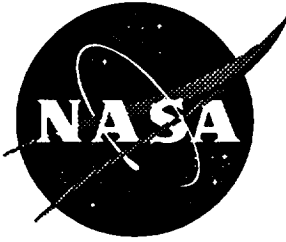


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Piloted Parameter Identification Flight Test Maneuvers for Closed Loop Modeling of the F-18 High Alpha Research Vehicle (HARV)

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Abstract

Flight test maneuvers are specified for the F-18 High Alpha Research Vehicle (HARV). The maneuvers were designed for closed loop parameter identification purposes, specifically for longitudinal and lateral linear model parameter estimation at 5, 20, 30, 45, and 60 degrees angle of attack, using the NASA 1A control law. Each maneuver is to be realized by the pilot applying square wave inputs to specific pilot station controls. Maneuver descriptions and complete specifications of the time / amplitude points defining each input are included, along with plots of the input time histories.

Nomenclature

h	altitude, feet
t	time, seconds
V	airspeed, feet/second
α	angle of attack, degrees
η_a	lateral stick deflection in inches, positive for right stick
η_e	longitudinal stick deflection in inches, positive for aft deflection from neutral
η_r	rudder pedal force in pounds, positive for right rudder
τ	time constant, seconds

subscripts

o	nominal or trim value
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I. Introduction

The F-18 High Alpha Research Vehicle (HARV) is a highly instrumented research aircraft used in the NASA High Alpha Technology Program¹. Objectives for this program include validating advanced control system design techniques in flight.

In this work, the technique described in references [2] and [3] was used to design flight test maneuvers consisting of optimal closed loop square wave inputs. These square wave inputs are to be applied by the pilot. The optimal input design technique uses dynamic programming to compute globally optimal square wave inputs for model parameter estimation experiments, based on *a priori* dynamic models. Previous flight test results⁴ demonstrated that pilot implementations of such optimal square wave inputs produce superior parameter estimation results compared to conventional inputs. Linear *a priori* dynamic models for the optimal input designs were obtained from an F-18 HARV nonlinear simulation⁵. The maneuvers were designed specifically to collect flight data with maximum information content for dynamic modeling purposes.

Specific objectives addressed by the maneuvers specified in this document are:

1. Identify closed loop longitudinal and lateral linear dynamic models for validation of the control law design methods implemented by the NASA 1A control law.
2. Identify closed loop longitudinal and lateral linear models for comparison and correlation with military specifications for flying qualities of piloted aircraft, pilot comments and handling qualities ratings.
3. Update and verify existing aerodynamic models.

The purpose of this report is to document the specifications for the maneuvers designed to achieve the above objectives.

II. Maneuver Descriptions

There are ten (10) optimal square wave input maneuvers described in this report. The maneuvers can be divided into two groups:

1. Five (5) maneuvers for longitudinal closed loop model identification.
2. Five (5) maneuvers for lateral-directional closed loop model identification.

All maneuvers are to be flown using the NASA 1A control law⁶. Control definitions and sign conventions are given above in the **Nomenclature** section. Detailed descriptions of the maneuvers in each group appear below, with numbering corresponding to that given above.

1. This group of five maneuvers is for identifying closed loop longitudinal dynamic models and for control law design validation. Initial flight conditions are trim angle of attack 5, 20, 30, 45, and 60 degrees and approximately 25,000 feet altitude, with the NASA 1A control law. These maneuvers involve pure longitudinal stick deflection by the pilot.

Optimal longitudinal stick input specifications for $\alpha = 5, 20, 30, 45$ and 60 degrees are given in Tables 1–5, respectively. Each input specification consists of the initial flight condition for the maneuver, followed by a tabulation of the time / amplitude points for the input. Figures 1–5 show time histories for the optimal longitudinal stick inputs at $\alpha = 5, 20, 30, 45$ and 60 degrees, respectively. Pilot station controls for the initial steady flight condition are defined as zero for the inputs shown in the figures. The inputs included a rate limit of 12 inches per second and a first order lag with time constant $\tau = 0.05$ seconds for the longitudinal stick input. These modifications to the square wave input were incorporated in the input design optimization, and were included to model human pilot capabilities. Figures 1–5 show the effects of the first order lag and the rate limiting. The data in Tables 1–5 describe pure square wave inputs. The pilot should attempt to produce the sharp-edged square waves specified in the tables, not the waveforms shown in the figures, which include lag and rate limiting representative of human pilot capabilities. The amplitude of the longitudinal stick deflection is ± 1.0 inch for all maneuvers in this group. The inputs should be sharp-edged, well-timed, and as close as possible to the target amplitudes. The maneuvers were designed so that each square wave pulse was an integral number of 0.4 second pulses. This was done to accommodate human pilot capability and to facilitate accurate timing of the square wave inputs. The input design optimization included all these practical constraints.

