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## Memo

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For all symbols, please refer to Advanced Aircraft Analysis 4.0

To use a Y-Tail, the vertical tail must be inverted. The Z-location of the aerodynamic center of the inverted vertical tail is calculated as follows:

$$Z_{ac_v} = Z_{apex_v} - z_{mgc_v} \quad (1)$$

For this combination, each vertical tail is treated a separate component and the corresponding S&C derivatives are calculated for each tail and summed up together as shown below:

$$C_{y\beta_v} = C_{y\beta_{vee}} + C_{y\beta_{v_{inverted tail}}} \quad (2)$$

$$C_{l\beta_v} = C_{y\beta_{vee}} \left( \frac{(Z_{ac_{vee}} - Z_{cg}) \cos \alpha - (X_{ac_{vee}} - X_{cg}) \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) + \\ C_{y\beta_{v_{inverted tail}}} \left( \frac{(Z_{ac_{v_{inverted tail}}} - Z_{cg}) \cos \alpha - (X_{ac_{v_{inverted tail}}} - X_{cg}) \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$C_{n\beta_v} = -C_{y\beta_{v_{regular tail}}} \left( \frac{(X_{ac_{v_{regular tail}}} - X_{cg}) \cos \alpha + (Z_{ac_{v_{regular tail}}} - Z_{cg}) \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) - \\ C_{y\beta_{v_{inverted tail}}} \left( \frac{(X_{ac_{v_{inverted tail}}} - X_{cg}) \cos \alpha + (Z_{ac_{v_{inverted tail}}} - Z_{cg}) \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) \quad (4)$$



$$C_{y\dot{\beta}} = C_{y\dot{\beta}_{vee}} + C_{y\dot{\beta}_{v_{inverted tail}}} \quad (5)$$

$$C_{l\dot{\beta}} = C_{y\dot{\beta}_{vee}} \left( \frac{\left( Z_{ac_{vi}} - Z_{ac_w} \right)_{vee} \cos \alpha - \left( X_{ac_{vi}} - X_{ac_w} \right)_{vee} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right)_+ + \\ C_{y\dot{\beta}_{v_{inverted tail}}} \left( \frac{\left( Z_{ac_{vi}} - Z_{ac_w} \right)_{inverted tail} \cos \alpha - \left( X_{ac_{vi}} - X_{ac_w} \right)_{inverted tail} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) \quad (6)$$

$$C_{n\dot{\beta}} = C_{y\dot{\beta}_{v_{regular tail}}} \left( \frac{\left( X_{ac_{vee}} - X_{ac_w} \right) \cos \alpha + \left( Z_{ac_{vee}} - Z_{ac_w} \right) \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right)_+ + \\ C_{y\dot{\beta}_{v_{inverted tail}}} \left( \frac{\left( X_{ac_{v_{inverted tail}}} - X_{ac_w} \right) \cos \alpha + \left( Z_{ac_{v_{inverted tail}}} - Z_{ac_w} \right) \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) \quad (7)$$



$$C_{y_p} = \left( 2C_{y\beta_{vee}} \frac{(Z_{ac_{vee}} - Z_{cg}) \cos \alpha - (X_{ac_{vee}} - X_{cg}) \sin \alpha - (Z_{ac_{vee}} - Z_{cg})}{b_w} \right) + \\ \left( 2C_{y\beta_{v_{inverted}}} \frac{(Z_{ac_{v_{inverted}}} - Z_{cg}) \cos \alpha - (X_{ac_{v_{inverted}}} - X_{cg}) \sin \alpha - (Z_{ac_{v_{inverted}}} - Z_{cg})}{b_w} \right) + \\ 3 \sin \Gamma_w \left[ 1 - 4 \frac{(Z_{cg} - Z_{c_r/4_w})}{b_w} \sin \Gamma_w \right] C_{l_p} @ \Gamma_w = 0, C_L = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$C_{l_{p_v}} = \frac{2}{b_w^2} C_{y\beta_{vee}} \left| (z_{vee} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha) \left[ (z_{vee} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha) - (Z_{ac_{vee}} - Z_{cg}) \right] \right| \\ + \frac{2}{b_w^2} C_{y\beta_{v_{inverted} tail}} \left| (z_{v_{inverted} tail} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha) \left[ (z_{v_{inverted} tail} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha) - (Z_{ac_{v_{inverted} tail}} - Z_{cg}) \right] \right| \quad (9)$$

