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## TABLE OF SYMBOLS

$g$	Acceleration of gravity, ft/sec <sup>2</sup> .
$h$	Height deviation from reference position, ft.
$\dot{h}$	Vertical velocity, ft/sec.
$I_y$	Aircraft mass moment of inertia about the y stability axis, slug-ft <sup>2</sup> .
$M$	Moment about y stability axis, ft-lbs.
$m$	Aircraft mass, slugs.
$q$	Aircraft pitching rate, radians/sec.
$U_0$	Aircraft reference velocity, ft/sec.
$u$	Perturbation vehicle velocity along x stability axis, ft/sec.
$u_g$	Horizontal turbulence velocity, ft/sec.
$w$	Perturbation vehicle velocity along z stability axis, ft/sec.
$x$	Longitudinal deviation from reference position, ft.
$X$	Force component along x stability axis, lbs.
$Z$	Force component along z stability axis, lbs.
$\delta_B$	Cyclic pitch control input, displacement measured in feet at the pilot's hand.
$\delta_C$	Collective pitch control input, displacement measured in feet at the pilot's hand.
$\theta$	Aircraft pitch angle, radians.



The following stability derivatives are defined for straight, level, unaccelerated flight in the stability axis coordinate system.

$$X_q = \frac{1}{m} \left. \frac{\partial X}{\partial q} \right|_0$$

$$X_u = \frac{1}{m} \left. \frac{\partial X}{\partial u} \right|_0$$

$$X_w = \frac{1}{m} \left. \frac{\partial X}{\partial w} \right|_0$$

$$X_{\delta_B} = \frac{1}{m} \left. \frac{\partial X}{\partial \delta_B} \right|_0$$

$$X_{\delta_C} = \frac{1}{m} \left. \frac{\partial X}{\partial \delta_C} \right|_0$$

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$$M_q = \frac{1}{I_y} \left. \frac{\partial M}{\partial q} \right|_0$$



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$$M_w = \frac{1}{I_y} \left. \frac{\partial M}{\partial w} \right|_0$$

$$M_{\dot{w}} = \frac{1}{I_y} \left. \frac{\partial M}{\partial \dot{w}} \right|_0$$

$$M_{\delta_B} = \frac{1}{I_y} \left. \frac{\partial M}{\partial \delta_B} \right|_0$$

$$M_{\delta_C} = \frac{1}{I_y} \left. \frac{\partial M}{\partial \delta_C} \right|_0$$





## I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years much emphasis has been placed on the development of vertical take-off and landing aircraft. This heightened interest in the field has been brought about by air traffic congestion near large cities and by recent Navy reassessment of the role of the large aircraft carrier as opposed to smaller, more mobile aircraft carriers. Since a major advantage of VTOL aircraft is the capacity to operate from restricted spaces, it is mandatory that such aircraft be equipped with instrumentation that augments the human pilot to permit safe and reliable operation from these areas [Ref. 1]. One method of achieving this instrumentation has been to utilize electronic displays [Refs. 1, 2, and 3]. The purpose of this project was to evaluate the effect on pilot performance when a basic electronic display was augmented with a flight director.



## II. METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

A hybrid computer was utilized to simulate the longitudinal flight dynamics of a UH-1H helicopter in the hover mode of operation. Conventional helicopter-type controls were used to generate inputs to the computer. The cyclic stick provided attitude control inputs and the collective control provided power inputs for height control.

The longitudinal motion of a helicopter can be depicted by the following equations of motion [Ref. 4].

$$\dot{u} = X_u u + X_w w + X_q q - g\theta + X_{\delta_B} \delta_B + X_{\delta_C} \delta_C - X_u u_g$$

$$\dot{w} = Z_u u + Z_w w + (U_o + Z_q)q + Z_{\delta_B} \delta_B + Z_{\delta_C} \delta_C - Z_u u_g$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} = & (M_u + M_w \dot{Z}_u)u + (M_w + M_w \dot{Z}_w)w + [M_q + M_w (U_o + Z_q)]q \\ & + (M_{\delta_B} + M_w \dot{Z}_{\delta_B})\delta_B + (M_{\delta_C} + M_w \dot{Z}_{\delta_C})\delta_C - (M_u + M_w \dot{Z}_u)u_g \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\theta} = q$$

$$\dot{h} = -w + U_o \theta$$



These equations incorporate the following assumptions:

1. The vehicle is idealized as a rigid airframe to which is attached a rotor.
2. The rotor is described by its tip path plane whose orientation determines the propulsive and aerodynamic forces and moments.
3. No rotor degrees of freedom are considered other than control inputs which serve to describe instantaneous tip path plane orientation.
4. All coupling between longitudinal and lateral motion is ignored.
5. Linearized small perturbation theory is used to describe the motion about a horizontal reference flight path.

Table I lists the values for the stability derivatives used in the simulation. Elimination of those values that were zero and recognition of the fact that in the hover mode,  $U_0 = 0$ , led to the following equations of motion:

$$\dot{u} = X_u u + X_w w + X_q q - g\theta + X_{\delta_B} \delta_B + X_{\delta_C} \delta_C - X_u u_g$$

$$\dot{w} = Z_u u + Z_w w + Z_q q + Z_{\delta_B} \delta_B + Z_{\delta_C} \delta_C - Z_u u_g$$

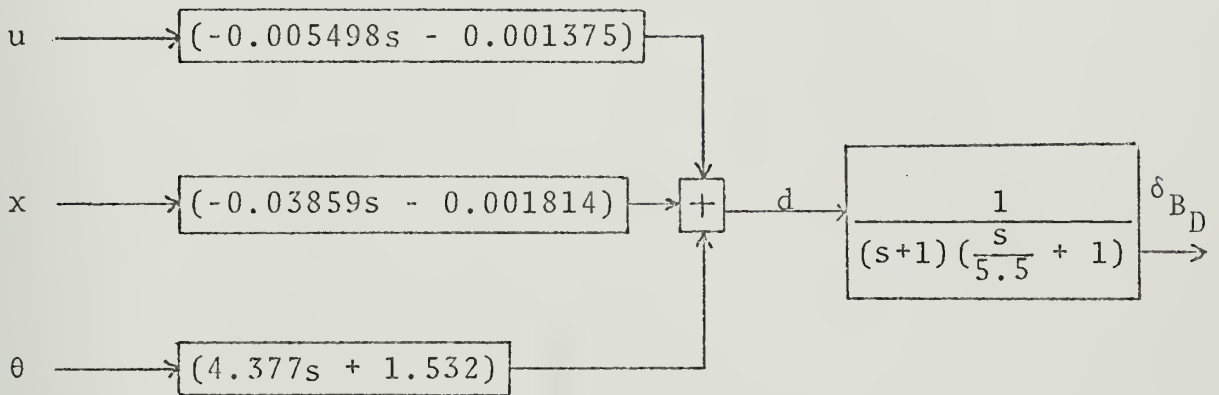
$$\dot{q} = M_u u + M_w w + M_q q + M_{\delta_B} \delta_B + M_{\delta_C} \delta_C - M_u u_g$$



$$\dot{\theta} = q$$

$$\dot{h} = -w$$

The flight director law to be evaluated in this simulation can be represented in transfer function form by the following:



It can be shown from the preceding representation that

$$\ddot{\delta}_{B_D} + 6.5 \dot{\delta}_{B_D} + 5.5 \delta_{B_D} = 5.5d$$

where  $\delta_{B_D}$  = commanded cyclic control in feet at pilot's hand.

The vehicle equations of motion were amplitude scaled and programmed on the analog portion of the hybrid computer. The hybrid computer gave real time solutions to the equations of motion, generated the baseline and flight director cockpit displays, and computed RMS performance data for each display. The horizontal turbulence, whose power spectrum is shown in Table II, was represented as





the sum of five sine waves, shown in Table III. The amplitudes and frequencies of these sinusoids were chosen so that the distribution of power with frequency of the sum of the sine waves closely approximated that of the spectrum of Table II [Ref. 5].



### III. DESCRIPTION OF APPARATUS

A hybrid computer was utilized to (1) determine real time solutions to the helicopter longitudinal equations of motion, (2) generate the baseline and flight director displays and (3) compute performance data. The hybrid computer consisted of a Scientific Data Systems SDS 9300 digital computer, a Comcor CI-5000 analog computer, and an Adage AGT/10 graphics display. The digital computer controlled the analog computer and the graphics terminal. The digital program is listed in Appendix A. A schematic of the analog computer set-up is shown in Appendix B. Control inputs generated by the pilot were fed directly to the analog computer by means of gear driven potentiometers attached to the cyclic and collective controls. Figure 1 shows the physical arrangement of the helicopter controls and the cockpit display. The spring restrained cyclic stick was linear in displacement with respect to applied force (Fig. 2). The collective lever required a small force of 0.5 lb. to overcome a friction lock, but was otherwise free to travel.



#### IV. DESCRIPTION OF DISPLAY

The basic display utilized in the precision hovering task is shown in Figure 3. The symbol representing the position of the nose of the helicopter with respect to the horizon remained fixed in the center of the display. The square pad traversed vertically on the screen and served as a sensitive position indicator. The pad therefore provided information similar to that which the pilot would obtain by looking at the ground from the cockpit. When the pad was at the center of the screen and superimposed on the aircraft symbol, the helicopter was positioned over the reference point. As the helicopter moved 25 feet forward and rearward with respect to the reference hovering position, the pad moved one inch toward the bottom and top of the display respectively. The height deviation indicator was located at the lower left of the display. It consisted of a horizontal bar which traveled vertically up or down at the rate of 50 feet deviation from reference per inch of display indicator movement. This was a "fly to" device since as the bar moved up, the proper response was to pull up on the collective control to move the bar back to the reference position.

The basic display was augmented with a flight director indicator by entering the appropriate input data to the digital computer. The flight director was symbolized by



a "T-bar" which grew out of the aircraft symbol in the center of the pad and was scaled such that one foot of commanded cyclic motion produced one inch of director movement. It was also a "fly-to" device in that as the pad moved toward the top of the display, the T-bar would extend downward indicating that the pilot should ease the aircraft nose below the horizon and fly to the pad. As the helicopter approached the reference position, the T-bar would gradually recede in length until the horizontal position of the T coincided with the aircraft symbol.





## V. EXPERIMENTAL PLAN

Volunteer pilots with Navy fleet experience in helicopters were utilized as test subjects to evaluate the effectiveness of a flight director display in the hover mode of operation of a UH-1H helicopter. All subjects had been inactive with respect to flying for over a year, but had previously held instrument qualifications in helicopters. Due to this lack of recent flight time and the unfamiliarity of the subjects with the simulator, it was assumed that each subject's performance would improve significantly as the number of training runs increased, until a steady-state level of performance was attained. This assumption proved to be valid, as in all cases the subject's deviation from optimum performance exhibited the characteristics of an exponential decay function that asymptotically approached each subject's maximum performance level. Optimum performance was defined to be minimum root mean square longitudinal and height deviation from the reference point.

Prior to the beginning of each training session, all subjects were informed of the task requirements, and the mechanics of the operation of the simulator. The pilots were instructed to maintain hovering position at the reference point and to maintain altitude in gusty air. The reference point was the center of a pad presented on the cockpit display. The hovering altitude was 40 feet.



Additionally a visual picture of the display (Fig. 3) was shown and thoroughly explained.

The display used in the simulation was 6.5 inches wide and 7.5 inches high. A nominal eye-to-display distance of 30 inches was used. The physical arrangement of the cockpit and display are shown in Figure 1.

All test subjects were trained extensively on both the baseline and flight director displays. The majority of training time for the first three subjects was spent on the baseline display since this proved to be the most difficult to master. Subject four, however, performed quite well initially with the baseline display, but required more training on the flight director display. This was due to a recurrent misinterpretation of the flight director.

In order to facilitate the learning process, each subject was informed of his RMS longitudinal and height deviation after each run. This proved to be more beneficial to the pilots than the actual parameters for pitch, pad size, and height deviation shown in Figure 3. Strip chart recordings of all the variables of interest were also made during the training sessions. This permitted the monitoring of any large instantaneous control inputs and subsequent large variations in performance data.

