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I. INTRODUCTION

The primary interest of any aviator engaged in flight is control of his aircraft. Without this, it becomes impossible to maintain the aircraft in a desired flight regime and consequently the flight is rather abruptly terminated. With adequate control over his vehicle however, the aviator is capable of successfully performing many various tasks to include a safe final landing.

Historically, the development of the helicopter was hampered during its early years of evolution because of the lack of understanding of the factors which caused stability (or instability) and therefore adequate control over the vehicle was difficult to achieve. This situation was exactly similar to that of the early development of the airplane. It was only when the principles of stability and control could be understood that aircraft could be developed which would fly as the designer intended them to fly and that helicopter development could progress.

Before the details of controlling the aircraft can be fully worked out, some understanding of the aircraft's inherent stability must be attained because these two factors, stability and control, are closely related. Together they determine the flying qualities, or handling qualities of the aircraft. The aircraft must have sufficient stability to maintain a certain desired condition of flight and to recover normally from disturbing influences (wind gusts, for instance). Pilot workload is also a function of stability. Since adequate maneuverability is a necessity, the aircraft must also respond properly to the pilot's inputs.
An expansion of the concepts behind aircraft stability will be discussed here so that they can be more fully understood and easily dealt with when moving into the area of aircraft control.

A. EQUILIBRIUM

A helicopter is in a state of equilibrium when the vector sum of all forces and moments on it are equal to zero. While in equilibrium the aircraft will not have any tendencies to accelerate in either translational (no unbalanced forces) or rotational (no unbalanced moments) directions. Thus the aircraft will remain in a steady flight condition.

If, however, forces or moments are introduced to upset this balanced condition (via cockpit control inputs or wind gusts, for example) the helicopter will experience an acceleration in the direction of the unbalanced forces and/or moments. As can be expected from Newton's Second Law, linear accelerations are proportional to the magnitude of the unbalanced forces and the angular accelerations are proportional to the unbalanced moments.

B. STATIC STABILITY

The static stability of a system is defined by the initial tendency of the system to return to equilibrium conditions following some disturbance from equilibrium. If an object which is disturbed from equilibrium tends to return to equilibrium, the object has positive static stability. On the other hand, if the object, upon being disturbed, has a tendency to continue in the direction of the disturbance, then the object is exhibiting behavior of negative static stability. Neutral
static stability exists when the object has no tendency to return to equilibrium or to continue in the direction of the disturbance.

The classic physical examples of static stability are shown in Figure I-1 [Ref. 1]. Varicus tendencies of motion of a ball displaced
from equilibrium in a depression, on a hill, and on a level surface are shown. It should be noted that positive static stability is the desired response in most situations.

It should also be noted that there are quantitative degrees of static stability. This has to do with the forces acting on an object after it has been disturbed from the equilibrium condition. An example will illustrate this point. A large ball in a shadow depression may have a force of one-half pound returning it to the equilibrium position while the same size ball in a very steep-sided depression may have a restoring force of ten pounds. While both these systems exhibit positive static stability, the second is more positive and thus a more stable system.

If a stability control system is to be incorporated into the helicopter then the magnitude of the aircraft's static stability terms will be one clue to the amount of force the control system must have to be effective. For example, if a system has negative static stability in yaw, some control feature must be incorporated to allow the pilot to keep the yawing motion under control. If the negative yaw static stability term is of large magnitude, then the control system will have to have a great amount of power to control the tendency of the aircraft to diverge in yaw. On the other hand, if the stability term is only slightly negative, then the yawing motion will not diverge as quickly as in the former case nor will the controlling power needed be as great as in the former case.

For a complete discussion of helicopter control, dynamic stability must also be included.
C. DYNAMIC STABILITY

Dynamic stability refers to a body's resulting motions with respect to time after being disturbed from equilibrium. A plot of displacement versus time will reveal the dynamic stability tendencies of a body. All possible responses of a disturbed body can be seen in Figure 1-2. Two general modes of motion exist, oscillatory and non-oscillatory (also called periodic and aperiodic). As is implied by the term, oscillatory, the position of the body will cycle in some manner about the equilibrium position.

The motion of both the oscillatory and non-oscillatory modes will also depend on whether or not such motion is damped. If a motion eventually returns to the equilibrium position, then its motion is said to be damped. If insufficient damping is available, then the body's motion will become divergent. Divergent oscillations are generally undesirable and usually result in material failure of a mechanical system. Damping tends to take energy out of a system. Some factors which cause damping are friction, hydraulic dampers, springs, etc. Divergent motions have energy added to the dynamic system. An example of this is a pilot-induced oscillation (PIO) where the pilot's control movements are in the same direction and with the same timing as the aircraft's response.

Neutral stability is another possible behavior of a disturbed body. Here the body remains at its original disturbed state or oscillates at a constant amplitude about the equilibrium state. Static stability is necessary for dynamic stability to exist, but the converse is not true.
Figure 1-2. Dynamic Stability
D. AXES SYSTEMS

To establish a basis for the discussion of unbalanced forces and moments on an aircraft and that aircraft's subsequent reaction, a reference coordinate frame must be established. Figure I-3 illustrates the conventional arrangement of perpendicular axes which are centered at the helicopter's center of gravity. The directions indicated by the arrows are the positive direction.

Figure I-3. Axis System Notation
The positive directions of this axis system for the X, Y, and Z axes are forward, right, and down, respectively. Thus this is a right-handed system. (Note: A right-handed rectangular coordinate system derives its name from the analogy that a right-threaded screw rotated through 90 degrees from OX to OY will advance in the positive Z direction (see Figure I-4). Forces are named for the directions along which they act. Thus an X-force is one acting in the X-direction. The same nomenclature system applies for the Y and Z forces.

Figure I-4. Right-Handed Coordinate System

Rational motion also occurs about the X, Y, and Z axes. These moments are termed L, M, and N. L is the rolling moment which occurs about the longitudinal (X) axis. A roll to the right is defined as positive. M is the pitching moment which occurs about the lateral (Y) axis. A nose-up pitch describes a positive value of M. The yawing
N-moment occurs about the vertical (Z) axis. A positive yaw is defined as one which moves the nose of the helicopter to the right. Table I-1 summarizes the axis system notation.

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<th>MOMENT</th>
<th>ANGULAR MEASURE</th>
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This same set of orthogonal axes can be referenced in various ways, depending on the needs of the engineer. Certain particular problems dealing with aircraft stability can be solved more easily by the proper selection of axis reference.

Three systems of axis reference are generally used:

1. Gravity Axis,
2. Stability Axis, and

1. Gravity Axis

In this system the Z-axis of the helicopter is always pointing at the center of the earth, and the X-axis is directed along the horizon. The gravity axis system is useful for linear displacements and angular
accelerations. Certain simplifications in the stability derivatives can be achieved; however when helicopter rotation is taken into account inertial terms and products of inertia must have lengthy corrections.

2. Stability Axis

In this system of reference, the X-axis is aligned with the velocity vector and is positive pointing into the relative wind. The Z-axis is perpendicular to the relative wind and the Y-axis is orthogonal to both, forming a right-hand system. Using the stability axis system can yield great simplifications of the aerodynamic terms. This system is limited to small disturbance motions, however, because the moment of inertia terms vary and thus are assumed to be constant in the equations of motion.

The stability axis reference system has the useful feature of being directly applicable to wind tunnel results which are commonly measured parallel with and perpendicular to the wind.

The stability axis is very useful for fixed-wing analysis, because the relative wind is always somewhat directly on the nose of the aircraft and varies very little from that direction. The unique capability of a helicopter to decelerate from forward flight to hovering flight (zero forward velocity) means that the X- and Z-axes could change by as much as 90 degrees as the relative velocity of the air changes from horizontal (on the nose of the helicopter) to vertical (being pulled down through the rotor disk). Thus the usefulness of this axis system for helicopters is limited since it cannot be used for comparison purposes over the whole range of the helicopter's velocity.
3. **Body Axis**

The body axis system aligns the X-axis with a datum line on the helicopter. The Z-axis is perpendicular to the X-axis and is directed out the bottom of the aircraft while the Y-axis is orthogonal to both. This system ensures that the inertial terms in the equations of motion are independent of the flight conditions.

The reference system of body axes is very useful when studying helicopter dynamics because velocities and accelerations with respect to these axes are the same as those that would be measured by instruments in the helicopter and those that are experienced by the pilot.
II. THE EQUATIONS OF MOTION

To obtain solutions of aircraft stability, some quantitative data must be made available to the engineer. Naturally some formulae or equations would be helpful when trying to arrive at a mathematical determination of the stability problem at hand.

In this chapter some elementary concepts will be introduced which will lead to the development of the equations of motion of the flight vehicle. It is these equations of motion which will yield the numerical data needed for problem solutions.

A. LINEAR MOTION

Linear motion is the motion of an object along a line. The line can either be straight or curved so that linear motion can be further subdivided in rectilinear (straight line) or curvilinear (along a curved line) motion.

1. Rectilinear Motion

The rectilinear motion of a particle can be described by that particle's position on a straight line and its time derivatives of position. To quantify this motion a reference point must be selected. All subsequent measurements of the particle's motion are made with respect to this reference point. A coordinate system well suited for rectilinear motion is the rectangular cartesian coordinate system.

By making use of a selected coordinate system, \( p \) marks the generalized coordinates of the particle's position. The distance, \( s \), of
the particle from the selected reference point is the difference of the
coordinates for these two points. If the origin of the coordinate
system is chosen as the reference point, then the distance to the parti-
cle simply becomes the value p. If some point other than the origin is
chosen as the reference point, then the distance of the particle from
the reference point is p - r where r is the coordinate of the reference
point from the origin. Should the particle move to a new point on the
line, p', it would then be at a different distance from the origin.
This difference is Δs (see Figure 2-1).

\[ \Delta s = p - p' \]  \hspace{1cm} (2-1)

The rate at which the particle travels from p to p' is very often of
interest. Thus the average velocity of the particle along this path is
the distance along the path divided by the time it took to cover the
distance.
\[ V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} \]  
\hfill (2-2)

As the time interval becomes very small, the result will be the instantaneous velocity of the particle along the path.

\[ v = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} \]  
\hfill (2-3)

Both average and instantaneous velocities will be used in subsequent calculations.

Similarly, it can be shown that the acceleration of the particle is the rate of change of the particle's velocity.

\[ a_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \]  
\hfill (2-4)

In the same manner as for velocity, the instantaneous acceleration of the particle can be shown to be:

\[ a = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} = \frac{dv}{dt} = \ddot{v} \]  
\hfill (2-5)

and since \( dv = ds/dt \), acceleration can also be expressed as the second derivative of position with respect to time.

\[ a = \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = \ddot{s} \]  
\hfill (2-6)

The calculation of accelerations become important because they lead directly to forces on the airframe via Newton's Second Law:

\[ F = ma \]  
\hfill (2-7)
2. **Curvilinear Motion**

The second type of linear motion occurs along a curved path and is therefore called curvilinear motion. Plane curvilinear motion occurs when a particle that is moving along a curved path remains in a single plane. For this case the position in which the particle motion occurs (see Figure 2-2).

![Curvilinear Motion Diagram](image)

*Figure 2-2. Curvilinear Motion*

In this figure, the particle has moved from point $p$ to point $p'$ along the curved path. The particle's motion takes place in the plane of the paper and occurs about point $O$. The position of the new point $p'$ is...
given by the vector addition of the old position vector at \( p \) (vector \( \mathbf{r} \)) plus the change that occurs during the movement (vector \( \Delta \mathbf{r} \)).

As was the case with rectilinear motion, the average velocity of a point along the path is equal to the time rate of change of the point's position vector. Thus

\[
\mathbf{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta \mathbf{r}}{\Delta t}
\]

If the time interval becomes smaller and smaller, the \( \Delta \mathbf{r} \) vector approaches tangency to the curved path. In the limiting case, the velocity will approach the instantaneous velocity of the particle along the curved path.

\[
\mathbf{v} = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}
\]

If the speed of the particle increases as it moves from \( p \) to \( p' \), then the particle is accelerating. The same steps that were used to develop the instantaneous velocity can be followed to find the acceleration term. The result is

\[
a = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2}
\]

B. ANGULAR MOTION

While linear motion can be used to describe a significant number of motions that are commonly encountered in physics, motion can also be described in another way. Angular measurements to a moving point from a fixed point are commonly used when dealing with rotating systems.
The description of angular motion will be limited to that occurring in a plane. Before this angular motion can be described, some reference point must be selected. A point in the plane of motion is a good reference point and an axis perpendicular to the plane of motion serves as the axis about which the angular motion occurs. This becomes the axis of rotation.

Before angular measurement can begin, a reference axis in the plane of rotation must be chosen. All angular positions will be measured with respect to this reference axis. The reference axis itself is chosen arbitrarily and it does not rotate. Although the system being measured may rotate, the reference axis remains fixed.

Angular displacements are measured in degrees or radians using the symbol $\theta$. By convention, a positive angular displacement is in a counterclockwise direction from the reference axis (see Figure 2-3).

