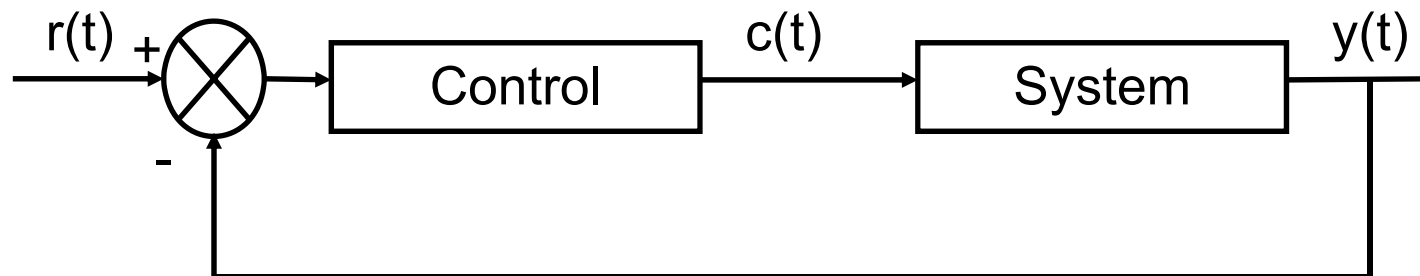


## 2. Transfer functions

### How to calculate TF?

Transfer function in a unitary closed loop system  
(with feedback):

- perturbation exists,
- system not fully known: output information needed

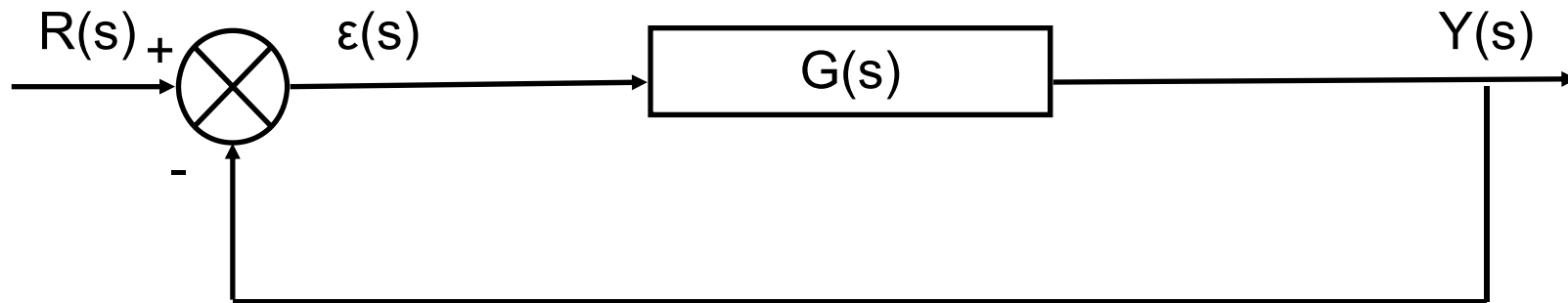


- verifies that the system output corresponds to the reference input
- instability is created

## 2. Transfer functions

### How to calculate TF?

Transfer function for unitary closed loop system:



- $R(s)$ : desired response
- $Y(s)$ : actual response
- $\varepsilon(s)$ : system error

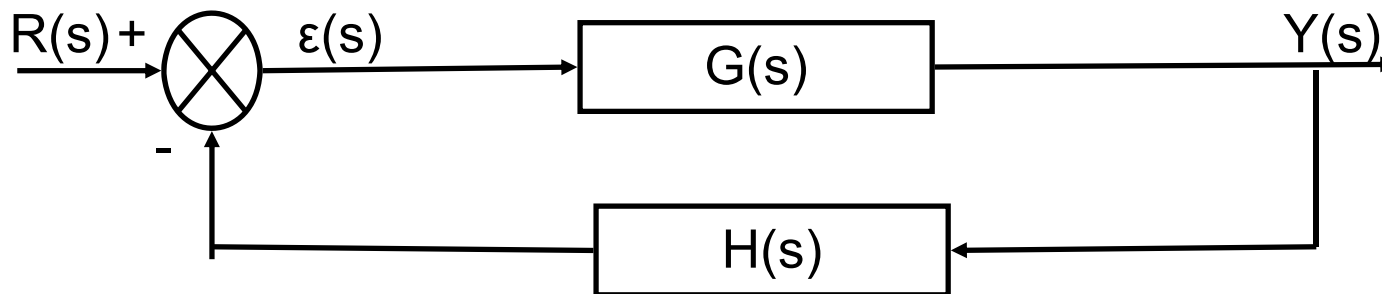
$$\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)}$$



## 2. Transfer functions

### How to calculate TF?

Transfer function for non-unitary closed loop system:



- $R(s)$ : desired response
- $Y(s)$ : actual response
- $\varepsilon(s)$ : system error
- $H(s)$ : observation

$$\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + H(s) \times G(s)}$$

**Proof + Example 4**

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## 2. Transfer functions

### Poles and zeros: definition

**Function's zeros** = values of a variable for which  
function is equal to zero

**Function's poles** = values of the variables for which  
function goes infinite

In a transfer function:

**zeros = roots of numerator**

**poles = roots of denominator**

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## 2. Transfer functions

### Poles & zeros locus

- when zeros and poles of a function are shown in the complex plane → poles and zeros locus
- important properties of the function can be deduced
- zeros are shown as O in the graph
- poles are shown as X in the graph

**Example 4**

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## 2. Transfer functions

### Dynamic stability

A system is **asymptotically stable** if its response for all the possible inputs is zero or tends to it

A linear system, with transfer function  $T(s)$ , has a different response for each root of  $T(s)$ 's denominator (each pole of  $T(s)$ ).

→ each response is called a **mode** of the system

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## 2. Transfer functions

### Dynamic stability

A mode increases or decreases with time depending if the pole is in the right semi-plane (RSP) or left semi-plane (LSP).

**So, the given system will be asymptotically stable only if all its poles belong to the LSP**

**Ejemplo 4**

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## 2. Transfer functions

### Speed

The asymptotic stability condition ensures that a response tends to zero with time, but does not give any indication of the qualitative evolution of the signal

response  $s(t)$  is formed by the linear combination of elementary functions called **modes**

**real poles** correspond to **aperiodic modes**

**conjugated complex poles** correspond to **oscillatory modes**

## 2. Transfer functions

### Speed

time of disappearance of a transitory mode defines mode's speed

$$\tau_i = -\frac{1}{\operatorname{Re}\{p_i\}}$$

**Faster modes are associated to poles further away from the imaginary axis**

**Examples 5**

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## 2. System modeling

### Introduction

Basic prerequisite in the development of almost any control strategy:

***obtain a new mathematical model for the system part to control***

model is formulated as a system of differential equations



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## 3. Aircraft dynamics

1. Longitudinal dynamics
2. Transfer function for longitudinal models
3. Lateral dynamics
4. Crossed coupling

Ref: *Automatic control of Aircraft and Missiles*, 2nd edition,  
John H. Blakelock

