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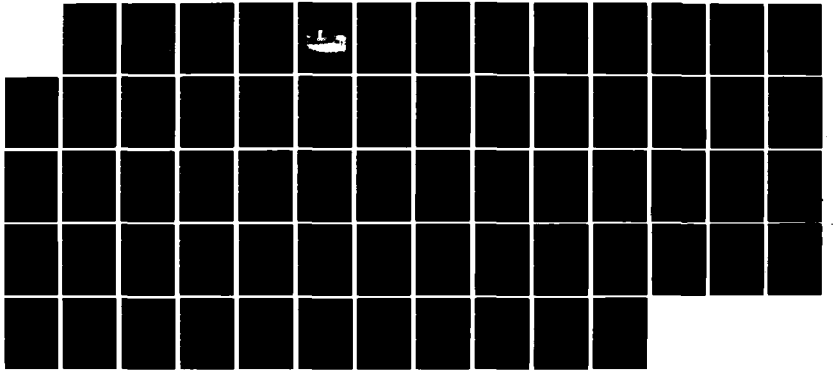

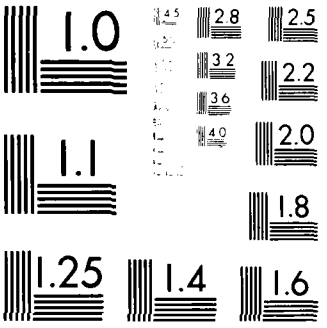

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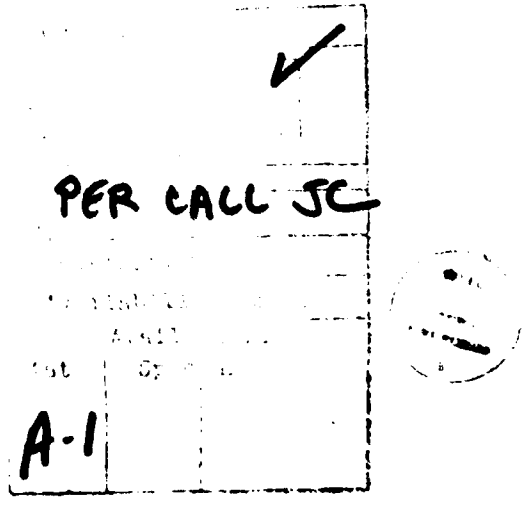

FLIGHT CONTROL SYSTEM DESIGN FOR A COMPUTER CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT WITH LIMITED SENSORS

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Abstract

A complete flight control system for a small computer controlled aircraft was designed using only yaw rate, heading, lateral load factor, airspeed, altitude, and rate of climb feedback. This multi-input multi-output control problem was done using the classical root locus technique on a linearized system model. The performance of the flight control system was then checked using a 12 degree-of-freedom nonlinear simulation. The simulation results revealed surprisingly good performance, considering the limitation on sensors.

I. Introduction

The Department of Electrical Engineering at the United States Air Force Academy is attempting, through one of its senior design courses, to design, build, and fly a computer controlled aircraft. The Department of Aeronautics was asked to help design the flight control system to be implemented by the on-board digital computer. The project involved building and testing a wind tunnel model of the aircraft to determine its aerodynamic characteristics, performing mass tests on the actual aircraft to determine inertia characteristics, developing a 12 degree-of-freedom nonlinear aircraft simulation program, and designing the actual flight control system. This report describes only the last task.

II. Aircraft Description

The aircraft acquired by the Electrical Engineering Department is an off the shelf hobby radio controlled airplane called the "Big Stick" sold by Hobby Shack in kit form. This particular aircraft was chosen for its large size and docile handling qualities. The aircraft is

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configured for normal radio controlled operation to allow for initial testing, manual backup/overide for safety, and manual takeofts and landings. The aircraft is propeller powered by a 2.5 brake horsepower (BHP) two-stroke-cycle gasoline Quadra 35 engine. The aircraft (see Fig. 1) has a wingspan of 8.73 feet. The estimated weight with full fuel and computer on board is 30 pounds. The tricycle landing gear configuration, as shown in the picture, was later modified to conventional (tail wheel) for structural reasons and to facilitate operation on grass.

Figure 1. The Big Stick Airplane

The aircraft is controlled by conventional ailerons, rudder, elevator, and throttle. Drawings for the .122 scale wind tunnel model are contained in Appendix A.

III. The Control Problem

The purpose of the flight control system is to make the aircraft fly an arbitrarily specified (and not necessarily straight) path given continuous information on the current state of the aircraft through a limited number of sensors. The design of the flight control system was formulated as a multi-input multi-output feedback control problem. The actual parameters to be controlled were specified as altitude (h), airspeed (V), and heading (ψ).

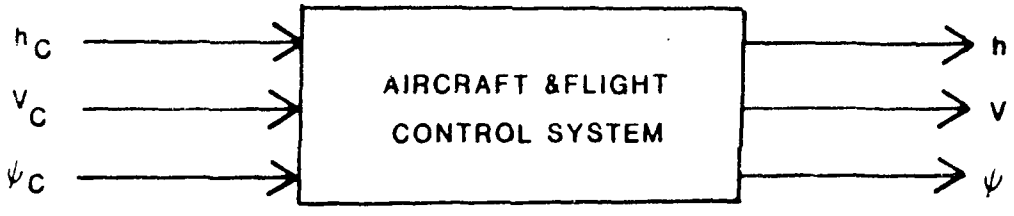

Figure 2. The Control Problem

Referring to Figure 2, the control problem can be visualized as one of driving the values of h, V, and ψ to those of h_c, V_c, and ψ_c, respectively, where c denotes the commanded value.

The flight control system makes inputs to the aircraft by adjusting the settings or deflections of the elevator (δ_e), throttle (δ_t), ailerons (δ_a), and rudder (δ_r). These control settings depend on these sensor measurements, which contain information about the actual state of the aircraft, and the commanded values of altitude, airspeed, and heading. This process is depicted in Figure 3.

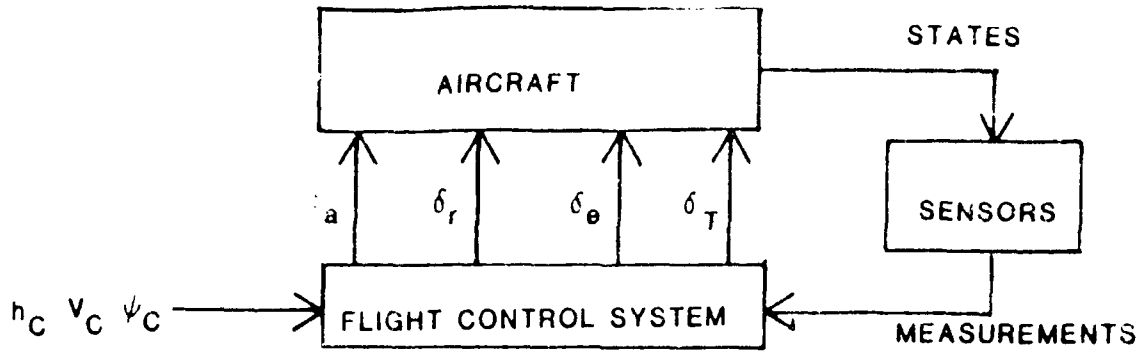

Figure 3. Control Process

The control system design problem, stated simply, was to find an algorithm to convert the commands and sensor measurements into the proper control settings to make the aircraft fly according to the commands.

Due to cost constraints, the sensors available for the project were limited to a yaw rate gyro, a lateral accelerometer, a heading indicator, an altimeter, and an airspeed meter. This is a very limited set of measurements considering the job required; therefore, it was feared that design of a satisfactory control system might prove impossible. For instance, note that there are no position gyros. This means that the control system is required to roll the aircraft in and out of turns with no feedback whatsoever as to the bank angle of the aircraft. Almost all three-axis autopilots in use today have position gyros for yaw, pitch, and roll angle measurements.

For design purposes, the measurements available to the flight control system were:

n_y lateral load factor

r yaw rate

ψ heading

h altitude

V airspeed

$\dot{h}$ rate of climb (to be derived by numerically differentiating h)

IV. Design Procedure

"Classical" control theory methods (LaPlace tranforms and root loci) were used in the design of this control system as opposed to "modern" optimal control techniques (although the state-space matrix representation was borrowed from modern theory).

Two important simplifications were made and carried throughout the entire design procedure. The first was that the control system was continuous instead of discrete. (Recall that the control system is to be implemented by a digital computer.) This assumption is not too unreasonable provided the cycle time of the computer is quite a bit faster than the aircraft response. The second simplification was that of perfect sensors. This means that the measurements of the aircraft's state provided to the control system are true and uncorrupted by noise. This simplification may or may not be valid, depending on the quality of the sensors. As is the case in many feedback control design problems, the sensors were of minor concern during the design process, but their performance will make or break the flight control system when it is implemented in the actual aircraft.

The design procedure consisted of four major steps:

1. Determining the control system structure
2. Formulating the complete system linear model
3. Selecting the control system gains
4. Checking the control system performance in a nonlinear simulation.

A. Control System Structure

The control system structure or framework was arrived at by paralleling the way a pilot flys an aircraft in instrument conditions without attitude information. (This type of flying is referred to as "needle, ball, and airspeed" flying and is normally only done as an emergency procedure following an attitude indicator failure.) The structure is shown in the block diagram in Figure 4.

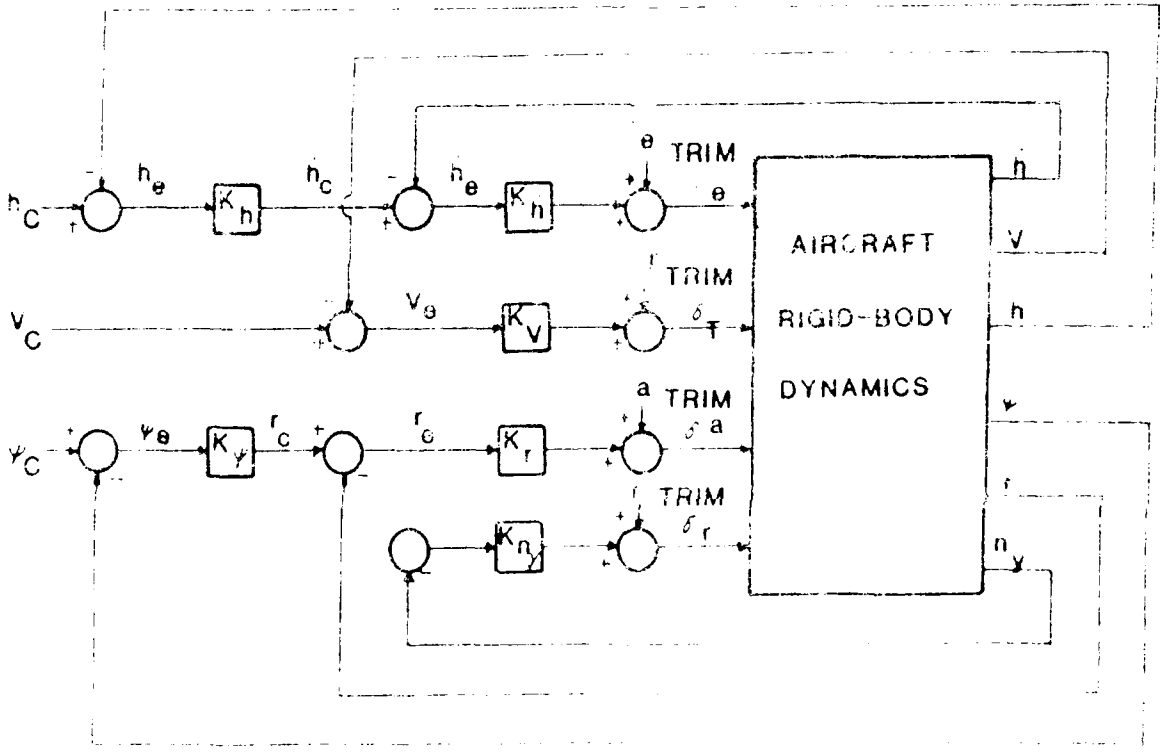

Figure 4. Flight Control System Structure (Basic)

In the block diagram of Figure 4 the [illegible] are the [illegible] inputs to the [illegible] by the gains, K_h, K_V, and [illegible]. The circles represent summing points that either add or subtract the [illegible] signals. The [illegible] are the [illegible] trim values. The [illegible] between the

commanded value and the actual value. The trim control values were added to allow the control system to operate relative to some reference steady-state condition and also to allow for compensation of items impossible to account for in the math model, such as wing warp, propeller torque, etc.

To see how the system works, let's look at the aileron (ζ_a) control loop which is driven by heading (ψ). Suppose ψ_c is 015 degrees (.262 rad.) but the actual heading, ψ, is 0 degrees or north. ψ_e then is .262 rad. This will result in a commanded yaw rate (r_c) of $\psi_e \times K_\psi$ rad/s. If the aircraft currently has zero yaw rate, r_e will also be $\psi_e \times K_\psi$ rad/s. From the diagram, ζ_a will now be $r_e \times K_r$ more than $\zeta_{a_{trim}}$. This will cause the aircraft to bank to the right and develop a positive yaw rate. As r approaches r_c, r_e gradually decreases and the aileron deflection is reduced. The aircraft is now turning. As ψ approaches ψ_c, r_c decreases and r_e goes negative. This deflects the ailerons in the opposite direction to gradually roll the aircraft out as ψ_c is approached. It is instructive to note that r is not exactly equal to the rate of change of ψ. However, it is close for small bank angles. The same situation exists for the pilot flying manually, with the same factors. The rudder is used [illegible] that is, to [illegible]

modification consists of feeding the yaw rate back through the rudder to damp out the yaw oscillations. The washout component is a high pass filter that prevents the rudder from ignoring the commanded yaw rate. Although the yaw damper gain K_{YD} was included in the following analyses, the washout filter was not.