Each maneuver in this group is to be flown two (2) times, for a total of ten (10) runs. Each run should be preceded by at least two seconds of steady trimmed flight, and followed by at least two seconds of free response before the pilot takes action to control the aircraft. The duration of each maneuver is 12 seconds. Estimated flight time for this set of maneuvers (including repeats) is approximately 30 minutes.

2. This group of five maneuvers is for identifying closed loop lateral-directional dynamic models and for control law design validation. Initial flight conditions are trim angle of attack 5, 20, 30, 45, and 60 degrees and approximately 25,000 feet altitude, with the NASA 1A control law. These maneuvers involve sequential rudder pedal and lateral stick deflection by the pilot.

Optimal rudder pedal and lateral stick input specifications for $\alpha = 5, 20, 30, 45$ and 60 degrees are given in Tables 6–10, respectively. Each input specification consists of the initial flight condition for the maneuver, followed by a tabulation of the time / amplitude points for the inputs. Figures 6–10 show time histories for the optimal rudder pedal and lateral stick inputs at $\alpha = 5, 20, 30, 45$ and 60 degrees, respectively. Pilot station controls for the initial steady flight condition are defined as zero for the inputs shown in the figures. The inputs included a rate limit of 4 inches per second on the rudder pedal input and 12 inches per second on the lateral stick input, and a first order lag with time constant $\tau = 0.05$ on both rudder pedal and lateral stick. These modifications to the square wave input were incorporated in the input design optimization, and were included to model human pilot capabilities. Figures 6–10 show the effects of the first order lag and the rate limiting. The data in Tables 6–10 describe pure square wave inputs. The pilot should attempt to produce the sharp-edged square waves specified in the tables, not the waveforms shown in the figures, which include the lag and rate limiting representative of human pilot capabilities. The amplitudes of the rudder pedal and lateral stick deflections are ± 100 pounds and ± 1.5 inches, respectively, for all maneuvers in this group. The inputs should be sharp-edged, well-timed, and as close as possible to the target amplitudes. The maneuvers were designed so that each square wave pulse was an integral number of 0.5 second pulses, in order to accommodate human pilot capability and to facilitate accurate timing of the square wave inputs. Each maneuver in this group consists of a period of pure rudder pedal deflection, followed by one second of neutral controls, followed by a period of pure lateral stick deflection. Therefore, only one pilot input must be moved at any time, and one second is allowed to switch from rudder pedal deflection to lateral stick deflection. Informal fixed-base simulator studies indicated that this arrangement helped the pilot accurately realize the desired square wave input. The input design optimization included all these practical constraints.

Each maneuver in this group is to be flown two (2) times, for a total of ten (10) runs. Each run should be preceded by at least two seconds of steady trimmed flight, and followed by at least two seconds of free response before the pilot takes action to control the aircraft. The duration of each maneuver is 16 seconds, and consists of 8 seconds of pure rudder pedal input followed by 8 seconds of pure lateral stick input. Estimated flight time for this set of maneuvers (including repeats) is approximately 30 minutes.

III. Acknowledgments

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V. Input Specification Tables

LONGITUDINAL CLOSED LOOP OPTIMAL INPUT MANEUVERS

F-18 HARV using the NASA 1A Control Law

5 α OPTIMAL LONGITUDINAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 5^\circ$$

$$V_o = 370 \text{ knots} \quad h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_e|_{\max} = 1.0 \text{ inch}$$

Table 1

(Figure 1)

OBES longitudinal stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
0.00	0.0
0.02	1.0
0.40	1.0
0.42	-1.0
1.20	-1.0
1.22	0.0
2.00	0.0
2.02	-1.0
2.80	-1.0
2.82	1.0
3.60	1.0
3.62	-1.0
4.40	-1.0
4.42	1.0
5.20	1.0
5.22	0.0
5.60	0.0
5.62	1.0
6.00	1.0
6.02	0.0
6.40	0.0

OBES longitudinal stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
6.42	-1.0
6.80	-1.0
6.82	1.0
7.60	1.0
7.62	-1.0
8.40	-1.0
8.42	1.0
9.20	1.0
9.22	-1.0
10.00	-1.0
10.02	1.0
10.80	1.0
10.82	-1.0
11.60	-1.0
11.62	0.0
12.00	0.0

(cont.)

