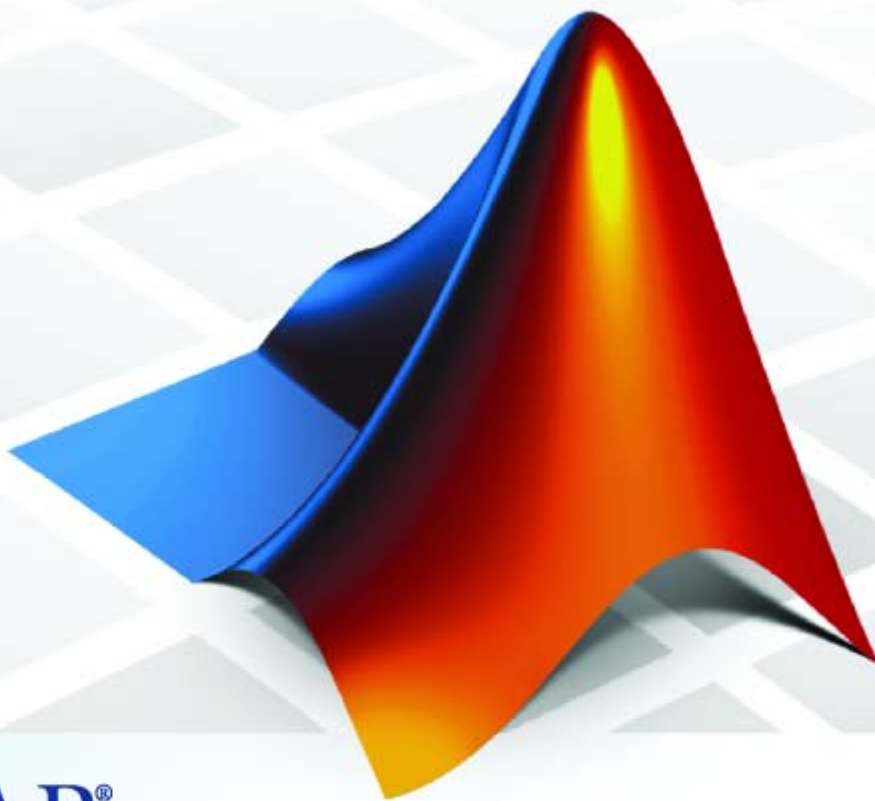


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## What Is Aerospace Toolbox?

Aerospace Toolbox extends the MATLAB® technical computing environment by providing reference standards, environment models, and aerodynamic coefficient importing for performing advanced aerospace analysis to develop and evaluate your designs. Aerospace Toolbox provides the following to enable you to visualize flight data in a three-dimensional environment and reconstruct behavioral anomalies in flight-test results:

- Aero.Animation, Aero.Body, Aero.Camera, and Aero.Geometry objects and associated methods
- An interface to the FlightGear flight simulator

To ensure design consistency, Aerospace Toolbox provides utilities for unit conversions, coordinate transformations, and quaternion math, as well as standards-based environmental models for the atmosphere, gravity, and magnetic fields. You can import aerodynamic coefficients directly from the U.S. Air Force Digital Data Compendium (DATCOM) to carry out preliminary control design and vehicle performance analysis.

The toolbox provides you with the following main features:

- Provides standards-based environmental models for atmosphere, gravity, and magnetic fields.
- Converts units and transforms coordinate systems and spatial representations.
- Implements predefined utilities for aerospace parameter calculations, time calculations, and quaternion math.
- Imports aerodynamic coefficients directly from DATCOM.
- Interfaces to the FlightGear flight simulator, enabling visualization of vehicle dynamics in a three-dimensional environment.

Aerospace Toolbox can be used in applications such as aircraft technology, telemetry data reduction, flight control analysis, navigation analysis, visualization for flight simulation, and environmental modeling, and can help you perform the following tasks:



- Analyze, initialize, and visualize a broad range of large aerospace system architectures, including aircraft, missiles, spacecraft (probes, satellites, manned and unmanned), and propulsion systems (engines and rockets), while reducing development time.
- Support and define new requirements for aerospace systems.
- Perform complex calculations and analyze data to optimize and implement your designs.
- Test the performance of flight tests.

Aerospace Toolbox maintains and updates the algorithms, tables, and standard environmental models, eliminating the need to provide internal maintenance and verification of the models and reducing the cost of internal software maintenance.

## Related Products

Aerospace Toolbox requires MATLAB.

In addition to Aerospace Toolbox, the Aerospace product family includes Aerospace Blockset. Aerospace Toolbox provides static data analysis capabilities, while Aerospace Blockset provides an environment for dynamic modeling and vehicle component modeling and simulation. Aerospace Blockset uses part of the functionality of Aerospace Toolbox as an engine. Use these products together to model aerospace systems in MATLAB and Simulink®.

Other related products are listed in the Aerospace Toolbox product page at the MathWorks Web site. They include toolboxes and blocksets that extend the capabilities of MATLAB and Simulink. These products will enhance your use of Aerospace Toolbox in various applications.

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- The online documentation for that product if it is installed
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## Getting Online Help

You can get help online in a number of ways to assist you while you use Aerospace Toolbox.

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### Exploring the Toolbox

A list of the toolbox functions is available to you by typing

```
help aero
```

You can view the code for any function by typing

```
type function_name
```

### Using the MATLAB Help System for Documentation and Demos

The MATLAB Help browser allows you to access the documentation and demo models for all the MATLAB and Simulink based products that you have installed. The online Help includes an online index and search system.

Consult the Help for Using MATLAB section of the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation for more information about the MATLAB Help system.



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## Defining Coordinate Systems

Coordinate systems allow you to keep track of an aircraft or spacecraft's position and orientation in space. This section introduces important terminology and the major coordinate systems used by Aerospace Toolbox.

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### Fundamental Coordinate System Concepts

The Aerospace Toolbox coordinate systems are based on these underlying concepts from geodesy, astronomy, and physics.

#### Definitions

Aerospace Toolbox uses *right-handed* (RH) Cartesian coordinate systems. The *right-hand rule* establishes the *x-y-z* sequence of coordinate axes.

An *inertial frame* is a nonaccelerating motion reference frame. Loosely speaking, acceleration is defined with respect to the distant cosmos. In an inertial frame, Newton's second law (force = mass X acceleration) holds.

Strictly defined, an inertial frame is a member of the set of all frames not accelerating relative to one another. A *noninertial frame* is any frame accelerating relative to an inertial frame. Its acceleration, in general, includes both translational and rotational components, resulting in *pseudoforces* (*pseudogravity*, as well as *Coriolis* and *centrifugal forces*).

The toolbox models the Earth's shape (the *geoid*) as an oblate spheroid, a special type of ellipsoid with two longer axes equal (defining the *equatorial plane*) and a third, slightly shorter (*geopolar*) axis of symmetry. The equator is the intersection of the equatorial plane and the Earth's surface. The geographic poles are the intersection of the Earth's surface and the geopolar axis. In general, the Earth's geopolar and rotation axes are not identical.

Latitudes parallel the equator. Longitudes parallel the geopolar axis. The *zero longitude* or *prime meridian* passes through Greenwich, England.

## Approximations

Aerospace Toolbox makes three standard approximations in defining coordinate systems relative to the Earth.

- The Earth's surface or geoid is an oblate spheroid, defined by its longer equatorial and shorter geopolar axes. In reality, the Earth is slightly deformed with respect to the standard geoid.
- The Earth's rotation axis and equatorial plane are perpendicular, so that the rotation and geopolar axes are identical. In reality, these axes are slightly misaligned, and the equatorial plane wobbles as the Earth rotates. This effect is negligible in most applications.
- The only noninertial effect in Earth-fixed coordinates is due to the Earth's rotation about its axis. This is a *rotating, geocentric* system. The toolbox ignores the Earth's motion around the Sun, the Sun's motion in the Galaxy, and the Galaxy's motion through cosmos. In most applications, only the Earth's rotation matters.

This approximation must be changed for spacecraft sent into deep space, i.e., outside the Earth-Moon system, and a heliocentric system is preferred.

## Motion with Respect to Other Planets

Aerospace Toolbox uses the standard WGS-84 geoid to model the Earth. You can change the equatorial axis length, the flattening, and the rotation rate.

You can represent the motion of spacecraft with respect to any celestial body that is well approximated by an oblate spheroid by changing the spheroid size, flattening, and rotation rate. If the celestial body is rotating westward (retrogradely), make the rotation rate negative.

### Coordinate Systems for Modeling

Modeling aircraft and spacecraft is simplest if you use a coordinate system fixed in the body itself. In the case of aircraft, the forward direction is modified by the presence of wind, and the craft's motion through the air is not the same as its motion relative to the ground.

#### Body Coordinates

The noninertial body coordinate system is fixed in both origin and orientation to the moving craft. The craft is assumed to be rigid.

The orientation of the body coordinate axes is fixed in the shape of body.

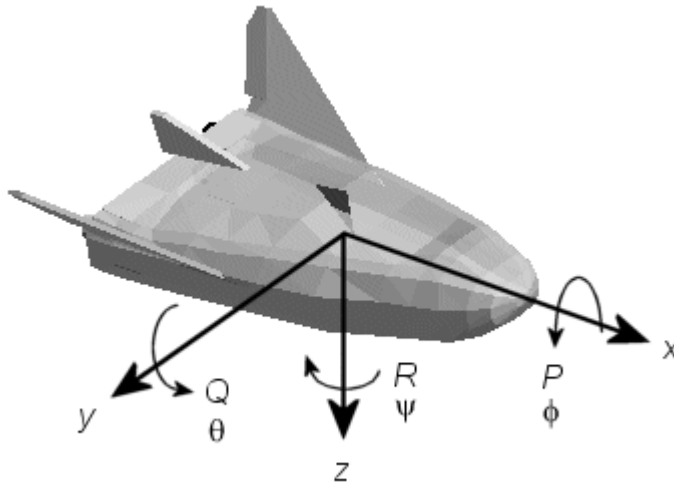
- The  $x$ -axis points through the nose of the craft.
- The  $y$ -axis points to the right of the  $x$ -axis (facing in the pilot's direction of view), perpendicular to the  $x$ -axis.
- The  $z$ -axis points down through the bottom of the craft, perpendicular to the  $x$ - $y$  plane and satisfying the RH rule.

**Translational Degrees of Freedom.** Translations are defined by moving along these axes by distances  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  from the origin.

**Rotational Degrees of Freedom.** Rotations are defined by the Euler angles  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$  or  $\Phi$ ,  $\Theta$ ,  $\Psi$ . They are

- $P$  or  $\Phi$ : Roll about the  $x$ -axis
- $Q$  or  $\Theta$ : Pitch about the  $y$ -axis
- $R$  or  $\Psi$ : Yaw about the  $z$ -axis





### Wind Coordinates

The noninertial wind coordinate system has its origin fixed in the rigid aircraft. The coordinate system orientation is defined relative to the craft's velocity  $V$ .

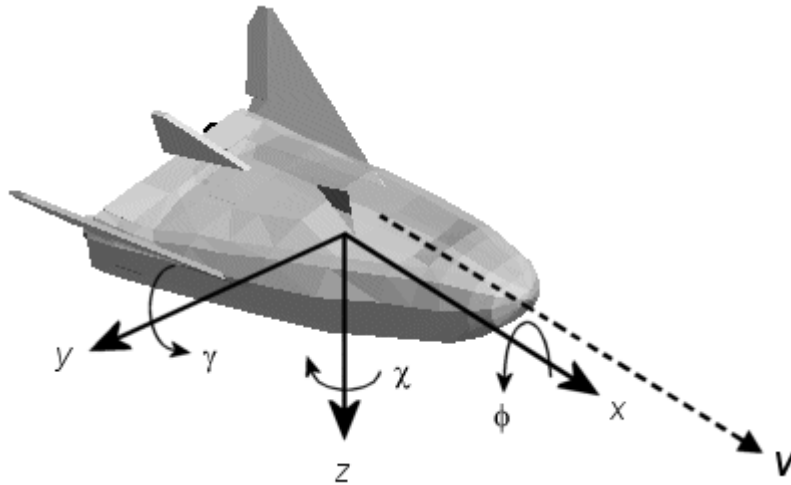
The orientation of the wind coordinate axes is fixed by the velocity  $V$ .

- The  $x$ -axis points in the direction of  $V$ .
- The  $y$ -axis points to the right of the  $x$ -axis (facing in the direction of  $V$ ), perpendicular to the  $x$ -axis.
- The  $z$ -axis points perpendicular to the  $x$ - $y$  plane in whatever way needed to satisfy the RH rule with respect to the  $x$ - and  $y$ -axes.

**Translational Degrees of Freedom.** Translations are defined by moving along these axes by distances  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  from the origin.

**Rotational Degrees of Freedom.** Rotations are defined by the Euler angles  $\Phi$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\chi$ . They are

- $\Phi$ : Bank angle about the  $x$ -axis
- $\gamma$ : Flight path about the  $y$ -axis
- $\chi$ : Heading angle about the  $z$ -axis



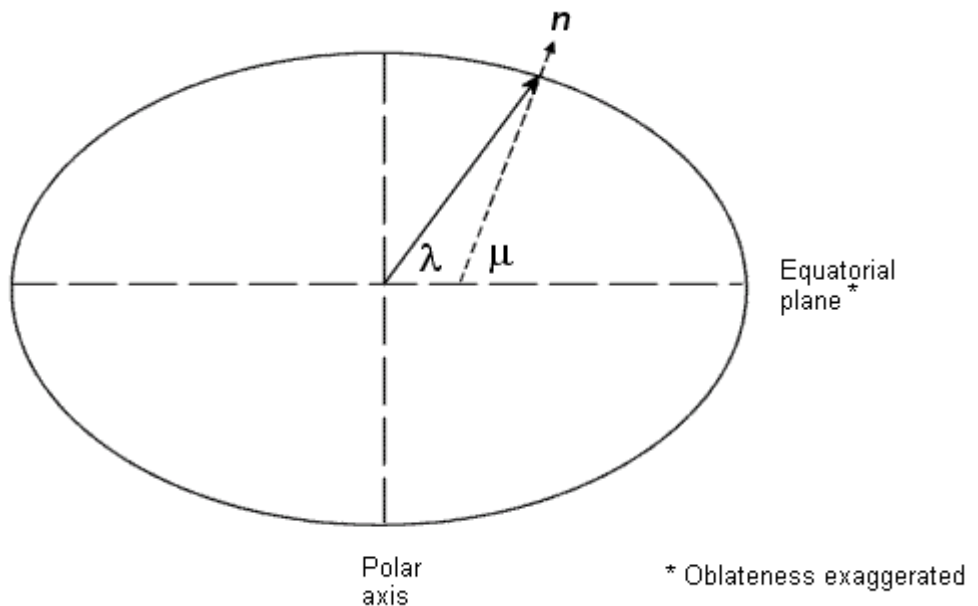
## Coordinate Systems for Navigation

Modeling aerospace trajectories requires positioning and orienting the aircraft or spacecraft with respect to the rotating Earth. Navigation coordinates are defined with respect to the center and surface of the Earth.

### Geocentric and Geodetic Latitudes

The *geocentric latitude*  $\lambda$  on the Earth's surface is defined by the angle subtended by the radius vector from the Earth's center to the surface point with the equatorial plane.

The *geodetic latitude*  $\mu$  on the Earth's surface is defined by the angle subtended by the surface normal vector  $n$  and the equatorial plane.

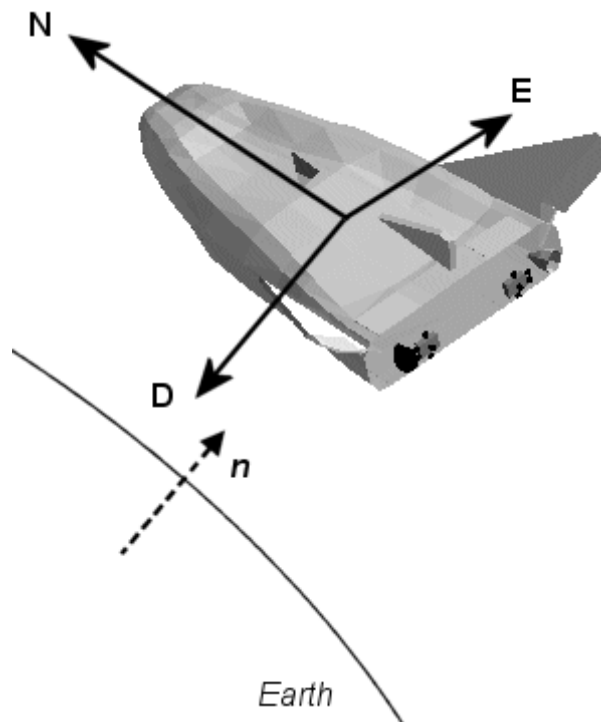


### NED Coordinates

The north-east-down (NED) system is a noninertial system with its origin fixed at the aircraft or spacecraft's center of gravity. Its axes are oriented along the geodetic directions defined by the Earth's surface.

- The  $x$ -axis points north parallel to the geoid surface, in the polar direction.
- The  $y$ -axis points east parallel to the geoid surface, along a latitude curve.
- The  $z$ -axis points downward, toward the Earth's surface, antiparallel to the surface's outward normal  $n$ .

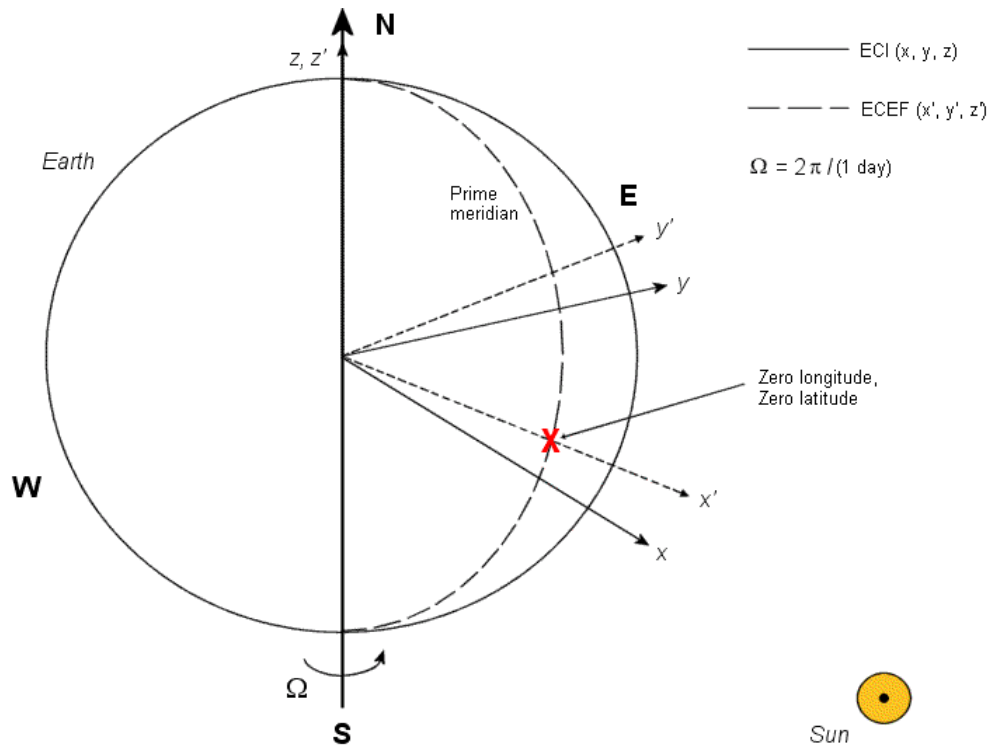
Flying at a constant altitude means flying at a constant  $z$  above the Earth's surface.



## ECI Coordinates

The Earth-centered inertial (ECI) system is a mixed inertial system. It is oriented with respect to the Sun. Its origin is fixed at the center of the Earth.

- The  $z$ -axis points northward along the Earth's rotation axis.
- The  $x$ -axis points outward in the Earth's equatorial plane exactly at the Sun. (This rule ignores the Sun's oblique angle to the equator, which varies with season. The actual Sun always remains in the  $x$ - $z$  plane.)
- The  $y$ -axis points into the eastward quadrant, perpendicular to the  $x$ - $z$  plane so as to satisfy the RH rule.



## Earth-Centered Coordinates

### **ECEF Coordinates**

The Earth-center, Earth-fixed (ECEF) system is a noninertial system that rotates with the Earth. Its origin is fixed at the center of the Earth.

- The  $z$ -axis points northward along the Earth's rotation axis.
- The  $x$ -axis points outward along the intersection of the Earth's equatorial plane and prime meridian.
- The  $y$ -axis points into the eastward quadrant, perpendicular to the  $x$ - $z$  plane so as to satisfy the RH rule.

### **Coordinate Systems for Display**

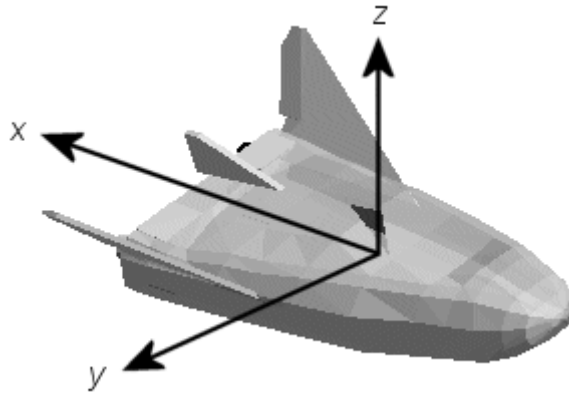
Aerospace Toolbox lets you use FlightGear coordinates for rendering motion.

FlightGear is an open-source, third-party flight simulator with an interface supported by Aerospace Toolbox.

- “Working with the Flight Simulator Interface” on page 2-39 discusses the toolbox interface to FlightGear.
- See the FlightGear documentation at [www.flightgear.org](http://www.flightgear.org) for complete information about this flight simulator.

The FlightGear coordinates form a special body-fixed system, rotated from the standard body coordinate system about the  $y$ -axis by -180 degrees:

- The  $x$ -axis is positive toward the back of the vehicle.
- The  $y$ -axis is positive toward the right of the vehicle.
- The  $z$ -axis is positive upward, e.g., wheels typically have the lowest  $z$  values.



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## Defining Aerospace Units

Aerospace Toolbox functions support standard measurement systems. The Unit Conversion functions provide means for converting common measurement units from one system to another, such as converting velocity from feet per second to meters per second and vice versa.

The unit conversion functions support all units listed in this table.

Quantity	MKS (SI)	English
Acceleration	meters/second <sup>2</sup> (m/s <sup>2</sup> ), kilometers/second <sup>2</sup> (km/s <sup>2</sup> ), (kilometers/hour)/second (km/h-s), g-unit (g)	inches/second <sup>2</sup> (in/s <sup>2</sup> ), feet/second <sup>2</sup> (ft/s <sup>2</sup> ), (miles/hour)/second (mph/s), g-unit (g)
Angle	radian (rad), degree (deg), revolution	radian (rad), degree (deg), revolution
Angular acceleration	radians/second <sup>2</sup> (rad/s <sup>2</sup> ), degrees/second <sup>2</sup> (deg/s <sup>2</sup> ), revolutions/minute (rpm), revolutions/second (rps)	radians/second <sup>2</sup> (rad/s <sup>2</sup> ), degrees/second <sup>2</sup> (deg/s <sup>2</sup> ), revolutions/minute (rpm), revolutions/second (rps)
Angular velocity	radians/second (rad/s), degrees/second (deg/s), revolutions/minute (rpm)	radians/second (rad/s), degrees/second (deg/s), revolutions/minute (rpm)
Density	kilogram/meter <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	pound mass/foot <sup>3</sup> (lbm/ft <sup>3</sup> ), slug/foot <sup>3</sup> (slug/ft <sup>3</sup> ), pound mass/inch <sup>3</sup> (lbm/in <sup>3</sup> )
Force	newton (N)	pound (lb)
Inertia	kilogram-meter <sup>2</sup> (kg-m <sup>2</sup> )	slug-foot <sup>2</sup> (slug-ft <sup>2</sup> )
Length	meter (m)	inch (in), foot (ft), mile (mi), nautical mile (nm)



<b>Quantity</b>	<b>MKS (SI)</b>	<b>English</b>
Mass	kilogram (kg)	slug (slug), pound mass (lbm)
Pressure	pascal (Pa)	pound/inch <sup>2</sup> (psi), pound/foot <sup>2</sup> (psf), atmosphere (atm)
Temperature	kelvin (K), degrees Celsius (°C)	degrees Fahrenheit (°F), degrees Rankine (°R)
Torque	newton-meter (N-m)	pound-feet (lb-ft)
Velocity	meters/second (m/s), kilometers/second (km/s), kilometers/hour (km/h)	inches/second (in/sec), feet/second (ft/sec), feet/minute (ft/min), miles/hour (mph), knots

## Importing Digital DATCOM Data

Aerospace Toolbox enables bringing United States Air Force (USAF) Digital DATCOM files into MATLAB by using the `datcomimport` function. For more information, see the `datcomimport` function reference page. This section explains how to import data from a USAF Digital DATCOM file.

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The example used in this section is available as an Aerospace Toolbox demo. You can run the demo either by entering `astimportddatcom` in the MATLAB Command Window or by finding the demo entry (Importing from USAF Digital DATCOM Files) in the Demos browser and clicking **Run in the Command Window** on its demo page.

### Example of a USAF Digital DATCOM File

The following is a sample input file for USAF Digital DATCOM for a wing-body-horizontal tail-vertical tail configuration running over five alphas, two Mach numbers, and two altitudes and calculating static and dynamic derivatives. You can also view this file by entering `type astdatcom.in` in the MATLAB Command Window.

```
$FLTCON NMACH=2.0,MACH(1)=0.1,0.2$
$FLTCON NALT=2.0,ALT(1)=5000.0,8000.0$
$FLTCON NALPHA=5.,ALSCHD(1)=-2.0,0.0,2.0,
ALSCHD(4)=4.0,8.0,LOOP=2.0$
$OPTINS SREF=225.8,CBARR=5.75,BLREF=41.15$
$$SYNTHS XCG=7.08,ZCG=0.0,XW=6.1,ZW=-1.4,ALIW=1.1,XH=20.2,
ZH=0.4,ALIH=0.0,XV=21.3,ZV=0.0,VERTUP=.TRUE.$
$BODY NX=10.0,
X(1)=-4.9,0.0,3.0,6.1,9.1,13.3,20.2,23.5,25.9,
R(1)=0.0,1.0,1.75,2.6,2.6,2.6,2.0,1.0,0.0$
$WGPLNF CHRDP=4.0,SSPNE=18.7,SSPN=20.6,CHDR=7.2,SAVSI=0.0,CHSTAT=0.25,
```

```

TWISTA=-1.1,SSPNDD=0.0,DHDADI=3.0,DHDADO=3.0,TYPE=1.0$
NACA-W-6-64A412
$HTPLNF CHRDP=2.3,SSPNE=5.7,SSPN=6.625,CHRDR=0.25,SAVSI=11.0,
CHSTAT=1.0,TWISTA=0.0,TYPE=1.0$
NACA-H-4-0012
$VTPLNF CHRDP=2.7,SSPNE=5.0,SSPN=5.2,CHRDR=5.3,SAVSI=31.3,
CHSTAT=0.25,TWISTA=0.0,TYPE=1.0$
NACA-V-4-0012
CASEID SKYHOGG BODY-WING-HORIZONTAL TAIL-VERTICAL TAIL CONFIG
DAMP
NEXT CASE

```

The output file generated by USAF Digital DATCOM for the same wing-body-horizontal tail-vertical tail configuration running over five alphas, two Mach numbers, and two altitudes can be viewed by entering type `astdatcom.out` in the MATLAB Command Window.

