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**Lecture – 45**  
**Perturbed Equation of Motion: Longitudinal Case**

Good morning friends we were developing perturbed equation of motion longitudinal case that is you are restricting motion of the airplane in the vertical plane and we are talking about x axis and about z axis or along z axis plunging motion and also motion about y axis pitching motion right. And that is what exactly we are talking about longitudinal motion and we are try to develop perturbed equation of motion with what in mind that we want to use this equation to see.

Whether the aircraft is dynamically stable or not, or we will use this equations to characterize the airplane dynamic stability through may be natural frequency dumping ratio time to one or time to half. When we say time to half we were talking about the stable system. Time to double we talking about unstable system. So all those questions will be answered and we are trying to develop longitudinal perturbed equation of motion.

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The image shows handwritten mathematical derivations on a chalkboard background. The equations are as follows:

$$f_x - mg \theta \cos \alpha = m \ddot{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} \bigg|_{cr} = q \frac{1}{V} S (-C_{D_x} + \epsilon_1)$$

$$f_x = f(u, \alpha, \delta_e)$$

$$f_x = f\left(\frac{u}{u_1}, \alpha, \delta_e\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial u_1} = ?$$

$$f_x = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial u} \bigg|_{u_1} \frac{u}{u_1} + \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} \bigg|_{cr} \alpha + \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial \delta_e} \bigg|_{\beta} \delta_e$$

And if I remember we wrote equation  $f_x$  equal to or  $f_x$  minus  $mg \theta \cos \theta$  equal to  $m \dot{u}$  and this  $\theta$  and  $u$  they are the perturbed quantity, similarly  $f_x$  is the perturbed quantity. What is  $f_x$ ? Because of perturbation, What is perturbed aerodynamic force?

$f_x$  is experienced by the airplane right. And in developing the model for  $f_x$  and the assumption of linear because of small perturbation we realize  $f_x$  will be the function of  $u$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\delta_e$  what are nominal aircraft right. We not talking about high speed or highly agile aircraft, when I am talking about high rate of turn extra. So it is fair good exemption.

With high maneuvering airplane there will be some of the terms may will come like  $\dot{\delta}_e$ ,  $\dot{\alpha}$  so that can be handled as when as we understand the basics ok. And then we realize one thing that  $\alpha$  and  $\delta_e$  they are non-dimensional but  $u$  is dimensional  $u$  is meter per second unit so we will write in the non-dimensional form we now write it like this  $u$  by  $u_1$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\delta_e$ .

And then we are using that at one test the aerodynamic is being linear so express  $f_x$  as  $d f_x / d u$  by  $u - u_1$  plus  $d f_x / d \alpha$  into  $\alpha - \alpha_1$  plus  $d f_x / d \delta_e$  into  $\delta_e - \delta_{e1}$  correct. It is very clear and what was this derivative? This is a partial derivatives number one and this should be evaluated as steady state because we are giving disturbance at steady state at the equilibrium and you want to see how this perturbed quantities are going to behave as the function of time. So that you can comment that the airplane is dynamically stable or not right.

Next challenge was how to estimate this derivatives? We have already last class we have already derived this expression  $d f_x / d \alpha$  and we have shown that this equal to  $q \infty \sin \alpha - c_d \alpha$  plus  $c_{l1}$  what is this 1? 1 is corresponding to steady state because these derivatives are computed at steady state and if that is true then to consistent instead of writing  $q \infty$  will write  $q_1$  so this is the dynamic pressure at steady state ok.

For example if it is flying at the altitude with density is  $\rho$  and  $v$  is the speed is  $v$  half  $\rho v^2$  is the steady state value at that the point where the aircraft is in equilibrium right. This will have developed. What is next we developed is? So this is done now we are attacking this,  $d$

fx a by du by u1 right. Let us say d fx a by du by u1 before developing this please try to understand will there be any change because of change in u.