After the test subject achieved his maximum performance level, a formal data session was held. Each subject completed ten runs on the baseline display and ten runs on



the director display in the following manner. Five runs were completed with the baseline display and then five runs performed with the director display. A short break was then taken and the above sequence was repeated. The subject was not informed of his performance on any run until the entire data session was completed.



## VI. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Table IV lists the root mean square performance data for all test subjects. Figures 4 through 11 graphically depict the performance data obtained in both modes of operation. For each subject, the mean value is indicated, as well as plus and minus one standard deviation.

In each case the difference in performance between the flight director mode of operation and the unaugmented mode was substantial. All pilots showed a marked decrease in longitudinal and vertical excursions from the hovering reference position when utilizing the flight director display. RMS position errors diminished by 16 to 45% longitudinally, and 17 to 39% vertically. Although the height deviation indicator was not equipped with a flight director, the decrease in vertical excursions was considered to be of major significance. The purpose of the flight director was to decrease longitudinal excursions in the hovering condition. This was to be accomplished by presenting the information the pilot normally collects by visually scanning the separate electro-mechanical cockpit instruments as a single cyclic control command. Intuitively, this would reduce the pilot's workload. The marked decrease in vertical deviations was indicative of the reduction in workload for the pilot in controlling longitudinal motion.





Typical time histories of all variables monitored ( $u, x, \theta, q, h, \dot{h}, \delta_B, \delta_C$ ) for both modes of operation, as well as the horizontal turbulence, are shown in Figures 12 and 13. These analog records graphically depict the decrease in control inputs required to accomplish the task. In addition to the reduction in longitudinal and vertical excursions and decrease in control inputs, Figures 4 through 11 show another significant effect of utilizing the flight director. The marked decrease in standard deviations observed was considered to be of major importance. Table V shows the pilot ratings given to each mode of operation. These ratings were obtained from the revised Cooper-Harper Rating System shown in Table VI [Ref. 6]. As can be readily seen, the flight director system consistently achieved a superior rating.

Pilot comments indicated that the flight director was definitely an aid in achieving optimum performance, and that it decreased pilot workload significantly. However, all pilots reported that it was difficult to perceive movement of the flight director when close to the center of the pad. This problem could be alleviated by incorporation of a variable gain feature on the director.

In conclusion, it can be said that utilization of the flight director in the precision hovering task significantly improved pilot performance. Since one of the primary requirements of VTOL vehicles is the ability to operate from confined spaces, it is imperative that any instrumentation



used to achieve improved mean performance also provide minimum standard deviation from that mean in order to ensure safe and reliable operation. The results of this evaluation have shown that utilization of the flight director resulted in improvements in both of these key parameters.



TABLE I

UH-1H Normalized Longitudinal Stability  
 Derivatives Used in the Simulation

$X_u$	=	-0.0093397	1/sec
$X_w$	=	-0.00041791	1/sec
$X_q$	=	19.296	ft/sec
$Z_u$	=	-0.0021356	1/sec
$Z_w$	=	-0.40395	1/sec
$Z_q$	=	1.5145	ft/sec
$M_u$	=	0.00095595	1/sec-ft
$M_w$	=	-0.0014526	1/sec-ft
$M_q$	=	-2.0295	1/sec
$M_{\dot{w}}$	=	0.0	1/ft
$X_{\delta_B}$	=	12.472	1/sec <sup>2</sup>
$X_{\delta_C}$	=	0.0018737	1/sec <sup>2</sup>
$Z_{\delta_B}$	=	-0.30802	1/sec <sup>2</sup>
$Z_{\delta_C}$	=	-96.066	1/sec <sup>2</sup>
$M_{\delta_B}$	=	-1.2797	1/ft-sec <sup>2</sup>
$M_{\delta_C}$	=	0.00024129	1/ft-sec <sup>2</sup>



TABLE II  
Turbulence Spectrum for Hover

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$$\phi_{u_g u_g}(\omega) = \frac{2\sigma_{u_g}^2 L_u}{U_0} \frac{1}{1 + (L_u \omega / U_0)^2} \text{ ft}^2 \text{ rad/sec}^2$$

$$\sigma_{u_g} = 5 \text{ ft/sec}$$

$$L_u / U_0 = 3.33 \text{ sec}^*$$


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\* Although  $U_0 = 0$  and the "frozen turbulence" hypothesis is, strictly speaking, no longer valid, the general form of the turbulence spectrum above is retained. For example, one can consider  $U_0 = 5 \text{ ft/sec}$ ,  $L_u = 16.65 \text{ ft}$ .





TABLE III  
Sinusoidal Turbulence Representation

Sine Wave	Amplitude (ft/sec)	Frequency (rad/sec)
1	4.472	0.140
2	3.536	0.349
3	2.236	0.628
4	2.738	1.396
5	2.236	3.0



TABLE IV  
Simulation Root Mean Square Performance Data

SUBJECT	BASELINE				DIRECTOR			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
x	+6.380	9.522	12.270	12.848	5.357	5.395	6.700	8.586
(ft)	++1.241	1.714	4.823	3.532	0.649	0.837	1.270	1.749
u	1.659	2.074	2.648	2.724	1.329	1.542	1.964	1.696
(ft/sec)	0.260	0.338	0.802	0.500	0.198	0.138	0.409	0.291
$\theta$	0.02835	0.02902	0.03543	0.03089	0.02416	0.02848	0.03489	0.02669
(rad)	0.00369	0.00573	0.00999	0.00501	0.00302	0.00268	0.00638	0.00413
$q$	0.01927	0.02040	0.02226	0.01522	0.01459	0.01783	0.02236	0.01476
(rad/sec)	0.00303	0.00406	0.00540	0.00298	0.00176	0.00206	0.00463	0.00235
h	7.144	7.392	11.496	10.906	5.930	5.965	6.959	6.692
(ft)	1.234	1.457	3.401	3.270	0.835	1.562	2.283	1.608
$\dot{h}$	4.509	2.916	3.187	1.915	3.822	2.488	2.501	1.330
(ft/sec)	0.926	0.612	0.780	0.682	0.359	0.589	0.615	0.357
$\delta_B$	0.03810	0.04157	0.04361	0.02957	0.02835	0.03513	0.04475	0.02999
(ft)	0.00631	0.00842	0.00975	0.00615	0.00340	0.00430	0.00964	0.00405
$\delta_C$	0.04857	0.02285	0.02607	0.00968	0.03987	0.02036	0.02066	0.00650
(ft)	0.01333	0.00511	0.00841	0.00394	0.00438	0.00628	0.00424	0.00215
+MEAN	++ STANDARD DEVIATION							



TABLE V

Cooper-Harper Pilot Ratings

SUBJECT	RATING	
	BASELINE	DIRECTOR
A	A6	A4
B	A6	A5
C	A6	A3
D	A4	A3



TABLE VI  
The Revised Cooper-Harper Scale

<p>CONTROLLABLE CAPABLE OF BEING CONTROLLED OR MANAGED IN CONTEXT OF MISSION, WITH AVAILABLE PILOT ATTENTION</p>	<p>ACCEPTABLE MAY HAVE DEFICIENCIES WHICH WARRANT IMPROVEMENT, BUT ADEQUATE FOR MISSION.</p> <p>PILOT COMPENSATION, IF REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE, IS FEASIBLE.</p>	<p>SATISFACTORY MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS, GOOD ENOUGH WITHOUT IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>CLEARLY ADEQUATE FOR MISSION.</p>	<p>A1 EXCELLENT, HIGHLY DESIRABLE</p>
<p>UNACCEPTABLE DEFICIENCIES WHICH REQUIRE MANDATORY IMPROVEMENT. INADEQUATE PERFORMANCE FOR MISSION EVEN WITH MAXIMUM FEASIBLE PILOT COMPENSATION.</p>	<p>UNSATISFACTORY RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTABLE. DEFICIENCIES WHICH WARRANT IMPROVEMENT. PERFORMANCE ADEQUATE FOR MISSION WITH FEASIBLE PILOT COMPENSATION.</p>	<p>A2 GOOD, PLEASANT, WELL BEHAVED</p> <p>A3 FAIR. SOME MILDLY UNPLEASANT CHARACTERISTICS. GOOD ENOUGH FOR MISSION WITHOUT IMPROVEMENT.</p> <p>A4 SOME MINOR BUT ANNOYING DEFICIENCIES. IMPROVEMENT IS REQUESTED. EFFECT ON PERFORMANCE IS EASILY COMPENSATED FOR BY PILOT.</p> <p>A5 MODERATELY OBJECTIONABLE DEFICIENCIES. IMPROVEMENT IS NEEDED. REASONABLE PERFORMANCE REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE PILOT COMPENSATION.</p> <p>A6 VERY OBJECTIONABLE DEFICIENCIES. MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED. REQUIRES BEST AVAILABLE PILOT COMPENSATION TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE.</p>	
<p>UNCONTROLLABLE CONTROL WILL BE LOST DURING SOME PORTION OF MISSION.</p>	<p>UNACCEPTABLE DEFICIENCIES WHICH REQUIRE MANDATORY IMPROVEMENT. INADEQUATE PERFORMANCE FOR MISSION EVEN WITH MAXIMUM FEASIBLE PILOT COMPENSATION.</p>	<p>U7 MAJOR DEFICIENCIES WHICH REQUIRE MANDATORY IMPROVEMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE. CONTROLLABLE. PERFORMANCE INADEQUATE FOR MISSION, OR PILOT COMPENSATION REQUIRED FOR MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE IN MISSION IS TOO HIGH.</p> <p>U8 CONTROLLABLE WITH DIFFICULTY. REQUIRES SUBSTANTIAL PILOT SKILL AND ATTENTION TO RETAIN CONTROL AND CONTINUE MISSION.</p> <p>U9 MARGINALLY CONTROLLABLE IN MISSION. REQUIRES MAXIMUM AVAILABLE PILOT SKILL AND ATTENTION TO RETAIN CONTROL.</p>	
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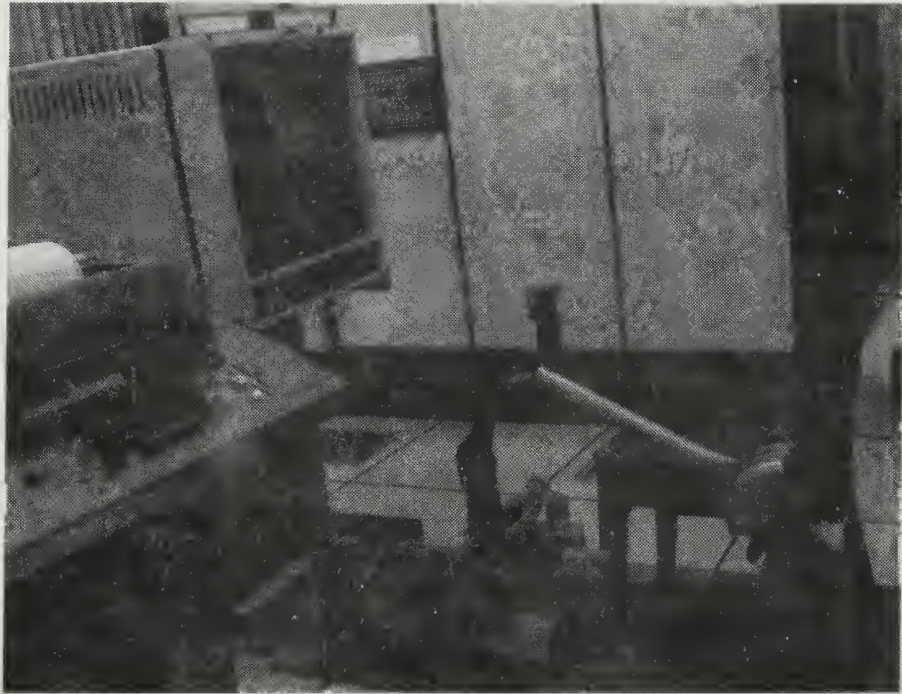


Figure 1. Apparatus.