![Figure 2-3. Angular Measure](image)
According to the foregoing rules, the angular measurement of line OB is at some angle $\theta$ from the arbitrarily chosen reference axis, OA. The axis of rotation is perpendicular to the paper at point O. The angular rate at which the line moves from position OA to OB in Figure 2-3 is the time rate of change of its angular position. As was the case with previous descriptions of linear velocity, the angular velocity, $\omega$, is the first time derivative of the angular position.

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \dot{\theta}$$  \hspace{1cm} (2-11)

Similarly, angular acceleration, $\alpha$, is the time derivative on angular velocity or the second time derivative of angular position.

$$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \ddot{\omega} = \ddot{\theta}$$  \hspace{1cm} (2-12)

A common case of motion combines both curvilinear and angular motions. This case of motion occurs when a particle moves around a fixed point at a fixed distance from that point. An example of this is the arc traced out by the helicopter’s rotor blade tips.

As a helicopter blade sweeps the air, all points on the blade are rotating at the same angular velocity. However each point at a different radius from the center of the axis of rotation has a different curvilinear velocity or speed. This can be readily understood by examining Figure 2-4. $R_1$ and $R_2$ are two points located on the same rotating line (for example, a rotor blade). During a single rotation of the rotor disk, $R_2$ travels a greater distance than $R_1$. The distance traveled by each point is the circumference of the circle traced out by
the point. The path traced out by \( R_2 \) is longer than that traced out by \( R_1 \). Since both points complete one revolution of the circle in the same amount of time, \( R_2 \) must travel faster than \( R_1 \).

The velocity of a particle rotating about a fixed point is given by both its angular velocity and distance from the axis of rotation and is developed in the following manner (refer to Figure 2-5). The instantaneous velocity of the rotating point is the limit as time approaches zero of the change in the particle's position vector divided by the average time over which this position change occurs.

\[
v = \lim_{{t \to 0}} \frac{\Delta r}{{\Delta t}}
\]

(2-13)
Figure 2-5. Linear Velocity of a Rotating Point

where $\Delta r = r \theta$ times the change in angular displacement. Thus

$$v = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{r \Delta \theta}{\Delta t} = rw$$

(2-14)

$r$ is measured in feet or meters and $\omega$ is measured in radians per second.

It can be seen from equation (2-14) that a particle located at half the distance from the rotor hub to the tip of the rotor is moving at half the linear velocity of a particle located at the rotor tip.
C. FORCES AND MOMENTS

1. Forces

No discussion of forces would be complete without giving credit to Sir Issac Newton and his statements of the basic laws governing the motion of a particle [Ref. 2]. They are:

Law I. A particle remains at rest or continues to move in a straight line with a uniform velocity if there is no unbalanced force acting on it.

Law II. The acceleration of a particle is proportional to the resultant force acting on it and is in the direction of the force.

Law III. The forces of action and reaction between interacting bodies are equal in magnitude, opposite in direction, and collinear.

The word force is mentioned in all three of Newton's laws. Therefore it would seem that force plays a large part in the movement of a particle (or of an object, if the center of gravity of that object is considered to be a particle). Force can be defined as the action of one body on another. A force acting in a direction tends to move an object it acts upon on the same direction, according to Law II.

It should be noted that forces are vector quantities. That is, they are composed of a magnitude and a direction. The direction of a force becomes very important when attempting to predict the reactions of objects to forces.

The importance of the vectorial nature of forces cannot be over-emphasized. For example, what is the resultant of a 50-pound force applied to another 50-pound force? The correct answer could be zero pounds, 100 pounds, or anywhere in between depending on whether the
forces were directly opposite to each other, in the same direction, or at some other angular position between these two extremes.

Newton's second law is of primary interest for the moment. Another way of stating the second law is that the resultant force acting on a particle is proportional to the time rate of change of the momentum of the particle and that this change is in the direction of the force. The proportionality factor is the mass of the particle in question.

Both statements of Newton's second law lead to the same result in equation form:

\[
\sum F = \frac{dmv}{dt} = \frac{mdv}{dt} = ma
\] (2-15)

It will be assumed that the mass of the particle does not change during the time interval \( dt \). Thus \( dmv/dt \) can be written \( mdv/dt \). Also note that \( \Sigma \) symbol was used. The resultant acceleration of the particle is equal to the resultant vector sum of the forces acting on the particle. Thus many different forces acting on an object can be vectorially resolved into one force (see Figure 2-6).

![Figure 2-6. Vector Summation](image)
The particle will respond in the same way no matter if we deal with the several individual forces or with their resultant, but the picture is greatly simplified when dealing with only a single resultant force.

Both the vectorial nature of forces and the capability to sum individual forces can be used with the axis systems previously described for the helicopter. Being a complex machine, the helicopter can have many different forces from different sources acting at various points on the body of the aircraft. These forces can be broken down into components along the aircraft axes and summed such that there now exists three mutually perpendicular forces acting at the center of gravity of the aircraft. The problem of the helicopter's reaction to these various forces is now greatly simplified (see Figure 2-7).

![Figure 2-7. Components of a Vector in a Plane](image-url)
Equation (2-15) can be written for each axis direction:

\[
\sum F_x = m\ddot{x} ; \quad \sum F_y = m\ddot{y} ; \quad \sum F_z = m\ddot{z}
\]  
(2-16)

As an example, a single force not lying in any single plane would have components in the X, Y, and Z directions. The components of this force would be determined and would be respectively included in each of the three force equations above. If a force acts entirely along a single axis, the Z-axis for example, it would have no components in the other two directions, X or Y in this case.

Units of measure for force are listed below in Table 2-1.

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<tr>
<td>FORCE</td>
<td>( F )</td>
<td>Pounds Force</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MASS</td>
<td>( m )</td>
<td>Slugs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACCELERATION</td>
<td>( \ddot{a} )</td>
<td>ft/sec(^2)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Since the consideration of variable masses will not be considered (the mass of a helicopter will not change over the time periods under consideration here) it can be seen that the acceleration of a body is directly proportional to the force acting on the body.
2. **Moments**

Forces applied to a particle create only linear motion of the particle. This is so because a particle is considered to be a very small quantity and any forces applied must necessarily act at its center of mass. The phenomenon of angular acceleration occurring simultaneously with linear acceleration arises when a force is applied to an object (something larger than a particle). If the direction vector of a force applied to an object does not pass directly through the object's center of mass then the object will start to rotate about its center of mass because a moment has been created.

A moment is a force applied at a distance from an axis around which an object rotates. If the object is located in free-space, it will rotate about its center of mass. If the object is pinned somehow, the pin will act as the pivot point about which the object will rotate.

In equation form, for a fixed-axis system:

\[
\bar{M} = \bar{F}r
\]

(2-17)

where \(\bar{M}\) is the moment in foot-pounds, \(\bar{F}\) is the force, and \(r\) is the perpendicular distance from the object's center of mass to the force vector (see Figure 2-8).

Just like a force, a moment is a vectorial quantity but it is a rotational vector in this case. As with angular velocity, a positive moment is defined in the counterclockwise direction.

In the evaluation of the effects external moments have on the motion of the helicopter, the moment of momentum, \(\bar{H}\), is considered.
By definition, the moment of momentum of a small part on the aircraft, \( dm \), is:

\[
\delta h = \bar{r} \times \bar{V} \, dm
\]  

(2-18)

Taking the derivative of the above yields

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \delta h = \frac{d}{dt} ( \bar{r} \times \bar{V} ) \, dm = \frac{d\bar{r}}{dt} \times \bar{V} \, dm + \bar{r} \times \frac{d\bar{V}}{dt} \, dm
\]

(2-19)

Considering a small chunk of mass on a rotating body, the velocity of this piece of mass is:

\[
\bar{V} = \bar{V}_c + \frac{d\bar{r}}{dt}
\]

(2-20)

Where \( d\bar{r}/dt \) is the rotational velocity of the body and \( \bar{V}_c \) is the velocity of the object's center of mass.
Also,

\[ \mathbf{r} \times \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \delta m = \mathbf{r} \times \delta \mathbf{F} = \delta \mathbf{G} \quad (2-21) \]

This is true since \( \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \delta m = \delta \mathbf{F} \) is just \( \mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a} \), while \( \delta \mathbf{G} \) is the moment about the center of mass of the object produced by force \( \delta \mathbf{F} \).

Substituting equations (2-20) and (2-21) into equation (2-19) gives:

\[ \delta \mathbf{G} = \frac{d}{dt} (\delta \mathbf{h}) - (\mathbf{\tilde{V}} - \mathbf{\tilde{V}}_c) \times \mathbf{\tilde{V}} \delta m \quad (2-22) \]

where \( \mathbf{G} \) is the linear momentum of a particle, \( m\mathbf{v} \).

Since \( \mathbf{\tilde{V}} \times \mathbf{\tilde{V}} = 0 \), this becomes

\[ \delta \mathbf{G} = \frac{d}{dt} (\delta \mathbf{h}) + \mathbf{\tilde{V}}_c \times \mathbf{\tilde{V}} \delta m \quad (2-23) \]

If equation (2-23) is summed for all small mass elements on the helicopter the resultant mass is the total mass of the helicopter and the resultant velocity is \( \mathbf{\tilde{V}}_c \). As shown before, \( \mathbf{\tilde{V}} \times \mathbf{\tilde{V}} = 0 \) and equation (2-23) reduces to

\[ \mathbf{\tilde{G}} = \frac{d\mathbf{\tilde{h}}}{dt} \quad (2-24) \]

This equation states that the angular momentum of an object is changed when a moment is applied to the object.
D. CORIOLIS FORCES AND MOMENTS

Coriolis forces arise from the acceleration produced when a particle moves along a path in a plane which is itself rotating. A flapping blade is subject to a coriolis acceleration in the plane of rotation.

When a rotor blade flaps, its moment of inertia about the rotational axis changes. This can be seen by considering the center of mass of the blade being rotated to an increased flapping angle, $\beta + \Delta \beta$. As the blade flaps up, the center of mass moves closer to the rotational axis (see Figure 2-9).

![Figure 2-9. Motion of Flapping Blade](image)

From the law of the conservation of angular momentum, the blade will experience an accelerating force if the center of mass of the blade moves closer to the rotational axis (flaps up from A to B) or a retarding force if the center of mass moves farther away (flaps down from B to)
A). These forces are manifested as vibrations at the blade root, and for every harmonic of flapping there is an appropriate inplane Coriolis vibration.

To find the coriolis force the following steps are used [Ref. 3]. Point B has two components of velocity which are of interest, \( \frac{dr}{dt} \) along the blade projection (inwards) and \( w r \cos (\beta + \Delta \beta) \) (in the plane of rotation). Taking components of velocity on the line perpendicular to the blade at \( P_2 \), (see Figure 2-10) results in:

\[
\frac{dr}{dt} \Delta \theta + \Omega r \cos (\beta + \Delta \beta) \quad (2-24)
\]

and the difference in velocity perpendicular to the original projection between \( P_2 \) and \( P_1 \) is:

\[
\frac{dr}{dt} \Delta \theta + \Omega r (\cos \beta + \Delta \beta) - \Omega r \cos \beta \quad (2-25)
\]

\[
= \{ \frac{d}{dt} (r \cos \beta) \} \Delta \theta + \Omega r (\cos \beta \cos \Delta \beta - \sin \beta \sin \Delta \beta) - \Omega r \cos \beta
\]

\[Y = Y \cos (\beta + \Delta \beta)\]

\[\Delta \theta\]

\[Y = Y \cos \beta\]

\[P_2\]

\[P_1\]

Figure 2-10. Flapping Blade in Plane of Rotation
Equation (2-25) was arrived at by using the trigonometric identity

\[ \cos \beta + \Delta \beta = \cos \beta \cos \Delta \beta - \sin \beta \sin \Delta \beta \quad (2-26) \]

Using small angle theory \( \cos \beta \approx 1 \) and \( \sin \beta \approx \beta \). This will result in

\[ \Delta V = r \sin \beta \frac{d\theta}{dt} \Delta \theta - \Omega r \beta \Delta \theta \quad (2-27) \]

Dividing through by \( \Delta t \) to find the acceleration yields:

\[ \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} = - r\beta \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t} - \Omega r \beta \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t} \quad (2-28) \]

and since \( \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t} = \Omega \) and \( \frac{\Delta \beta}{\Delta t} = \dot{\beta} \),

\[ a_{\text{cor}} = - r\beta \dot{\Omega} - \Omega r \beta \dot{\beta} \quad (2-29) \]

which gives the final form of the Coriolis acceleration:

\[ a_{\text{cor}} = - 2 r \Omega \beta \dot{\beta} \quad (2-30) \]

If the Coriolis force is desired, simply multiply the mass of the blade by the acceleration obtained above.

\[ F_{\text{cor}} = - 2 M_b r \Omega \beta \dot{\beta} \quad (2-31) \]

This Coriolis force can be considered to act at the center of the blade and it produces a moment about the hub of the rotor. The moment produced therefore is the force times the distance through which the force acts.
\[ M_{\text{cor}} = 2 M_r r^2 \Omega \beta \dot{\beta} \quad (2-32) \]

A useful relation can be used to shorten this equation. The moment of inertia of an object is defined as

\[ I = \int y^2 \, dm \quad (2-33) \]

where \( y \) is the distance from an axis and \( dm \) is an elementary particle of mass. If the total mass of the object and its center of mass location is known, the moment of inertia can be expressed as

\[ I = k^2 m \quad (2-34) \]

where \( k \) is the distance from the axis to the center of mass and \( m \) is the total mass. Thus, substituting \( r \) for \( k \) in equation (2-34) and substituting equation (2-34) into equation (2-32) yields

\[ M_{\text{cor}} = 2 I \Omega \beta \dot{\beta} \quad (2-35) \]

**NOTE:** The Coriolis force just derived is not the only Coriolis force that arises from the dynamic notions of the helicopter. It is perhaps the most significant and easily understood Coriolis force, but it must be pointed out that many Coriolis forces must be accounted for when a very rigorous analysis of the helicopter's motions is conducted. Other Coriolis forces will arise from aeroelastic effects of the rotor blades, differences in motion between the helicopter rotor and fuselage and also from fuselage aeroelastic effects. Many of these latter Coriolis forces will be very small and will not be apparent when considering the helicopter as a rigid body.
E. RIGID BODY EQUATIONS

Now that some of the background concerning the nature of forces and moments has been presented, it remains to put these ideas to use for the solution of problems dealing with helicopter stability. Simply put, the various forces and moments that act on the helicopter are resolved into components which act along or about one of the principal axes of the helicopter. The various forces and moments to be considered are the factors which give rise to the vehicle's motion.

