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based on a 15 year successful approach to teaching aircraft flight mechanics at the us air force academy this text explains the concepts and derivations of equations for aircraft flight mechanics it covers aircraft performance static stability aircraft dynamics stability and feedback control

covers all aspects of flight performance of modern day high performance aircraft

aircraft performance an engineering approach second edition introduces flight performance analysis techniques of fixed wing air vehicles particularly heavier than aircraft it covers maximum speed absolute ceiling rate of climb range endurance turn performance and takeoff run enabling the reader to analyze the performance and flight capabilities of an aircraft by utilizing only the aircraft weight data geometry and engine characteristics this book covers the flight performance analysis for both propeller driven and jet aircraft the second edition features new content on vertical takeoff and landing uav launch uav recovery use of rocket engine as the main engine range for electric aircraft electric engine endurance for electric aircraft gliding flight pull up and climb turn in addition this book includes end of chapter problems matlab code and examples and case studies to enhance and reinforce student understanding this book is intended for senior undergraduate aerospace students taking courses in aircraft performance flight dynamics and flight mechanics instructors will be able to utilize an updated solutions manual and figure slides for their course

this book presents flight mechanics of aircraft spacecraft and rockets to technical and non technical readers in simple terms and based purely on physical principles adapting an accessible and lucid writing style the book retains the scientific authority and conceptual substance of an engineering textbook without requiring a background in physics or engineering mathematics professor tewari explains relevant physical principles of flight by straightforward examples and meticulous diagrams and figures important aspects of both atmospheric and space flight mechanics are covered including performance stability and control aeroelasticity orbital mechanics and altitude control the book describes airplanes gliders rotary wing and flapping wing flight vehicles rockets and spacecraft and visualizes the essential principles using detailed illustration it is an ideal resource for managers and technicians in the aerospace industry without engineering degrees pilots and anyone interested in the mechanics of flight

flight mechanics modeling and analysis comprehensively covers flight mechanics and flight dynamics using a systems approach this book focuses on applied mathematics and control theory in its discussion of flight mechanics to build a strong foundation for solving design and control problems in the areas of flight simulation and flight data analysis the second edition has been expanded to include two new chapters and coverage of aeroservoelastic topics and engineering mechanics presenting more concepts of flight control and aircraft parameter estimation this book is intended for senior undergraduate aerospace students taking aircraft

mechanics flight dynamics controls and flight mechanics courses it will also be of interest to research students and r d project scientists of the same disciplines including end of chapter exercises and illustrative examples with a matlab based approach this book also includes a solutions manual and figure slides for adopting instructors features covers flight mechanics flight simulation flight testing flight control and aeroservoelasticity features artificial neural network and fuzzy logic based aspects in modeling and analysis of flight mechanics systems aircraft parameter estimation and reconfiguration of control focuses on a systems based approach includes two new chapters numerical simulation examples with matlab based implementations and end of chapter exercises includes a solutions manual and figure slides for adopting instructors