U1 it is only non-dimensional like that so the question we should ask ourselves. Will there be change in the force along the x direction because of change in the speed? As obvious we have the speed is change because of perturbation, dynamic pressure will change, so indeed there will be change. So we can do how to model this.

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$$\frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial u/u_1} = ?$$

$$U = U_1 + u$$

$$F_{xA} = -D = -\frac{1}{2} \rho (U_1 + u)^2 S C_D = -\frac{1}{2} \rho U_1^2 \left(1 + \frac{u}{U_1}\right)^2 S C_D$$

$$\frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial u/u_1} = -\frac{1}{2} \rho U_1^2 \cdot 2 \left(1 + \frac{u}{U_1}\right) \cdot S C_D - \frac{1}{2} \rho U_1^2 S \left(1 + \frac{u}{U_1}\right)^2 \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial u/u_1}$$

$\left. \begin{matrix} S \\ \text{at } S, U=0 \end{matrix} \right\}$

So this is airplane when we talking about the partial derivative hence we have liberty of others to assuming zero alpha or any other motion will be zero so we are saying like this, this is x this is as u 1 and this portion is perturbation small u total velocity of u is u 1 plus u no problem, again we are taking the advantage of everything will be linear ok. That is why we are restricting ourselves small perturbation equation.

Once I do that, then what is fx a? fx a would be half you may what will be minus drag this is the drag and drag you know as minus half rho v square v will be u 1 plus u whole square s cd as simple as that. Okay. What we are in? To find d fx by du by u1 so we will do little mathematical juggling here. We will write this as minus half rho u 1 square into 1 plus u by u1 whole square s cd. no problem. Ok.

Now we want to find out  $\frac{d f_x}{d u_1}$  you should be able to do faster than me this will be minus half rho  $u_1$  square into first I will take the derivative of this. This will be  $2 u_1$  plus  $u_1$  into  $s c_d$  in the next term I will take minus half rho  $u_1$  square  $s$  into  $1$  plus  $u_1$  by  $u_1$  square into  $\frac{d c_d}{d u_1}$  right, this is clear. This is minus half rho  $u_1$  square  $s$  is there this is same so this  $\frac{d}{d u_1}$  will give  $u_1$ . Now what is  $\frac{d f_x}{d u_1}$  what is the another condition?

I need to evaluate this at steady state that is very critical ok if I want to evaluate at steady state I know at steady state  $U$  is zero. So what will happen if I substitute that I will get an expression.

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I will get  $\frac{d f_x}{d u_1}$  by  $\frac{d u_1}{d u_1}$  and is equal to 1 put  $U$  is equal to zero because this is at steady state so this difference is minus  $q$  so at steady state ok. So I write  $Q$  infinite then there will be then two,  $U$  is zero is gone so  $S c_d$  then minus again  $Q$  infinite and then this is 1 this is half rho  $V$  square is  $U$  is zero so this goes beautifully I write  $s$  and then I have  $\frac{d c_d}{d u_1}$  ok can I check this we want to see  $Q$  infinite.  $S$  this is zero because at steady state no perturbed value so this becomes 1 so this debate is very good.

Now I can write this as  $\frac{d f_x}{d u_1}$  as minus at steady state we are evaluating so I agreed we will not infinite at steady state we will put the substitute 1 to understand this is the quantity evaluated at steady state. So 2 is a 2 I write here  $S c_{d1}$  and again  $S D$  evaluated at steady state minus  $q_1 S$  then  $c_{du}$ . where  $c_{du}$  is nothing but  $\frac{d c_d}{d u_1}$  will understand what is  $c_{du}$


when we complete this. This is basically minus  $q_1$  s right. And so this will be  $2 c_{d1}$  plus  $c_{du}$  that is what is  $d f_x$  by  $du$  by  $u_1$ .