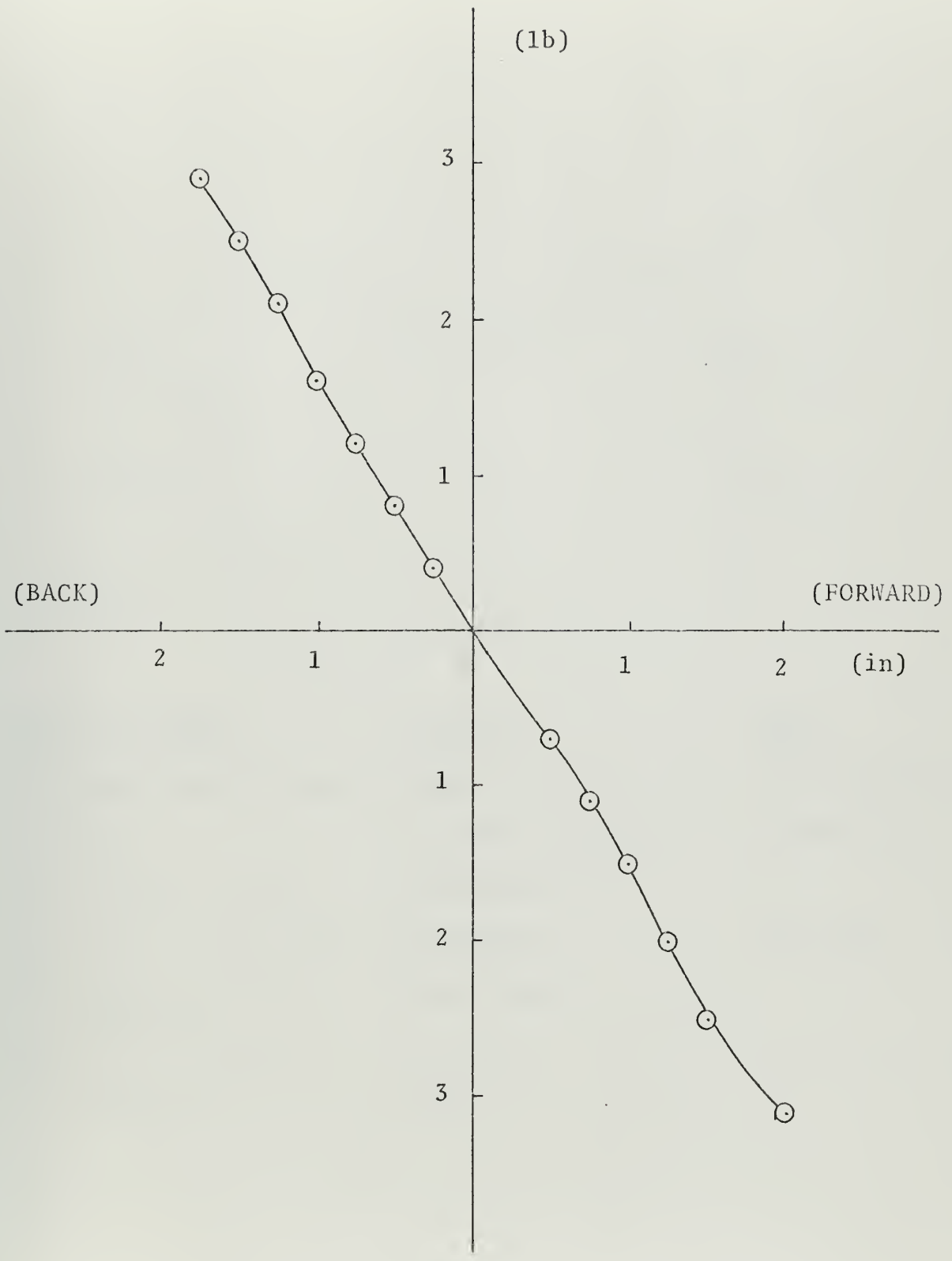
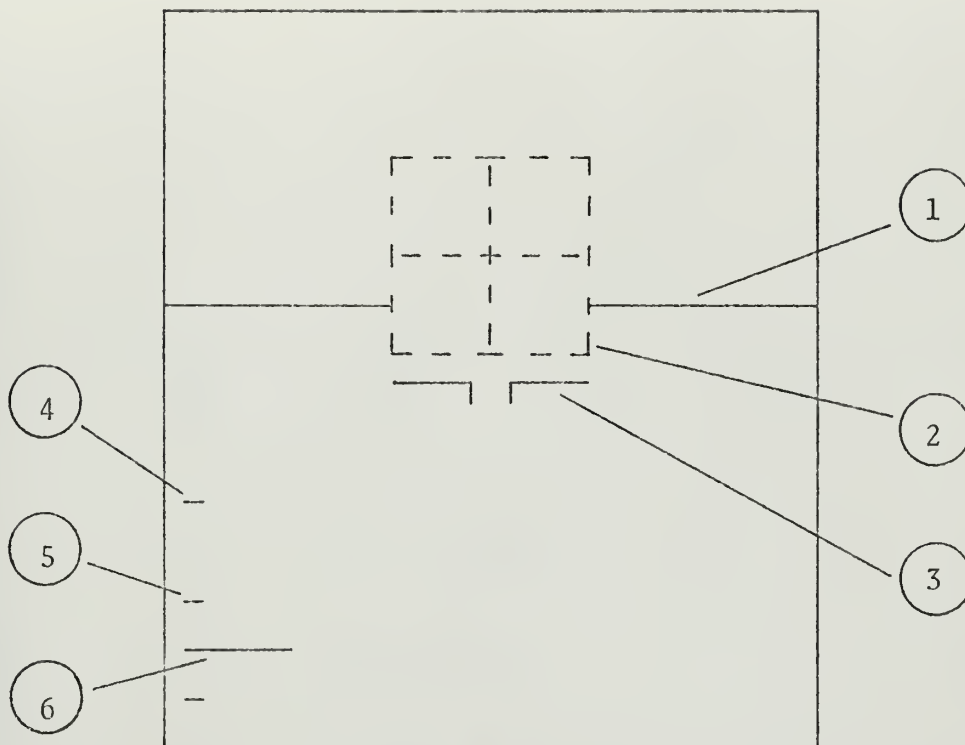


Figure 2. Cyclic Stick Force vs. Displacement.

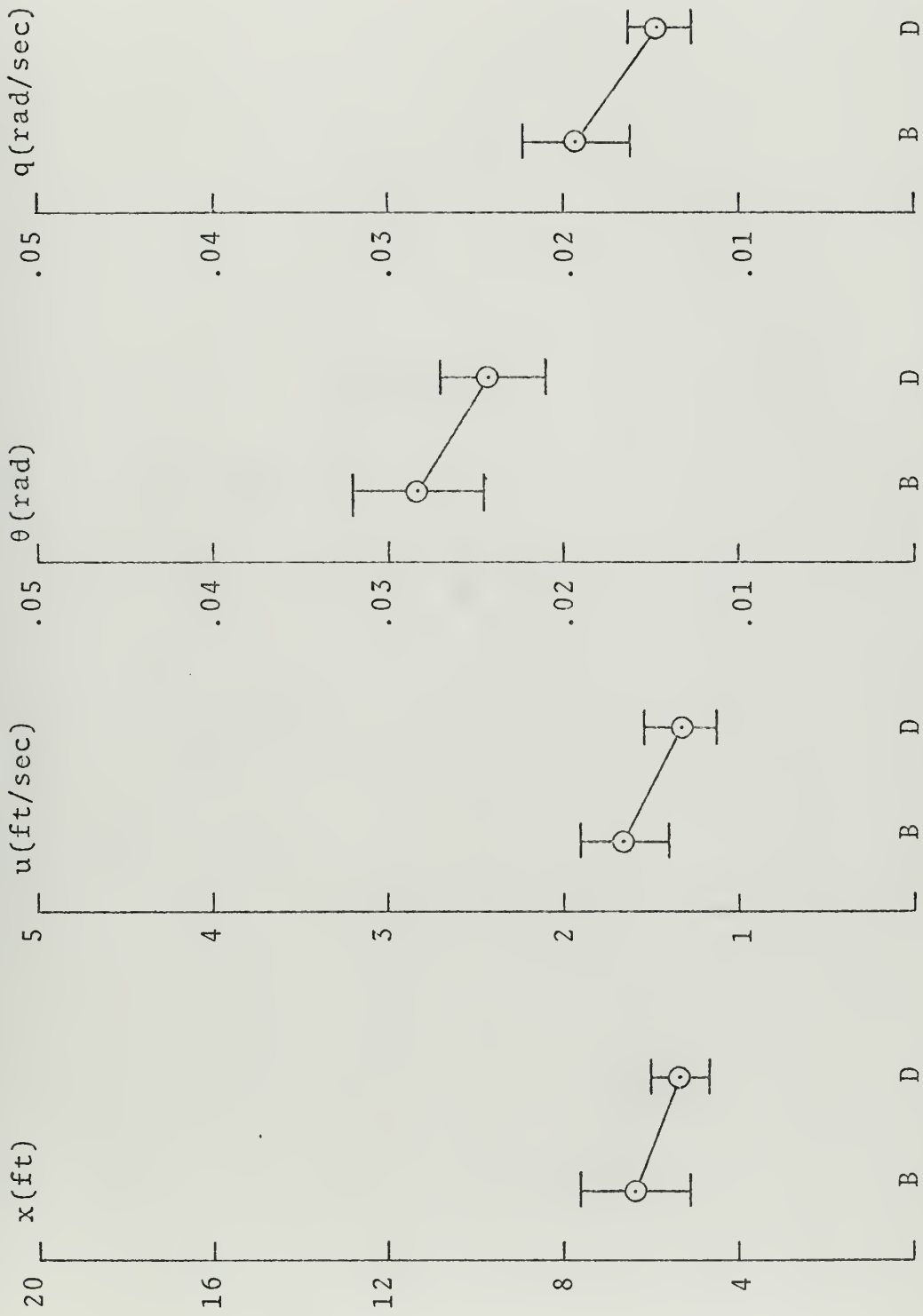




<u>Display Element</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Units</u>
1. Artificial Horizon	Pitch Attitude	20 degrees/inch
2. Pad	Position Indicator	25 feet/inch
3. Aircraft Symbol	Stationary	
4. Height Indicators	Stationary	±50 feet
5. Reference Height Position	Stationary	
6. Height Deviation Indicator	Altitude Error	50 feet/inch

Figure 3. Cockpit Display.





B - Baseline display. D - Flight director display.

Figure 4. Performance Data, Subject A.