According to Reference 4, certain assumptions concerning the helicopter's motions and references will have to be made in order to establish the ground rules for further analysis and also to simplify the systems of equations that will arise.

Assumption 1: The helicopter is a rigid body.

A rigid body is one in which motions between individual mass elements that make up the body do not occur. In this way, distances between specified joints in the helicopter's fuselage remain fixed. Thus no bending or twisting of the fuselage is considered as the helicopter moves through space.

This assumption allows the helicopter's motion through space to be described as the rectilinear motion of the center of mass of the aircraft and by the curvilinear motion of the same point. In reality, the fuselage does bend and twist to a certain degree in flight. The dynamics of the structure are changed when these aeroelastic effects are considered. The aeroelastic effects serve to greatly increase the degrees of freedom that must be considered when analyzing the equations.
of motion. A rigid body will be assumed here since aeroelasticity is beyond the purpose of this paper and consequently the solution to generated problems will not be overly complicated.

Assumption 2: The earth is considered to be flat and is fixed in space.

This assumption is made to negate any minor corrections that may otherwise have to be made for the gravity constant or for a moving inertial reference frame. Negligible error is introduced by this assumption since the altitudes, air speeds, and time lengths under consideration are small.

Assumption 3: The helicopter is assumed to be in a trimmed level flight condition, or in a hover. Small perturbations in the helicopter's motion are then considered.

This assumption allows the linearizing of normally nonlinear responses by considering only small increments of motion. Simplification of the required equations used to solve for the helicopter's motion is the result. While the analyses will be performed for very small changes in motion, the results can be extended to larger motions without very much loss in accuracy.

Other mathematical benefits arising from this assumption include the small angle approximations for sine and cosine:

(1) \( \sin \alpha = \alpha \)

(2) \( \cos \alpha = 1 \)

where \( \alpha \) is measured in radians, and the fact that the power of any small increment can be ignored when compared to the original: \( \varepsilon^2 \approx 0 \) when \( \varepsilon \) is small.
Assumption 4: The helicopter is trimmed in steady, level flight and the longitudinal forces and moments due to lateral perturbations from trim are negligible.

This assumption discounts any initial angular velocities in roll or yaw \((P_0, R_0)\) and any initial lateral velocity \((V_0)\). Furthermore, any lateral perturbations that do arise will not affect the longitudinal response of the aircraft. This last statement is important since the longitudinal and lateral equations of motion are thereby decoupled.

Assumption 5: The X-Z plane is a plane of symmetry.

This is usually the case for most flight vehicles. Although this is not true for many helicopters, very little error is introduced into the final equations of motion when this assumption is made. With symmetry and with Assumption 4 considered all rolling moments, yawing moments, and side forces are reduced to zero. Consequently the longitudinal equations of motion can be described by just three equations: those dealing with longitudinal and vertical forces and with the pitching moment.

Combining these five assumptions makes it possible to describe the helicopter's motion with just six equations. This is so because the assumptions allowed many additional degrees of freedom to be dropped from consideration. Consequently, three force equations and three moment equations are used to describe the helicopter's motion.

Note in particular Assumption 4. Since the longitudinal and lateral-directional motions are now decoupled, only those forces and moments which affect the longitudinal motions of the helicopter need be considered. These turn out to be the X and Z forces and the M moment.
1. **Three Force Equations**

Since forces act in straight lines, it is very convenient to resolve the components of given forces acting on the helicopter along the X, Y, and Z axes. Only external forces on the aircraft will be considered. Internal forces must necessarily be opposed by other internal forces such that the sum total of all the internal forces on the helicopter's fuselage is zero. While internal forces may play an important part in airframe structural considerations, they play no part in the analysis of the helicopter's motions. The external forces that will be considered arise from three principal sources: gravity forces, inertia forces, and aerodynamic forces.

2. **Three Moment Equations**

The same principles that were used for the determination of the three force equations are also used for moments. Here, however, instead of the X, Y, and Z axes acting as directions along which forces are measured, the axes act as lines around which the moments turn. Nomenclature of the moments will be briefly reviewed:

- **L-Moment**: Rotates about the X-axis; positive is right wing down.
- **M-Moment**: Rotates about the Y-axis; positive is nose up.
- **N-Moment**: Rotates about the Z-axis; positive is nose right.

3. **Expansion of Forces and Moments**

The equations for the generalized aerodynamic forces and moments acting on an aircraft have commonly been written in the form

\[ A = C_A \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \]  

(2-36)
where \( A \) stands for any desired force or moment, \( C_A \) is a nondimensional coefficient, \( \rho \) is air density, \( V \) is the steady-state velocity of the vehicle, and \( S \) is the surface area. It can be seen by this equation that the aerodynamic forces and moments generated on the helicopter are dependent upon the density of the air through which the vehicle is flying and also the velocity of the aircraft relative to the air.

The nondimensional coefficients, \( C_A \), are also dependent on Reynolds and Mach numbers, angles of attack and sideslip, and linear and angular velocity and their derivatives. If the aerodynamic forces are considered to be continuous functions of all these variables, each of the forces and moments (\( X, Y, Z \) and \( L, M, N \) respectively) can be expressed in terms of the variables by expanding the terms in a Taylor series [Ref. 4].

A Taylor series for the effect of forward velocity changes has the form:

\[
F = F_0 + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \Delta u + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial u^2} \frac{\Delta u^2}{2!} + \frac{\partial^3 F}{\partial u^3} \frac{\Delta u^3}{3!} + \ldots
\]

(2-37)

All partial derivative terms starting with the second derivative are higher-order terms and can be neglected by means of Assumption 3 in the previous section without changing the accuracy of the solution. This will help to simplify the equation by eliminating many terms which serve to complicate the problem but contribute very little to the value of the final solution.

The force expression is now reduced to one showing the initial trim condition and all changes to the force resulting from the first partial derivative of force with respect to major variables and their derivatives when applicable.
\[ F = F_0 + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \Delta u + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \Delta z + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta} \Delta \theta + \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} \Delta v + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{z}} \Delta \dot{z} + \ldots \]  

(2-38)

Since the change in force from a steady flight condition due to perturbations is desired and not the total force, the trim force can be subtracted from both sides of the equation. The result is:

\[ \Delta F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \Delta u + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \Delta z + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta} \Delta \theta + \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} \Delta v + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{z}} \Delta \dot{z} + \ldots \]  

(2-39)
III. CALCULATION OF THE STABILITY DERIVATIVES

Probably the most limiting factor of expanding the helicopter's utility to a multi-mission role has been its relatively slow cruise speed. Therefore much emphasis has been directed in recent years towards increasing the maximum forward flight velocity of helicopters. The stability response of helicopters in hover and in slow flight can generally be classified as one consisting of two heavily damped roots and a divergent oscillatory motion. These characteristics can (and usually do) change as the aircraft increases its forward speed.

Even though the response of a helicopter in a hover is generally known, its response at high forward flight velocities cannot accurately be predicted. Therefore, the engineer must be able to calculate the stability derivatives for the aircraft in question and at the proper flight condition (altitude and airspeed) so that he may solve for the helicopter's modes of response. The equations and procedures presented in this chapter outline how the calculation of those stability derivatives are carried out. The charts used for this procedure apply to the regime of high forward flight velocity with an advance ratio of 0.3 or greater.

A. TYPES AND USES

Both dimensional and non-dimensional stability derivatives are used for the solution of problems dealing with aircraft stability and control.
Each type derivative has certain useful properties. By using non-dimensional derivatives, the stability characteristics of aircraft can be compared regardless of size.

Non-dimensional derivatives are concerned with force and moment coefficients and with non-dimensional velocity and time. The real advantage to using non-dimensional stability derivatives occurs when comparing the stability values between different sizes of the same aircraft, for example comparing data obtained from a one-tenth scale model in a wind tunnel with data expected or obtained from flight tests of the full scale aircraft. This capability of non-dimensional derivatives to allow the comparison of data in this manner makes possible the prediction of stability characteristics of aircraft based on tests performed on scale models. It is immediately apparent that this is an economical benefit when the alternative is to perform all tests and development on full scale aircraft.

Dimensional derivatives are good for measuring direct forces and moments of the aircraft. The use of dimensional stability derivatives lead directly to numerical coefficients in the sets of simultaneous differential equations describing the real time dynamics of the airframe. By analyzing the dynamic response numbers thus obtained, the helicopter's stability characteristics can be ascertained. Once this is known, the amount of control necessary to reach the desired flying qualities can be added.

Care should be taken when comparing the values of stability derivatives received from different sources. It is important to note that
both dimensional and non-dimensional derivatives are widely used throughout the industry and that different methods may be used to non-dimensionalize or normalize the derivatives for a particular aircraft.

Thus if the values of the stability derivatives for a given aircraft from one source are found to differ from those values received from another source, the most likely cause for the difference is that a different system of non-dimensionalizing or normalizing the derivatives has been used by each source.

It should be noted that one common method used for dimensional derivatives is to normalize the force derivatives by the mass of the aircraft and the moment derivatives by the aircraft's moment of inertia about the pitching axis. This method is used here.

In this chapter the procedures will be outlined for calculating the stability derivatives $X_u$, $X_w$, $Z_u$, $Z_w$, $M_u$, $M_w$, and $M_q$. These derivatives are needed to solve the stability determinant which will yield the modes of motion of the helicopter. These procedures are presented in more detail in [Ref. 5].

Initially, certain geometric data must be known about the helicopter. The forward flight velocity at which the stability condition will be evaluated must also be chosen, and the trim condition of the helicopter computed. Since the aerodynamic forces which act on the helicopter are dependent on flight velocity, the trim condition and subsequent stability derivatives will be different for each velocity evaluated.

After the trim conditions of the helicopter are found at the desired airspeed, the isolated derivatives are determined and corrected for main rotor solidity to yield the local derivatives. From these, the total derivatives may be calculated.
B. DEFINITION OF TERMS

The following definitions will be used:

\[ a \] = Lift curve slope of the rotor blade
\[ a_0 \] = Blade coning angle (radians)
\[ a_1 \] = Longitudinal flapping angle (radians)
\[ AR \] = Aspect ratio
\[ A_{XFUS} \] = Fuselage frontal area (sq ft)
\[ A_{ZFUS} \] = Fuselage planform area (sq ft)
\[ b \] = Number of rotor blades
\[ b_1 \] = Lateral flapping angle (radians)
\[ c \] = Blade chord (ft)
\[ C_{D0} \] = Profile drag coefficient
\[ C_D \] = Drag coefficient = \( D/\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 S \)
\[ C_D' \] = Drag coefficient of the main rotor = \( D/T.F. \)
\[ C_L \] = Lift coefficient = \( L/\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 S \)
\[ C_L' \] = Lift coefficient of the main rotor = \( L/T.F. \)
\[ C_Q \] = Rotor torque coefficient = \( Q/T.F. R \)
\[ D \] = Aerodynamic drag force (lbs)
\[ e \] = Blade hinge offset
\[ I_b \] = Blade moment of inertia about flapping hinge (slug-sq ft)
\[ I_Y \] = Aircraft moment of inertia about the pitching axis
\[ K \] = Downwash interference factor
L = Aerodynamic lift force (lbs)

Lx = Longitudinal moment arm, positive when the point of application of the force vector is forward from the C.G. position (ft)

Lz = Normal (vertical) moment arm, positive when the point of application of the force vector is below the C.G. position (ft)

M = Pitching moment of an aircraft component (ft-lb)

Mu, Mw, Mq = Pitching moment total derivatives

Ms = First moment of blade mass about the flapping hinge (slug-ft)

Mt = Mach number of advancing blade tip

Q = Rotor torque (ft-lbs)

q0 = Dynamic pressure = \( \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \) (lb/sq ft)

R = Rotor radius (ft)

S = Area of an aerodynamic surface (sq ft)

T = Rotor thrust (lbs)

T.F. = Thrust factor = \( p \pi R^2 \Omega R^2 \) (lbs)

Vo = Steady state or trim value of velocity (ft/sec)

Vs = Velocity of sound in standard atmosphere (ft/sec)

W = Aircraft gross weight (lbs)

X = Longitudinal force along the body X-axis (lbs)

Xu, Xw = Total stability derivatives of the longitudinal X-force

Z = Normal force along the body Z-axis (lbs)

Zu, Zw = Total stability derivatives of the normal Z-force

\( \alpha \) = Remote wind angle of attack relative to body X-axis (radians)

\( \alpha_c \) = Rotor angle of attack (radians)

Y = Lock Inertia number = \( \frac{p acR^4}{I_b} \)

\( \varepsilon \) = Downwash interference angle (radians)
\[ \lambda = \frac{V_0 \sin \alpha_c - V_i}{\Omega R} \]
\[ \mu = \frac{V_0 \cos \alpha_c}{\Omega R} \]
\[ \rho = \text{Air density (slug/cu ft)} \]
\[ \sigma = \text{Rotor solidity} = \frac{b c}{\pi R} \]
\[ \Omega = \text{Rotor angular velocity (radians/second)} \]
\[ \theta = \text{Blade twist (radians)} \]
\[ \theta_{.75} = \text{Blade section pitch angle at .75 radius (radians)} \]

**SUBSCRIPTS**

- **F** = Pertaining to the front rotor
- **FUS** = Pertaining to the fuselage
- **T** = Pertaining to the horizontal tailplane
- **TR** = Pertaining to the tail rotor.