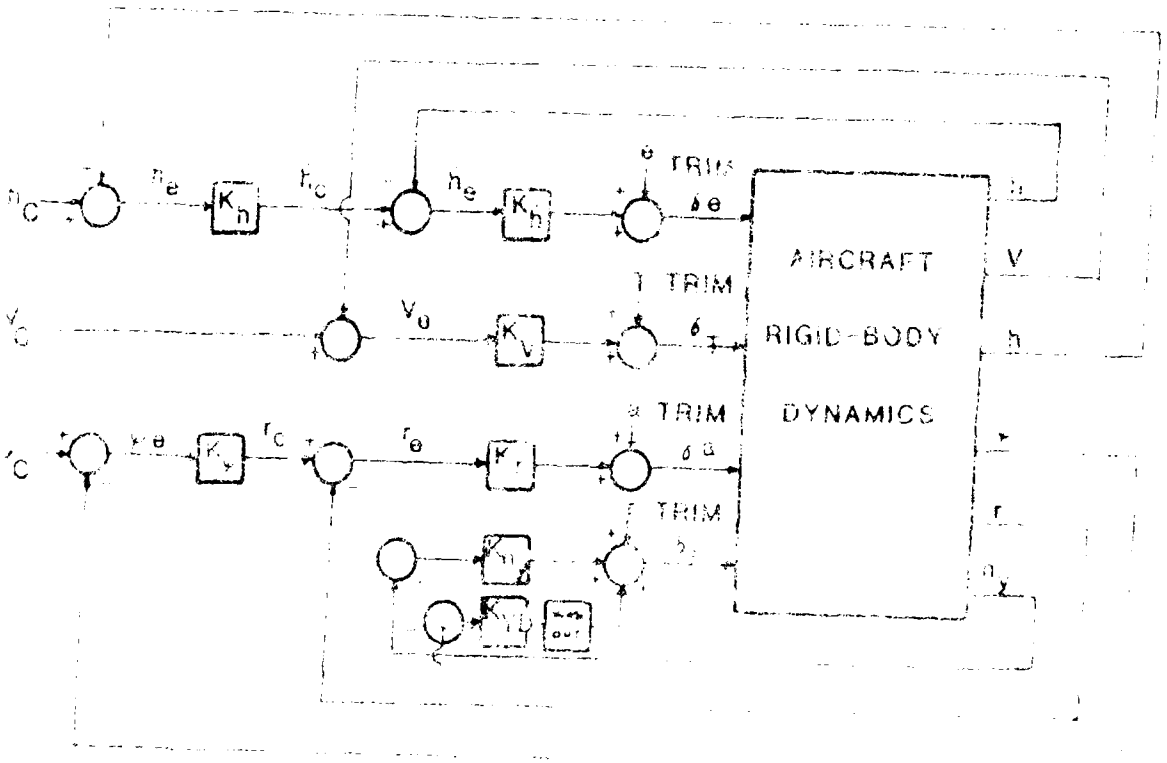

Figure 5. Flight Control System Structure (Modified)

wind tunnel testing conducted in the Air Force Academy's low speed wind tunnel by Cadet First Class Charles E. Myers and Daniel A. Draeger [illegible] DATCOM estimation methods contained in reference 5. The required mass data was obtained by Cadet First Class Thomas A. O'Berg through inertia testing of the actual aircraft. All of the aircraft data used are listed in Appendix B. The actual aircraft model is assembled in Appendix C.

The resulting equations of motion were linearized about a [illegible] condition of straight and level at 7500 feet, standard atmosphere and an airspeed of 73.33 ft/s (50mph). The usual two [illegible] state equations were obtained and are listed

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{w} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & 0 \\ [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & 0 \\ [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] \\ [illegible] & [illegible] & 1 & [illegible] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ w \\ q \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -.2033 \\ 0 \\ [illegible] \\ [illegible] \end{bmatrix} \delta_T$$

[illegible] pitch angle change from steady-state in rad.

[illegible] change in velocity component along longitudinal axis in ft/s

[illegible] angle of attack change in rad.

[illegible] change from steady-state in ft.

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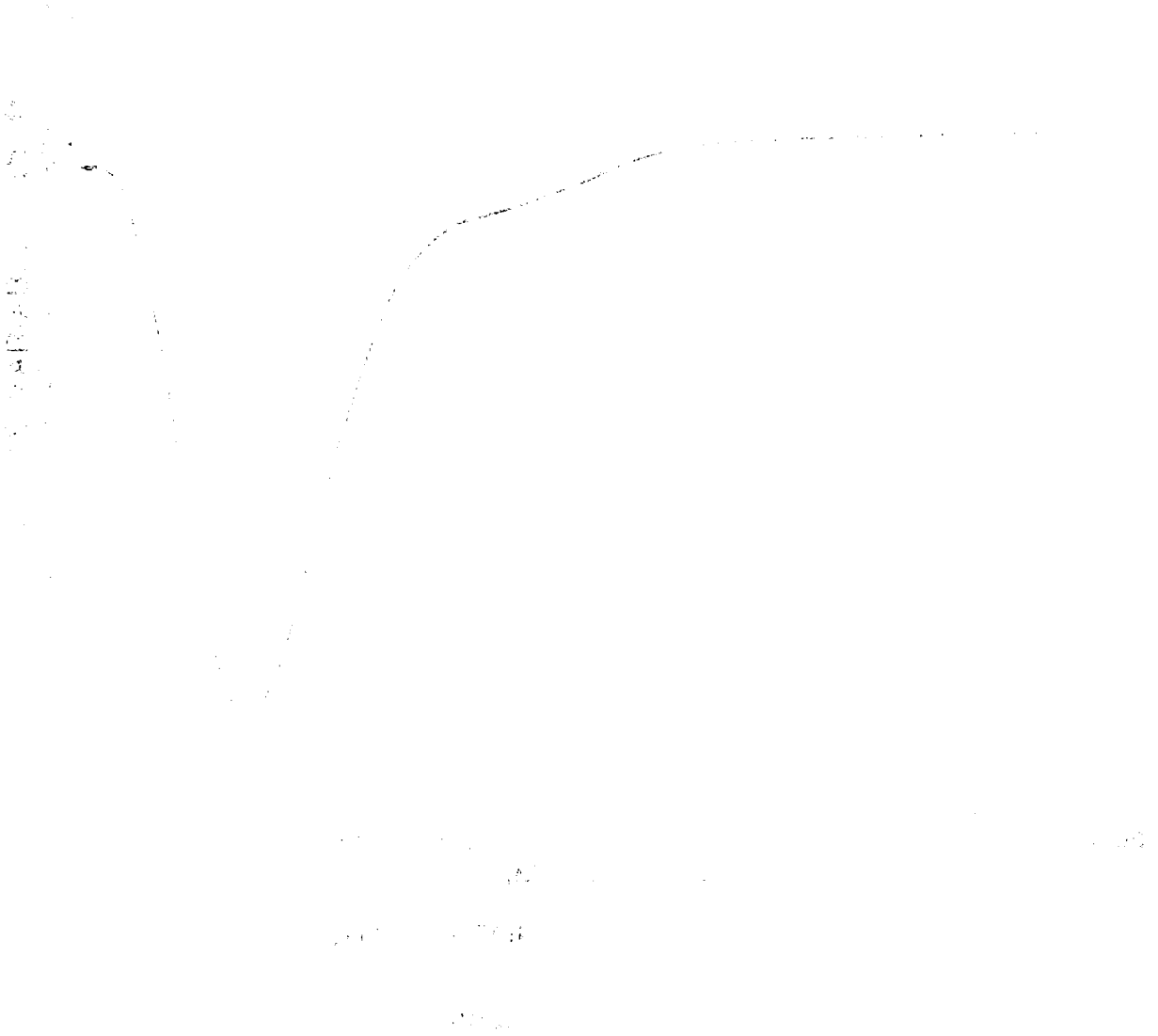

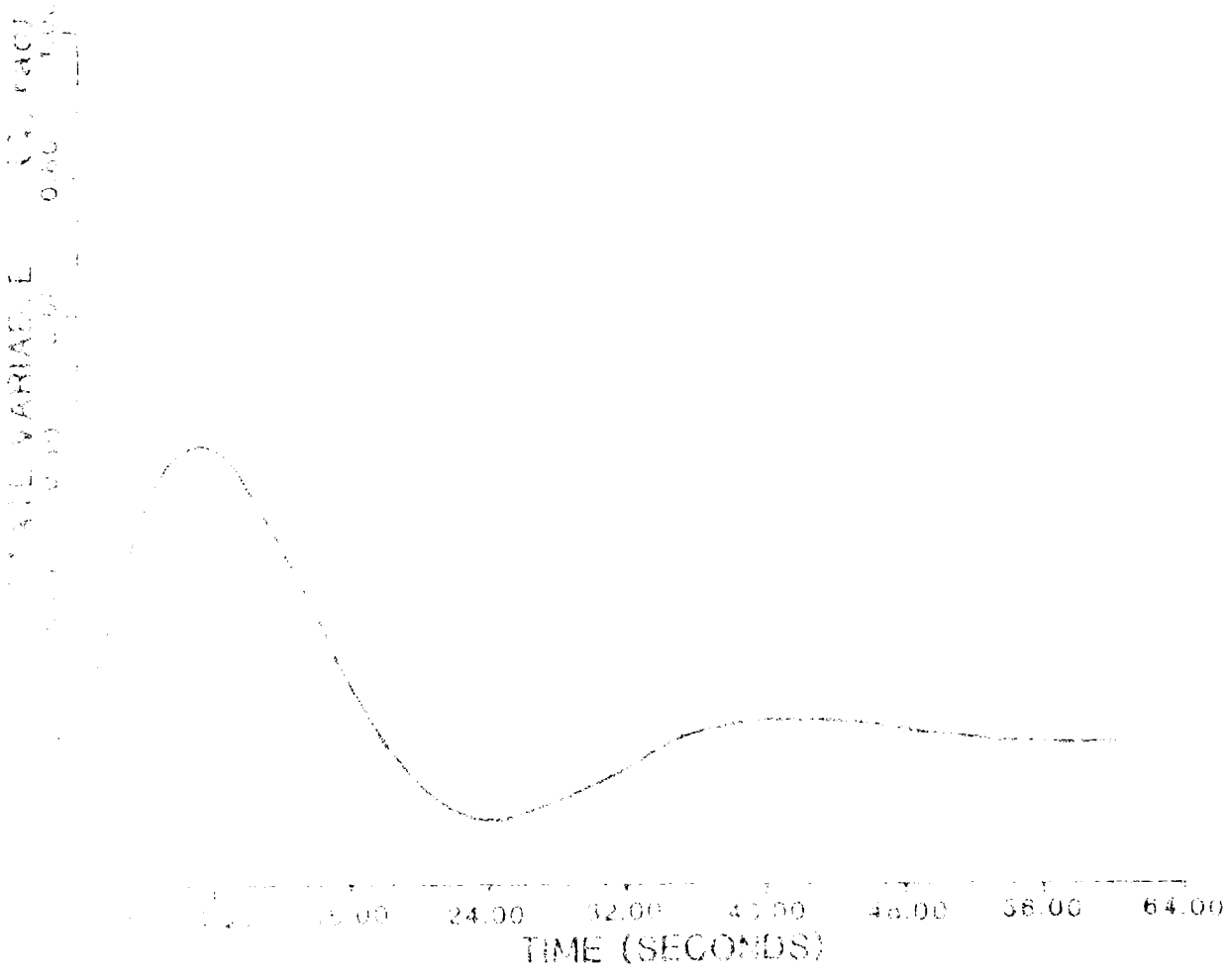
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B. Simulation

Simulations with the selected gains were run using the [illegible] nonlinear simulation program of Appendix D. Limitations on control deflections and on some of the gains were added for reasons discussed in the last section. Four flight maneuvers were simulated. The initial conditions for each maneuver were the steady-state reference condition (straight and level with γ=0, V=73.33 ft/s, and h=7500 ft). The four maneuvers were:

(1) level turn

(2) straight climb

(3) level, straight acceleration

(4) combination turn, descent, and deceleration

1. Nonlinear limits

The following control limits were used in the simulation based on estimated aircraft limits:

control	min.	max.
δ_e	-15 deg	15 deg
δ_T	0 BHP	3 BHP
δ_a	-15 deg	15 deg
δ_r	-15 deg	15 deg

Limits on commanded rate of climb ($\dot{h}_c$) were selected as ±11.5 ft/s. This corresponds to climb and descent angles of three degrees. The [illegible] would require about 2 BHP of steady state. The commanded turn [illegible] to a bank angle of [illegible] degrees and a [illegible] radius of about [illegible] feet

