

Least Squares

The speed of the CrazyFly 2.1 four propellers is n_1, n_2, n_3 , and n_4 . There is 92 mm of distance diagonal distance between opposite motors (e.g., between motor 1 and 3). The propellers are 45 mm in diameter. A table of data of the net thrust from 4 propellers is provided with the following data:

Amps	Thrust (g)	Voltage	PWM (%)	RPM
0.24	0.0	4.01	0	0
0.37	1.6	3.98	6.25	4485
0.56	4.8	3.95	12.5	7570
0.75	7.9	3.92	18.75	9374
0.94	10.9	3.88	25	10885
1.15	13.9	3.84	31.25	12277
1.37	17.3	3.80	37.5	13522
1.59	21.0	3.76	43.25	14691
1.83	24.4	3.71	50	15924
2.11	28.6	3.67	56.25	17174
2.39	32.8	3.65	62.5	18179
2.71	37.3	3.62	68.75	19397
3.06	41.7	3.56	75	20539
3.46	46.0	3.48	81.25	21692
3.88	51.9	3.40	87.5	22598

The Function from PWM to RPM:

$$\text{RPM} = f(\text{PWM}) = 3.472 \text{ pwm} + 85.365$$

(1) Estimate the propeller's thrust coefficient. Assume sea level air density.

The Thrust Coefficient:

$$C_T = 0.1732223315$$

(2) Estimate the propeller's power coefficient. Assume sea level air density.

The Power Coefficient:

$$C_P = 0.3119637027$$

(3) Estimate the propeller's torque coefficient. Assume sea level air density.

The Torque Coefficient:

$$C_Q = 0.0535322322$$

(4) Determine pitching moment produced by each motor as a function of PWM %

The Pitching Moment as a function of PWM:

$$\text{Pitching Moment} = 0.000000040026522032090009621612748185075 (3.472 \text{ pwm} + 85.365)^2$$

(5) Determine the rolling moment produced by each motor as a function of PWM %

The Rolling Moment as a function of PWM:

$$\text{Rolling Moment} = 0.000000040026522032090009621612748185075 (3.472 \text{ pwm} + 85.365)^2$$

(6) Determine yawing moment produced by each motor as a function of PWM %

The Yawing Moment as a function of PWM:

$$\text{Yawing Moment} = 0.000000012100797982790013879491322434487 (3.472 \text{ pwm} + 85.365)^2$$

(7) Estimate the PWM % of the four propellers (assuming they all maintain the same constant speed) to produce a thrust equal and opposite to gravity (trim to 1g).

PWM % required for trim:

$$\text{PWM \%} = 54.8666$$

An engineer seeks to estimate the torque coefficient c_t of a propeller with a known moment of inertia, $1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$. The angular velocity of the propeller is measured $\omega(t)$ and so is the applied torque T_{app} . The propeller has a coefficient of torque that is unknown. Assume that the propeller has diameter of 1 m and that the air has density 1.225 kg/m^3 . Download the provided data set on Canvas and estimate the propeller's coefficient of torque using a first-order transfer function fit as follows:

$$\dot{\omega}(t) = T_{app} - k\omega(t)$$

Note that since the coefficient of torque is defined from $\rho C_p D^5 \left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right)^2$ then k must satisfy

$$k = 2\rho C_t D^5 \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^5$$

The Estimated Torque Coefficient:

$$C_t = 788.123$$