## Importing Data from DATCOM Files

Use the `datcomimport` function to bring the Digital DATCOM data into MATLAB.

```
alldata = datcomimport('astdatcom.out', true, 0);
```

## Examining Imported DATCOM Data

The `datcomimport` function creates a cell array of structures containing the data from the Digital DATCOM output file.

```

data = alldata{1}
data =

    case: 'SKYHOGG BODY-WING-HORIZONTAL TAIL-VERTICAL TAIL CONFIG'
    mach: [0.1000 0.2000]
    alt: [5000 8000]
    alpha: [-2 0 2 4 8]
    nmach: 2
    nalt: 2
    nalpha: 5
    rnnub: []
    hypers: 0

```

```
loop: 2
sref: 225.8000
cbar: 5.7500
blref: 41.1500
dim: 'ft'
deriv: 'deg'
stmach: 0.6000
tsmach: 1.4000
save: 0
stype: []
trim: 0
damp: 1
build: 1
part: 0
highsym: 0
highasy: 0
highcon: 0
tjet: 0
hypeff: 0
lb: 0
pwr: 0
grnd: 0
wssp: 18.7000
hssp: 5.7000
ndelta: 0
delta: []
deltal: []
deltar: []
ngh: 0
grndht: []
config: [1x1 struct]
  cd: [5x2x2 double]
  cl: [5x2x2 double]
  cm: [5x2x2 double]
  cn: [5x2x2 double]
  ca: [5x2x2 double]
  xcp: [5x2x2 double]
  cla: [5x2x2 double]
  cma: [5x2x2 double]
  cyb: [5x2x2 double]
```

```

cnb: [5x2x2 double]
clb: [5x2x2 double]
qqinf: [5x2x2 double]
eps: [5x2x2 double]
depsdalp: [5x2x2 double]
clq: [5x2x2 double]
cmq: [5x2x2 double]
clad: [5x2x2 double]
cmad: [5x2x2 double]
clp: [5x2x2 double]
cyp: [5x2x2 double]
cnp: [5x2x2 double]
cnr: [5x2x2 double]
clr: [5x2x2 double]

```

## Filling in Missing DATCOM Data

By default, missing data points are set to 99999 and data points are set to NaN where no DATCOM methods exist or where the method is not applicable.

It can be seen in the Digital DATCOM output file and examining the imported data that  $C_{Y\beta}$ ,  $C_{n\beta}$ ,  $C_{lq}$ , and  $C_{mq}$  have data only in the first alpha value. Here are the imported data values.

```

data.cyb
ans(:, :, 1) =

    1.0e+004 *

    -0.0000    -0.0000
     9.9999     9.9999
     9.9999     9.9999
     9.9999     9.9999
     9.9999     9.9999

ans(:, :, 2) =

    1.0e+004 *

```

```
-0.0000 -0.0000  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999
```

```
data.cnb
```

```
ans(:, :, 1) =
```

```
1.0e+004 *
```

```
0.0000 0.0000  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999
```

```
ans(:, :, 2) =
```

```
1.0e+004 *
```

```
0.0000 0.0000  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999
```

```
data.clq
```

```
ans(:, :, 1) =
```

```
1.0e+004 *
```

```
0.0000 0.0000  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999  
9.9999 9.9999
```

```
ans(:, :, 2) =

    1.0e+004 *

    0.0000    0.0000
    9.9999    9.9999
    9.9999    9.9999
    9.9999    9.9999
    9.9999    9.9999
```

```
data.cmq
ans(:, :, 1) =

    1.0e+004 *

   -0.0000   -0.0000
    9.9999    9.9999
    9.9999    9.9999
    9.9999    9.9999
    9.9999    9.9999
```

```
ans(:, :, 2) =

    1.0e+004 *

   -0.0000   -0.0000
    9.9999    9.9999
    9.9999    9.9999
    9.9999    9.9999
    9.9999    9.9999
```

The missing data points will be filled with the values for the first alpha, since these data points are meant to be used for all alpha values.

```
aerotab = {'cyb' 'cnb' 'clq' 'cmq'};
```

```
for k = 1:length(aerotab)
    for m = 1:data.nmach
        for h = 1:data.nalt
```

```
        data.(aerotab{k})(:,m,h) = data.(aerotab{k})(1,m,h);  
    end  
end  
end  
end
```

Here are the updated imported data values.

```
data.cyb  
ans(:,:,1) =  
  
    -0.0035    -0.0035  
    -0.0035    -0.0035  
    -0.0035    -0.0035  
    -0.0035    -0.0035  
    -0.0035    -0.0035
```

```
ans(:,:,2) =  
  
    -0.0035    -0.0035  
    -0.0035    -0.0035  
    -0.0035    -0.0035  
    -0.0035    -0.0035  
    -0.0035    -0.0035
```

```
data.cnb  
ans(:,:,1) =  
  
    1.0e-003 *  
  
    0.9142    0.8781  
    0.9142    0.8781  
    0.9142    0.8781  
    0.9142    0.8781  
    0.9142    0.8781
```

```
ans(:,:,2) =  
  
    1.0e-003 *
```



```

0.9190  0.8829
0.9190  0.8829
0.9190  0.8829
0.9190  0.8829
0.9190  0.8829

```

```

data.clq
ans(:, :, 1) =

```

```

0.0974  0.0984
0.0974  0.0984
0.0974  0.0984
0.0974  0.0984
0.0974  0.0984

```

```

ans(:, :, 2) =

```

```

0.0974  0.0984
0.0974  0.0984
0.0974  0.0984
0.0974  0.0984
0.0974  0.0984

```

```

data.cmq
ans(:, :, 1) =

```

```

-0.0892 -0.0899
-0.0892 -0.0899
-0.0892 -0.0899
-0.0892 -0.0899
-0.0892 -0.0899

```

```

ans(:, :, 2) =

```

```

-0.0892 -0.0899
-0.0892 -0.0899
-0.0892 -0.0899

```

```
-0.0892 -0.0899  
-0.0892 -0.0899
```

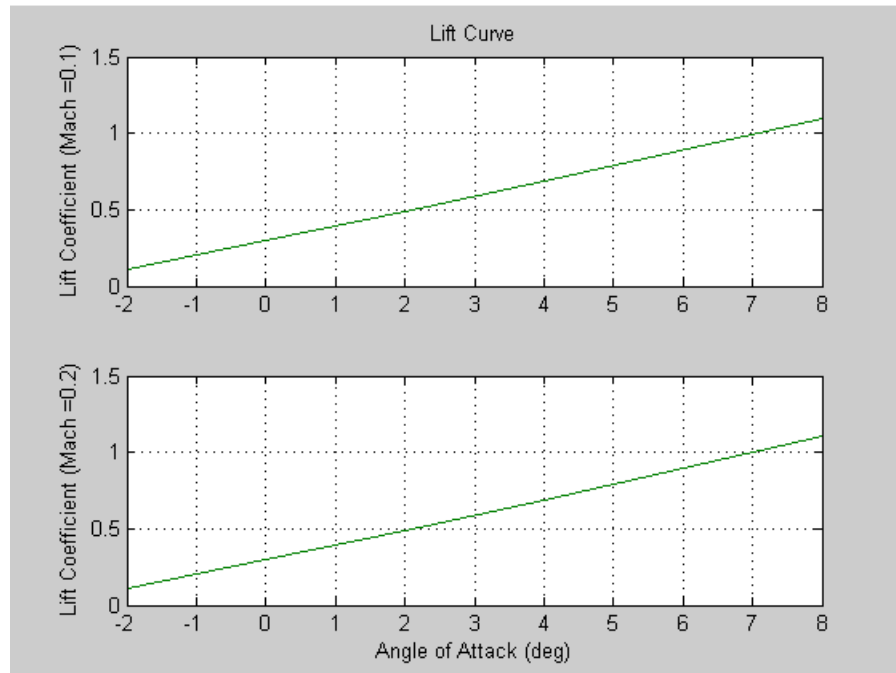
### Plotting Aerodynamic Coefficients

You can now plot the aerodynamic coefficients:

- “Plotting Lift Curve Moments” on page 2-22
- “Plotting Drag Polar Moments” on page 2-23
- “Plotting Pitching Moments” on page 2-24

### Plotting Lift Curve Moments

```
h1 = figure;  
figtitle = {'Lift Curve' ''};  
for k=1:2  
    subplot(2,1,k)  
    plot(data.alpha,permute(data.c1(:,k,:),[1 3 2]))  
    grid  
    ylabel(['Lift Coefficient (Mach = ' num2str(data.mach(k)) ')'])  
    title(figtitle{k});  
end  
xlabel('Angle of Attack (deg)')
```

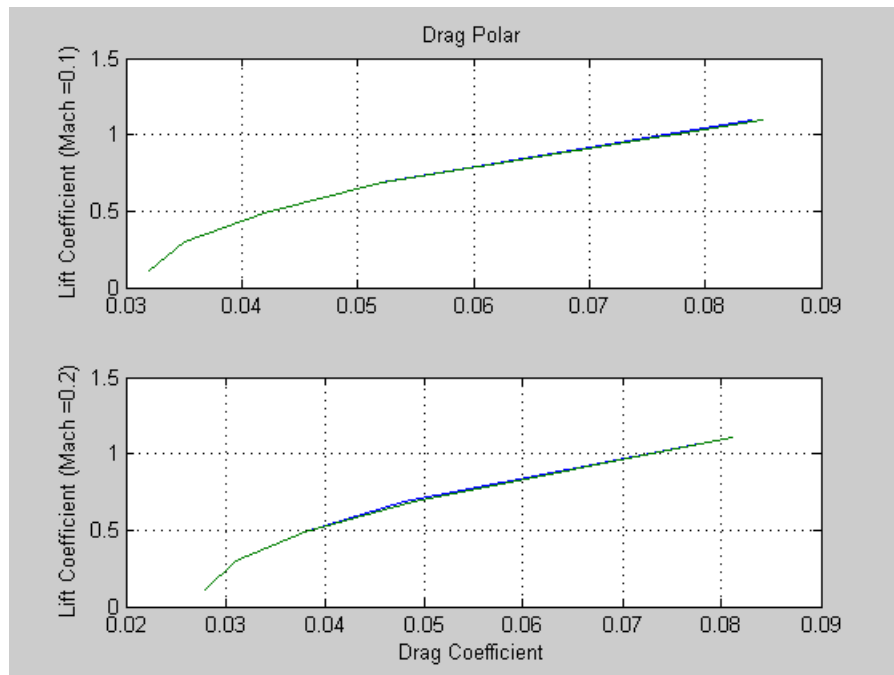


## Plotting Drag Polar Moments

```

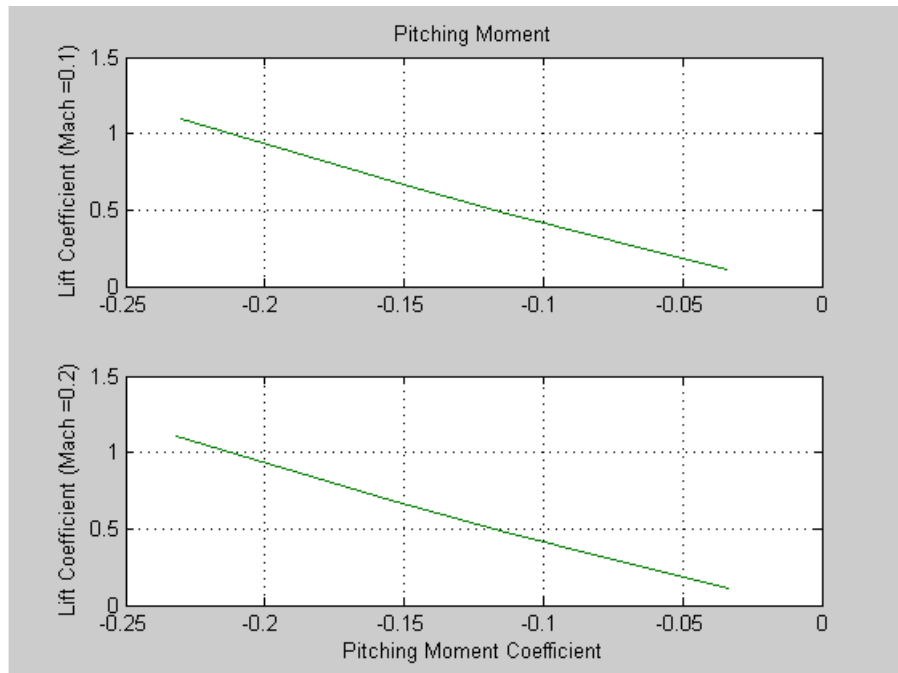
h2 = figure;
figtitle = {'Drag Polar' ''};
for k=1:2
    subplot(2,1,k)
    plot(permute(data.cd(:,k,:),[1 3 2]),permute(data.cl(:,k,:),[1 3 2]))
    grid
    ylabel(['Lift Coefficient (Mach = ' num2str(data.mach(k)) ' ')'])
    title(figtitle{k})
end
xlabel('Drag Coefficient')

```



### Plotting Pitching Moments

```
h3 = figure;  
figtitle = {'Pitching Moment' ''};  
for k=1:2  
    subplot(2,1,k)  
    plot(permute(data.cm(:,k,:),[1 3 2]),permute(data.c1(:,k,:),[1 3 2]))  
    grid  
    ylabel(['Lift Coefficient (Mach = ' num2str(data.mach(k)) ')'])  
    title(figtitle{k})  
end  
xlabel('Pitching Moment Coefficient')
```



## 3-D Flight Data Playback

This section describes how to use the Aero.Animation and FlightGear objects to visualize and play back 3-D flight data.

- “Using Aero.Animation Objects” on page 2-26
- “Using Aero.FlightGearAnimation Object” on page 2-35

### Using Aero.Animation Objects

Aerospace Toolbox provides an interface to animation objects, implemented using MATLAB Handle Graphics®. The demo, *Overlaying Simulated and Actual Flight Data* (`astm1anim`), visually compares simulated and actual flight trajectory data. It does this by creating animation objects, creating bodies for those objects, and loading the flight trajectory data. This section describes what happens when the demo runs.

- 1 Create and configure an animation object.
  - a Configure the animation object.
  - b Create and load bodies for that object.
- 2 Load recorded data for flight trajectories.
- 3 Display body geometries in a figure window.
- 4 Play back flight trajectories using the animation object.
- 5 Manipulate the camera.
- 6 Manipulate bodies, as follows:
  - a Move and reposition bodies.
  - b Create a transparency in the first body.
  - c Change the color of the second body.
  - d Turn off the landing gear of the second body.

### Running the Demo

- 1 Start MATLAB.

- 2 Run the demo either by entering `astm1anim` in the MATLAB Command Window or by finding the demo entry (Overlying Simulated and Actual Flight Data) in the Demos browser and clicking **Run in the Command Window** on its demo page.

While running, the demo performs several steps by issuing a series of commands, as explained below.

## Creating and Configuring an Animation Object

This series of commands creates an animation object and configures the object.

- 1 Create an animation object.

```
h = Aero.Animation;
```

- 2 Configure the animation object to set the number of frames per second (`FramesPerSecond`) property. This controls the rate at which frames are displayed in the figure window.

```
h.FramesPerSecond = 10;
```

- 3 Configure the animation object to set the seconds of animation data per second time scaling (`TimeScaling`) property.

```
h.TimeScaling = 5;
```

The combination of `FramesPerSecond` and `TimeScaling` property determine the time step of the simulation. The settings in this demo result in a time step of approximately 0.5 s.

- 4 Create and load bodies for the animation object. The demo will use these bodies to work with and display the simulated and actual flight trajectories. The first body is orange; it represents simulated data. The second body is blue; it represents the actual flight data.

```
idx1 = h.createBody('pa24-250_orange.ac', 'Ac3d');  
idx2 = h.createBody('pa24-250_blue.ac', 'Ac3d');
```

Both bodies are AC3D format files. AC3D is one of several file formats that the animation objects support. FlightGear uses the same file format. The

animation object reads in the bodies in the AC3D format and stores them as patches in the geometry object within the animation object.

### Loading Recorded Data for Flight Trajectories

This series of commands loads the recorded flight trajectory data, which is contained in files in the *matlabroot\toolbox\ aero\astdemos* directory.

- `simdata` – Contains simulated flight trajectory data, which is set up as a 6DoF array.
- `fltdata` – Contains actual flight trajectory data, which is set up in a custom format. To access this custom format data, the demo needs to set the body object **TimeSeriesSourceType** parameter to Custom, then specify a custom read function.

**1** Load the flight trajectory data.

```
load simdata
load fltdata
```

**2** Set the time series data for the two bodies.

```
h.Bodies{1}.TimeSeriesSource = simdata;
h.Bodies{2}.TimeSeriesSource = fltdata;
```

**3** Identify the time series for the second body as custom.

```
h.Bodies{2}.TimeSeriesSourceType = 'Custom';
```

**4** Specify the custom read function to access the data in `fltdata` for the second body. The demo provides the custom read function in *matlabroot\toolbox\ aero\astdemos\CustomReadBodyTSData.m*.

```
h.Bodies{2}.TimeseriesReadFcn = @CustomReadBodyTSData;
```

### Displaying Body Geometries in a Figure Window

This command creates a figure object for the animation object.

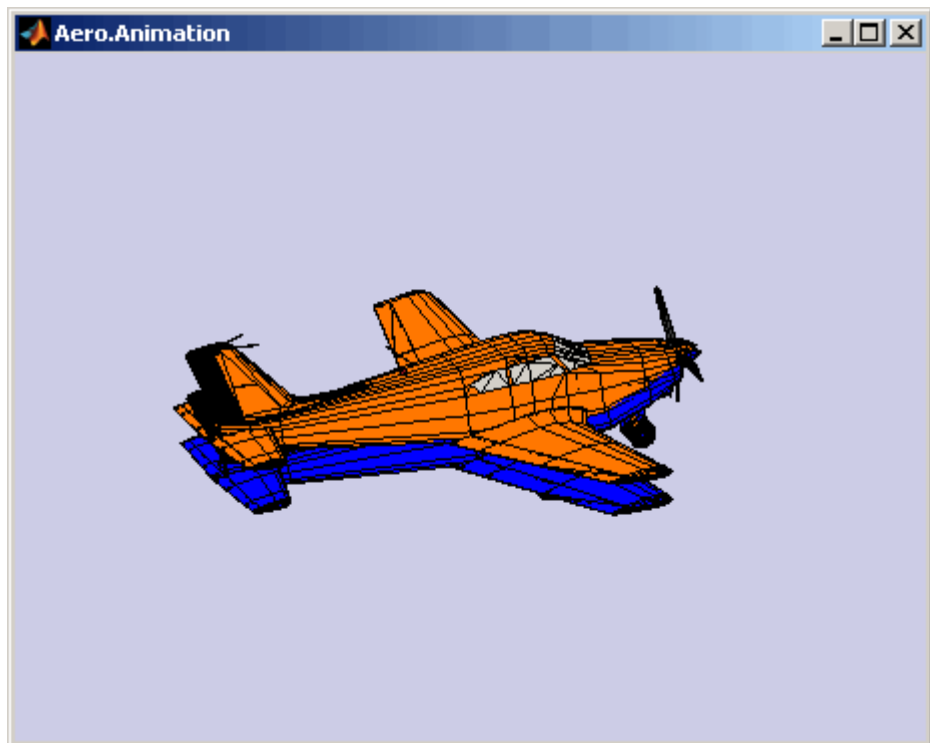
```
h.show();
```



## Playing Back Flight Trajectories Using the Animation Object

This command plays the animation bodies for the duration of the time series data. This illustrates the differences between the simulated and actual flight data.

```
h.play();
```



## Manipulating the Camera

This command series describes how you can manipulate the camera on the two bodies, and redisplay the animation. The `PositionFcn` property of a camera object controls the camera position relative to the bodies in the animation. In the section “Playing Back Flight Trajectories Using the Animation Object” on page 2-29, the camera object uses a default value for the `PositionFcn` property. In this command series, the demo references a custom `PositionFcn` function, which uses a static position based on the position of the bodies; no

dynamics are involved. The custom `PositionFcn` function is located in the `matlabroot\toolbox\aero\astdemos` directory.

- 1 Set the camera `PositionFcn` to the custom function `staticCameraPosition`.

```
h.Camera.PositionFcn = @staticCameraPosition;
```

- 2 Run the animation again.

```
h.play();
```

### Manipulating Bodies

This section illustrates some of the actions you can perform on bodies.

**Moving and Repositioning Bodies.** This series of commands illustrates how to move and reposition bodies.

- 1 Set the starting time to 0.

```
t = 0;
```

- 2 Move the body to the starting position that is based on the time series data. Use the `Aero.Animation` object `updateBodies` method.

```
h.updateBodies(t);
```

- 3 Update the camera position using the custom `PositionFcn` function set in the previous section. Use the `Aero.Animation` object `updateCamera` method.

```
h.updateCamera(t);
```

- 4 Reposition the bodies by first getting the current body position, then separating the bodies.

- Get the current body positions and rotations from the objects of both bodies.

```
pos1 = h.Bodies{1}.Position;  
rot1 = h.Bodies{1}.Rotation;  
pos2 = h.Bodies{2}.Position;  
rot2 = h.Bodies{2}.Rotation;
```

- b** Separate and reposition the bodies by moving them to new positions.

```
h.moveBody(1, pos1 + [0 0 -3], rot1);  
h.moveBody(2, pos1 + [0 0 0], rot2);
```



**Creating a Transparency in the First Body.** This series of commands illustrates how to create and attach a transparency to a body. The animation object stores the body geometry as patches. This example manipulates the transparency properties of these patches (see “Creating 3-D Models with Patches” in the MATLAB documentation).

---

**Note** The use of transparencies might decrease animation speed on platforms that use software OpenGL rendering (see `opengl` in the MATLAB documentation).

---

- 1 Change the body patch properties. Use the `Aero.Body PatchHandles` property to get the patch handles for the first body.

```
patchHandles2 = h.Bodies{1}.PatchHandles;
```

- 2 Set the desired face and edge alpha values for the transparency.

```
desiredFaceTransparency = .3;  
desiredEdgeTransparency = 1;
```

- 3 Get the current face and edge alpha data and change all values to the desired alpha values. In the figure, note the first body now has a transparency.

```
for k = 1:size(patchHandles2,1)  
    tempFaceAlpha = get(patchHandles2(k), 'FaceVertexAlphaData');  
    tempEdgeAlpha = get(patchHandles2(k), 'EdgeAlpha');  
    set(patchHandles2(k), ...  
        'FaceVertexAlphaData', repmat(desiredFaceTransparency, size(tempFaceAlpha)));  
    set(patchHandles2(k), ...  
        'EdgeAlpha', repmat(desiredEdgeTransparency, size(tempEdgeAlpha)));  
end
```



**Changing the Color of the Second Body.** This series of commands illustrates how to change the color of a body. The animation object stores the body geometry as patches. This example will manipulate the `FaceVertexColorData` property of these patches.

- 1 Change the body patch properties. Use the `Aero.Body PatchHandles` property to get the patch handles for the first body.

```
patchHandles3 = h.Bodies{2}.PatchHandles;
```

- 2 Set the patch color to red.

```
desiredColor = [1 0 0];
```

- 3 Get the current face color and data and propagate the new patch color, red, to the face. Note the following:

- The if condition prevents the windows from being colored.

- The name property is stored in the body geometry data (`h.Bodies{2}.Geometry.FaceVertexColorData(k).name`).
- The code changes only the indices in `patchHandles3` with nonwindow counterparts in the body geometry data.

---

**Note** If you cannot access the name property to determine the parts of the vehicle to color, you must use an alternative way to selectively color your vehicle.

---

```
for k = 1:size(patchHandles3,1)
    tempFaceColor = get(patchHandles3(k), 'FaceVertexCData');
    tempName = h.Bodies{2}.Geometry.FaceVertexColorData(k).name;
    if isempty(strfind(tempName, 'Windshield')) &&...
        isempty(strfind(tempName, 'front-windows')) &&...
        isempty(strfind(tempName, 'rear-windows'))
        set(patchHandles3(k),...
            'FaceVertexCData', repmat(desiredColor, [size(tempFaceColor,1),1]));
    end
end
```

**Turning Off the Landing Gear of the Second Body.** This command series illustrates how to turn off the landing gear on the second body by turning off the visibility of all the vehicle parts associated with the landing gear.

---

**Note** The indices into the `patchHandles3` vector are determined from the name property. If you cannot access the name property to determine the indices, you must use an alternative way to determine the indices that correspond to the geometry parts.

---

```
for k = [1:8,11:14,52:57]
    set(patchHandles3(k), 'Visible', 'off')
end
```

## Using Aero.FlightGearAnimation Object

Aerospace Toolbox provides an interface to the FlightGear flight simulator, which enables you to visualize flight data in a three-dimensional environment. This section explains how to obtain and install the third-party FlightGear flight simulator. It then explains how to play back 3-D flight data by using a FlightGear demo, provided with Aerospace Toolbox, as an example.

- “Introducing the Flight Simulator Interface” on page 2-35
- “Working with the Flight Simulator Interface” on page 2-39

## Introducing the Flight Simulator Interface

Aerospace Toolbox supports an interface to the third-party FlightGear flight simulator, an open source software package available through a GNU General Public License (GPL).

- “About the FlightGear Interface” on page 2-35
- “Obtaining FlightGear” on page 2-36
- “Configuring Your Computer for FlightGear” on page 2-36
- “Installing and Starting FlightGear” on page 2-39

**About the FlightGear Interface.** The FlightGear flight simulator interface included with Aerospace Toolbox is a unidirectional transmission link from MATLAB to FlightGear using FlightGear’s published `net_fdm` binary data exchange protocol. Data is transmitted via UDP network packets to a running instance of FlightGear. Aerospace Toolbox supports multiple standard binary distributions of FlightGear. See “Working with the Flight Simulator Interface” on page 2-39 for interface details.

FlightGear is a separate software entity neither created, owned, nor maintained by The MathWorks.

- To report bugs in or request enhancements to the Aerospace Toolbox FlightGear interface, contact the MathWorks Technical Support at [http://www.mathworks.com/contact\\_TS.html](http://www.mathworks.com/contact_TS.html).
- To report bugs or request enhancements to FlightGear itself, visit [www.flightgear.org](http://www.flightgear.org) and use the contact page.

**Obtaining FlightGear.** You can obtain FlightGear from [www.flightgear.org](http://www.flightgear.org) in the download area or by ordering CDs from FlightGear. The download area contains extensive documentation for installation and configuration. Because FlightGear is an open source project, source downloads are also available for customization and porting to custom environments.

**Configuring Your Computer for FlightGear.** You must have a high performance graphics card with stable drivers to use FlightGear. For more information, see the FlightGear CD distribution or the hardware requirements and documentation areas of the FlightGear Web site, [www.flightgear.org](http://www.flightgear.org).