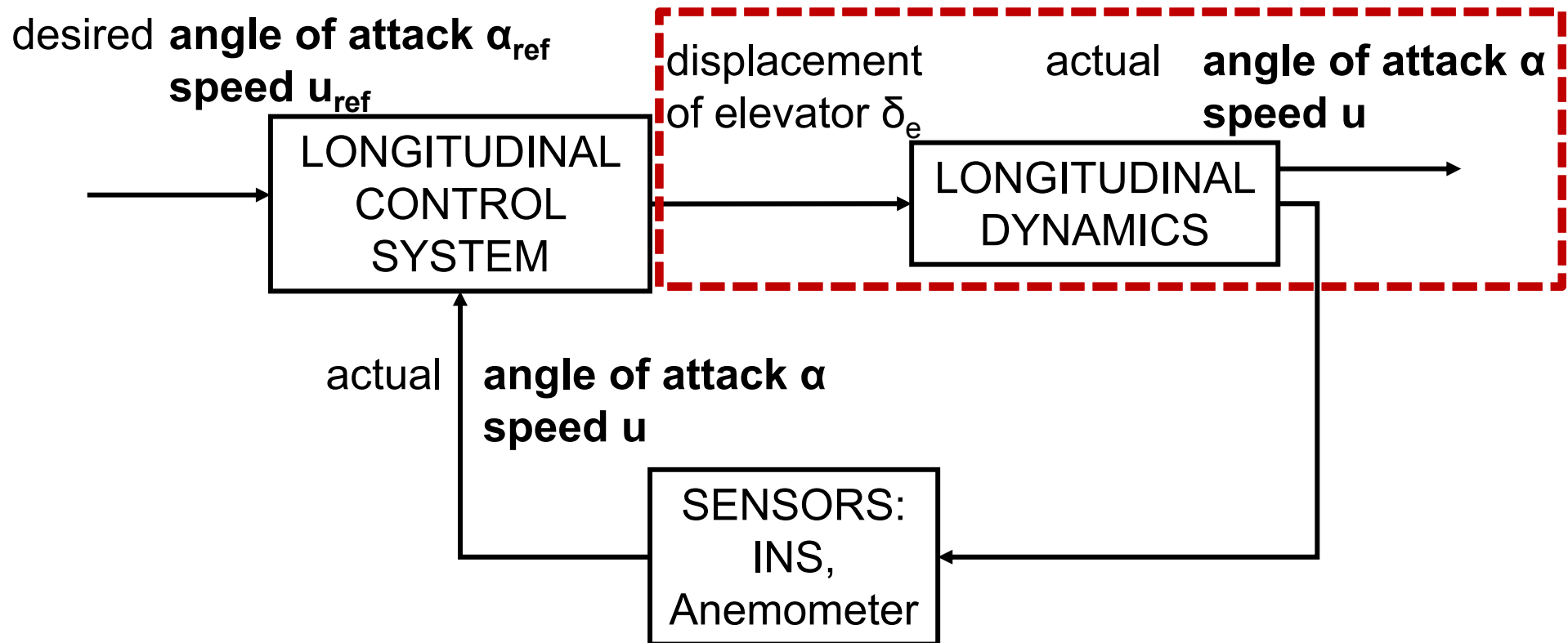
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# 1. Longitudinal dynamics

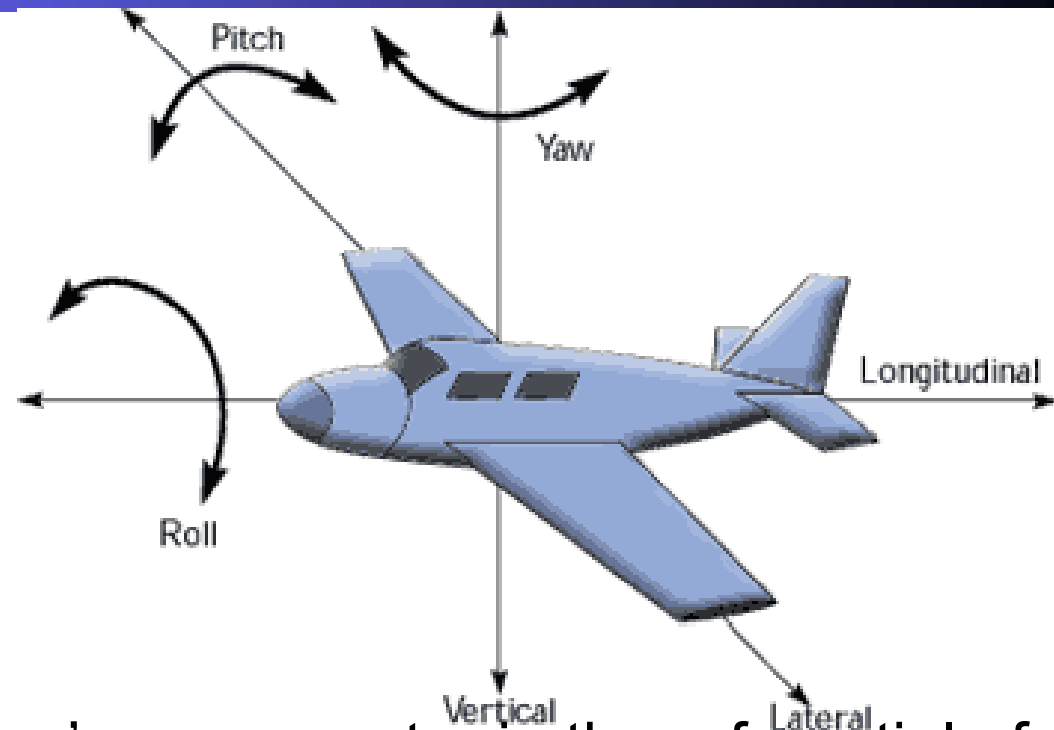
**Objective: obtain differential equations for airplane longitudinal movements, based on a slight perturbation (displacement of the elevator), and then obtain transfer functions (for ex. between displacement of the elevator and angle of attack, ...)**

→ First step: apply Newton laws in the defined axis system

# 1. Longitudinal dynamics



## 1. Longitudinal dynamics



**(U, V, W)** speed of airplane's mass center in the referential of the airplane with respect to the referential of the ground

**(P, Q, R)** angular speed in the referential of the airplane with respect to the referential of the ground

**(L, M, N)** roll, pitch and yaw momentum

## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

**Hypothesis # 1:** **X** and **Z** axis are in the airplane's symmetrical axis and center of gravity = origin of the axis system

Inertia tensor:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x & 0 & J_{xz} \\ 0 & I_y & 0 \\ J_{xz} & 0 & I_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{because } J_{xy} \text{ and } J_{yz} = 0$$

Remember:

$$I_x = \iint_S (y^2 + z^2) dm$$

$$J_{xy} = \iint_S xy \, dm$$

## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

Newton Law:

$$\sum \vec{F}_{\text{Ext}} = \frac{d\left(m \vec{V}_T\right)}{dt} = \sum \vec{F}_0 + \sum \Delta \vec{F}$$

$$\sum \vec{M}_{\text{Ext}} = \frac{d\vec{H}}{dt} = \sum \vec{M}_0 + \sum \Delta \vec{M}$$

Where  $\vec{H}$  is the angular momentum.