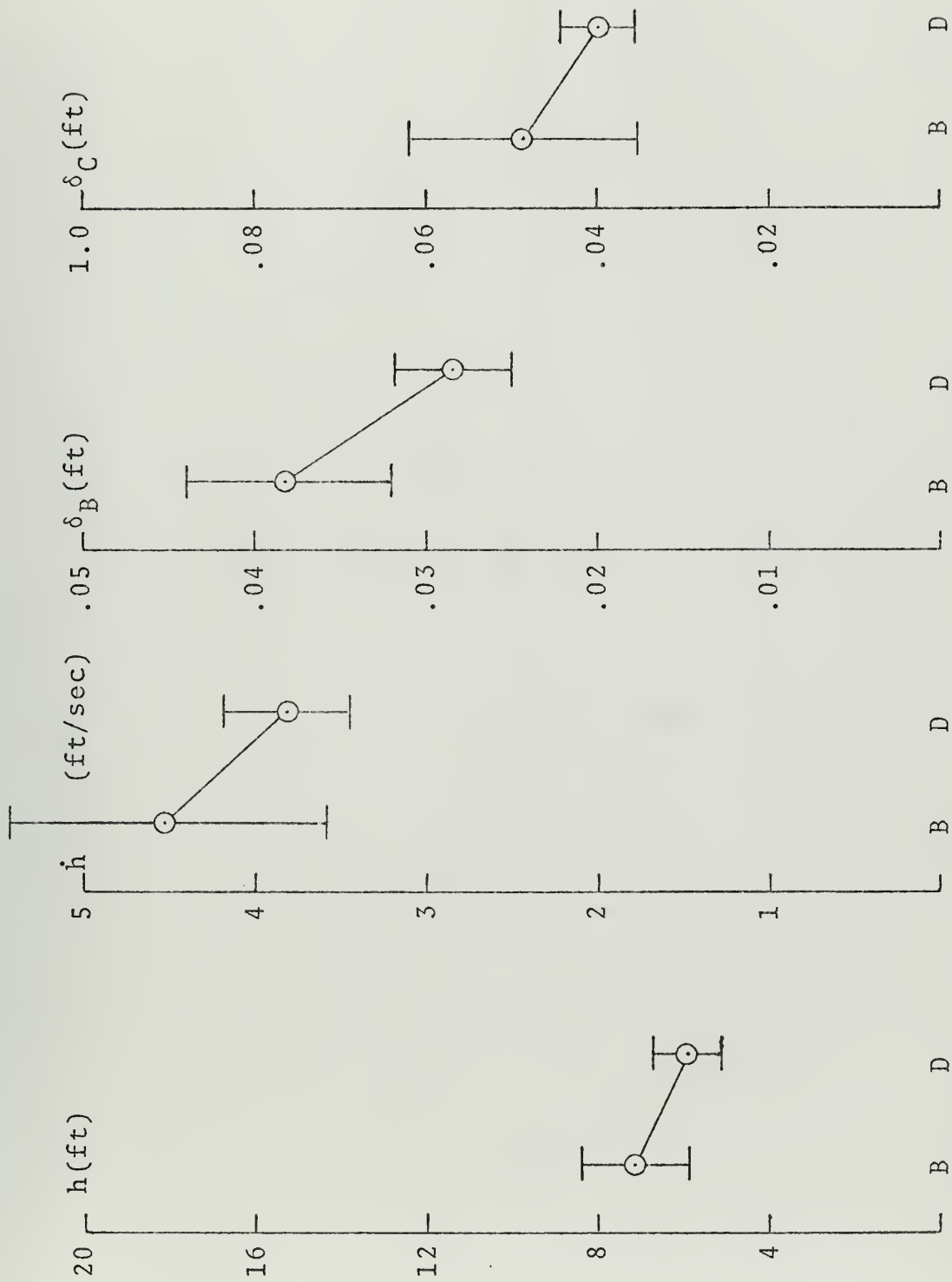


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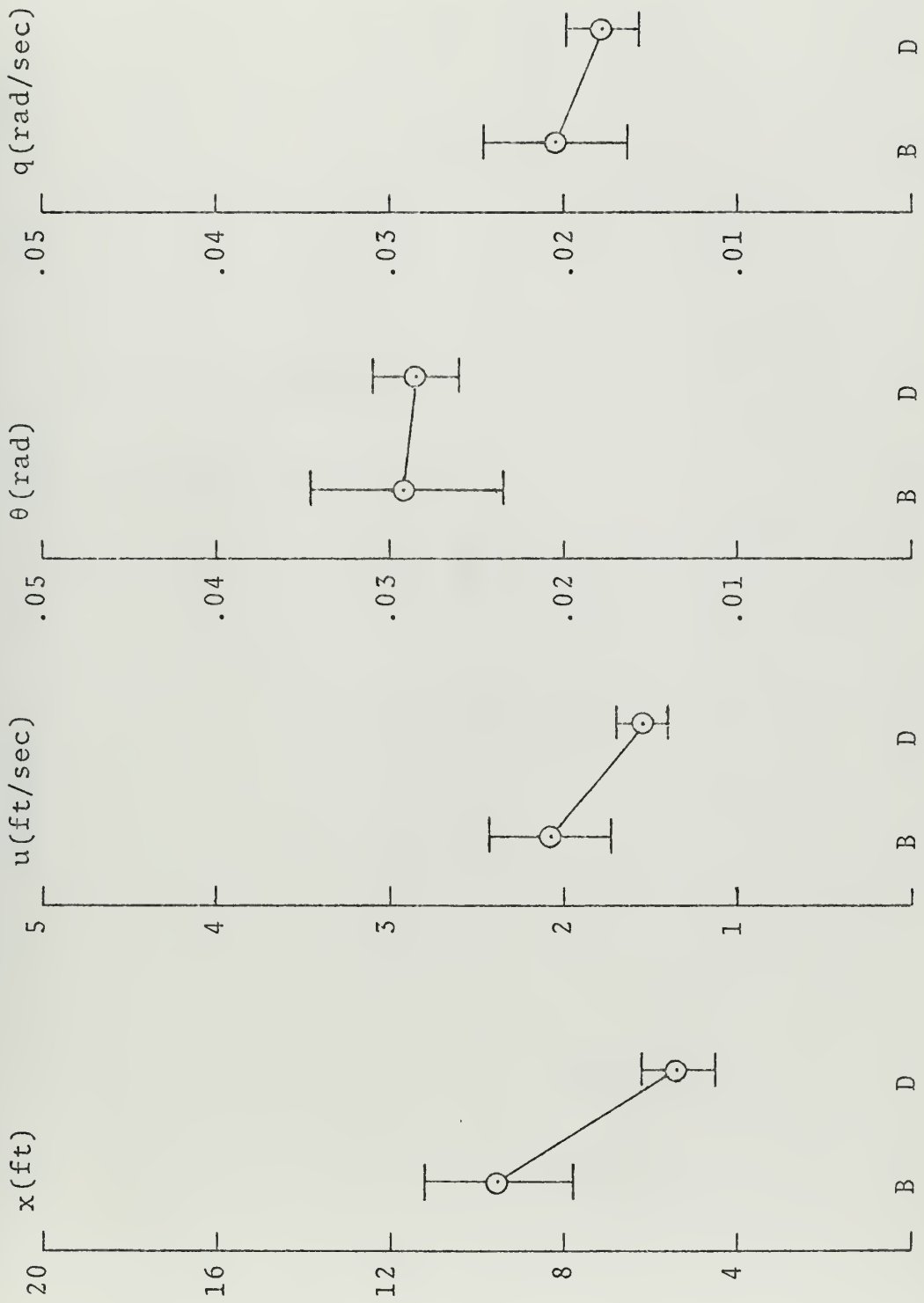


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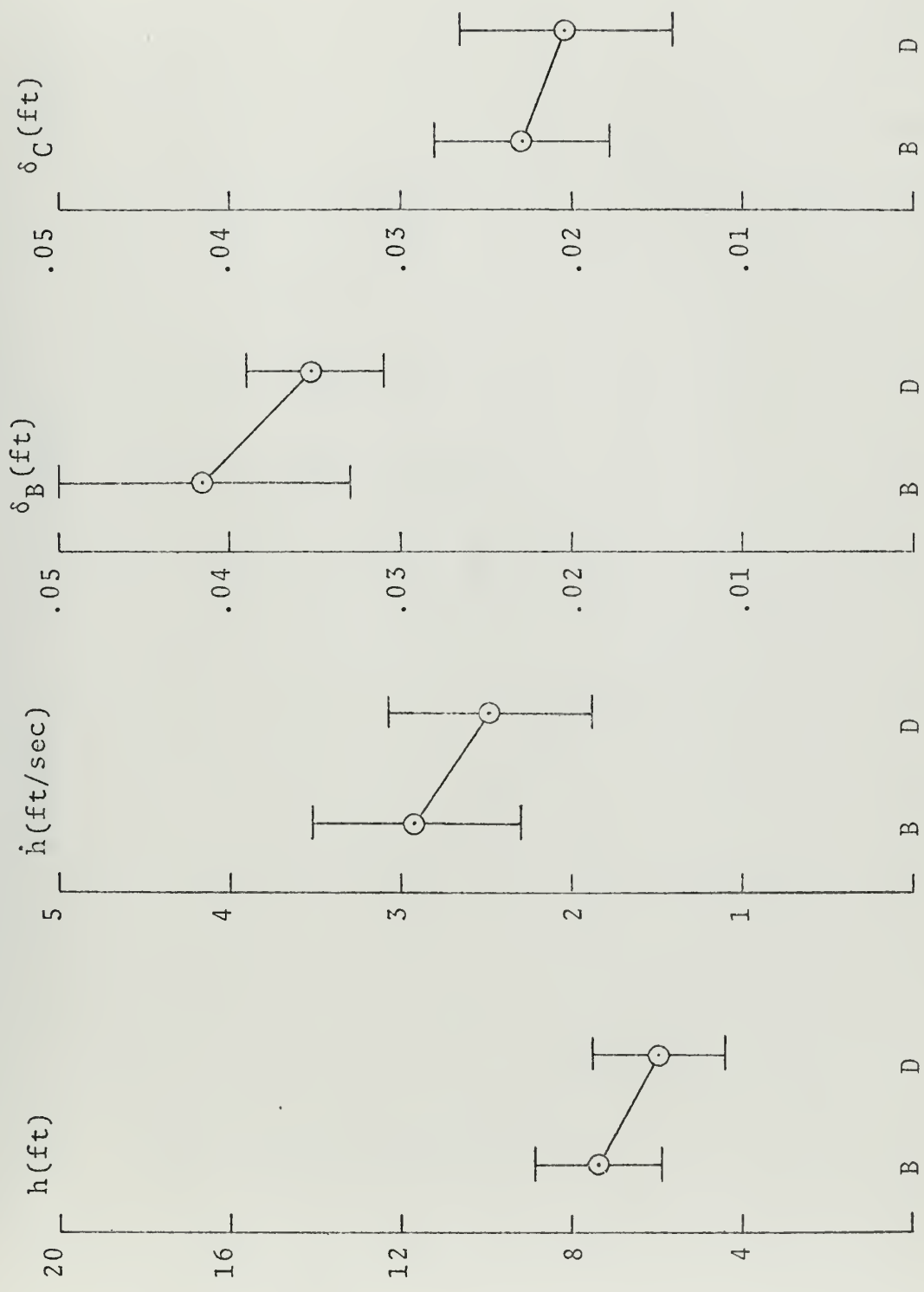


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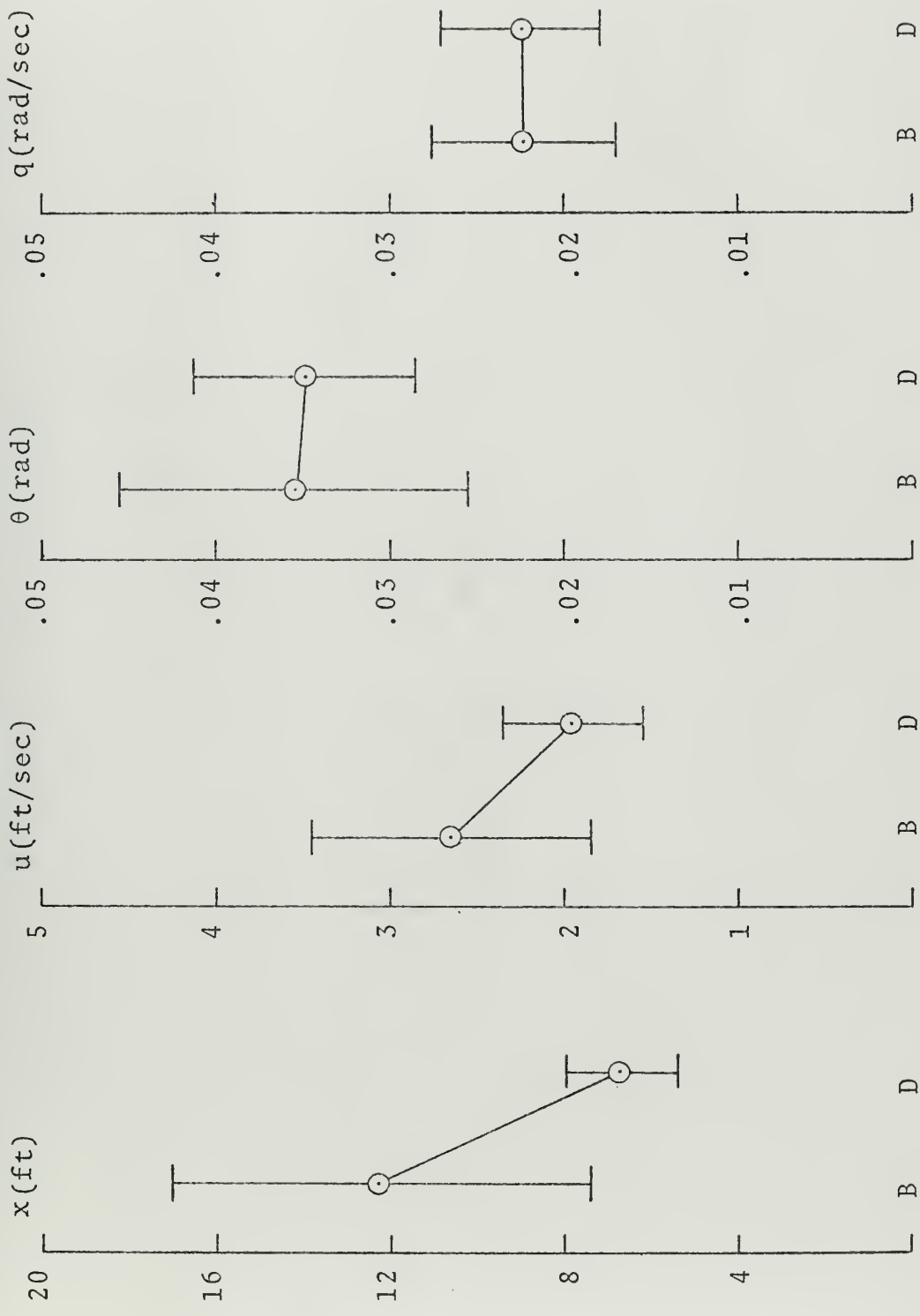


