

# UAV Simulation File Information

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# 1 Introduction

This document is a collection of the embedded README blocks and m-file help comments for the UMN UAV simulation, developed by the UAV Research Group at the University of Minnesota. The UAV simulation model is written in the Matlab/Simulink environment using the Aerospace Blockset. Three simulation environments are maintained: a basic nonlinear simulation, a Software-In-the-Loop simulation, and a Processor-In-the-Loop simulation. All three simulations share the same plant dynamics, actuator, sensor, and environmental models via Simulink Libraries. Aircraft and environmental parameters are set in m-files and shared between the simulations. Two aircraft models are maintained, one for the Ultra Stick 25e and one for the FASER aircraft.

## 1.1 MATLAB Version

The UMN UAV simulation was developed with 32-bit MATLAB R2010a. Users have reported successfully using R2009b; however, R2010a or later is recommended. R2009a is known to fail with the SIL simulation.

## 2 Nonlinear Simulation: UAV\_NL

### 2.1 M-Files

#### 2.1.1 example1.m

example1.m

----- Doublet response, NonLinear and Linear Models -----

Script trims the model to a level flight condition and linearizes.  
It compares doublet responses between full nonlinear sim and  
the full and decoupled linearized models

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#### 2.1.2 example2.m

example2.m

----- Trim & linearize over a range of flight conditions -----

Script calculates a set of level flight trim condtions and linear models  
for different airspeeds. Plots trim conditions and dynamic mode  
characteristics as a function of airspeed.

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### 2.1.3 linearize\_tutorial.m

UMN UAV Simulation: Linearize Tutorial

This tutorial walks through the steps of linearizing the UMN UAV Simulation model. Most of these steps are handled in the "setup.m" and "linearize\_UAV.m" functions provided with the UMN UAV sim. However, this tutorial will give you an in-depth understanding of how these functions work.

Published output in the Help browser  
showdemo linearize\_tutorial

### 2.1.4 model\_check.m

model\_check.m  
UAV\_NL Model Verification

Compares the linear/nonlinear doublet response of the current simulation model (blue/green lines) with the checkcase data (red/black).

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### 2.1.5 setup.m

setup.m  
UAV Nonlinear Simulation setup

This script will setup the nonlinear simulation (UAV\_NL.mdl) and call trim and linearization routines. Select the desired aircraft here in this script, via the "UAV\_config()" function call.

Note: the UAV\_NL.mdl model is not opened by default. This is not necessary to trim, linearize, and simulate via command line inputs.

Calls: UAV\_config.m

```
trim_UAV.m
linearize_UAV.m
```

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### 2.1.6 trim\_tutorial.m

UMN UAV Simulation: Trim Tutorial

This tutorial walks through the steps of trimming the UMN UAV Simulation model. Most of these steps are handled in the "setup.m" and "trim\_UAV.m" functions provided with the UMN UAV sim. However, this tutorial will give you an in-depth understanding of how these functions work.

Published output in the Help browser  
showdemo trim\_tutorial

## 2.2 Simulink Blocks

### 2.2.1 UAV\_NL

Nonlinear UAV Simulation

The nonlinear simulation has the Nonlinear UAV Model only (no actuators or sensor models). Top level inputs and outputs are used for generating and storing trim conditions and linear models. The trim condition generated with this model is used for the other simulations. The aircraft configuration, trim condition, and linear models are stored in the Libraries directory.

Notes:

The model automatically sets the wind and magnetic models to a "Bypass" option. This is done using the model's InitFcn callback. To view or edit this function, use the Model Explorer -> UAV\_NL, Callbacks tab,

then go to "InitFcn".

The UAV\_NL.mdl model is not opened by default. This is not necessary to trim, linearize, and simulate via command line inputs.

Light blue blocks are a UMN library link; orange blocks are a Simulink Aerospace Blockset library link. README blocks are green.

The root level inport/outport blocks are require for trimming the model. DO NOT delete or rename these blocks.

Control Inputs Sign Convention

Elevator: +TED

Rudder: +TEL

Aileron: +TED,  $da = (da_R - da_L)/2$

Flap: +TED

Throttle: always positive

## 2.2.2 UAV\_NL/Nonlinear UAV Model

### Nonlinear UAV Model

This block implements the nonlinear UAV dynamics model. Beginning on the left, the Forces and Moments block models all of the relevant external forces and moments acting on the aircraft.