20 α OPTIMAL LONGITUDINAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 20^\circ$$

$$V_o = 198 \text{ knots} \quad h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$| \text{OBES } \eta_e |_{\max} = 1.0 \text{ inch}$$

Table 2

(Figure 2)

OBES longitudinal stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
0.00	0.0
0.02	-1.0
0.40	-1.0
0.42	0.0
1.20	0.0
1.22	-1.0
1.60	-1.0
1.62	0.0
2.00	0.0
2.02	1.0
2.40	1.0
2.42	0.0
3.20	0.0
3.22	-1.0
3.60	-1.0
3.62	1.0
4.40	1.0
4.42	-1.0
5.20	-1.0
5.22	1.0
6.00	1.0

OBES longitudinal stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
6.02	-1.0
6.80	-1.0
6.82	1.0
7.60	1.0
7.62	-1.0
8.40	-1.0
8.42	1.0
8.80	1.0
8.82	-1.0
9.20	-1.0
9.22	0.0
9.60	0.0
9.62	1.0
10.00	1.0
10.02	0.0
10.40	0.0
10.42	-1.0
10.80	-1.0
10.82	0.0
12.00	0.0

(cont.)

30 α OPTIMAL LONGITUDINAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 30^\circ$$

$$V_o = 167 \text{ knots} \quad h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_e|_{\max} = 1.0 \text{ inch}$$

Table 3

(Figure 3)

OBES longitudinal stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
0.00	0.0
0.02	1.0
0.40	1.0
0.42	0.0
0.80	0.0
0.82	1.0
1.20	1.0
1.22	0.0
1.60	0.0
1.62	-1.0
2.00	-1.0
2.02	1.0
2.40	1.0
2.42	-1.0
3.20	-1.0
3.22	0.0
3.60	0.0
3.62	1.0
4.00	1.0
4.02	-1.0
4.80	-1.0
4.82	1.0
5.20	1.0

OBES longitudinal stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
5.22	-1.0
6.00	-1.0
6.02	0.0
6.40	0.0
6.42	1.0
6.80	1.0
6.82	0.0
7.60	0.0
7.62	-1.0
8.00	-1.0
8.02	1.0
8.80	1.0
8.82	-1.0
9.60	-1.0
9.62	1.0
10.40	1.0
10.42	-1.0
11.20	-1.0
11.22	1.0
11.60	1.0
11.62	0.0
12.00	0.0

(cont.)

45 α OPTIMAL LONGITUDINAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 45^\circ$$

$$V_o = 156 \text{ knots} \quad h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_e|_{\max} = 1.0 \text{ inch}$$

Table 4

(Figure 4)

OBES longitudinal stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
0.00	0.0
0.02	-1.0
0.40	-1.0
0.42	0.0
0.80	0.0
0.82	1.0
1.20	1.0
1.22	-1.0
2.00	-1.0
2.02	0.0
2.80	0.0
2.82	-1.0
3.20	-1.0
3.22	1.0
4.00	1.0
4.02	-1.0
4.80	-1.0
4.82	1.0
5.60	1.0
5.62	0.0
6.00	0.0
6.02	-1.0

OBES longitudinal stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
6.40	-1.0
6.42	0.0
6.80	0.0
6.82	1.0
7.60	1.0
7.62	-1.0
8.40	-1.0
8.42	1.0
9.20	1.0
9.22	-1.0
9.60	-1.0
9.62	1.0
10.00	1.0
10.02	-1.0
10.80	-1.0
10.82	1.0
11.60	1.0
11.62	0.0
12.00	0.0

(cont.)