Let me check am I getting the same.  $D_1$  very good. Let me check am I getting the same.  $D_1$  very good. Now let us see as I told you have to do all this things once and try to understand and get physical interpretation of this derivative. So now we talk little bit about this derivative. Ok let us do that.

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$$\frac{dF_xA}{du_1} = -q_1 S (2C_{D1} + C_{Du})$$

$$q_1 = \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2\right) \text{ at SS: } \underline{\text{equal}}$$



$$\frac{1}{2} \rho v_c^2 = q_1$$

So let me write this  $d f_x$  by  $du$  by  $u_1$  is equal to minus  $q_1$  s into  $2 c_{d1}$  plus  $c_{du}$ . You could see that we have developed this expression and we are try to give an interpretation write inside  $q_1$ . What is  $q_1$ ?  $q_1$  is half  $\rho v$  square with dynamic pressure at steady state that is at the equilibrium right.

For our case let say it is cruising and the cruise we have taken as equilibrium so this will be half whatever the altitude will be there into  $v$  cruise square that is our  $q_1$  ok. Now no issues.  $c_{d1}$  what is  $c_{d1}$ ?  $c_{d1}$  means  $c_d$  at steady state. How do you know? What is  $c_d$ ?  $c_d$  we know through drag puller that is  $c_d$  not plus  $k c_l$  square. You are all familiar about this, so what will be  $c_{d1}$ ?  $c_{d1}$  will be  $c_d$  not plus  $k c_{l1}$  square. What is  $c_{l1}$  square?

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$$C_{D1} = C_D \text{ at SS.}$$

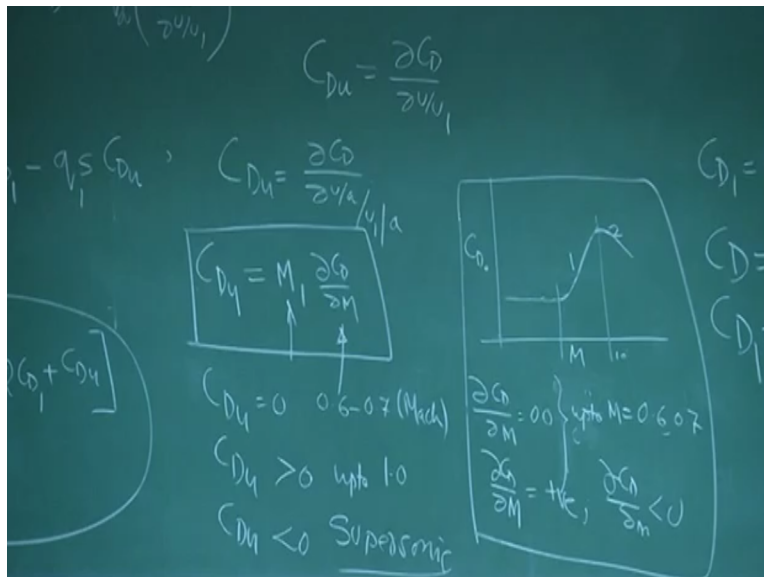
$$C_{L1} = \frac{2W/S}{\rho V_c^2}$$

$$C_D = C_{D0} + K C_L^2$$

$$C_{D1} = C_{D0} + K C_{L1}^2$$

$c_{l1}$  is  $c_l$  at steady state for the case at cruise so what is  $c_l$  at cruise?  $C_l$  at cruise is  $2w$  by  $s$  by  $\rho v$  cruise square. So  $c_{l1}$  will be this. We allow lift equal to weight. So all the things we are knowing. Now the question will come  $c_{du}$ . What is  $c_{du}$ ? Let us understand what is  $c_{du}$ ? This is very important please understand this  $c_{du}$  concept ok.

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This is the first time we are seeing it and they are very important for high speed airplane ok.  $c_{du}$  you know by definition. It is  $dC_D$  by  $du$  by  $u_1$  right. Physically what does it mean? It means the changes in  $u$  will there be change in  $C_D$  is there or not. See please let us understand so  $C_D$  versus  $mac$  number plot right.