The 6DoF EOM block implements the six degree of freedom, fixed mass, flat, non-rotating Earth, rigid body equations of motion. This block has been modified from the original Aerospace Blockset implementation. The inertial position vector ( $X_e$ ) is no longer computed. The original block did not have a way to add steady state winds to the inertial velocities ( $V_e$ ) prior to integrating to get  $X_e$ . Therefore, this step is performed in the Auxiliary Equations block.

The Auxiliary Equations computes other relevant variables (such as angle of attack, indicated airspeed, etc) from state data. In this block are the Navigation equations.

Finally, the Environment block has Aerospace Blockset models for Earth's atmosphere, gravity, and magnetic fields. Winds are modeled in two portions: steady and unsteady. The steady portion is defined by a speed and direction, and is horizontal only. The unsteady portion is made up of

a wind shear model and a turbulence model.

### 2.2.3 UAV\_NL/Nonlinear UAV Model/Environment

#### Environment Model

This block uses the Aerospace Blockset models for Earth's atmosphere, gravity, magnetic field, and wind.

The atmosphere is modeled using the 1976 Standard Atmosphere block.

Winds are modeled in two portions: steady and unsteady. The steady portion is defined by a speed and direction, and is horizontal only. The unsteady portion is made up of a wind gust model and a turbulence model.

The Dryden Wind Turbulence Model is used to model turbulence. The intensity of the turbulence at low altitude (<1000ft) is determined by the wind speed and direction; this is set as separate variables from the steady wind speed and direction. The turbulence is off by default, and can be enabled by setting the Env.Winds.TurbulenceOn boolean in UAV\_config.m.

The Discrete Gust Model is used to model wind gusts. Parameters are time on, duration (length), and amplitude, in three axes (u,v,w). These parameters are set in Env.Winds, in UAV\_config.m

Note the booleans in the Env.Winds structure to turn on each wind component: >> Env.Winds

ans =

```
TurbulenceOn: 0
TurbWindSpeed: 0
  TurbWindDir: 0
    GustOn: 0
GustStartTime: 0
  GustLength: [1 1 1]
GustAmplitude: [1 1 1]
SteadyWindOn: 0
  WindSpeed: 0
    WindDir: 0
```

The WGS84 Gravity Model is used to model Earth's gravity as a function of latitude, longitude, and altitude.

The World Magnetic Model 2005 is used to model Earth's magnetic field as a function of latitude, longitude, and altitude. The current decimal year is input.

\*Note for trim/linearizing: the Dryden turbulence model and the World Magnetic Model 2005 have many internal states, which makes trimming and linearizing difficult. Thus "Bypass" blocks are substituted for the Winds and Magnetic Model blocks using Configurable Subsystems. For the UAV\_NL.mdl, the block choices are automatically set to "Bypass" using the models "InitFcn" callback, which can be viewed by using the Model Explorer, selecting UAV\_NL, and going to the "Callbacks" tab. The Nonlinear UAV Model block will then show up as a Parameterized Link (red arrow in the lower left corner). The SIL and PIL sims use the default blocks, and should have a normal library link (black arrow).

#### **2.2.4 UAV\_NL/Nonlinear UAV Model/Forces and Moments**

##### **Forces and Moments**

This block models all of the relevant external forces and moments acting on the aircraft. The Aerodynamic Forces and Moments block contains the aero models, and is a masked subsystem. The input parameter to this block is a boolean which controls which aero model (either FASER or the Ultrastick) is used.

The Gravitational Force block models the effect of Earth's gravity field on the aircraft.

The Electric Propulsion Forces and Moments block contains the electric motor model.

Note the non-gravitational forces (nonGravForces) are output- this is what an accelerometer on the aircraft would measure, and is used in the sensor models.



## 2.2.5 UAV\_NL/Nonlinear UAV Model/Auxiliary Equations

### Auxiliary Equations

This block computes other relevant variables (such as angle of attack, indicated airspeed, etc) from state data. Part of this block is simply to assign signals name and create the States bus.

Working from the top of the block downwards:

The inertial velocity,  $V_e$ , is computed by using the Direction Cosine Matrix (DCM) to transform the body-axis velocities ( $u,v,w$ ) to the inertial frame. The steady state winds are then added, and the result is  $V_e$ . This is integrated to obtain the inertial position,  $X_e$ . The initial condition of the  $X_e$  integrator is set by `TrimCondition.InertialIni`.  $V_e$  and  $X_e$  are inputs to the Navigation block- see that blocks README for details.