60 α OPTIMAL LONGITUDINAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 60^\circ$$

$$V_o = 163 \text{ knots} \quad h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$| \text{OBES } \eta_e |_{\max} = 1.0 \text{ inch}$$

Table 5

(Figure 5)

OBES longitudinal stick

Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
0.00	0.0
0.02	-1.0
0.40	-1.0
0.42	0.0
0.80	0.0
0.82	-1.0
1.20	-1.0
1.22	1.0
2.00	1.0
2.02	-1.0
2.40	-1.0
2.42	1.0
3.20	1.0
3.22	0.0
3.60	0.0
3.62	1.0
4.00	1.0
4.02	0.0
4.40	0.0
4.42	-1.0
4.80	-1.0
4.82	1.0

OBES longitudinal stick

Time (seconds)	OBES η_e (inches)
5.60	1.0
5.62	0.0
6.00	0.0
6.02	-1.0
6.40	-1.0
6.42	0.0
7.20	0.0
7.22	-1.0
7.60	-1.0
7.62	1.0
8.40	1.0
8.42	-1.0
9.20	-1.0
9.22	0.0
9.60	0.0
9.62	1.0
10.40	1.0
10.42	-1.0
11.20	-1.0
11.22	0.0
12.00	0.0

(cont.)

LATERAL CLOSED LOOP OPTIMAL INPUT MANEUVERS

F-18 HARV using the NASA 1A Control Law

5 α OPTIMAL RUDDER PEDAL / LATERAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 5^\circ$$

$$V_o = 370 \text{ knots}$$

$$h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_r|_{\max} = 100.0 \text{ pounds}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_a|_{\max} = 1.5 \text{ inches}$$

Table 6

(Figure 6)

OBES rudder pedal		OBES lateral stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_r (pounds)	Time (seconds)	OBES η_a (inches)
0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0
0.02	100.0	9.00	0.0
0.50	100.0	9.02	1.5
0.52	0.0	9.50	1.5
1.00	0.0	9.52	-1.5
1.02	100.0	10.50	-1.5
1.50	100.0	10.52	1.5
1.52	-100.0	11.50	1.5
2.50	-100.0	11.52	-1.5
2.52	100.0	12.50	-1.5
3.00	100.0	12.52	1.5
3.02	-100.0	13.00	1.5
4.00	-100.0	13.02	0.0
4.02	100.0	13.50	0.0
5.00	100.0	13.52	-1.5
5.02	-100.0	14.00	-1.5
6.00	-100.0	14.02	1.5
6.02	0.0	15.00	1.5
6.50	0.0	15.02	-1.5
6.52	100.0	15.50	-1.5
7.00	100.0	15.52	0.0
7.02	0.0	16.00	0.0
7.50	0.0		
7.52	100.0		
8.00	100.0		
8.02	0.0		
16.00	0.0		

20 α OPTIMAL RUDDER PEDAL / LATERAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 20^\circ$$

$$V_o = 198 \text{ knots} \quad h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_r|_{\max} = 100.0 \text{ pounds}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_a|_{\max} = 1.5 \text{ inches}$$

Table 7

(Figure 7)

OBES rudder pedal

Time (seconds)	OBES η_r (pounds)
0.00	0.0
0.02	100.0
0.50	100.0
0.52	0.0
1.00	0.0
1.02	100.0
1.50	100.0
1.52	-100.0
2.50	-100.0
2.52	100.0
3.00	100.0
3.02	-100.0
4.00	-100.0
4.02	0.0
4.50	0.0
4.52	100.0
5.00	100.0
5.02	-100.0
6.00	-100.0
6.02	100.0
7.00	100.0
7.02	0.0
7.50	0.0
7.52	100.0
8.00	100.0
8.02	0.0
16.00	0.0

OBES lateral stick

Time (seconds)	OBES η_a (inches)
0.00	0.0
9.00	0.0
9.02	-1.5
9.50	-1.5
9.52	1.5
11.50	1.5
11.52	-1.5
14.00	-1.5
14.02	1.5
15.50	1.5
15.52	0.0
16.00	0.0

30 α OPTIMAL RUDDER PEDAL / LATERAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 30^\circ$$

$$V_o = 167 \text{ knots}$$

$$h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$|OBES \eta_r|_{\max} = 100.0 \text{ pounds}$$

$$|OBES \eta_a|_{\max} = 1.5 \text{ inches}$$

Table 8

(Figure 8)

OBES rudder pedal

Time (seconds)	OBES η_r (pounds)
0.00	0.0
0.02	100.0
1.00	100.0
1.02	0.0
1.50	0.0
1.52	-100.0
2.00	-100.0
2.02	100.0
3.00	100.0
3.02	0.0
4.00	0.0
4.02	-100.0
5.00	-100.0
5.02	0.0
5.50	0.0
5.52	100.0
7.00	100.0
7.02	0.0
16.00	0.0