Airplane is considered in equilibrium before perturbation

occurs, thus 
$$\sum \vec{F}_0 = 0$$

$$\sum \vec{M}_0 = 0$$

## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

**Hypothesis # 2:** Constant airplane mass

$$\frac{d\left(m \vec{V}_T\right)}{dt} = m \frac{d \vec{V}_T}{dt}$$

**Hypothesis # 3:** Airplane = rigid body

**Hypothesis # 4:** Ground = inertial referential (a free particle has a rectilinear uniform translation movement)

## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

**Vectorial derivation:** takes into account: changes in the linear velocity  $V_T$  and in  $\omega$ , total angular velocity of the aircraft with respect to the Earth

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d\vec{V}_T}{dt} \right|_{\text{Tierra}} &= I_{V_T} \frac{dV_T}{dt} + \vec{\omega} \wedge \vec{V}_T \\ &= \dot{U}\vec{i} + \dot{V}\vec{j} + \dot{W}\vec{k} + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ P & Q & R \\ U & V & W \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \dot{U}\vec{i} + \dot{V}\vec{j} + \dot{W}\vec{k} + \vec{i}(QW - VR) - \vec{j}(PW - UR) + \vec{k}(PV - UQ) \end{aligned}$$



## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

Under these hypothesis:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum \Delta F_x = \left( \dot{U} + QW - RV \right) m \\ \sum \Delta F_y = \left( \dot{V} + UR - PW \right) m \\ \sum \Delta F_z = \left( \dot{W} + PV - UQ \right) m \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum \Delta L = \dot{P} \times I_x - \dot{R} \times J_{xz} + QR \times (I_z - I_y) - PQ \times J_{xz} \\ \sum \Delta M = \dot{Q} \times I_y + PR \times (I_x - I_z) + (P^2 - R^2) \times J_{xy} \\ \sum \Delta N = \dot{R} \times I_z - \dot{P} \times J_{xy} + PQ \times (I_y - I_x) + QR \times J_{xy} \end{array} \right.$$

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## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

**Hypothesis # 5:** Leveled flight, non turbulent and non-accelerated

In case of **longitudinal** study:

→ there is only pitch movement / **Oy**

→ there is variation in **F<sub>x</sub>** and **F<sub>z</sub>** but not in **F<sub>y</sub>** (speed **V=0**)

→ there is no roll nor yaw momentum → angular speed

$$\mathbf{P}=\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{0}$$

## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

**Simplified longitudinal equations:**

$$\sum \Delta F_x = m \left( \dot{U} + QW \right)$$

$$\sum \Delta F_z = m \left( \dot{W} - UQ \right)$$

$$\sum \Delta M = \dot{Q} \times I_y$$

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# 1. Longitudinal dynamics

## Exterior forces:

- Weight  $\rightarrow \mathbf{F}_x$  and  $\mathbf{F}_z$
- Thrust
- Aerodynamic forces (lift + drag)

# 1. Longitudinal dynamics

**Notation** (cf. Schematics)

$$\mathbf{U}=\mathbf{U}_0+\mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{W}=\mathbf{W}_0+\mathbf{w}, \quad \mathbf{Q}=\mathbf{Q}_0+\mathbf{q}$$

$\mathbf{U}_0, \mathbf{W}_0, \mathbf{Q}_0$  values in equilibrium

$\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{q}$  changes due to perturbation.

**Hypothesis # 6:** small equilibrium perturbations

compared to equilibrium values

$$\mathbf{u} \ll \mathbf{U}_0, \quad \mathbf{w} \ll \mathbf{W}_0, \quad \mathbf{q} \ll \mathbf{Q}_0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{linearization}$$

## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

- Since  $\mathbf{OX}_0$  is lined up with the longitudinal airplane axis:  $\mathbf{W}_0 = \mathbf{0}$   
 $\rightarrow \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}_0 + \mathbf{u}$  ,  $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{w}$
- Airplane initially non accelerated:  $\mathbf{Q}_0 = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{q} = \dot{\theta}$

$$\sum \Delta F_x = m(\dot{u} + wq)$$

$$\sum \Delta F_z = m(\dot{w} - U_0q - uq)$$

## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

With the hypothesis of **small perturbations**, the product of the perturbations (product of 2 smalls terms) is negligible in front of a simple term:

$$\sum \Delta F_x = m\dot{u}$$

$$\sum \Delta F_z = m(\dot{w} - U_0 q)$$

$$\sum \Delta M = \dot{q} \times I_y = I_y \ddot{\theta}$$

## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

Eventually, we write the **variations** of the parameters with respect to the equilibrium as

$$\delta \mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{U}$$

$$\delta \alpha = \frac{w}{U}$$

$$\delta \dot{\alpha} = \frac{\dot{w}}{U}$$



# 1. Longitudinal dynamics

$$\left( \frac{mU}{Sq} \dot{u} - C_{X_u} u \right) + \left( -\frac{c}{2U} C_{X_\alpha} \dot{\alpha} - C_{X_\alpha} \alpha \right) + \left( -\frac{c}{2U} C_{X_q} \dot{\theta} - C_\omega \cos(\Theta) \theta \right) = C_{F_{X_a}}$$

$$\left( -C_{Z_u} u \right) + \left[ \left( \frac{mU}{Sq} - \frac{c C_{Z_\alpha}}{2U} \right) \dot{\alpha} - C_{Z_\alpha} \alpha \right] + \left[ \left( -\frac{mU}{Sq} - \frac{c}{2U} C_{Z_q} \right) \dot{\theta} - C_\omega \sin(\Theta) \theta \right] = C_{F_{Z_a}}$$

$$\left( -C_{m_u} u \right) + \left( -\frac{c C_{m_\alpha}}{2U} \dot{\alpha} - C_{m_\alpha} \alpha \right) + \left( \frac{I_Y}{Sq c} \ddot{\theta} - \frac{c}{2U} C_{m_q} \dot{\theta} \right) = C_{m_a}$$

## 1. Longitudinal dynamics

With: **S**: wing span

**q**: dynamic pressure  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2\right)$

**c**: average aerodynamic chord

**C**...: non-dimensional coefficients (examples:  
variation of drag and thrust with  $u$ , lift and drag  
variations along  $X$ , gravity, downwash effect on  
drag, effect of pitch rate on drag, etc...)

all angles in **radians**

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

Consider a transport airplane, with 4 engines flying straight and leveled at 40,000ft with a constant speed of 600ft/sec (=355 knots)

$$\Theta=0$$

$$\text{Mach}=0.62$$

$$M=5800 \text{ slugs} \quad (\text{lb}\cdot\text{s}^2/\text{ft} \quad 1 \text{ slug}=14.594\text{kg})$$

$$U= 600\text{ft}/\text{sec}$$

$$S=2400 \text{ sq.ft}$$

$$c=20.2\text{ft} \quad (1\text{ft}=0.3048\text{m})$$

...

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

### 1. With a fixed elevator:

Differential system of equations is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 13.78 \dot{u}(t) + 0.088 u(t) - 0.392 \dot{\alpha}(t) + 0.74 \theta(t) = 0 \\ 1.48 u(t) + 13.78 \dot{\alpha}(t) + 4.46 \alpha(t) - 13.78 \dot{\theta}(t) = 0 \\ 0.0552 \dot{\alpha}(t) + 0.619 \alpha(t) + 0.514 \ddot{\theta}(t) + 0.192 \dot{\theta}(t) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

### 1. With a fixed elevator:

Applying the Laplace transform (initial conditions being zero):

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} (13.78s + 0.088) u(s) & - 0.392 \alpha(s) & + 0.74 \theta(s) & = & 0 \\ 1.48 u(s) & + (13.78s + 4.46) \alpha(s) & - 13.78s \theta(s) & = & 0 \\ 0 & (0.0552s + 0.619) \alpha(s) & + (0.514s^2 + 0.192s)\theta(s) & = & 0 \end{array}$$

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

### 1. With a fixed elevator:

The only solution different from  $(0, 0, 0)$  needs the system determinant to be zero:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 13.78s + 0.088 & -0.392 & +0.74 \\ 1.48 & 13.78s + 4.46 & -13.78s \\ 0 & 0.0552s + 0.619 & 0.514s^2 + 0.192s \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

### 1. With a fixed elevator:

Equivalent to:

$$(13.78s + 0.088) \begin{vmatrix} 13.78s + 4.46 & -13.78s \\ 0.0552s + 0.619 & 0.514s^2 + 0.192s \end{vmatrix}$$
$$-1.48 \begin{vmatrix} -0.392 & +0.74 \\ 0.0552s + 0.619 & 0.514s^2 + 0.192s \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

### 1. With a fixed elevator:

We obtain the system determinant:

$$\nabla = 97.5s^4 + 79s^3 + 128.9s^2 + 0.998s + 0.677$$

And after simplifying it we obtain the following characteristic equation:

$$s^4 + 0.811s^3 + 1.32s^2 + 0.0102s + 0.00695 = 0$$



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## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