aircraft operating as so called high altitude platform systems haps have been considered as a complementary technology to satellites since several years these aircraft can be used for similar communication and monitoring tasks while operating at a fraction of the cost such concepts have been successfully tested those include the aerovironment helios and the airbus zephyr with an endurance of nearly 624 hours 26 days all these haps aircraft have a high aspect ratio wing using lightweight construction in gusty atmosphere this results in high bending moments and high structural loads which can lead to overloads aircraft crashes for example from google s solara 50 or facebook s aquila give proof of that fact especially in the troposphere where the active weather takes place gust loads occur which can lead to the destruction of the structure the airbus zephyr the only haps aircraft without flight accidents provides only a very small payload thus it does not fully comply with the requirements for future haps aircraft to overcome the shortcomings of such single wing aircraft so called multibody aircraft are considered to be an alternative the concept assumes multiple aircraft connected to each other at their wingtips it goes back to the german engineer dr vogt in the united states shortly after the end of world war ii he experimented with the coupling of manned aircraft this resulted in a high aspect ratio wing for the aircraft formation the range of the formation could be increased correspondingly the engineer geoffrey's sommer took up vogt s idea and patented an aircraft configuration consisting of several unmanned aerial vehicles coupled at their wingtips however the patent does not provide any insight into the flight performance the flight mechanical modeling or the control of such an aircraft single publications exist that deal with the performance of coupled aircraft a profound complete analysis however is missing so far this is where the present work starts for the first time a flying vehicle based on the concept of the multibody aircraft will be analyzed in terms of flight mechanics and flight control in a performance analysis the aircraft concept is analyzed in detail and the benefits in terms of bending moments and flight performance are clearly highlighted limits for operation in flight are shown considering aerodynamic optimal points the joints at the wingtips allow a roll and pitch motion of the individual aircraft this results in additional degrees of freedom for the design through the implementation of different relative pitch and bank angles for example using individual pitch angles for individual aircraft further decreases the induced drag and increases flight performance because the lift is distributed symmetrically but not homogenously along the wingspan a lateral trim of the individual aircraft in formation flight becomes necessary the thesis presents a new method to implement this trim by moving the battery mass along half the wingspan which avoids additional parasite drag further a complete flight dynamics model is provided and analyzed for aircraft that are mechanically connected at their wingtips to study this model in detail a hypothetical torsional and

bending spring between the aircraft is introduced if the spring constants are very high the flight dynamics model has properties similar to those of an elastic aircraft rigid body and formation eigenmotions can be clearly distinguished if the spring constants are reduced towards zero which represents the case of the multibody aircraft classical flight mechanics eigenmotions and modes resulting from the additional degrees of freedom are coupled this affects the eigenstructure of the aircraft hence normal motions with respect to the inertial space as known from a rigid aircraft cannot be observed anymore the plant also reveals unstable behavior using the non linear flight dynamics model flight controllers are designed to stabilize the plant and provide the aircraft with an eigenstructure similar to conventional aircraft different controller design methods are used the flight controller shall further maintain a determined shape of the flight formation it shall control flight bank and pitch angles and it shall suppress disturbances flight control theories in the time domain eigenstructure assignment and in the frequency domain h infinity loop shaping are considered the resulting inner control loops yield a multibody aircraft behavior that is similar to the one of a rigid aircraft for the outer control loops classical autopilot concepts are applied overall the flight trajectory of the multibody aircraft above ground is controlled and thus an actual operation as haps is possible in the last step the flight controller is successfully validated in non linear simulations with complete flight dynamics flugzeuge in der form von sogenannten höhenplattformen engl high altitude platform systems haps werden seit einigen jahren als kostengünstige ergänzung zu teuren satelliten betrachtet diese flugzeuge können für ähnliche kommunikations und überwachungsaufgaben eingesetzt werden zu den gegenwärtigen konzepten solcher fluggeräte die bereits erfolgreich im flugversuch eingesetzt wurden zählen der helios von aerovironment und der airbus zephyr der eine flugdauer von fast 624 stunden 26 tagen erreicht hat alle diese haps flugzeuge besitzen einen flügel langer streckung der in leichtbauweise konstruiert ist hieraus resultieren in böiger atmosphäre hohe biegemomente und starke strukturelle belastungen die zu überbelastungen führen können flugunfälle beispielsweise von googles solara 50 oder facebooks aquila belegen dies insbesondere in der troposphäre in der das aktive wetter stattfindet treten böenlasten auf die die struktur zerstören können der airbus zephyr der bisher als einziges haps flugzeug frei von flugunfällen ist besitzt nur eine sehr geringe nutzlast daher kann er die anforderungen an zukünftige haps flugzeuge nicht vollständig erfüllen um die schwachstellen solcher ein flügel konzepte zu überwinden wird in dieser arbeit ein alternatives flugzeugkonzept betrachtet das als mehrkörperflugzeug bezeichnet wird das konzept geht von mehreren an den flügelspitzen miteinander verbundenen flugzeugen aus und beruht auf ideen des deutschen ingenieurs dr vogt dieser hatte in den usa kurz nach ende des zweiten weltkrieges bemannte flugzeuge aneinanderkoppeln lassen hierdurch ergab sich ein flugzeugverbund mit einem flügel langer streckung damit konnte die reichweite des verbundes gesteigert werden geoffrey s sommer griff die idee von vogt auf und lies sich eine flugzeugkonfiguration patentieren die aus mehreren unbemannten flugzeugen besteht die an den enden der tragflächen miteinander gekoppelt sind die patentschrift gibt jedoch keinen einblick in die flugleistungen die flugmechanische modellierung oder die regelung eines solchen fluggerätes vereinzelt existieren veröffentlichungen die sich mit den flugleistungen von gekoppelten luftfahrzeugen beschäftigen eine tiefgreifende vollständige flugmechanische analyse fehlt jedoch bisher hier setzt die vorliegende arbeit an ein fluggerät basierend auf dem konzept des mehrkörperflug zeugs wird erstmalig hinsichtlich der flugmechanik und flugregelung untersucht in einer