MathWorks tests of FlightGear's performance and stability indicate significant sensitivity to computer video cards, driver versions, and driver settings. You need OpenGL support with hardware acceleration activated. The OpenGL settings are particularly important. Without proper setup, performance can drop from about a 30 frames-per-second (fps) update rate to less than 1 fps.

### Graphics Recommendations for Windows

The MathWorks recommends the following for Windows users:

- Choose a graphics card with good OpenGL performance.
- Always use the latest tested and stable driver release for your video card. Test the driver thoroughly on a few computers before deploying to others.

For Microsoft Windows 2000 or XP systems running on x86 (32-bit) or AMD-64/EM64T chip architectures, the graphics card operates in the unprotected kernel space known as Ring Zero. This means that glitches in the driver can cause Windows to lock or crash. Before buying a large number of computers for 3-D applications, test, with your vendor, one or two computers to find a combination of hardware, operating system, drivers, and settings that are stable for your applications.

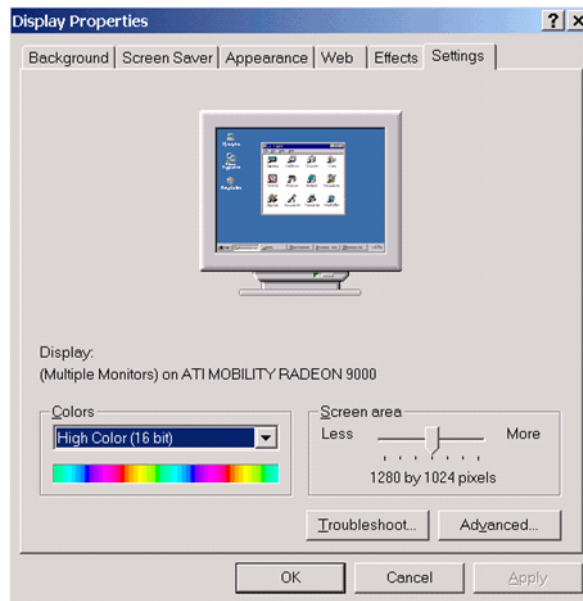
### Setting Up OpenGL Graphics on Windows

For complete information on OpenGL settings, refer to the documentation at the OpenGL Web site, [www.opengl.org](http://www.opengl.org).

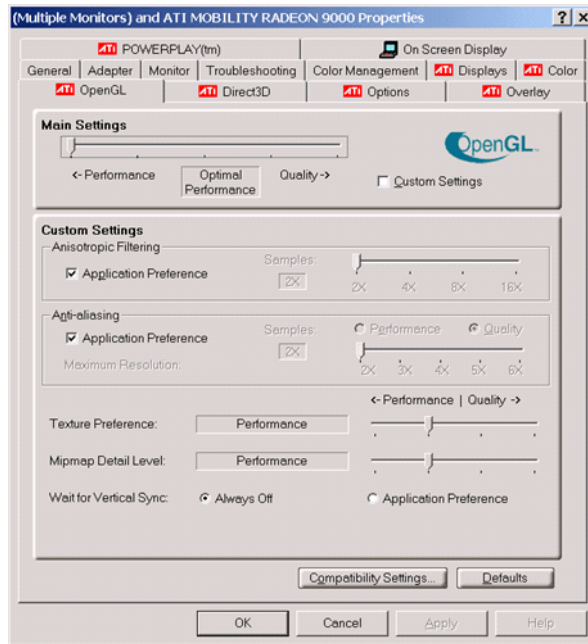


Follow these steps to optimize your video card settings. Your driver's panes might look different.

- 1 Ensure that you have activated the OpenGL hardware acceleration on your video card. On Windows, access this configuration through **Start > Settings > Control Panel > Display**, which opens the following dialog box. Select the **Settings** tab.



- 2 Click the **Advanced** button in the lower right of the dialog box, which opens the graphics card's custom configuration dialog box, and go to the **OpenGL** tab. For an ATI Mobility Radeon 9000 video card, the **OpenGL** pane looks like this:



- 3 For best performance, move the **Main Settings** slider near the top of the dialog box to the **Performance** end of the slider.
- 4 If stability is a problem, try other screen resolutions, other color depths in the **Displays** pane, and other OpenGL acceleration modes.

Many cards perform much better at 16 bits-per-pixel color depth (also known as 65536 color mode, 16-bit color). For example, on an ATI Mobility Radeon 9000 running a given model, 30 fps are achieved in 16-bit color mode, while 2 fps are achieved in 32-bit color mode.

### Setup on Linux, Macintosh, and Other Platforms

FlightGear distributions are available for Linux, Macintosh, and other UNIX platforms from the FlightGear Web site, [www.flightgear.org](http://www.flightgear.org). Installation on these platforms, like Windows, requires careful configuration of graphics cards and drivers. Consult the documentation and hardware requirements sections at the FlightGear Web site.

## Using MATLAB Graphics Controls to Configure Your OpenGL Settings

You can also control your OpenGL rendering from the MATLAB command line with the MATLAB Graphics `opengl` command. Consult the `opengl` command reference for more information.

**Installing and Starting FlightGear.** The extensive FlightGear documentation guides you through the installation in detail. Consult the documentation section of the FlightGear Web site for complete installation instructions: [www.flightgear.org](http://www.flightgear.org).

Keep the following points in mind:

- Generous central processor speed, system and video RAM, and virtual memory are essential for good flight simulator performance.  
The MathWorks recommends a minimum of 512 megabytes of system RAM and 128 megabytes of video RAM for reasonable performance.
- Be sure to have sufficient disk space for the FlightGear download and installation.
- The MathWorks recommends configuring your computer's graphics card before you install FlightGear. See the preceding section, "Configuring Your Computer for FlightGear" on page 2-36.
- Shutting down all running applications (including MATLAB) before installing FlightGear is recommended.
- MathWorks tests indicate that the operational stability of FlightGear is especially sensitive during startup. It is best to not move, resize, mouse over, overlap, or cover up the FlightGear window until the initial simulation scene appears after the startup splash screen fades out.
- The current releases of FlightGear are optimized for flight visualization at altitudes below 100,000 feet. FlightGear does not work well or at all with very high altitude and orbital views.

## Working with the Flight Simulator Interface

Aerospace Toolbox provides a demo named `Displaying Flight Trajectory Data`, which shows you how you can visualize flight trajectories with FlightGear

Animation object. The demo is intended to be modified depending on the particulars of your FlightGear installation. This section explains how to run this demo. Use this demo as an example to play back your own 3-D flight data with FlightGear.

You need to have FlightGear installed and configured before attempting to simulate this model. See “Introducing the Flight Simulator Interface” on page 2-35.

To run the demo:

- 1 Import the aircraft geometry into FlightGear.
- 2 Run the demo. The demo performs the following steps:
  - a Loads recorded trajectory data
  - b Creates a time series object from trajectory data
  - c Creates a FlightGearAnimation object
- 3 Modify the animation object properties, if needed.
- 4 Create a run script for launching FlightGear flight simulator.
- 5 Start FlightGear flight simulator.
- 6 Play back the flight trajectory.

**Importing the Aircraft Geometry into FlightGear.** Before running the demo, copy the aircraft geometry model into FlightGear:

- 1 Go to your installed FlightGear directory. Open the data directory, then the Aircraft directory: *FlightGear\data\Aircraft\*.
- 2 You may already have an HL20 subdirectory there, if you have previously run the Aerospace Blockset NASA HL-20 with FlightGear Interface demo. In this case, you don’t have to do anything, because the geometry model is the same.

Otherwise, copy the HL20 folder from the *matlabroot\toolbox\aero\ aerodemos\* directory to the *FlightGear\data\Aircraft\* directory. This folder contains the

preconfigured geometries for the HL-20 simulation and HL20-set.xml. The file `matlabroot\toolbox\aero\aerodemos\HL20\models\HL20.xml` defines the geometry.

## Running the Demo.

- 1 Start MATLAB.
- 2 Run the demo either by entering `astfganim` in the MATLAB Command Window or by finding the demo entry (Displaying Flight Trajectory Data) in the Demos browser and clicking **Run in the Command Window** on its demo page.

While running, the demo performs several steps by issuing a series of commands, as explained below.

## Loading Recorded Flight Trajectory Data

The flight trajectory data for this example is stored in a comma separated value formatted file. Using `csvread`, the data is read from the file starting at row 1 and column 0, which skips the header information.

```
tdata = csvread('asthl20log.csv',1,0);
```

## Creating a Time Series Object from Trajectory Data

The time series object, `ts`, is created from the latitude, longitude, altitude, and Euler angle data along with the time array in `tdata` using the MATLAB `timeseries` command. Latitude, longitude, and Euler angles are also converted from degrees to radians using the `convang` function.

```
ts = timeseries([convang(tdata(:,[3 2]),'deg','rad') ...
               tdata(:,4) convang(tdata(:,5:7),'deg','rad')],tdata(:,1));
```

## Creating a FlightGearAnimation Object

This series of commands creates a `FlightGearAnimation` object and sets its properties for data playback:

- 1 Opening a `FlightGearAnimation` object.

```
h = fganimation;
```

**2** Setting FlightGearAnimation object properties for the time series.

```
h.TimeseriesSourceType = 'Timeseries';  
h.TimeseriesSource = ts;
```

**3** Setting FlightGearAnimation object properties relating to FlightGear. These properties include the path to the installation directory, the version number, the aircraft geometry model, and network information for the FlightGear flight simulator.

```
h.FlightGearBaseDirectory = 'D:\Applications\FlightGear0910';  
h.FlightGearVersion = '0.9.10';  
h.GeometryModelName = 'HL20';  
h.DestinationIpAddress = '127.0.0.1';  
h.DestinationPort = '5502';
```

**4** Setting the initial conditions (location and orientation) for the FlightGear flight simulator.

```
h.AirportId = 'KSFO';  
h.RunwayId = '10L';  
h.InitialAltitude = 7224;  
h.InitialHeading = 113;  
h.OffsetDistance = 4.72;  
h.OffsetAzimuth = 0;
```

**5** Setting the seconds of animation data per second of wall-clock time.

```
h.TimeScaling = 5;
```

**6** Checking the FlightGearAnimation object properties and their values.

```
get(h)
```

At this point, the demo stops running and returns the FlightGearAnimation object, h:

```
TimeseriesSource: [196x1 timeseries]  
TimeseriesSourceType: 'Timeseries'  
TimeseriesReadFcn: @TimeseriesRead
```

```
        TimeScaling: 5
        FramesPerSecond: 12
        FlightGearVersion: '0.9.10'
        OutputFileName: 'runfg.bat'
FlightGearBaseDirectory: 'D:\Applications\FlightGear0910'
        GeometryModelName: 'HL20'
        DestinationIpAddress: '127.0.0.1'
        DestinationPort: '5502'
        AirportId: 'KSF0'
        RunwayId: '10L'
        InitialAltitude: 7224
        InitialHeading: 113
        OffsetDistance: 4.7200
        OffsetAzimuth: 0
```

**Modifying the FlightGearAnimation Object Properties.** Modify the FlightGearAnimation object properties as needed. If your FlightGear installation directory is other than that in the demo (for example, FlightGear), modify the FlightGearBaseDirectory property by issuing the following command:

```
h.FlightGearBaseDirectory = 'D:\Applications\FlightGear';
```

Similarly, if you want to use a particular file name for the run script, modify the OutputFileName property.

Before proceeding to the next step, verify the FlightGearAnimation object properties:

```
get(h)
```

**Generating the Run Script.** To start FlightGear with the desired initial conditions (location, date, time, weather, operating modes), it is best to create a run script by using the GenerateRunScript command:

```
GenerateRunScript(h)
```

By default, GenerateRunScript saves the run script as a text file named runfg.bat. You can specify a different name by modifying the OutputFileName property of the FlightGearAnimation object, as described in the previous step.

This file does not need to be generated each time the data is viewed, only when the desired initial conditions or FlightGear information changes.

**Starting the FlightGear Flight Simulator.** To start FlightGear from the MATLAB command prompt, use the `system` command to execute the run script. Provide the name of the output file created by `GenerateRunScript` as the argument:

```
system('runfg.bat &');
```

FlightGear starts in a separate window.

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**Tip** With the FlightGear window in focus, press the **V** key to alternate between the different aircraft views: cockpit view, helicopter view, chase view, and so on.

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**Playing Back the Flight Trajectory.** Once FlightGear is running, the `FlightGearAnimation` object can start to communicate with FlightGear. To animate the flight trajectory data, use the `play` command:

```
play(h)
```

The following illustration shows a snapshot of flight data playback in tower view without yaw.







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## Aero.Animation

<code>addBody (Aero.Animation)</code>	Add loaded body to animation object and generate its patches
<code>Animation (Aero.Animation)</code>	Construct animation object
<code>createBody (Aero.Animation)</code>	Create body for animation object
<code>delete (Aero.Animation)</code>	Destroy animation object
<code>hide (Aero.Animation)</code>	Hide animation object figure
<code>initialize (Aero.Animation)</code>	Create animation object figure and axes and build patches for bodies
<code>initIfNeeded (Aero.Animation)</code>	Initialize animation object graphics
<code>moveBody (Aero.Animation)</code>	Move body in animation object
<code>play (Aero.Animation)</code>	Animate Aero.Animation object given position/angle time series
<code>removeBody (Aero.Animation)</code>	Remove one body from animation
<code>show (Aero.Animation)</code>	Show animation object figure
<code>updateBodies (Aero.Animation)</code>	Update bodies of animation object
<code>updateCamera (Aero.Animation)</code>	Update camera in animation object

## **Aero.Body**

<code>Body (Aero.Body)</code>	Construct body object for use with animation object
<code>findstartstoptimes (Aero.Body)</code>	Return start and stop times of time series data
<code>generatePatches (Aero.Body)</code>	Generate patches for body with loaded face, vertex, and color data
<code>load (Aero.Body)</code>	Get geometry data from source
<code>move (Aero.Body)</code>	Change animation body position and orientation
<code>update (Aero.Body)</code>	Change body position and orientation as a function of time

## Aero.Camera

Camera (Aero.Camera)	Construct camera object for use with animation object
update (Aero.Camera)	Update camera position based on time and position of other Aero.Body objects

## Aero.FlightGearAnimation

delete (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)	Destroy FlightGear animation object
fganimation (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)	Construct FlightGear animation object
GenerateRunScript (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)	Generate run script for FlightGear flight simulator
initialize (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)	Set up FlightGear animation object
play (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)	Animate FlightGear flight simulator using given position/angle time series
update (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)	Update position data to FlightGear animation object

## Aero.Geometry

<code>Geometry (Aero.Geometry)</code>	Construct 3-D geometry for use with animation object
<code>read (Aero.Geometry)</code>	Read geometry data using current reader

## Axes Transformations

<code>angle2dcm</code>	Create direction cosine matrix from rotation angles
<code>dcm2alphabet</code>	Convert direction cosine matrix to angle of attack and sideslip angle
<code>dcm2angle</code>	Create rotation angles from direction cosine matrix
<code>dcm2latlon</code>	Convert direction cosine matrix to geodetic latitude and longitude
<code>dcm2quat</code>	Convert direction cosine matrix to quaternion
<code>dcmbody2wind</code>	Convert angle of attack and sideslip angle to direction cosine matrix
<code>dcmecef2ned</code>	Convert geodetic latitude and longitude to direction cosine matrix
<code>ecef2lla</code>	Convert Earth-centered Earth-fixed (ECEF) coordinates to geodetic coordinates
<code>euler2quat</code>	Convert Euler angles to quaternion
<code>geoc2geod</code>	Convert geocentric latitude to geodetic latitude
<code>geod2geoc</code>	Convert geodetic latitude to geocentric latitude



lla2ecef	Convert geodetic coordinates to Earth-centered Earth-fixed (ECEF) coordinates
quat2dcm	Convert quaternion to direction cosine matrix
quat2euler	Convert quaternion to Euler angles

## Environment

atmoscoesa	Use 1976 COESA model
atmosisa	Use International Standard Atmosphere model
atmoslapse	Use Lapse Rate Atmosphere model
atmosnonstd	Use climatic data from MIL-STD-210 or MIL-HDBK-310
atmospalt	Calculate pressure altitude based on ambient pressure
gravitywgs84	Implement 1984 World Geodetic System (WGS84) representation of Earth's gravity
wrldmagm	Use World Magnetic Model

## File Reading

datcomimport	Bring USAF Digital DATCOM file into MATLAB
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## Flight Parameters

<code>airspeed</code>	Compute airspeed from velocity
<code>alphabet</code>	Compute incidence and sideslip angles
<code>correctairspeed</code>	Calculate equivalent airspeed (EAS), calibrated airspeed (CAS), or true airspeed (TAS) from one of other two airspeeds
<code>dpressure</code>	Compute dynamic pressure using velocity and density
<code>geocradius</code>	Estimate radius of ellipsoid planet at geocentric latitude
<code>machnumber</code>	Compute Mach number using velocity and speed of sound
<code>rrdelta</code>	Compute relative pressure ratio
<code>rrsigma</code>	Compute relative density ratio
<code>rrtheta</code>	Compute relative temperature ratio

## Quaternion Math

<code>quatconj</code>	Calculate conjugate of quaternion
<code>quatdivide</code>	Divide quaternion by another quaternion
<code>quatinv</code>	Calculate inverse of quaternion
<code>quatmod</code>	Calculate modulus of quaternion
<code>quatmultiply</code>	Calculate product of two quaternions
<code>quatnorm</code>	Calculate norm of quaternion
<code>quatnormalize</code>	Normalize quaternion
<code>quatrotate</code>	Rotate vector by quaternion

## Time

decyear	Calculate decimal year
juliandate	Calculate Julian date
leapyear	Determine leap year
mjuliandate	Calculate modified Julian date

## Unit Conversion

convacc	Convert from acceleration units to desired acceleration units
convang	Convert from angle units to desired angle units
convangacc	Convert from angular acceleration units to desired angular acceleration units
convangvel	Convert from angular velocity units to desired angular velocity units
convdensity	Convert from density units to desired density units
convforce	Convert from force units to desired force units
convlength	Convert from length units to desired length units
convmass	Convert from mass units to desired mass units
convpres	Convert from pressure units to desired pressure units

convtemp

Convert from temperature units to  
desired temperature units

convvel

Convert from velocity units to  
desired velocity units

# Functions — Alphabetical List

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# addBody (Aero.Animation)

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**Purpose** Add loaded body to animation object and generate its patches

**Syntax** `idx = addBody(h,b)`  
`idx = h.addBody(b)`

**Description** `idx = addBody(h,b)` and `idx = h.addBody(b)` add a loaded body, `b`, to the animation object `h` and generates its patches. `idx` is the index of the body to be added.

**Examples** Add a second body to the list that is a pointer to the first body. This means that if you change the properties of one body, the properties of the other body change correspondingly.

```
h = Aero.Animation;  
idx1 = h.createBody('pa24-250_orange.ac', 'Ac3d');  
b = h.Bodies{1};  
idx2 = h.addBody(b);
```

**See Also** `createBody`, `moveBody`, `removeBody`, `updateBodies`

**Purpose** Compute airspeed from velocity

**Syntax** `as = airspeed(v)`

**Description** `as = airspeed(v)` computes  $m$  airspeeds, `as`, from an  $m$ -by-3 array of velocities, `v`.

**Examples** Determine the airspeed for velocity in feet per second:

```
as = airspeed([84.3905 33.7562 10.1269])
```

```
as =
```

```
91.4538
```

Determine the airspeed for velocity in knots:

```
as = airspeed([50 20 6; 5 0.5 2])
```

```
as =
```

```
54.1849
```

```
5.4083
```

**See Also** `alphabeta`, `correctairspeed`, `dpressure`, `machnumber`

# alphabet

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**Purpose** Compute incidence and sideslip angles

**Syntax** `[a b] = alphabet(v)`

**Description** `[a b] = alphabet(v)` computes  $m$  incidence and sideslip angles,  $a$  and  $b$ , between the velocity vector and the body.  $v$  is an  $m$ -by-3 array of velocities in body-axes.  $a$  and  $b$  are in radians.

**Examples** Determine the incidence and sideslip angles for velocity in feet per second:

```
[alpha beta] = alphabet([84.3905 33.7562 10.1269])
```

```
alpha =
```

```
0.1194
```

```
beta =
```

```
0.3780
```

Determine the incidence and sideslip angles for velocity in knots:

```
[alpha beta] = alphabet([50 20 6; 5 0.5 2])
```

```
alpha =
```

```
0.1194
```

```
0.3805
```

```
beta =
```

```
0.3780
```

```
0.0926
```



**See Also**      airspeed, machnumber

# angle2dcm

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**Purpose** Create direction cosine matrix from rotation angles

**Syntax**  
`n = angle2dcm(r1, r2, r3)`  
`n = angle2dcm(r1, r2, r3, s)`

**Description** `n = angle2dcm(r1, r2, r3)` calculates the direction cosine matrix, `n`, for a given set of rotation angles, `r1`, `r2`, `r3`. `r1` is an `m` array of first rotation angles. `r2` is an `m` array of second rotation angles. `r3` is an `m` array of third rotation angles. `n` returns a 3-by-3-by-`m` matrix containing `m` direction cosine matrices. Rotation angles are input in radians.

`n = angle2dcm(r1, r2, r3, s)` calculates the direction cosine matrix, `n`, for a given set of rotation angles, `r1`, `r2`, `r3`, and a specified rotation sequence, `s`.

The default rotation sequence is 'ZYX', where `r1` is z-axis rotation, `r2` is y-axis rotation, and `r3` is x-axis rotation.

Supported rotation sequence strings are 'ZYX', 'YZY', 'ZXY', 'ZXZ', 'YXZ', 'YXY', 'YZX', 'YZY', 'XYZ', 'XYX', 'XZY', and 'XZX'.

**Examples** Determine the direction cosine matrix from rotation angles:

```
yaw = 0.7854;  
pitch = 0.1;  
roll = 0;  
dcm = angle2dcm(yaw, pitch, roll)
```

```
dcm =  
  
    0.7036    0.7036   -0.0998  
   -0.7071    0.7071    0  
    0.0706    0.0706    0.9950
```

Determine the direction cosine matrix from multiple rotation angles:

```
yaw = [0.7854 0.5];  
pitch = [0.1 0.3];  
roll = [0 0.1];
```

```
dcm = angle2dcm(pitch, roll, yaw, 'YXZ')
```

```
dcm(:, :, 1) =
```

```
    0.7036    0.7071   -0.0706  
   -0.7036    0.7071    0.0706  
    0.0998         0    0.9950
```

```
dcm(:, :, 2) =
```

```
    0.8525    0.4770   -0.2136  
   -0.4321    0.8732    0.2254  
    0.2940   -0.0998    0.9506
```

## See Also

`angle2dcm`, `dcm2angle`, `dcm2quat`, `quat2dcm`, `quat2euler`

# Animation (**Aero.Animation**)

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**Purpose** Construct animation object

**Syntax** `h = Aero.Animation`

**Description** `h = Aero.Animation` constructs an animation object. The animation object is returned to `h`.

See `Aero.Animation` for further details.

**See Also** `Aero.Animation`

**Purpose** Use 1976 COESA model

**Syntax** [T, a, P, rho] = atmoscoesa(h, action)

**Description** [T, a, P, rho] = atmoscoesa(h, action) implements the mathematical representation of the 1976 Committee on Extension to the Standard Atmosphere (COESA) United States standard lower atmospheric values for absolute temperature, pressure, density, and speed of sound for the input geopotential altitude.

Inputs for atmoscoesa are:

h	An array of m geopotential heights, in meters
action	A string to determine action for out-of-range input. Specify if out-of-range input invokes a 'Warning', 'Error', or no action ('None'). The default is 'Warning'.

Outputs calculated for the COESA model are:

T	An array of m temperatures, in kelvin
a	An array of m speeds of sound, in meters per second
P	An array of m air pressures, in pascal
rho	An array of m air densities, in kilograms per meter cubed

**Examples** Calculate the COESA model at 1000 meters with warnings for out-of-range inputs:

```
[T, a, P, rho] = atmoscoesa(1000)
```

T =  
281.6500

a =  
336.4341

P =  
8.9875e+004

rho =  
1.1116

Calculate the COESA model at 1000, 11,000, and 20,000 meters with errors for out-of-range inputs:

```
[T, a, P, rho] = atmoscoesa([1000 11000 20000], 'Error')
```

T =  
281.6500 216.6500 216.6500

a =  
336.4341 295.0696 295.0696

P =

1.0e+004 \*

8.9875    2.2632    0.5475

rho =

1.1116    0.3639    0.0880

**Assumptions  
and  
Limitations**

Below the geopotential altitude of 0 m (0 feet) and above the geopotential altitude of 84,852 m (approximately 278,386 feet), temperature values are extrapolated linearly and pressure values are extrapolated logarithmically. Density and speed of sound are calculated using a perfect gas relationship.

**References**

*U.S. Standard Atmosphere*, 1976, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

**See Also**

atmosisa, atmoslapse, atmosnonstd, atmospalt

# atmosisa

---

**Purpose** Use International Standard Atmosphere model

**Syntax** `[T, a, P, rho] = atmosisa(h)`

**Description** `[T, a, P, rho] = atmosisa(h)` implements the mathematical representation of the International Standard Atmosphere values for ambient temperature, pressure, density, and speed of sound for the input geopotential altitude.

Input required by `atmosisa` is:

`h` An array of `m` geopotential heights, in meters

Outputs calculated for the International Standard Atmosphere are:

`T` An array of `m` temperatures, in kelvin

`a` An array of `m` speeds of sound, in meters per second

`P` An array of `m` air pressures, in pascal

`rho` An array of `m` air densities, in kilograms per meter cubed

**Examples** Calculate the International Standard Atmosphere at 1000 meters:

```
[T, a, P, rho] = atmosisa(1000)
```

```
T =
```

```
281.6500
```

```
a =
```

```
336.4341
```



P =

8.9875e+004

rho =

1.1116

Calculate the International Standard Atmosphere at 1000, 11,000, and 20,000 meters:

[T, a, P, rho] = atmosisa([1000 11000 20000])

T =

281.6500 216.6500 216.6500

a =

336.4341 295.0696 295.0696

P =

1.0e+004 \*

8.9875 2.2632 0.5475

rho =

1.1116 0.3639 0.0880

**Assumptions  
and  
Limitations**

Below the geopotential altitude of 0 km and above the geopotential altitude of the tropopause, temperature and pressure values are held. Density and speed of sound are calculated using a perfect gas relationship.

**References**

*U.S. Standard Atmosphere, 1976*, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

**See Also**

atmoscoesa, atmoslapse, atmosnonstd, atmospalt

## Purpose

Use Lapse Rate Atmosphere model

## Syntax

```
[T, a, P, rho] = atmoslapse(h, g, gamma, r, l, hts, htp, rho0,
    p0, t0)
```

## Description

[T, a, P, rho] = atmoslapse(h, g, gamma, r, l, hts, htp, rho0, p0, t0) implements the mathematical representation of the lapse rate atmospheric equations for ambient temperature, pressure, density, and speed of sound for the input geopotential altitude. This atmospheric model is customizable by specifying the atmospheric properties in the function input.

