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FOREWORD

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International Standard ISO 1151/III, *Terms and symbols for flight dynamics – Part III : Derivatives of forces, moments and their coefficients*, is the third in a series of International Standards, the purpose of which is to define the principal terms used in flight dynamics and to specify symbols for these terms.

Other International Standards in this series, which will be extended in the future, are at present as follows :

ISO 1151/I, *Terms and symbols for flight dynamics – Part I : Aircraft motion relative to the air*.

ISO 1151/II, *Terms and symbols for flight dynamics – Part II : Motions of the aircraft and the atmosphere relative to the Earth*.

ISO 1151/IV, *Terms and symbols for flight dynamics – Part IV : Parameters used in the study of aircraft stability and control*.

ISO 1151/V, *Terms and symbols for flight dynamics – Part V : Quantities used in measurements*.

ISO 1151/VI, *Terms and symbols for flight dynamics – Part VI : Aircraft geometry*.

In these International Standards, the term "aircraft" denotes an aerodyne having a fore-and-aft plane of symmetry. This plane is determined by the geometrical characteristics of the aircraft. When there are more than one fore-and-aft planes of symmetry, the reference plane of symmetry is arbitrary and it is necessary to indicate the choice made.

Angles of rotation, angular velocities and moments about any axis are positive clockwise when viewed in the positive direction of the axis.

All the axis systems used are three-dimensional, orthogonal and right-handed, which implies that a clockwise (positive) rotation through $\pi/2$ about the x -axis brings the y -axis into the position previously occupied by the z -axis.

Numbering of sections and clauses

Each of these International Standards represents a part of the whole study on terms and symbols for flight dynamics.

To permit easier reference to a section or a clause from one part to another, a decimal numbering has been adopted which begins in each International Standard with the number of the part it represents.

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Terms and symbols for flight dynamics — Part III : derivatives of forces, moments and their coefficients

3.0 INTRODUCTION

This International Standard deals with the derivatives of forces, moments and their coefficients.

In this International Standard, the effects of the Earth's curvature are not considered; for the purpose of the definition of Earth axes, the Earth's surface is treated as a plane, that is, the Earth's radius is taken as infinite.

Aeroelastic effects would introduce further quantities, which are not considered in this International Standard.

Two groups of derivatives are usually involved in flight dynamics studies.

The first group is composed of partial derivatives of the non-dimensional coefficients of force and moment components with respect to normalized variables.

The second group is composed of normalized forms of the partial derivatives of force and moment components with respect to the basic variables of the motion.

Derivatives of the first group

Aerodynamic data are usually quoted in terms of these derivatives. They are meaningful when they relate to those forces and moments which obey the laws of aerodynamic similarity but their use may be extended to include forces not of this type, for example propulsion forces.

In this International Standard, it is assumed that the force and moment coefficients depend only on the following variables¹⁾ :

- the angle of attack (1.2.2);
- the angle of sideslip (1.2.1);
- the normalized angular velocities (1.3.7);
- the Mach number (1.3.3);
- the normalized forms of the derivatives, with respect to time, of the angle of attack, the angle of sideslip, and the airspeed (3.1).

Derivatives of the second group

The derivatives of the second group relate to components of the resultant force and moment arising from all forces and moments acting on the aircraft, excluding the gravitational, inertial and reaction forces due to contact with the Earth (1.5.1).

It is usual to restrict the number of variables used in forming these derivatives to the following²⁾ (1.3.4 and 1.3.6) :

$$u, v, w, p, q, r, \dot{u}, \dot{v}, \dot{w},$$

where the dot refers to differentiation with respect to time.

These partial derivatives are then normalized by dividing by an appropriate constant quantity based on a datum flight condition (normally an equilibrium condition and denoted by a suffix e).

Remark on the written form of the derivative

The partial derivative, $\partial A / \partial \lambda$, of a quantity A , with respect to a variable λ , may be written A_λ or A^λ according to the custom of the country. The first form, A_λ , is used in this International Standard.

1) In exceptional circumstances it may prove necessary to increase the number of variables, for example to include Reynolds number.

2) In exceptional circumstances it may prove necessary to increase the number of variables, for example to include altitude.