flugleistungsbetrachtung wird das flugzeugkonzept genau analysiert und die vorteile hinsichtlich der biegemomente und der flugleistungen klar herausgestellt die grenzen des einsatzes im flugbetrieb werden mithilfe aerodynamischer optimalpunkte aufgezeigt über die lager an den flügelspitzen die eine relative roll und nickbewegung der flugzeuge untereinander ermöglichen ergeben sich durch die einstellung unterschiedlicher längslage und hängewinkel zusätzliche freiheitsgerade im entwurf die verwendung unterschiedlicher nicklagewinkel der einzelnen flugzeuge reduziert beispielsweise den induzierten widerstand weiter und steigert die flugleistung durch die symmetrische entlang der spannweite jedoch nicht homogene auftriebsverteilung ist auch eine laterale trimmung der einzelnen flugzeuge in der formation notwendig hier stellt die arbeit eine neuartige möglichkeit vor um diese trimmung ohne zusätzlichen parasitären widerstand mittels verschiebung der batteriemasse entlang der halbspannweite umzusetzen weiterhin wird ein vollständiges flugdynamisches modell für über mechanische lager verbundene luftfahrzeuge aufgestellt und analysiert für diese analyse wird eine hypothetische torsions und biegefeder zwischen den flugzeugen modelliert sind die federsteifigkeiten hinreichend hoch besitzt das flugdynamische modell eigenschaften die einem elastischen flugzeug entsprechen starrkörper und elastische eigenbewegungsformen sind in diesem fall klar separiert bei immer weiterer reduzierung bis auf eine federsteifigkeit von null kommt es zu kopplungen zwischen den klassischen flugmechanischen eigenbewegungsformen und den moden aus den zusätzlichen freiheitsgraden dies stellt den auslegungsfall für das mehrkörperflugzeug dar hierbei verändert sich die eigenstruktur engl eigenstructure des flugzeugs und normale bei einem starren flugzeug beobachtbare bewegungen gegenüber dem inertialen raum sind nicht mehr erkennbar zusätzlich zeigt die strecke instabiles verhalten basierend auf dem nichtlinearen fluadvnamischen modell werden mit verschiedenen methoden regler entworfen die die regelstrecke stabilisieren und dem flugzeug eine streckenstruktur zuweisen die derjenigen klassischer flugzeuge ähnelt zudem soll durch die regler eine vorgegebene form des flugzeugverbundes beibehalten werden die fahrt der längs und rolllagewinkel sollen geregelt und störungen unterdrückt werden als auslegungsverfahren werden theorien der zustandsregelungen im zeitbereich eigenstrukturvorgabe frequenzbereich h infinity loop shaping verwendet hierdurch wird durch die inneren regelschleifen ein verhalten des mehrkörperflugzeugs erzielt das dem eines starren flugzeugs entspricht für die äußeren regelschleifen werden anschließend klassische konzepte von autopiloten verwendet im ergebnis ist eine regelung des flugweges über grund des mehrkörperflugzeugs und somit ein tatsächlicher betrieb als haps möglich die funktionalität des reglers wird abschließend in nichtlinearen simulationen mit vollständiger flugdynamik verifiziert