Inputs required by atmoslapse are:

h	An array of m geopotential heights, in meters
g	A scalar of acceleration due to gravity, in meters per second squared
gamma	A scalar of specific heat ratio
r	A scalar of characteristic gas constant, in joule per kilogram-kelvin
l	A scalar of lapse rate, in kelvin per meter
hts	A scalar of height of troposphere, in meters
htp	A scalar of height of tropopause, in meters
rho0	A scalar of air density at mean sea level, in kilograms per meter cubed
p0	A scalar of static pressure at mean sea level, in pascal
t0	A scalar of absolute temperature at mean sea level, in kelvin

Outputs calculated for the lapse rate atmosphere are:

# atmoslapse

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T	An array of m temperatures, in kelvin
a	An array of m speeds of sound, in meters per second
P	An array of m air pressures, in pascal
rho	An array of m air densities, in kilograms per meter cubed

## Examples

Calculate the atmosphere at 1000 meters with the International Standard Atmosphere input values:

```
[T, a, P, rho] = atmoslapse(1000, 9.80665, 1.4, 287.0531, 0.0065, ...  
    11000, 20000, 1.225, 101325, 288.15 )
```

T =

281.6500

a =

336.4341

P =

8.9875e+004

rho =

1.1116

**Assumptions  
and  
Limitations**

Below the geopotential altitude of 0 km and above the geopotential altitude of the tropopause, temperature and pressure values are held. Density and speed of sound are calculated using a perfect gas relationship.

**References**

*U.S. Standard Atmosphere*, 1976, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

**See Also**

atmoscoesa, atmosisa, atmosnonstd, atmospalt

# atmosnonstd

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**Purpose** Use climatic data from MIL-STD-210 or MIL-HDBK-310

**Syntax** [T, a, P, rho] = atmosnonstd(h, atype, extreme, freq, extalt, action, spec)

**Description** [T, a, P, rho] = atmosnonstd(h, atype, extreme, freq, extalt, action, spec) implements a portion of the climatic data of the MIL-STD-210C or MIL-HDBK-310 worldwide air environment to 80 km geometric (or approximately 262,000 feet geometric) for absolute temperature, pressure, density, and speed of sound for the input geopotential altitude.

Inputs for atmosnonstd are:

h	An array of m geopotential heights, in meters
atype	A string selecting the representation of 'Profile' or 'Envelope' for the atmospheric data. 'Profile' is the realistic atmospheric profiles associated with extremes at specified altitudes. 'Profile' is recommended for simulation of vehicles vertically traversing the atmosphere, or when the total influence of the atmosphere is needed. 'Envelope' uses extreme atmospheric values at each altitude. 'Envelope' is recommended for vehicles traversing the atmosphere horizontally, without much change in altitude.
extreme	A string selecting the atmospheric parameter which is the extreme value. Atmospheric parameters that can be specified are 'High temperature', 'Low temperature', 'High density', 'Low density', 'High pressure' and 'Low pressure'. 'High pressure' and 'Low pressure' are available only when atype is 'Envelope'.

freq	A string selecting percent of time the extreme values would occur. Valid values for freq include 'Extreme values', '1%', '5%', '10%', and '20%'. 'Extreme values', '5%', and '20%' are available only when atype is 'Envelope'. When using atype of 'Envelope' and freq of '5%', '10%', and '20%', only the extreme parameter selected (temperature, density, or pressure) has a valid output. All other parameter outputs are zero.
extalt	A scalar value, in kilometers, selecting geometric altitude at which the extreme values occur. extalt applies only when atype is 'Profile'. Valid values for extalt include 5 (16404 ft), 10 (32808 ft), 20 (65617 ft), 30 (98425 ft), and 40 (131234 ft).
action	A string to determine action for out-of-range input. Specify if out-of-range input invokes a 'Warning', 'Error', or no action ('None'). The default is 'Warning'.
spec	A string specifying the atmosphere model, MIL-STD-210C or MIL-HDBK-310: '210c' or '310'. The default is '310'.

Outputs calculated for the lapse rate atmosphere are:

T	An array of $m$ temperatures, in kelvin
a	An array of $m$ speeds of sound, in meters per second
P	An array of $m$ air pressures, in pascal
rho	An array of $m$ air densities, in kilograms per meter cubed

## Examples

Calculate the nonstandard atmosphere profile with high density occurring 1% of the time at 5 kilometers from MIL-HDBK-310 at 1000 meters with warnings for out-of-range inputs:

```
[T, a, P, rho] = atmosnonstd( 1000, 'Profile', 'High density', '1%', 5 )
```

T =

248.1455

a =

315.7900

P =

8.9893e+004

rho =

1.2620

Calculate the nonstandard atmosphere envelope with high pressure occurring 20% of the time from MIL-STD-210C at 1000, 11,000, and 20,000 meters with errors for out-of-range inputs:

```
[T, a, P, rho] = atmosnonstd([1000 11000 20000], 'Envelope', ...  
                             'High pressure', '20%', 'Error', '210c' )
```

T =

0 0 0



a =

0 0 0

P =

1.0e+004 \*  
9.1598 2.5309 0.6129

rho =

0 0 0

## Assumptions and Limitations

All values are held below the geometric altitude of 0 m (0 feet) and above the geometric altitude of 80,000 meters (approximately 262,000 feet). The envelope atmospheric model has a few exceptions where values are held below the geometric altitude of 1 kilometer (approximately 3281 feet) and above the geometric altitude of 30,000 meters (approximately 98,425 feet). These exceptions are due to lack of data in MIL-STD-210 or MIL-HDBK-310 for these conditions.

In general, temperature values are interpolated linearly and density values are interpolated logarithmically. Pressure and speed of sound are calculated using a perfect gas relationship. The envelope atmospheric model has a few exceptions where the extreme value is the only value provided as an output. Pressure in these cases is interpolated logarithmically. These envelope atmospheric model exceptions apply to all cases of high and low pressure, high and low temperature, and high and low density, excluding the extreme values and 1% frequency of occurrence. These exceptions are due to lack of data in MIL-STD-210 or MIL-HDBK-310 for these conditions.

A limitation is that climatic data for the region south of 60 degrees S latitude is excluded from consideration in MIL-STD-210 or MIL-HDBK-310.

This function uses the metric version of data from the MIL-STD-210 or MIL-HDBK-310 specifications. A limitation of this is some inconsistent data between the metric and English data. Locations where these inconsistencies occur are within the envelope data for low density, low temperature, high temperature, low pressure, and high pressure. The most noticeable differences occur in the following values:

- For low density envelope data with 5% frequency, the density values in metric units are inconsistent at 4 km and 18 km and the density values in English units are inconsistent at 14 km.
- For low density envelope data with 10% frequency, the density values in metric units are inconsistent at 18 km and the density values in English units are inconsistent at 14 km.
- For low density envelope data with 20% frequency, the density values in English units are inconsistent at 14 km.
- For high pressure envelope data with 10% frequency, the pressure values at 8 km are inconsistent.

## References

*Global Climatic Data for Developing Military Products (MIL-STD-210C)*, 9 January 1987, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C.

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## See Also

atmoscoesa, atmosisa, atmoslapse, atmospalt

**Purpose** Calculate pressure altitude based on ambient pressure

**Syntax** `h = atmospalt(p, action)`

**Description** `h = atmospalt(p, action)` computes the pressure altitude based on ambient pressure. Pressure altitude is the altitude with specified ambient pressure in the 1976 Committee on Extension to the Standard Atmosphere (COESA) United States standard. Pressure altitude is also known as the mean sea level (MSL) altitude.

Inputs for `atmospalt` are:

<code>P</code>	An array of $m$ ambient pressures, in pascal
<code>action</code>	A string to determine action for out-of-range input. Specify if out-of-range input invokes a 'Warning', 'Error', or no action ('None'). The default is 'Warning'.

Output is:

<code>h</code>	An array of $m$ pressure altitudes or MSL altitudes, in meters
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**Examples** Calculate the pressure altitude at a static pressure of 101,325 Pa with warnings for out-of-range inputs:

```
h = atmospalt(101325)
```

```
h =
```

```
0
```

Calculate the pressure altitude at static pressures of 101,325 and 26,436 Pa with errors for out-of-range inputs:

# atmospalt

---

```
h = atmospalt([101325 26436], 'Error' )
```

```
h =
```

```
1.0e+004 *
```

```
0    1.0000
```

## **Assumptions and Limitations**

Below the pressure of 0.3961 Pa (approximately 0.00006 psi) and above the pressure of 101,325 Pa (approximately 14.7 psi), altitude values are extrapolated logarithmically. Air is assumed to be dry and an ideal gas.

## **References**

*U.S. Standard Atmosphere*, 1976, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

## **See Also**

atmoscoesa

**Purpose** Construct body object for use with animation object

**Syntax** `h = Aero.Body`

**Description** `h = Aero.Body` constructs a body for an animation object. The animation object is returned in `h`. To use the `Aero.Body` object, you typically:

- 1** Create the animation body.
- 2** Configure or customize the body object.
- 3** Load the body.
- 4** Generate patches for the body (requires an axes from a figure).
- 5** Set the source for the time series data.
- 6** Move or update the body.

The animation object has the following properties:

By default, an `Aero.Body` object natively uses aerospace body coordinates for the body geometry and the time series data. Convert time series data from other coordinate systems on the fly by registering a different `CoordTransformFcn` function.

See `Aero.Body` for further details.

**See Also** `Aero.Body`

# Camera (Aero.Camera)

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**Purpose** Construct camera object for use with animation object

**Syntax** `h = Aero.Camera`

**Description** `h = Aero.Camera` constructs a camera object `h` for use with an animation object. The camera object uses the registered coordinate transform. By default, this is an aerospace body coordinate system. Axes of custom coordinate systems must be orthogonal.

The animation object has the following properties:

By default, an `Aero.Body` object natively uses aerospace body coordinates for the body geometry and the time series data. Convert time series data from other coordinate systems on the fly by registering a different `CoordTransformFcn` function.

See `Aero.Camera` for further details.

**See Also** `Aero.Camera`

**Purpose** Convert from acceleration units to desired acceleration units

**Syntax** `a = convacc(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convacc(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input acceleration units, `ui`, to specified output acceleration units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

'ft/s^2'	Feet per second squared
'm/s^2'	Meters per second squared
'km/s^2'	Kilometers per second squared
'in/s^2'	Inches per second squared
'km/h-s'	Kilometers per hour per second
'mph/s'	Miles per hour per second
'G''s'	g-units

**Examples** Convert three accelerations from feet per second squared to meters per second squared:

```
a = convacc([3 10 20], 'ft/s^2', 'm/s^2')
```

```
a =
```

```
0.9144    3.0480    6.0960
```

**See Also** `convang`, `convangacc`, `convangvel`, `convdensity`, `convforce`, `convlength`, `convmass`, `convpres`, `convtemp`, `convvel`

# convang

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**Purpose** Convert from angle units to desired angle units

**Syntax** `a = convang(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convang(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input angle units, `ui`, to specified output angle units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

'deg'	Degrees
'rad'	Radians
'rev'	Revolutions

**Examples** Convert three angles from degrees to radians:

```
a = convang([3 10 20], 'deg', 'rad')
```

```
a =
```

```
0.0524    0.1745    0.3491
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convangacc`, `convangvel`, `convdensity`, `convforce`, `convlength`, `convmass`, `convpres`, `convtemp`, `convvel`



**Purpose** Convert from angular acceleration units to desired angular acceleration units

**Syntax** `a = convangacc(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convangacc(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input angular acceleration units, `ui`, to specified output angular acceleration units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

<code>'deg/s^2'</code>	Degrees per second squared
<code>'rad/s^2'</code>	Radians per second squared
<code>'rpm/s'</code>	Revolutions per minute per second

**Examples** Convert three angular accelerations from degrees per second squared to radians per second squared:

```
a = convangacc([0.3 0.1 0.5], 'deg/s^2', 'rad/s^2')
```

```
a =
```

```
0.0052    0.0017    0.0087
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convang`, `convangvel`, `convdensity`, `convforce`, `convlength`, `convmass`, `convpres`, `convtemp`, `convvel`

# convangvel

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**Purpose** Convert from angular velocity units to desired angular velocity units

**Syntax** `a = convangvel(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convangvel(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input angular velocity units, `ui`, to specified output angular velocity units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

'deg/s'	Degrees per second
'rad/s'	Radians per second
'rpm'	Revolutions per minute

**Examples** Convert three angular velocities from degrees per second to radians per second:

```
a = convangvel([0.3 0.1 0.5], 'deg/s', 'rad/s')
```

```
a =
```

```
0.0052    0.0017    0.0087
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convang`, `convangacc`, `convdensity`, `convforce`, `convlength`, `convmass`, `convpres`, `convtemp`, `convvel`

**Purpose** Convert from density units to desired density units

**Syntax** `a = convdensity(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convdensity(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input density units, `ui`, to specified output density units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

'lbm/ft^3'	Pound mass per feet cubed
'kg/m^3'	Kilograms per meters cubed
'slug/ft^3'	Slugs per feet cubed
'lbm/in^3'	Pound mass per inch cubed

**Examples** Convert three densities from pound mass per feet cubed to kilograms per meters cubed:

```
a = convdensity([0.3 0.1 0.5], 'lbm/ft^3', 'kg/m^3')
```

```
a =
```

```
4.8055    1.6018    8.0092
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convang`, `convangacc`, `convangvel`, `convforce`, `convlength`, `convmass`, `convpres`, `convtemp`, `convvel`

# convforce

---

**Purpose** Convert from force units to desired force units

**Syntax** `a = convforce(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convforce(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input force units, `ui`, to specified output force units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

<code>'lbf'</code>	Pound force
<code>'N'</code>	Newton

**Examples** Convert three forces from pound force to newtons:

```
a = convforce([120 1 5], 'lbf', 'N')
```

```
a =
```

```
533.7866    4.4482    22.2411
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convang`, `convangacc`, `convangvel`, `convdensity`, `convlength`, `convmass`, `convpres`, `convtemp`, `convvel`

**Purpose** Convert from length units to desired length units

**Syntax** `a = convlength(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convlength(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input length units, `ui`, to specified output length units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

'ft'	Feet
'm'	Meters
'km'	Kilometers
'in'	Inches
'mi'	Miles
'naut mi'	Nautical miles

**Examples** Convert three lengths from feet to meters:

```
a = convlength([3 10 20], 'ft', 'm')  
  
a =  
  
    0.9144    3.0480    6.0960
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convang`, `convangacc`, `convangvel`, `convdensity`, `convforce`, `convmass`, `convpres`, `convtemp`, `convvel`

# convmass

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**Purpose** Convert from mass units to desired mass units

**Syntax** `a = convmass(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convmass(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input mass units, `ui`, to specified output mass units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

'lbm'                      Pound mass

'kg'                        Kilograms

'slugs'                    Slugs

**Examples** Convert three masses from pound mass to kilograms:

```
a = convmass([3 1 5], 'lbm', 'kg')
```

```
a =
```

```
1.3608      0.4536      2.2680
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convang`, `convangacc`, `convangvel`, `convdensity`, `convforce`, `convlength`, `convpres`, `convtemp`, `convvel`

**Purpose** Convert from pressure units to desired pressure units

**Syntax** `a = convpres(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convpres(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input pressure units, `ui`, to specified output pressure units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

<code>'psi'</code>	Pound force per square inch
<code>'Pa'</code>	Pascal
<code>'psf'</code>	Ppound force per square foot
<code>'atm'</code>	Atmosphere

**Examples** Convert two pressures from pound force per square inch to atmospheres:

```
a = convpres([14.696 35], 'psi', 'atm')
```

```
a =
```

```
1.0000 2.3816
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convang`, `convangacc`, `convangvel`, `convdensity`, `convforce`, `convlength`, `convmass`, `convtemp`, `convvel`

# convtemp

---

**Purpose** Convert from temperature units to desired temperature units

**Syntax** `a = convtemp(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convtemp(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input temperature units, `ui`, to specified output temperature units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

'K'	Kelvin
'F'	Degrees Fahrenheit
'C'	Degrees Celsius
'R'	Degrees Rankine

**Examples** Convert three temperatures from degrees Celsius to degrees Fahrenheit:

```
a = convtemp([0 100 15], 'C', 'F')
```

```
a =
```

```
32.0000 212.0000 59.0000
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convang`, `convangacc`, `convangvel`, `convdensity`, `convforce`, `convlength`, `convmass`, `convpres`, `convvel`



**Purpose** Convert from velocity units to desired velocity units

**Syntax** `a = convvel(v, ui, uo)`

**Description** `a = convvel(v, ui, uo)` computes the conversion factor from specified input velocity units, `ui`, to specified output velocity units, `uo`, and applies the conversion factor to the input, `v`, to produce the output, `a`, in the desired units. `v` and `a` are floating-point arrays of size `m-by-n`. All of the values in `v` must have the same unit conversions from `ui` to `uo`. `ui` and `uo` are strings.

Supported unit strings are:

'ft/s'	Feet per second
'm/s'	Meters per second
'km/s'	Kilometers per second
'in/s'	Inches per second
'km/h'	Kilometers per hour
'mph'	Miles per hour
'kts'	Knots
'ft/min'	Feet per minute

**Examples** Convert three velocities from feet per minute to meters per second:

```
a = convvel([30 100 250], 'ft/min', 'm/s')
```

```
a =
```

```
0.1524    0.5080    1.2700
```

**See Also** `convacc`, `convang`, `convangacc`, `convangvel`, `convdensity`, `convforce`, `convlength`, `convmass`, `convpres`, `convtemp`

# correctairspeed

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**Purpose** Calculate equivalent airspeed (EAS), calibrated airspeed (CAS), or true airspeed (TAS) from one of other two airspeeds

**Syntax** `as = correctairspeed(v, a, p0, ai, ao)`

**Description** `as = correctairspeed(v, a, p0, ai, ao)` computes the conversion factor from specified input airspeed, `ai`, to specified output airspeed, `ao`, using speed of sound, `a`, and static pressure `p0`. The conversion factor is applied to the input airspeed, `v`, to produce the output, `as`, in the desired airspeed. `v`, `as`, `a`, and `p0` are floating-point arrays of size `m`. All of the values in `v` must have the same airspeed conversions from `ai` to `ao`. `ai` and `ao` are strings.

Input required by `correctairspeed` is:

<code>v</code>	Airspeed in meters per second
<code>a</code>	Speed of sound in meters per second
<code>p0</code>	Static air pressure in pascal
<code>ai</code>	Input airspeed string
<code>ao</code>	Output airspeed string

Supported airspeed strings are:

<code>'TAS'</code>	True airspeed
<code>'CAS'</code>	Calibrated airspeed
<code>'EAS'</code>	Equivalent airspeed

Output, `as`, is calculated as airspeed in meters per second.

## Examples

Convert three airspeeds from true airspeed to equivalent airspeed at 1000 meters:

```
as = correctairspeed([25.7222; 10.2889; 3.0867], 336.4, 89874.6, 'TAS', 'EAS')
```

```
as =
```

```
24.5057
9.8023
2.9407
```

Convert airspeeds from true airspeed to equivalent airspeed at 1000 and 0 meters:

```
ain = [25.7222; 10.2889; 3.0867];
sos = [336.4; 340.3; 340.3];
P0 = [89874.6; 101325; 101325];
as = correctairspeed(ain, sos, P0, 'TAS', 'EAS')

as =

    24.5057
    10.2887
     3.0866
```

## Assumptions and Limitations

Based on assumption of compressible, isentropic (subsonic flow), dry air with constant specific heat ratio ( $\gamma$ ).

## References

Lowry, J.T., *Performance of Light Aircraft*, AIAA Education Series, Washington, D.C., 1999

*Aeronautical Vestpocket Handbook*, United Technologies Pratt & Whitney, August, 1986

## See Also

airspeed

# createBody (Aero.Animation)

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**Purpose** Create body for animation object

**Syntax**

```
idx = createBody(h,bodyDataSrc)
idx = h.createBody(bodyDataSrc)
idx = createBody(h,bodyDataSrc,geometrysource)
idx = h.createBody(bodyDataSrc,geometrysource)
```

**Description** `idx = createBody(h,bodyDataSrc)` and `idx = h.createBody(bodyDataSrc)` create a new body using the `bodyDataSrc`, makes its patches, and adds it to the animation object `h`. This command assumes a default geometry source type set to Auto.

`idx = createBody(h,bodyDataSrc,geometrysource)` and `idx = h.createBody(bodyDataSrc,geometrysource)` create a new body using the `bodyDataSrc` file, makes its patches, and adds it to the animation object `h`. `geometrysource` is the geometry source type for the body.

By default *geometrysource* is set to Auto, which recognizes `.mat` extensions as Mat-files, `.ac` extensions as Ac3d files, and structures containing fields of `name`, `faces`, `vertices`, and `cdata` as MATLAB variables. If you want to use alternate file extensions or file types, enter one of the following:

- Auto
- Variable
- MatFile
- Ac3d
- Custom

**Examples** Create a body for the animation object, `h`. Use the Ac3d format data source `pa24-250_orange.ac`, for the body.

```
h = Aero.Animation;
idx1 = h.createBody('pa24-250_orange.ac','Ac3d');
```

## createBody (Aero.Animation)

---

### **See Also**

addBody, moveBody, play, removeBody, show, updateBodies

# datcomimport

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**Purpose** Bring USAF Digital DATCOM file into MATLAB

**Syntax**