### 2. With a displacement of the elevator:

$\delta_e$ : elevator deviation (rad),  $\delta_e > 0$  : elevator goes down

$$(13.78s + 0.088) \dot{u}(s) - 0.392 \dot{\alpha}(s) + 0.74 \theta(s) = 0$$

$$1.48 \dot{u}(s) + (13.78s + 4.46) \dot{\alpha}(s) - 13.78s \theta(s) = -0.246 \delta_e(s)$$

$$(0.0552s + 0.619) \dot{\alpha}(s) + (0.514s^2 + 0.192s)\theta(s) = -0.710 \delta_e(s)$$

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

### 2. With a displacement of the elevator :

Remember: use determinant to solve algebraic

equations (Cramer):

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 6 \\ 2x - 2y - z = 3 \\ 3x + 2y + z = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{\Delta} \\ y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{\Delta} \end{cases}$$

Where  $\Delta$  is the determinant of the system of homogeneous equations

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

### 2. With a displacement of the elevator :

$$\frac{u(s)}{\delta_e(s)} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -0.392 & 0.74 \\ -0.246 & 13.78s + 4.46 & -13.78s \\ -0.710 & 0.055s + 0.619 & 0.514s^2 + 0.192s \end{vmatrix}}{\nabla}$$

Where:

$$\nabla = 97.5s^4 + 79s^3 + 128.9s^2 + 0.998s + 0.677$$

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

$$\frac{\delta_e(s)}{u(s)} = \frac{-0.0494s^2 + 3.3691s + 2.223}{97.5s^4 + 79s^3 + 128.9s^2 + 0.998s + 0.677}$$

The determinant of the system (=denominator of the transfer functions) has 4 complex conjugated roots:

$$s = -0.4032 \pm 1.0717j$$

and

$$s = -0.0023 \pm 0.0728j$$

Remember: **real roots of the denominator (= poles of the transfer function)** associated to **non-oscillatory modes**, and **complex poles to oscillatory modes**

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

Note:  $s_i = \sigma_i + j\omega_i$

We define the **time constant**:

$$\tau = -\frac{1}{\operatorname{Re}(s_i)}$$

And the **damping factor**:

$$\zeta = \left| \frac{\operatorname{Re}(s_i)}{s_i} \right| = \frac{|\sigma_i|}{\sqrt{\sigma_i^2 + \omega_i^2}}$$

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

From the 2 pairs of conjugated roots we can identify 2 periodic modes:

$$\text{Mode 1: } \tau = \frac{-1}{-0.4032} = 2.48\text{s}$$

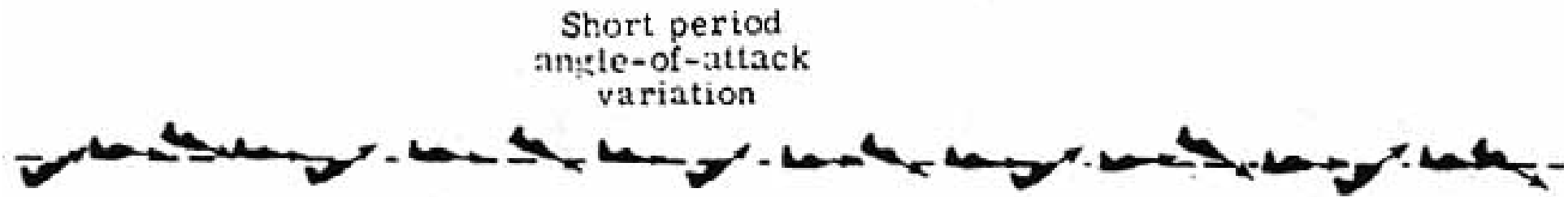
$$\zeta = \frac{0.4032}{\sqrt{0.4032^2 + 1.0717^2}} = 0.352$$

→ high frequency: **short period oscillation mode**

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## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

- Variations of  $\alpha$  y  $\theta$ , with little change of speed  $u$
- If  $\zeta$  is too low, we need a feedback system (closed loop) to increase the damping factor  $\zeta$



(b) Short-period longitudinal oscillation.

## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

$$\text{Mode 2: } \tau = \frac{-1}{-0.0023} = 434.8\text{s}$$

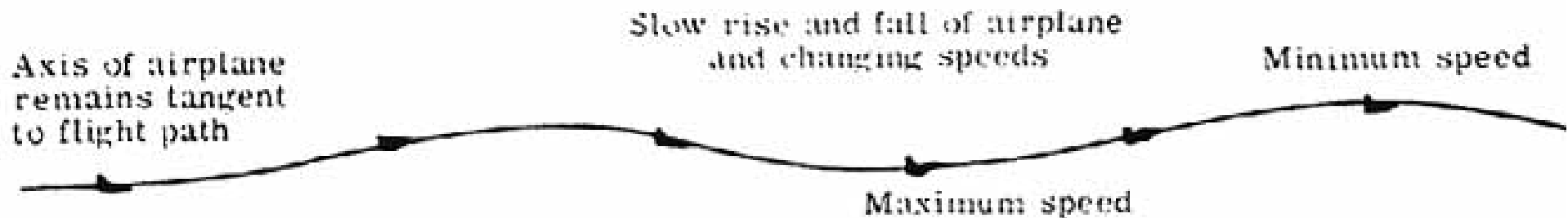
$$\zeta = \frac{0.0023}{\sqrt{0.0023^2 + 0.0728^2}} = 0.032$$

→ low frequency: **phugoid mode**



## 2. Transfer functions for the longitudinal model

- variations of  $\dot{u}$  and  $\theta$ , with  $\dot{\alpha}$  nearly constant
- kinetic and potential energy exchange
- airplane tends to a sinusoidal flight
- values of period and  $\zeta$  depend on the airplane and its flight conditions