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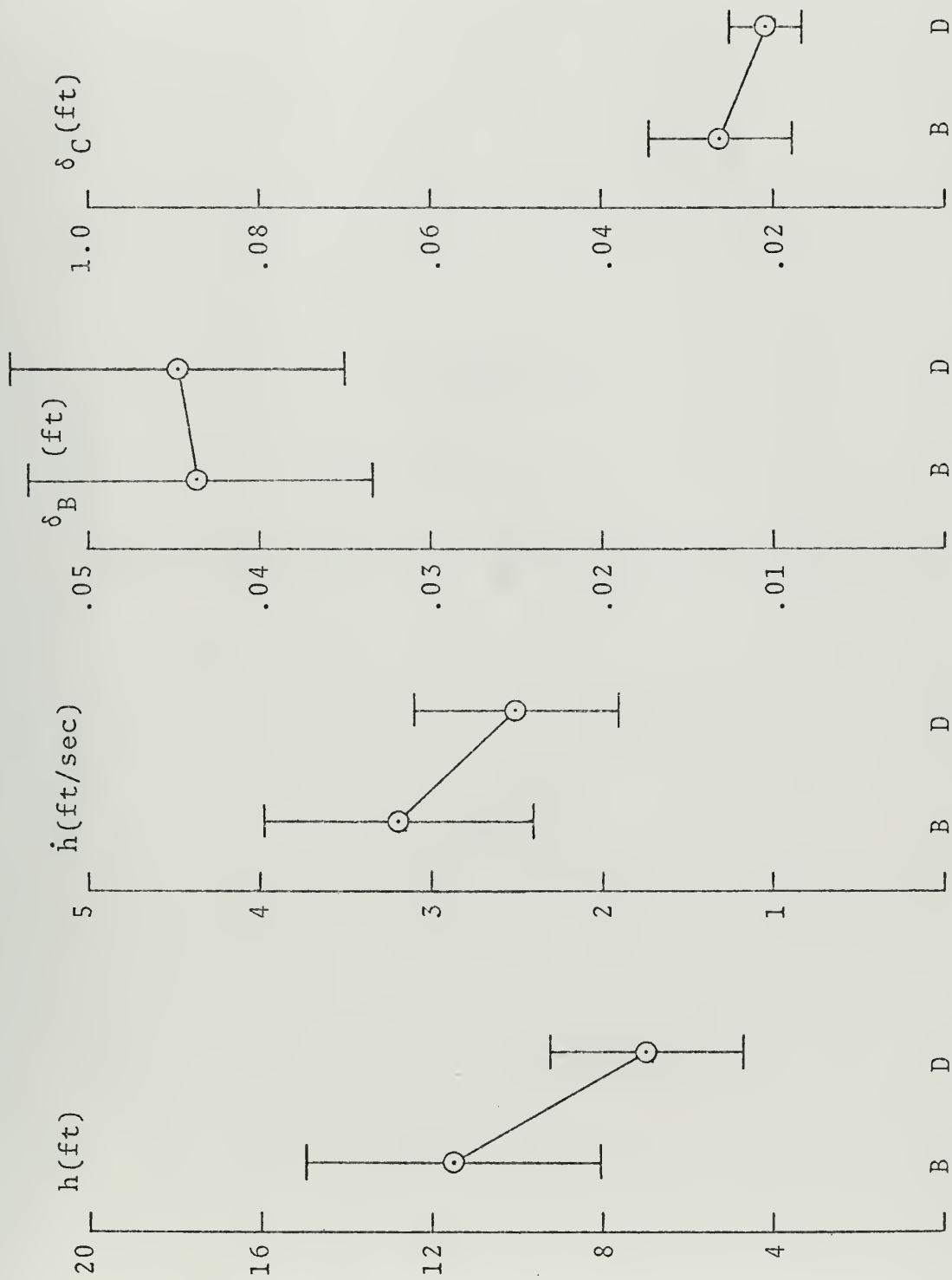


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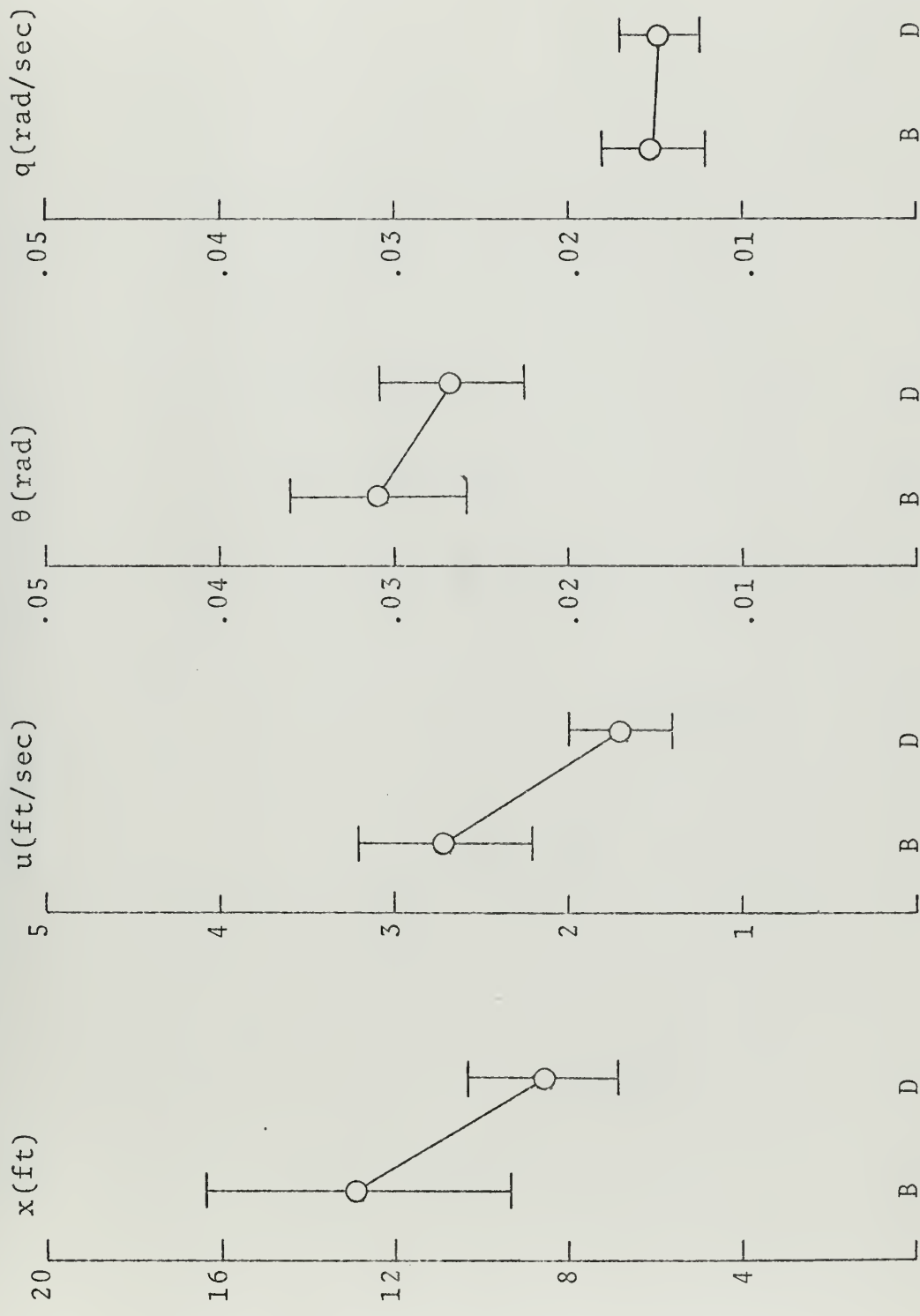


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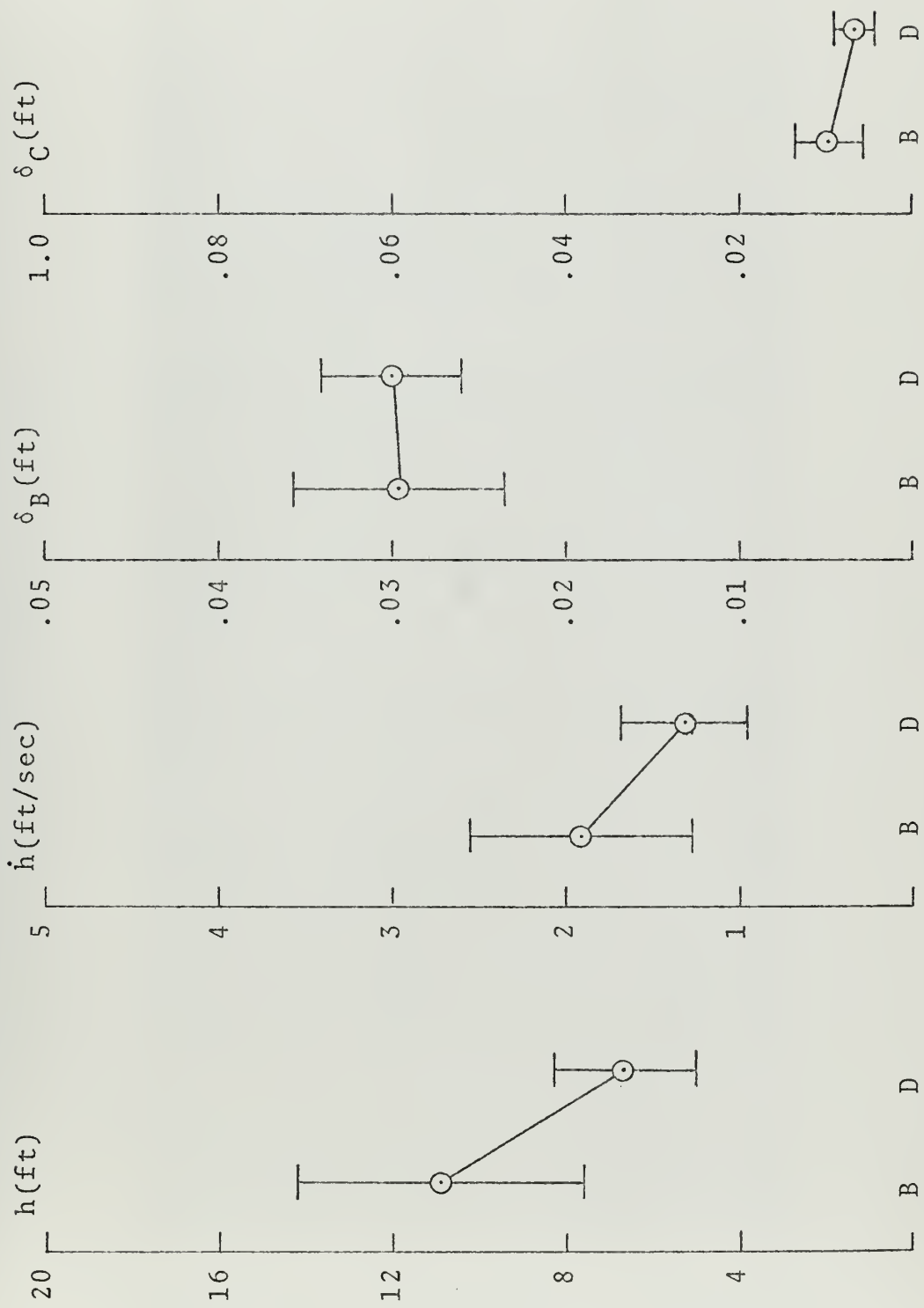