```
aero = datcomimport(file)
aero = datcomimport(file, usenan)
aero = datcomimport(file, usenan, verbose)
```

**Description** `aero = datcomimport(file)` takes a filename as a string, or a cell array of filenames as strings, `file`, and imports aerodynamic data from `file` into a cell array of structures, `aero`. Prior to reading DATCOM file, values are initialized to 99999, in order to show when there is not a full set of data for the DATCOM case.

`aero = datcomimport(file, usenan)` is an alternate method allowing using NaN or zero to replace data points where no DATCOM methods exist or where the method is not applicable. The default value for `usenan` is true.

`aero = datcomimport(file, usenan, verbose)` is an alternate method allowing additional specification of how the status of the DATCOM file being read is displayed. The default value for `verbose` is 2, which displays a wait bar. Other options are 0, which displays no information, and 1, which displays text to the MATLAB Command window.

The fields of `aero` are dependent on the data within the DATCOM file. Common fields are the following:

<code>case</code>	A string containing the <code>caseid</code> . The default value is <code>[]</code> .
<code>mach</code>	An array of Mach numbers. The default value is <code>[]</code> .
<code>alt</code>	An array of altitudes. The default value is <code>[]</code> .
<code>alpha</code>	An array of angles of attack. The default value is <code>[]</code> .
<code>nmach</code>	The number of Mach numbers. The default value is 0.

nalt	The number of altitudes. The default value is 0.
nalpha	The number of angles of attack. The default value is 0.
rnnub	An array of Reynolds numbers. The default value is [ ].
hypers	A logical denoting, when true, that mach numbers above tsmach are hypersonic. The default value is false and those values are supersonic.
loop	A scalar denoting the type of looping done to generate the DATCOM file. When loop is 1, mach and alt are varied together. When loop is 2, mach varies while alt is fixed. Altitude is then updated and Mach numbers are cycled through again. When loop is 3, mach is fixed while alt varies. mach is then updated and altitudes are cycled through again. The default value is 1.
sref	A scalar denoting the reference area for the case. The default value is [ ].
cbar	A scalar denoting the longitudinal reference length. The default value is [ ].
blref	A scalar denoting the lateral reference length. The default value is [ ].
dim	A string denoting the specified system of units for the case. The default value is 'ft'.
deriv	A string denoting the specified angle units for the case. The default value is 'deg'.
stmach	A scalar value setting the upper limit of subsonic Mach numbers. The default value is 0.6.

tsmach	A scalar value setting the lower limit of supersonic Mach numbers. The default value is 1.4.
save	A logical denoting whether the input values for this case are used in the next case. The default value is false.
stype	A scalar denoting the type of asymmetric flap for the case. The default value is [ ].
trim	A logical denoting the reading of trim data for the case. When trim runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
damp	A logical denoting the reading of dynamic derivative data for the case. When dynamic derivative runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
build	A scalar denoting the reading of build data for the case. When build runs are read, this value is set to 10. The default value is 1.
part	A logical denoting the reading of partial data for the case. When partial runs were written for each Mach number, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
highsym	A logical denoting the reading of symmetric flap high lift data for the case. When symmetric flap runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
highasy	A logical denoting the reading of asymmetric flap high lift data for the case. When asymmetric flap runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.



highcon	A logical denoting the reading of control/trim tab high lift data for the case. When control/trim tab runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
tjet	A logical denoting the reading of transverse-jet control data for the case. When transverse-jet control runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
hypeff	A logical denoting the reading of hypersonic flap effectiveness data for the case. When hypersonic flap effectiveness runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
lb	A logical denoting the reading of low aspect ratio wing or lifting body data for the case. When low aspect ratio wing or lifting body runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
pwr	A logical denoting the reading of power effects data for the case. When power effects runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
grnd	A logical denoting the reading of ground effects data for the case. When ground effects runs are read, this value is set to true. The default value is false.
wsspn	A scalar denoting the semi-span theoretical panel for wing. This value is used to determine if the configuration contains a canard. The default value is 1.
hsspn	A scalar denoting the semi-span theoretical panel for horizontal tail. This value is used to determine if the configuration contains a canard. The default value is 1.

<code>ndelta</code>	The number of control surface deflections: <code>delta</code> , <code>deltal</code> , or <code>deltar</code> . The default value is 0.
<code>delta</code>	An array of control-surface streamwise deflection angles. The default value is <code>[]</code> .
<code>deltal</code>	An array of left lifting surface streamwise control deflection angles. The default value is <code>[]</code> and is defined positive for trailing-edge down.
<code>deltar</code>	An array of right lifting surface streamwise control deflection angles. The default value is <code>[]</code> and is defined positive for trailing-edge down.
<code>ngh</code>	A scalar denoting the number of ground altitudes. The default value is 0.
<code>grndht</code>	An array of ground heights. The default value is <code>[]</code> .
<code>config</code>	A logical denoting whether the case contains horizontal tails. The default value is <code>false</code> .

Static longitude and lateral stability fields available are:

<code>cd</code>	A matrix of drag coefficients. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , <code>alt</code> , <code>build</code> , <code>grndht</code> , and <code>delta</code> and are defined positive for an aft acting load.
<code>cl</code>	A matrix of lift coefficients. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , <code>alt</code> , <code>build</code> , <code>grndht</code> , and <code>delta</code> and are defined positive for an up acting load.
<code>cm</code>	A matrix of pitching-moment coefficients. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , <code>alt</code> , <code>build</code> , <code>grndht</code> , and <code>delta</code> and are defined positive for a nose-up rotation.

cn	A matrix of normal-force coefficients. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta and are defined positive for a normal force in the +Z direction.
ca	A matrix of axial-force coefficients. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta and are defined positive for a normal force in the +X direction.
xcp	A matrix of distances between moment reference center and the center of pressure divided by the longitudinal reference length. These distances are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta and are defined positive for a location forward of the center of gravity.
cla	A matrix of derivatives of lift coefficients with respect to alpha. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta.
cma	A matrix of derivatives of pitching-moment coefficients with respect to alpha. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta.
cyb	A matrix of derivatives of side-force coefficients with respect to sideslip angle. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta.
cnb	A matrix of derivatives of yawing-moment coefficients with respect to sideslip angle. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta.

clb	A matrix of derivatives of rolling-moment coefficients with respect to sideslip angle. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta.
qqinf	A matrix of ratios of dynamic pressure at the horizontal tail to the freestream value. These ratios are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta.
eps	A matrix of downwash angle at horizontal tail in degrees. These angles are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta.
depsdalp	A matrix of downwash angle with respect to angle of attack. These angles are a function of alpha, mach, alt, build, grndht, and delta.

Dynamic derivative fields are:

clq	A matrix of rolling-moment derivatives due to pitch rate. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, and build.
cmq	A matrix of pitching moment derivatives due to pitch rate. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, and build.
clad	A matrix of lift force derivatives due to rate of angle of attack. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, and build.
cmad	A matrix of pitching moment derivatives due to rate of angle of attack. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, and build.
clp	A matrix of rolling moment derivatives due to roll rate. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, and build.

cyp	A matrix of lateral force derivatives due to roll rate. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, and build.
cnp	A matrix of yawing moment derivatives due to roll rate. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, and build.
cnr	A matrix of yawing moment derivatives due to yaw rate. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, and build.
clr	A matrix of rolling moment derivatives due to yaw rate. These derivatives are a function of alpha, mach, alt, and build.

High lift and control fields for symmetric flaps are:

dcl_sym	A matrix of incremental lift coefficients due to deflection of control surface, valid in the linear-lift angle of attack range. These coefficients are a function of delta, mach, and alt.
dcm_sym	A matrix of incremental pitching-moment coefficients due to deflection of control surface, valid in the linear-lift angle of attack range. These coefficients are a function of delta, mach, and alt.
dclmax_sym	A matrix of incremental maximum lift coefficients. These coefficients are a function of delta, mach, and alt.
dcdmin_sym	A matrix of incremental minimum drag coefficients due to control or flap deflection. These coefficients are a function of delta, mach, and alt.

<code>clad_sym</code>	A matrix of the lift-curve slope of the deflected, translated surface. These coefficients are a function of <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cha_sym</code>	A matrix of control-surface hinge-moment derivatives due to angle of attack. These derivatives are a function of <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> and, when defined positive, will tend to rotate the flap trailing edge down.
<code>chd_sym</code>	A matrix of control-surface hinge-moment derivatives due to control deflection. These derivatives are a function of <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> and, when defined positive, will tend to rotate the flap trailing edge down.
<code>dcdi_sym</code>	A matrix of incremental induced drag coefficients due to flap deflection. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .

High lift and control fields available for asymmetric flaps are:

<code>xsc</code>	A matrix of streamwise distances from wing leading edge to spoiler tip. These distances are a function of <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>hsc</code>	A matrix of projected height of spoiler measured from normal to airfoil meanline. These distances are a function of <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>ddc</code>	A matrix of projected height of deflector for spoiler-slot-deflector control. These distances are a function of <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>dsc</code>	A matrix of projected height of spoiler control. These distances are a function of <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .

<code>clroll</code>	A matrix of incremental rolling moment coefficients due to asymmetrical deflection of control surface. These coefficients are a function of <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> , or a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> for differential horizontal stabilizer, and are defined positive when right wing is down.
<code>cn_asy</code>	A matrix of incremental yawing moment coefficients due to asymmetrical deflection of control surface. These coefficients are a function of <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> , or a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> for plain flaps, and are defined positive when nose is right.

High lift and control fields available for control/trim tabs are:

<code>fc_con</code>	A matrix of stick forces or stick force coefficients. These forces or coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>fhmcoeff_free</code>	A matrix of flap hinge moment coefficients tab free. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>fhmcoeff_lock</code>	A matrix of flap hinge moment coefficients tab locked. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>fhmcoeff_gear</code>	A matrix of flap hinge moment coefficients due to gearing. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>ttab_def</code>	A matrix of trim tab deflections for zero stick force. These deflections are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>delta</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .

High lift and control fields available for trim are:

<code>cl_ustrim</code>	A matrix of untrimmed lift coefficients. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt, and are defined positive for an up acting load.
<code>cd_ustrim</code>	A matrix of untrimmed drag coefficients. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt, and are defined positive for an aft acting load.
<code>cm_ustrim</code>	A matrix of untrimmed pitching moment coefficients. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt, and are defined positive for a nose-up rotation.
<code>delt_trim</code>	A matrix of trimmed control-surface streamwise deflection angles. These angles are a function of alpha, mach, and alt.
<code>dcl_trim</code>	A matrix of trimmed incremental lift coefficients in the linear-lift angle of attack range due to deflection of control surface. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt.
<code>dclmax_trim</code>	A matrix of trimmed incremental maximum lift coefficients. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt.
<code>dcdi_trim</code>	A matrix of trimmed incremental induced drag coefficients due to flap deflection. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt.
<code>dcdmin_trim</code>	A matrix of trimmed incremental minimum drag coefficients due to control or flap deflection. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt.



<code>cha_trim</code>	A matrix of trimmed control-surface hinge-moment derivatives due to angle of attack. These derivatives are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>chd_trim</code>	A matrix of trimmed control-surface hinge-moment derivatives due to control deflection. These derivatives are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cl_tailutrim</code>	A matrix of untrimmed stabilizer lift coefficients. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> , and are defined positive for an up acting load.
<code>cd_tailutrim</code>	A matrix of untrimmed stabilizer drag coefficients. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> , and are defined positive for an aft acting load.
<code>cm_tailutrim</code>	A matrix of untrimmed stabilizer pitching moment coefficients. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> , and are defined positive for a nose-up rotation.
<code>hm_tailutrim</code>	A matrix of untrimmed stabilizer hinge moment coefficients. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> , and are defined positive for a stabilizer rotation with leading edge up and trailing edge down.
<code>aliht_tailtrim</code>	A matrix of stabilizer incidence required to trim. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cl_tailtrim</code>	A matrix of trimmed stabilizer lift coefficients. These coefficients are a function of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> , and are defined positive for an up acting load.

<code>cd_tailtrim</code>	A matrix of trimmed stabilizer drag coefficients. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt, and are defined positive for an aft acting load.
<code>cm_tailtrim</code>	A matrix of trimmed stabilizer pitching moment coefficients. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt, and are defined positive for a nose-up rotation.
<code>hm_tailtrim</code>	A matrix of trimmed stabilizer hinge moment coefficients. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt, and are defined positive for a stabilizer rotation with leading edge up and trailing edge down.
<code>cl_trimi</code>	A matrix of lift coefficients at trim incidence. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt, and are defined positive for an up acting load.
<code>cd_trimi</code>	A matrix of drag coefficients at trim incidence. These coefficients are a function of alpha, mach, and alt, and are defined positive for an aft acting load.

Transverse jet control fields are:

<code>time</code>	A matrix of times. These times are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
<code>ctrlfrfc</code>	A matrix of control forces. These forces are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
<code>locmach</code>	A matrix of local Mach numbers. These Mach numbers are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.

reynum	A matrix of Reynolds numbers. These Reynolds numbers are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
locpres	A matrix of local pressures. These pressures are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
dynpres	A matrix of dynamic pressures. These pressures are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
blayer	A cell array of strings containing the state of the boundary layer. These states are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
ctrlcoeff	A matrix of control force coefficients. These coefficients are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
corrcoeff	A matrix of corrected force coefficients. These coefficients are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
sonicamp	A matrix of sonic amplification factors. These factors are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
ampfact	A matrix of amplification factors. These factors are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
vacthr	A matrix of vacuum thrusts. These thrusts are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
minpres	A matrix of minimum pressure ratios. These ratios are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
minjet	A matrix of minimum jet pressures. These pressures are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
jetpres	A matrix of jet pressures. These pressures are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.

massflow	A matrix of mass flow rates. These rates are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.
propelwt	A matrix of propellant weights. These weights are stored with indices of mach, alt, and alpha.

Hypersonic fields are:

df_normal	A matrix of increments in normal force per spanwise foot of control. These increments are stored with indices of alpha, delta, and mach.
df_axial	A matrix of increments in axial force per spanwise foot of control. These increments are stored with indices of alpha, delta, and mach.
cm_normal	A matrix of increments in pitching moment due to normal force per spanwise foot of control. These increments are stored with indices of alpha, delta, and mach.
cm_axial	A matrix of increments in pitching moment due to axial force per spanwise foot of control. These increments are stored with indices of alpha, delta, and mach.
cp_normal	A matrix of center of pressure locations of normal force. These locations are stored with indices of alpha, delta, and mach.
cp_axial	A matrix of center of pressure locations of axial force. These locations are stored with indices of alpha, delta, and mach.

Auxiliary and partial fields available are:

wetarea_b	A matrix of body wetted area. These areas are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs.
xcg_b	A matrix of longitudinal locations of the center of gravity. These locations are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
zcg_b	A matrix of vertical locations of the center of gravity. These locations are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
basearea_b	A matrix of body base area. These areas are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
cd0_b	A matrix of body zero lift drags. These drags are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
basedrag_b	A matrix of body base drags. These drags are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
fricdrag_b	A matrix of body friction drags. These drags are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
presdrag_b	A matrix of body pressure drags. These drags are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
lemac	A matrix of leading edge mean aerodynamic chords. These chords are stored with indices of mach and alt.
sidewash	A matrix of sidewash. These values are stored with indices of mach and alt.

<code>hiv_b_w</code>	A matrix of $iv-b(w)$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>hiv_w_h</code>	A matrix of $iv-w(h)$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>hiv_b_h</code>	A matrix of $iv-b(h)$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>gamma</code>	A matrix of $gamma*2*pi*alpha*v*r$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>gamma2pialpvr</code>	A matrix of $gamma*(2*pi*alpha*v*r)t$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>clpgammacl0</code>	A matrix of $clp(gamma=c1=0)$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>clpgammaclp</code>	A matrix of $clp(gamma)/c1$ ( $gamma=0$ ). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cnptheta</code>	A matrix of $cnp/theta$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cypgamma</code>	A matrix of $cyp/gamma$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cypc1</code>	A matrix of $cyp/c1$ ( $c1=0$ ). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>clbgamma</code>	A matrix of $clb/gamma$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cmoetheta w</code>	A matrix of $(cmo/theta)w$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cmoetheta h</code>	A matrix of $(cmo/theta)h$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>espeff</code>	A matrix of $(epsoln)eff$ . These values are stored with indices of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .

<code>despdalpeff</code>	A matrix of $d(\text{epsoln})/d(\text{alpha})$ eff. These values are stored with indices of <code>alpha</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>dragdiv</code>	A matrix of drag divergence mach number. These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cd0mach</code>	A matrix of four Mach numbers for the zero lift drag. These values are stored with indices of <code>index</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cd0</code>	A matrix of four zero lift drags. These values are stored with indices of <code>index</code> , <code>mach</code> , and <code>alt</code> .
<code>clbclmfb_****</code>	A matrix of $(\text{clb}/\text{cl})\text{mfb}$ , where <code>****</code> is either <code>wb</code> (wing-body) or <code>bht</code> (body-horizontal tail). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>cnam14_****</code>	A matrix of $(\text{cna})_{m=1.4}$ , where <code>****</code> is either <code>wb</code> (wing-body) or <code>bht</code> (body-horizontal tail). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>area_**_**</code>	A matrix of areas, where <code>*</code> is either <code>w</code> (wing), <code>ht</code> (horizontal tail), <code>vt</code> (vertical tail), or <code>vf</code> (ventral fin) and <code>**</code> is either <code>tt</code> (total theoretical), <code>ti</code> (theoretical inboard), <code>te</code> (total exposed), <code>ei</code> (exposed inboard), or <code>o</code> (outboard). These areas are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> , <code>alt</code> , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for <code>hypers = true</code> ).

<code>taperratio_*_**</code>	A matrix of taper ratios, where * is either w (wing), ht (horizontal tail), vt (vertical tail), or vf (ventral fin) and ** is either tt (total theoretical), ti (theoretical inboard), te (total exposed), ei (exposed inboard), or o (outboard). These ratios are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
<code>aspectratio_*_**</code>	A matrix of aspect ratios, where * is either w (wing), ht (horizontal tail), vt (vertical tail), or vf (ventral fin) and ** is either tt (total theoretical), ti (theoretical inboard), te (total exposed), ei (exposed inboard), or o (outboard). These ratios are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
<code>qcsweep_*_**</code>	A matrix of quarter chord sweeps, where * is either w (wing), ht (horizontal tail), vt (vertical tail), or vf (ventral fin) and ** is either tt (total theoretical), ti (theoretical inboard), te (total exposed), ei (exposed inboard), or o (outboard). These sweeps are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).
<code>mac_*_**</code>	A matrix of mean aerodynamic chords, where * is either w (wing), ht (horizontal tail), vt (vertical tail), or vf (ventral fin) and ** is either tt (total theoretical), ti (theoretical inboard), te (total exposed), ei (exposed inboard), or o (outboard). These chords are stored with indices of mach, alt, and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for hypers = true).



<code>qcmac_*_**</code>	A matrix of quarter chord $x(\text{mac})$ , where $*$ is either $w$ (wing), $ht$ (horizontal tail), $vt$ (vertical tail), or $vf$ (ventral fin) and $**$ is either $tt$ (total theoretical), $ti$ (theoretical inboard), $te$ (total exposed), $ei$ (exposed inboard), or $o$ (outboard). These values are stored with indices of $\text{mach}$ , $\text{alt}$ , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for $\text{hypers} = \text{true}$ ).
<code>ymac_*_**</code>	A matrix $y(\text{mac})$ , where $*$ is either $w$ (wing), $ht$ (horizontal tail), $vt$ (vertical tail), or $vf$ (ventral fin) and $**$ is either $tt$ (total theoretical), $ti$ (theoretical inboard), $te$ (total exposed), $ei$ (exposed inboard), or $o$ (outboard). These values are stored with indices of $\text{mach}$ , $\text{alt}$ , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for $\text{hypers} = \text{true}$ ).
<code>cd0_*_**</code>	A matrix of zero lift drags, where $*$ is either $w$ (wing), $ht$ (horizontal tail), $vt$ (vertical tail), or $vf$ (ventral fin) and $**$ is either $tt$ (total theoretical), $ti$ (theoretical inboard), $te$ (total exposed), $ei$ (exposed inboard), or $o$ (outboard). These drags are stored with indices of $\text{mach}$ , $\text{alt}$ , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for $\text{hypers} = \text{true}$ ).
<code>friccoeff_*_**</code>	A matrix of friction coefficients, where $*$ is either $w$ (wing), $ht$ (horizontal tail), $vt$ (vertical tail), or $vf$ (ventral fin) and $**$ is either $tt$ (total theoretical), $ti$ (theoretical inboard), $te$ (total exposed), $ei$ (exposed inboard), or $o$ (outboard). These values are stored with indices of $\text{mach}$ , $\text{alt}$ , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for $\text{hypers} = \text{true}$ ).

<code>cla_b_***</code>	A matrix of $cla-b(***)$ , where <code>***</code> is either <code>w</code> (wing) or <code>ht</code> (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> , <code>alt</code> , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for <code>hypers = true</code> ).
<code>cla_***_b</code>	A matrix of $cla-***(b)$ , where <code>***</code> is either <code>w</code> (wing) or <code>ht</code> (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> , <code>alt</code> , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for <code>hypers = true</code> ).
<code>k_b_***</code>	A matrix of $k-b(***)$ , where <code>***</code> is either <code>w</code> (wing) or <code>ht</code> (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> , <code>alt</code> , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for <code>hypers = true</code> ).
<code>k_***_b</code>	A matrix of $k-***(b)$ , where <code>***</code> is either <code>w</code> (wing) or <code>ht</code> (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> , <code>alt</code> , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for <code>hypers = true</code> ).
<code>xacc_b_***</code>	A matrix of $xacc/c-b(***)$ , where <code>***</code> is either <code>w</code> (wing) or <code>ht</code> (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> , <code>alt</code> , and number of runs (normally 1, 2 for <code>hypers = true</code> ).
<code>cd1c12_***</code>	A matrix of $cd1/c1^2$ , where <code>***</code> is either <code>w</code> (wing) or <code>ht</code> (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>clbc1_***</code>	A matrix of $clb/c1$ , where <code>***</code> is either <code>w</code> (wing) or <code>ht</code> (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .
<code>fmach0_***</code>	A matrix of force break Mach numbers with zero sweep, where <code>***</code> is either <code>w</code> (wing) or <code>ht</code> (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of <code>mach</code> and <code>alt</code> .

<code>fmach_***</code>	A matrix of force break Mach numbers with sweep, where *** is either w (wing) or ht (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of mach and alt.
<code>macha_***</code>	A matrix of mach(a), where *** is either w (wing) or ht (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of mach and alt.
<code>machb_***</code>	A matrix of mach(b), where *** is either w (wing) or ht (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of mach and alt.
<code>claa_***</code>	A matrix of cla(a), where *** is either w (wing) or ht (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of mach and alt.
<code>clab_***</code>	A matrix of cla(b), where *** is either w (wing) or ht (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of mach and alt.
<code>clbm06_***</code>	A matrix of $(clb/cl)_m=0.6$ , where *** is either w (wing) or ht (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of mach and alt.
<code>clbm14_***</code>	A matrix of $(clb/cl)_m=1.4$ , where *** is either w (wing) or ht (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of mach and alt.
<code>clalpmach_***</code>	A matrix of five Mach numbers for the lift curve slope, where *** is either w (wing) or ht (stabilizer). These Mach numbers are stored with indices of index, mach, and alt.
<code>clalp_***</code>	A matrix of five lift curve slope values, where *** is either w (wing) or ht (stabilizer). These values are stored with indices of index, mach, and alt.

# datcomimport

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## Examples

Read the USAF Digital DATCOM output file datcom.out:

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aero = datcomimport('datcom.out')
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Read the USAF Digital DATCOM output file datcom.out using zeros to replace data points where no DATCOM methods exist and displaying status information in the MATLAB Command window:

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usenan = false;  
aero = datcomimport('datcom.out', usenan, 1 )
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## Assumptions and Limitations

The operational limitations of Digital DATCOM apply to the data contained in AERO. For more information on Digital DATCOM limitations, see [1], section 2.4.5.

USAF Digital DATCOM data for wing section, horizontal tail section, vertical tail section and ventral fin section are not read.

## References

1. AFFDL-TR-79-3032: *The USAF Stability and Control DATCOM*, Volume 1, Users Manual

**Purpose** Convert direction cosine matrix to angle of attack and sideslip angle

**Syntax** [a b] = dcm2alphabeta(n)

**Description** [a b] = dcm2alphabeta(n) calculates the angle of attack and sideslip angle, a and b, for a given direction cosine matrix, n. n is a 3-by-3-by-m matrix containing m orthogonal direction cosine matrices. a is an m array of angles of attack. b is an m array of sideslip angles. n performs the coordinate transformation of a vector in body-axes into a vector in wind-axes. Angles of attack and sideslip angles are output in radians.

**Examples** Determine the angle of attack and sideslip angle from direction cosine matrix:

```
dcm = [ 0.8926    0.1736    0.4162; ...
        -0.1574    0.9848   -0.0734; ...
        -0.4226         0    0.9063];
[alpha beta] = dcm2alphabeta(dcm)
```

```
alpha =
```

```
0.4363
```

```
beta =
```

```
0.1745
```

Determine the angle of attack and sideslip angle from multiple direction cosine matrices:

```
dcm = [ 0.8926    0.1736    0.4162; ...
        -0.1574    0.9848   -0.0734; ...
        -0.4226         0    0.9063];
dcm(:,:,2) = [ 0.9811    0.0872    0.1730; ...
               -0.0859    0.9962   -0.0151; ...
               -0.1736         0    0.9848];
```

## dcm2alphabeta

---

```
[alpha beta] = dcm2alphabeta(dcm)
```

```
alpha =
```

```
    0.4363  
    0.1745
```

```
beta =
```

```
    0.1745  
    0.0873
```

### **See Also**

`angle2dcm`, `dcm2angle`, `dcmbody2wind`

**Purpose**

Create rotation angles from direction cosine matrix

**Syntax**

```
[r1 r2 r3] = dcm2angle(n)
[r1 r2 r3] = dcm2angle(n, s)
[r1 r2 r3] = dcm2angle(n, s, lim)
```

**Description**

`[r1 r2 r3] = dcm2angle(n)` calculates the set of rotation angles, `r1`, `r2`, `r3`, for a given direction cosine matrix, `n`. `n` is a 3-by-3-by-`m` matrix containing `m` direction cosine matrices. `r1` returns an `m` array of first rotation angles. `r2` returns an `m` array of second rotation angles. `r3` returns an `m` array of third rotation angles. Rotation angles are output in radians.

`[r1 r2 r3] = dcm2angle(n, s)` calculates the set of rotation angles, `r1`, `r2`, `r3`, for a given direction cosine matrix, `n`, and a specified rotation sequence, `s`.

The default rotation sequence is 'ZYX', where `r1` is z-axis rotation, `r2` is y-axis rotation, and `r3` is x-axis rotation.

Supported rotation sequence strings are 'ZYX', 'YZY', 'ZXY', 'XZ', 'YXZ', 'YXY', 'YZX', 'YZY', 'XYZ', 'YX', 'XZY', and 'XZX'.

`[r1 r2 r3] = dcm2angle(n, s, lim)` calculates the set of rotation angles, `r1`, `r2`, `r3`, for a given direction cosine matrix, `n`, a specified rotation sequence, `s`, and a specified angle constraint, `lim`. `lim` is a string specifying either 'Default' or 'ZeroR3'. See “Assumptions and Limitations” on page 4-69 for full definitions of angle constraints.

**Examples**

Determine the rotation angles from direction cosine matrix:

```
dcm = [0 1 0; 1 0 0; 0 0 1];
[yaw pitch roll] = dcm2angle(dcm)
```

```
yaw =
```

```
1.5708
```

# dcm2angle

---

```
pitch =
```

```
0
```

```
roll =
```

```
0
```

Determine the rotation angles from multiple direction cosine matrices:

```
dcm      = [ 0 1 0; 1 0 0; 0 0 1];  
dcm(:, :, 2) = [ 0.85253103550038  0.47703040785184 -0.21361840626067; ...  
                -0.43212157513194  0.87319830445628  0.22537893734811; ...  
                0.29404383655186 -0.09983341664683  0.95056378592206];  
[pitch roll yaw] = dcm2angle(dcm, 'YXZ')
```

```
pitch =
```

```
0
```

```
0.3000
```

```
roll =
```

```
0
```

```
0.1000
```

```
yaw =
```

```
1.5708
```

```
0.5000
```



## Assumptions and Limitations

The 'Default' limitations for the 'ZYX', 'ZXY', 'YXZ', 'YZX', 'XYZ', and 'XZY' implementations generate an  $r_2$  angle that lies between  $\pm 90$  degrees, and  $r_1$  and  $r_3$  angles that lie between  $\pm 180$  degrees.

The 'Default' limitations for the 'ZYZ', 'ZXZ', 'YXY', 'YZY', 'YXX', and 'XZX' implementations generate an  $r_2$  angle that lies between 0 and 180 degrees, and  $r_1$  and  $r_3$  angles that lie between  $\pm 180$  degrees.

The 'ZeroR3' limitations for the 'ZYX', 'ZXY', 'YXZ', 'YZX', 'XYZ', and 'XZY' implementations generate an  $r_2$  angle that lies between  $\pm 90$  degrees, and  $r_1$  and  $r_3$  angles that lie between  $\pm 180$  degrees. However, when  $r_2$  is  $\pm 90$  degrees,  $r_3$  is set to 0 degrees.

The 'ZeroR3' limitations for the 'ZYZ', 'ZXZ', 'YXY', 'YZY', 'YXX', and 'XZX' implementations generate an  $r_2$  angle that lies between 0 and 180 degrees, and  $r_1$  and  $r_3$  angles that lie between  $\pm 180$  degrees. However, when  $r_2$  is 0 or  $\pm 180$  degrees,  $r_3$  is set to 0 degrees.

## See Also

`angle2dcm`, `dcm2quat`, `quat2dcm`, `quat2euler`

# dcm2latlon

---

**Purpose** Convert direction cosine matrix to geodetic latitude and longitude

**Syntax** [lat lon] = dcm2latlon(n)

**Description** [lat lon] = dcm2latlon(n) calculates the geodetic latitude and longitude, lat and lon, for a given direction cosine matrix, n. n is a 3-by-3-by-m matrix containing m orthogonal direction cosine matrices. lat is an m array of geodetic latitudes. lon is an m array of longitudes. n performs the coordinate transformation of a vector in Earth-centered Earth-fixed (ECEF) axes into a vector in north-east-down (NED) axes. Geodetic latitudes and longitudes are output in degrees.

**Examples** Determine the geodetic latitude and longitude from direction cosine matrix:

```
dcm = [ 0.3747    0.5997    0.7071; ...
        0.8480   -0.5299         0; ...
        0.3747    0.5997   -0.7071];
[lat lon] = dcm2latlon(dcm)
```

```
lat =

    44.9995
```

```
lon =

   -122.0005
```

Determine the geodetic latitude and longitude from multiple direction cosine matrices:

```
dcm = [ 0.3747    0.5997    0.7071; ...
        0.8480   -0.5299         0; ...
        0.3747    0.5997   -0.7071];
dcm(:,:,2) = [-0.0531    0.6064    0.7934; ...
              0.9962    0.0872         0; ...
```

```
        -0.0691    0.7903    -0.6088];  
[lat lon] = dcm2latlon(dcm)
```

```
lat =
```

```
    44.9995  
    37.5028
```

```
lon =
```

```
   -122.0005  
    -84.9975
```

## See Also

[angle2dcm](#), [dcm2angle](#), [dcmecef2ned](#)

# dcm2quat

---

**Purpose** Convert direction cosine matrix to quaternion

**Syntax** `q = dcm2quat(n)`

**Description** `q = dcm2quat(n)` calculates the quaternion, `q`, for a given direction cosine matrix, `n`. Input `n` is a 3-by-3-by-`m` matrix of orthogonal direction cosine matrices. The direction cosine matrix performs the coordinate transformation of a vector in inertial axes to a vector in body axes. `q` returns an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions. `q` has its scalar number as the first column.

**Examples** Determine the quaternion from direction cosine matrix:

```
dcm = [0 1 0; 1 0 0; 0 0 1];
q = dcm2quat(dcm)

q =

    0.7071         0         0         0
```

Determine the quaternions from multiple direction cosine matrices:

```
dcm          = [ 0 1 0; 1 0 0; 0 0 1];
dcm(:, :, 2) = [ 0.4330    0.2500   -0.8660; ...
                0.1768    0.9186    0.3536; ...
                0.8839   -0.3062    0.3536];
q = dcm2quat(dcm)

q =

    0.7071         0         0         0
    0.8224    0.2006    0.5320    0.0223
```

**See Also** `angle2dcm`, `dcm2angle`, `euler2quat`, `quat2dcm`, `quat2euler`

**Purpose** Convert angle of attack and sideslip angle to direction cosine matrix

**Syntax** `n = dcmbody2wind(a, b)`

**Description** `n = dcmbody2wind(a, b)` calculates the direction cosine matrix, `n`, for given angle of attack and sideslip angle, `a`, `b`. `a` is an `m` array of angles of attack. `b` is an `m` array of sideslip angles. `n` returns a 3-by-3-by-`m` matrix containing `m` direction cosine matrices. `n` performs the coordinate transformation of a vector in body-axes into a vector in wind-axes. Angles of attack and sideslip angles are input in radians.

**Examples** Determine the direction cosine matrix from angle of attack and sideslip angle:

```
alpha = 0.4363;  
beta = 0.1745;  
dcm = dcmbody2wind(alpha, beta)
```

```
dcm =  
  
    0.8926    0.1736    0.4162  
   -0.1574    0.9848   -0.0734  
   -0.4226         0    0.9063
```

Determine the direction cosine matrix from multiple angles of attack and sideslip angles:

```
alpha = [0.4363 0.1745];  
beta = [0.1745 0.0873];  
dcm = dcmbody2wind(alpha, beta)
```

```
dcm(:, :, 1) =  
  
    0.8926    0.1736    0.4162  
   -0.1574    0.9848   -0.0734  
   -0.4226         0    0.9063
```

# dcmbody2wind

---

```
dcm(:, :, 2) =
```

```
    0.9811    0.0872    0.1730  
   -0.0859    0.9962   -0.0151  
   -0.1736         0    0.9848
```

## See Also

`angle2dcm`, `dcm2alphabet`, `dcm2angle`

**Purpose** Convert geodetic latitude and longitude to direction cosine matrix

**Syntax** `n = dcmecef2ned(lat, lon)`

**Description** `n = dcmecef2ned(lat, lon)` calculates the direction cosine matrix, `n`, for a given set of geodetic latitude and longitude, `lat`, `lon`. `lat` is an `m` array of geodetic latitudes. `lon` is an `m` array of longitudes. `n` returns a 3-by-3-by-`m` matrix containing `m` direction cosine matrices. `n` performs the coordinate transformation of a vector in Earth-centered Earth-fixed (ECEF) axes into a vector in north-east-down (NED) axes. Geodetic latitudes and longitudes are input in degrees.

**Examples** Determine the direction cosine matrix from geodetic latitude and longitude:

```
lat = 45;
lon = -122;
dcm = dcmecef2ned(lat, lon)
```

```
dcm =

    0.3747    0.5997    0.7071
    0.8480   -0.5299         0
    0.3747    0.5997   -0.7071
```

Determine the direction cosine matrix from multiple geodetic latitudes and longitudes:

```
lat = [45 37.5];
lon = [-122 -85];
dcm = dcmecef2ned(lat, lon)
```

```
dcm(:, :, 1) =

    0.3747    0.5997    0.7071
    0.8480   -0.5299         0
    0.3747    0.5997   -0.7071
```

## dcmecef2ned

---

```
dcm(:, :, 2) =
```

```
-0.0531    0.6064    0.7934  
0.9962    0.0872         0  
-0.0691    0.7903   -0.6088
```

### See Also

`angle2dcm`, `dcm2angle`, `dcm2latlon`



**Purpose**

Calculate decimal year

**Syntax**

```
dy = decyear(v)
dy = decyear(s,f)
dy = decyear(y,mo,d)
dy = decyear([y,mo,d])
dy = decyear(y,mo,d,h,mi,s)
dy = decyear([y,mo,d,h,mi,s])
```

**Description**

`dy = decyear(v)` converts one or more date vectors, `v`, into decimal year, `dy`. Input `v` can be an `m`-by-6 or `m`-by-3 matrix containing `m` full or partial date vectors, respectively. `decyear` returns a column vector of `m` decimal years.

A date vector contains six elements, specifying year, month, day, hour, minute, and second. A partial date vector has three elements, specifying year, month, and day. Each element of `v` must be a positive double-precision number.

`dy = decyear(s,f)` converts one or more date strings, `s`, to decimal year, `dy`, using format string `f`. `s` can be a character array where each row corresponds to one date string, or a one-dimensional cell array of strings. `decyear` returns a column vector of `m` decimal years, where `m` is the number of strings in `s`.

All of the date strings in `s` must have the same format `f`, which must be composed of date format symbols listed in the `datestr` function reference page. Formats containing the letter `Q` are not accepted by `decyear`.

Certain formats may not contain enough information to compute a date number. In those cases, hours, minutes, and seconds default to 0, days default to 1, months default to January, and years default to the current year. Date strings with two-character years are interpreted to be within the 100 years centered around the current year.

`dy = decyear(y,mo,d)` and `dy = decyear([y,mo,d])` return the decimal year for corresponding elements of the `y,mo,d` (year,month,day)

# decyear

---

arrays. `y`, `mo`, and `d` must be arrays of the same size (or any of them can be a scalar).

`dy = decyear(y,mo,d,h,mi,s)` and `dy = decyear([y,mo,d,h,mi,s])` return the decimal year for corresponding elements of the `y,mo,d,h,mi,s` (year,month,day,hour,minute,second) arrays. The six arguments must be arrays of the same size (or any of them can be a scalar).

## Examples

Calculate decimal year for May 24, 2005:

```
dy = decyear('24-May-2005','dd-mmm-yyyy')
```

```
dy =
```

```
2.0054e+003
```

Calculate decimal year for December 19, 2006:

```
dy = decyear(2006,12,19)
```

```
dy =
```

```
2.0070e+003
```

Calculate decimal year for October 10, 2004, at 12:21:00 p.m.:

```
dy = decyear(2004,10,10,12,21,0)
```

```
dy =
```

```
2.0048e+003
```

## Assumptions and Limitations

The calculation of decimal year does not take into account leap seconds.

## See Also

`juliandate`, `leapyear`, `mjuliandate`

<b>Purpose</b>	Destroy animation object
<b>Syntax</b>	<code>delete(h)</code> <code>h.delete</code>
<b>Description</b>	<code>delete(h)</code> and <code>h.delete</code> destroy the animation object <code>h</code> . This function also destroys the animation object figure, and any objects that the animation object contained (for example, bodies, camera, and geometry).
<b>Examples</b>	Delete the animation object, <code>h</code> .  <pre>h=Aero.Animation; h.delete;</pre>
<b>See Also</b>	<code>initialize</code> , <code>initIfNeeded</code>

# delete (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)

---

**Purpose** Destroy FlightGear animation object

**Syntax** delete(h)  
h.delete

**Description** delete(h) and h.delete destroy the FlightGear animation object h. This function also destroys the animation object timer, and closes the socket that the FlightGear animation animation object contains.

**Examples** Delete the FlightGear animation object, h.

```
h=Aero.FlightGearAnimation;  
h.delete;
```

**See Also** initialize

**Purpose** Compute dynamic pressure using velocity and density

**Syntax** `q = dpressure(v, r)`

**Description** `q = dpressure(v, r)` computes `m` dynamic pressures, `q`, from an `m`-by-3 array of velocities, `v`, and an array of `m` densities, `r`. `v` and `r` must have the same length units.

**Examples** Determine dynamic pressure for velocity in feet per second and density in slugs per feet cubed:

```
q = dpressure([84.3905 33.7562 10.1269], 0.0024)
```

```
q =  
10.0365
```

Determine dynamic pressure for velocity in meters per second and density in kilograms per meters cubed:

```
q = dpressure([25.7222 10.2889 3.0867], [1.225 0.3639])
```

```
q =  
475.9252  
141.3789
```

Determine dynamic pressure for velocity in meters per second and density in kilograms per meters cubed:

```
q = dpressure([50 20 6; 5 0.5 2], [1.225 0.3639])
```

```
q =
```

# dpressure

---

1.0e+003 \*

1.7983

0.0053

## See Also

airspeed, machnumber

**Purpose** Convert Earth-centered Earth-fixed (ECEF) coordinates to geodetic coordinates

**Syntax**

```
lla = ecef2lla(p)
lla = ecef2lla(p, model)
lla = ecef2lla(p, f, Re)
```

**Description** lla = ecef2lla(p) converts the m-by-3 array of ECEF coordinates, p, to an m-by-3 array of geodetic coordinates (latitude, longitude and altitude), lla. lla is in [degrees degrees meters]. p is in meters. The default ellipsoid planet is WGS84.

lla = ecef2lla(p, model) is an alternate method for converting the coordinates for a specific ellipsoid planet. Currently only 'WGS84' is supported for model.

lla = ecef2lla(p, f, Re) is another alternate method for converting the coordinates for a custom ellipsoid planet defined by flattening, f, and the equatorial radius, Re, in meters.

**Examples** Determine latitude, longitude, and altitude at a coordinate:

```
lla = ecef2lla([4510731 4510731 0])
```

```
lla =
    0    45.0000   999.9564
```

Determine latitude, longitude, and altitude at multiple coordinates, specifying WGS84 ellipsoid model:

```
lla = ecef2lla([4510731 4510731 0; 0 4507609 4498719], 'WGS84')
```

```
lla =
    0    45.0000   999.9564
```

# ecef2lla

---

```
45.1358 90.0000 999.8659
```

Determine latitude, longitude, and altitude at multiple coordinates, specifying custom ellipsoid model:

```
f = 1/196.877360;  
Re = 3397000;  
lla = ecef2lla([4510731 4510731 0; 0 4507609 4498719], f, Re)
```

```
lla =
```

```
1.0e+006 *  
0 0.0000 2.9821  
0.0000 0.0001 2.9801
```

## See Also

[geoc2geod](#), [geod2geoc](#), [lla2ecef](#)



**Purpose** Convert Euler angles to quaternion

**Syntax** `q = euler2quat(ea)`

**Description** `q = euler2quat(ea)` calculates the quaternion, `q`, for given Euler angles, `ea`. Input `ea` is an `m`-by-3 matrix of Euler angles. `q` returns an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions. `q` has its scalar number as the first column. Euler angles are input in radians.

**Examples** Determine the quaternion from `ea = [0.7854 0 0.7854]`:

```
q = euler2quat([0.7854 0 0.7854])
```

```
q =
```

```
0.8536    0.3536    0.1464    0.3536
```

Determine the quaternions from multiple Euler angles:

```
ea = [0.7854 0 0.7854; 0.5 0.3 0.1];
```

```
q = euler2quat(ea)
```

```
q =
```

```
0.8536    0.3536    0.1464    0.3536  
0.9587    0.2371    0.1568    0.0110
```

**See Also** `dcm2quat`, `quat2dcm`, `quat2euler`

# **fanimation (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)**

---

**Purpose** Construct FlightGear animation object

**Syntax** `h = fanimation`  
`h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation`

**Description** `h = fanimation` and `h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation` construct a FlightGear animation object. The FlightGear animation object is returned to `h`.

**Examples** Construct a FlightGear animation object, `h`:

```
h = fanimation
```

**See Also** `Aero.FlightGearAnimation`

**Purpose**

Return start and stop times of time series data

**Syntax**

```
[tstart,tstop] = findstartstoptimes(h,tsdata)
[tstart,stop] = h.findstartstoptimes(tsdata)
```

**Description**

[tstart,tstop] = findstartstoptimes(h,tsdata) and [tstart,stop] = h.findstartstoptimes(tsdata) return the start and stop times of time series data t for the animation body object h.

**Examples**

Find the start and stop times of the time series data, ts.

```
b=Aero.Body;
b.load('pa24-250_orange.ac','Ac3d');
tsdata = [ ...
    0, 1,1,1, 0,0,0; ...
    10 2,2,2, 1,1,1; ];
b.TimeSeriesSource = tsdata;
[tstart,tstop] = findstartstoptimes(b,tsdata);
```

**See Also**

load

# generatePatches (Aero.Body)

---

**Purpose** Generate patches for body with loaded face, vertex, and color data

**Syntax** generatePatches(h, ax)  
h.generatePatches(ax)

**Description** generatePatches(h, ax) and h.generatePatches(ax) generate patches for the animation body object h using the loaded face, vertex, and color data in ax.

**Examples** Generate patches for b using the axes, ax.

```
b=Aero.Body;  
b.load('pa24-250_orange.ac','Ac3d');  
f = figure;  
ax = axes;  
b.generatePatches(ax);
```

**See Also** load

# GenerateRunScript (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)

---

**Purpose** Generate run script for FlightGear flight simulator

**Syntax** GenerateRunScript(h)  
h.GenerateRunScript

**Description** GenerateRunScript(h) and h.GenerateRunScript generate a run script for FlightGear flight simulator using the following FlightGear animation object properties:

OutputFileName	Specify the name of the output file. The file name is the name of the command you will use to start FlightGear with these initial parameters. The default value is 'runfg.bat'.
FlightGearBaseDirectory	Specify the name of your FlightGear installation directory. The default value is 'D:\Applications\FlightGear'.
GeometryModelName	Specify the name of the folder containing the desired model geometry in the <i>FlightGear\data\Aircraft</i> directory. The default value is 'HL20'.
DestinationIpAddress	Specify your destination IP address. The default value is '127.0.0.1'.
DestinationPort	Specify your network flight dynamics model (fdm) port. This destination port should be an unused port that you can use when you launch FlightGear. The default value is '5502'.

# GenerateRunScript (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)

---

AirportId	Specify the airport ID. The list of supported airports is available in the FlightGear interface, under <b>Location</b> . The default value is 'KSFO'.
RunwayId	Specify the runway ID. The default value is '10L'.
InitialAltitude	Specify the initial altitude of the aircraft, in feet. The default value is 7224 feet.
InitialHeading	Specify the initial heading of the aircraft, in degrees. The default value is 113 degrees.
OffsetDistance	Specify the offset distance of the aircraft from the airport, in miles. The default value is 4.72 miles.
OffsetAzimuth	Specify the offset azimuth of the aircraft, in degrees. The default value is 0 degrees.

## Examples

Create a run script, `runfg.bat`, to start FlightGear flight simulator using the default object settings:

```
h = fganimation
GenerateRunScript(h)
```

Create a run script, `myscript.bat`, to start FlightGear flight simulator using the default object settings:

```
h = fganimation
h.OutputFileName = 'myscript.bat'
GenerateRunScript(h)
```

## See Also

`initialize`, `play`, `update`

**Purpose**

Convert geocentric latitude to geodetic latitude

**Syntax**

```
gd = geoc2geod(gc, r)
gd = geoc2geod(gc, r, model)
gd = geoc2geod(gc, r, f, Re)
```

**Description**

`gd = geoc2geod(gc, r)` converts an array of  $m$  geocentric latitudes, `gc`, and an array of radii from the center of the planet, `r`, into an array of  $m$  geodetic latitudes, `gd`. Both `gc` and `gd` are in degrees. `r` is in meters.

`gd = geoc2geod(gc, r, model)` is an alternate method for converting from geocentric to geodetic latitude for a specific ellipsoid planet. Currently only 'WGS84' is supported for `model`.

`gd = geoc2geod(gc, r, f, Re)` is another alternate method for converting from geocentric to geodetic latitude for a custom ellipsoid planet defined by flattening, `f`, and the equatorial radius, `Re`, in meters.

Geometric relationships are used to calculate the geodetic latitude in this noniterative method.

**Examples**

Determine geodetic latitude given a geocentric latitude and radius:

```
gd = geoc2geod(45, 6379136)
```

```
gd =
```

```
45.1921
```

Determine geodetic latitude at multiple geocentric latitudes, given a radius and specifying WGS84 ellipsoid model:

```
gd = geoc2geod([0 45 90], 6379136, 'WGS84')
```

```
gd =
```

```
0 45.1921 90.0000
```

Determine geodetic latitude at multiple geocentric latitudes, given a radius and specifying custom ellipsoid model:

```
f = 1/196.877360;  
Re = 3397000;  
gd = geoc2geod([0 45 90], 6379136, f, Re)
```

```
gd =
```

```
0    45.1550    90.0000
```

## Assumptions and Limitations

This implementation generates a geodetic latitude that lies between  $\pm 90$  degrees.

## References

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## See Also

geod2geoc, ecef2lla, lla2ecef



**Purpose** Estimate radius of ellipsoid planet at geocentric latitude

**Syntax**

```
r = geocradius(lambda)
r = geocradius(lambda, model)
r = geocradius(lambda, f, Re)
```

**Description** `r = geocradius(lambda)` estimates the radius, `r`, of an ellipsoid planet at a particular geocentric latitude, `lambda`. `lambda` is in degrees. `r` is in meters. The default ellipsoid planet is WGS84.

`r = geocradius(lambda, model)` is an alternate method for estimating the radius for a specific ellipsoid planet. Currently only 'WGS84' is supported for `model`.

`r = geocradius(lambda, f, Re)` is another alternate method for estimating the radius for a custom ellipsoid planet defined by flattening, `f`, and the equatorial radius, `Re`, in meters.

**Examples** Determine radius at 45 degrees latitude:

```
r = geocradius(45)
```

```
r =
```

```
6.3674e+006
```

Determine radius at multiple latitudes:

```
r = geocradius([0 45 90])
```

```
r =
```

```
1.0e+006 *
```

```
6.3781    6.3674    6.3568
```

Determine radius at multiple latitudes, specifying WGS84 ellipsoid model:

```
r = geocradius([0 45 90], 'WGS84')
```

```
r =
```

```
1.0e+006 *  
6.3781    6.3674    6.3568
```

Determine radius at multiple latitudes, specifying custom ellipsoid model:

```
f = 1/196.877360;  
Re = 3397000;  
r = geocradius([0 45 90], f, Re)
```

```
r =
```

```
1.0e+006 *  
3.3970    3.3883    3.3797
```

## References

Stevens, B. L., and F. L. Lewis, *Aircraft Control and Simulation*, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY, 1992

Zipfel, P. H., and D. E. Penny, *Modeling and Simulation of Aerospace Vehicle Dynamics*, AIAA Education Series, Reston, VA, 2000

## See Also

geoc2geod, geod2geoc

**Purpose** Convert geodetic latitude to geocentric latitude

**Syntax**

```
gc = geod2geoc(gd, h)
gc = geod2geoc(gd, h, model)
gc = geod2geoc(gd, h, f, Re)
```

**Description** `gc = geod2geoc(gd, h)` converts an array of  $m$  geodetic latitudes, `gd`, and an array of mean sea level altitudes, `h`, into an array of  $m$  geocentric latitudes, `gc`. Both `gc` and `gd` are in degrees. `h` is in meters.

`gc = geod2geoc(gd, h, model)` is an alternate method for converting from geodetic to geocentric latitude for a specific ellipsoid planet. Currently only 'WGS84' is supported for `model`.

`gc = geod2geoc(gd, h, f, Re)` is another alternate method for converting from geodetic to geocentric latitude for a custom ellipsoid planet defined by flattening, `f`, and the equatorial radius, `Re`, in meters.

**Examples** Determine geocentric latitude given a geodetic latitude and altitude:

```
gc = geod2geoc(45, 1000)
```

```
gc =
```

```
44.8076
```

Determine geocentric latitude at multiple geodetic latitudes and altitudes, specifying WGS84 ellipsoid model:

```
gc = geod2geoc([0 45 90], [1000 0 2000], 'WGS84')
```

```
gc =
```

```
0
44.8076
90.0000
```

Determine geocentric latitude at multiple geodetic latitudes, given an altitude and specifying custom ellipsoid model:

```
f = 1/196.877360;  
Re = 3397000;  
gc = geod2geoc([0 45 90], 2000, f, Re)
```

```
gc =  
  
      0  
    44.7084  
    90.0000
```

## **Assumptions and Limitations**

This implementation generates a geocentric latitude that lies between  $\pm 90$  degrees.

## **References**

Stevens, B. L., and F. L. Lewis, *Aircraft Control and Simulation*, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY, 1992

## **See Also**

geoc2geod, ecef2lla, lla2ecef

<b>Purpose</b>	Construct 3-D geometry for use with animation object
<b>Syntax</b>	<code>h = Aero.Geometry</code>
<b>Description</b>	<code>h = Aero.Geometry</code> defines a 3-D geometry for use with an animation object. See <code>Aero.Geometry</code> for further details.
<b>See Also</b>	<code>Aero.Geometry</code>

# gravitywgs84

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**Purpose** Implement 1984 World Geodetic System (WGS84) representation of Earth's gravity

**Syntax**

```
g = gravitywgs84(h, lat)
g = gravitywgs84(h, lat, lon, method, [noatm, nocent, prec,
    jd], action)
gt = gravitywgs84(h, lat, lon, 'Exact', [noatm, nocent, prec,
    jd], action)
[g gn] = gravitywgs84(h, lat, lon, 'Exact', [noatm, nocent,
    prec, jd], action)
```

**Description** `g = gravitywgs84(h, lat)` implements the mathematical representation of the geocentric equipotential ellipsoid of WGS84. Using `h`, an array of `m` altitudes in meters, and `lat`, an array of `m` geodetic latitudes in degrees, calculates `g`, an array of `m` gravity values in the direction normal to the Earth's surface at a specific location. The default calculation method is Taylor Series. Gravity precision is controlled via the `method` parameter.

`g = gravitywgs84(h, lat, lon, method, [noatm, nocent, prec, jd], action)` lets you specify both latitude and longitude, as well as other optional inputs, when calculating gravity values in the direction normal to the Earth's surface. In this format, `method` can be either 'CloseApprox' or 'Exact'.

`gt = gravitywgs84(h, lat, lon, 'Exact', [noatm, nocent, prec, jd], action)` calculates an array of total gravity values in the direction normal to the Earth's surface.

`[g gn] = gravitywgs84(h, lat, lon, 'Exact', [noatm, nocent, prec, jd], action)` calculates gravity values in the direction both normal and tangential to the Earth's surface.

Inputs for `gravitywgs84` are:

h	An array of $m$ altitudes, in meters
lat	An array of $m$ geodetic latitudes, in degrees, where north latitude is positive, and south latitude is negative
lon	An array of $m$ geodetic longitudes, in degrees, where east longitude is positive, and west longitude is negative. This input is available only with method specified as 'CloseApprox' or 'Exact'.
method	A string specifying the method to calculate gravity: 'TaylorSeries', 'CloseApprox', or 'Exact'. The default is 'TaylorSeries'.
noatm	A logical value specifying the exclusion of Earth's atmosphere. Set to true for the Earth's gravitational field to exclude the mass of the atmosphere. Set to false for the value for the Earth's gravitational field to include the mass of the atmosphere. This option is available only with method specified as 'CloseApprox' or 'Exact'. The default is false.
nocent	A logical value specifying the removal of centrifugal effects. Set to true to calculate gravity based on pure attraction resulting from the normal gravitational potential. Set to false to calculate gravity including the centrifugal force resulting from the Earth's angular velocity. This option is available only with method specified as 'CloseApprox' or 'Exact'. The default is false.

<code>prec</code>	A logical value specifying the presence of a precessing reference frame. Set to <code>true</code> for the angular velocity of the Earth to be calculated using the International Astronomical Union (IAU) value of the Earth's angular velocity and the precession rate in right ascension. To obtain the precession rate in right ascension, Julian Centuries from Epoch J2000.0 is calculated using the Julian date, <code>jd</code> . If set to <code>false</code> , the angular velocity of the Earth used is the value of the standard Earth rotating at a constant angular velocity. This option is available only with method specified as <code>'CloseApprox'</code> or <code>'Exact'</code> . The default is <code>false</code> .
<code>jd</code>	A scalar value specifying Julian date used to calculate Julian Centuries from Epoch J2000.0. This input is available only with method specified as <code>'CloseApprox'</code> or <code>'Exact'</code> .
<code>action</code>	A string to determine action for out-of-range input. Specify if out-of-range input invokes a <code>'Warning'</code> , <code>'Error'</code> , or no action ( <code>'None'</code> ). The default is <code>'Warning'</code> .

Outputs calculated for the Earth's gravity include:



- g** An array of  $m$  gravity values in the direction normal to the Earth's surface at a specific lat lon location. A positive value indicates a downward direction.
- gt** An array of  $m$  total gravity values in the direction normal to the Earth's surface at a specific lat lon location. A positive value indicates a downward direction. This option is available only with method specified as 'Exact'.
- gn** An array of  $m$  gravity values in the direction tangential to the Earth's surface at a specific lat lon location. A positive value indicates a northward direction. This option is available only with method specified as 'Exact'.

## Examples

Calculate the normal gravity at 5000 meters and 55 degrees latitude using the Taylor Series approximation method with errors for out-of-range inputs:

```
g = gravitywgs84( 5000, 55, 'TaylorSeries', 'Error' )
```

```
g =
```

```
9.7997
```

Calculate the normal gravity at 15,000 meters, 45 degrees latitude, and 120 degrees longitude using the Close Approximation method with atmosphere, centrifugal effects, and no precessing, with warnings for out-of-range inputs:

```
g = gravitywgs84( 15000, 45, 120, 'CloseApprox' )
```

```
g =
```

9.7601

Calculate the normal and tangential gravity at 1000 meters, 0 degrees latitude, and 20 degrees longitude using the Exact method with atmosphere, centrifugal effects, and no precessing, with warnings for out-of-range inputs:

```
[g, gt] = gravitywgs84( 1000, 0, 20, 'Exact' )
```

g =

9.7772

gt =

0

Calculate the normal and tangential gravity at 1000 meters, 0 degrees latitude, and 20 degrees longitude and 11,000 meters, 30 degrees latitude, and 50 degrees longitude using the Exact method with atmosphere, centrifugal effects, and no precessing, with no actions for out-of-range inputs:

```
h = [1000; 11000];
```

```
lat = [0; 30];
```

```
lon = [20; 50];
```

```
[g, gt] = gravitywgs84( h, lat, lon, 'Exact', 'None' )
```

g =

9.7772

9.7594

```
gt =
    1.0e-004 *
        0
    -0.7751
```

Calculate the normal gravity at 15,000 meters, 45 degrees latitude, and 120 degrees longitude and 5000 meters, 55 degrees latitude, and 100 degrees longitude using the Close Approximation method with atmosphere, no centrifugal effects, and no precessing, with warnings for out-of-range inputs:

```
h = [15000 5000];
lat = [45 55];
lon = [120 100];
g = gravitywgs84( h, lat, lon, 'CloseApprox', [false true false 0] )
```

```
g =
    9.7771    9.8109
```

Calculate the normal and tangential gravity at 1000 meters, 0 degrees latitude, and 20 degrees longitude using the Exact method with atmosphere, centrifugal effects, and precessing at Julian date 2451545, with warnings for out-of-range inputs:

```
[g, gt] = gravitywgs84( 1000, 0, 20, 'Exact', ...
    [ false false true 2451545 ], 'Warning' )
```

```
g =
    9.7772
```

```
gt =
```

```
0
```

Calculate the normal gravity at 15,000 meters, 45 degrees latitude, and 120 degrees longitude using the Close Approximation method with no atmosphere, with centrifugal effects, and with precessing at Julian date 2451545, with errors for out-of-range inputs:

```
g = gravitywgs84( 15000, 45, 120, 'CloseApprox', ...  
                [ true false true 2451545 ], 'Error' )
```

```
g =
```

```
9.7601
```

Calculate the total normal gravity at 15,000 meters, 45 degrees latitude, and 120 degrees longitude using the Exact method with no atmosphere, with centrifugal effects, and with precessing at Julian date 2451545, with errors for out-of-range inputs:

```
g = gravitywgs84( 15000, 45, 120, 'Exact', ...  
                [ true false true 2451545 ], 'Error' )
```

```
g =
```

```
9.7601
```

## **Assumptions and Limitations**

The WGS84 gravity calculations are based on the assumption of a geocentric equipotential ellipsoid of revolution. Since the gravity potential is assumed to be the same everywhere on the ellipsoid, there must be a specific theoretical gravity potential that can be uniquely determined from the four independent constants defining the ellipsoid.

Use of the WGS84 Taylor Series model should be limited to low geodetic heights. It is sufficient near the surface when submicrogal precision is not necessary. At medium and high geodetic heights, it is less accurate.

Use of the WGS84 Close Approximation model should be limited to a geodetic height of 20,000.0 meters (approximately 65,620.0 feet). Below this height, it gives results with submicrogal precision.

## **References**

NIMA TR8350.2: "Department of Defense World Geodetic System 1984, Its Definition and Relationship with Local Geodetic Systems."

# hide (Aero.Animation)

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**Purpose** Hide animation object figure

**Syntax** `hide(h)`  
`h.hide`

**Description** `hide(h)` and `h.hide` hide (close) the figure for the animation object `h`. Use `show` to redisplay the animation object figure.

**Examples** Hide the animation object figure that the `show` method displays.