Euler angles are bounded by  $\pm [\pi/2, \pi, 2\pi]$  respectively. The time derivatives of the Euler angles are computed using the body-axis rates and the Euler angles.

The DCM is included in the States bus as "R\_be [3x3]".

Body axis velocities and rates, and their derivatives are included. The unsteady (turbulence and gusts) winds are added to the body axis velocities and rates.

Inertial accelerations are computed by transforming the body-axis accelerations with the DCM. This step is simplified since we are using a non-rotating Earth.

`WindAxesParam` is the true airspeed, angle of attack, and sideslip angle. The derivatives of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are computed using a derivative block. Mach number is simply the ratio between true airspeed and the speed of sound.

`Accels [m/s2]` is what an accelerometer would read onboard the aircraft.

\*Note on winds: dividing the wind components into steady and unsteady

components is necessary because we do not use an intermediate atmospheric reference frame to account for the motion of the air mass relative to the Earth. We can approximate the physical effects of wind without an additional reference frame by splitting the wind into steady and unsteady components, where the steady component is added to the inertial velocities and the unsteady component is added to the body-axis velocities allows us to

## 2.2.6 UAV\_NL/Nonlinear UAV Model/Auxiliary Equations/Navigation

### Navigation

This block is library link that contains the navigational model and equations. Included are equations relating the flat Earth position to latitude/longitude, a simplified 2D table lookup version of the EGM-96 Geoid model for computation of MSL/AGL altitudes, and computation of flight path and ground track angles.

## 2.2.7 UAV\_NL/Nonlinear UAV Model/Forces and Moments/Electric Propulsion Forces and Moments

### Electric Propulsion Forces and Moments

This block models the electric motor, propeller, and the resulting forces and moments.

The electric motor is modeled by using a table lookup to relate throttle position to power output in Watts; power is converted to torque by dividing by the current motor angular velocity,  $\omega$  (rad/s). This torque is then summed with the required torque from the propeller. The resulting net torque is divided by the combined motor/propeller inertia, yielding  $\omega_{dot}$ , which is integrated to get the current motor speed. The initial condition of the Engine speed integrator is set in the TrimCondition data structure.

The propeller is modelled using lookup tables of Thrust and Power Coefficients,  $CT$  and  $CP$ , as a function of advance ratio  $J$ . These are defined as:

$$CT = Thrust / (R^4 * \omega^2 * 4/\pi^2 * \rho)$$

$$CP = Power / (R^5 * \omega^3 * 4/\pi^3 * \rho)$$

$$J = V * \pi / (\omega * R)$$

where R is the propeller radius,  $\omega$  is the angular velocity in radians per second, and  $\rho$  is the density of air. Note that the torque coefficient for the propeller can be calculated from CP by multiplying by n; thus the torque coefficient is not explicitly modeled.

The total forces due to the propeller is simply the thrust, assumed to align with the x-axis. In reality, the motor is usually mounted so the thrust axis is angled downward and to the left. This could be measured and included in this model.

The moments due to the propeller are due to the derivative of the angular momentum (ie gyroscopic moments) and moments due to the position of the thrustline relative to the center of gravity. The moments due to the propeller are as follows:

$$M_p = d/dt(J_{mp} * \omega)$$

where  $J_{mp}$  is the moment of inertia of the rotating portion of the motor and propeller. Taking the derivative in the body frame, which is non-inertial, results in:

$$M_p = J_{mp} * \omega_{dot} + [p;q;r] \times \omega * J_{mp}$$

where  $[p;q;r]$  is the body axis angular velocity. Since we assume the rotation axis is aligned with the body x-axis, there is only one angular momentum term. This simplifies to:

$$M_p = J_{mp} * \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{dot} \\ r * \omega \\ -q * \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

The data for the lookup tables and all of the needed aircraft parameters are stored in the aircraft configuration data structure (AC).

```
>> AC.Prop
```

```
ans =
```

```
J: [1x11 double]
```

```

        CT: [1x11 double] CP: [1x11 double]
    Radius: 0.1778
    Throttle: [1x21 double]
        Power: [1x21 double]
    ThrottleOutputLimit: [1x1 struct]
        OmegaSaturation: [1x1 struct]
        Jmp: 1.2991e-004

```

## 2.2.8 UAV\_NL/Nonlinear UAV Model/Forces and Moments/Aerodynamic Forces and Moments/Aero Model/Ultrastick

### Ultrastick Aerodynamic Model

This block models the Ultrastick aerodynamics using a linear derivatives. Coefficients are in the wind axes, so the six coefficients are CL, CDw, CYw, Cl, Cm, Cn. See Klein, Morelli, Aircraft System Identification, pg 41.