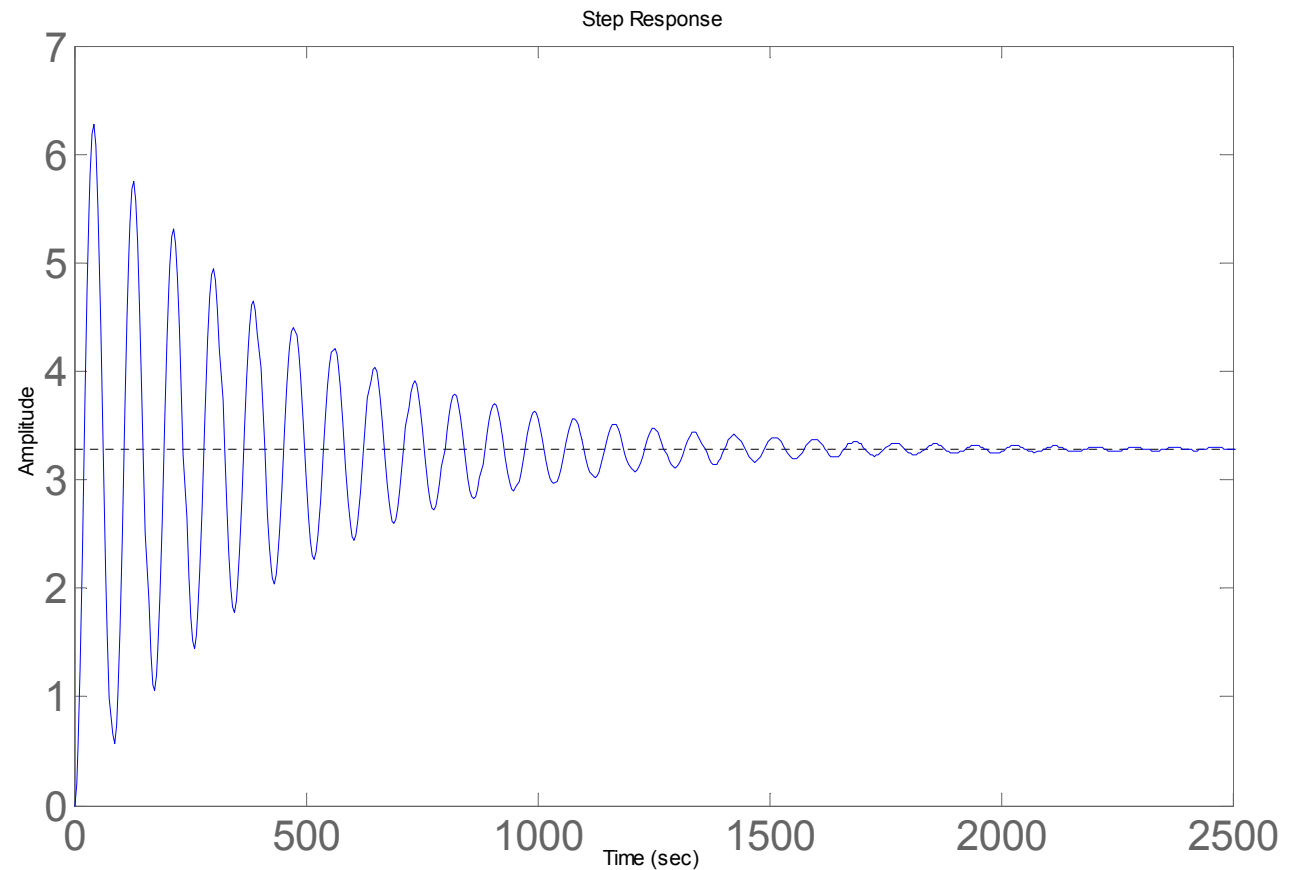
(a) Phugoid longitudinal oscillation.

## Linear Speed

We obtain:

$$\frac{u(s)}{\delta_e(s)} = \frac{-0.0494s^2 + 3.3691s + 2.223}{97.5s^4 + 79s^3 + 128.9s^2 + 0.998s + 0.677}$$

Response to a step input using Matlab



## Linear Speed

To obtain a  $u$  value for the step input  $\delta_e$  we use the **final value theorem** (*system is stable*):

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u'(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} (s \times u'(s)) \quad \text{for } \delta_e(t) = 1 \rightarrow \delta_e(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u'(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left( s \times \frac{1}{s} \times \frac{-0.0494s^2 + 3.3691s + 2.223}{97.5s^4 + 79s^3 + 128.9s^2 + 0.998s + 0.677} \right)$$

$$u'_\infty = 3.28 \text{ for } \delta_e = 1 \text{ rad}$$

$$\text{and } u = u'_\infty \times U \quad \text{with } U = 600 \text{ ft/sec}$$

$$u = 1969 \text{ ft/sec for } \delta_e = 1 \text{ rad}$$

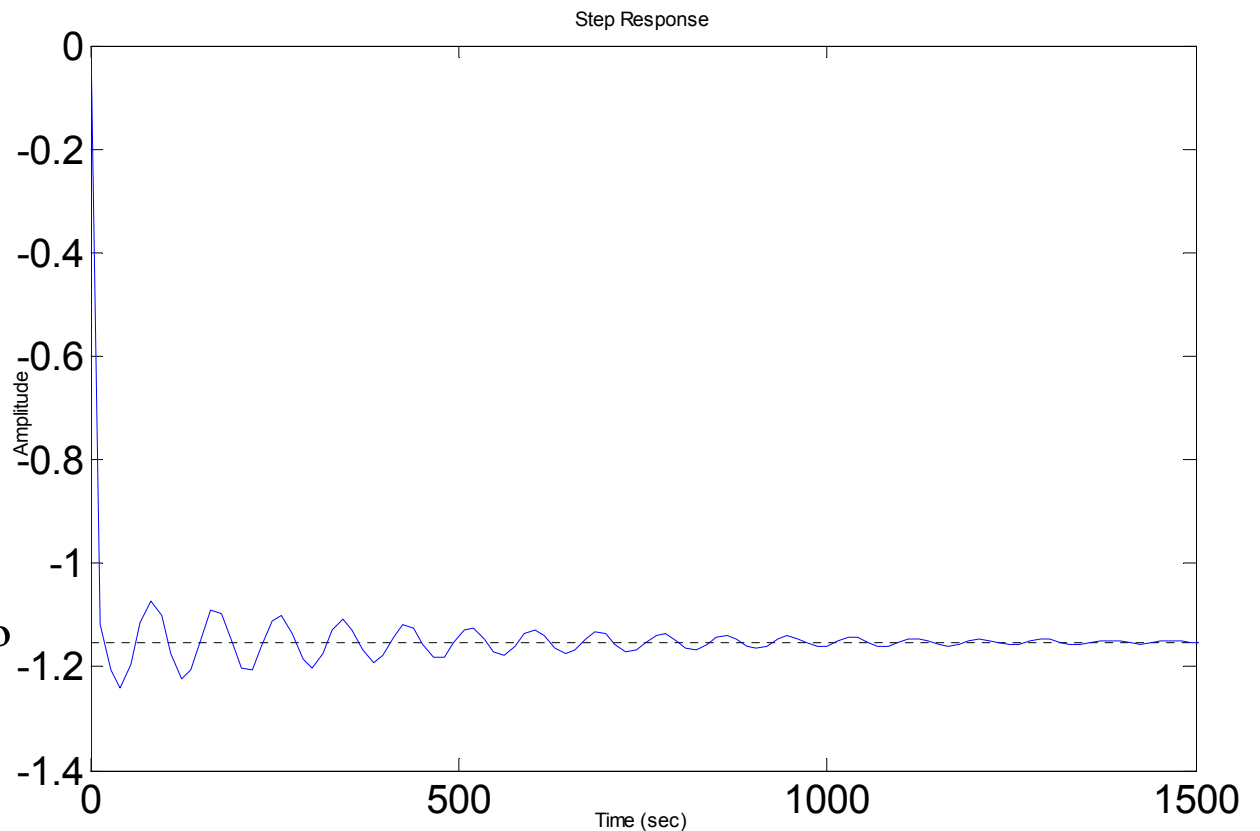
$$u = \frac{1969}{\frac{180}{\pi}} = 34.36 \text{ ft/sec for } \delta_e = 1^\circ$$

**Angle of Attack**  $\frac{\alpha(s)}{\delta_e(s)} = \frac{-0.0179s^3 - 1.3887s^2 - 0.0089s - 0.0080}{(s^2 + 0.00466s + 0.0053)(s^2 + 0.806s + 1.311)}$