Generating something like this right. Up to 0.6 or 0.7. This is fairly constant  $c_d$ . This is  $c_d$  not. We are talking about drag parasite drag, because of shape, because of mac number, because of flight regime. We are talking about  $c_d$  not. And you know that from some point there is the formation of shock waves and here around 1 we will get the pick. This is the  $c_d$  versus mac number

And if I ask you what is  $d c_d$  by  $d m$  which I mean  $d c_d$  not by  $d m$  is what you could see upto 0.6 or 0.7 which is almost zero up to 0.6. Zero this is up to mac number equal to 0.6 or 0.7 ok. It varies different different configuration and  $d c_d$  by  $d m$  is positive in the first part here. This slope is positive and you could see  $d c_d$  by  $d m$  is less than zero for second part at high supersonic speed.

You could see that when I am accelerating towards supersonic right. That time the  $d c_d$  by  $d m$  is actually positive. At here  $d c_d$  by  $d m$  at supersonic speed is negative. So once you understand this let us use this understanding, to understand what is  $d c_d$  by  $du$  by  $u_1$  is. This I can easily write as  $c_{du}$  as  $D c_d$  by  $du$  by  $A U_1$  by  $A$ . I am dividing  $u_1$  by  $u_1$  by  $A$  which cancels each other but it gives very important information.

This tells us this  $U_1$  by  $A$  will be  $M_1$  and this is  $D c_d$  by  $D M$  so I will look for  $c_{du}$  through this relationship. Now you see  $c_{du}$ ,  $M_1$  is the mac number at the steady state now important thing is  $D c_d$  by  $DM$ . So now since you understand  $D c_d$  by  $D M$ . How it varied for subsonic transonic to supersonic? So you can easily say  $c_{du}$  is zero let say between mac numbers 0.6 to 0.7 is the mac number.

And  $d c_{du}$  or  $c_{du}$  is positive at this part may be upto 1.0 mac and  $c_{du}$  is negative for supersonic. Extremely important derivative and you see that once you understood this what happens during the moment. ok. So what is our success till? Now we have derived  $d f_x$  a by  $du$  by  $u_1$  and we have understood what have in the right hand side.

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$$f_x = \frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial u_1} \bigg|_{ss} u_1 + \frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial \alpha} \bigg|_{ss} \alpha + \frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial \delta e} \bigg|_{ss} \delta e$$

$$F_{xA} = -\frac{1}{2} \rho u_1^2 s c_d \delta e$$

$$\frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial \delta e} = -q_1 s c_d$$

So let us again come back that what we have  $f_x$  equal to  $f d f_x a$  by  $du$  by  $u_1$   $u$  by  $u_1$  plus  $d f d f_x a$  by  $d \alpha$  into  $\alpha$  plus  $d f_x a$  by  $d \delta e$  into  $\delta e$  we have already evaluated this evaluated this we know this have to be evaluated at steady state we have known left with evaluated at steady state.

So let us see  $d f_x a$  by  $d \delta e$  at steady state is very straight forward thing but physically you should understand. If this is the elevator and this is the tail. When I am deflecting by  $\delta e$ , and if changing  $c_l$  will come corresponding  $\delta c_d$  will also come. So that will contribute to  $f_x$  this is for small perturbation I can write this as  $f_x a$  is equal to of course drag will be in this direction  $x$  in this direction.

So I write minus half  $\rho u_1^2 s c_d \delta e$  or let me write for your classification  $d c_d$  by  $d \delta e$  into  $\delta e$ . Remember this is  $f_x a$  because of elevator deflection holding other constant so that why we are talking about the partial derivative and here you could see clearly that  $d c_d$  by  $d \delta e$  will not be very strong number but then for completion we will complete this  $d f_x a$  by  $d \delta e$  will be equal to minus  $q_1 s c_d \delta e$  that's all.