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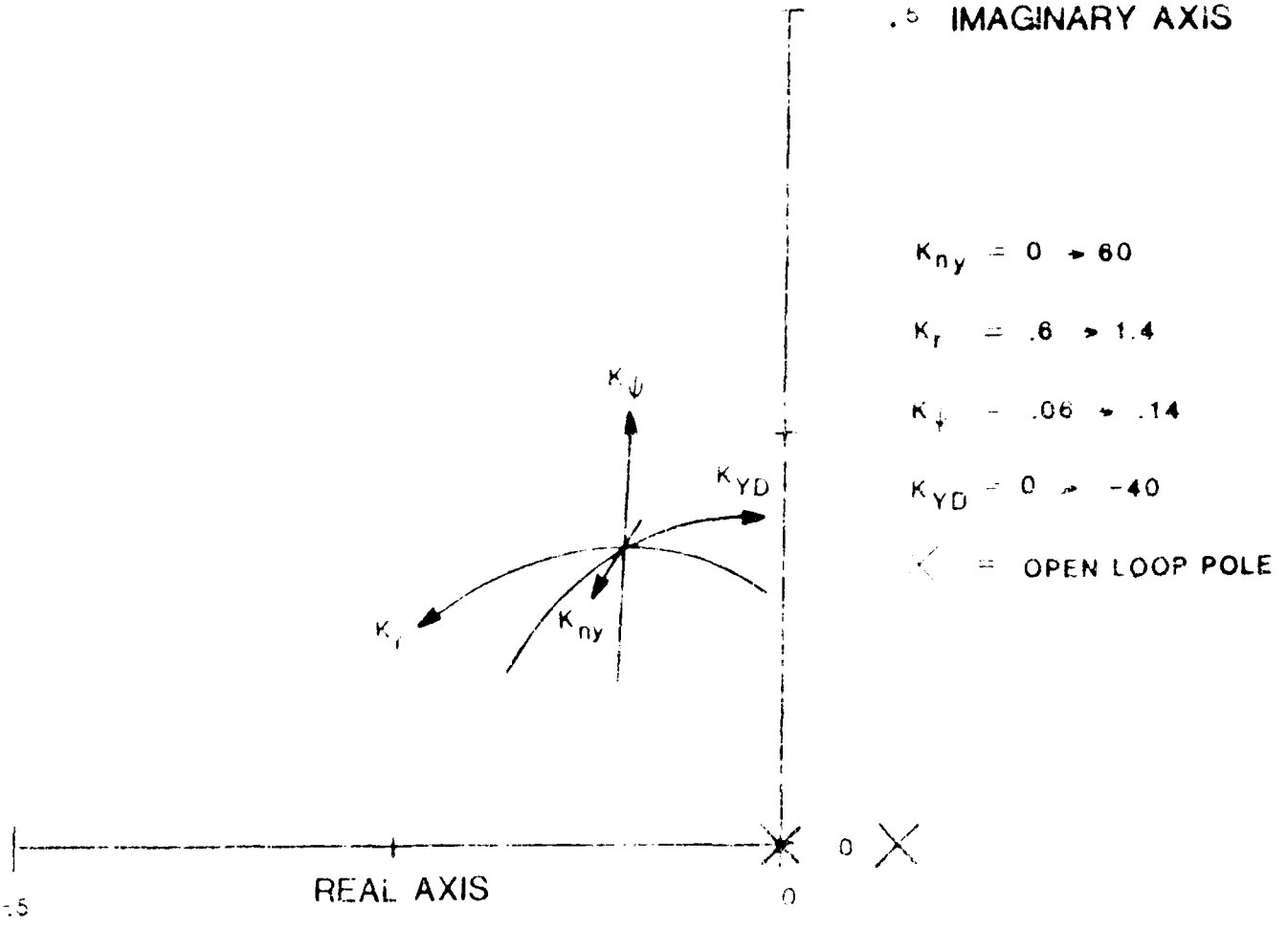

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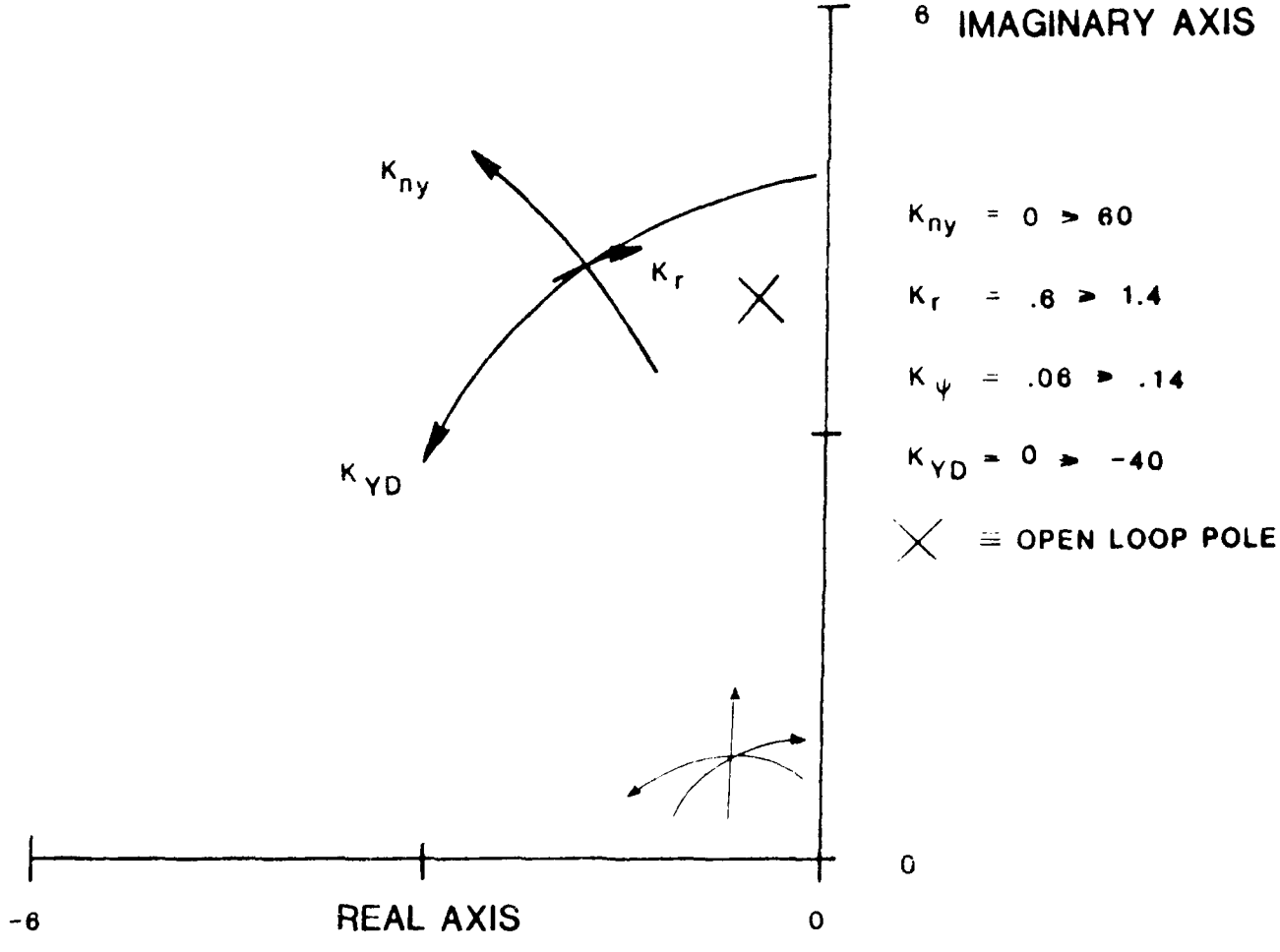

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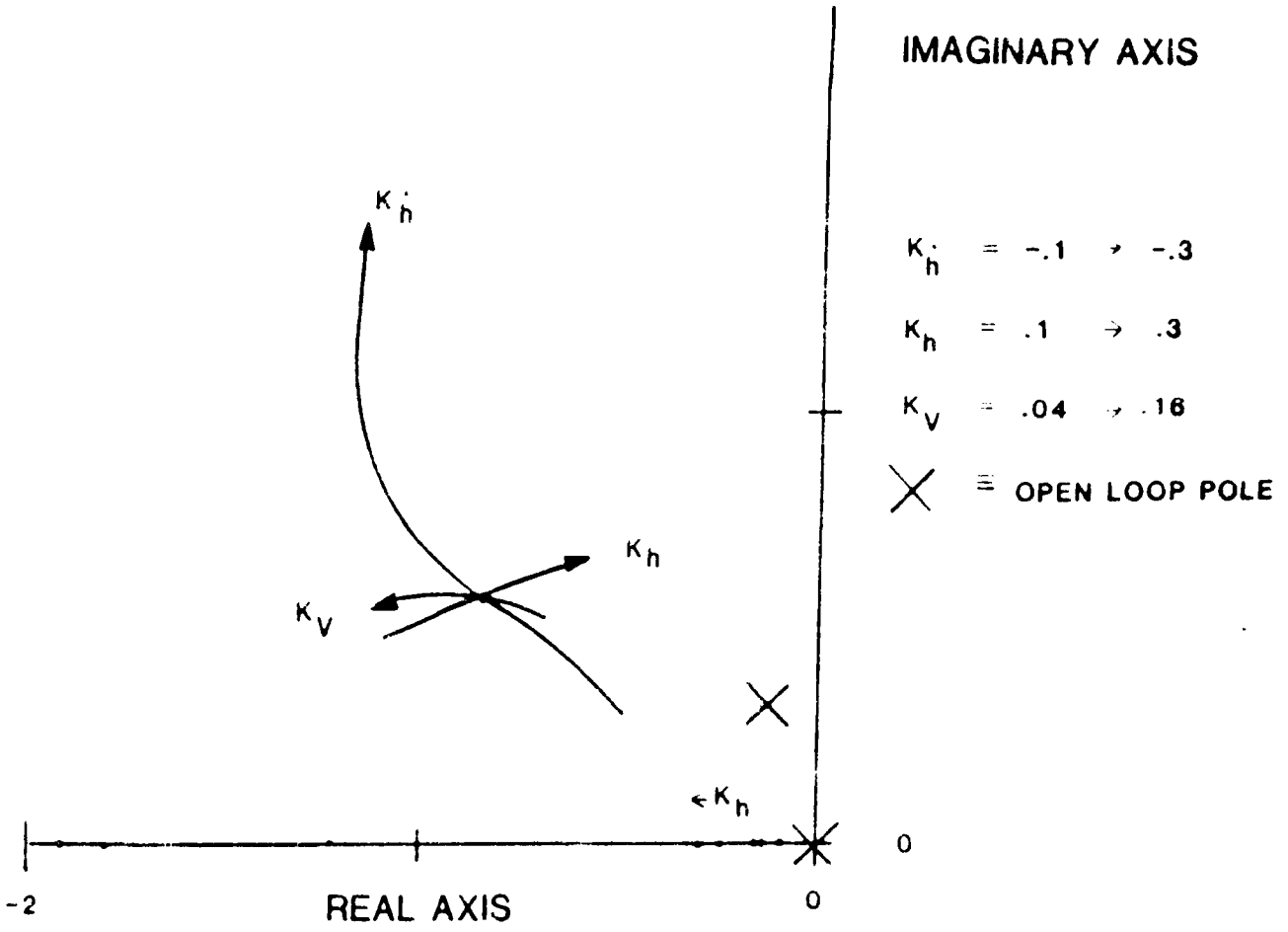

Figure 7. Longitudinal Root Loci

2. Lateral-directional case

For the lateral-directional gains selected were: K_{ny}=30 deg/rad/sec, K_r=.1 deg/rad/sec, $K_{\dot{y}}$=.1 rad/s/rad, and K_{YD}=-20 deg/rad/s. Figures 8 and 9 are the lateral-directional root loci plots. Figure 9 is a close-up of the area around the origin in Figure 8. Again, a summary of the poles for each set of gains plotted is presented in Table VI.

The simulation results for the selected gains are presented in the next section.

V. Results

A. Root Loci

In multi-loop feedback systems, such as the one being dealt with in this report, the gains affect the system poles in an interrelated and complex fashion. A "shotgun" (trial and error) approach was used to initially find a neighborhood of gains that appeared to give reasonable poles. The gains were then varied in a more systematic fashion to refine the gain selection. Gains were selected on the basis of the speed and stability of the resulting poles. This was done separately for the longitudinal and lateral-directional cases.

1. Longitudinal case

The three longitudinal gains selected were: K_θ=-.2 deg/ft/s, K_h=.2 ft/s/ft, and K_V=.1 BHP/ft/s. Figure 7 shows a segment of the longitudinal root loci plot that indicates how the poles are affected by the gains around the selected values. Only the upper left quadrant of the complex plane is shown since any values in the right half plane are unstable and unacceptable and since the bottom half plane is a mirror image of the top. The actual values of the poles plotted are contained in the computer printout in Appendix E.

gains.

The root loci were constructed by varying the gains and solving for the poles after each change. This process had to be computerized. Separate programs were written on an Apple microcomputer for the longitudinal and lateral-directional cases. The results are discussed in the next section.

D. Nonlinear Simulation

A 12 degree of freedom nonlinear Big Stick simulation program was written for the Burroughs 6900 computer at the Air Force Academy by Cadet First Class Daniel A. Draeger. A hard copy is included in Appendix D. This simulation provides a much more accurate mathematical model of the aircraft than the linearized equations which were used to determine the control gains. Basically, the program numerically integrates the nonlinear aircraft equations of motion from Reference 1, modified to include the control system, and plots out any of the state variables versus time. The nonlinear equations do not decouple into longitudinal and lateral-directional sets.