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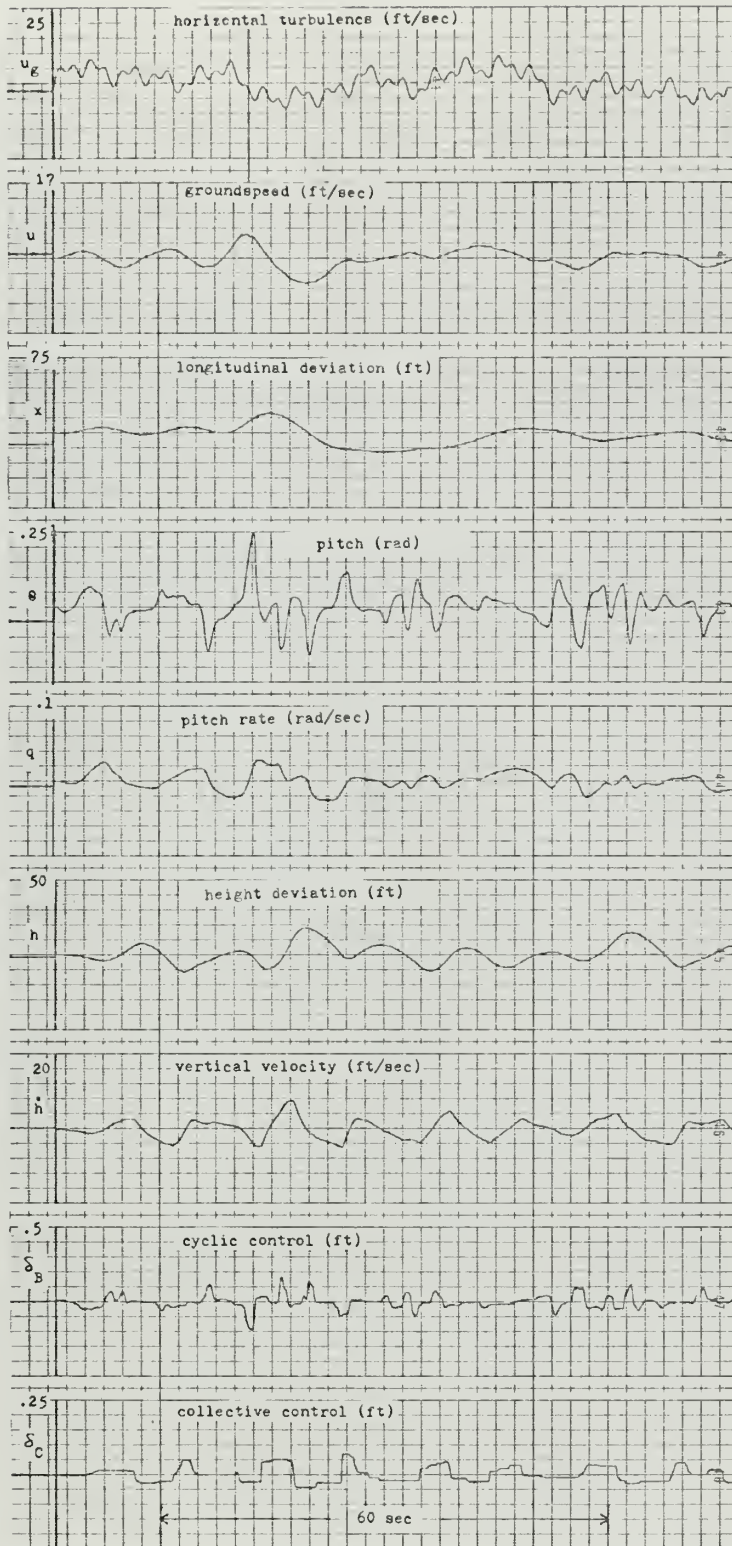


Figure 12. Time Histories of Monitored Variables for Subject B, Using the Baseline Display.





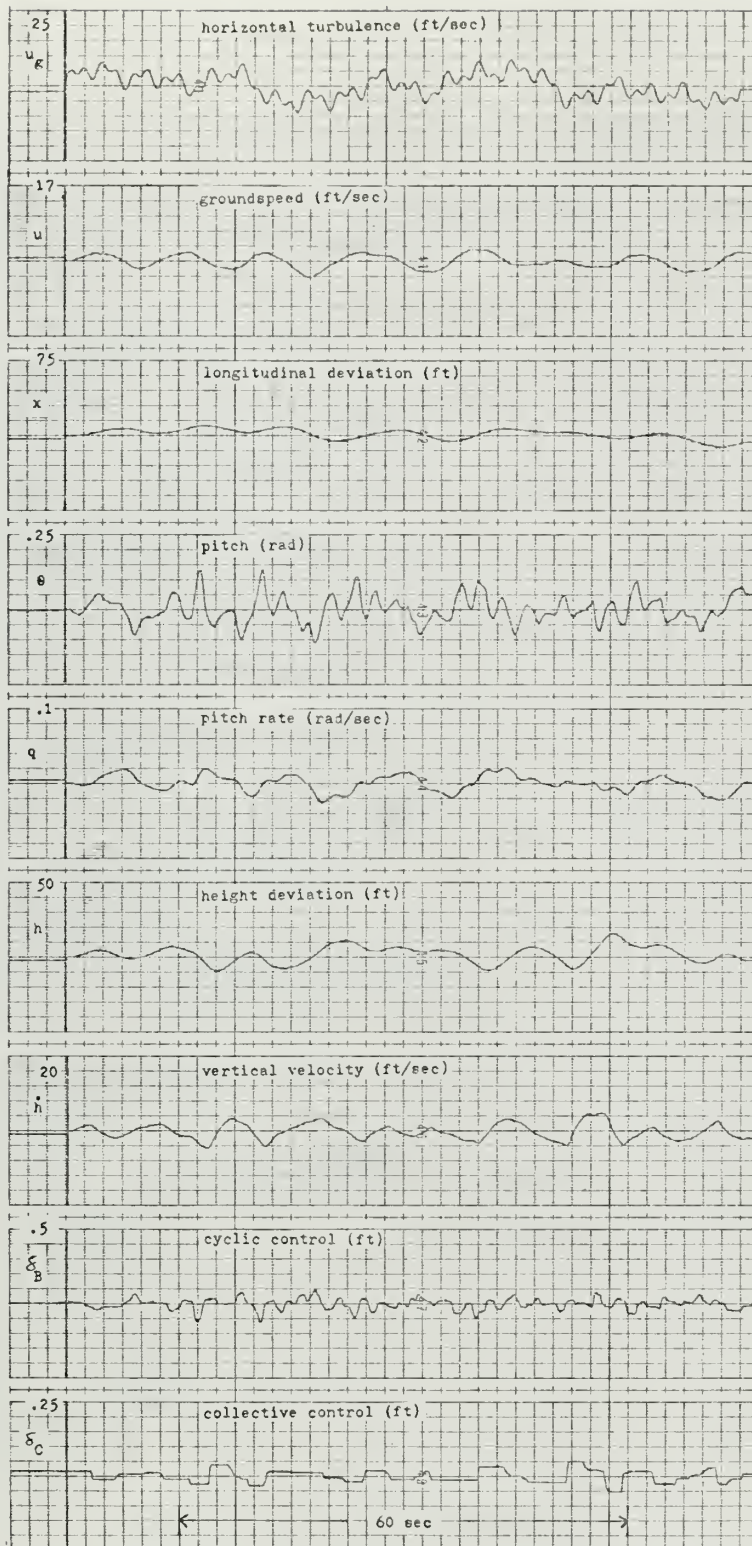


Figure 13. Time Histories of Monitored Variables for Subject B, Using the Flight Director Display



APPENDIX A THE DIGITAL PROGRAM

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INTEGER IGD(6),FRAME(12),GSLP(17),ACREF(20),HORIZ(25),
1 IPAD(10)
DIMENSION ITD(60), ITEXT(12), UG(1500)
NAMelist MGDE,CYD,COD,E16,E17,E21,E23,E24,E25,SC
OUTPUT(102)'SCALE THE DISPLAY, SC= '
INPUT(101)
FRAME(1) = IHEAD(0,6)

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C
DC 110 I=2,12
READ (5,260) X,Y,IDM
X = SC*X
Y = SC*Y
110 FRAME(I) = IPACK(X,Y,IDM)

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C
GSLP(1) = IHEAD(0,7)

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C
DO 120 I=2,12
READ (5,260) X,Y,IDM
X = SC*X
Y = SC*Y
120 GSLP(I) = IPACK(X,Y,IDM)

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C
ACREF(1) = IHEAD(0,9)

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C
DO 130 I=2,20
READ (5,260) X,Y,IDM
X = SC*X
Y = SC*Y
130 ACREF(I) = IPACK(X,Y,IDM)

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C
HORIZ(1) = IHEAD(0,8)

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C
DC 140 I=2,5
READ (5,260) X,Y,IDM
140 HORIZ(I) = IPACK(X,Y,IDM)

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```

C
PAD(1) = IHEAD(1,8)

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```

C
DO 150 I=2,6
READ (5,260) X,Y,IDM
X = SC*X
Y = SC*Y
150 PAD(I) = IPACK(X,Y,IDM)

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```

C
A1 = 4.472
A2 = 3.536
A3 = 2.236
A4 = 2.738
A5 = 2.236
CMU1 = .14
OMU2 = .349
OMU3 = .628
OMU4 = 1.396
CMU5 = 3.0
UDR = 9.95
T = 0.

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C
C
TAKE CARE OF PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT

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OUTPUT(102)'ENGAGE PATCHBOARDS,SELECT INPUT CONTROL,EX
1 ECUTE GATED, AND SET SENSE SWITCH'
CALL SETPOT (4HP000,.1135,4HP001,.0037,4HP003,.2270,4H
1 P004,.1195,4HP006,.3000,4HP012,.0178,4HP013,.0687,4HP0
2 14,.4732,4HP015,.1500,4HP022,.1010,4HP027,.6399,4HP030
3,.6420,4HP031,.3668,4HP032,.6800,4HP033,.3080,4HP034,.
4 6500,4HP035,.5500,4HP037,.0003,4HP042,.1601,4HP050,.16
5 25,4HP051,.0093,4HP052,.0242,4HP053,.4040,4HP054,.2179
6,4HP055,.2030,4HP056,.4000,4HP057,.0060)

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    IDEV = 1
152 IF (SENSESWITCH(1)) 158,154
154 IF (SENSESWITCH(2)) 156,152
156 IDEV = 2
158 OUTPUT(102)'SELECT CYCLIC AND COLLECTIVE DIRECTOR GAIN
    1,CYD=COD='
    INPUT(101)
    CALL DGINIT (IDEV,IGD,6,IER)
    CALL DTINIT (IDEV,ITD,60,IER)
160 OUTPUT(102)'SELECT DISPLAY MODE, MODE=1,2'
    INPUT(101)
    ENCODE (48,270,ITEXT)
    CALL TEXT0 (IDEV,ITEXT,12,10,1,2,2,IER)
    ENCODE (48,280,ITEXT)
    CALL TEXT0 (IDEV,ITEXT,12,12,1,2,2,IER)
    ENCODE (48,290,ITEXT)
    CALL TEXT0 (IDEV,ITEXT,12,14,1,2,2,IER)
    ENCODE (48,300,ITEXT)
    CALL TEXT0 (IDEV,ITEXT,12,16,1,2,2,IER)
    ENCODE (48,310,ITEXT)
    CALL TEXT0 (IDEV,ITEXT,12,20,1,2,2,IER)
    ENCODE (48,320,ITEXT)
    CALL TEXT0 (IDEV,ITEXT,12,22,1,2,2,IER)
    ENCODE (48,330,ITEXT)
    CALL TEXT0 (IDEV,ITEXT,12,24,1,2,2,IER)
C
    DO 170 I=1,1500
    SU1 = OMU1*T
    SU2 = OMU2*T
    SU3 = OMU3*T
    SU4 = OMU4*T
    SU5 = OMU5*T
    UG(I) = (1./25.00)*(A1*SIN(SU1)+A2*SIN(SU2)+A3*SIN(SU3
1) +A4*SIN(SU4)+A5*SIN(SU5))
    T = T+(1./UDR)
170 CONTINUE
C
    T = -1./UDR
175 IF (TEST(1).GT.0) GO TO 175
    CALL DTINIT (IDEV,ITD,60,IER)
    AB = 0.0
    AV = 0.
    AMSX = 0.
    AMSAS = 0.
    AMSP = 0.
    AMSQ = 0.
    AMSGS = 0.
    AMSGSD = 0.
    AMSDB = 0.
    AMSDC = 0.
C
    DO 180 I=6,25
    HORIZ(I) = 0
180 CONTINUE
C
    DC 190 J=13,17
    GSLP(J) = 0
190 CONTINUE
C
    IF (MODE.GT.1) GO TO 220
C
    MODE 1, BASIC DISPLAY
C
    CALL GRAPH0 (IDEV,FRAME,12,1,IER)
    CALL GRAPH0 (IDEV,ACREF,20,2,IER)
    CALL WRITECLOCK (0)
    CALL RESET (500)
    CALL COMPUTE
    CALL STARTCLOCK
C
    DO 200 I=1,7200