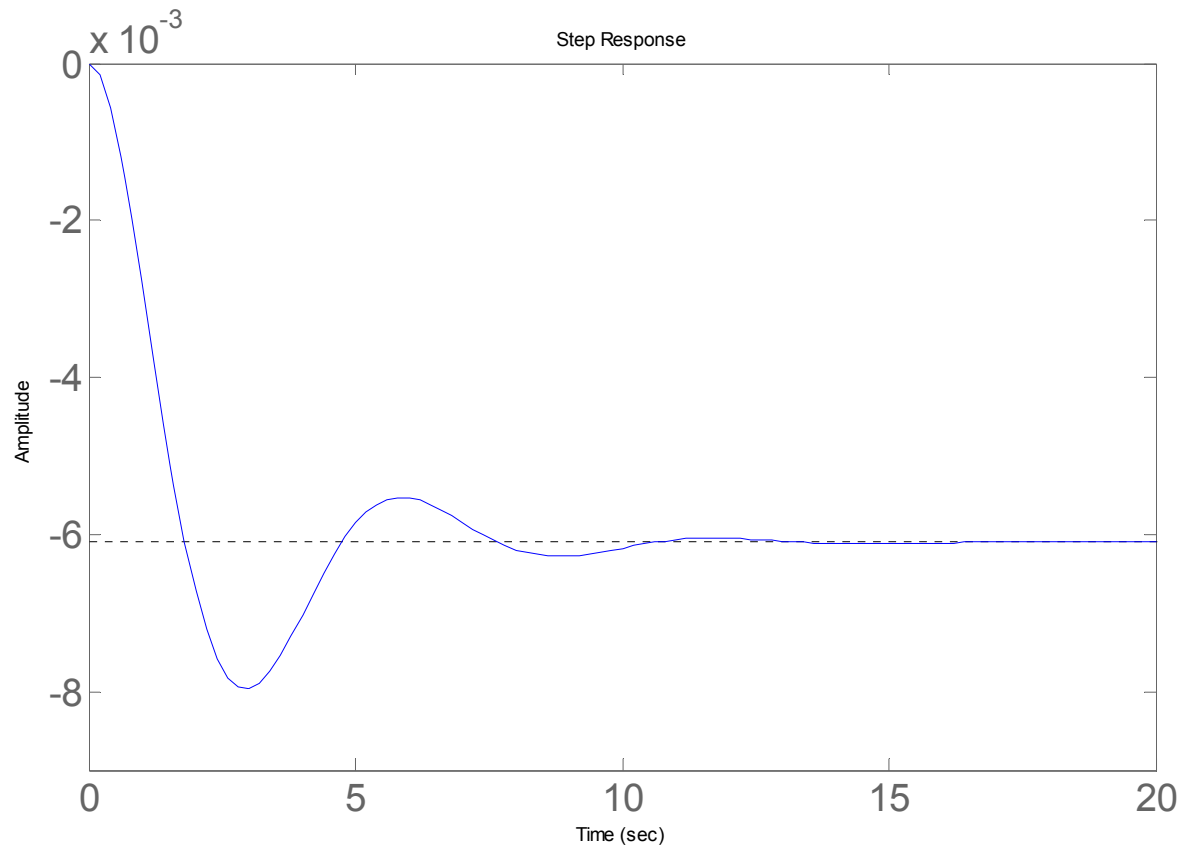
Response to a step input using Matlab:

Can also be obtained using the final value theorem:

$\alpha_\infty = -1.14^\circ$  for  $\delta_e = 1^\circ$



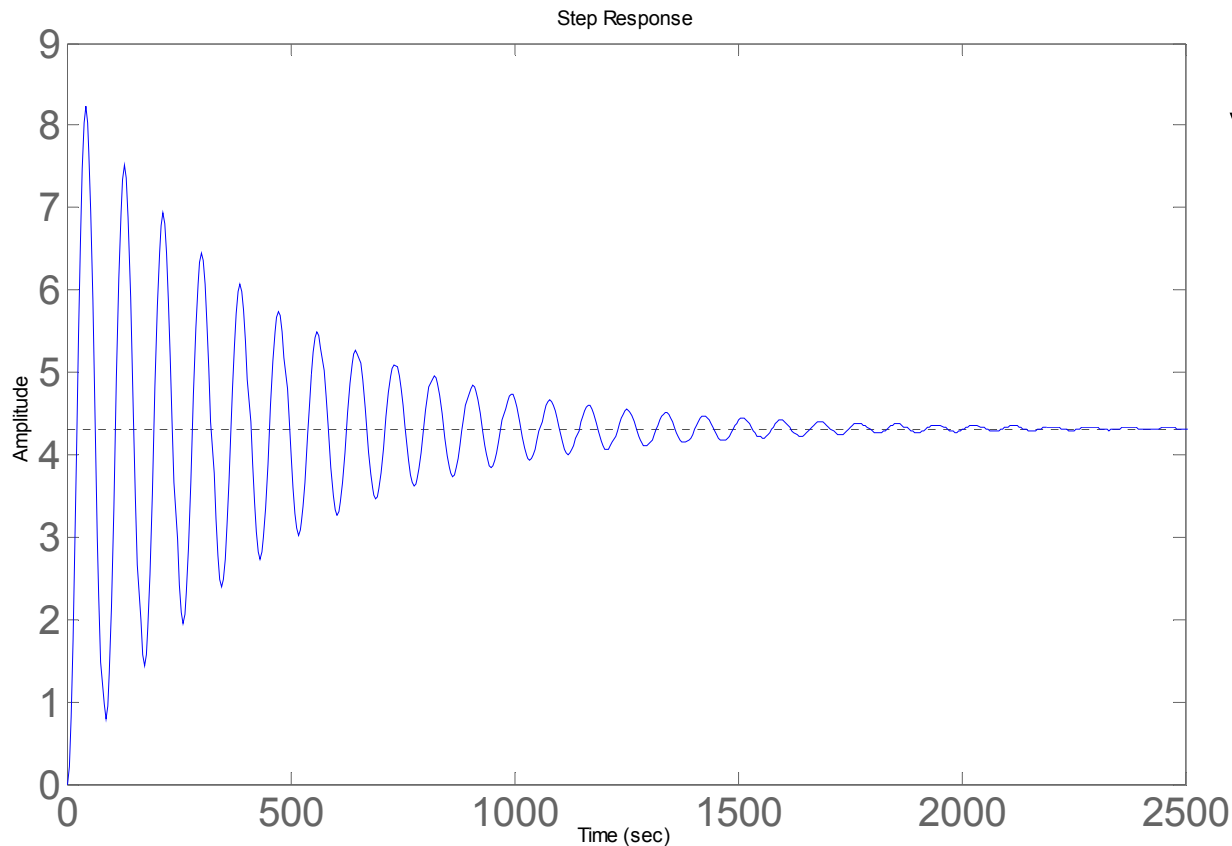
# Low period oscillation mode



- low period: de 0.6 a 6s
- difficult to know its existence: cause can be a wind burst or a sudden activation of flight controls
- fast damping without effort from the pilot

**Low period oscillation mode only:  
angle of attack ' $\alpha$**

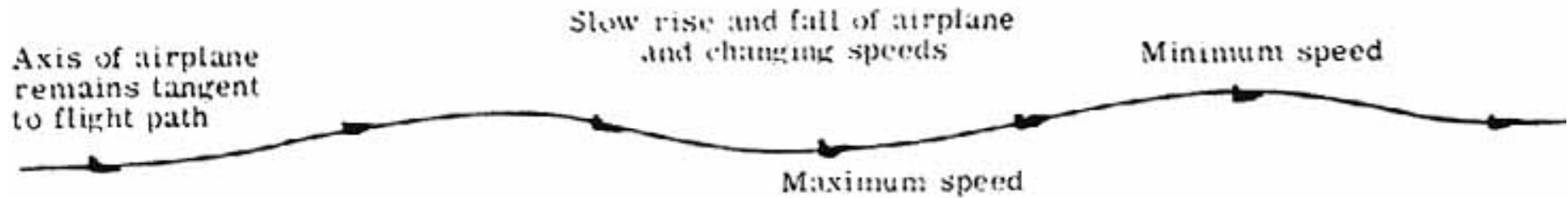
# Phugoid Mode



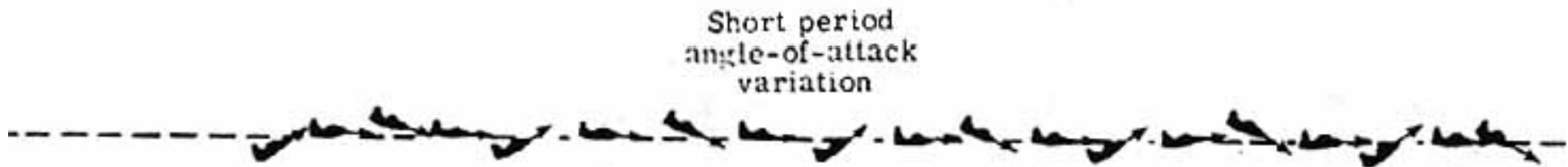
- phugoid's period varies between 25s at low speed to several minutes at high speeds
- low damping
- easy to control by pilot (high period → more time to react and activate flight controls)

**Phugoid mode only: linear speed 'u**

# Longitudinal Modes



(a) Phugoid longitudinal oscillation.