The simulation was run to see how the control gains, selected under the linear assumption, would actually perform in the real, nonlinear world. The effects of such elements as control deflection limits and changes in air density could be observed. The simulation was also used to check the limiting values for r_c and $\dot{h}_c$. These are cutoff values which had to be incorporated into K_h and K_ψ to prevent the aircraft from stalling itself out or entering a steep dive in the case of a big change in h_c or rolling inverted when ψ_c changed. A side benefit of the simulation is that it provides a check on the previous calculations. Performance should be close to the linear prediction around the steady-state condition.

pole indicates the stability of its associated mode (- for stable, + for unstable, 0 for neutral) and the imaginary part indicates the oscillation frequency (aperiodic if real). Complex poles occur in conjugate pairs. The magnitude of the pole (distance from origin) indicates the speed of the associated mode. For example, in Figure 6, poles 1, 2, and 5 are aperiodic. Poles 1 and 5 are stable while 2 is unstable. The mode associated with pole 5 will die out faster than the one associated with pole 1. The complex conjugate pairs 3 and 4 represent oscillatory modes. Mode 3 is stable and 4 is unstable.

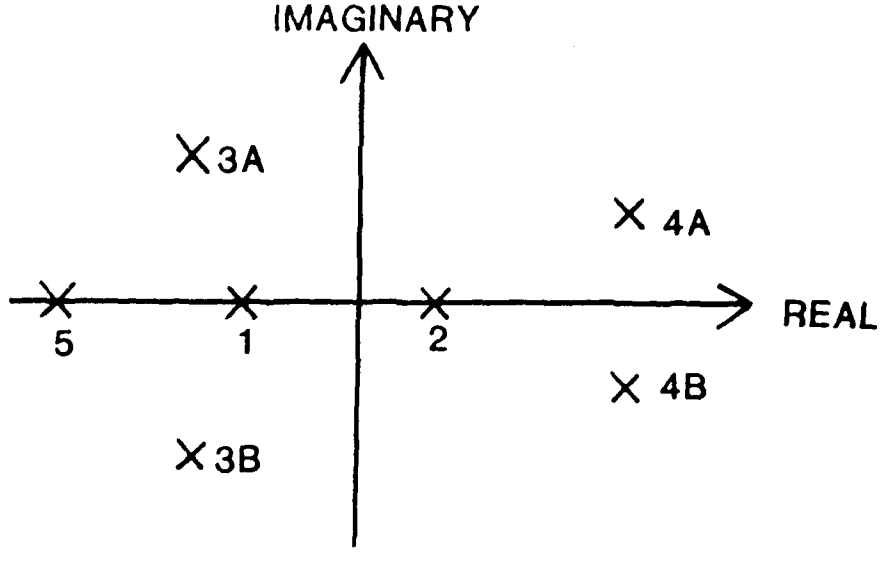

Figure 6. Poles on the Complex Plane

It can be shown (Ref. 4) that the characteristic equation of a system described by Equation 3 is $\det(\lambda[I] - [A]) = 0$ where λ is an arbitrary scalar number and [I] is an identity matrix. The solutions of the equation for λ are the poles. We are interested in the poles of the closed-loop system, Equation 10. These can be determined by solving $\det(\lambda[I] - [A-BF]) = 0$. The F matrix, of course, depends on the

For the lateral-directional model:

$$[F]=\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & K_r & 0 & K_\psi K_r \\ \dfrac{1.22K_{ny}}{1-.00624K_{ny}} & \dfrac{.000634K_{ny}}{1-.00624K_{ny}} & \dfrac{K_{YD}-.0285K_{ny}}{1-.00624K_{ny}} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$[B'] = \begin{bmatrix} K_\psi K_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

By substituting (4) into (3), we obtain

$$\dot{\bar{x}} = [A]\,\bar{x} + [B]\left\{-[F]\,\bar{x} + [B']\,\bar{u}_c\right\}. \quad (9)$$

Combining terms gives

$$\dot{\bar{x}} = [A - BF]\,\bar{x} + [BB']\,\bar{u}_c \quad (10)$$

The complete linearized system model (or closed-loop system), then, consists of two independent equations of the form of Equation 10 -- one for longitudinal motion and one for lateral-directional motion. The vectors and constant matrices have been defined for each case.

C. Determination of Control System Gains

The core of the feedback control problem is the selection of the control gains. In this project, that means finding values of K_h, $K_{\dot{h}}$, K_V, K_ψ, K_r, K_{ny}, and K_{YD} that give satisfactory response to aircraft heading, altitude, and airspeed commands in the presence of disturbances such as wind gusts.

The response of any linear dynamic system is characterized by the roots of its characteristic equation (also called system poles or eigenvalues). Root loci were used in this project to select the gains. A root locus is a complex plane plot showing how a pole varies as a gain is changed. By way of review, the sign of the real part of the

algebraic combinations of the states. Equation 1 shows that this is true for the measurement $\dot{h}$. This is also true for n_y[1]. V is closely approximated by u. It is possible, then, in both the longitudinal and lateral-directional cases to express the controls as:

$$\bar{u} = - [F] \bar{x} + [B'] \bar{u}_c \tag{4}$$

where [F] is called the feedback matrix and [B'] is called the input matrix. The vector $\bar{u}_c$ is the command which is defined as $[h_c, V_c]^T$ for the longitudinal case and $[\psi_c, 0]^T$ for the lateral-directional case.

From Figure 5 and Equation 1 and 2 the feedback and input matrices were determined to be as follows:

For the longitudinal model:

$$[F] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 73.33K_{\dot{h}} & 0 & -73.33K_{\dot{h}} & K_h K_{\dot{h}} \\ 0 & 0 & K_v & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5}$$

$$[B'] = \begin{bmatrix} K_h K_{\dot{h}} & 0 \\ 0 & K_v \end{bmatrix} \tag{6}$$

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[1] n_y is lateral load factor which is equal and opposite to nongravitational lateral acceleration, normalized to the acceleration of gravity, g. It can be shown from Reference 1 and Appendix C that for the linearized approximation, $n_y = 1.222\beta + .000634p - .0285 r - .00624\delta_r$, which is a linear, algebraic combination of the states. (δ_r is a combination of the states only, since there are no commands that feed into the rudder.)

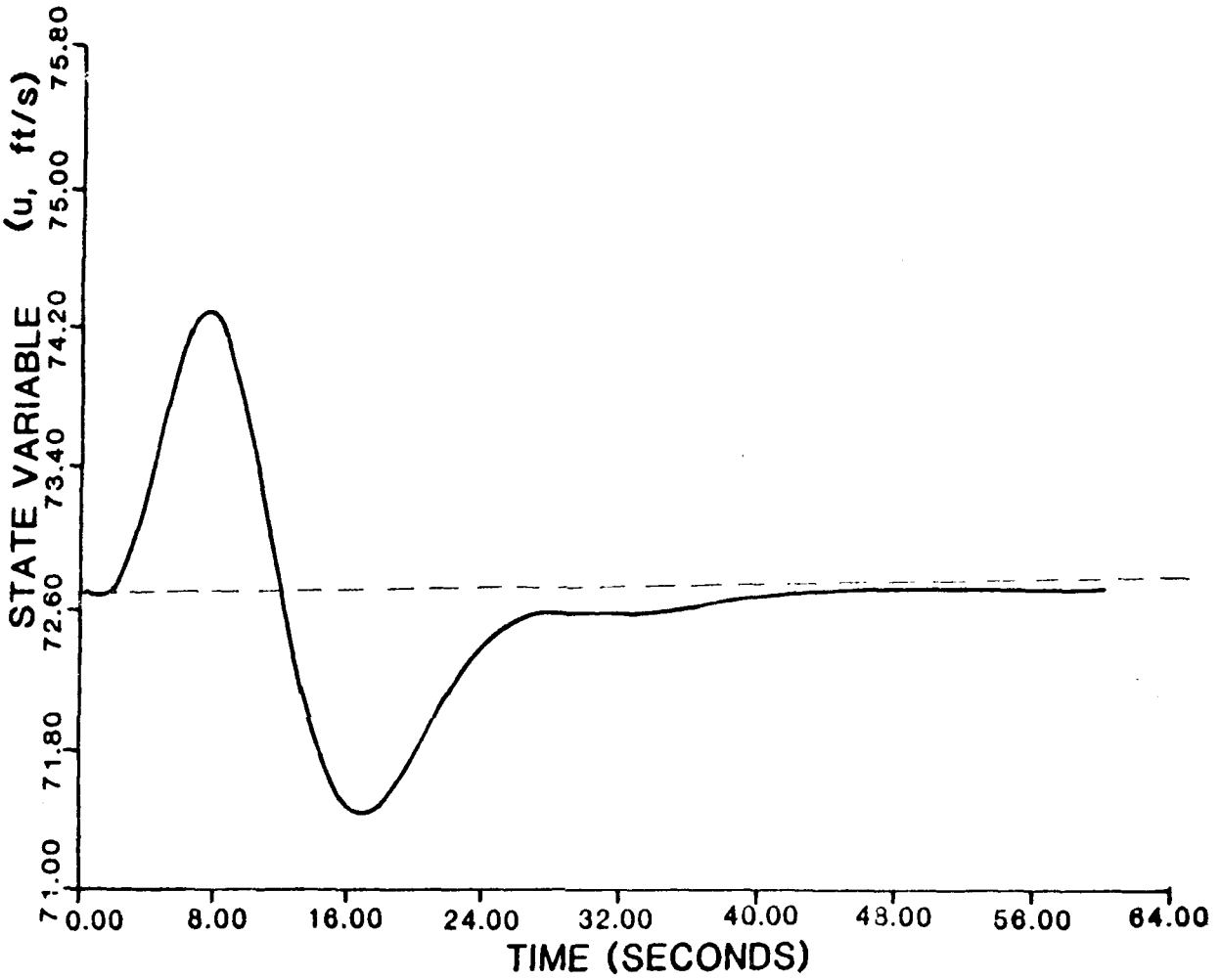
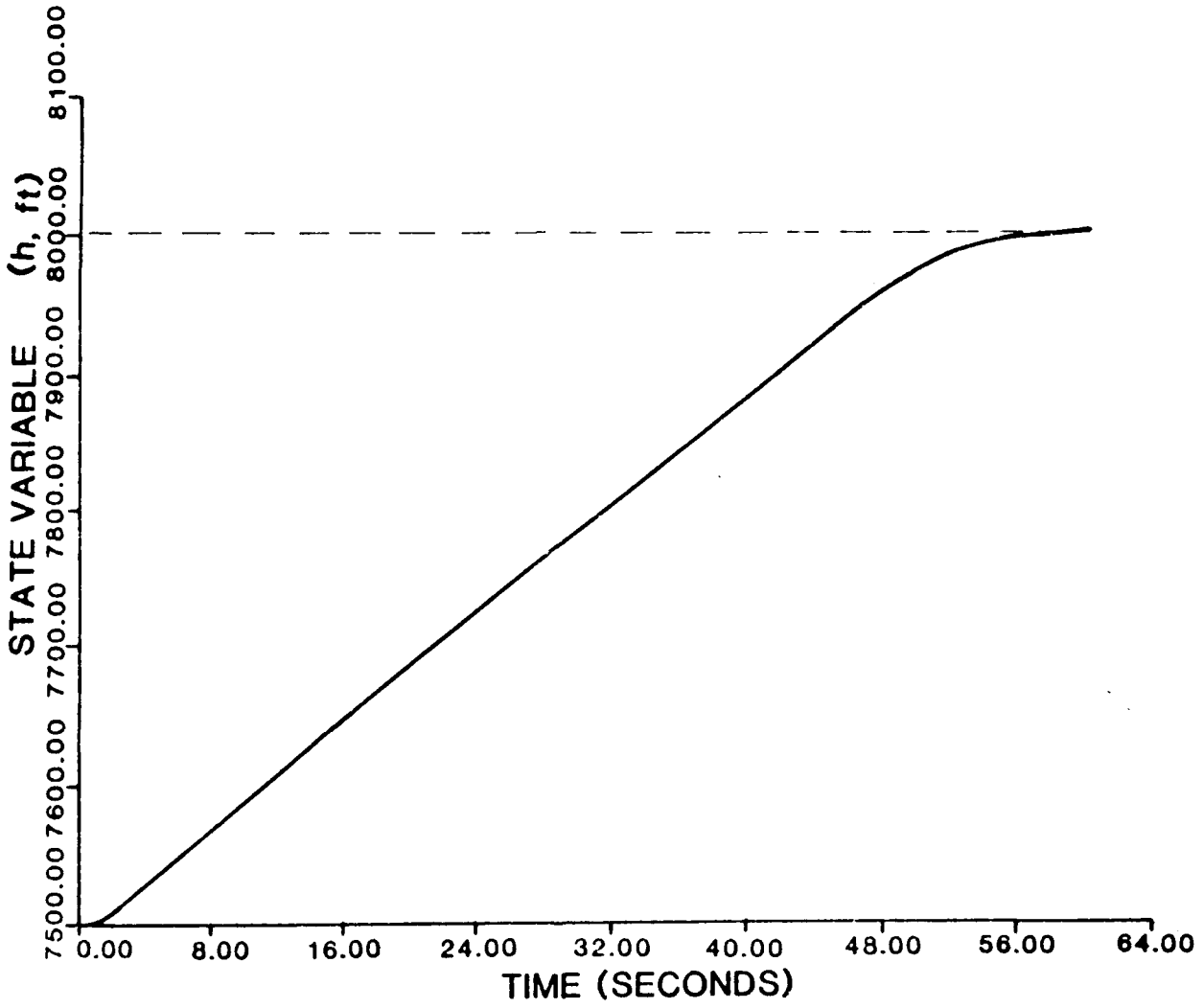