$$C_{n_{p_v}} = -\frac{2}{b_w^2} C_{y\beta_{vee}} \left| (l_v \cos \alpha + z_{vee} \sin \alpha) \left[ (z_{vee} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha) - (Z_{ac_{vee}} - Z_{cg}) \right] \right| \\ - \frac{2}{b_w^2} C_{y\beta_{v_{inverted} tail}} \left| (l_v \cos \alpha + z_{v_{inverted} tail} \sin \alpha) \left[ (z_{v_{inverted} tail} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha) - (Z_{ac_{v_{inverted} tail}} - Z_{cg}) \right] \right| \quad (10)$$



$$C_{y_r} = -2C_{y\beta_{vee}} \left( \frac{l_v \cos \alpha + z_{vee} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) - 2C_{y\beta_{v inverted tail}} \left( \frac{l_v \cos \alpha + z_{v inverted tail} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{l_{r_v}} = & -\frac{2}{b_w^2} C_{y\beta_{vee}} (l_v \cos \alpha + z_{vee} \sin \alpha)(z_{vee} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha) \\ & -\frac{2}{b_w^2} C_{y\beta_{v inverted tail}} (l_v \cos \alpha + z_{v inverted tail} \sin \alpha)(z_{v inverted tail} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{n_{r_v}} = & -\frac{2}{b_w^2} C_{y\beta_{vee}} \left[ (X_{ac_v} - X_{cg}) \cos \alpha + (Z_{ac_{vee}} - Z_{cg}) \sin \alpha \right]^2 \\ & -\frac{2}{b_w^2} C_{y\beta_{v inverted tail}} \left[ (X_{ac_v} - X_{cg}) \cos \alpha + (Z_{ac_{v inverted tail}} - Z_{cg}) \sin \alpha \right]^2 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$C_{y_{i_v}} = C_{y_{i_{vee}}} + C_{y_{i_{v inverted tail}}} \quad (14)$$

$$C_{l_{i_v}} = C_{y_{i_{vee}}} \left( \frac{z_{vee} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) + C_{y_{i_{v inverted tail}}} \left( \frac{z_{v inverted tail} \cos \alpha - l_v \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) \quad (15)$$

$$C_{n_{i_v}} = -C_{y_{i_{vee}}} \left( \frac{l_v \cos \alpha + z_{vee} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) - C_{y_{i_{v inverted tail}}} \left( \frac{l_v \cos \alpha + z_{v inverted tail} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) \quad (16)$$



$$C_{y\delta_r} = C_{y\delta_{r_{vee}}} + C_{y\delta_{r_{inverted tail}}} \quad (17)$$

$$C_{l\delta_r} = C_{y\delta_{r_{vee}}} \left( \frac{z_{r_{vee}} \cos \alpha - l_{r_{vee}} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) + \\ C_{y\delta_{r_{inverted tail}}} \left( \frac{z_{r_{inverted tail}} \cos \alpha - l_{r_{inverted tail}} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) \quad (18)$$

$$C_{n\delta_r} = -C_{y\delta_{r_{vee}}} \left( \frac{l_{r_{vee}} \cos \alpha + z_{r_{vee}} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) - \\ C_{y\delta_{r_{inverted tail}}} \left( \frac{l_{r_{inverted tail}} \cos \alpha + z_{r_{inverted tail}} \sin \alpha}{b_w} \right) \quad (19)$$