Please understand for small small aircrafts serial time may not be very large significant but then any amount can drag can correctly model because this are directly link with the fuel convention.



Of course this is out of the steady state so let us see what we are doing and why we are doing I again take you back to this  $f_x - mg \theta \cos \theta_1$  is equal to  $m \dot{u}$  and  $f_x$ .

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$$f_x - mg \theta \cos \theta_1 = m \dot{u}$$

$$f_x = \frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial u_1} u_1 + \frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial \alpha} \alpha + \frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial \delta e} \delta e$$

$$\frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial u_1} = -q_1 S (C_{Du} + 2C_{Di})$$

$$\frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial \alpha} = q_1 S (C_{L1} - C_{D\alpha})$$

$$\frac{\partial F_{xA}}{\partial \delta e} = -q_1 S C_{D\delta e}$$

We have written as  $d f_x$  by  $du$  by  $u_1$  into  $u$  by  $u_1$  plus  $d f_x$  by  $d \alpha$  into  $\alpha$  plus  $d f_x$  by  $d \delta e$  into  $\delta e$  of course this term is aerodynamic force that I have been telling you repeatedly similar expression you can do for thrust expression also. At once you know how to do for aerodynamic and you know how to encounter thrust effect also.

So now what is the expression for  $d f_x$  by  $du$  by  $u_1$  is minus  $q_1 S$  into  $C_{Du}$  plus  $2 C_{Di}$ . Then  $d f_x$  by  $d \alpha$  we have seen in the last lecture that was equal to  $q_1 S$  into  $C_{L1}$  plus  $C_{D\alpha}$  or  $C_{L1}$  minus  $C_{D\alpha}$ . You understand what is  $C_{Di}$ ? You understand what  $C_{D\alpha}$  is. Then we have seen  $d f_x$  by  $d \delta e$  is equal to minus  $q_1 S C_{D\delta e}$  right.

So what is  $f_x$  then? Very simple  $f_x$  will be this one for this, this one into  $u$  by  $u_1$  this term will be this, this term will be into  $\alpha$  and third is will be this term into  $\delta e$ . clear I repeat in the  $f_x$   $d f_x$  by  $du_1$  which is given by this expression I want to substitute multiply by  $u$  by  $u_1$  for this I have to put this expression into  $\alpha$ , third want to put this expression. And I will put all this is here in this equation ok. So what we will get first purely mechanical so I can write this as.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{q_1 s}{m} (c_{D_u} + 2c_{D_\alpha}) \frac{u}{u_1} + \frac{q_1 s}{m} (c_{L_1} - c_{D_\alpha}) \alpha - \frac{q_1 s c_{D_\delta}}{m} \delta_e \\
 & - mg \theta \cos \theta_1 = m \dot{u} \\
 \dot{u} &= -\frac{q_1 s}{m} (c_{D_u} + 2c_{D_\alpha}) \frac{u}{u_1} + \frac{q_1 s}{m} (c_{L_1} - c_{D_\alpha}) \alpha - \frac{q_1 s c_{D_\delta}}{m} \delta_e - g \theta \cos \theta_1 \\
 \dot{u} &= X_u u + X_\alpha \alpha + X_{\delta_e} \delta_e - g \theta \cos \theta_1
 \end{aligned}$$

Let me write it d fx a by d alpha is q1 s minus cdu plus 2 cd1 into alpha. No sorry. I have written wrong here. That is the problem. Let me erase this we have to be careful. What I have to write here. I have to write here the expression for d fx a by d alpha so what is that q1 s c11 minus cd alpha into alpha let me check.

q1 s right c11 very good then of course for third d fx a by d delta which is q1 s cd delta e so I will write q1 s cd delta e into delta e. So this is completely the first term fx. whole fx I will take it here clear. Now what is there in the next it is minus m g theta cos theta 1 equal to mudot no issues simply mechanically I am doing as if with few expressions minus m g theta cos theta mudot.