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CALL READCLOCK (V)
IF (V.GT.5400.) GO TO 210
AB = AB+1.0
UG1 = UG(I)
CALL DAC (1,UG1)
CALL ADK (0,AS,1,P,2,GS,3,Q,4,GSD,5,XPD,6,DB,7,DC)
VAV = V-AV
AMSX = ((XPD*XPD)*VAV+AMSX*AV)/V
AMSAS = ((AS*AS)*VAV+AMSAS*AV)/V
AMSP = ((P*P)*VAV+AMSP*AV)/V
AMSQ = ((Q*Q)*VAV+AMSQ*AV)/V
AMSGS = ((GS*GS)*VAV+AMSGS*AV)/V
AMSGSD = ((GSD*GSD)*VAV+AMSGSD*AV)/V
AMSDB = ((DB*DB)*VAV+AMSDB*AV)/V
AMSDC = ((DC*DC)*VAV+AMSDC*AV)/V
P = .2865*P
GS = 0.4*GS
Y = .1-P
Y = SC*Y
X1 = SC*.6
X2 = SC*.125
HORIZ(2) = IPACK(-X1,Y,0)
HORIZ(3) = IPACK(-X2,Y,1)
HORIZ(4) = IPACK(X2,Y,0)
HORIZ(5) = IPACK(X1,Y,1)
Y = -.2-GS
Y = SC*Y
X1 = SC*.57
X2 = SC*.37
GSLP(10) = IPACK(-X1,Y,0)
GSLP(11) = IPACK(-X2,Y,1)
GSLP(12) = IPACK(-X1,Y,1)
XPD = 1.2*XPD
X1 = SC*.2
Y1 = SC*(-XPD+.3)
Y2 = SC*(-XPD-.1)
Y3 = (Y1+Y2)/2.
PAD(2) = IPACK(-X1,Y1,0)
PAD(3) = IPACK(X1,Y1,1)
PAD(4) = IPACK(X1,Y2,1)
PAD(5) = IPACK(-X1,Y2,1)
PAD(6) = IPACK(-X1,Y1,1)
PAD(7) = IPACK(0,Y1,0)
PAD(8) = IPACK(0,Y2,1)
PAD(9) = IPACK(-X1,Y3,0)
PAD(10) = IPACK(X1,Y3,1)
CALL GRAPHO (IDEV,GSLP,17,3,IER)
CALL GRAPHO (IDEV,HORIZ,25,4,IER)
CALL GRAPHO (IDEV,PAD,10,5,IER)
AV = V
200 CCONTINUE
C
210 CALL HOLD (500)
CALL STOPCLOCK
GO TO 250
C
C
MODE 2, FLIGHT DIRECTOR
C
220 CALL GRAPHO (IDEV,FRAME,12,1,IER)
CALL GRAPHO (IDEV,ACREF,20,2,IFR)
CALL WRITECLOCK (0)
CALL RESET (500)
CALL COMPUTE
CALL STARTCLOCK
C
DC 230 I=1,7200
CALL READCLOCK (V)
IF (V.GT.5400.) GO TO 240
AB = AB+1.0
UG1 = UG(I)
CALL ADK (0,AS,1,P,2,GS,3,Q,4,GSD,5,XPD,6,DB,7,DC,8,DB
1D)

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C  
C  
C  
C  
C

DIRECTOR LAWS ARE CREATED HERE

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UD = -.3175*AS+.00836*GSD+3.859*Q-16.087*P+12.472*DB+.
12335*UG1
UP = -.0055*UD-1.359*AS+.8754*Q+.766*P-.2721*XPD
CALL DAC (1,UG1,3,UP)
VAV = V-AV
AMXS = ((XPD*XPD)*VAV+AMXS*AV)/V
AMSAS = ((AS*AS)*VAV+AMSAS*AV)/V
AMSP = ((P*P)*VAV+AMSP*AV)/V
AMSQ = ((Q*Q)*VAV+AMSQ*AV)/V
AMSGS = ((GS*GS)*VAV+AMSGS*AV)/V
AMSGSD = ((GSD*GSD)*VAV+AMSGSD*AV)/V
AMSDB = ((DB*DB)*VAV+AMSDB*AV)/V
AMSDC = ((DC*DC)*VAV+AMSDC*AV)/V
P1 = .2865*P
GS1 = 0.4*GS
Y = .1-P1
Y = SC*Y
X1 = SC*.6
X2 = SC*.125
HORIZ(2) = IPACK(-X1,Y,0)
HORIZ(3) = IPACK(-X2,Y,1)
HORIZ(4) = IPACK(X2,Y,0)
HORIZ(5) = IPACK(X1,Y,1)
```

C  
C  
C  
C  
C

CYCLIC DIRECTOR LAW GOES HERE

```
Y = 0.1-CYD*DBD*.2
Y = SC*Y
X1 = SC*.1
HORIZ(6) = IPACK(0.0,X1,0)
HORIZ(7) = IPACK(0.0,Y,1)
HORIZ(8) = IPACK(-X1,Y,1)
HORIZ(9) = IPACK(X1,Y,1)
HORIZ(10) = IPACK(0.0,Y,1)
Y = -.2-GS1
Y = SC*Y
X1 = SC*.57
X2 = SC*.37
GSLP(10) = IPACK(-X1,Y,0)
GSLP(11) = IPACK(-X2,Y,1)
GSLP(12) = IPACK(-X1,Y,1)
XPC = 1.2*XPD
X1 = SC*.2
Y1 = SC*(-XPD+.3)
Y2 = SC*(-XPD-.1)
PAD(2) = IPACK(-X1,Y1,0)
Y3 = (Y1+Y2)/2.
PAD(3) = IPACK(X1,Y1,1)
PAD(4) = IPACK(X1,Y2,1)
PAD(5) = IPACK(-X1,Y2,1)
PAD(6) = IPACK(-X1,Y1,1)
PAD(7) = IPACK(0,Y1,0)
PAD(8) = IPACK(0,Y2,1)
PAD(9) = IPACK(-X1,Y3,0)
PAD(10) = IPACK(X1,Y3,1)
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C  
C  
C  
C  
C

COLLECTIVE DIRECTOR LAW GOES HERE

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Y = -.2
Y = SC*Y
X1 = SC*.3
X2 = SC*.35
X3 = SC*.25
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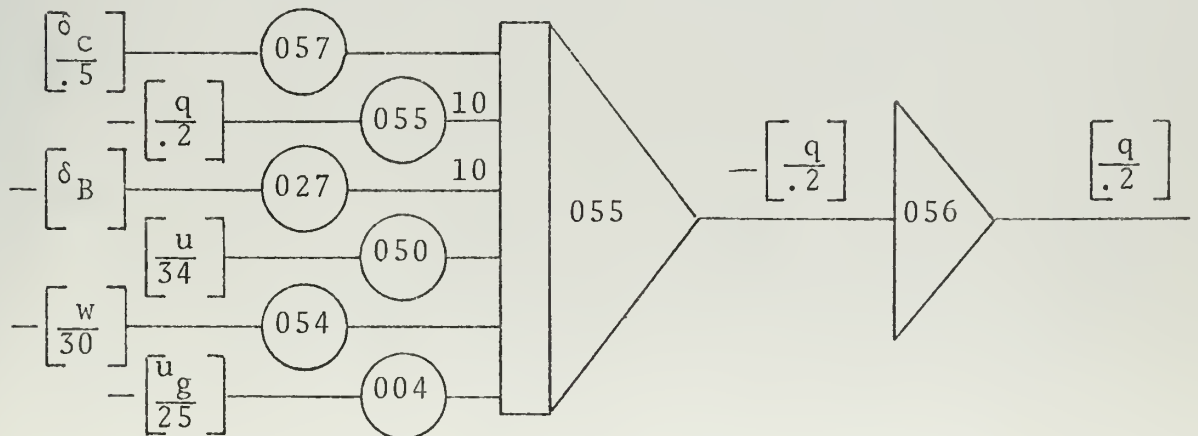
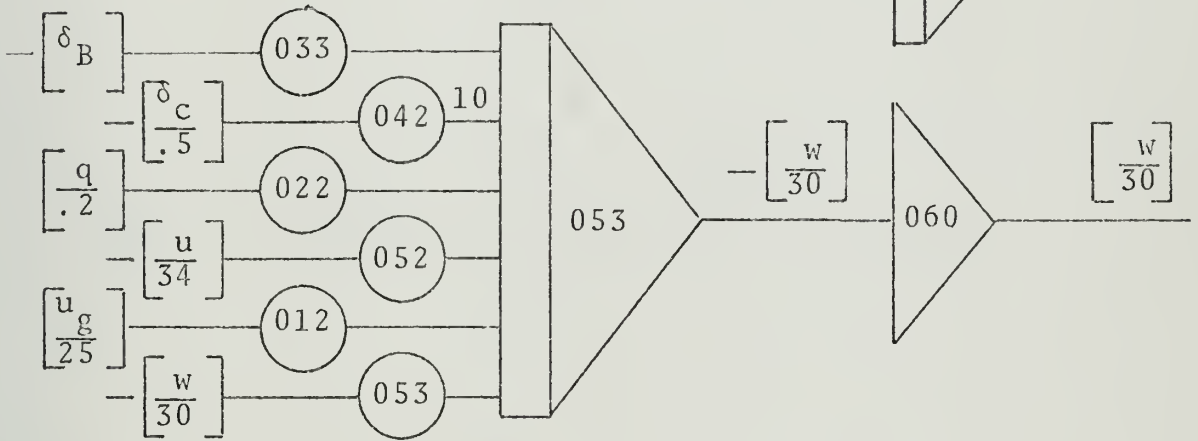
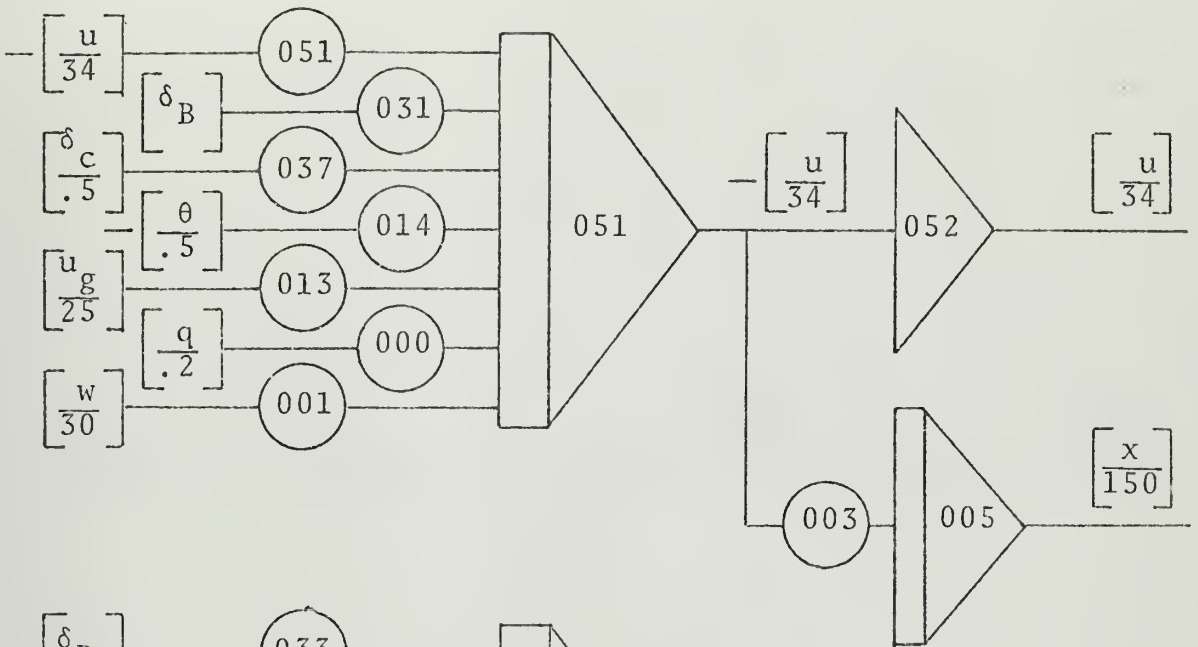
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Y1 = SC*.2
GSLP(13) = IPACK(-X1,-Y1,0)
GSLP(14) = IPACK(-X1,Y,1)
GSLP(15) = IPACK(-X2,Y,1)
GSLP(16) = IPACK(-X3,Y,1)
GSLP(17) = IPACK(-X1,Y,1)
CALL GRAPHO (IDEV,GSLP,17,3,IER)
CALL GRAPHO (IDEV,HORIZ,25,4,IER)
CALL GRAPHO (IDEV,PAD,10,5,IER)
AV = V
230 CONTINUE
C
240 CALL HOLD (500)
CALL STOPCLOCK
250 CCNTINUE
C
C THIS SECTION TAKES INTEGRATED SQUARE VALUES AND
C GENERATES ROOT MEAN SQUARE PERFORMANCE VALUES.
C
CALL DGINIT (IDEV,IGD,6,IER)
RMSX = 150.*SQRT(AMXS)
RMSAS = 34.*SQRT(AMSAS)
RMSP = .5*SQRT(AMSP)
RMSQ = .2*SQRT(AMSQ)
RMSGs = 100.*SQRT(AMSGS)
RMSGSD = 20.*SQRT(AMSGSD)
RMSDB = SQRT(AMSDB)
RMSDC = 0.5*SQRT(AMSDC)
UDR = AB/90.
WRITE (6,340) MODE
WRITE (6,350) UDR
WRITE (6,360) RMSX,RMSAS,RMSP,RMSQ,RMSGs,RMSGSD,RMSDB,
1RMSDC
GC TO 160
C
260 FCRMAT (2F10.4,I1)
270 FCRMAT (' THIS IS A HELICOPTER TRACKING
1 ')
280 FCRMAT (' PROBLEM REQUIRING THE ADJUSTMENT OF
1 ')
290 FCRMAT (' POWER AND PITCH ATTITUDE TO MAINTAIN
1 ')
300 FCRMAT (' A STEADY HOVER IN TURBULENCE.
1 ')
310 FCRMAT (' WHEN READY TO BEGIN, PRESS THE
1 ')
320 FCRMAT (' RED BUTTON ON THE COLLECTIVE LEVER.
1 ')
330 FCRMAT (' THE TASK WILL LAST FOR 90 SECONDS.
1 ')
340 FCRMAT ('0','DISPLAY MODE ',I1/)
350 FCRMAT ('0','UPDATE RATE AVERAGED ',F8.5,' TIMES PER S
1ECCND'/)
360 FCRMAT ('0','RMS LONGITUDINAL DEV ',F8.5,' FT'/'
10',
1 'RMS GROUNDSPED ',F8.5,' FT/SEC'/'0',
2 'RMS PITCH ',F8.5,' RAD'/'0',
3 'RMS PITCH RATE ',F8.5,' RAD/SEC'/'0',
4 'RMS HEIGHT DEV ',F8.5,' FT'/'0',
5 'RMS VERTICAL VEL ',F8.5,' FT/SEC'/'0',
6 'RMS CYCLIC ',F8.5,' FT'/'0',
7 'RMS COLLECTIVE ',F8.5,' FT'/'')
END