```
h=Aero.Animation;  
h.show;  
h.hide;
```

**See Also** `show`

**Purpose** Create animation object figure and axes and build patches for bodies

**Syntax** `initialize(h)`  
`h.initialize`

**Description** `initialize(h)` and `h.initialize` create a figure and axes for the animation object `h`, and builds patches for the bodies associated with the animation object. If there is an existing figure, this function

- 1** Clears out the old figure and its patches.
- 2** Creates a new figure and axes with default values.
- 3** Repopulates the axes with new patches using the surface to patch data from each body.

**Examples** Initialize the animation object, `h`.

```
h = Aero.Animation;  
h.initialize();
```

**See Also** `delete`, `initIfNeeded`, `play`

# initialize (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)

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<b>Purpose</b>	Set up FlightGear animation object
<b>Syntax</b>	<code>initialize(h)</code> <code>h.initialize</code>
<b>Description</b>	<code>initialize(h)</code> and <code>h.initialize</code> set up the FlightGear version, IP address, and socket for the FlightGear animation object <code>h</code> .
<b>Examples</b>	Initialize the animation object, <code>h</code> .  <pre>h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation; h.initialize();</pre>
<b>See Also</b>	<code>delete</code> , <code>play</code> , <code>GenerateRunScript</code> , <code>update</code>



## initIfNeeded (Aero.Animation)

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<b>Purpose</b>	Initialize animation object graphics
<b>Syntax</b>	<code>initIfNeeded(h)</code> <code>h.initIfNeeded</code>
<b>Description</b>	<code>initIfNeeded(h)</code> and <code>h.initIfNeeded</code> initialize animation object graphics if necessary.
<b>Examples</b>	Initialize the animation object graphics of <code>h</code> as needed.  <pre>h=Aero.Animation; h.initIfNeeded;</pre>
<b>See Also</b>	<code>initialize</code> , <code>delete</code>

# juliandate

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**Purpose** Calculate Julian date

**Syntax**

```
jd = juliandate(v)
jd = juliandate(s,f)
jd = juliandate(y,mo,d)
jd = juliandate([y,mo,d])
jd = juliandate(y,mo,d,h,mi,s)
jd = juliandate([y,mo,d,h,mi,s])
```

**Description** `jd = juliandate(v)` converts one or more date vectors, `v`, into Julian date, `jd`. Input `v` can be an `m`-by-6 or `m`-by-3 matrix containing `m` full or partial date vectors, respectively. `juliandate` returns a column vector of `m` Julian dates, which are the number of days and fractions since noon Universal Time on January 1, 4713 BCE.

A date vector contains six elements, specifying year, month, day, hour, minute, and second. A partial date vector has three elements, specifying year, month, and day. Each element of `v` must be a positive double-precision number.

`jd = juliandate(s,f)` converts one or more date strings, `s`, into Julian date, `jd`, using format string `f`. `s` can be a character array where each row corresponds to one date string, or a one-dimensional cell array of strings. `juliandate` returns a column vector of `m` Julian dates, where `m` is the number of strings in `s`.

All of the date strings in `s` must have the same format `f`, which must be composed of date format symbols listed in the `datestr` function reference page. Formats containing the letter `Q` are not accepted by `juliandate`.

Certain formats may not contain enough information to compute a date number. In those cases, hours, minutes, and seconds default to 0, days default to 1, months default to January, and years default to the current year. Date strings with two-character years are interpreted to be within the 100 years centered around the current year.

`jd = juliandate(y,mo,d)` and `jd = juliandate([y,mo,d])` return the decimal year for corresponding elements of the `y,mo,d`

(year,month,day) arrays. y, mo, and d must be arrays of the same size (or any of them can be a scalar).

jd = juliandate(y,mo,d,h,mi,s) and jd = juliandate([y,mo,d,h,mi,s]) return the Julian dates for corresponding elements of the y,mo,d,h,mi,s (year,month,day,hour,minute,second) arrays. The six arguments must be arrays of the same size (or any of them can be a scalar).

## Examples

Calculate Julian date for May 24, 2005:

```
jd = juliandate('24-May-2005','dd-mmm-yyyy')
```

```
jd =
```

```
2.4535e+006
```

Calculate Julian date for December 19, 2006:

```
jd = juliandate(2006,12,19)
```

```
jd =
```

```
2.4541e+006
```

Calculate Julian date for October 10, 2004, at 12:21:00 p.m.:

```
jd = juliandate(2004,10,10,12,21,0)
```

```
jd =
```

```
2.4533e+006
```

## Assumptions and Limitations

This function is valid for all common era (CE) dates in the Gregorian calendar.

The calculation of Julian date does not take into account leap seconds.

## See Also

decyear, leapyear, mjuliandate

# leapyear

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**Purpose** Determine leap year

**Syntax** `ly = leapyear(year)`

**Description** `ly = leapyear(year)` determines whether one or more years are leap years or not. The output, `ly`, is a logical array. `year` should be numeric.

**Examples** Determine whether 2005 is a leap year:

```
ly = leapyear(2005)
```

```
ly =
```

```
0
```

Determine whether 2000, 2005, and 2020 are leap years:

```
ly = leapyear([2000 2005 2020])
```

```
ly =
```

```
1    0    1
```

**Assumptions and Limitations** The determination of leap years is done by Gregorian calendar rules.

**See Also** `decyear`, `juliandate`, `mjuliandate`

<b>Purpose</b>	Convert geodetic coordinates to Earth-centered Earth-fixed (ECEF) coordinates
<b>Syntax</b>	<pre>p = lla2ecef(lla) p = lla2ecef(lla, model) p = lla2ecef(lla, f, Re)</pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p><code>p = lla2ecef(lla)</code> converts an <math>m</math>-by-3 array of geodetic coordinates (latitude, longitude and altitude), <code>lla</code>, to an <math>m</math>-by-3 array of ECEF coordinates, <code>p</code>. <code>lla</code> is in [degrees degrees meters]. <code>p</code> is in meters. The default ellipsoid planet is WGS84.</p> <p><code>p = lla2ecef(lla, model)</code> is an alternate method for converting the coordinates for a specific ellipsoid planet. Currently only 'WGS84' is supported for <code>model</code>.</p> <p><code>p = lla2ecef(lla, f, Re)</code> is another alternate method for converting the coordinates for a custom ellipsoid planet defined by flattening, <code>f</code>, and the equatorial radius, <code>Re</code>, in meters.</p>
<b>Examples</b>	<p>Determine ECEF coordinates at a latitude, longitude, and altitude:</p> <pre>p = lla2ecef([0 45 1000])</pre> <pre>p =</pre> <pre>1.0e+006 *     4.5107    4.5107         0</pre> <p>Determine ECEF coordinates at multiple latitudes, longitudes, and altitudes, specifying WGS84 ellipsoid model:</p> <pre>p = lla2ecef([0 45 1000; 45 90 2000], 'WGS84')</pre> <pre>p =</pre>

```
1.0e+006 *  
4.5107    4.5107    0  
0.0000    4.5190    4.4888
```

Determine ECEF coordinates at multiple latitudes, longitudes, and altitudes, specifying custom ellipsoid model:

```
f = 1/196.877360;  
Re = 3397000;  
p = lla2ecef([0 45 1000; 45 90 2000], f, Re)
```

p =

```
1.0e+006 *  
2.4027    2.4027    0  
0.0000    2.4096    2.3852
```

## See Also

[ecef2lla](#), [geoc2geod](#), [geod2geoc](#)

**Purpose** Get geometry data from source

**Syntax**

```
load(h, bodyDataSrc)
h.load(bodyDataSrc)
load(h, bodyDataSrc, geometrystate)
h.load(bodyDataSrc, geometrystate)
```

**Description** `load(h, bodyDataSrc)` and `h.load(bodyDataSrc)` load the graphics data from the body graphics file. This command assumes a default geometry source type set to Auto.

`load(h, bodyDataSrc, geometrystate)` and `h.load(bodyDataSrc, geometrystate)` load the graphics data from the body graphics file, `bodyDataSrc`, into the face, vertex, and color data of the animation body object `h`. Then, when axes `ax` is available, you can use this data to generate patches with `generatePatches`. `geometrystate` is the geometry source type for the body.

By default `geometrystate` is set to Auto, which recognizes `.mat` extensions as Mat-files, `.ac` extensions as Ac3d files, and structures containing fields of `name`, `faces`, `vertices`, and `cdata` as MATLAB variables. If you want to use alternate file extensions or file types, enter one of the following:

- Auto
- Variable
- MatFile
- Ac3d
- Custom

**Examples** Load the graphic data from the graphic data file, `pa24-250_orange.ac`, into `b`.

```
b=Aero.Body;
b.load('pa24-250_orange.ac','Ac3d');
```

## load (Aero.Body)

---

### See Also

`generatePatches`, `move`, `update`



**Purpose** Compute Mach number using velocity and speed of sound

**Syntax** `mach = machnumber(v, a)`

**Description** `mach = machnumber(v, a)` computes  $m$  Mach numbers, `mach`, from an  $m$ -by-3 array of velocities, `v`, and an array of  $m$  speeds of sound, `a`. `v` and `a` must have the same length units.

**Examples** Determine the Mach number for velocity and speed of sound in feet per second:

```
mach = machnumber([84.3905 33.7562 10.1269], 1116.4505)
```

```
mach =
```

```
0.0819
```

Determine the Mach number for velocity and speed of sound in meters per second:

```
mach = machnumber([25.7222 10.2889 3.0867], [340.2941 295.0696])
```

```
mach =
```

```
0.0819 0.0945
```

Determine the Mach number for velocity and speed of sound in knots:

```
mach = machnumber([50 20 6; 5 0.5 2], [661.4789 573.5694])
```

```
mach =
```

```
0.0819
```

```
0.0094
```

# **machnumber**

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## **See Also**

airspeed, alphabeta, dpressure

**Purpose** Calculate modified Julian date

**Syntax**

```
mjd = mjuliandate(v)
mjd = mjuliandate(s,f)
mjd = mjuliandate(y,mo,d)
mjd = mjuliandate([y,mo,d])
mjd = mjuliandate(y,mo,d,h,mi,s)
mjd = mjuliandate([y,mo,d,h,mi,s])
```

**Description** `mjd = mjuliandate(v)` converts one or more date vectors, `v`, into modified Julian date, `mjd`. Input `v` can be an `m`-by-6 or `m`-by-3 matrix containing `m` full or partial date vectors, respectively. `mjuliandate` returns a column vector of `m` modified Julian dates. Modified Julian dates begin at midnight rather than noon and have the first two digits of the corresponding Julian date removed.

A date vector contains six elements, specifying year, month, day, hour, minute, and second. A partial date vector has three elements, specifying year, month, and day. Each element of `v` must be a positive double-precision number.

`mjd = mjuliandate(s,f)` converts one or more date strings, `s`, into modified Julian date, `mjd`, using format string `f`. `s` can be a character array where each row corresponds to one date string, or a one-dimensional cell array of strings. `mjuliandate` returns a column vector of `m` modified Julian dates, where `m` is the number of strings in `s`.

All of the date strings in `s` must have the same format `f`, which must be composed of date format symbols listed in the `datestr` function reference page. Formats containing the letter `Q` are not accepted by `mjuliandate`.

Certain formats may not contain enough information to compute a date number. In those cases, hours, minutes, and seconds default to 0, days default to 1, months default to January, and years default to the current year. Date strings with two-character years are interpreted to be within the 100 years centered around the current year.

# mjuliandate

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`mjd = mjuliandate(y,mo,d)` and `mjd = mjuliandate([y,mo,d])` return the decimal year for corresponding elements of the `y,mo,d` (year,month,day) arrays. `y`, `mo`, and `d` must be arrays of the same size (or any of them can be a scalar).

`mjd = mjuliandate(y,mo,d,h,mi,s)` and `mjd = mjuliandate([y,mo,d,h,mi,s])` return the modified Julian dates for corresponding elements of the `y,mo,d,h,mi,s` (year,month,day,hour,minute,second) arrays. The six arguments must be arrays of the same size (or any of them can be a scalar).

## Examples

Calculate the modified Julian date for May 24, 2005:

```
mjd = mjuliandate('24-May-2005','dd-mmm-yyyy')  
  
mjd =  
  
53514
```

Calculate the modified Julian date for December 19, 2006:

```
mjd = mjuliandate(2006,12,19)  
  
mjd =  
  
54088
```

Calculate the modified Julian date for October 10, 2004, at 12:21:00 p.m.:

```
mjd = mjuliandate(2004,10,10,12,21,0)  
  
mjd =  
  
5.3289e+004
```

## **Assumptions and Limitations**

This function is valid for all common era (CE) dates in the Gregorian calendar.

The calculation of modified Julian date does not take into account leap seconds.

## **See Also**

decyear, juliandate, leapyear

# move (Aero.Body)

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**Purpose** Change animation body position and orientation

**Syntax** `move(h, translation, rotation)`  
`h.move(translation,rotation)`

**Description** `move(h, translation, rotation)` and `h.move(translation,rotation)` set a new position and orientation for the body object `h`. `translation` is a 1-by-3 matrix in the aerospace body  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  coordinate system. `rotation` is a 1-by-3 matrix, in radians, that specifies the rotations about the right-hand  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  sequence of coordinate axes. The order of application of the rotation is  $z$ - $y$ - $x$  ( $r$ - $q$ - $p$ ).

**Examples** Change animation body position to *newpos* and *newrot*.

```
h = Aero.Body;  
h.load('ac3d_xyzisrgb.ac','Ac3d');  
newpos = h.Position + 1.00;  
newrot = h.Rotation + 0.01;  
h.move(newpos,newrot);
```

**See Also** `load`

<b>Purpose</b>	Move body in animation object
<b>Syntax</b>	<code>moveBody(h,idx,translation,rotation)</code> <code>h.moveBody(idx,translation,rotation)</code>
<b>Description</b>	<code>moveBody(h,idx,translation,rotation)</code> and <code>h.moveBody(idx,translation,rotation)</code> set a new position and attitude for the body specified with the index <code>idx</code> in the animation object <code>h</code> . <code>translation</code> is a 1-by-3 matrix in the aerospace body coordinate system. <code>rotation</code> is a 1-by-3 matrix, in radians, that specifies the rotations about the right-hand $x$ - $y$ - $z$ sequence of coordinate axes. The order of application of the rotation is $z$ - $y$ - $x$ ( $R$ - $Q$ - $P$ ).
<b>Examples</b>	<p>Move the body with the index 1 to position offset from the original by + [0 0 -3] and rotation, <code>rot1</code>.</p> <pre>h = Aero.Animation; idx1 = h.createBody('pa24-250_orange.ac','Ac3d'); pos1 = h.Bodies{1}.Position; rot1 = h.Bodies{1}.Rotation; h.moveBody(1,pos1 + [0 0 -3],rot1);</pre>
<b>See Also</b>	<code>addBody</code> , <code>createBody</code> , <code>removeBody</code> , <code>updateBodies</code>

# play (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)

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**Purpose** Animate FlightGear flight simulator using given position/angle time series

**Syntax** `play(h)`  
`h.play`

**Description** `play(h)` and `h.play` animate FlightGear flight simulator using specified time series data in `h`. The time series data can be set in `h` by using the property 'TimeseriesSource'.

The time series data, stored in the property 'TimeseriesSource', is interpreted according to the 'TimeseriesSourceType' property, which can be one of:

'Timeseries'

MATLAB time series data with six values per time:

latitude longitude altitude phi  
theta psi

The values are resampled.

'StructureWithTime'

Simulink struct with time (Simulink root outport logging 'Structure with time'):

- `signals(1).values:` latitude  
longitude altitude
- `signals(2).values:` phi theta  
psi

Signals are linearly interpolated vs. time using `interp1`.



# play (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)

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'Array6DoF'	A double-precision array in n rows and 7 columns for 6-DoF data: time latitude longitude altitude phi theta psi. If a double-precision array of 8 or more columns is in 'TimeseriesSource', the first 7 columns are used as 6-DoF data.
'Array3DoF'	A double-precision array in n rows and 4 columns for 3-DoF data: time latitude altitude theta. If a double-precision array of 5 or more columns is in 'TimeseriesSource', the first 4 columns are used as 3-DoF data.
'Custom'	Position and angle data is retrieved from 'TimeseriesSource' by the currently registered 'TimeseriesReadFcn'.

The time advancement algorithm used by play is based on animation frames counted by ticks:

```
ticks = ticks + 1;  
time = tstart + ticks*FramesPerSecond*TimeScaling;
```

where

TimeScaling	Specify the seconds of animation data per second of wall-clock time.
FramesPerSecond	Specify the number of frames per second used to animate the 'TimeseriesSource'.

For default 'TimeseriesReadFcn' methods, the last frame played is the last time value.

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Time is in seconds, position values are in the same units as the geometry model to be used by FlightGear (see the property 'GeometryModelName'), and all angles are in radians. A possible result of using incorrect units is the early termination of the FlightGear flight simulator.

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**Note** If there is a 15% difference between the expected time advance and the actual time advance, this method will generate the following warning:

```
TimerPeriod has been set to <value>. You may wish to modify the animation
TimeScaling and FramesPerSecond properties to compensate for the
millisecond limit of the TimerPeriod. See documentation for details.
```

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## Examples

Animate FlightGear flight simulator using the given 'Array3DoF' position/angle time series data:

```
data = [86.2667 -2.13757034184404 7050.896596 -0.135186746141248;...
      87.2833 -2.13753906554384 6872.545051 -0.117321084678936;...
      88.2583 -2.13751089592972 6719.405713 -0.145815609299676;...
      89.275 -2.13747984652232 6550.117118 -0.150635248762596;...
      90.2667 -2.13744993157894 6385.05883 -0.143124782831999;...
      91.275 -2.13742019116849 6220.358163 -0.147946202530756;...
      92.275 -2.13739055547779 6056.906647 -0.167529704309343;...
      93.2667 -2.13736104196014 5892.356118 -0.152547361677911;...
      94.2583 -2.13733161570895 5728.201718 -0.161979312941906;...
      95.2583 -2.13730231163081 5562.923808 -0.122276929636682;...
      96.2583 -2.13727405475022 5406.736322 -0.160421658944379;...
      97.2667 -2.1372440001805 5239.138477 -0.150591353731908;...
      98.2583 -2.13721598764601 5082.78798 -0.147737722951605];

h = fanimation
h.TimeseriesSource = data
h.TimeseriesSourceType = 'Array3DoF'
play(h)
```

## play (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)

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### See Also

GenerateRunScript, initialize, update

# play (Aero.Animation)

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**Purpose** Animate Aero.Animation object given position/angle time series

**Syntax** play(h)  
play.h

**Description** play(h) and play.h animate the loaded geometry in h for the current TimeseriesDataSource at the specified rate given by the 'TimeScaling' property (in seconds of animation data per second of wall-clock time) and animated at a certain number of frames per second using the 'FramesPerSecond' property.

The time series data is interpreted according to the 'TimeseriesSourceType' property, which can be one of:

'Timeseries' MATLAB time series data with six values per time:

x y z phi theta psi

The values are resampled.

'Simulink.Timeseries' Simulink.Timeseries (Simulink signal logging):

- First data item  
x y z
- Second data item  
phi theta psi

'StructureWithTime'	<p>Simulink struct with time (Simulink root output logging 'Structure with time'):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• signals(1).values: x y z</li><li>• signals(2).values: phi theta psi</li></ul> <p>Signals are linearly interpolated vs. time using interp1.</p>
'Array6DoF'	<p>A double-precision array in n rows and 7 columns for 6-DoF data: time x y z phi theta psi. If a double-precision array of 8 or more columns is in 'TimeseriesSource', the first 7 columns are used as 6-DoF data.</p>
'Array3DoF'	<p>A double-precision array in n rows and 4 columns for 3-DoF data: time x z theta. If a double-precision array of 5 or more columns is in 'TimeseriesSource', the first 4 columns are used as 3-DoF data.</p>
'Custom'	<p>Position and angle data is retrieved from 'TimeseriesSource' by the currently registered 'TimeseriesReadFcn'.</p>

The time advancement algorithm used by play is based on animation frames counted by ticks:

```
ticks = ticks + 1;  
time = tstart + ticks*FramesPerSecond*TimeScaling;
```

where

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---

TimeScaling	Specify the seconds of animation data per second of wall-clock time.
FramesPerSecond	Specify the number of frames per second used to animate the 'TimeseriesSource'.

For default 'TimeseriesReadFcn' methods, the last frame played is the last time value.

Time is in seconds, position values are in the same units as the geometry data loaded into the animation object, and all angles are in radians.

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**Note** If there is a 15% difference between the expected time advance and the actual time advance, this method will generate the following warning:

```
TimerPeriod has been set to <value>. You may wish to modify the animation
TimeScaling and FramesPerSecond properties to compensate for the
millisecond limit of the TimerPeriod. See documentation for details.
```

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## Examples

Animate the body, idx1, for the duration of the time series data.

```
h = Aero.Animation;
h.FramesPerSecond = 10;
h.TimeScaling = 5;
idx1 = h.createBody('pa24-250_orange.ac', 'Ac3d');
load simdata;
h.Bodies{1}.TimeSeriesSource = simdata;
h.show();
h.play();
```

## See Also

show, createBody, updateBodies, updateCamera, initialize

**Purpose** Convert quaternion to direction cosine matrix

**Syntax** `n = quat2dcm(q)`

**Description** `n = quat2dcm(q)` calculates the direction cosine matrix, `n`, for a given quaternion, `q`. Input `q` is an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions. `n` returns a 3-by-3-by-`m` matrix of direction cosine matrices. The direction cosine matrix performs the coordinate transformation of a vector in inertial axes to a vector in body axes. Each element of `q` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` has its scalar number as the first column.

**Examples** Determine the direction cosine matrix from `q = [1 0 1 0]`:

```
dcm = quat2dcm([1 0 1 0])
```

```
dcm =
```

```

    0    0 -1.0000
    0    1.0000    0
  1.0000    0    0
```

Determine the direction cosine matrices from multiple quaternions:

```
q = [1 0 1 0; 1 0.5 0.3 0.1];
dcm = quat2dcm(q)
```

```
dcm(:,:,1) =
```

```

    0    0 -1.0000
    0    1.0000    0
  1.0000    0    0
```

```
dcm(:,:,2) =
```

# quat2dcm

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0.8519	0.3704	-0.3704
0.0741	0.6148	0.7852
0.5185	-0.6963	0.4963

## See Also

[angle2dcm](#), [dcm2angle](#), [dcm2quat](#), [euler2quat](#), [quat2euler](#),  
[quatrotate](#)



**Purpose** Convert quaternion to Euler angles

**Syntax** `n = quat2euler(q)`

**Description** `n = quat2euler(q)` calculates the Euler angles, `n`, for a given quaternion, `q`. Input `q` is an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions. `n` returns an `m`-by-3 matrix of Euler angles. Each element of `q` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` has its scalar number as the first column. Euler angles are output in radians.

**Examples** Determine the Euler angles from `q = [1 0 1 0]`:

```
ea = quat2euler([1 0 1 0])
```

```
ea =
```

```
0    1.5708    0
```

Determine the Euler angles from multiple quaternions:

```
q = [1 0 1 0; 1 0.5 0.3 0.1];
ea = quat2euler(q)
```

```
ea =
```

```
0    1.5708    0
1.0071  0.3794  0.4101
```

**See Also** `angle2dcm`, `dcm2angle`, `dcm2quat`, `euler2quat`, `quat2dcm`

# quatconj

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**Purpose** Calculate conjugate of quaternion

**Syntax** `n = quatconj(q)`

**Description** `n = quatconj(q)` calculates the conjugate, `n`, for a given quaternion, `q`. Input `q` is an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions. `n` returns an `m`-by-4 matrix of conjugates. Each element of `q` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` has its scalar number as the first column.

**Examples** Determine the conjugate of `q = [1 0 1 0]`:

```
conj = quatconj([1 0 1 0])
```

```
conj =
```

```
1    0   -1    0
```

**See Also** `quatdivide`, `quatinv`, `quatmod`, `quatmultiply`, `quatnorm`, `quatnormalize`, `quatrotate`

**Purpose** Divide quaternion by another quaternion

**Syntax** `n = quatdivide(q,r)`

**Description** `n = quatdivide(q,r)` calculates the result of quaternion division, `n`, for two given quaternions, `q` and `r`. Inputs `q` and `r` can each be either an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions, or a single 1-by-4 quaternion. `n` returns an `m`-by-4 matrix of quaternion quotients. Each element of `q` and `r` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` and `r` have their scalar number as the first column.

**Examples** Determine the division of two 1-by-4 quaternions:

```
q = [1 0 1 0];
r = [1 0.5 0.5 0.75];
d = quatdivide(q, r)
```

```
d =

    0.7273    0.1212    0.2424   -0.6061
```

Determine the division of a 2-by-4 quaternion by a 1-by-4 quaternion:

```
q = [1 0 1 0; 2 1 0.1 0.1];
r = [1 0.5 0.5 0.75];
d = quatdivide(q, r)
```

```
d =

    0.7273    0.1212    0.2424   -0.6061
    1.2727    0.0121   -0.7758   -0.4606
```

**See Also** `quatconj`, `quatinv`, `quatmod`, `quatmultiply`, `quatnorm`, `quatnormalize`, `quatrotate`

# quatinv

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**Purpose** Calculate inverse of quaternion

**Syntax** `n = quatinv(q)`

**Description** `n = quatinv(q)` calculates the inverse, `n`, for a given quaternion, `q`. Input `q` is an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions. `n` returns an `m`-by-4 matrix of inverses. Each element of `q` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` has its scalar number as the first column.

**Examples** Determine the inverse of `q = [1 0 1 0]`:

```
qinv = quatinv([1 0 1 0])
```

```
qinv =
```

```
    0.5000         0   -0.5000         0
```

**See Also** `quatconj`, `quatdivide`, `quatmod`, `quatmultiply`, `quatnorm`, `quatnormalize`, `quatrotate`

**Purpose** Calculate modulus of quaternion

**Syntax** `n = quatmod(q)`

**Description** `n = quatmod(q)` calculates the modulus, `n`, for a given quaternion, `q`. Input `q` is an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions. `n` returns a column vector of `m` moduli. Each element of `q` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` has its scalar number as the first column.

**Examples** Determine the modulus of `q = [1 0 0 0]`:

