



Aalto University
School of Science

Assignment 1

Optimal flight with a glider

Assignment practicalities

MS-E2133 Systems Analysis Laboratory II

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Working in pairs

- The assignments on this course are completed in pairs
 - If necessary, there will be one group of three
- Grading is done in pairs, i.e., the same grade for both students
- Preferably work with the same pair throughout the course
- Discuss scheduling and work distribution with your pair
 - Both students should participate in both assignments
- Guidelines for forming the pairs at the end of this lecture

Completing the assignment

- Explore and study the topic of the assignment, brush up and revise earlier studies
 - <https://mycourses.aalto.fi/course/view.php?id=25725>
(Dynamic optimization)
 - <https://mycourses.aalto.fi/course/view.php?id=25721>
(Nonlinear optimization)
 - <https://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/K-12/airplane/glider.html>
(Gliders – NASA)
- Read and familiarize yourself with the assignment instructions and supplementary materials

Schedule

Date	Event
Wednesday 9.9.2020	Introductory lecture
Friday 23.10.2020	DL for reports at 18:00

- Reserve enough time to complete the assignment
 - According to feedback from previous years, the assignment is interesting but laborious
- **Start working on the assignment in time!**



Assistant's reception hours

- Via Zoom on Wednesdays at 14:15 – (16:00)
 - <https://aalto.zoom.us/j/65019324844> (same link every week)
 - Individual guidance for each group
 - “Waiting room” feature of Zoom is activated for the meeting
 - Assistant will pick participants in the order of arrival – wait for your turn in the queue
 - If nobody shows up during the first 30 minutes, the assistant may leave
- At other times by appointment
- E-mail (janne.lahti@aalto.fi)
- Any problems related to the course
 - Questions about the assignment instructions
 - Problems related to MATLAB



MATLAB (& Simulink)

- Implementations using MATLAB
- If you don't have MATLAB installed:
 - Instructions for download and installation given on the MyCourses page of this course
 - When installing, install also at least the following toolboxes/add-ons (needed for the assignments of this course):
 - Optimization toolbox
 - Simulink
 - Installation requires at least 10 GB of free space
- Preferably update existing MATLAB installations to the latest release

Writing the report

- Answer **all the questions** given in the assignment instructions
 - Many short questions, read the instructions carefully
- Justify your answers
 - Show that you understand the problem and the solution
- Remember to comment on all figures
- Return the project work via MyCourses
 - The complete report (.pdf)
 - All MATLAB-files (.zip)
 - All the relevant code should be run when the flight_main.m and tflight_main.m scripts are executed

Grading

- All tasks must be completed and questions answered
 - Each task is graded separately, but extra points can be awarded for particularly good answers
- All required figures must be included
- Demonstrate understanding
- The assignment is graded based on the first submitted report
 - Significant flaws or shortcomings must be corrected before passing the course
- The grade for the course is determined based on the average of the two assignments

Forming the pairs

- You are free to choose your pair
 - Report to the assistant one of the following:
 - You know who you are working with (enough that one of you sends a message with both names)
 - You don't have a pair but would like to have one, assistant will help you to find a pair
 - You would like to work alone
- Send a message to janne.lahti@aalto.fi
- Deadline **14.9.2020**