OBES lateral stick

Time (seconds)	OBES η_a (inches)
0.00	0.0
8.00	0.0
8.02	1.5
9.50	1.5
9.52	-1.5
12.50	-1.5
12.52	0.0
13.00	0.0
13.02	1.5
15.50	1.5
15.52	0.0
16.00	0.0

45 α OPTIMAL RUDDER PEDAL / LATERAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 45^\circ$$

$$V_o = 156 \text{ knots}$$

$$h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_r|_{\max} = 100.0 \text{ pounds}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_a|_{\max} = 1.5 \text{ inches}$$

Table 9

(Figure 9)

OBES rudder pedal

Time (seconds)	OBES η_r (pounds)
0.00	0.0
0.02	100.0
1.00	100.0
1.02	0.0
1.50	0.0
1.52	100.0
2.00	100.0
2.02	0.0
2.50	0.0
2.52	100.0
3.50	100.0
3.52	-100.0
4.50	-100.0
4.52	0.0
5.00	0.0
5.02	100.0
6.00	100.0
6.02	0.0
6.50	0.0
6.52	-100.0
7.00	-100.0
7.02	0.0
16.00	0.0

OBES lateral stick

Time (seconds)	OBES η_a (inches)
0.00	0.0
8.00	0.0
8.02	1.5
10.00	1.5
10.02	-1.5
12.50	-1.5
12.52	1.5
13.50	1.5
13.52	-1.5
15.50	-1.5
15.52	0.0
16.00	0.0

60 α OPTIMAL RUDDER PEDAL / LATERAL STICK MANEUVER

Initial Conditions

$$\alpha_o = 60^\circ$$

$$V_o = 163 \text{ knots}$$

$$h_o = 25,000 \text{ feet}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_r|_{\max} = 100.0 \text{ pounds}$$

$$|\text{OBES } \eta_a|_{\max} = 1.5 \text{ inches}$$

Table 10

(Figure 10)

OBES rudder pedal	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_r (pounds)
0.00	0.0
0.02	-100.0
1.00	-100.0
1.02	0.0
1.50	0.0
1.52	-100.0
2.00	-100.0
2.02	100.0
2.50	100.0
2.52	-100.0
3.50	-100.0
3.52	100.0
5.00	100.0
5.02	-100.0
6.00	-100.0
6.02	0.0
6.50	0.0
6.52	100.0
7.00	100.0
7.02	0.0
16.00	0.0

OBES lateral stick	
Time (seconds)	OBES η_a (inches)
0.00	0.0
8.00	0.0
8.02	1.5
11.00	1.5
11.02	-1.5
12.00	-1.5
12.02	0.0
12.50	0.0
12.52	1.5
14.00	1.5
14.02	-1.5
15.50	-1.5
15.52	0.0
16.00	0.0