flight mechanics is the application of newton's laws to the study of vehicle trajectories performance stability and aerodynamic control this text is concerned with the derivation of analytical solutions of airplane flight mechanics problems associated with flight in a vertical plane algorithms are presented for calculating lift drag pitching moment and stability derivatives flight mechanics is a discipline as such it has equations of motion acceptable approximations and solution techniques for the approximate equations of motion once an analytical solution has been obtained numbers are calculated in order to compare the answer with the assumptions used to derive it and to acquaint students with the sizes of the numbers a subsonic business jet is used for these calculations

this book discusses aircraft flight performance focusing on commercial aircraft but also considering examples of high performance military aircraft the framework is a multidisciplinary engineering analysis fully supported by flight simulation with software validation at several levels the book covers topics such as geometrical configurations configuration aerodynamics and determination of aerodynamic derivatives weight engineering propulsion systems gas turbine engines and propellers aircraft trim flight envelopes mission analysis trajectory optimisation aircraft noise noise trajectories and analysis of environmental performance a unique feature of this book is the discussion and analysis of the environmental performance of the aircraft focusing on topics such as aircraft noise and carbon dioxide emissions

calculation and optimisation of flight performance is required to design or select new aircraft efficiently operate existing aircraft and upgrade aircraft it provides critical data for aircraft certification accident investigation fleet management flight regulations and safety this book presents an unrivalled range of advanced flight performance models for both transport and military aircraft including the unconventional ends of the envelopes topics covered include the numerical solution of supersonic acceleration transient roll optimal climb of propeller aircraft propeller performance long range flight with en route stop fuel planning zero gravity flight in the atmosphere vstol operations ski jump from aircraft carrier optimal flight paths at subsonic and supersonic speed range payload analysis of fixed and rotary wing aircraft performance of tandem helicopters lower bound noise estimation sonic boom and more this book will be a valuable text for undergraduate and post graduate level students of aerospace engineering it will also be an essential reference and resource for practicing aircraft engineers aircraft operations managers and organizations handling air traffic control flight and flying regulations standards safety environment and the complex financial aspects of flying aircraft unique coverage of fixed and rotary wing aircraft in a unified manner including optimisation emissions control and regulation ideal for students aeronautical engineering capstone projects and for widespread professional reference in the aerospace industry comprehensive coverage of computer based solution of aerospace engineering problems the critical analysis of performance data and case studies from real world engineering experience supported by end of chapter exercises

this volume is the proceedings of the atmospheric flight mechanics conference which took place in new orleans august 1997 it focuses on the technical progress issues and challenges associated with atmospheric flight technical papers address stability and control flying qualities including one session dedicated to pilot induced oscillations unsteady and vortex aerodynamics system and parameter identification aircraft flight dynamic re entry and aero assist technologies and reusable launch vehicles

the book addresses the overall integrated design aspects of a space transportation system involving several disciplines like propulsion vehicle structures aerodynamics flight mechanics navigation guidance and control systems stage auxiliary systems thermal systems etc and discusses the system approach for design trade off analysis system life cycle considerations important aspects in mission management the risk assessment etc there are several books authored to describe the design aspects of various areas viz propulsion aerodynamics structures control etc but there is no book which presents space transportation system sts design in an integrated manner this book attempts to fill this gap by addressing systems approach for sts design highlighting the integrated design aspects

