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List of 18 Aircraft Dynamics Nomenclature Formulas

Aircraft Dynamics Nomenclature ↗

1) Aerodynamic Axial Force ↗

fx $X = C_x \cdot q \cdot S$

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ex $34.036N = 0.67 \cdot 10Pa \cdot 5.08m^2$

2) Aerodynamic Normal Force ↗

fx $Z = C_z \cdot q \cdot S$

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ex $19.304N = 0.38 \cdot 10Pa \cdot 5.08m^2$

3) Aerodynamic Side Force ↗

fx $Y = C_y \cdot q \cdot S$

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ex $38.608N = 0.76 \cdot 10Pa \cdot 5.08m^2$

4) Angle of attack ↗

fx $\alpha = a \tan\left(\frac{w}{u}\right)$

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ex $1.347887^\circ = a \tan\left(\frac{0.4m/s}{17m/s}\right)$



5) Mean Aerodynamic Chord for Propeller-Driven Airplane ↗

fx $c_{ma} = \left(\frac{1}{S} \right) \cdot \int \left(L_c^2, x, -\frac{b}{2}, \frac{b}{2} \right)$

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ex $142.126m = \left(\frac{1}{5.08m^2} \right) \cdot \int \left((3.8m)^2, x, -\frac{50m}{2}, \frac{50m}{2} \right)$

6) Normal Force Coefficient with Aerodynamic Normal Force ↗

fx $C_z = \frac{Z}{q \cdot S}$

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ex $0.374016 = \frac{19N}{10Pa \cdot 5.08m^2}$

7) Pitching moment ↗

fx $M = C_m \cdot q \cdot S \cdot \ell$

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ex $17.9832N*m = 0.59 \cdot 10Pa \cdot 5.08m^2 \cdot 0.6m$

8) Pitching moment coefficient ↗

fx $C_m = \frac{M}{q \cdot S \cdot \ell}$

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ex $0.589895 = \frac{17.98N*m}{10Pa \cdot 5.08m^2 \cdot 0.6m}$



9) Rolling Moment ↗

$$fx \quad L = C_l \cdot q \cdot S \cdot \ell$$

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$$ex \quad 18.5928N*m = 0.61 \cdot 10Pa \cdot 5.08m^2 \cdot 0.6m$$

10) Rolling moment coefficient ↗

$$fx \quad C_l = \frac{L}{q \cdot S \cdot \ell}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.61 = \frac{18.5928N*m}{10Pa \cdot 5.08m^2 \cdot 0.6m}$$

11) Side force coefficient ↗

$$fx \quad C_y = \frac{Y}{q \cdot S}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.748031 = \frac{38N}{10Pa \cdot 5.08m^2}$$



12) Sideslip angle ↗

fx $\beta = a \sin \left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{(u^2) + (v^2) + (w^2)}} \right)$

Open Calculator ↗**ex**

$$2.962436^\circ = a \sin \left(\frac{0.88 \text{m/s}}{\sqrt{(17 \text{m/s})^2 + (0.88 \text{m/s})^2 + (0.4 \text{m/s})^2}} \right)$$

13) Velocity along Pitch Axis for Small Sideslip Angle ↗

fx $v = \beta \cdot u$

Open Calculator ↗

ex $0.878972 \text{m/s} = 2.962436^\circ \cdot 17 \text{m/s}$

14) Velocity along Roll Axis for Small Angle of Attack ↗

fx $u = \frac{w}{\alpha}$

Open Calculator ↗

ex $17.00323 \text{m/s} = \frac{0.4 \text{m/s}}{1.34788^\circ}$



15) Velocity along Roll Axis for Small Sideslip Angle ↗

$$fx \quad u = \frac{v}{\beta}$$

Open Calculator ↗

$$ex \quad 17.01987 \text{m/s} = \frac{0.88 \text{m/s}}{2.962436^\circ}$$

16) Velocity along Yaw Axis for Small Angle of Attack ↗

$$fx \quad w = u \cdot \alpha$$

Open Calculator ↗

$$ex \quad 0.399924 \text{m/s} = 17 \text{m/s} \cdot 1.34788^\circ$$

17) Yawing Moment ↗

$$fx \quad N = C_n \cdot q \cdot S \cdot \ell$$

Open Calculator ↗

$$ex \quad 42.672 \text{N*m} = 1.4 \cdot 10 \text{Pa} \cdot 5.08 \text{m}^2 \cdot 0.6 \text{m}$$

18) Yawing moment coefficient ↗

$$fx \quad C_n = \frac{N}{q \cdot S \cdot \ell}$$

Open Calculator ↗

$$ex \quad 1.377953 = \frac{42 \text{N*m}}{10 \text{Pa} \cdot 5.08 \text{m}^2 \cdot 0.6 \text{m}}$$



Variables Used

- b Wingspan (Meter)
- C_m Pitching Moment Coefficient
- C_{ma} Mean Aerodynamic Chord (Meter)
- C_n Yawing Moment Coefficient
- C_x Axial Force Coefficient
- C_y Side Force Coefficient
- C_z Normal Force Coefficient
- C_l Rolling Moment Coefficient
- L_c Chord Length (Meter)
- q Dynamic Pressure (Pascal)
- S Reference Area (Square Meter)
- u Velocity Along Roll Axis (Meter per Second)
- v Velocity Along Pitch Axis (Meter per Second)
- w Velocity Along Yaw Axis (Meter per Second)
- X Aerodynamic Axial Force (Newton)
- Y Aerodynamic Side Force (Newton)
- Z Aerodynamic Normal Force (Newton)
- α Angle of Attack (Degree)
- β Sideslip Angle (Degree)
- L Rolling Moment (Newton Meter)
- M Pitching Moment (Newton Meter)
- N Yawing Moment (Newton Meter)
- ℓ Characteristic Length (Meter)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function:** **asin**, asin(Number)

The inverse sine function, is a trigonometric function that takes a ratio of two sides of a right triangle and outputs the angle opposite the side with the given ratio.

- **Function:** **atan**, atan(Number)

Inverse tan is used to calculate the angle by applying the tangent ratio of the angle, which is the opposite side divided by the adjacent side of the right triangle.

- **Function:** **int**, int(expr, arg, from, to)

The definite integral can be used to calculate net signed area, which is the area above the x -axis minus the area below the x -axis.

- **Function:** **sin**, sin(Angle)

Sine is a trigonometric function that describes the ratio of the length of the opposite side of a right triangle to the length of the hypotenuse.

- **Function:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)

A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.

- **Function:** **tan**, tan(Angle)

The tangent of an angle is a trigonometric ratio of the length of the side opposite an angle to the length of the side adjacent to an angle in a right triangle.

- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)

Length Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m²)

Area Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Pascal (Pa)

Pressure Unit Conversion 



- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)

Speed Unit Conversion ↗

- **Measurement:** **Force** in Newton (N)

Force Unit Conversion ↗

- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree (°)

Angle Unit Conversion ↗

- **Measurement:** **Moment of Force** in Newton Meter (N*m)

Moment of Force Unit Conversion ↗



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