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INTRODUCTION

Flight technique analysis is the application of aerodynamics to flight technique issues. Unlike aircraft performance and design, where aerodynamic equations provide numerical data, flight technique analysis uses aerodynamic principles to optimize the methods used to precisely fly an airplane. In this sense, aerodynamic principles are applied qualitatively rather than quantitatively.

While most technical books have many words and a few illustrations, most of the principles explained in this book utilize graphical means. Text comments are mainly used for introductory comments and the summarizing of critical points.

A new book series expands coverage of the issues in this book, including new computerized demonstrations, tools and additional related subject areas. The first book in the new series, *Advanced Airmanship Book 1 Precision Flying*, is currently available and the remaining two books are scheduled for release in 2011. Additional information on these new books and updated editions of Professor Les Kumpula's current text books is available on the publisher's web site: www.cchpublishing.com

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INITIAL PLOTTING CONDITIONS

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1. IAS = 220 Knots
                                                              18. Horiz, Dist. on Screen = ON
                                                              19. Ground Effect = OFF
2. Climb Angle = 0 Deg.
3. Pitch Attitude =
                                  2.6307 Deg.
                                                              20. Ground Altitude = 0
4. NI = 71.1275 %RPM
5. Flap Setting = 0 Deg.
6. Landing Gear = UP
                                                              21. Pitch Rate =
                                                                                           2 Deg/Sec
                                                              22. Operating Engines =
                                                             23. ILS Glide Slope = OFF
7. Full Scale Altitude = 2000 Feet 24. Glide Slope Antennae Loc. = 5 NM
7. Full Scale Altitude = 2000 Feet 24. Glide Slope Antennae LoC: -

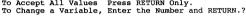
8. Zero Scale Altitude = 0 Feet 25. Gear Warning Horn = 0N

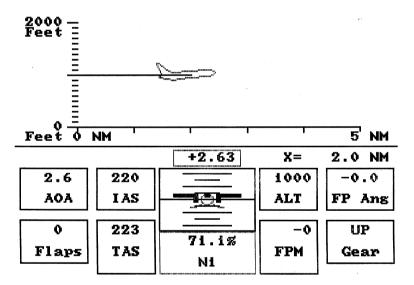
9. Full Scale Distance = 5 NM 26. AOA to MACH Altitude = 10000

10. Altitude (Y Axis) = 1000 Feet 27. Distance Counter Units = NM

11. Location (X Axis) = 0 NM 28. Wind (HW+ +, TW+ -) = 0 Knc

12. Aircraft Scale Factor = 1 29. Gross Weight = 225000 lbs.
                                                              26. AOA to MACH Altitude = 10000 Feet
                                                             28. Wind (HW= +,TW= -) = 0 Knots
29. Gross Weight = 225000 lbs.
30. Plotting Speed Multiplyer = 1
13. Angle Scale Factor = 2
                                                             31. Delay Loop Constant = 0
32. LPRINT Plotting Interval = 1
14. Velocity Vector Status = ON
15. Hold Mode Annunciator = ON
16. Density Altitude = Variable
                                                              33. Bank Angle = 0 Deg.
17. Const. Density Alt. = 1000 Feet
To Accept All Values Press RETURN Only.
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The vertical plane simulator is used throughout this book to illustrate the flight characteristics of a common wide-body jet transport. It is a DOS-based program that is compatible with windows XP and earlier Windows versions. It is available as a download at www.cchpublishing.com

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While flight data is being plotted, most variables can be changed by
pressing the appropriate key, as shown below, and responding to the prompt.
                         KEY - Variable to be Changed
                                     Pitch Attitude
                           В
                                     Both Pitch Attitude and N1 in the same Time Period.
                                     Flaps
                           Ğ
                                     Landing Gear (Press for Up or Down)
Altitude Hold (Press for On or Off)
                           н
                                     One Engine Out
                                     Both Engines Operating
                                     Altitude
                               - Altitude
- Location (X Axis - Nautical Miles)
- Indicated Airspeed
- Flight Path Angle (A Climb is Positive)
- Plots Airplane Picture on Altitude - NM Plot
- Plotting Speed Multiplyer (Real time= 1, Max.= 3)
- Ends and Reruns the Program
                                 - Elapsed Time and Distance Display - On and Off
                                - LPRINT Flight Data - On and Off
                                 - Pitch Rotation Rate
    Press the Appropriate Key Softly but Quickly - Press ENTER for Next Page
                         KEY - Variable to be Changed
                                - IAS Hold Mode (Press for On or Off)
- TAS Hold Mode (Press for On or Off)
                                     Mach Hold Mode (Press for On or Off)
                                     AOA Hold Mode (Press for On or Off)
                                     GS Hold Mode (Press for On or Off)
                                     GS Hold Mode (Press for On or Off)
Brakes - Ground (Press for On or Off)
Display Horizontal Distance (X) - On and Off
Time Delay Loop Constant (0 and Up - 0 = No Delay)
Wind - (Press for New Hw or TW)
Reset to Initial Conditions - Retain Existing Plot
                                     Repeat With the Current Plotting Format
                                     Gross Weight
                                     Freeze Action (Press for On or Off)
LPRINT Plotting Interval
Bank Angle & Roll Rate
         U @ D ARROWS
L @ R ARROWS
                                     Change Pitch Attitude by +1 Deg. or -1 Deg.
                                     Change N1 by -5 %RPM or +5 %RPM
                                     Change Pitch Attitude by +0.1 Deg. or -0.1 Deg. Change N1 by -1 %RPM or +1 %RPM
           PgUp @ PgDn
            Home @ End
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It is possible to examine almost any flight scenario by use of the keys shown above.

Press the Appropriate Key Softly but Quickly - Press ENTER to Start

FLIGHT DECK TASK MANAGEMENT

Flight deck task management refers to the division of workload between the pilot flying and pilot not flying. This should not be confused with crew resource management, which is more concerned with human interaction among crewmembers. Flight deck task management is an every day practice for airline crews, but it is generally new information for general aviation pilots used to single pilot operations.