VI. Control Time Histories

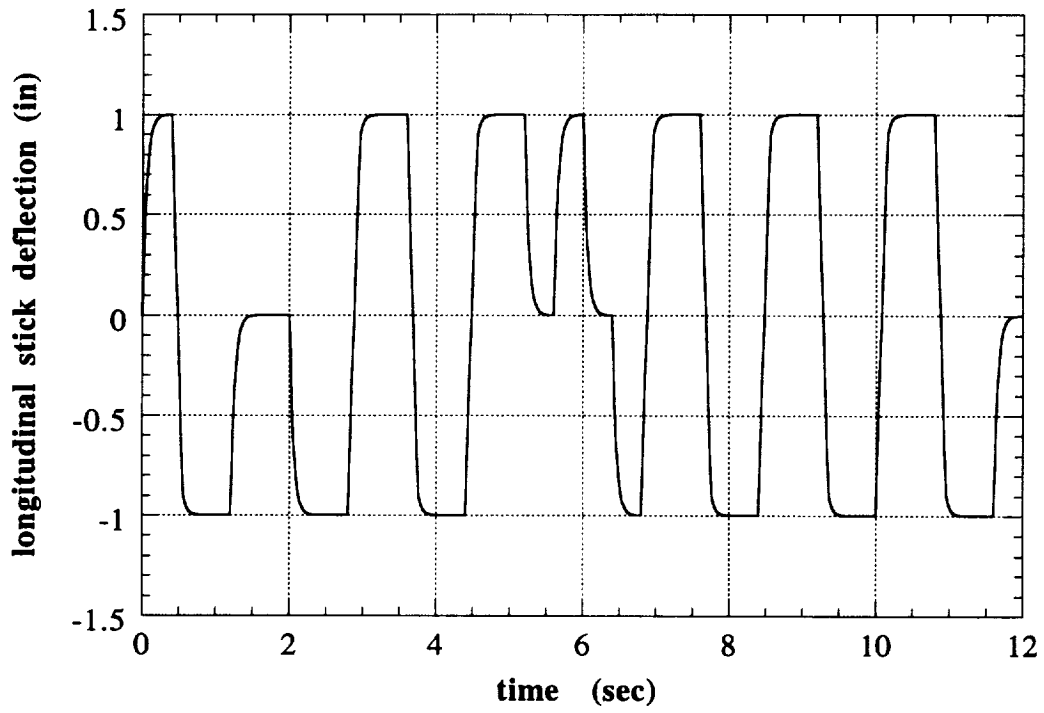


Figure 1 F-18 HARV Optimal Longitudinal Stick Input, $\alpha = 5$ degrees

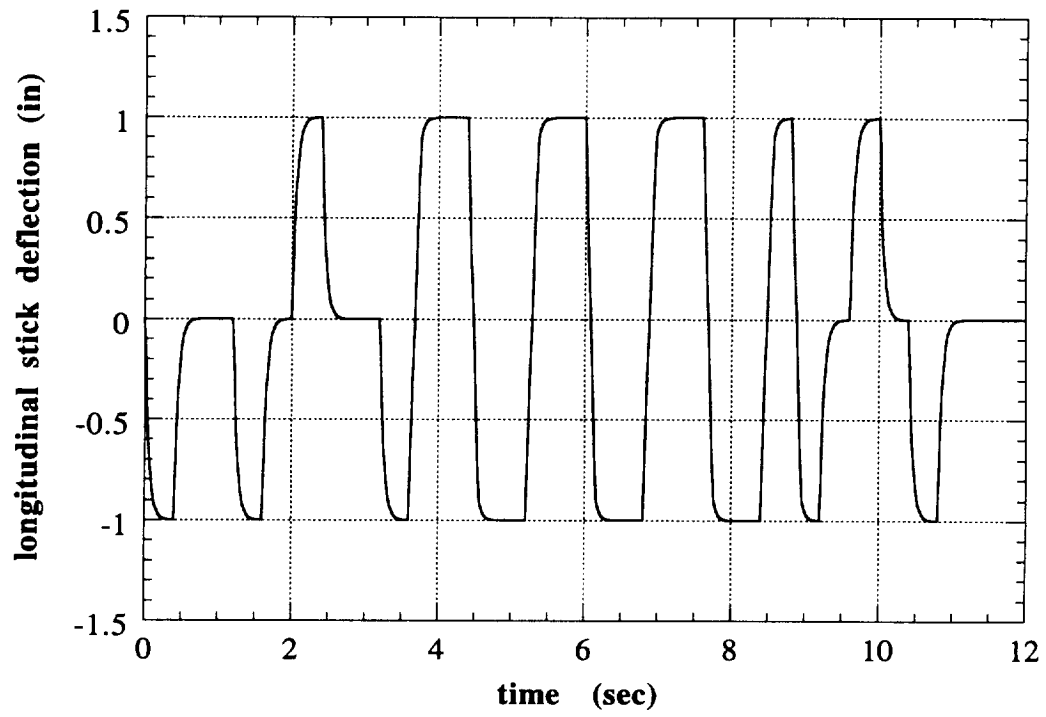


