FLIGHT DYNAMIC STABILITY PREDICTION FOR AN AIRCRAFT IN TRANSONIC SEPARATED FLOW CONDITIONS WITH A LINEAR FREQUENCY DOMAIN SOLVER

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Intro Theory Results Conclusion



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Numerical Methods TAU

Ice Accretion

Data Driven Modeling

Adjoint Technique Frequency Domain solver

Interaction aerodynamic/ aeroelasticity

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MDAO Multidisciplinary Design Analysis and Optimisation

CODA Next Generation flow solver

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Why so difficult? Transonics and its traps

Transonic flow region linear - nonlinear

Shocks

Influence of viscosity (flow separation)

To reflect this flow phenomena, demand of certain numerical schemes: Navier-Stokes Eqn.

Accuracy





Problem reduction

Flight vehicle - Flight state





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Nonlinear equations of motion

Initial conditions Small perturbations Linearisation - Taylor series $x(t) = x_0 \sin(\omega t)$ Harmonic response Stability F(t) = 0

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= [x, y, x]^T, & \boldsymbol{\varphi} &= [\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\psi}]^T, \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{T}_{hb} \mathbf{U}, & \dot{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} &= \mathbf{R}_{bh}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\omega}_b, \\ \ddot{\mathbf{x}} &= \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{T}_{hb} \mathbf{W} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_b \times \mathbf{U}, & \ddot{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} &= \mathbf{I}^{-1} (\mathbf{M} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_b \times \mathbf{I} \boldsymbol{\omega}_b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}[\mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)] &= 0, \quad \mathbf{f}[\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}] = 0, \\ \mathbf{x}(t) &\approx \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t), \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &\approx \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} + \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}(t), \\ \mathbf{f}(t) &\approx \mathbf{f}[\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}] + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} = A\tilde{x}$$

Jacobian, state matrix A, exact symmetry x-z, longitudinal + lateral/directional





aerodynamic (U, α , β) body-fixed (u,v,w) $\mathbf{A}_{\log,b}' = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2\mu}C_{X_{u}} & \frac{1}{2\mu}C_{X_{w}} & \frac{1}{2\mu}C_{X_{q}} - \frac{\bar{w}}{U_{\infty}} & -\frac{1}{2\mu}C_{G}\cos\bar{\theta} \\ \frac{1}{2\mu}C_{Z_{u}} & \frac{1}{2\mu}C_{Z_{w}} & \frac{1}{2\mu}C_{Z_{q}} + \frac{\bar{u}}{U_{\infty}} & -\frac{1}{2\mu}C_{G}\cos\bar{\phi}\sin\bar{\theta} \\ \frac{1}{i_{yy}}C_{m_{u}} & \frac{1}{i_{yy}}C_{m_{w}} & \frac{1}{i_{yy}}C_{m_{q}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos\bar{\phi} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{\log,w}' \approx \mathbf{A$ trimmed state, second column: sin $\alpha = w/U$ trimmed state $\alpha \approx \beta \approx 0^{\circ}$, sin $\alpha \approx \alpha$, cos $\alpha \approx 1$ arbitrary flight orientation no simplification velocity components | $v \approx w \approx 0$. $\dot{v} \approx \dot{w} \approx 0$

$$\mathbf{A} - I\lambda = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = \mathbf{\sigma} \pm i\boldsymbol{\omega} \rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^{\mathbf{\sigma} t} \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega} t + \boldsymbol{\varphi})$$

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body-fixed (u,v,w)

 $\mathbf{A}'_{\mathrm{long},w} \approx$ $\begin{array}{l} \text{body-fixed (u,v,w)} \\ \begin{array}{c} A_{\log,b}^{i}=\\ \left[\frac{1}{2\mu}C_{x_{a}} \ \frac{1}{2\mu}C_{x_{a}} \ \frac{1}{2\mu}C_{x_$ 0 1 with: $\frac{1}{\phi} = 2\mu + C_{L_{\dot{\alpha}}}, \ a_{31} = \frac{1}{i_{1...}} \left(C_{m_U} - C_{m_{\dot{\alpha}}} \frac{C_{L_U}}{\phi} \right)$ trimmed state, second column: sin $\alpha = w/U$ $\alpha \approx \beta \approx 0^{\circ}$, sin $\alpha \approx \alpha$, cos $\alpha \approx 1$

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$\mu = \frac{2m}{\rho_{\infty} \, S \, l_{\mu}}$

 ϕ

U



Coupled motion



 $\mathbf{A}_{\text{lat/dir},w}^{\prime} \approx \left[\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{2\mu} C_{Y_{\beta}} & \frac{1}{2\mu} C_{Y_{p}} & \frac{1}{2\mu} C_{Y_{r}} - 1 & \frac{1}{2\mu} C_{G} \cos \bar{\theta} \\ \frac{1}{i_{D}} (i_{zz} C_{l_{\beta}} + i_{xz} C_{n_{\beta}}) & \frac{1}{i_{D}} (i_{zz} C_{l_{p}} + i_{xz} C_{n_{p}}) & \frac{1}{i_{D}} (i_{zz} C_{l_{r}} + i_{xz} C_{n_{r}}) & 0 \\ \frac{1}{i_{D}} (i_{xz} C_{l_{\beta}} + i_{xx} C_{n_{\beta}}) & \frac{1}{i_{D}} (i_{xz} C_{l_{p}} + i_{xx} C_{n_{p}}) & \frac{1}{i_{D}} (i_{xz} C_{l_{r}} + i_{xx} C_{n_{r}}) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