The following procedures give a step-by-step approach that can be followed to find the desired total stability derivatives. The calculation of the stability derivatives is nothing more than an accounting of the forces and moments acting on the aircraft. Because of the number of calculations involved and the interaction of many different components, however, the calculation procedure is necessarily a lengthy one.

### C. HELICOPTER DATA

Information about the physical layout of the helicopter must be available before the computations can begin. The following must be known:
a, b, c, l, R, \Omega, W, I_d, I_y, M_S, A_X, A_Z

\((C_D)_T, (AR)_T, S_T, a_T\)

Because of the high aspect ratio of a helicopter blade, the lift curve slope of the blade, \(a\), can generally be taken as 5.73 per radian. Establish the altitude and flight speed, \(V_0\), at which the derivatives are desired to be known. The altitude will determine the atmospheric density. For sea level, \(\rho = .002377\) slugs/cu ft.

Knowing the above, the following parameters can be calculated:

\(\sigma, \mu, M_T, V_S, q_0, T.F., Rotor Tip Speed\)

D. CALCULATION OF HELICOPTER TRIM VALUES

First approximations of the fuselage lift and drag coefficients are determined with the assumption that \(\alpha_{FUS} = 0\). \(C_L\) and \(C_D\) will be recalculated when more precise information is known about \(\alpha_{FUS}\). A theoretical or experimentally obtained graph of \(C_{L_{FUS}}, C_{D_{FUS}}\) and \(C_{M_{FUS}}\) versus \(\alpha_{FUS}\) is needed to begin the computation. Figure 10.1-3 [Ref. 5] is an example of such a graph.

The first approximation of fuselage lift and drag will be made using the coefficients just obtained.

\[L_{FUS} = C_{L_{FUS}} q_0 A_{z_{FUS}}\] (3-1)

\[D_{FUS} = C_{D_{FUS}} q_0 A_{x_{FUS}}\] (3-2)
The initial estimate of main rotor lift and drag forces can now be made.

\[ L = W - L_{\text{FUS}} \quad (3-3) \]

\[ D = -D_{\text{FUS}} \quad (3-4) \]

The rotor lift and drag coefficients are non-dimensional and are obtained by dividing main rotor lift by the thrust factor. Both are normalized by rotor solidity.

\[ \left( \frac{C_{L}'}{\sigma} \right) = \frac{L}{T.F. \sigma} \quad (3-5) \]

\[ \left( \frac{C_{D}'}{\sigma} \right) = \frac{D}{T.F. \sigma} \quad (3-6) \]

Reference 6 contains theoretical rotor data performance charts for hinged rectangular planform blades of various degrees of twist. Different charts are used for the variables of blade twist, tip speed ratio and advancing tip mach number. All charts are based on a rotor solidity of 0.1. Corrections must be made if the rotor solidity of the helicopter under evaluation varies from 0.1. The charts are entered knowing:

\[ \frac{C_{D}'}{\sigma} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{C_{L}'}{\sigma} \quad \text{to find} \quad \frac{C_{Q}}{\sigma}, \quad a_{t}, \quad a_{c} \quad \text{and} \quad 0.75. \]

\[ \Delta \sigma = \sigma - 0.1 \quad (3-7) \]

\[ \left( \frac{C_{L}'}{\sigma} \right)_{0.1} = \frac{C_{L}'}{\sigma} \quad (3-8) \]

\[ \left( \frac{C_{D}'}{\sigma} \right)_{0.1} = \frac{C_{D}'}{\sigma} - \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2 \mu^{2}} \left( \frac{C_{L}'}{\sigma} \right)^{2} \quad (3-9) \]

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The above two quantities, \( \left( \frac{C_L'}{\sigma} \right)_{0.1} \) and \( \left( \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} \right)_{1} \), together with the known or calculated quantities blade twist angle, \( \Theta \), main rotor tip speed ratio, \( \mu \), and mach number of the advancing blade tip, \( M_T \), are needed to use the charts in [Ref. 5]. These charts will yield an approximation of the following main rotor trim parameters:

1. \( \alpha_c \) Rotor angle of attack
2. \( a_0 \) Blade coning angle
3. \( a_1 \) Longitudinal flapping angle
4. \( b_1 \) Lateral flapping angle
5. \( \Theta \cdot 0.75 \) Blade section pitch angle at .75 radians
6. \( \lambda \) Inflow ratio
7. \( \frac{C_Q}{\sigma} \) Coefficient of rotor torque = \( \frac{Q}{T.F.R} \)

The angle of attack of the main rotor, \( \alpha_c \), and the rotor torque, \( Q \), may now be calculated in the following manner:

\[
\alpha_c = (\alpha_c)_{0.1} + \frac{\lambda}{2\mu^2} \left( \frac{C_L'}{\sigma} \right) \quad (3-10)
\]

\[
Q = \frac{C_Q}{\sigma} (T.F.) \sigma R \quad (3-11)
\]

Interference effects can exist when the downwash created by one aerodynamic component affects the performance of another aerodynamic component. These effects can be described as changes in the local angle of attack and the local velocity. Changes in the local velocity are
usually small, however, and will not be considered here. The local
angle of attack can be expressed by the following equation:

\[ \alpha_{\text{LOCAL}} = \alpha + i - \varepsilon \]  
(3-12)

where \( \alpha \) is the remote wind angle of attack with respect to the X-axis

\( i \) is the geometric inclination of the aerodynamic component being
evaluated with respect to the X-axis

\( \varepsilon \) is the aerodynamic interference angle.

For helicopters, aerodynamic interference is produced mainly by the
main rotor downwash. The downwash velocity of a rotor varies with time
as well as position and the result is an exceedingly complicated situa-
tion to evaluate. Fortunately, measurements of lift and drag for a
single rotor helicopter as reported in Reference 5 show that inter-
ference effects between the main rotor and fuselage and the main rotor
and horizontal tail are negligible.

The interference between the front and rear rotors of a tandem rotor
configuration is more significant. Tandem rotors will not be evaluated
here, however, Reference 5 contains charts and procedures for calcu-
ling this interference effect.

The downwash interference angles, \( \varepsilon \), are usually small. They can be
calculated using equation (3-13).

\[ \varepsilon_{\text{FUS}} = \varepsilon_{T} = \varepsilon_{\text{TR}} = K \left( \tan \alpha - \frac{\Delta}{\mu} \right) \]  
(3-13)

where \( K \) is the rotor interference factor and is usually equal to 1.0 for
single rotor aircraft.
The above calculations have revealed additional information about the trim condition of the helicopter. A second approximation of the fuselage trim angle of attack can now be made. First a mathematical relationship is obtained between \( \alpha_{FUS} \) and \( C_{M_{FUS}} \). This information is then plotted against experimental data for the same two factors. The intersection of the two curves will yield the trim value for \( \alpha_{FUS} \).

Use equation (3-14) to find the relation between \( \alpha_{FUS} \) and \( C_{M_{FUS}} \).

\[
\alpha_{FUS} = \frac{ebq^{2}M_{S}}{2} \left( a_{1} + \alpha_{C} - i \right) + q_{0} \left[ (1) \frac{S \alpha (i - \epsilon)}{T} \right] - \left( (1) \frac{D + l_{Z} L_{T}}{q_{0} \left( 1 \frac{S \alpha}{T} \right)} \right) + \frac{C_{M_{FUS}}}{q_{0} A_{X_{FUS}}} \left( \frac{1_{X} F_{US}}{q_{0} \left( \frac{1_{X} S \alpha}{T} \right)} \right) - C_{FUS} \]  
(3-14)

The only two unknowns in equation (3-14) are \( \alpha_{FUS} \) and \( C_{M_{FUS}} \). The result will be that some constant times \( C_{M_{FUS}} \) will equal \( \alpha_{FUS} \). Plot this against the experimental data for the values such as shown in Figure 10.1-11 [Ref. 5]. The intersection of the two lines will be the new approximation of \( \alpha_{FUS} \).

The recently obtained value of \( \alpha_{FUS} \) can be used to gain a second approximation of \( C_{L_{FUS}} \), \( C_{D_{FUS}} \), \( C_{N_{FUS}} \), and \( C_{M_{FUS}} \) by using the \( M_{FUS} \) vs. \( \alpha_{FUS} \) figure again.

A refined approximation of the fuselage forces can be gained by using equations (3-1) and (3-2). The fuselage pitching moment can be calculated from equation (3-15).
\[ M_{FUS} = C_{M_{FUS}} q_0 A_{X_{FUS}} l_{FUS} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3-15)

**Tail Rotor Calculations**

The yawing moment of the fuselage is calculated next.

\[ N_{FUS} = C_{N_{FUS}} q_0 A_{X_{FUS}} l_{FUS} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3-16)

The tail rotor thrust must be equal to the yaw moments produced by the main rotor and the fuselage. Thus:

\[ T_{TR} = \frac{N_{FUS} + Q_F}{X_{TR}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3-17)

The coefficient of tail rotor thrust can now be obtained.

\[ \left( \frac{C_L'}{\sigma} \right)_{TR} = \left[ \frac{T}{(T.F.)\sigma} \right]_{TR} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3-18)

Knowing the values of \( \theta \), \( T_{TR} \), \( \mu_{TR} \), and \( M_{TR} \) (calculated previously) plus \( \frac{C_L'}{\sigma} \) \( TR \) and assuming \( \alpha_{cTR} = 0 \), use the appropriate charts in [Ref. 5] to find:

\[ \left[ \left( \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} \right)_{TR} \right] 0.1 , \left( \frac{C_Q'}{\sigma} \right)_{TR} , \lambda_{TR} , (0.75)_{TR} \]

compute:

\[ \left( \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} \right)_{TR} = \left[ \left( \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} \right)_{0.1} + \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2\mu^2} \left( \frac{C_L'}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right]_{TR} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3-19)
The drag of the tail rotor can now be calculated:

\[ D_{TR} = \left[ \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} \right]_{TR} (T.F.) \sigma \]  \tag{3-20}

The only tail rotor derivative needed is:

\[ \frac{\partial D_{TR}}{\partial u_{TR}} = \left( \frac{T.F. \sigma}{\Omega R} \right)_{TR} \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \mu} \right)_{TR} \]  \tag{3-20a}

The last term in equation (3-20a) is obtained from the appropriate chart of Reference 5 knowing \( \mu, M_T, \) and \( \left( \frac{C_L'}{\sigma} \right)_{TR} \).

The characteristics of the horizontal tail plane are determined from the following equations:

\[ \alpha = \alpha_{FUS} + \varepsilon_{FUS} \]  \tag{3-21}

\[ \alpha_T = \alpha + L_T - \varepsilon_T \]  \tag{3-22}

\[ C_{L_T} = a_T \alpha_T \]  \tag{3-23}

\[ C_{D_T} = \left( C_{D_0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR} \right)_T \]  \tag{3-24}

\[ L_T = C_{L_T} q_o S_T \]  \tag{3-25}

\[ D_T = C_{D_T} q_o S_T \]  \tag{3-26}
Forces are summed in the X and Z directions to obtain a new approximation of the main rotor lift and drag. The following equations are used:

\[ K_1 = W\alpha - L_{FUS} (\alpha - \epsilon_{FUS}) - L_T (\alpha - \epsilon_T) + D_{FUS} + D_T + D_{TR} \]  
\[ K_2 = D_{FUS} (\alpha - \epsilon_{FUS}) + D_T (\alpha - \epsilon_T) + D_{TR} (\alpha - \epsilon_{TR}) + L_{FUS} + L_T - W \]

where \( K_1 \) represents the total drag being developed by the helicopter and \( K_2 \) represents the total lift.