Figure 2 F-18 HARV Optimal Longitudinal Stick Input, $\alpha = 20$ degrees

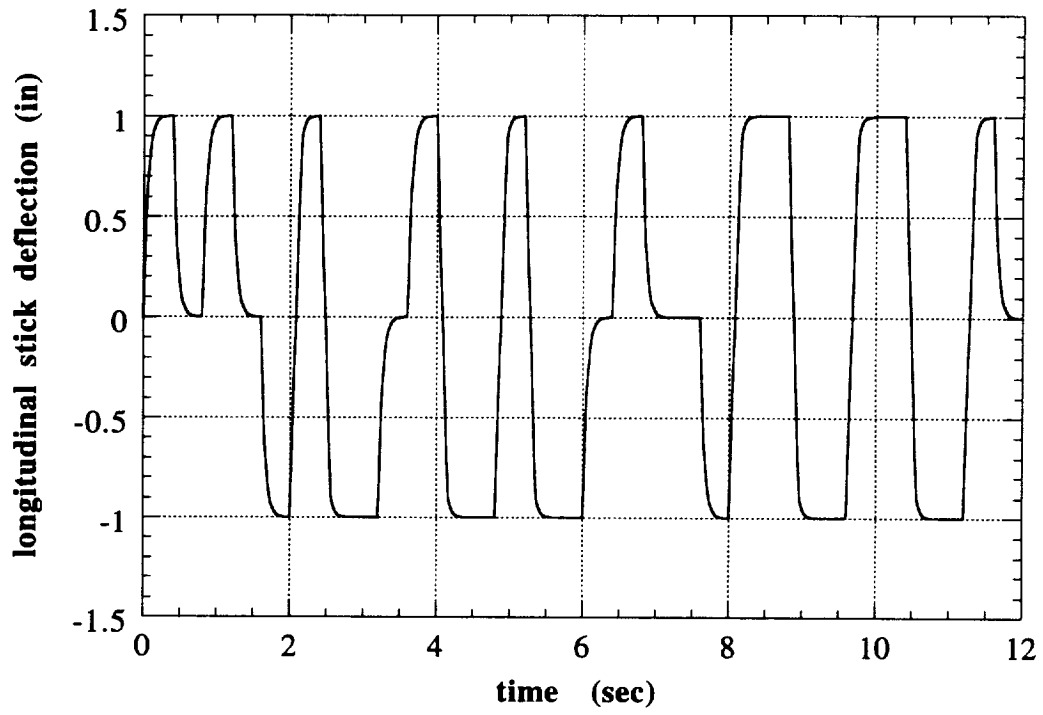


Figure 3 F-18 HARV Optimal Longitudinal Stick Input, $\alpha = 30$ degrees

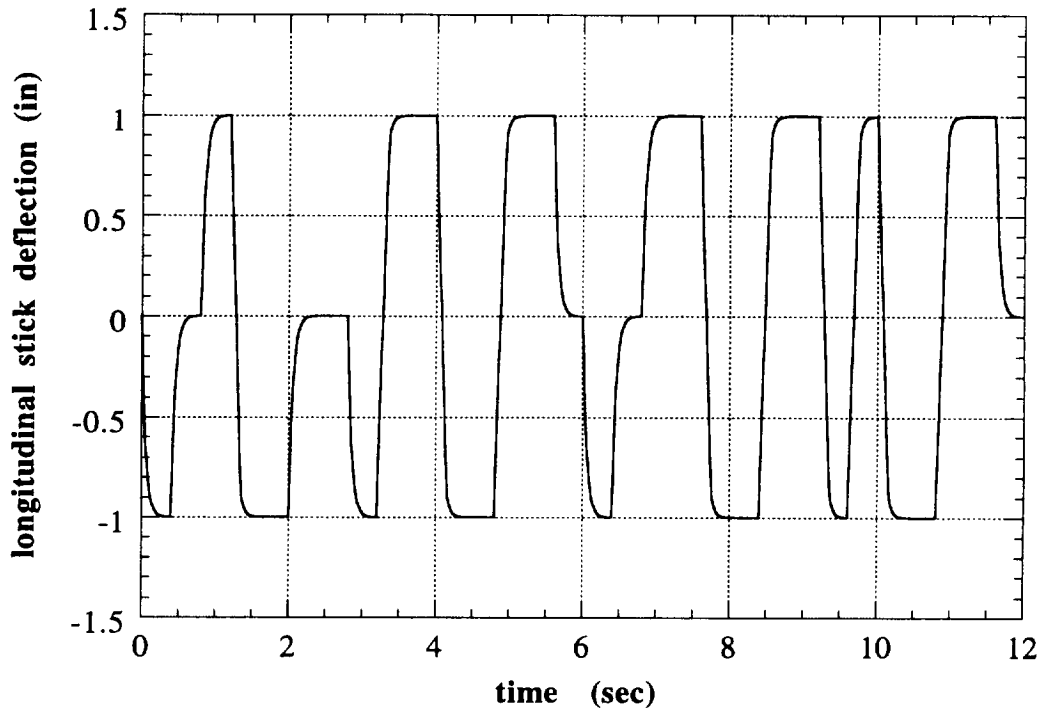