Figure 13. Level Turn Simulation - u



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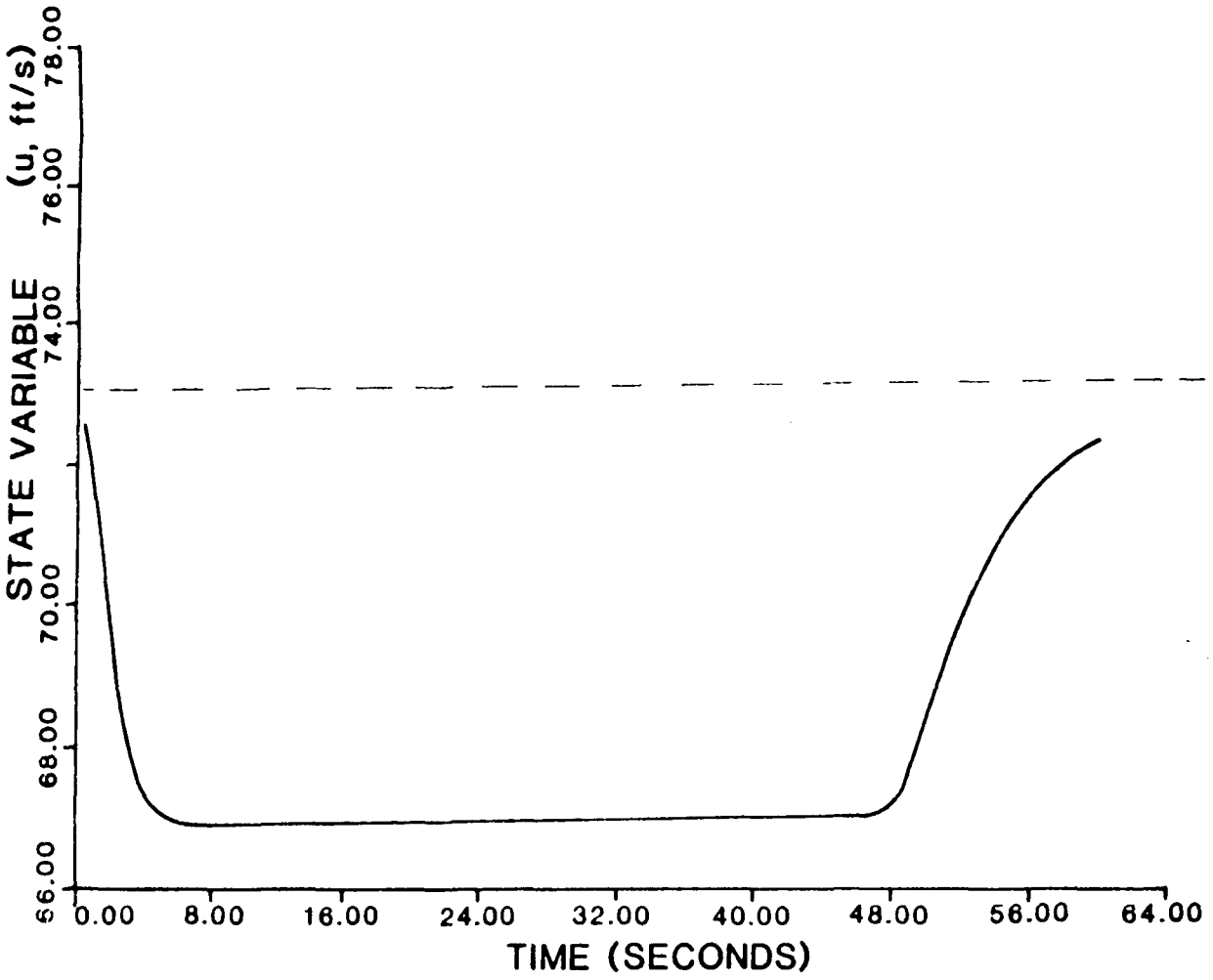

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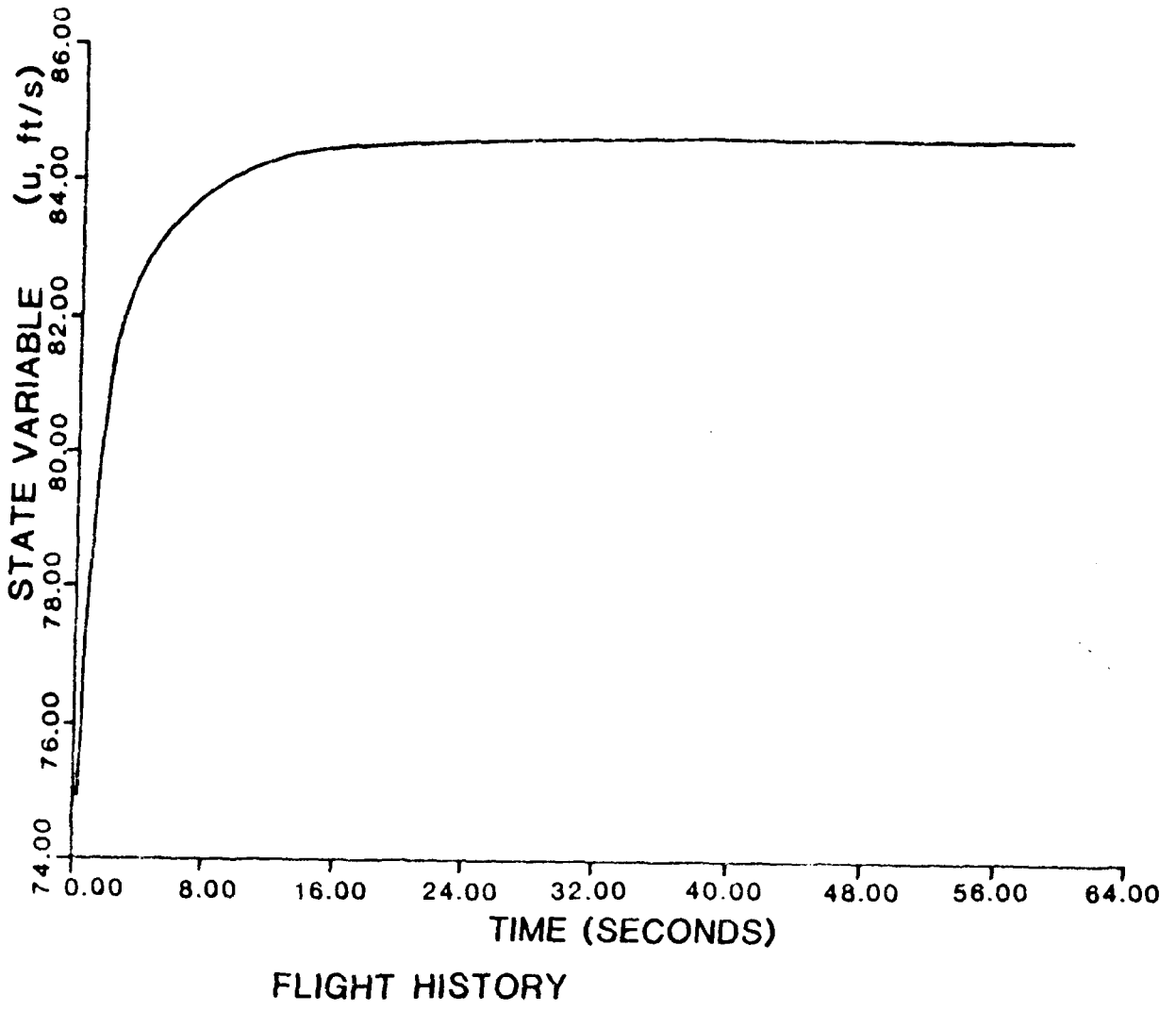

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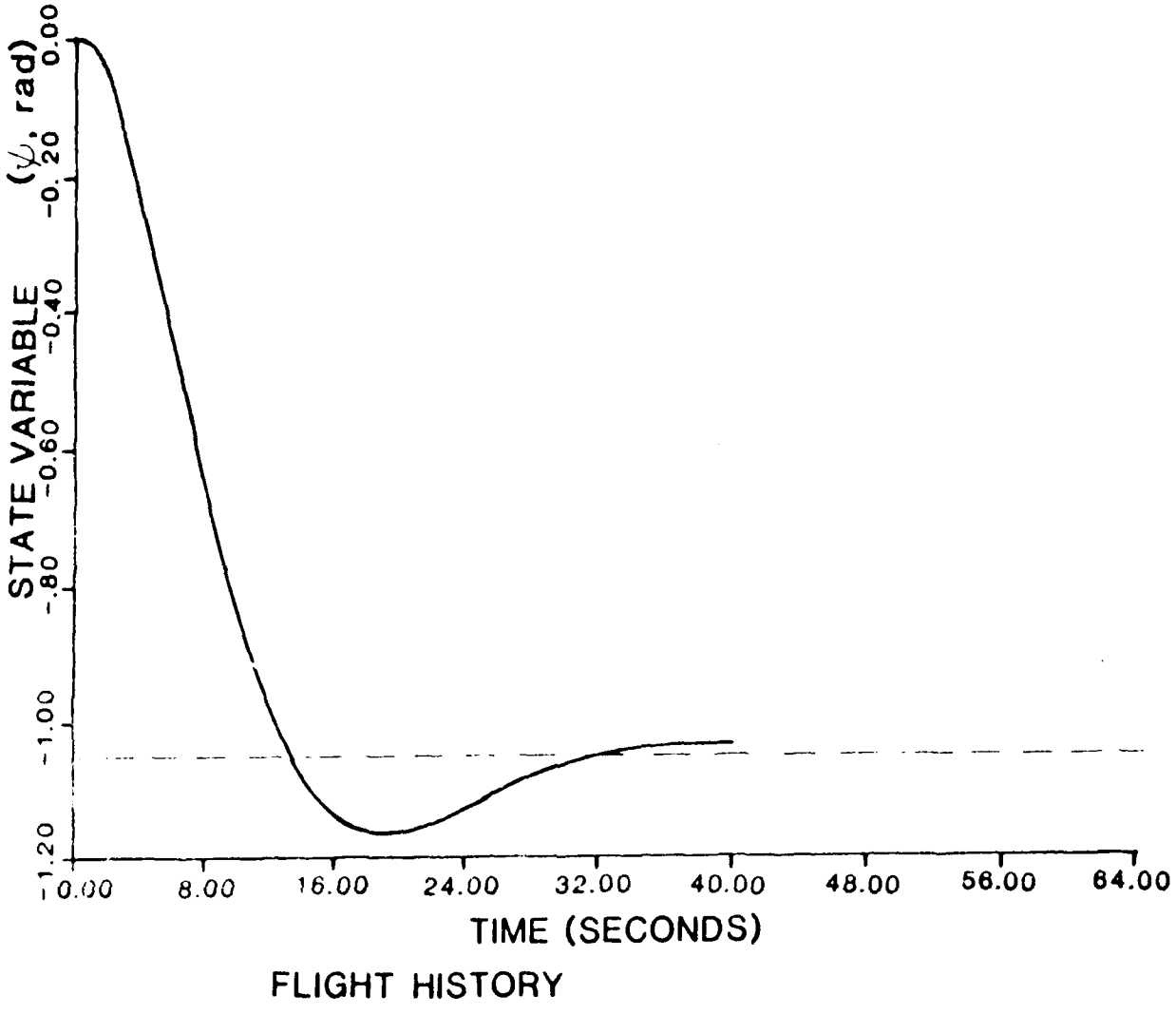

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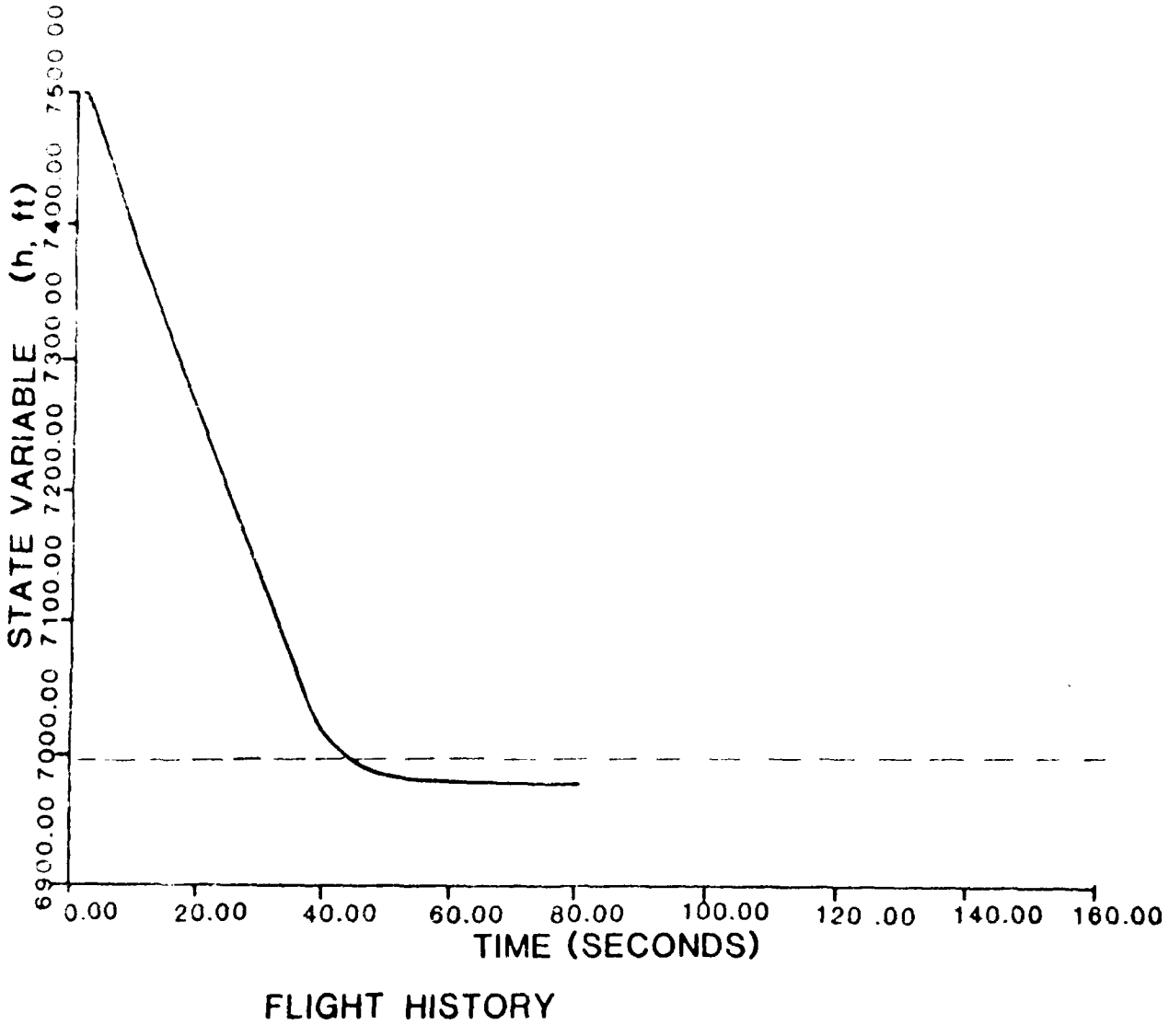