The lift of the main rotor can now be approximated from the following two equations:

\[ L_F = K_1 \alpha - K_2 \] 
\[ D_F = \frac{L\alpha - K_1}{1 - \alpha^2} \]

The angle of attack used here is from equation (3-16).

Equations (3-5 through 3-9) are used to obtain better estimates for

\( \left( \frac{C_L'}{\sigma} \right), \left( \frac{C_L'}{\sigma} \right)_{0.1}, \left( \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} \right), \text{ and } \left( \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} \right)_{0.1} \)

The steps following equation (3-9) to equation (3-25) should be repeated until the trim values converge. This should only take one or two iterations. The result of the above calculations will yield the final trim values of the helicopter at one airspeed. These values are needed for the further calculation of the stability derivatives.
E. CALCULATION OF ROTOR ISOLATED DERIVATIVES

Isolated rotor derivatives are defined as those aerodynamic parameters for the rotor that change with respect to tip speed ratio, $\mu$, rotor angle of attack, $\alpha_c$, and blade section pitch angle at 0.75 radius, $\theta_{0.75}$. Theoretical values of these derivatives are plotted on charts and presented in Reference 5 as functions of $\sigma$, $\theta$, $\gamma$, and $\mu$.

These charts were derived for rotor solidity equal to 0.1. If the actual rotor solidity for the helicopter being evaluated differs from 0.1, then corrections should be made to the values obtained from these charts.

The parameters which must be corrected for solidity are those dealing with $\mu$ and $\alpha_c$. The correction factors and equations to use when correcting for solidity are listed below.

Solidity Corrections for $(\mu)$ Derivatives

\[
\frac{\partial (\frac{C_L'}{\sigma})}{\partial \mu} = K_1 \left\{ \frac{\partial (\frac{C_L'}{\sigma})}{\partial \mu} \right\}_{0.1}^\sigma + \frac{\Delta \sigma}{\mu^3} \left( \frac{\partial (\frac{C_L'}{\sigma})}{\partial \alpha_c} \right)_{0.1}
\]

(3-31)

where

\[
\Delta \sigma = \sigma - 0.1
\]

(3-32)

\[
K_1 = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta \alpha}{2\mu^2} \left( \frac{\partial (\frac{C_L'}{\sigma})}{\partial \alpha_c} \right)_{0.1}}
\]

(3-33)

$()_{0.1}$ - denotes stability derivatives for rotor solidity $\sigma = 0.1$. These values can be directly obtained from the charts of Section 7.5. in Reference 5.
\[
\frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \mu} = \left[ \frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \sigma} \right]_{0.1} + K_2 \left[ \frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \sigma_c} \right]_{0.1} - \left( \frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \sigma} \right)_{0.1} K_2 - \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2 \mu^2} \left[ \frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \mu} \right]
\]

(3-34)

where

\[
K_2 = \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2 \mu^2} \left[ \frac{2 \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\mu} - \frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_L^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \mu} \right]
\]

(3-35)

\[
\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \mu} = \left( \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \mu} \right)_{0.1} + K_2 \left( \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \sigma_c} \right)_{0.1}
\]

(3-36)

\[
\frac{\partial a}{\partial \mu} = \left( \frac{\partial a}{\partial \mu} \right)_{0.1} + K_2 \left( \frac{\partial a}{\partial \sigma_c} \right)_{0.1}
\]

(3-37)

**Solidity Corrections for \((a_c)\) Derivatives**

\[
\frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \sigma_c} = \left( \frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \sigma_c} \right)_{0.1}
\]

(3-38)

\[
\frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \sigma_c} = K_1 \left[ \frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_L^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \sigma_c} \right]_{0.1} + \frac{\Delta \sigma}{\mu^2} \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right) \left[ \frac{\partial \left( \frac{C_D^l}{\sigma} \right)}{\partial \sigma_c} \right]_{0.1}
\]

(3-39)

\[
\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \sigma_c} = K_1 \left( \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \sigma_c} \right)_{0.1}
\]

(3-40)

\[
\frac{\partial a}{\partial \sigma_c} = K_1 \left( \frac{\partial a}{\partial \sigma_c} \right)_{0.1}
\]

(3.41)

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Obtain the following \( \mu \) derivatives from Section 7.5 of [Ref. 5]:

\[
\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \mu}, \quad \frac{\partial a}{\partial \mu}, \quad \frac{C_L'}{\partial \sigma}, \quad \frac{C_D'}{\partial \sigma}
\]

and the \( \sigma \) derivatives:

\[
\frac{\partial C_L'}{\partial \sigma_c}, \quad \frac{\partial C_D'}{\partial \sigma_c}, \quad \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \sigma_c}, \quad \frac{\partial a}{\partial \sigma_c}
\]

F. CALCULATION OF THE LOCAL DERIVATIVES

Using the values obtained from the charts in Reference 5 and corrected for solidity, if necessary, calculate the following dimensional derivatives for the main rotor. These local derivatives are dimensional expressions of the change of local forces or moments of various components with respect to the local wind conditions.

\( \mu \) derivatives:

\[
\frac{\partial L_F}{\partial u_F} = \left[ \frac{(T.F.) \sigma}{\Omega R} \right] \left[ \frac{C_L'}{\partial \sigma} \right] \frac{1}{\text{lb-sec}} \quad \text{(3-42)}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial D_F}{\partial u_F} = \left[ \frac{(T.F.) \sigma}{\Omega R} \right] \left[ \frac{C_D'}{\partial \sigma} \right] \frac{1}{\text{lb-sec}} \quad \text{(3-43)}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial a_{1F}}{\partial u_F} = \left[ \frac{1}{\Omega R} \right] \left[ \frac{\partial a}{\partial \mu} \right] \frac{\text{rad-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad \text{(3-44)}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial M_{hubF}}{\partial u_F} = \left[ \frac{eb \Omega M_s}{2} \right] \left[ \frac{\partial a_{1F}}{\partial u_F} \right] \frac{1}{\text{lb-sec}} \quad \text{(3-45)}
\]
\[ \frac{\partial L_F}{\partial \alpha_F} = \left[ (T.F.) \sigma \right] \left[ \frac{\partial (C_L')}{\partial \alpha_c} \right] \text{ lb/rad} \quad (3-46) \]

\[ \frac{\partial D_F}{\partial \alpha_F} = \left[ (T.F.) \sigma \right] \left[ \frac{\partial C_D'}{\partial \alpha_c} \right] \text{ lb/rad} \quad (3-47) \]

\[ \frac{\partial M_{HUB_F}}{\partial \alpha_F} = \left[ \frac{eb^2 M_s}{2} \right] \left[ \frac{\partial \alpha_f}{\partial \alpha_c} \right] \text{ lb-ft rad} \quad (3-48) \]

\[ \frac{\partial a_{1F}}{\partial q_F} = - \left[ \frac{34}{\gamma(1.883 - \mu^2)} \right] \frac{1}{\text{sec}} \quad (3-49) \]

The isolated derivatives for the fuselage are found next. Using the figure referred to in Section D and the trim values for the fuselage, determine:

\[ \frac{\partial C_{L_{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} \quad \frac{\partial C_{D_{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} \quad \frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} \]

These values are used next to compute the local derivatives of the fuselage. These are dimensional derivatives.

\[ \frac{\partial L_{FUS}}{\partial u_{FUS}} = \frac{2}{V_0} L_{FUS} \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad (3-50) \]

\[ \frac{\partial D_{FUS}}{\partial u_{FUS}} = \frac{2}{V_0} D_{FUS} \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad (3-51) \]

\[ \frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial u_{FUS}} = \frac{2}{V_0} M_{FUS} \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad (3-52) \]
The derivatives for the horizontal tail are obtained using the charts and procedures in Reference 7. Determination of the local derivatives for the horizontal tail can be made using the following equations:

\[ \frac{\partial L_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} = q_0 A_{z_{FUS}} \left( \frac{\partial C_{L_{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} \right) \frac{lb}{rad} \quad (3-53) \]

\[ \frac{\partial D_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} = q_0 A_{x_{FUS}} \left( \frac{\partial C_{D_{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} \right) \frac{lb}{rad} \quad (3-54) \]

\[ \frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} = q_0 A_{x_{FUS}} \left( \frac{\partial C_{M_{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} \right) \frac{lb-ft}{rad} \quad (3-55) \]

**u derivatives:**

\[ \frac{\partial L_T}{\partial u_T} = \frac{2}{V_0} L_T \frac{lb-sec}{ft} \quad (3-56) \]

\[ \frac{\partial D_T}{\partial u_T} = \frac{2}{V_0} D_T \frac{lb-sec}{ft} \quad (3-57) \]

**\(\alpha\) derivatives:**

\[ \frac{\partial L_T}{\partial \alpha_T} = q_0 \alpha_T S_T \frac{lb}{rad} \quad (3-58) \]

\[ \frac{\partial D_T}{\partial \alpha_T} = \frac{2 L_T}{\pi (AR)_T} \alpha_T \frac{lb}{rad} \quad (3-59) \]
G. CALCULATION OF THE TOTAL STABILITY DERIVATIVES

The total stability derivatives can finally be determined. The calculations are based on the isolated and local derivatives found in the previous sections.

Some angular derivatives needed for the calculation of the total stability derivatives are as follows:

\[
\frac{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial \alpha_T}{\partial \alpha} = 1 - K_{FT} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \alpha_c}\right) \quad (3-60)
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial \alpha_T}{\partial u} = - \frac{K_{FT}}{V_0} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} - \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \mu}\right) \quad (3-61)
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u} = - K_{RF} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} - \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \mu}\right) \quad (3-62)
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \alpha_F}{\partial u} = 1 - K_{RF} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \alpha_c}\right) \quad (3-63)
\]

The X-Force Derivatives

\[(a) \quad X_u (X_u)_F + (X_u)_{\text{FUS}} + (X_u)_T \quad (3-64)\]

where

\[(X_u)_F = \frac{\partial L_F}{\partial u_F} \alpha - \frac{\partial D_F}{\partial u_F} \quad (3-65)\]

\[(X_u)_{\text{FUS}} = \frac{\partial L_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial u_{\text{FUS}}} (\alpha - \varepsilon_{\text{FUS}}) - \frac{\partial D_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial u_{\text{FUS}}} \]

\[+ \frac{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial u} \left[\frac{\partial L_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}} (\alpha - \varepsilon_{\text{FUS}}) - \frac{\partial D_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}} \right] \quad (3-66)\]

\[(X_u)_T = \frac{\partial L_T}{\partial u_T} (\alpha - \varepsilon_T) - \frac{\partial D_T}{\partial u_T} \frac{\partial \alpha_T}{\partial u} \left[\frac{\partial L_T}{\partial \alpha_T} (\alpha - \varepsilon_T) - \frac{\partial D_T}{\partial \alpha_T} \right] \quad (3-67)\]
(b) \[ X_w = (X_w)^F + (X_w)^{FUS} + (X_w)^T \] (3-68)

where

\[
(X_w)^F = \frac{1}{V_0} \left( \frac{\partial L_F}{\partial \alpha} \alpha - \frac{\partial D_F}{\partial \alpha} + L_F \right)
\] (3-69)

\[
(X_w)^{FUS} = \frac{1}{V_0} \left( \frac{\partial \alpha_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{\partial L_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} + D_{FUS} \right) (\alpha - \epsilon_{FUS}) - \frac{\partial D_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} L_{FUS} \right]
\] (3-70)

\[
(X_w)^T = \frac{1}{V_0} \left( \frac{\partial \alpha_T}{\partial \alpha} \right) \left[ \frac{\partial L_T}{\partial \alpha_T} (\alpha - \epsilon_T) - \frac{\partial D_T}{\partial \alpha_T} + L_T \right]
\] (3-71)

The Z-Force Derivatives

(a) \[ Z_u = (Z_u)^F + (Z_u)^{FUS} + (Z_u)^T \] (3-72)

where

\[ (Z_u)^F = \left( \frac{\partial L_F}{\partial \alpha_u} \alpha + \frac{\partial D_F}{\partial \alpha_u} \right) \] (3-73)

\[ (Z_u)^{FUS} = \left[ \frac{\partial L_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} + \frac{\partial D_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} (\alpha - \epsilon_{FUS}) \right] \]

\[
- \frac{\partial \alpha_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_u} \left[ \frac{\partial L_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} + \frac{\partial D_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} (\alpha - \epsilon_{FUS}) + D_{FUS} \right]
\] (3-74)

\[ (Z_u)^T = \left[ \frac{\partial L_T}{\partial \alpha_T} + \frac{\partial L_T}{\partial \alpha_T} \frac{\partial \alpha_T}{\partial \alpha_u} \right]
\] (3-75)
(b) \[ Z_w = (Z_w)_F + (Z_w)_FUS + (Z_w)_T \]  
where
\[ (Z_w)_F = - \frac{1}{V_0} \left( \frac{\partial L_F}{\partial \alpha_F} \right) \]  
\[ (Z_w)_FUS = - \frac{1}{V_0} \left( \frac{\partial L_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \alpha_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha} \right) \]  
\[ (Z_w)_T = - \frac{1}{V_0} \left( \frac{\partial L_T}{\partial \alpha_T} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \alpha_T}{\partial \alpha} \right) \]  