```
mod = quatmod([1 0 0 0])
```

```
mod =
```

```
1
```

**See Also** `quatconj`, `quatdivide`, `quatinv`, `quatmultiply`, `quatnorm`, `quatnormalize`, `quatrotate`

# quatmultiply

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**Purpose** Calculate product of two quaternions

**Syntax** `n = quatmultiply(q,r)`

**Description** `n = quatmultiply(q,r)` calculates the quaternion product, `n`, for two given quaternions, `q` and `r`. Inputs `q` and `r` can each be either an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions, or a single 1-by-4 quaternion. `n` returns an `m`-by-4 matrix of quaternion products. Each element of `q` and `r` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` and `r` have their scalar number as the first column.

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**Note** Quaternion multiplication is not commutative.

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## Examples

Determine the product of two 1-by-4 quaternions:

```
q = [1 0 1 0];  
r = [1 0.5 0.5 0.75];  
mult = quatmultiply(q, r)
```

```
mult =
```

```
0.5000    1.2500    1.5000    0.2500
```

Determine the product of a 1-by-4 quaternion with itself:

```
q = [1 0 1 0];  
mult = quatmultiply(q)
```

```
mult =
```

```
0    0    2    0
```

Determine the product of 1-by-4 and 2-by-4 quaternions:

```
q = [1 0 1 0];  
r = [1 0.5 0.5 0.75; 2 1 0.1 0.1];  
mult = quatmultiply(q, r)
```

```
mult =
```

```
    0.5000    1.2500    1.5000    0.2500  
    1.9000    1.1000    2.1000   -0.9000
```

## See Also

quatconj, quatdivide, quatinv, quatmod, quatnorm, quatnormalize,  
quatrotate

# quatnorm

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**Purpose** Calculate norm of quaternion

**Syntax** `n = quatnorm(q)`

**Description** `n = quatnorm(q)` calculates the norm, `n`, for a given quaternion, `q`. Input `q` is an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions. `n` returns a column vector of `m` norms. Each element of `q` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` has its scalar number as the first column.

**Examples** Determine the norm of `q = [1 0 0 0]`:

```
norm = quatnorm([1 0 0 0])
```

```
norm =
```

```
1
```

**See Also** `quatconj`, `quatdivide`, `quatinv`, `quatmod`, `quatmultiply`, `quatnormalize`, `quatrotate`



**Purpose** Normalize quaternion

**Syntax** `n = quatnormalize(q)`

**Description** `n = quatnormalize(q)` calculates the normalized quaternion, `n`, for a given quaternion, `q`. Input `q` is an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions. `n` returns an `m`-by-4 matrix of normalized quaternions. Each element of `q` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` has its scalar number as the first column.

**Examples** Normalize `q = [1 0 1 0]`:

```
normal = quatnormalize([1 0 1 0])
```

```
normal =
```

```
    0.7071         0    0.7071         0
```

**See Also** `quatconj`, `quatdivide`, `quatinv`, `quatmod`, `quatmultiply`, `quatnorm`, `quatrotate`

# quatrotate

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**Purpose** Rotate vector by quaternion

**Syntax** `n = quatrotate(q,r)`

**Description** `n = quatrotate(q,r)` calculates the rotated vector, `n`, for a quaternion, `q`, and a vector, `r`. `q` is either an `m`-by-4 matrix containing `m` quaternions, or a single 1-by-4 quaternion. `r` is either an `m`-by-3 matrix, or a single 1-by-3 vector. `n` returns an `m`-by-3 matrix of rotated vectors. Each element of `q` and `r` must be a real number. Additionally, `q` has its scalar number as the first column.

**Examples** Rotate a 1-by-3 vector by a 1-by-4 quaternion:

```
q = [1 0 1 0];  
r = [1 1 1];  
n = quatrotate(q, r)
```

```
n =  
  
-1.0000    1.0000    1.0000
```

Rotate a 1-by-3 vector by a 2-by-4 quaternion:

```
q = [1 0 1 0; 1 0.5 0.3 0.1];  
r = [1 1 1];  
n = quatrotate(q, r)
```

```
n =  
  
-1.0000    1.0000    1.0000  
0.8519    1.4741    0.3185
```

Rotate a 2-by-3 vector by a 1-by-4 quaternion:

```
q = [1 0 1 0];  
r = [1 1 1; 2 3 4];
```

```
n = quatrotate(q, r)
```

```
n =
```

```
-1.0000    1.0000    1.0000
-4.0000    3.0000    2.0000
```

Rotate a 2-by-3 vector by a 2-by-4 quaternion:

```
q = [1 0 1 0; 1 0.5 0.3 0.1];
```

```
r = [1 1 1; 2 3 4];
```

```
n = quatrotate(q, r)
```

```
n =
```

```
-1.0000    1.0000    1.0000
 1.3333    5.1333    0.9333
```

**See Also**

quatconj, quatinv, quatmod, quatmultiply, quaternorm, quatnormalize

# read (Aero.Geometry)

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**Purpose** Read geometry data using current reader

**Syntax** read(h, source)

**Description** read(h, source) reads the geometry data of the geometry object h. source can be:

- 'Auto'  
Selects default reader.
- 'Variable'  
Selects MATLAB variable of type structure structures that contains the fieldsname, faces, vertices, and cdata that define the geometry in the Handle Graphics® patches.
- 'MatFile'  
Selects M-file reader.
- 'Ac3dFile'  
Selects Ac3d file reader.
- 'Custom'  
Selects a custom reader.

**Examples** Read geometry data from Ac3d file, pa24-250\_orange.ac.

```
g = Aero.Geometry;  
g.Source = 'Ac3d';  
g.read('pa24-250_orange.ac');
```

# removeBody (Aero.Animation)

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<b>Purpose</b>	Remove one body from animation
<b>Syntax</b>	<pre>h = removeBody(h,idx) h = h.removeBody(idx)</pre>
<b>Description</b>	<code>h = removeBody(h,idx)</code> and <code>h = h.removeBody(idx)</code> remove the body specified by the index <code>idx</code> from the animation object <code>h</code> .
<b>Examples</b>	Remove the body identified by the index, 1. <pre>h = Aero.Animation; idx1 = h.createBody('pa24-250_orange.ac','Ac3d'); h = removeBody(h,1)</pre>
<b>See Also</b>	<code>addBody</code> , <code>createBody</code> , <code>moveBody</code> , <code>updateBodies</code>

# rrdelta

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**Purpose** Compute relative pressure ratio

**Syntax** `d = rrdelta(p0, mach, g)`

**Description** `d = rrdelta(p0, mach, g)` computes `m` pressure relative ratios, `d`, from `m` static pressures, `p0`, `m` Mach numbers, `mach`, and `m` specific heat ratios, `g`. `p0` must be in pascals.

**Examples** Determine the relative pressure ratio for three pressures:

```
delta = rrdelta([101325 22632.0672 4328.1393], 0.5, 1.4)
```

```
delta =
```

```
1.1862    0.2650    0.0507
```

Determine the relative pressure ratio for three pressures and three different heat ratios:

```
delta = rrdelta([101325 22632.0672 4328.1393], 0.5, [1.4 1.35 1.4])
```

```
delta =
```

```
1.1862    0.2635    0.0507
```

Determine the relative pressure ratio for three pressures at three different conditions:

```
delta = rrdelta([101325 22632.0672 4328.1393], [0.5 1 2], [1.4 1.35 1.4])
```

```
delta =
```

```
1.1862    0.4161    0.3342
```

**Assumptions  
and  
Limitations**

For cases in which total pressure ratio is desired (Mach number is nonzero), the total pressures are calculated assuming perfect gas (with constant molecular weight, constant pressure specific heat, and constant specific heat ratio) and dry air.

**References**

*Aeronautical Vestpocket Handbook*, United Technologies Pratt & Whitney, August, 1986

**See Also**

rrsigma, rrtheta

**Purpose** Compute relative density ratio

**Syntax** `s = rrsigma(rho, mach, g)`

**Description** `s = rrsigma(rho, mach, g)` computes `m` density relative ratios, `s`, from `m` static densities, `rho`, `m` Mach numbers, `mach`, and `m` specific heat ratios, `g`. `rho` must be in kilograms per meter cubed.

**Examples** Determine the relative density ratio for three densities:

```
sigma = rrsigma([1.225 0.3639 0.0953], 0.5, 1.4)
```

```
sigma =
```

```
1.1297    0.3356    0.0879
```

Determine the relative density ratio for three densities and three different heat ratios:

```
sigma = rrsigma([1.225 0.3639 0.0953], 0.5, [1.4 1.35 1.4])
```

```
sigma =
```

```
1.1297    0.3357    0.0879
```

Determine the relative density ratio for three densities at three different conditions:

```
sigma = rrsigma([1.225 0.3639 0.0953], [0.5 1 2], [1.4 1.35 1.4])
```

```
sigma =
```

```
1.1297    0.4709    0.3382
```



**Assumptions  
and  
Limitations**

For cases in which total density ratio is desired (Mach number is nonzero), the total density is calculated assuming perfect gas (with constant molecular weight, constant pressure specific heat, and constant specific heat ratio) and dry air.

**References**

*Aeronautical Vestpocket Handbook*, United Technologies Pratt & Whitney, August, 1986

**See Also**

rrdelta, rrtheta

# rrtheta

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**Purpose** Compute relative temperature ratio

**Syntax** `th = rrtheta(t0, mach, g)`

**Description** `th = rrtheta(t0, mach, g)` computes *m* temperature relative ratios, *th*, from *m* static temperatures, *t0*, *m* Mach numbers, *mach*, and *m* specific heat ratios, *g*. *t0* must be in kelvin.

**Examples** Determine the relative temperature ratio for three temperatures:

```
th = rrtheta([273.15 310.9278 373.15], 0.5, 1.4)
```

```
th =
```

```
0.9953    1.1330    1.3597
```

Determine the relative temperature ratio for three temperatures and three different heat ratios:

```
th = rrtheta([273.15 310.9278 373.15], 0.5, [1.4 1.35 1.4])
```

```
th =
```

```
0.9953    1.1263    1.3597
```

Determine the relative temperature ratio for three temperatures at three different conditions:

```
th = rrtheta([273.15 310.9278 373.15], [0.5 1 2], [1.4 1.35 1.4])
```

```
th =
```

```
0.9953    1.2679    2.3310
```

**Assumptions  
and  
Limitations**

For cases in which total temperature ratio is desired (Mach number is nonzero), the total temperature is calculated assuming perfect gas (with constant molecular weight, constant pressure specific heat, and constant specific heat ratio) and dry air.

**References**

*Aeronautical Vestpocket Handbook*, United Technologies Pratt & Whitney, August, 1986

**See Also**

rrdelta, rrsigma

# show (Aero.Animation)

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**Purpose** Show animation object figure

**Syntax** show(h)  
h.show

**Description** show(h) and h.show create the figure graphics object for the animation object h. Use the hide function to close the figure.

**Examples** Show the animation object, h.

```
h = Aero.Animation;  
idx1 = h.createBody('pa24-250_orange.ac', 'Ac3d');  
h.show;
```

**See Also** createBody, hide, play

**Purpose** Change body position and orientation as a function of time

**Syntax** update(h,t)  
h.update(t)

**Description** update(h,t) and h.update(t) change body position and orientation of body h as a function of time t. t is a scalar in seconds.

---

**Note** This function requires that you load the body geometry and time series data first.

---

**Examples** Update the body b with time in seconds of 5.

```
b=Aero.Body;
b.load('pa24-250_orange.ac','Ac3d');
tsdata = [ ...
    0, 1,1,1, 0,0,0; ...
    10 2,2,2, 1,1,1; ];
b.TimeSeriesSource = tsdata;
b.update(5);
```

**See Also** load

## update (Aero.Camera)

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<b>Purpose</b>	Update camera position based on time and position of other Aero.Body objects
<b>Syntax</b>	<code>update(h,newtime,bodies)</code> <code>h.update(newtime,bodies)</code>
<b>Description</b>	<code>update(h,newtime,bodies)</code> and <code>h.update(newtime,bodies)</code> update the camera object, <code>h</code> , position and aim point data based on the new time, <code>newtime</code> , and position of other Aero.Body objects, <code>bodies</code> . This function updates the camera object <code>PrevTime</code> property to <code>newtime</code> .
<b>See Also</b>	<code>play</code>

# update (Aero.FlightGearAnimation)

---

**Purpose** Update position data to FlightGear animation object

**Syntax** `update(h,time)`  
`h.update(time)`

**Description** `update(h,time)` and `h.update(time)` update the position data to the FlightGear animation object via UDP. It sets the new position and attitude of body `h`. `time` is a scalar in seconds.

---

**Note** This function requires that you load the time series data and run FlightGear first.

---

**Examples** Configure a body with `TimeSeriesSource` set to `simdata`, then update the body with time `time` equal to 0.

```
h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation;
h.FramesPerSecond = 10;
h.TimeScaling = 5;
load simdata;
h.TimeSeriesSource = simdata;
t = 0;
h.update(t);
```

**See Also** `GenerateRunScript`, `initialize`, `play`

# updateBodies (Aero.Animation)

---

**Purpose** Update bodies of animation object

**Syntax** `h = updateBodies(h,time)`  
`h.updateBodies(time)`

**Description** `h = updateBodies(h,time)` and `h.updateBodies(time)` set the new position and attitude of movable bodies in the animation object `h`. This function updates the bodies contained in the animation object `h`. `time` is a scalar in seconds.

**Examples** Configure a body with `TimeSeriesSource` set to `simdata`, then update the body with time  $t$  equal to 0.

```
h = Aero.Animation;
h.FramesPerSecond = 10;
h.TimeScaling = 5;
idx1 = h.createBody('pa24-250_orange.ac','Ac3d');
load simdata;
h.Bodies{1}.TimeSeriesSource = simdata;
t = 0;
h.updateBodies(t);
```

**See Also** `addBody`, `createBody`, `moveBody`, `play`, `removeBody`



# updateCamera (Aero.Animation)

---

**Purpose** Update camera in animation object

**Syntax** `updateCamera(h,time)`  
`h.updateCamera(time)`

**Description** `updateCamera(h,time)` and `h.updateCamera(time)` update the camera in the animation object `h`. `time` is a scalar in seconds.

---

**Note** The `PositionFcn` property of a camera object controls the camera position relative to the bodies in the animation. The default camera `PositionFcn` follows the path of a first order chase vehicle. Therefore, it takes a few steps for the camera to position itself correctly in the chase plane position.

---

**Examples** Configure a body with `TimeSeriesSource` set to `simdata`, then update the camera with time `t` equal to 0.

```
h = Aero.Animation;  
h.FramesPerSecond = 10;  
h.TimeScaling = 5;  
idx1 = h.createBody('pa24-250_orange.ac','Ac3d');  
load simdata;  
h.Bodies{1}.TimeSeriesSource = simdata;  
t = 0;  
h.updateCamera(t);
```

**See Also** `updateCamera`

# wrldmagn

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**Purpose** Use World Magnetic Model

**Syntax**

```
[xyz, h, dec, dip, f] = wrldmagn(height, lat, lon, dyear)
[xyz, h, dec, dip, f] = wrldmagn(height, lat, lon, dyear,
    '2005')
[xyz, h, dec, dip, f] = wrldmagn(height, lat, lon, dyear,
    '2000')
```

**Description** [xyz, h, dec, dip, f] = wrldmagn(height, lat, lon, dyear) calculates the Earth's magnetic field at a specific location and time using the World Magnetic Model (WMM). The default WMM is WMM-2005, which is valid from January 1, 2005, until December 31, 2009.

Inputs required by wrldmagn are:

height	A scalar value, in meters
lat	A scalar geodetic latitude, in degrees, where north latitude is positive, and south latitude is negative
lon	A scalar geodetic longitude, in degrees, where east longitude is positive, and west longitude is negative
dyear	A scalar decimal year. Decimal year is the desired year in a decimal format to include any fraction of the year that has already passed.

Outputs calculated for the Earth's magnetic field include:

xyz	Magnetic field vector in nanotesla (nT)
h	Horizontal intensity in nanotesla (nT)
dec	Declination in degrees

dip                      Inclination in degrees  
 f                         Total intensity in nanotesla (nT)

[xyz, h, dec, dip, f] = wrldmagm(height, lat, lon, dyear, '2005') is an alternate method for calling WMM-2005, or 2005 epoch.

[xyz, h, dec, dip, f] = wrldmagm(height, lat, lon, dyear, '2000') is the method for calling WMM-2000, or 2000 epoch.

## Examples

Calculate the magnetic model 1000 meters over Natick, Massachusetts on July 4, 2005, using WMM-2005:

```
[XYZ, H, DEC, DIP, F] = wrldmagm(1000, 42.283, -71.35, 2005.5068 )
```

XYZ =

```
1.0e+004 *
```

```
1.8976
```

```
-0.5167
```

```
4.9555
```

H =

```
1.9667e+004
```

DEC =

```
-15.2324
```

DIP =

68.3530

F =

5.3315e+004

## **Assumptions and Limitations**

The WMM specification produces data that is reliable five years after the epoch of the model, which begins January 1 of the model year selected. The WMM specification describes only the long-wavelength spatial magnetic fluctuations due to the Earth's core. Intermediate and short-wavelength fluctuations, contributed from the crustal field (the mantle and crust), are not included. Also, the substantial fluctuations of the geomagnetic field, which occur constantly during magnetic storms and almost constantly in the disturbance field (auroral zones), are not included.

## **References**

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/seg/WMM/DoDWMM.shtml>

“NOAA Technical Report: The US/UK World Magnetic Model for 2005–2010”

## **See Also**

decyear

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# Aero.Animation

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**Purpose** Construct animation object

**Syntax** `h = Aero.Animation`

**Description** `h = Aero.Animation` constructs an animation object. The animation object is returned to `h`.

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**Note** The `Aero.Animation` constructor does not retain the properties of previously created animation objects, even those that you have saved to a MAT-file. This means that subsequent calls to the animation object constructor always create animation objects with default properties.

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The animation object has the following methods and properties:

## Constructor Summary

Constructor	Description
<code>Animation</code>	Construct animation object.

## Method Summary

Method	Description
<code>addBody</code>	Add loaded body to animation object and generate its patches.
<code>createBody</code>	Create body and its associated patches in animation.
<code>delete</code>	Destruct animation object.
<code>hide</code>	Hide animation figure.
<code>initialize</code>	Create animation figure and axes and build patches for bodies.
<code>initIfNeeded</code>	Initialize animation graphics if needed.
<code>moveBody</code>	Set new position and attitude of body in animation.

Method	Description
play	Animate loaded geometry for given position and angle in time series data.
removeBody	Remove one body from animation.
show	Show animation figure.
updateBodies	Set new position and attitude of movable items in animation.
updateCamera	Update camera in animation object.

## Property Summary

Property	Description	Values
Name	Specify name of the animation object.	string
Figure	Specify name of the figure object.	MATLAB array
FigureCustomizationFcn	Specify figure customization function.	MATLAB array
Bodies	Specify the bodies that the animation object contains.	MATLAB array
Camera	Specify the camera that the animation object contains.	handle
TimeScaling	Specify the time, in seconds.	double
TStart	Specify start time.	double
TFinal	Specify end time.	double
TCurrent	Specify current time.	double
FramesPerSecond	Specify rate in frames per second.	MATLAB array

# Aero.Body

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**Purpose** Create body object for use with animation object

**Syntax** `h = Aero.Body`

**Description** `h = Aero.Body` constructs a body for an animation object. The animation object is returned in `h`. To use the `Aero.Body` object, you typically:

- 1 Create the animation body.
- 2 Configure or customize the body object.
- 3 Load the body.
- 4 Generate patches for the body (requires an axes from a figure).
- 5 Set time series data source.
- 6 Move or update the body.

By default, an `Aero.Body` object natively uses aircraft  $x-y-z$  coordinates for the body geometry and the time series data. It expects the rotation order  $z-y-x$  ( $\psi, \theta, \phi$ ).

Convert time series data from other coordinate systems on the fly by registering a different `CoordTransformFcn` function.

## Constructor Summary

Constructor	Description
Body	Construct body object for use with animation object.



## Method Summary

Method	Description
findstartstoptimes	Return start and stop times of time series data.
generatePatches	Generate patches for body with loaded face, vertex, and color data.
load	Get geometry data from source.
move	Change Aero.Body position and orientation.
update	Changes body position and orientation versus time data.

## Property Summary

Property	Description	Values
CoordTransformFcn	Specify a function that controls the coordinate transformation.	string
Name	Specify name of body.	
Position	Specify position of body.	MATLAB array
Rotation	Specify rotation of body.	MATLAB array
Geometry	Specify geometry of body.	handle
PatchGeneration-Fcn	Specify patch generation function.	MATLAB array
PatchHandles	Specify patch handles.	MATLAB array
ViewingTransform	Specify viewing transform.	MATLAB array
TimeseriesSource	Specify time series source.	MATLAB array

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Property	Description	Values
TimeseriesSource- Type	Specify time series source type.	string
TimeseriesReadFcn	Specify time series read function.	MATLAB array

## See Also

`Aero.Geometry`

**Purpose** Construct camera object for use with animation object

**Syntax** `h = Aero.Camera`

**Description** `h = Aero.Camera` constructs a camera object `h` for use with an animation object. The camera object uses the registered coordinate transform. By default, this is an aerospace body coordinate system. Axes of custom coordinate systems must be orthogonal.

The animation object has the following properties:

By default, an `Aero.Body` object natively uses aircraft  $x-y-z$  coordinates for the body geometry and the time series data. Convert time series data from other coordinate systems on the fly by registering a different `CoordTransformFcn` function.

## Constructor Summary

Constructor	Description
Camera	Construct camera object for use with animation object.

## Method Summary

Method	Description
update	Update camera position based on time and position of other <code>Aero.Body</code> objects.

## Property Summary

Property	Description	Values
<code>CoordTransformFcn</code>	Specify a function that controls the coordinate transformation.	MATLAB array
<code>PositionFcn</code>	Specify a function that controls the position of a camera relative to an animation body.	MATLAB array

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Property	Description	Values
Position	Specify position of camera.	MATLAB array [-150,-50,0]
Offset	Specify offset of camera.	MATLAB array [-150,-50,0]
AimPoint	Specify aim point of camera.	MATLAB array [0,0,0]
UpVector	Specify up vector of camera.	MATLAB array [0,0,-1]
ViewAngle	Specify view angle of camera.	MATLAB array {3}
ViewExtent	Specify view extent of camera.	MATLAB array {[ -50,50]}
xlim	Specify x-axis limit of camera.	MATLAB array {[ -50,50]}
ylim	Specify y-axis limit of camera.	MATLAB array {[ -50,50]}
zlim	Specify z-axis limit of camera.	MATLAB array {[ -50,50]}
PrevTime	Specify previous time of camera.	MATLAB array {0}
UserData	Specify custom data.	MATLAB array {[]}

## See Also

Aero.Geometry

**Purpose** Construct FlightGear animation object

**Syntax** `h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation`

**Description** `h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation` constructs a FlightGear animation object. The FlightGear animation object is returned to `h`.

## Constructor

Method	Description
<code>fganimation</code>	Construct FlightGear animation object.

## Method Summary

Method	Description
<code>delete</code>	Destroy FlightGear animation object.
<code>initialize</code>	Set up FlightGear animation object.
<code>play</code>	Animate FlightGear flight simulator using given position/angle time series.
<code>update</code>	Update position data to FlightGear animation object.

## Property Summary

Properties	Description
<code>TimeseriesSource</code>	Specify variable that contains the time series data.
<code>TimeseriesSource-Type</code>	Specify the type of time series data stored in 'TimeseriesSource'. Five values are available. They are listed in the following table. The default value is 'Array6DoF'.
<code>TimeseriesReadFcn</code>	Specify a function to read the time series data if 'TimeseriesSourceType' is 'Custom'.
<code>TimeScaling</code>	Specify the seconds of animation data per second of wall-clock time. The default ratio is 1.

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Properties	Description
FramesPerSecond	Specify the number of frames per second used to animate the 'TimeseriesSource'. The default value is 12 frames per second.
FlightGearVersion	Select your FlightGear software version: '0.9.3', '0.9.8', '0.9.9', or '0.9.10'. The default version is '0.9.10'.
OutputFileName	Specify the name of the output file. The file name is the name of the command you will use to start FlightGear with these initial parameters. The default value is 'runfg.bat'.
FlightGearBase-Directory	Specify the name of your FlightGear installation directory. The default value is 'D:\Applications\FlightGear'.
GeometryModelName	Specify the name of the folder containing the desired model geometry in the <i>FlightGear\data\Aircraft</i> directory. The default value is 'HL20'.
DestinationIp-Address	Specify your destination IP address. The default value is '127.0.0.1'.
DestinationPort	Specify your network flight dynamics model (fdm) port. This destination port should be an unused port that you can use when you launch FlightGear. The default value is '5502'.
AirportId	Specify the airport ID. The list of supported airports is available in the FlightGear interface, under <b>Location</b> . The default value is 'KSFO'.
RunwayId	Specify the runway ID. The default value is '10L'.
InitialAltitude	Specify the initial altitude of the aircraft, in feet. The default value is 7224 feet.

Properties	Description
InitialHeading	Specify the initial heading of the aircraft, in degrees. The default value is 113 degrees.
OffsetDistance	Specify the offset distance of the aircraft from the airport, in miles. The default value is 4.72 miles.
OffsetAzimuth	Specify the offset azimuth of the aircraft, in degrees. The default value is 0 degrees.

The time series data, stored in the property 'TimeseriesSource', is interpreted according to the 'TimeseriesSourceType' property, which can be one of:

'Timeseries'

MATLAB time series data with six values per time:

lat lon alt phi theta psi

The values are resampled.

'StructureWithTime'

Simulink struct with time (Simulink root output logging 'Structure with time'):

- signals(1).values: lat lon alt
- signals(2).values: phi theta psi

Signals are linearly interpolated vs. time using interp1.

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'Array6DoF'	A double-precision array in n rows and 7 columns for 6-DoF data: time lat lon alt phi theta psi. If a double-precision array of 8 or more columns is in 'TimeseriesSource', the first 7 columns are used as 6-DoF data.
'Array3DoF'	A double-precision array in n rows and 4 columns for 3-DoF data: time lat alt theta. If a double-precision array of 5 or more columns is in 'TimeseriesSource', the first 4 columns are used as 3-DoF data.
'Custom'	Position and angle data is retrieved from 'TimeseriesSource' by the currently registered 'TimeseriesReadFcn'.

## Examples

Construct a FlightGear animation object, h:

```
h = fganimation
```

## See Also

fganimation, generaterunscript, play



**Purpose** Construct 3-D geometry for use with animation object

**Syntax** `h = Aero.Geometry`

**Description** `h = Aero.Geometry` defines a 3-D geometry for use with an animation object.

This object supports the attachment of transparency data from an Ac3d file to patch generation.

## Constructor Summary

Constructor	Description
Geometry	Construct 3-D geometry for use with animation object.

## Method Summary

Method	Description
read	Read geometry data using current reader.

## Property Summary

Property	Description	Values
Name	Specify name of geometry.	string
Source	Specify geometry data source.	string {'Auto', 'Variable', 'MatFile', 'Ac3dFile', 'Custom'}
Reader	Specify geometry reader.	MATLAB array
FaceVertexColor-Data	Specify the color of the geometry face vertex.	MATLAB array

**See Also** `read`



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