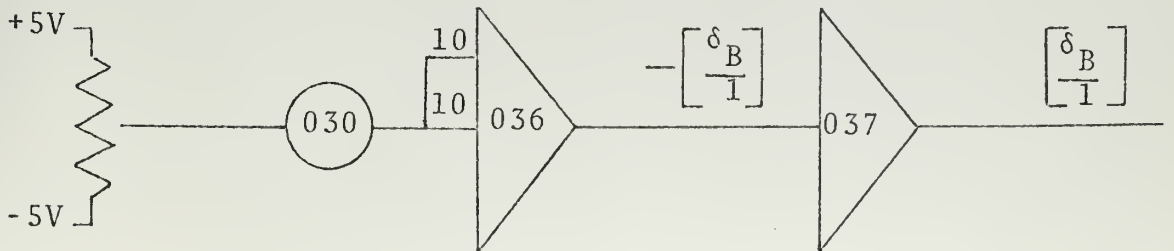
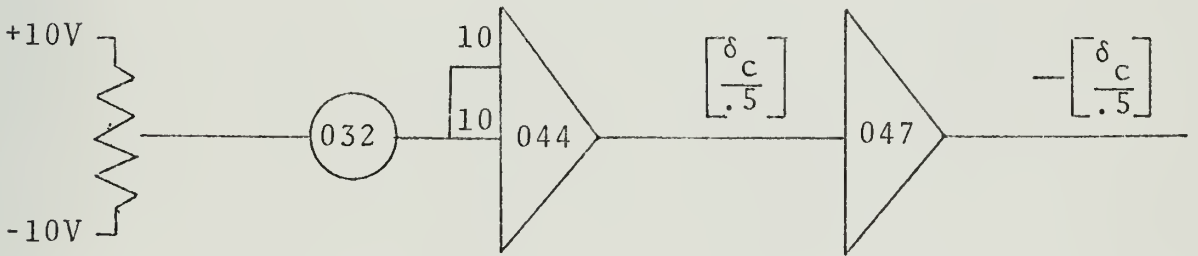
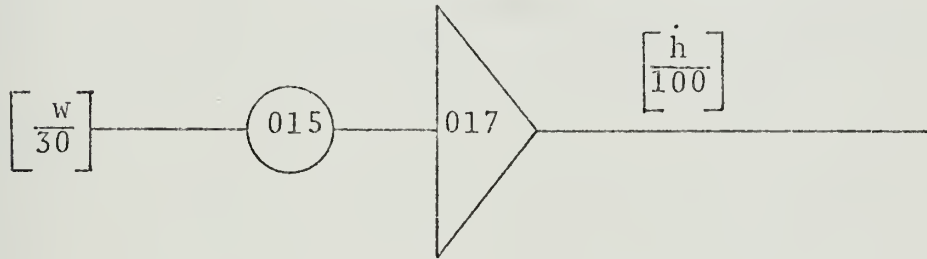
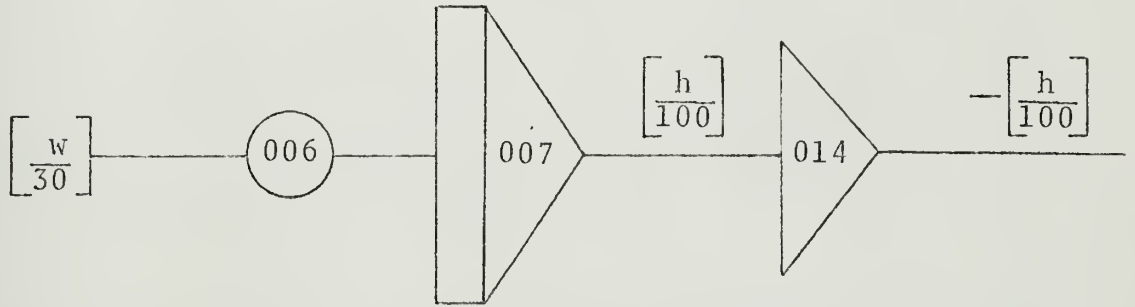
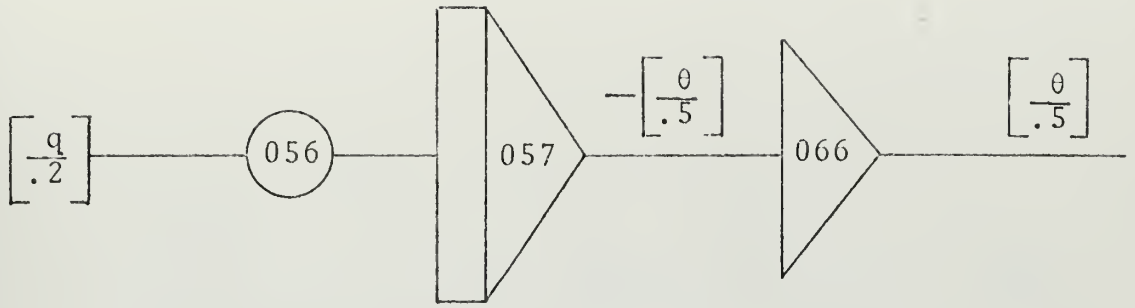
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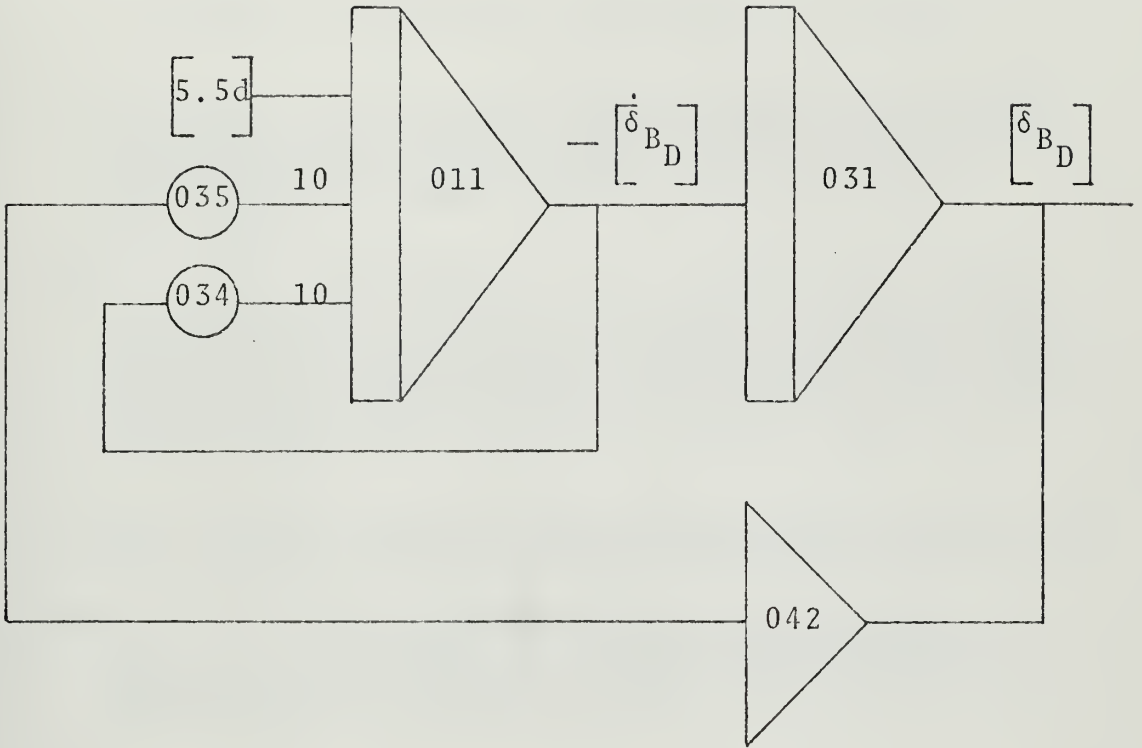














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