The Pitching Moment (M) Derivatives

(a) \[ M_u = (X_u)_F Z_F - (Z_u)_F X_F - (Z_u)_T X_T \]  
\[ + (X_u)_T Z_T - (Z_u)_T X_T + \frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial M_{HUB_F}}{\partial u} \]  
where
\[ (X_u)_T = - \left[ \frac{\partial D_T}{\partial u_T} + \frac{\partial \alpha_T}{\partial u} \left( \frac{\partial D_T}{\partial \alpha_T} \right) \right] \]  
\[ (Z_u)_T = - \left[ \frac{\partial D_T}{\partial u_T} - \frac{\partial \alpha_T}{\partial u} \left( \frac{\partial D_T}{\partial \alpha_T} \right) \right] (\alpha - \varepsilon_T) \]  

(b) \[ M_w = (X_w)_F Z_F - (Z_w)_F X_F - (Z_w)_T X_T \]  
\[ - (Z_w)_T X_T + \frac{1}{V_0} \left( \frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{\partial M_{HUB_F}}{\partial \alpha} \right) \]  

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where

\[(Z_w)_{TR} = -\frac{1}{V_0} D_{TR}\]  \hspace{1cm} (3-84)

\[M_q = Z_{w_T} l_{x_T}^2 - \frac{1}{2} Z_F \left( \frac{\partial a_{1F}}{\partial q} l_F + \frac{\partial M_{HUB_F}}{\partial q} \right)\]  \hspace{1cm} (3-85)

where

\[Z_{w_T} = -\frac{1}{V_0} \left( \frac{\partial L_T}{\partial \nu_T} \right)\]  \hspace{1cm} (3-86)
IV. SOLUTION OF THE CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION

In Chapter II it was shown that the longitudinal dynamics of the helicopter's motion could be described by three equations. These equations deal with forces in the X and Z directions and a moment, M, about the pitch axis. Knowing the stability derivatives, as outlined in Chapter III, the stage is set for determining the motions that characterize the helicopter's response to these forces and moments.

The procedure for obtaining the aircraft's modes of motion lies in a simultaneous solution to the three equations for longitudinal motion. A determinant is ideally suited for this purpose. What is sought is the aircraft's response to gravitational and aerodynamic forces and moments. Therefore, the stability derivatives are evaluated and the three equations set equal to zero and solved.

The determinant in question is derived from the two force equations and one moment equation that have been used for longitudinal dynamics. For the case of studying the helicopter's natural response (i.e., no forcing functions) the determinant is set equal to zero and the modes of motion are then found. If the helicopter's response to a given input is desired, then the determinant is set equal to that input (the forcing function) and solved. An example of such a forcing function is the step input of cyclic or collective movement.

The determinant derivation, from Reference 6, starts with the linearized equations of motion:
\[ \begin{align*}
\frac{w}{u} \dot{u} &= -w\theta \cos \tau + \Delta X \\
\frac{w}{u} \dot{w} - \frac{w}{\dot{u}} \dot{v} &= -w\theta \sin \tau + \Delta Z \\
\beta \ddot{\theta} &= \Delta M
\end{align*} \] (4-1, 4-2, 4-3)

\( \Delta X \) and \( \Delta Z \) are the forces arising from aerodynamics in disturbed flight and \( M \) is the aerodynamic moment in disturbed flight. \( \dot{\theta} = \dot{q} \).

It was shown in Chapter II that the changes in forces and moments arising from small disturbances could be written as Taylor series expansions. Thus a substitution for \( \Delta X \) can be made as,

\[ \Delta X = \frac{\partial X}{\partial u} u + \frac{\partial X}{\partial w} w + \frac{\partial X}{\partial q} q + \frac{\partial X}{\partial B_1} B_1 + \frac{\partial X}{\partial \theta_0} \theta_0 \] (4-4)

where \( B_1 \) and \( \theta_0 \) are cyclic and collective pitch control terms, respectively.

Using a shorthand notation of \( \frac{\partial X}{\partial t} = \xi_i \), equation (4-4) can be written as:

\[ \Delta X = X_u u + X_w w + X_q q + X_{B_1} B_1 + X_{\theta_0} \theta_0 \] (4-5)

The linearized equations (4-1), (4-2), and (4-3) can now be written as:

\[ \frac{w}{g} \dot{u} - X_u u - X_w w - X_q q + w\theta \cos \tau = X_{B_1} B_1 + X_{\theta_0} \theta_0 \] (4-6)

\[ -Z_u u + \frac{w}{g} \dot{w} - Z_w w - Z_q q - \frac{w}{g} \dot{v} + w\theta \sin \tau = Z_{B_1} B_1 + Z_{\theta_0} \theta_0 \] (4-7)

\[ -M_u u - M_w w - M_q q + B\theta - M_q q = M_{B_1} B_1 + M_{\theta_0} \theta_0 \] (4-8)
The resulting equations are linear ones with constant coefficients, and can be written in determinant form with Laplacian notation for compactness. With this notation $S$ represents $d(\ )/dt$. The resulting determinant is set equal to zero when the natural response of the aircraft is to be examined. ($B_1$ and $\theta_0$, the cyclic and collective pitch inputs = zero.) It should be noted that $Z_q$ is always equal to zero and that $M_w$ and $X_q$ are negligibly small so that the final form of the stability determinant is:

$$
\begin{vmatrix}
S - X_u & -X_w & w_c \cos \tau \\
-Z_u & S-Z_w & -V_s \\
-M_u & -M_w & S^2-M_q S \\
\end{vmatrix} = 0
$$

(4-9)

Note: $\tau$ is usually a small angle such that $\cos \tau = 1$. For compatibility of units, velocity must be in feet per second. To convert knots to FPS, multiply by 1.6889.

A. THE CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION

The results of the determinant generated in the above manner is called the characteristic equation and in general is a quartic equation. It will be shown that in a hover the characteristic equation is reduced to a cubic equation.

The characteristic equation has the following form:

$$AS^4 + BS^3 + CS^2 + DS + E = 0
$$

(4-10)

where the value of the coefficients, A thru E, are determined by the determinant cross-product.
Solving the characteristic equation will yield four roots. In classical fixed-wing aircraft longitudinal analysis, the solution actually yields two sets of complex roots. These sets of roots describe two sinusoidal motions of the aircraft which are distinguished from each other by their periods. The longer period motion is called the phugoid and the shorter period motion is called the short period.

The fixed-wing characteristic equation quartic can also be represented by the product of two quadratic equations. The coefficients of the two quadratic equations contain terms which define the damping ratio, $\zeta$, and the response frequency, $\omega$, of the modes of motion associated with the quadratic equations.

\[
A s^4 + B s^3 + C s^2 + D s + E = \left| s^2 + 2\zeta P w_p s + w_p^2 \right| \\
\left| s^2 + 2\zeta SP w_sp s + w_sp^2 \right| \quad (4-11)
\]

where the subscript $P$ defines that motion associated with the long period motion of the aircraft, or phugoid, and the subscript $SP$ is used to denote the short period motion.

The phugoid mode of motion is one in which the aircraft's angle of attack remains essentially constant while airspeed and altitude change as aircraft kinetic energy (airspeed) and potential energy (altitude) are exchanged until the aircraft's motion dampens out at trim airspeed (when the system is convergent) or until the aircraft departs controlled flight (if the phugoid has a divergent nature) (see Figure 4-1). The respective velocities and altitudes at points 1, 2, and 3 would be increasing or decreasing depending on whether the aircraft's oscillation was damped or divergent as shown in Figure 1-2.
Figure 4-1. Phugoid Response

For helicopters the period of the phugoid is typically long, on the order of 30 seconds while the short period mode of motion is a heavily damped one in which the aircraft's velocity remains constant. Since the short period is heavily damped, its period is typically on the order of one second.

The aircraft's resultant motion can be compared to a spring-mass-damper system which has two springs and two dampers. Keeping this in mind, $\zeta$, the damping ratio, is a measure of the amount of damping in the system. Insofar as the short period has a more heavily damped motion, it follows that the value of $\zeta_{SP}$ will be higher than that for $\zeta_p$. 
B. HELICOPTER RESPONSE IN A HOVER

Unfortunately, the helicopter's modal response cannot be given the same clear, consistent physical interpretation as that for a fixed-wing aircraft. One reason for this becomes immediately apparent when hovering flight is considered. For a conventional fixed-wing aircraft all phases of flight are conducted with some forward flight velocity. This is obviously not so with the helicopter.

Surprisingly, the characteristic equation for a helicopter in hover is a cubic equation, not a quartic. The reason for this is found by examining the Z-force equation in the determinant:

\[
\begin{vmatrix}
Z_u & S-Z_w & V_0S \\
\end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{4-12}
\]

\(V_0\) equals zero in a hover, and if \(Z_u\) equals zero for hovering flight (as it frequently does) the vertical motion is immediately decoupled from the pitching motions and fore and aft motions. As a result, the vertical motion is entirely dependent on \(Z_w\) and is usually a heavily damped subsidance motion since \(Z_w\) is usually a large negative number. The assertion that the vertical motion of the helicopter in a hover is very dependent on \(Z_w\) is borne out by the fact that a helicopter's vertical motion is known to be very responsive to vertical gusts of wind and to collective pitch inputs.

Once the solution to the Z-force equation is known \((S = Z_w)\), it can be removed from the determinant and the system of equations can then be reduced to a 2 X 2 determinant.
\[
\begin{vmatrix}
S-X_u & W \\
-M_u & S^2-M_q S
\end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{4-13}
\]

and the resulting characteristic equation will be a cubic:

\[
S^3 - (X_u + M_q) S^2 + X_u M_q S + M_u W = 0 \tag{4-14}
\]

The solution of the cubic equation will generally yield a negative real root and a positive complex root pair. The negative real root indicates a stable convergence and is principally due to pitch damping of the rotor whereas the positive pair of complex roots indicates unstable oscillation and is due to the coupling of the pitch and longitudinal velocity by the speed stability derivative \(M_u\).

For an articulated rotor, the real root (which indicates the short period mode) typically has a time to half amplitude of \(T_2 = 1\) to 2 seconds. The long period mode is represented by the oscillatory root and has a period of \(T = 10\) to 20 seconds and since it is a divergent motion, a time to double amplitude of \(T_2 = 3\) to 4 seconds (Ref. 10).

Although the phugoid motion is unstable, the period and time to double amplitude are sufficiently long for the pilot to observe the helicopter's reactions and make necessary control movements to maintain control of the aircraft.

Hingeless rotors have a higher degree of pitch damping than articulated rotors. This high degree of damping serves to greatly increase
the magnitude of the real root and it also increases the period and time to double amplitude of the oscillatory mode. For hingeless rotors the time to half amplitude is typically 0.2 to 0.5 seconds, while the oscillatory phugoid mode has a period of 10 to 20 seconds with a time to double amplitude of 10 to 15 seconds.

C. APPROXIMATION OF THE SHORT PERIOD DURING HOVER

The initial response of the helicopter to gusts is primarily that of vertical and pitch acceleration, with little longitudinal acceleration. Since this analysis assumes perturbations from steady, level flight, the longitudinal degree of freedom can be neglected in order to approximate the short period mode. (It should be noted that the short period mode is heavily damped and is characterized by near zero velocity change, so that the neglect of longitudinal acceleration is reasonable for this analysis.)

With this assumption, the stability determinant is reduced to:

\[
\begin{vmatrix}
-M_w & S-M_q \\
S-Z_w & -V \\
\end{vmatrix}
= 0 \quad (4-15)
\]

and the characteristic equation becomes:

\[
(S - M_q) (S-Z_w) - M_w V = 0 \quad (4-16)
\]

It has been explained that in hover the pitch and vertical motions decouple and the two solutions of the characteristic equations are:

\[
S = Z_w \quad \text{and} \quad S = M_q \quad (4-17)
\]
As a check on the validity of this assertion note the following comparison in Table 4-1 between stability derivatives and roots from the solution of the stability quartic for three different helicopters. The comparison shows generally good correlation.

**TABLE 4-1. Comparison**

<table>
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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>$Z_w$</th>
<th>$M_q$</th>
<th>ROOTS</th>
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<tr>
<td>BO-105</td>
<td>-0.3317</td>
<td>-3.3972</td>
<td>-0.331, -3.4521</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CH-53D</td>
<td>-0.298</td>
<td>-0.499</td>
<td>-0.2934, -0.8232</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OH-6</td>
<td>-0.3404</td>
<td>-1.7645</td>
<td>-0.3544, -1.8794</td>
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</table>

The helicopter has neutral static stability when disturbed by perturbations in pitch or roll. This is because no moments are generated directly by these motions to move the helicopter back to or away from its equilibrium position. However, the helicopter in hover does possess positive static stability when disturbed by longitudinal or lateral perturbations of wind velocity.