The derivatives are stored in the aircraft configuration data structure (AC). They are loaded into AC.Aero when 'Ultrastick' is selected with UAV\_config.m. The derivatives themselves are stored in Ultrastick\_config.m. An example is the derivatives for CL:

```
>> AC.Aero.CL
```

```
ans =
```

```

    zero: 0.1086
    alpha: 4.5800
    dflap: 0.7400
    delev: 0.0983
    alphadot: 1.9724
        q: 6.1639
    minD: 0.2300

```

The majority of the derivatives have been indentified from flight test data. The drag model was derived from first principles.

## 3 SIL Simulation: UAV\_SIL

### 3.1 M-Files

#### 3.1.1 SIL\_montecarlo.m

SIL Simulation Monte Carlo Setup

The commands in this script will set conditions for the SIL simulation for a range of environmental conditions and model uncertainties, run and save the simulation data, and compare the results.

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#### 3.1.2 model\_check.m

model\_check.m

UAV\_SIL Model Verification

This script runs "plot\_and\_save.m", which plots the pitch and roll angle doublet response using the current simulation model and controller. These results are compared to a stored simulation run of the same inputs using the baseline controller. Users can use this script to evaluate and compare the performance of their controller or model relative to a flight tested baseline.

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#### 3.1.3 plot\_SIL.m

plot\_SIL.m

UAV\_SIL sim plot and comparison tool

Input file names of saved simulation results (simData structure) and this function will co-plot the results. If no file name is input, the file "simData.mat" will be used.

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### 3.1.4 setup.m

setup.m  
UAV Software-in-the-Loop Simulation setup

This script will setup the SIL simulation. Stored aircraft configuration and trim conditions are used.

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### 3.1.5 simulate\_and\_save.m

simulate\_and\_save.m  
UAV Software-in-the-Loop simulate\_and\_save function

This function runs the SIL sim and saves the results to a file with the given name. If no file name is given, "simData" is used. A simulation time can also be input; the default is 45 seconds.

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## 3.2 Simulink Blocks

### 3.2.1 UAV\_SIL

#### UAV Software-in-the-Loop Simulation

This Simulink model contains a nonlinear UAV model with closed-loop feedback control provided by a mex-function written in C. Actuator dynamics and sensor noise are modeled, and the simulation data is exported to the workspace via the "Flight Data Display" block.

Light blue blocks are a UMN library link; orange blocks are a Simulink Aerospace Blockset library link. README blocks are green.

1) Make sure that you have a C compiler installed that can interface with MATLAB. You can setup the default gcc compiler of MATLAB by typing "mex -setup"

2) Run the file 'setup.m'. The default trim condition will be used. Change the string variable control\_code\_path to specify the path and name of the controller source code, or specify a different Variant with the controller\_mode variable.

3) Run the file 'example1.m' which will generate plots of the simulation response. Run 'model\_check.m' to compare the current sim response to stored checkcase data. If the file runs successfully and the plots corresponded with the provided results, the system should be working properly. If you encounter problems with this setup, please contact descobar@aem.umn.edu.

You can change the trim condition without changing directories to NL\_Sim; simply call trim\_UAV normally. Note that the UAV\_NL model will be loaded invisibly and will use your current workspace variables.

### 3.2.2 UAV\_SIL/Control Law

#### Control Law Block

This block uses Model Referencing to allow the user to easily switch out control law implementations. An example usage would be first a user develops a control law using simulink blocks. This controller is referred to as the "simulink controller" and would be selected by setting the variable "controller\_mode" to 2. Once the development is completed, the user then implements the Simulink controller into C-code suitable for integration with the UAV software. This controller is referred to as the "flight code" and would be selected by setting "controller\_mode" to 1.