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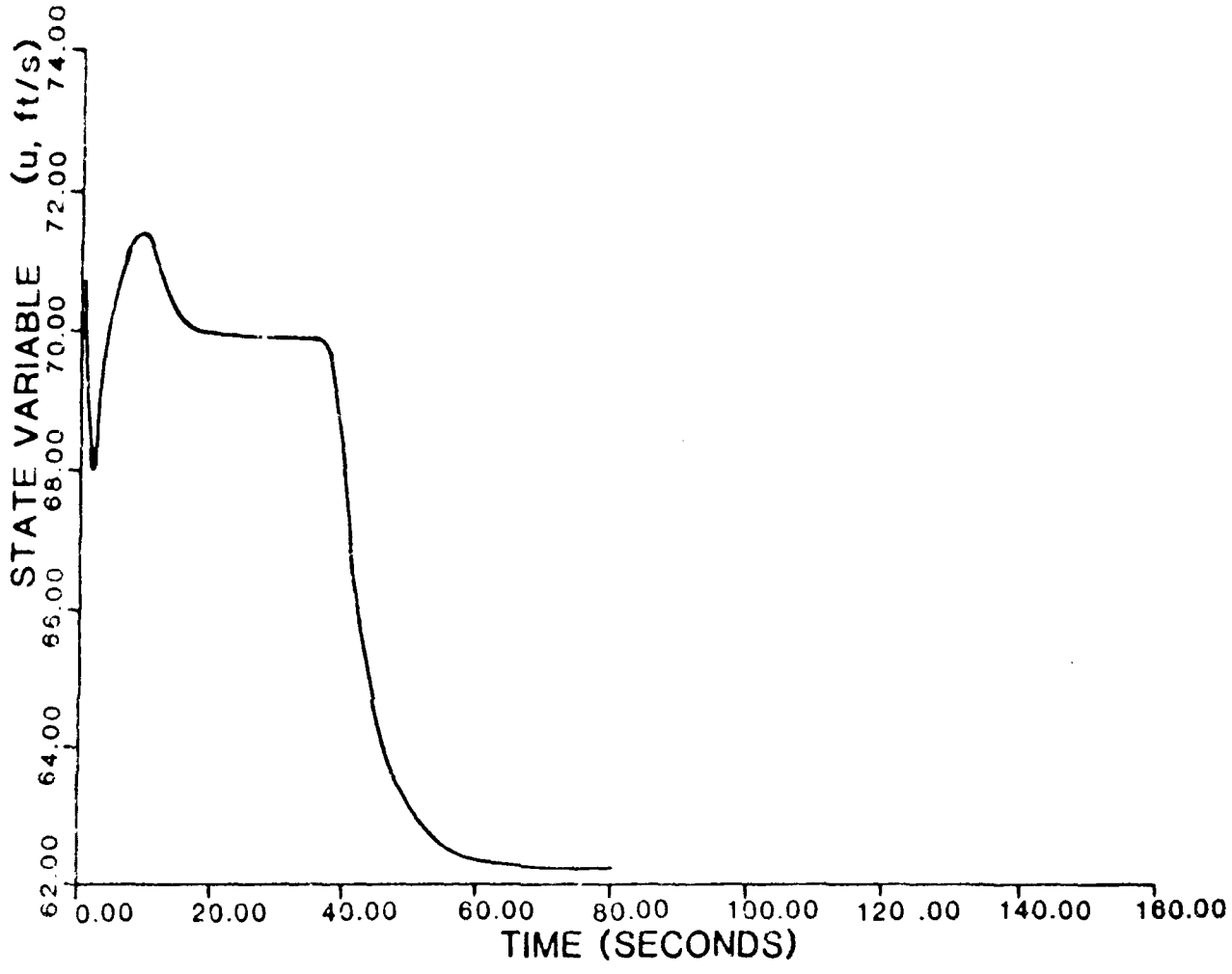

Figure 19. Multi-command Simulation - u

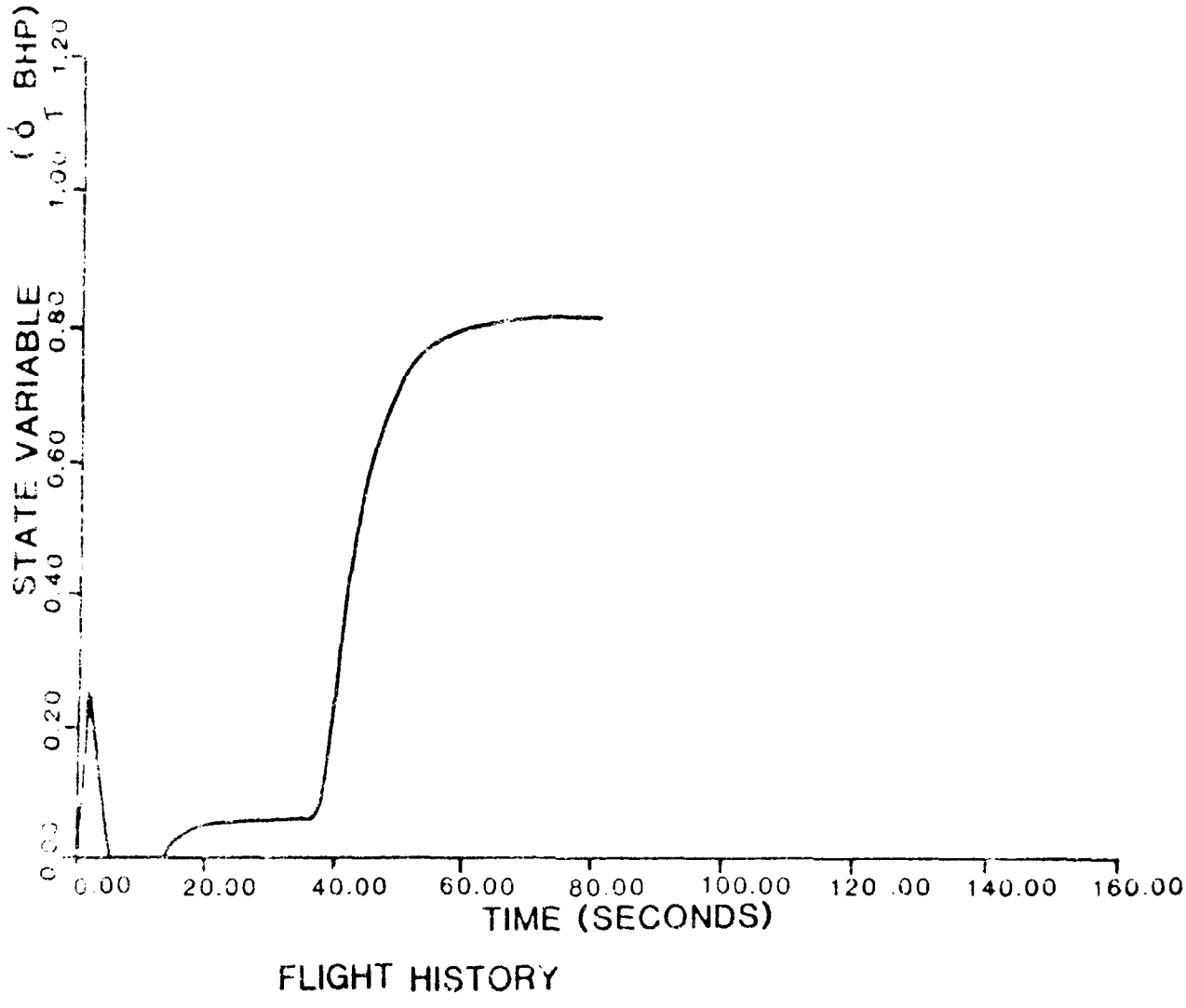

Figure 20. Multi-command Simulation – δ_T

VI. Recommendations

Based on the previous analysis, the following recommendations are made for the Big Stick flight control system:

1. That the control structure of Figure 5 be used.
2. That the following control gains be used:

   K_{h_c} = .2 (ft/s)/ft

   K_{h_c} = -.2 deg/(ft/s)

   K_{h_c} = .1 BHP/(ft/s)

   K_{r_c} = (rad/s)/rad

   K_{r_c} = 1 deg/(rad/s)

   K_{n_y} = 30 deg/g

   K_{Y_D} = -20 deg/(rad/s)

3. That $\dot{h}_c$ be limited to ±11.5 ft/s and r_c be limited to ± 12 rad/s.
4. That a washout filter be included in the yaw damper feedback loop to pass the dutch roll frequency (4 rad/s) and attenuate the steady-state commanded yaw rate.
5. That the trim control settings be determined from flight test at the steady-state flight condition of straight and level at 73.33 ft/s and 7500 feet.

In implementing the flight control system, the same sign conventions must, of course, be used as are used in the aircraft equations of motion. These are (from Appendixes C and D and Reference

[illegible] for trailing edge down

[illegible] for trailing edge [illegible]

[illegible] positive for right up and left down ($\delta_a = \delta_R - \delta_L$)

[illegible] to right

[illegible]

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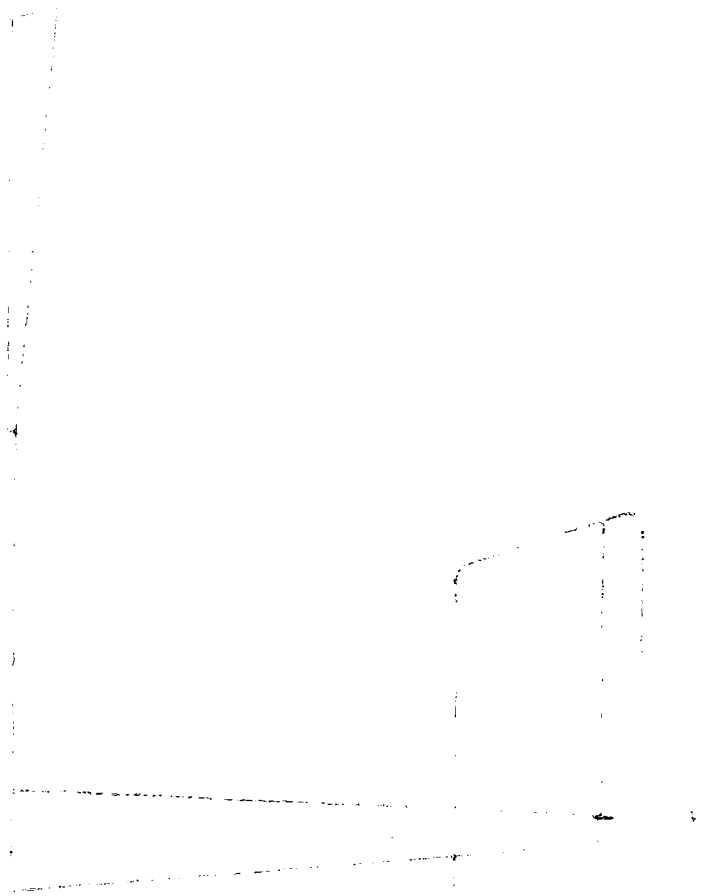