D. HELICOPTER RESPONSE IN FORWARD FLIGHT

As the helicopter departs hovering flight and transitions to forward flight, new forces come into existence which start to change the stability picture. These forces arise from the increasing dynamic pressure being built up on the aerodynamic surfaces of the helicopter. As a
result the dynamics of the helicopter in forward flight are different from those characteristics exhibited in hover. The forces and moments that act on the helicopter are contributed by the main rotor, tail rotor, fuselage and tail surface aerodynamics, and gravity.

A stability derivative that arises from forward flight is \( M_w \), the pitching moment due to angle of attack perturbation. This derivative is usually equal to zero for the hover condition. It has an unstabilizing effect on the helicopter's motion for the following reason: As the helicopter accelerates, the advancing blade experiences increased dynamic pressure. This increase in pressure results in a change in the blade angle of attack which produces a lateral moment on the rotor disc (toward the retreating blade). The moment thus generated is proportional to forward velocity. Because of the gyroscopic effect of the rotating disc, the tip path plane will respond to this moment after 90 degrees of movement. Therefore the rotor disc will be tilted aft. The angle of attack increase results in a pitch up moment of the aircraft which further increases the angle of attack on the rotor system. Therefore the dynamics of the rotor are a source of instability for the helicopter in forward flight.

To counter the angle of attack instability of the main rotor in forward flight, a horizontal tail can be incorporated on the helicopter. The forces and moments produced by the horizontal tail are proportional to forward velocity so that they are approximately zero in hover and increase with speed. The horizontal tail will have a stabilizing influence on the helicopter's motions in much the same way as a horizontal tail on a fixed-wing aircraft. Since the moments produced by both the
main rotor and horizontal tail are proportional to velocity, their relative contributions to stability are actually independent of speed.

As can be seen, $M_w$ is influenced by two opposing sources, an unstable contribution from the rotor and a stabilizing contribution from the horizontal tail. Without a horizontal tail, the dynamics of the helicopter in forward flight are characterized by two stable damped motions (from the negative real roots) and an unstable oscillatory mode (from a positive pair of complex roots). In this configuration the flying qualities are degraded due to the angle of attack instability.

The dynamics of the helicopter in forward flight can be changed by the addition of a large enough horizontal tail such that static stability is achieved. For the case of a large horizontal tail, the pitch and vertical real roots are transformed into two oscillatory roots with a short period and high damping. The latter motion is similar to that found in a fixed-wing aircraft.

In actual practice other considerations must be taken into account which may eclipse the goal of achieving fixed-wing-like dynamics in forward flight. One such limitation is that a horizontal tail which is large enough to counter the unstabilizing influences of the main rotor may simply be too large for weight or drag considerations. Another factor to consider is that tail effectiveness is reduced at low speeds due to interference with rotor and fuselage wakes. In spite of these problems it should be noted that almost all single rotor helicopters do have horizontal tail planes because of the improvement in flying qualities that the addition of this component provides.
E. APPROXIMATION OF THE SHORT PERIOD IN FORWARD FLIGHT

The assumptions made for the analysis of the short period motion in a hover are also valid for the approximation of the short period motion in forward flight. Of course the characteristic equation (4-15) is not solved so readily because of the $-M_wV$ term. In a hover this term went to zero, but in forward flight the characteristic equation must be solved.

$$(S - M_q)(S - Z_w) = M_wV \quad (4-18)$$

Typically, the short period motion of the helicopter is characterized by two negative real roots. This, of course, means that the short period is a stable motion and is heavily damped. Because of the action of the horizontal tail as explained above, certain helicopters do occasionally exhibit a stable oscillatory mode, more in keeping with fixed-wing dynamics.
V. INTERPRETATION OF THE STABILITY DERIVATIVES

It has been shown how the individual stability derivatives can be calculated knowing some basic data about the helicopter, and having access to theoretical charts relating aircraft performance and response parameters. An explanation of the characteristics of these derivatives and their effects on the helicopter's motion is now in order. To begin with it should be noted that since all airframe contributions are proportional to airspeed, the fuselage and horizontal tail forces will be equal to zero at zero flight velocity. This fact serves to simplify certain calculations for the hover condition.

A. \( X_u = \text{DRAG DAMPING} \)

This stability derivative acts as a damping force. It will be negative in sign. The interpretation of \( X_u \) is that it represents an increase in drag with an increase in forward flight velocity. Physically this is seen to be true because as forward speed increases the thrust vector (and the rotor disk) must be tilted more forward to overcome the effects of increased drag.

In relation to the dynamic motions, \( X_u \) has a weak effect on the phugoid, but one which tends to make the phugoid more stable.
B. $X_w = \text{DRAG DUE TO ANGLE OF ATTACK}$

$X_w$ can be interpreted as the change in drag on the aircraft which is brought about by change in angle of attack. It is usually of small value and does not have much influence on either the static or dynamic characteristics of stability.

$X_w$ is usually very small or zero for hovering flight. For the purposes of simplifying calculations, it can safely be assumed to equal zero for the hover condition.

C. $Z_u = \text{LIFT DUE TO VELOCITY}$

This stability derivative is always negative for fixed-wing aircraft and corresponds to increased lift at higher velocities. (Remember, the $Z$-axis is positive downward.) This is not so for helicopters, however. According to Reference 9, for helicopters $Z_u$ is negative at low speeds but positive at high speeds. This is not especially significant except at higher forward velocity where it might affect the dynamic divergence. $Z_u$ is usually small for an articulated rotor.

Like $X_w$, $Z_u$ can be assumed to be equal to zero for the hover condition and for the same reasons.

D. $Z_w = \text{VERTICAL DAMPING}$

$Z_w$ acts as a damping force in the same manner that $X_u$ does. It also is negative in sign and occurs because of the vertical motions of the aircraft. For a helicopter this is an important parameter, especially in a hover where it describes the response of the aircraft to vertical gusts. This stability derivative is nearly independent of airspeed for the helicopter whereas it is proportional to airspeed for fixed-wing aircraft.
E. \( M_U = \text{VELOCITY STABILITY} \)

This parameter describes the pitch tendencies of the aircraft with respect to speed changes. According to Reference 9, at hover and for very low speeds, most helicopter configurations have \( M_U \) positive. This leads to a positive stick gradient. A positive value for \( M_U \) could lead to oscillatory instability and it indicates the aircraft is sensitive to turbulence.

\( M_U \) changes sign at high forward flight velocities. Negative values of \( M_U \) lead to dynamic divergence.

F. \( M_W = \text{ANGLE OF ATTACK STABILITY} \)

\( M_W \) indicates the tendency of the aircraft to pitch up or down as angle of attack is increased. A negative value of \( M_W \) is stabilizing as it tends to return the aircraft to its previous position whereas a positive value would be divergent in nature. Most helicopters exhibit values of \( M_W \) that are neutral or positive. A positive value will lead to dynamic divergence in forward flight. Seckel claims that the center of gravity position can have an effect on the values of \( M_W \) and consequently on the resultant stability characteristics of the aircraft. If the fuselage and horizontal tail contributions are stable with respect to angle of attack, moving the center of gravity forward will make the aircraft more stable and aft less so. Conversely, if the fuselage and horizontal tail have destabilizing tendencies, then the opposite will occur.

According to Reference 10, \( M_W \) receives an unstable contribution from the rotor and fuselage and a stable contribution from the horizontal
tail. $M_w$ is the third stability derivative which can be assumed to be equal to zero for hover calculations with no loss of accuracy in the results.

G. $M_q$ = PITCH DAMPING

This derivative is negative and is a very important one for response to control deflection and dynamic stability. Most helicopters require some augmentation of this angular damping for good handling qualities. The numerical value of $M_q$ should be less than -0.5 [Ref. 9]. Values of -2.0 are better, but the degree of improvement decreases for values less than -2.0.
VI. ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

As can be seen from the sample problem, Appendix A, the stability characteristics of the helicopter under investigation consisted of a pair of damped oscillatory roots, a divergent real root, and a convergent real root. These characteristics differ from the low-speed response for the same helicopter. At advance ratios of 0.1 to 0.2 this aircraft's response was identical to that expected for helicopters in low speed flight, namely two heavily damped stable roots and a pair of divergent oscillatory roots. Thus, the stability characteristics of the helicopter have changed at high speed.

The resulting motion of the helicopter at high advance ratios cannot be accurately predicted, however, as can be seen from Table 6-1. This table shows the different response modes of five helicopters at various conditions of airspeed and center of gravity location. Some interesting observations can be made from this table.

The response of some helicopters may not change at all with airspeed. The CH-53D is an example of this. Data obtained from Reference 11 indicates the CH-53 retains the response mode characteristics associated with hovering flight out to at least 140 knots. Different responses are exhibited by other helicopters. The OH-6 has a typical hover response mode which changes into two damped real roots and a damped oscillatory motion prior to 100 knots. The BO-105 also changes from the hover response at forward speed but not until an airspeed greater than 100...
### TABLE 6-1. RESPONSE MODE COMPARISON

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<tr>
<th>AIRCRAFT</th>
<th>HOVER</th>
<th>100 KNOTS</th>
<th>140 KNOTS</th>
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<tr>
<td>CH-53D</td>
<td>0.1139 ± 0.4705</td>
<td>0.1648 ± 0.3097</td>
<td>0.2538 ± 0.2769</td>
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<td>-0.8232</td>
<td>-1.3822</td>
<td>-1.7994</td>
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<tr>
<td>OH-6</td>
<td>0.0516 ± 0.4658</td>
<td>-0.0192 ± 0.3186</td>
<td>-0.1027 ± 0.3729</td>
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<td>-1.8794</td>
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<tr>
<td>BO-105</td>
<td>0.0188 ± 0.4333</td>
<td>0.2709 ± 0.4673</td>
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<td>UH-1H</td>
<td>0.1685 ± 0.3535</td>
<td>(MID C.G.)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-0.4577 ± 0.1527</td>
<td>(AFT C.G.)</td>
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<td>0.0220 ± 0.2980</td>
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<td></td>
<td>-0.3720 ± 0.7592</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>AH-1G</td>
<td>0.1205 ± 0.2617</td>
<td>0.0389 ± 0.2666</td>
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<td></td>
<td>-0.4323 ± 0.1989</td>
<td>-0.7179 ± 0.6312</td>
<td>-0.442 ± 1.5398</td>
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knots and then the response is represented by four real roots, two convergent and two divergent.

Still other examples of stability can be seen with the UH-1H and the AH-1G. Both of these helicopters have stable oscillatory periods typical of the response of a fixed-wing airplane. Of interest here is the change in response with change in center of gravity position at 100 knots. Moving the center of gravity can have a profound effect of a helicopter. For both the UH-1H and the AH-1G, moving the center of gravity aft has a destabilizing influence.
APPENDIX A
SAMPLE PROBLEM

MAIN ROTOR

\[ R = 24 \text{ ft} \]
\[ \Omega = 29 \text{ rad/sec} \]
\[ b = 4 \]
\[ e = 0.5 \text{ ft} \]
\[ \theta_1 = -8^\circ \]

\[ c = 1.75 \text{ ft} \]
\[ a = 5.73/\text{rad} \]
\[ M_S = 85.4 \text{ slug-ft} \]
\[ I_b = 1200 \text{ slug-ft}^2 \]
\[ l_z = -6 \text{ ft} \]
\[ l_x = -10 \text{ ft} \]

FUSELAGE

\[ W = 10,000 \text{ lbs} \]
\[ I_y = 17,500 \text{ slug-ft}^2 \]
\[ l_{FUS} = 50 \text{ ft} \]

\[ A_X = 60 \text{ ft}^2 \]
\[ A_Z = 200 \text{ ft}^2 \]

TAIL ROTOR

\[ R = 4.6 \text{ ft} \]
\[ b = 4 \]
\[ c = 0.75 \text{ ft} \]
\[ \theta_1 = 0^\circ \]
\[ \Omega = 146.6 \text{ rad/sec} \]

\[ a_{TR} = 5.73/\text{rad} \]
\[ l_x = -30 \text{ ft} \]
\[ l_z = -6 \text{ ft} \]
\[ f = 0 \]
The helicopter's stability characteristics will be evaluated at $V_0 = 203$ FPS and at sea level. Using the data supplied for the helicopter, and the definitions listed in Chapter III or the program STAB from Appendix 8, the following values are determined:

\begin{align*}
\rho_{SL} &= 0.002378 \text{ slugs/ft}^3 \\
\sigma_0 &= 49.0 \text{ psi} \\
T.F. &= 2,084,504 \text{ lbs} \\
m &= 310.8 \text{ slugs} \\
\Omega R &= 696 \text{ fps} \\
\sigma_{TR} &= 0.207 \\
(V_{TIP})_{TR} &= 71,896 \\
(\Omega R)_{TR} &= 674 \text{ fps} \\
(M_{T})_{TR} &= 0.783 \\
\end{align*}

Use Figure A-1 to obtain values for $C_{L_{FUS}}$ and $C_{D_{FUS}}$ for $\alpha_{FUS} = 0$.

\begin{align*}
C_{L_{FUS}} &= -0.005 \\
C_{D_{FUS}} &= 0.16 \\
\end{align*}
Figure A-1. Fuselage Characteristics for the Sample Single Rotor Helicopter ($\beta_s = 0$)
Equations (3-1) and (3-2) yield the fuselage lift and drag:

\[ L_{FUS} = -49 \text{ lb} \quad D_{FUS} = 470.4 \text{ lb} \]

Main rotor lift and drag are obtained from equations (3-3) and (3-4).

\[ L_F = 10049 \text{ lb} \quad D_F = -470.4 \text{ lb} \]

The main rotor lift and drag coefficients are calculated from equations (3-5) and (3-6).

\[ \frac{C_{L}'}{\sigma} = 0.0473 \quad \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} = -0.0022 \]

Equations (3-7), (3-8), and (3-9) are used to correct these values if the main rotor solidity differs from 0.1.

\[ \Delta \sigma = -0.007 \quad \left( \frac{C_{L}'}{\sigma} \right)_{0.1} = 0.0473 \quad \left( \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} \right)_{0.1} = -0.0021 \]

Now use the appropriate charts in Reference 6 to obtain values for the following:

\[ a_1 = 0.0611 \text{ rad} \quad \sigma_c = -0.1222 \text{ rad} \]

\[ \frac{C_Q}{\sigma} = 0.0025 \quad \theta_{.75} = 5^\circ \]

Also use the charts in Section 5.3 of Reference 5 to obtain:

\[ \lambda = -0.045 \quad a_o = 2.3^\circ \]
The angle of attack of the main rotor and the main rotor torque are calculated from equations (3-10) and (3-11).

\[ \alpha_c = -0.1241 \text{ rad} \quad Q = 11632 \text{ ft-lb} \]

The downwash interference factors for this configuration are \( K_{FFUS} = K_{FT} = K_{FTR} = 1.0 \) and the downwash interference angles equal 0.0312 radians from equation (3-13).