interactions between various subsystems and interdependencies the main focus is towards the complex integrated design to arrive at an optimum robust and cost effective space transportation system the orbital mechanics of satellites including different coordinate frames orbital perturbations and orbital transfers are explained for launching the satellites to meet specific mission requirements viz payload orbit design considerations giving step by step procedure are briefed the selection methodology for launch vehicle configuration its optimum staging and the factors which influence the vehicle performance are summarized the influence of external internal and dynamic operating environments experienced by the vehicle subsystems and the remedial measures needed are highlighted the mission design strategies and their influence on the vehicle design process are elaborated the various critical aspects of sts subsystems like flight mechanics propulsion structures and materials thermal systems stage auxiliary systems navigation guidance and control and the interdependencies and interactions between them are covered the design guidelines complexity of the flight environment and the reentry dynamics for the reentry missions are included the book is not targeted as a design tool for any particular discipline or subsystem some of the design related equations or expressions are not attempted to derive from the first principle as this is beyond the scope of this book however the important analytical expressions graphs and sketches which are essential to provide in depth understanding for the design process as well as to understand the interactions between different subsystems are appropriately included

aeronautics is defined as the science that treats of the operation of aircraft also the art or science of operating aircraft basically with aeronautics one is concerned with predicting and controlling the forces and moments on an aircraft that is traveling through the atmosphere a single comprehensive in depth treatment of both basic and applied modern aerodynamics the fluid mechanics and aerodynamics of incompressible and compressible flows with particular attention to the prediction of lift and drag characteristics of airfoils and wings and complete airplane configurations designed for courses in aerodynamics aeronautics and flight mechanics this text examines the aerodynamics propulsion performance stability and control of an aircraft this book captures some of the new technologies and methods that are currently being developed to enable sustainable air transport and space flight it clearly illustrates the multi disciplinary character of aerospace engineering and the fact that the challenges of air transportation and space missions continue to call for the most innovative solutions and daring concepts

advanced flight dynamics aim to integrate the subjects of aircraft performance trim and stability control in a seamless manner advanced flight dynamics highlights three key and unique viewpoints firstly it follows the revised and corrected aerodynamic modeling presented previously in recent textbook on elementary flight dynamics secondly it uses bifurcation and continuation theory especially the extended bifurcation analysis eba procedure devised by the authors to blend the subjects of aircraft performance trim and stability and flight control into a unified whole thirdly rather than select one control design tool or another it uses the generalized nonlinear dynamic inversion ndi methodology to illustrate the fundamental principles of flight control advanced flight dynamics covers all the standard airplane maneuvers various types of instabilities normally encountered in flight dynamics and illustrates them with real life airplane data and examples thus bridging the gap between the teaching of flight dynamics control theory

in the university and its practice in airplane design bureaus the expected reader group for this book would ideally be senior undergraduate and graduate students practicing aerospace flight simulation engineers scientists from industry as well as researchers in various organizations key features focus on unified nonlinear approach with nonlinear analysis tools provides an up to date corrected and unified presentation of aircraft trim stability and control analysis including nonlinear phenomena and closed loop stability analysis contains a computational tool and real life example carried through the chapters includes complementary nonlinear dynamic inversion control approach with relevant aircraft examples fills the gap in the market for a text including non linear flight dynamics and continuation methods

designed for aerospace engineering students government agencies responsible for certifying military and civilian aircraft and individuals involved in aircraft accident investigation and consulting aircraft performance provides a comprehensive and useful approach to aircraft performance issues in addition to covering the broad area of performance the book also examines specialized subjects such as the ground proximity warning system and ice formation on the aircraft while on the ground or in flight capt asselin s veteran analysis and clear explanation of aircraft performance issues have already found their way into many university classrooms including those of the royal military college of canada and may also prove valuable for those practising engineers and individuals who can use the book for its practical applications

morphing aerospace vehicles and structures provides a highly timely presentation of the state of the art future directions and technical requirements of morphing aircraft divided into three sections it addresses morphing aircraft bio inspiration and smart structures with specific focus on the flight control aerodynamics bio mechanics materials and structures of these vehicles as well as power requirements and the use of advanced piezo materials and smart actuators the tutorial approach adopted by the contributors including underlying concepts and mathematical formulations unifies the methodologies and tools required to provide practicing engineers and applied researchers with the insight to synthesize morphing air vehicles and morphing structures as well as offering direction for future research

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