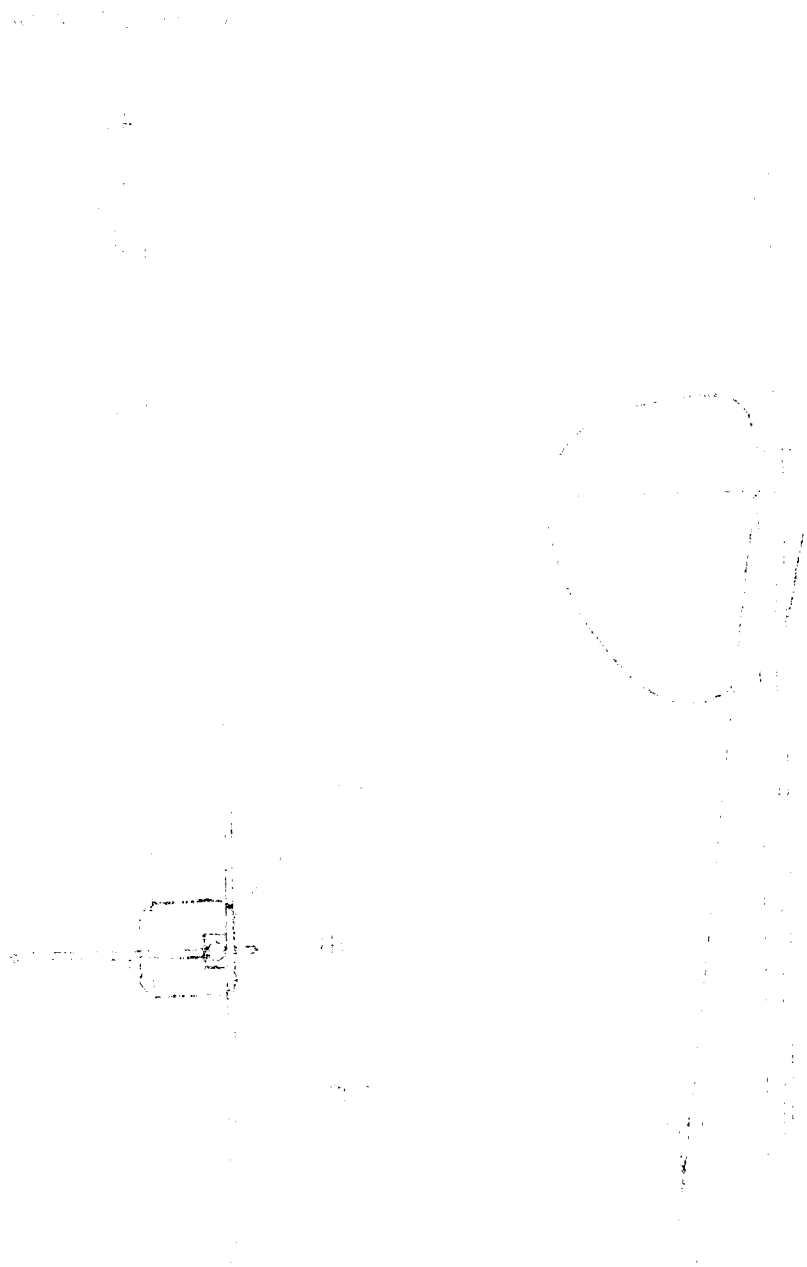

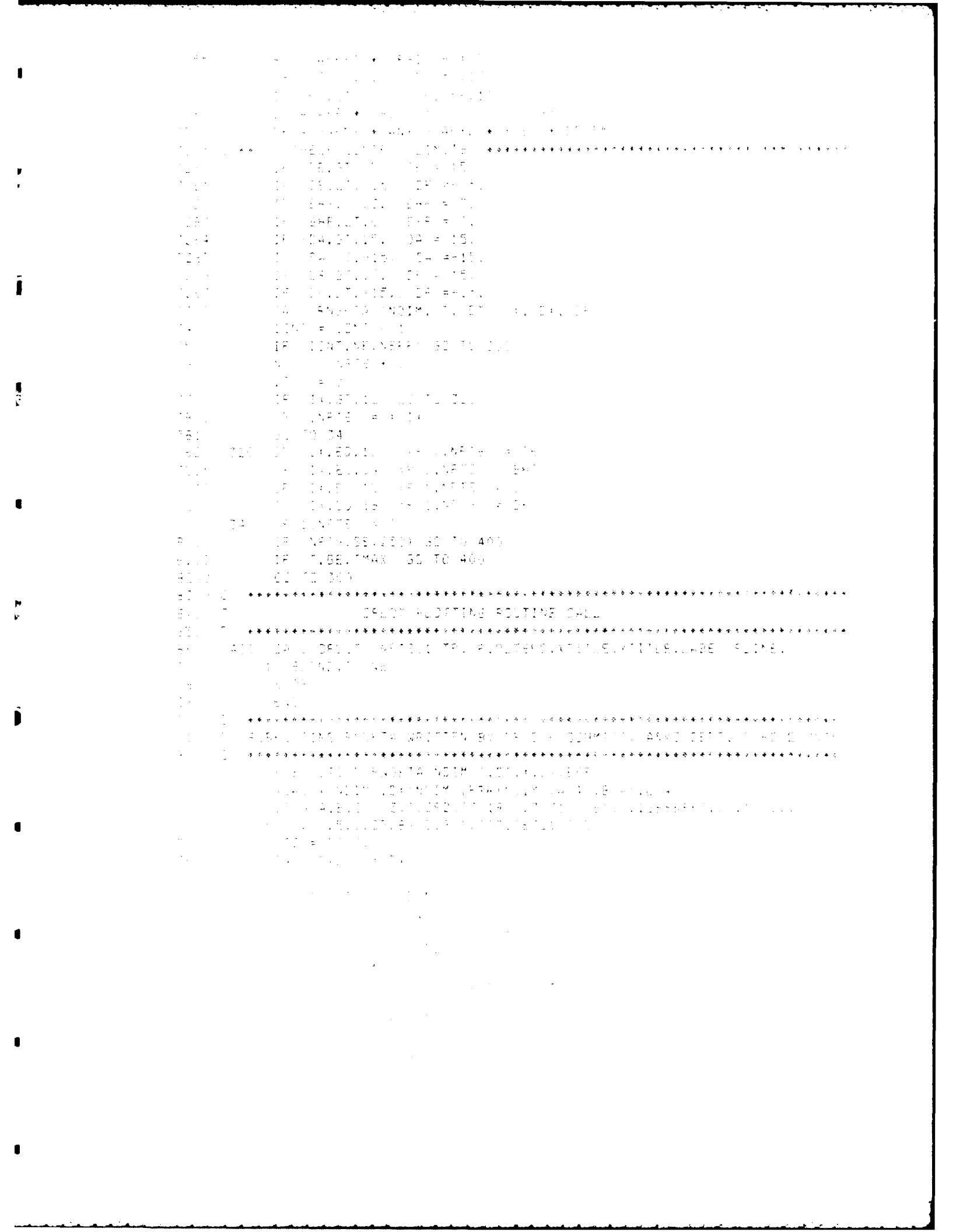

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C                       X = STATE VAR. ARRAY- U,V,W,P,Q,R,PSI,THE,PHI,N,E,H
C                      DX = DERIVATIVES OF X
C             DE,BHP,DA,DR = AIRCRAFT CONTROLS
C       DETRM,BHPTRM,ETC. = TRIM SETTINGS FOR CONTROLS
C         AKHDOT,AKV,ETC. = AUTO PILOT CONTROL GAINS
C                      IX = VARIABLE OR CONTROL TO BE PLOTTED
C          ALTC,VELC,PSIC = COMMANDS TO FLY (ALT,VEL,HEADING)
C                    TMAX = THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE INTEGRATION
C               PLTSPC(5) = SELECTION FOR LP (1), HP (2), BOTH (3)
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C                    NPTS = CURRENT POINT NUMBER COUNTER
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C   *******************************************************************
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APPENDIX D- Simulation Program

This nonlinear simulation program was written in FORTRAN 77 for the Burroughs 6900 computer at the Air Force Academy by Cadet First Class Daniel A. Draeger. The program numerically integrates the six aircraft equations of motion for u, v, and w (velocity components in body axes) and for p, q, and r (rotational rates in body axes). Six kinematic equations are also integrated to get the Euler angles , , , and ; and displacements in the earth axes: altitude (h), north distance (N), and east distance (E). The results of simulation runs are delivered in graphical form using plotting routines not included in the listing. The aircraft data are read in from separate data files, a feature which allows the program to be used to simulate other aircraft. The twelve equations solved by the program are listed below in general form (Reference 1).

$m(\dot{u}-vr+wq) =$ forces in x direction

$m(\dot{v}+ur-wp) =$ forces in y direction

$m(\dot{w}-uq+vp) =$ forces in z direction

$I_{xx}\dot{p} - I_{xz}\dot{r} - I_{xz}rq + (I_{zz}-I_{yy})rq =$ moment about x axis

$I_{yy}\dot{q} + (I_{xx}-I_{zz})pr + I_{xz}(p^2-r^2) =$ moment about y axis

$I_{zz}\dot{r} - I_{xz}\dot{p} + (I_{yy}-I_{xx})pq + I_{xz}qr =$ moment about z axis

$\dot{\quad} = \quad \sin \quad \cos \quad) \sec$

$\dot{\quad} = q \cos \quad - r \sin$

$\dot{\quad} = p + q \sin \quad \tan \quad + r \cos \quad \tan$

$\dot{\quad} = \quad \sin \quad \sin \quad + \quad \cos \quad \cos \quad + \quad \sin \quad \cos \quad$

$\dot{\quad} = \quad \sin \quad \sin \quad + \quad \cos \quad \sin \quad - \quad \sin \quad \cos \quad$

$\dot{\quad} = \quad \cos \quad \cos \quad$

$$Y_\beta = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S C_{y_\beta}}{m} \quad (\text{ft sec}^{-2})$$

$$Y_p = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b C_{y_p}}{2mU_1} \quad (\text{ft sec}^{-1})$$

$$Y_r = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b C_{y_r}}{2mU_1} \quad (\text{ft sec}^{-1})$$

$$Y_{\delta_a} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S C_{y_{\delta_a}}}{m} \quad (\text{ft sec}^{-2}\text{deg}^{-1})$$

$$Y_{\delta_r} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S C_{y_{\delta_r}}}{m} \quad (\text{ft sec}^{-2}\text{deg}^{-1})$$

$$L_\beta = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b C_{\ell_\beta}}{I_{xx}} \quad (\text{sec}^{-2})$$

$$L_p = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b^2 C_{\ell_p}}{2I_{xx}U_1} \quad (\text{sec}^{-1})$$

$$L_r = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b^2 C_{\ell_r}}{2I_{xx}U_1} \quad (\text{sec}^{-1})$$

$$L_{\delta_a} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b C_{\ell_{\delta_a}}}{I_{xx}} \quad (\text{sec}^{-2}\text{deg}^{-1})$$

$$L_{\delta_r} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b C_{\ell_{\delta_r}}}{I_{xx}} \quad (\text{sec}^{-2}\text{deg}^{-1})$$

$$N_\beta = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b C_{n_\beta}}{I_{zz}} \quad (\text{sec}^{-2})$$

$$N_{T_\beta} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b C_{n_{T_\beta}}}{I_{zz}} \quad (\text{sec}^{-2})$$

$$N_p = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b^2 C_{n_p}}{2I_{zz}U_1} \quad (\text{sec}^{-1})$$

$$N_r = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b^2 C_{n_r}}{2I_{zz}U_1} \quad (\text{sec}^{-1})$$

$$N_{\delta_a} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b C_{n_{\delta_a}}}{I_{zz}} \quad (\text{sec}^{-2}\text{deg}^{-1})$$

$$N_{\delta_r} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S b C_{n_{\delta_r}}}{I_{zz}} \quad (\text{sec}^{-2}\text{deg}^{-1})$$

From Reference 1, the linearized lateral-directional equations of motion are (using the definitions from Table C-2):

$$U_1\dot{\beta} + U_1 r = g\phi + Y_\beta \beta + Y_p p + Y_r r + Y_{\delta_a}\delta_a + Y_{\delta_r}\delta_r$$

$$\dot{p} - A_1\dot{r} = L_\beta \beta + L_p p + L_r r + L_{\delta_a}\delta_a + L_{\delta_r}\delta_r$$

$$\dot{r} - B_1\dot{p} = N_\beta \beta + N_{T_\beta}\beta + N_p p + N_r r + N_{\delta_a}\delta_a + N_{\delta_r}\delta_r$$

$$A_1 = \frac{I_{xz}}{I_{xx}} \quad , \quad B_1 = \frac{I_{xz}}{I_{zz}}$$

In addition, the following approximations were added:

$$\dot{\phi} = p$$
$$\dot{\psi} = r$$

The values were substituted in and the equations were manipulated algebraically to obtain first order matrix form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\beta} \\ \dot{p} \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -.5366 & -.000278 & -.9875 & .439 & 0 \\ -38.18 & -8.55 & 2.41 & 0 & 0 \\ 16.7 & .72 & -.448 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ p \\ r \\ \phi \\ \psi \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & .00274 \\ 10.14 & .48 \\ -1.17 & -.157 \\ & \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_a \\ \delta_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Table C-1

$$X_u = \frac{-\bar{q}_1 S(C_{D_u} + 2C_{D_1})}{mU_1} \text{ (sec}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$X_{T_u} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S(C_{T_{x_u}} + 2C_{T_{x_1}})}{mU_1} \text{ (sec}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$X_\alpha = \frac{-\bar{q}_1 S(C_{D_\alpha} - C_{L_1})}{m} \text{ (ft sec}^{-2}\text{)}$$

$$X_{\delta_e} = \frac{-\bar{q}_1 S C_{D_{\delta_e}}}{m} \text{ (ft sec}^{-2}\text{deg}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$Z_u = -\frac{\bar{q}_1 S(C_{L_u} + 2C_{L_1})}{mU_1} \text{ (sec}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$Z_\alpha = -\frac{\bar{q}_1 S(C_{L_\alpha} + C_{D_1})}{m} \text{ (ft sec}^{-2}\text{)}$$

$$Z_{\dot{\alpha}} = -\frac{\bar{q}_1 S C_{L_{\dot{\alpha}}} \bar{c}}{2mU_1} \text{ (ft sec}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$Z_q = -\frac{\bar{q}_1 S C_{L_q} \bar{c}}{2mU_1} \text{ (ft sec}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$Z_{\delta_e} = -\frac{\bar{q}_1 S C_{L_{\delta_e}}}{m} \text{ (ft sec}^{-2}\text{deg}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$M_u = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S\bar{c}(C_{m_u} + 2C_{m_1})}{I_{yy}U_1} \text{ (ft}^{-1}\text{sec}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$M_{T_u} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S\bar{c}(C_{m_{T_u}} + 2C_{m_{T_1}})}{I_{yy}I_1} \text{ (ft}^{-1}\text{sec}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$M_\alpha = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S\bar{c} C_{m_\alpha}}{I_{yy}} \text{ (sec}^{-2}\text{)}$$

$$M_{T_\alpha} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S\bar{c} C_{m_{T_\alpha}}}{I_{yy}} \text{ (sec}^{-2}\text{)}$$

$$M_{\dot{\alpha}} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S\bar{c}^2 C_{m_\alpha}}{2I_{yy}U_1} \text{ (sec}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$M_q = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S\bar{c}^2 C_{m_q}}{2I_{yy}U_1} \text{ (sec}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$M_{\delta_e} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S\bar{c} C_{m_{\delta_e}}}{I_{yy}} \text{ (sec}^{-2}\text{deg}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$X_{T_{\delta_T}} = \frac{\bar{q}_1 S C_{T_{x_{\delta_T}}}}{m} \text{ (ft sec}^{-2}\text{BHP}^{-1}\text{)}$$