This is done using the Simulink.Variant object. See the documentation for more detail. The user can specify any number of variants for the Control Software block; edit the ModelReferenceParameters by right-clicking this block to set which Simulink model is reference for each Variant object. Note that these objects must be present in the base workspace. It is strongly recommended that you use the "simulink\_controller.mdl" file as a starting place and "Save As" to a different file name.

In summary, to switch the Control Software, modify the "controller\_mode" variable:

- 1 = flight code controller (C implementation)
- 2 = simulink controller (empty simulink model)

See "Software\Documentation\UAV\_controllaw\_ICD.pdf" for details on the input/output signals.

The control\_cmd signal must have the following order:

aileron  
elevator  
rudder  
throttle  
flap

#### Control Inputs Sign Convention

TED = Trailing Edge Down

TEL = Trailing Edge Left

-----

Elevator: +TED

Rudder: +TEL



Aileron: +TED,  $da = (da_R - da_L)/2$   
Throttle: always positive  
Flap: +TED

The reference command signal must have the following order:

phi\_ref  
theta\_ref

Note the trimmed value of pitch angle theta is included in the reference command. Use the Doublet Generator block (or other signal generating block) to input reference commands to the Control Software.

Rate Transition blocks are required on the input and output because the simulation run at 50Hz and the Control Software runs at 25Hz. The sample time of the mex function is an input parameter, and is set to use the variable "SW\_SampleTime" which is specified in setup.m.

## 4 PIL Simulation: UAV\_PIL

### 4.1 M-Files

#### 4.1.1 setup.m

setup.m  
UAV Processor-in-the-Loop Simulation setup

IMPORTANT: Mathworks Real Time Windows Target is only supported for 32-bit machines. <http://www.mathworks.com/products/rtwt/requirements.html>

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## 4.2 Simulink Blocks

### 4.2.1 UAV\_PIL

#### UAV Processor-in-the-Loop Simulation

This Simulink model contains a nonlinear UAV model with hardware interfaces to connect to the UAV flight computer hardware. Aircraft state data is visualized via FlightGear and the UAV Ground Control Station software.

Light blue blocks are a UMN library link; orange blocks are a Simulink Aerospace Blockset library link. README blocks are green. Yellow blocks indicate an external interface.

You can change the trim condition without changing directories to NL\_Sim; simply call trim\_UAV normally. Note that the UAV\_NL model will be loaded invisibly and will use your current workspace variables.

For the first 10 seconds, trim settings are applied so the operator has a chance to manually control the aircraft.

### 4.2.2 UAV\_PIL/To FlightGear

#### To FlightGear

This block uses the Aerospace Blockset tools to send simulation data to FlightGear for visualization. See the Simulink documentation for more details these blocks. The latest FlightGear version supported is v1.9.1. FlightGear can be running on the same computer as the PIL sim or can be on another computer connected via LAN (note the destination IP address and port setting must be updated in this case).

FlightGear is started automatically in the setup.m script, using "StartFlightGear.bat". Edit this file to set the correct path to your FlightGear installation.

### 4.2.3 UAV\_PIL/Control Inputs

#### Control Inputs

This block contains the hardware interface to the National Instruments timer/counter board used to read the PWM actuator commands. The "PCI-6602 PWM input" block reads in the PWM signals and converts them to milliseconds. The "Input Calibration" block converts the PWM signals to engineering units (normally radians). Note that this block should actually have specific conversions for each aircraft, due to physical differences in the actuator position and linkages, which results in a different control surface deflection for a given PWM command.

#### 4.2.4 UAV\_PIL/To MPC5200 (via Serial)

To MPC5200 (via Serial)

This block creates a data packet of feedback data and streams it to the MPC5200B flight computer via a serial connection. The data packet format is based on the Crossbow MicroNav data structure and is created in the mex function "mpc\_tx3.cpp". This is then read by the UAV flight software using the normal MicroNav interface code.

The PPM packet (servo data) has been disabled, as this function is no longer used on the UAV.

The "Stream Output" block must be configured for the hardware installed on your computer.

This block could be enhanced by writing a more generic data packet interface to the MPC5200B that also includes a serial input to receive actuator commands from the UAV flight software.