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LFD

URANS-based - RANS properties remain

Small perturbations Excitation independent

Solved in the frequency domain for one frequency

High resolution of aircraft remains



Small perturbation approach, periodic motion, harmonic response

$$W(t) - \overline{W} = \widetilde{W}(t) \approx \text{Real}(\widehat{W}e^{i\omega t})$$
 W ... conservative flow state vector
 $x(t) - \overline{x} = \widetilde{x}(t) \approx \text{Real}(\widehat{x}e^{i\omega t})$ X ... grid-node vector

Semi-discrete URANS (Spalart-Allmaras one equation turbulence model)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}(MW)}{\mathrm{d}t} + R(W, x, \dot{x}) = 0$$

Consistent linearisation - complex-valued linear system of equations

$$\left[i\omega\overline{M} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial W}\right]\widehat{W} = -\left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} + i\omega\left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{x}} + \overline{W}\frac{\partial M}{\partial x}\right)\right]\widehat{x} \quad \to \quad \mathbf{A}\widehat{W} = b$$

Solution scheme: Direct solver, ILU-preconditioner, Krylov-GMRes



Ax = b





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Analytic derivation Consistency, R = 0 (RANS) Dimension nodes x nodes → quadratic increase









Turbulence model - Spalart-Allmaras

Importance of Linearisation of Turbulence Model NACA 64A010, M=0.8, Re=12.5 mill., α=0/2 deg



Why so important?
One-equation Spalart-Allmaras
Attached flow, α = 0 deg
Partly separated flow, α = 2 deg
FEVA - Frozen Eddy Viscosity Approach



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FEVA - unacceptable

















DLR







CT5











Phase lag / lead - Dynamically linear / non-linear



Pitch FRF CT5/CT9

































Flight stability prediction DLR-F12 subsonic case





Full scale DLR-F12

Parameter	value				
l_{μ} (MAC)	7.2705 m (0.252 625 m)				
scale	28.78				
S	$367.87 \mathrm{m^2} (0.444 \mathrm{14 m^2})$				
m	$193\mathrm{t}$				
I_{xx}	$1.50 imes 10^7 \mathrm{kg} \mathrm{m}^2$				
I_{yy}	$2.02 imes10^7\mathrm{kg}\mathrm{m}^2$				
I_{zz}	$3.46 imes 10^7 \mathrm{kg} \mathrm{m}^2$				
I_{xz}	$-7.70 imes 10^5{ m kg}{ m m}^2$				
$\mathbf{x}_{c.g.}$	[30.18, 0.0, -0.87] m ([1.049, 0.0, -0.030] m)				
$x_{\text{LE-MAC}}$	27.0 m (0.9381 m)				

Parameter space DLR-F12

Parameter	value/range				
f [Hz]	[(0.0), 0.15, 0.3, 0.8, 1.5, 3.0, 8.0, 15.0, 33.0]				
$ar{lpha} [ext{deg}]$	[0, 3, 6]				
U_{∞}	$70{ m ms^{-1}}$				
$ ho_{\infty}$	$1.225{ m kg}{ m m}^{-3}$				
p_{∞}	$101325\mathrm{Pa}$				
T_{∞}	$288.15\mathrm{K}$				
$\mu = \frac{2m}{\rho_{\infty}Sl_{\mu}}$	118.2				
I_{ref}	$21651\mathrm{kg}\mathrm{m}^2$				



LFD (filled) - VLM (lucent, M. Hepperle) M = 0.206, Re = 1.28 m., $\alpha = \beta = 0^{\circ}$ Trimmed case Five typical aircraft modes

Longitudinal

Short period mode Phugoid (viscosity) 2nd order time response

Lateral/Directional

Dutch roll mode 2nd order time response

Roll mode Spiral mode 1st order time response







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Comparison between wind and body-fixed Deviation from

Oscillation frequency almost inherent Wind

PH, DR: Damping deviates Body-fixed

> PH: Accurate C_{Xu} and C_{Zu} DR: Coupling of roll-yaw



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Comparison between body-fixed projection and body-fixed

Scalar treatment - Pendulum Approach

PH: Similar results DR: Projection - C_{Iv} and C_{nr} are similar to values of VLM and thus smaller in magnitude Projection shifts EV entirely into unstable region





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Method	CPUs	# sim.	t/sim. [hours]	$t_{\rm tot}$ [days]	
RANS	72	19 x 5	12.1	48	
LFD	72 (120)	$19 \ge 5 \ge 48^1$	1.67	pprox 318 (191)	
URANS (estimate	d)				
$M_\infty = 0.70 - 0.85$	72	8 x 5 x 48	$pprox 77^2$	6160	
$M_{\infty} = 0.86 - 0.90$	72	5 x 5 x 48	$pprox 96^3$	4813	
$M_\infty=0.91-0.96$	72	6 x 5 x 48	$pprox 116^4$	6960	
\sum URANS				17933	
ζ_{CPU}					≈ 56

¹ 19 Mach numbers, 5 angles of attack, 48: 8 frequencies x 6 motions

² 300 pseudo time iter., 3W, 80 steps/period, 4 periods

³ 1000 pseudo time iter., sg, 80 steps/period, 5 periods

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RANS simulations are neglected URANS/LFD

All LFD simulations converged

URANS simulations are estimated

Time reduction URANS / LFD: **about 60** Effective time:

RANS/LFD about 1 year RANS/URANS about 60 years







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Viscosity/Turbulence

Game changer whenever separation appears





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Description in principal axes

Most accurate - Lagrangian equation of motion





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Further applications of small disturbance RANS-based LFD method

Control circuits - Frequency response functions/modulation Control surfaces - ailerons, rudder, elevator, Air load alleviation - Active flow control - Actuation jet velocity Optimisation including Stability & Control MDO - air loads (LFD - ROM) - Uncertainty quantification





The end result of a well executed spiral dive

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