There I do some sort of jugulars then I can write which I leave it to you understand immediately what is this u dot write is because I write in acceleration form so m I divide everything by m. so what I will get I will get minus q1 s by m minus cdu plus 2 cd1 right and I put it here q1 and put it small u. you understand u1 I have to give under this m u1. M has come because we are dividing by m so this is u dot clear.

This m I am taking denominator here so I take u dot in left hand side and this u by u1 this u1 have taken it here so what we are doing is? We are writing u dot equal to so this m has come here so that m is here and u by u1, that u 1 I have taken it here so left with u second term is q1 s again

divided by m right. And then, this is  $c_{l1}$  minus  $c_{d\alpha}$  into  $\alpha$ , and of course this is  $c_{d\delta}$   $e$  into  $\delta$   $e$ , no issues. So now I write  $\dot{u}$  in neat form  $\dot{u}$  is equal to  $x_u$  into  $u$  plus  $x_\alpha$  into  $\alpha$  plus  $x_{\delta e}$  into  $\delta$   $e$  no problem.

We are missing something know. This, this fine  $\dot{u}$  is equal to this of course have here minus  $m g \theta$  so it will be  $g \theta \cos \theta$  please understand I have missed this term. What we are doing  $\dot{u}$  we writing divided by  $m$  so we are this part is taken here divided by  $m$  this part is taken here but we forgot to take care of this term. This will be  $m$  will be cancelled so  $g \theta \cos \theta$ . So I will write this here minus  $g \theta \cos \theta$ .

Now let me ask you a question what is  $x_u$ ? Let us see with me or not as I told you please sit with pen and pencil when listening to this lecture. So what is  $x_u$ ?

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The image shows four handwritten equations on a chalkboard:

$$x_u = -\frac{q_{v_1} s}{m u_1} (c_{D_u} + 2c_{D_1})$$

$$x_\alpha = \frac{q_{v_1} s}{m} (c_{L_1} - c_{D_\alpha})$$

$$x_{\delta e} = -q_{v_1} s c_{D_{\delta e}}$$

$$x_\theta = -\frac{q_{v_1} s}{m} [g_\theta - c_{L_1}]$$

Very simple see from here  $x_u$  into  $u$  that means this whole term is  $x_u$  that is  $x_u$  is minus  $q_1 s$  by  $m u_1$  into  $c_{D_u}$  plus  $2 c_{D_1}$  right. And you know  $u_1$  is the steady state velocity at cruise because all the equilibrium in steady state is at cruise. So nearly you are smart enough to tell me what is  $x_\alpha$ ?  $x_\alpha$  you can check yourself.  $x_\alpha$  will be  $q_1 s$  by  $m c_{L_1}$  minus  $c_{D_\alpha}$  as simple as that okay. So  $x_{\delta e}$  will be what?  $x_{\delta e}$  will be minus  $q_1 s c_{D_{\delta e}}$  ok.

Many books you see there to ensure every time this minus sign will be there so they write as minus  $q_1 s$  by  $m$ , and they write  $c_{D_\alpha}$  minus  $c_{L_1}$ . So everyone will find minus  $q_1 s$  is coming.

Okay. So this equation now we have been able to derive again we will come back to this why we have derived.

This equation because you know that, this  $\dot{u}$  is a perturbed  $u$  how the  $\dot{u}$  is change that will be decided by the change in the aerodynamic because of motion and those are decided by  $x$   $\alpha$   $x$   $\delta$   $e$  and  $u$   $\alpha$  perturbed quantity. Where I want to see whether it really decays or increases in the dynamic stability, but as you understand here this is  $u$  perturbed quantity  $\alpha$  is there so this one equation is not sufficient.

So we have to include equation because of plunging as well as pitching which completes the longitudinal perturbed equation of motion.