## 5 Common M-Files

### 5.1 FASER\_config.m

```
function [AC] = FASER_config()
```

FASER configuration file. Sets aircraft parameters.  
Called from: UAV\_config.m

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## 5.2 UAV\_config.m

```
function [AC,Env] = UAV_config(aircraft,savefile)
```

Defines aircraft parameters. Input desired aircraft and savefile boolean.  
Sets Env data structure.

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## 5.3 Ultrastick\_config.m

```
function [AC] = Ultrastick_config()
```

Ultra Stick 25e configuration file. Sets aircraft parameters.  
Called from: UAV\_config.m

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## 5.4 busnames2excel.m

```
function busnames2excel(savename)
```

Takes input/output bus signal names from UAV\_NL.mdl and stores them in a Excel file. The default name for this file is 'UAV\_sim\_ICD.xlsx'.

Output signal names are taken from the "States" and "EnvData" bus selectors. Input signal names are taken from the "Control Inputs" bus creator.

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## 5.5 eigpara.m

```
function [wd, T, wn, zeta] = eigpara(lambda)
```

```
[wd, T, wn, zeta] = eigparam(lambda)
```

Return the parameters of a complex eigenvalue

Inputs:

lambda = a complex eigenvalue

Outputs:

wd = the damped natural frequency

T = the period

wn = the natural frequency

zeta = the damping

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## 5.6 linearize\_UAV.m

```
[longmod,latmod,linmodel,TF]=linearize_UAV(OperatingPoint,verbose)
```

Linearizes the UAV model about a given operating point using ../NL\_Sim/UAV\_NL.mdl. This function can be called from any of the three sim directories. However, this function will use your workspace variables. Requires the Control System Toolbox and Simulink Control Design.

### Inputs:

OperatingPoint - Operating point object of a trim condition  
verbose - boolean flag to suppress output; default "true"

### Outputs:

longmod - longitudinal linear model  
latmod - lateral directional linear model  
linmodel - full linear model  
TF - common input/output transfer functions

Calls: eigpara.m

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## 5.7 trim\_UAV.m

```
[TrimCondition,OperatingPoint]=trim_UAV(TrimCondition,AC,savefile,verbose)
```

Trims the UAV simulation to target conditions using ../NL\_Sim/UAV\_NL.mdl. This function can be called from any of the three sim directories. However, this function will use your workspace variables. Requires Simulink Control Design.

Set the trim target as shown below.

### Inputs:

TrimCondition - Initial aircraft state, with a structure called "target", which has some subset of the following fields:

- V\_s - True airspeed (m/s)
- alpha - Angle of attack (rad)
- beta - Sideslip (rad), defaults to zero
- gamma - Flight path angle (rad), defaults to zero
- phi - roll angle (rad)
- theta - pitch angle (rad)
- psi - Heading angle (0-360)
- phidot - d/dt(phi) (rad/sec), defaults to zero
- thetadot - d/dt(theta) (rad/sec), defaults to zero
- psidot - d/dt(psi) (rad/sec), defaults to zero
- p - Angular velocity (rad/sec)
- q - Angular velocity (rad/sec)
- r - Angular velocity (rad/sec)
- h - Altitude above ground level (AGL) (m)
- elevator - elevator control input, rad.
- aileron - aileron control input, rad.
- rudder - rudder control input, rad.
- throttle - throttle control input, nd.
- flap - flap control input, rad. Defaults to fixed at zero.

AC - Aircraft configuration structure, from UAV\_config.m

savefile - boolean flag to save trim condition; default "true"

verbose - boolean flag to suppress output; default "true"

#### Outputs:

TrimCondition - values of state and control surfaces at trim.

OperatingPoint - Simulink OperatingPoint object to use with linearization

Unspecified variables are free, or defaulted to the values shown above. To force a defaulted variable to be free define it with an empty matrix. For example, by default beta=0 but "target.beta=[];" will allow beta to be free in searching for a trim condition.

#### Examples:

```
TrimCondition.target = struct('V_s',17,'gamma',0); % straight and level
TrimCondition.target = struct('V_s',17,'gamma',5/180*pi); % level climb
TrimCondition.target = struct('V_s',17,'gamma',0,...
                             'psidot',20/180*pi); % level turn
TrimCondition.target = struct('V_s',17,'gamma',5/180*pi,...
```

```
        'psidot',20/180*pi); % climbing turn
TrimCondition.target = struct('V_s',17,'gamma',0,...
        'beta',5/180*pi); % level steady heading sideslip
```

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