LABORATORY EXPERIMENT 5 UNDERSTANDING THE BEHAVIOR OF DIFFERENT TEST SUBJECTS

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OBJECTIVES

After completing the experiment, the student will be able to:

- 1. Differentiate the different effects of test subjects on the airflow.
- 2. Determine the test subject with highest efficiency/ better characteristic for flight base from the data collected.

OVERVIEW

The aim of wind tunnel tests is the simulation of the flow around bodies or their scaled models. In aeronautical applications, the measurement of aerodynamic loads in a wind tunnel, forces and momentums, is a very difficult task due to the required accuracy. The wind tunnel balances, comprised by several hardware and software components, provides directly the pursued measurements, with high accuracy and reliability. For these reasons, among others, wind tunnel balances have become a common tool in testing facilities. During the test, the model is placed in the test section of the tunnel and air is made to flow past the model. Flow visualization techniques are used to provide diagnostic information about the flow around the model. We will be using the smoke technique for our experiment.

EQUIPMENT

SUBSONIC WIND TUNNEL

COMPONENTS

Fan Speed Controller Balance Indicator 2/3 Component Balance Smoke Generator Control Unit

PROCEDURES

- 1. Collate all the data from Experiment No. 1-4.
- 2. Provide the data sheet of each test subject on Table A-1

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS FOR EXPERIMENT

1. Differentiate the characteristic/trait of the airflow around the test subject? Which test subject has the most efficient characteristic among the other test subjects?

2. Describe the advantage/disadvantage of each test subject.

3. What is the importance of using the wind tunnel?

4. What have you learned from the experiments?





Table A-1

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