The remaining necessary coefficients and derivatives, listed below, were obtained by linearizing the drag polar around the steady-state condition and by assuming that the propeller thrust acts through the aircraft center of gravity.

$$C_{D_1} = .073 \qquad C_{m_1} = 0 \qquad C_{T_{x_1}} = .073$$

$$C_{D_\alpha} = .259/\text{rad} \qquad C_{m_{T_1}} = 0$$

$$C_{L_1} = .376 \qquad C_{m_{T_\alpha}} = 0$$

From Reference 1, the linearized longitudinal equations of motion are (using the definitions from Table C-1):

$$\dot{u} = -g\theta + X_u u + X_{T_u} u + X_\alpha \alpha + X_{\delta_e} \delta_e + X_{T_{\delta_T}} \delta_T$$

$$U_1 \dot{\alpha} - U_1 q = Z_u u + Z_\alpha \alpha + Z_{\dot{\alpha}} \dot{\alpha} + Z_q q + Z_{\delta_e} \delta e$$

$$\dot{q} = M_u u + M_{T_u} u + M_\alpha \alpha + M_{T_\alpha} \alpha + M_{\dot{\alpha}} \dot{\alpha} + M_q q + M_{\delta_e} \delta e$$

In addition, the following approximations were added:

$$\dot{\theta} = q$$

$$\dot{h} = U_1 \theta - U_1 \alpha$$

The values were substituted in and the equations were manipulated algebraically to obtain first order matrix form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{u} \\ \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{h} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3.733 & 0 & .01189 & -1.341 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -32.2 & -.2566 & 10.01 & 0 \\ .9193 & 0 & -.01169 & -4.642 & 0 \\ 0 & 73.33 & 0 & -73.33 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \theta \\ u \\ \alpha \\ h \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -.2033 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -.0257 & 5.63 \\ -.0057 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_e \\ \delta_T \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Estimated Aerodynamic Data (Reference 1 and 5):

$C_{m_u} = C_{L_u} = C_{D_u} = C_{m_{T_u}} = C_{m_{T_\alpha}} = 0$

$C_{m_{\dot{\alpha}}} = -4.0$	$C_{n_{T_\beta}} = 0$
$C_{m_q} = -11.0$	$C_{n_r} = -.046$
$C_{L_{\dot{\alpha}}} = 1.66$	$C_{n_p} = -.03$
$C_{L_q} = 4.16$	$C_{\ell_\beta} = -.078/\text{rad}^*$
$C_{T_{x_u}} = -.22$	$C_{\ell_p} = -.36$
$C_{y_p} = -.004$	$C_{\ell_r} = .096$
$C_{y_r} = .18$	$C_{T_{x_{\delta_T}}} = .066/\text{BHP}$

*wind tunnel data not used because model had no wing dihedral

4. Mass Data (Reference 4):

rolling moment of inertia (I_{xx}) = 1.7 slg-ft^2

pitching moment of inertia (I_{yy}) = 6.8 slg-ft^2

yawing moment of inertia (I_{zz}) = 9.3 slg-ft^2

product of inertia (I_{xz}) = 0

note: these inertia terms are relative to body axes

APPENDIX C- Aircraft Linearized Equations of Motion

The methods of Reference 1 were used to linearize the aircraft equations of motion about a steady-state condition of coordinated, straight and level flight at 7500 feet and 73.33 ft/s (50 mph). The angle of attack required for this condition was 7.2 degrees relative to body axes. Since the linearized model uses stability axes (longitudinal axis parallel to the steady-state relative wind), the inertia terms I_{xx}, I_{zz}, and I_{xz}, of Appendix B had to be transformed from body axes to stability axes.

-.128241961 j 0
-.915390605 j -.551649739
-.915390605 j .551649739
-1.91013555 j 0
-5.24272001 j 0

KHD = -.2 DEG / FT/SEC
KH = .2 FT/SEC /FT
KV = .1 BHP / FT/SEC
1 S**5 + 9.11187873 S**4 + 25.3997775 S**3 + 29.6077331 S**2 + 15.5221765 S + 1.95593185

POLES ARE:
-2.00669996 j 0
-5.23439389 j 0
-.846614841 j -.57618756
-.846614841 j .57618756
-.177555202 j 0

KHD = -.2 DEG / FT/SEC
KH = .25 FT/SEC /FT
KV = .1 BHP / FT/SEC
1 S**5 + 9.11187873 S**4 + 25.3955989 S**3 + 29.6009527 S**2 + 16.2064611 S + 2.44491481

POLES ARE:
-2.08932918 j 0
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-.229868565 j 0

KHD = -.2 DEG / FT/SEC
KH = .3 FT/SEC /FT
KV = .1 BHP / FT/SEC
1 S**5 + 9.11187873 S**4 + 25.3914204 S**3 + 29.5941724 S**2 + 16.8907457 S + 2.93389777

POLES ARE:
-2.16250745 j 0
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-.283940771 j 0

KHD = -.2 DEG / FT/SEC
KH = .2 FT/SEC /FT
KV = .04 BHP / FT/SEC
1 S**5 + 8.77316074 S**4 + 22.5915516 S**3 + 23.3513994 S**2 + 10.8772586 S + 1.02599105

POLES ARE:
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-1.97301432 ; 0
-5.23566482 ; 0

KHP = -.2 DEG / FT/SEC
KH = .2 FT/SEC /FT
KV = .06 BHP / FT/SEC
1 S**5 + 8.88606673 S**4 + 23.5276269 S**3 + 25.436844 S**2 + 12.4255646 S + 1.33596465

POLES ARE:
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-5.23526197 ; 0

KHD = -.2 DEG / FT/SEC
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KV = .08 BHP / FT/SEC
1 S**5 + 8.99897273 S**4 + 24.4637022 S**3 + 27.5222885 S**2 + 13.9738705 S + 1.64594825

POLES ARE:
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KHD = -.2 DEG / FT/SEC
KH = .2 FT/SEC /FT
KV = .1 BHP / FT/SEC
1 S**5 + 9.11187677 S**4 + 25.3997775 S**3 + 29.6077331 S**2 + 15.5221765 S + 1.95593185

POLES ARE:
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KHD = -.2 DEG / FT/SEC
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KV = .12 BHP / FT/SEC
1 S**5 + 9.32478473 S**4 + 26.3358527 S**3 + 31.6931776 S**2 + 18.0704814 S + 2.26591545

POLES ARE:

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-2.[illegible]) 0
-.1[illegible]) 0

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WH = .2 FT/SEC /FT
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POLES ARE:

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-.20872506) 0

Lateral-directional Poles

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KR = 0 DEG/ RAD/S
KPSI = 0 RAD/S /RAD
KYD = 0 DEG/ RAD/S
1 S**5 + 9.5346 S**4 + 23.4041628 S**3 + 131.745946 S**2 + -10.159496 S + 0

POLES ARE:
.0760546455 ; 0
-.500580503 ; -3.90704845
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0 ; 0

KNY = 0 DEG 0
KR = 1 DEG RAD/S
KPSI = .1 RAD/S /RAD
KYD = -20 DEG/ RAD/S
1 S**5 + 11.5046 S**4 + 40.6614048 S**3 + 134.318141 S**2 + 26.6701227 S + 5.47289886

POLES ARE:
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KR = 1 DEG RAD/S
KPSI = .1 RAD/S /RAD
KYD = 0 DEG/ RAD/S
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POLES ARE:
[illegible]

POLES ARE:
-8.64578947 ; 0
-1.64450809 ; -3.95216212
-1.64450809 ; 3.95216212
-.101569701 ; -.179452201
-.101569701 ; .179452201

KNY = 30 DEG/S
KR = 1 DEG/ RAD/S
KPSI = .1 RAD/S /RAD
KYD = 20 DEG/ RAD/S
1 S**5 + 1.[illegible]6e14 S**4 + 54.4966084 S**3 + 189.418558 S**2 + 38.7951718 S + 7.51334065

POLES ARE:
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.102e8164 ; .177803379

KNY = 4[illegible]
KR = 1 DEG/ RAD/S
KPSI = .1 RAD/S /RAD
KYD = 20 DEG/ RAD/S
1 S**5 + 1.[illegible] S**4 + 60.642[illegible]01 S**3 + 213.897442 S**2 + 44.1676258 S + 8.41982831

POLES ARE:
-8.[illegible]
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-1.[illegible] ; 4.[illegible]
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-.1[illegible] ; .[illegible]

KNY = 5[illegible]
KR = 1 DEG/ RAD/S
KPSI = .1 RAD/S /RAD
KYD = 20 DEG/ RAD/S
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POLES AND:
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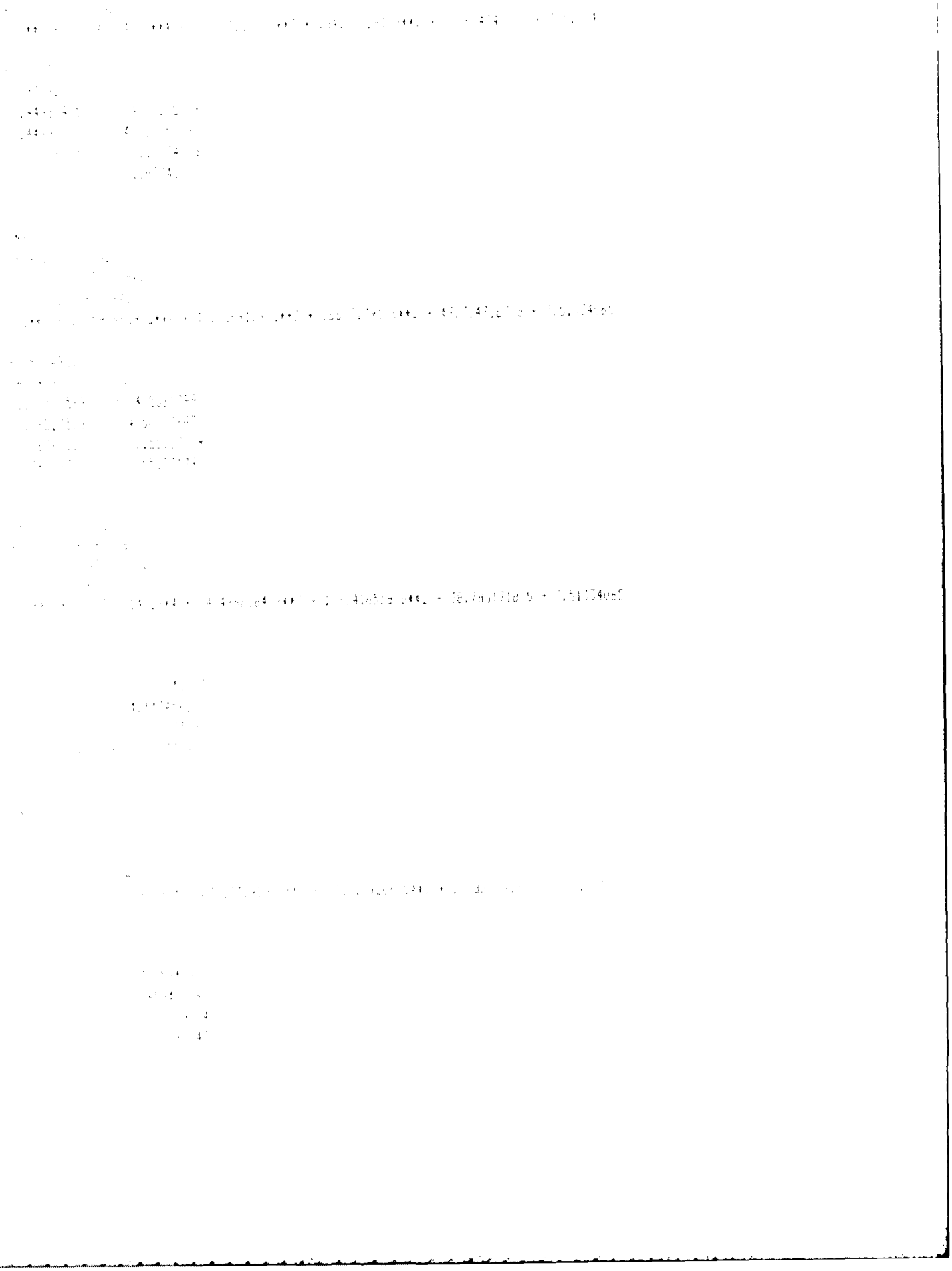

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