A relation between \( \alpha_{FUS} \) and \( C_{MFUS} \) is needed to plot against the experimentally obtained fuselage pitching moment data. Equation (3-14) will yield:

\[ \alpha_{FUS} = -0.0164 + 0.5911C_{MFUS} \]

The point of intersection on Figure A-2 will yield the fuselage trim angle of attack, -2 degrees or -0.0349 radians. Using this value use Figure A-1 again to obtain the following new values for the parameters indicated:

\[ C_{LFUS} = -0.0065 \quad C_{MFUS} = -0.025 \]
\[ C_{DFUS} = 0.158 \quad C_{NFUS} = 0.007 \]

Use equations (3-1) and (3-2) to recalculate \( L_{FUS} \) and \( D_{FUS} \). Also use equations (3-15) and (3-16) to determine \( M_{FUS} \) and \( N_{FUS} \), respectively.

\[ L_{FUS} = -63.7 \text{ lb} \quad M_{FUS} = -3675 \text{ ft-lb} \]
\[ D_{FUS} = 464.5 \text{ lb} \quad N_{FUS} = 1029 \text{ ft-lb} \]
Figure A-2. Superposition of the Calculated and the Experimental Fuselage Pitching Moment Data
Using $N_{FUS}$ and $Q_F$ determine the tail rotor thrust and the tail rotor lift coefficient from equations (3-17) and (3-18).

$$T_{TR} = 422 \text{ lb}$$

$$\left(\frac{C_L}{\sigma}\right)_{TR} = 0.0293$$

Enter the charts in Reference 6 to obtain additional tail rotor parameters, knowing the tail rotor lift coefficient. Blade twist = 0, $\mu = 0.3$, and $M_T = 0.8$. Assume $\alpha_c = 0$.

$$\left[\frac{C_D'}{\sigma}\right]_{TR} = 0.0015$$

Equations (3-19) and (3-20) will yield a value for the drag of the tail rotor. $D_{TR} = 28.288$.

From the trim values obtained earlier and using equations (3-21) through (3-26) determine the following values for the horizontal tailplane.

$$\alpha = -0.0037 \text{ rad}$$

$$\alpha_T = -0.0349 \text{ rad}$$

$$C_{L_T} = -0.1396$$

Equations (3-27) through (3-30) will yield a better approximation of the main rotor lift and drag.

$$L_F = 10060 \text{ lbs}$$

$$D_F = -515.2 \text{ lbs}$$
Use equations (3-5) through (3-9) to obtain better estimates for the main rotor lift and drag coefficients. The final trim values of the helicopter are:

\[ \mu = 0.3 \quad \frac{C_L'}{\sigma} = 0.053 \]

\[ M_T = 0.8 \quad \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} = -0.0026 \]

\[ \sigma = 0.092 \quad L_F = 10060 \text{ lbs} \]

\[ \theta_1 = -8^\circ \quad D_F = -515.2 \text{ lbs} \]

\[ \theta_{.75} = -5^\circ \quad \lambda_F = -0.045 \]

The trim values for \( \frac{C_L'}{\sigma}, \frac{C_D'}{\sigma} \), and \( \theta_{.75} \) are used to enter the charts in Section 7.5 of Reference 5 to get the nondimensional isolated derivatives for the front rotor.

\[
\left[ \frac{\partial \frac{C_L'}{\sigma}}{\partial \mu} \right]_F = -0.02 \quad \left[ \frac{\partial \frac{C_D'}{\sigma}}{\partial \mu} \right]_F = 0.014
\]

\[
\left[ \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \mu} \right]_F = -0.05 \quad \left[ \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial \mu} \right]_F = 0.17
\]

\[
\left[ \frac{\partial \frac{C_L'}{\sigma}}{\partial \sigma_c} \right]_F = 0.38 \quad \left[ \frac{\partial \frac{C_D'}{\sigma}}{\partial \sigma_c} \right]_F = 0.07
\]
Using the isolated derivatives just obtained, the main rotor local derivatives can be calculated. Computation is done by equations (3-42) through (3-49). The following results will be obtained:

\[
\frac{\partial L_F}{\partial u_F} = -5.56 \text{ lb-sec/ft} \quad \frac{\partial L_F}{\partial \alpha_F} = 73666 \text{ lb/rad}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial D_F}{\partial u_F} = 3.89 \text{ lb-sec/ft} \quad \frac{\partial D_F}{\partial \alpha_F} = 13570 \text{ lb/rad}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \alpha_{IF}}{\partial u_F} = 0.000244 \text{ rad-sec/ft} \quad \frac{\partial \alpha_{IF}}{\partial \alpha_F} = 0.24
\]

\[
\frac{\partial M_{HUB}}{\partial u_F} = 17.54 \text{ lb-sec} \quad \frac{\partial M_{HUB}}{\partial \alpha_F} = 17237 \text{ lb-ft/rad}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \alpha_{IF}}{\partial \theta} = -0.09881
\]

Use Figure A-1 to obtain the partial derivative values of \(C_L\), \(C_D\), and \(C_M\) with respect to \(\alpha\) by obtaining the slope of the line at the trim value of \(\alpha_{FUS} \approx -0.0312\). The following values were obtained:
The fuselage local derivatives can now be calculated using equations (3-50) through (3-55). The following results will be obtained:

\[ \frac{\partial C_{L_{\text{FUS}}}}{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}} = 0.0005 \text{ degree} = 0.0287 \text{ radian} \]

\[ \frac{\partial C_{D_{\text{FUS}}}}{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}} = -0.0005 \text{ degree} = -0.0287 \text{ radian} \]

\[ \frac{\partial C_{M_{\text{FUS}}}}{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}} = 0.0058 \text{ degree} = 0.3323 \text{ radian} \]

Values for the horizontal tailplane derivatives are calculated using the previously obtained values for \( L_T \) and \( D_T \) and equations (3-56) through (3-59).

\[ \frac{\partial L_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial u_{\text{FUS}}} = -0.628 \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad \frac{\partial L_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}} = 280.8 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{rad}} \]

\[ \frac{\partial D_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial u_{\text{FUS}}} = 4.576 \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad \frac{\partial D_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}} = -84.23 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{rad}} \]

\[ \frac{\partial M_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial u_{\text{FUS}}} = -36.21 \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad \frac{\partial M_{\text{FUS}}}{\partial \alpha_{\text{FUS}}} = 48848 \frac{\text{lb-ft}}{\text{rad}} \]
The tail rotor derivative is obtained from equation (3-20a) and is

\[
\frac{\partial D_{TR}}{\partial u_{TR}} = 0.1545 \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}}
\]

\(K_{FT} = 1.0\) for this configuration and \(K_{RF} = 0\), therefore:

\[
\frac{\partial a_{FUS}}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial a_{T}}{\partial a} = 0.685 \quad \frac{\partial a}{\partial u} = 0
\]

\[
\frac{\partial a_{FUS}}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial a_{T}}{\partial u} = 0.000513 \quad \frac{\partial a_{F}}{\partial a} = 1.0
\]

Equations (3-64) through (3-85) are used to calculate the aircraft total stability derivatives. Alternatively, the computer programs in Appendix B will simplify this process. XUXW can be used to determine the X-force derivatives, ZUZW to find the Z-force derivatives, and MUWQ to find the pitching moment derivatives. Values obtained by either method are as follows:

\[
X_u = -8.6318 \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad M_j = -4.783 \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{ft}}
\]

\[
X_w = -19.075 \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad M_w = 307.32 \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{ft}}
\]

\[
Z_u = 4.344 \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}} \quad M_q = -17838.2 \frac{\text{sec-ft-lb}}{\text{rad}}
\]

\[
Z_w = -375.41 \frac{\text{lb-sec}}{\text{ft}}
\]
MUWQ incorporates some additional relations which must be known if equations (3-80) through (3-85) are being hand calculated.

\[
\frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial u_{FUS}} + \frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} \frac{\partial \alpha_{FUS}}{\partial u}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial M_{HUB}}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial M_{HUB}}{\partial u_{F}} + \frac{\partial M_{HUB}}{\partial \alpha_{F}} \frac{\partial \alpha_{F}}{\partial u}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial M_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha_{FUS}} \frac{\partial \alpha_{FUS}}{\partial \alpha}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial M_{HUB}}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial M_{HUB}}{\partial \alpha_{F}} \frac{\partial \alpha_{F}}{\partial \alpha}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial M_{HUB}}{\partial \alpha_{F}} = \frac{\partial M_{HUB}}{\partial \alpha_{F}} \frac{\partial \alpha_{F}}{\partial \alpha}
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\]

Divide the force derivatives by mass and the moment derivatives by pitching moment of inertia \(I_y\) to form the stability determinant equation (4-9).

\[
S + .0278 \quad 0.0614 \quad 32.2 \\
-0.014 \quad S + 1.2079 \quad -203 \quad S \\
0.0003 \quad -0.0176 \quad S^2 + 1.019 \quad S
\]

The characteristic equation will be:

\[
S^4 + 2.255 \quad S^3 - 2.2788 \quad S^3 - 0.0776 \quad S - 0.0037 = 0
\]
Solving the quartic equation will yield the following roots:

\[ 0.7843 \]
\[ -3.0049 \]
\[ -0.0172 \pm 0.0357 \]

Therefore this helicopter has the characteristics of a heavily damped root, a divergent motion, and a damped oscillatory motion.

The time to half amplitude of the damped root is:

\[ T_{1/2} = \frac{0.69}{|-3.0049|} = 0.23\, \text{sec.} \]

The time to double amplitude of the divergent root is:

\[ T_2 = \frac{0.69}{10.7843} = 0.88\, \text{sec.} \]

The time to half amplitude for the oscillatory mode is:

\[ T_{1/2} = \frac{0.69}{|-0.0172|} = 40.12\, \text{sec.} \]
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These computer programs are written for the HP-41 pocket calculator and are intended to help streamline the process of finding solutions to some of the problems generated by stability and control analysis. Input values should be stored as indicated. When prompted for an input value, the program will store that value in its proper storage register. When the program is executed, the output values will be labeled by alpha characters.

Worksheets are included as an aid to organize the input data for the programs and for the case of the program STAB for recording output data.

A. STAB will calculate many helicopter parameters needed for further calculations. Both main rotor and tail rotor data can be calculated. The equations solved for the output values are listed in the definitions section of Chapter III. Input values and their storage locations are shown in the worksheet for STAB. Space is provided on this worksheet to record the output values. Output values are labeled by alpha characters.

B. XUXW calculates the X-force total stability derivatives. Equations (3-64) through (3-71) are solved with this program. The results are displayed using alphanumerics and are also stored for use in other programs. See the worksheet for XUXW for the input parameters and their proper storage location.
C. ZUZW calculates the total stability derivatives for the Z-direction. Input data is the same as that for AUXW. Output data is listed by alphanumerics and is also stored for future use.

D. MUWQ calculates the total stability derivatives for the pitching moments $M_u$, $M_w$, and $M_q$. A worksheet with input parameters and proper storage locations is also provided for this program. Output data is labeled with alphanumerics.

E. CE finds the coefficients of the characteristic equation generated by the stability determinant, equation (4-9). The program prompts for the input values. It is important to note that the X and Z derivatives must be normalized by aircraft mass and the M derivatives must be normalized by $I_y$. Also, velocity must be input in units of feet per second. The output data will be the coefficients of the stability quartic, equation (4-9).
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