(b) Short-period longitudinal oscillation.

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# Longitudinal Modes

Amplitude, oscillation period and damping depend on

- aircraft (C coefficients...)
  - altitude (air density)
  - airspeed
- phugoid period increases with speed, and decreases with altitude at fixed Mach number
  - short-period oscillation mode does the opposite: decreases with speed and increases with altitude



### 3. Lateral dynamics

Using the same hypothesis for longitudinal mode:

$$\sum \Delta F_Y = m \left( \dot{V} + UR - WP \right)$$

$$\sum \Delta L = \dot{P} I_X - \dot{R} J_{XZ} + QR (I_Z - I_Y) - PQ J_{XZ}$$

$$\sum \Delta M = \dot{R} I_Z - \dot{P} J_{XZ} + PQ (I_Y - I_X) + QR J_{XZ}$$

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### 3. Lateral dynamics

**Under the same airplane model we obtain the characteristic equation:**

$$\nabla = 0.00748 s^5 + 0.01827 s^4 + 0.01876 s^3 + 0.0275 s^2 - 0.0001135 s = 0$$

Can be factorized:

$$s(s^2 + 0.38s + 1.813)(s + 2.09)(s - 0.004) = 0$$

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## 3. Lateral dynamics

- **solution  $s=0$**

once disturbed, airplane recovers its original flight path

- **$s= -2.09$  roll subsidence mode:**

airplane's response to an aileron movement

- **$s=0.004$  spiral divergence mode:**

long time constant : easily controlled by pilot

### 3. Lateral dynamics

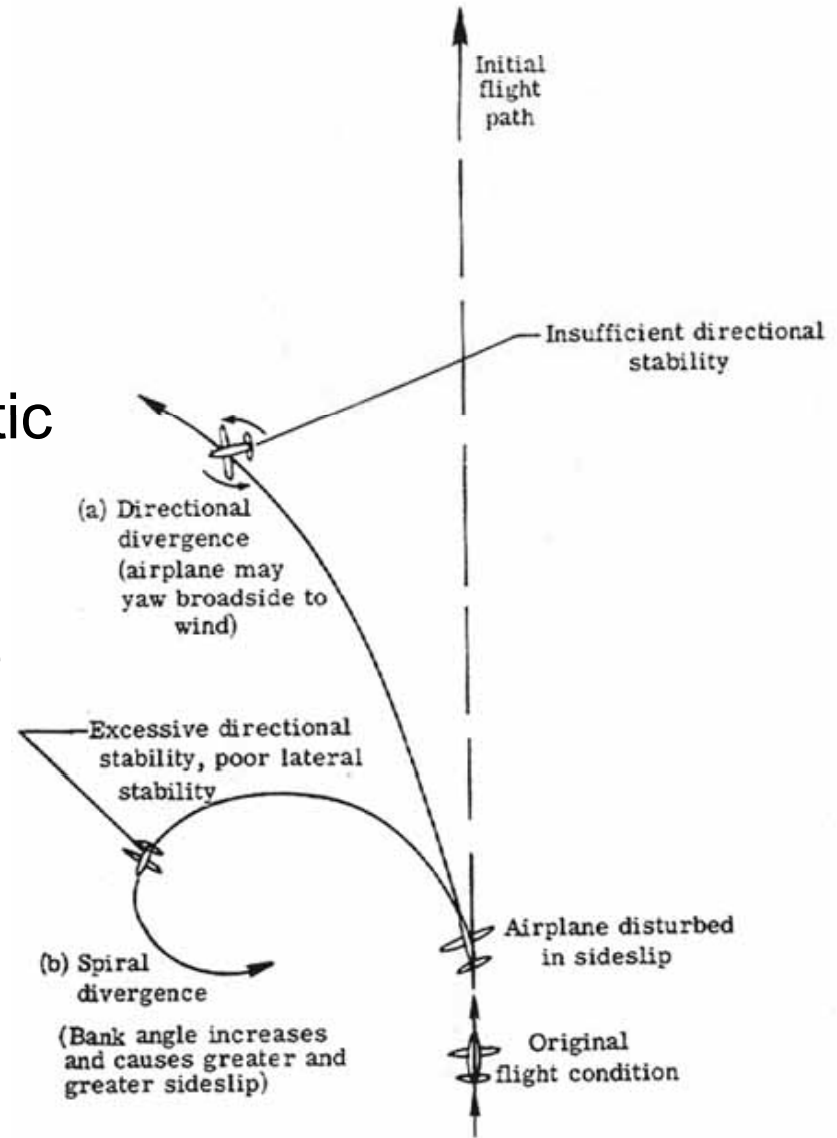
#### Directional and spiral divergence:

Aircraft has much directional static stability and small dihedral

Perturbation turns downward the left wing and turns left

Dihedral: left wing goes up

If dihedral is too small no time to recover horizontal position



### 3. Lateral dynamics

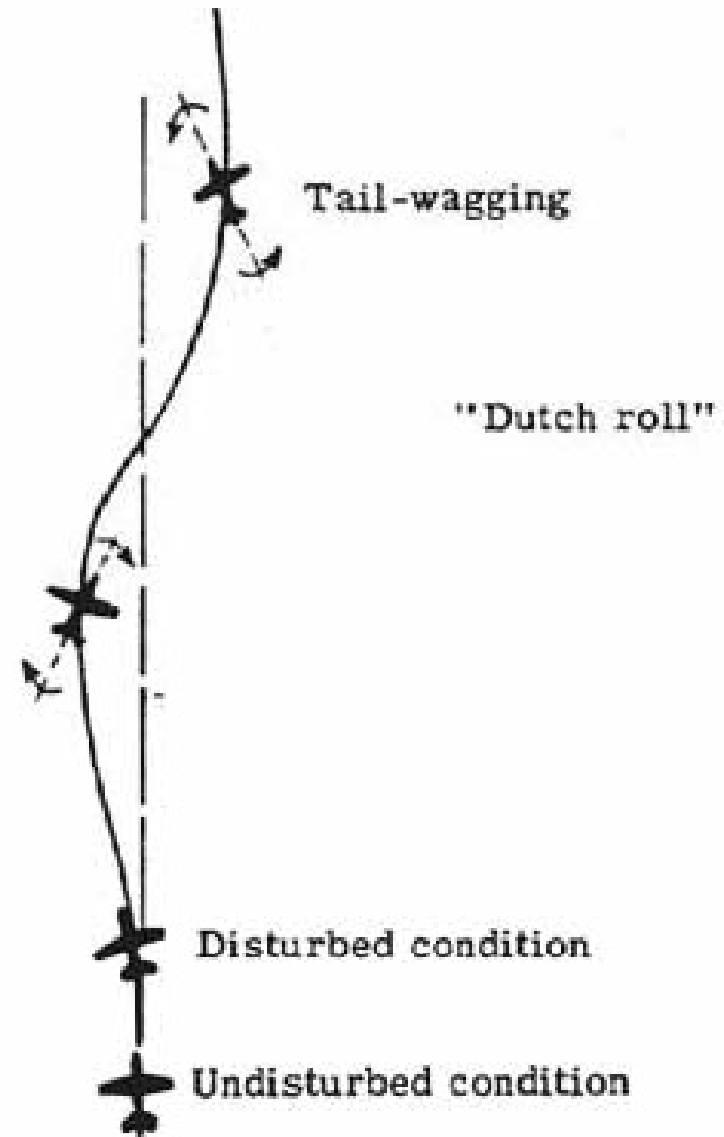
$$s^2 + 0.38s + 1.813 = 0$$

#### Dutch roll

characteristics of both divergences:

- strong lateral stability
- low directional stability

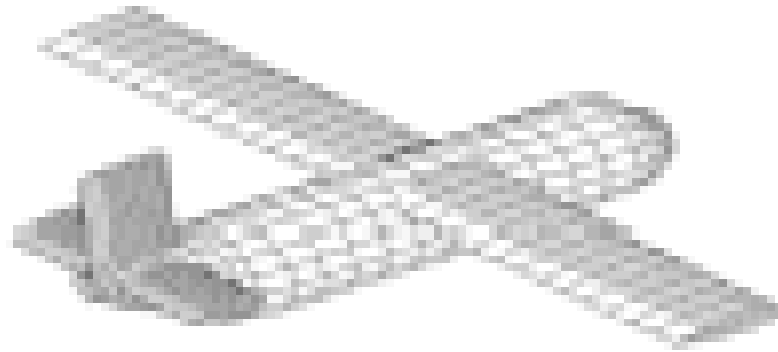
Needs artificial damper if natural damper is too low (yaw damper)



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## 3. Lateral dynamics

### Dutch roll Mode



If slip occurs, airplane has a yaw movement in a given direction and a roll movement in the opposite direction

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### 3. Lateral dynamics

$\beta$ : slip angle (between relative wind and roll axis)

$\psi$ : yaw angle (between roll axis at equilibrium and actual roll axis)

$\Phi$ : lateral inclination angle (between yaw axis at equilibrium and actual yaw axis)

### 3. Lateral dynamics:

#### Transfer functions for rudder variation

$$\frac{\Phi(s)}{\delta_r(s)} = \frac{0.485(s + 1.53)(s - 2.73)}{s(s^2 + 0.38s + 1.813)(s + 2.09)(s - 0.004)}$$

$$\frac{\Psi(s)}{\delta_r(s)} = \frac{-1.38(s + 2.07)(s^2 + 0.005s + 0.066)}{s(s^2 + 0.38s + 1.813)(s + 2.09)(s - 0.004)}$$

$$\frac{\beta(s)}{\delta_r(s)} = \frac{0.0364(s - 0.01)(s + 2.06)(s + 37.75)}{s(s^2 + 0.38s + 1.813)(s + 2.09)(s - 0.004)}$$



### 3. Lateral dynamics:

#### Transfer functions for aileron variation

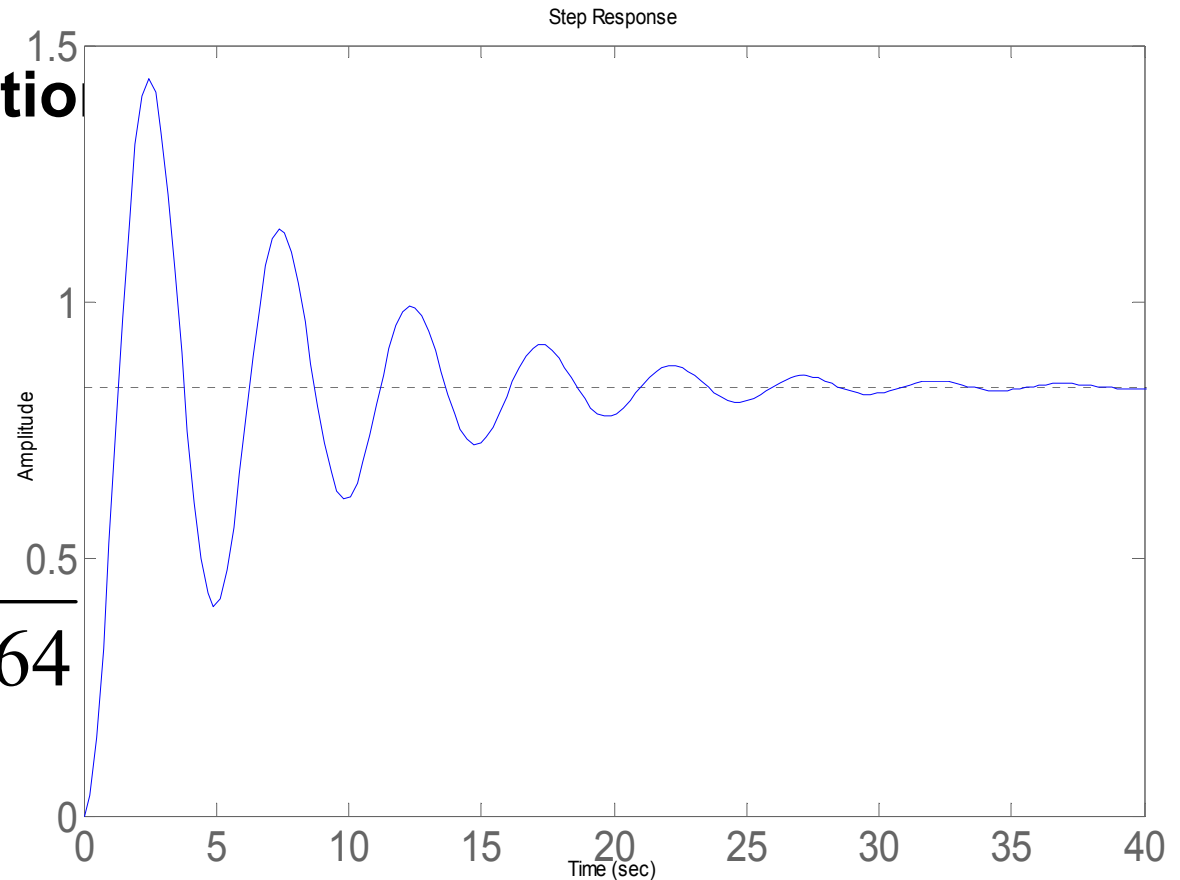
$$\frac{\Phi(s)}{\delta_a(s)} = \frac{22.1(s^2 + 0.4s + 1.67)}{s(s^2 + 0.38s + 1.813)(s + 2.09)(s - 0.004)}$$
$$\frac{\Psi(s)}{\delta_a(s)} = \frac{-0.171(s - 1.14)(s + 9.29)(s + 1.45)}{s(s^2 + 0.38s + 1.813)(s + 2.09)(s - 0.004)}$$
$$\frac{\beta(s)}{\delta_a(s)} = \frac{0.171(s + 18.75)(s + 0.15)}{s(s^2 + 0.38s + 1.813)(s + 2.09)(s - 0.004)}$$

### 3. Lateral dynamics

#### Dutch roll approximation

only slip and yaw:

$$\frac{\beta(s)}{\delta_r(s)} = \frac{1.37}{s^2 + 0.27s + 1.64}$$



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## 4. Crossed coupling

= when a turn movement or a maneuver over an axis produces movement over a different axis

**Under hypothesis of small perturbations:** movement can be separated, the only coupling is lateral/directional:

- rudder movement → lateral turn
- elevator deflection → pitch only

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## 4. Crossed coupling

With higher angles of attack,

- pitch can generate roll and yaw (and the opposite)
- roll maneuver → pitch and yaw (divergent)

→ pilot training

→ installation of roll speed limiters and mechanism that increases angular damping