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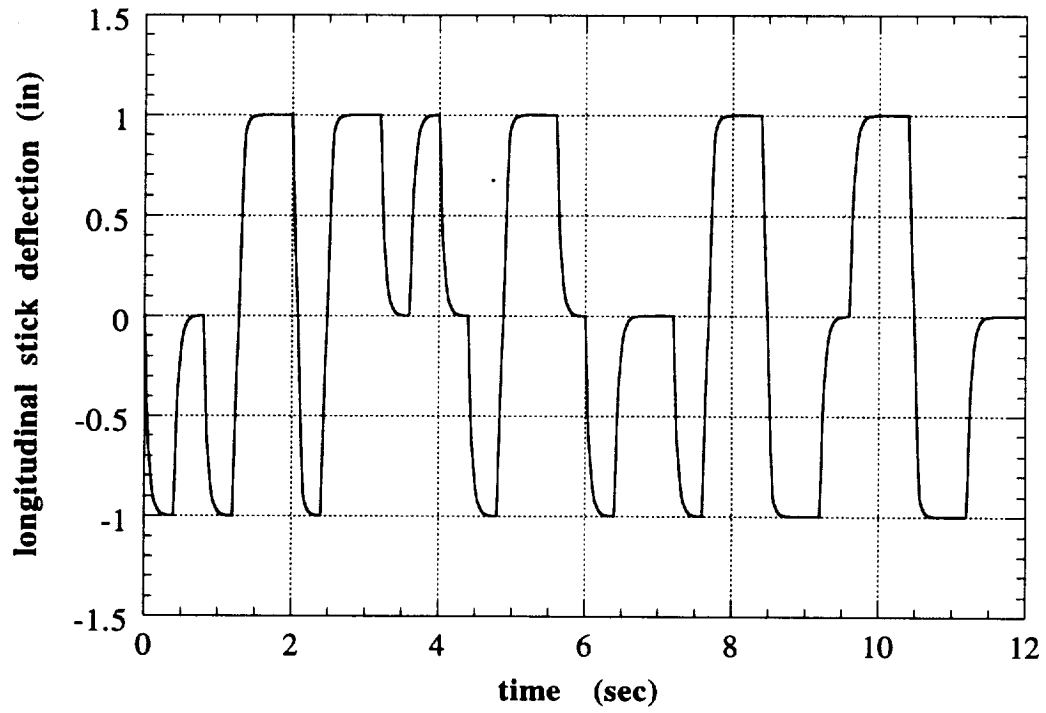


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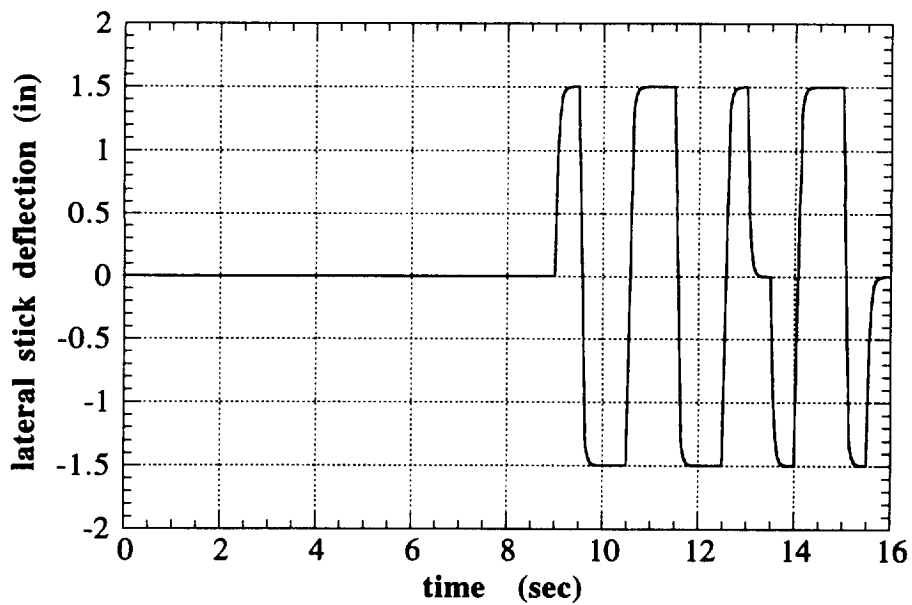
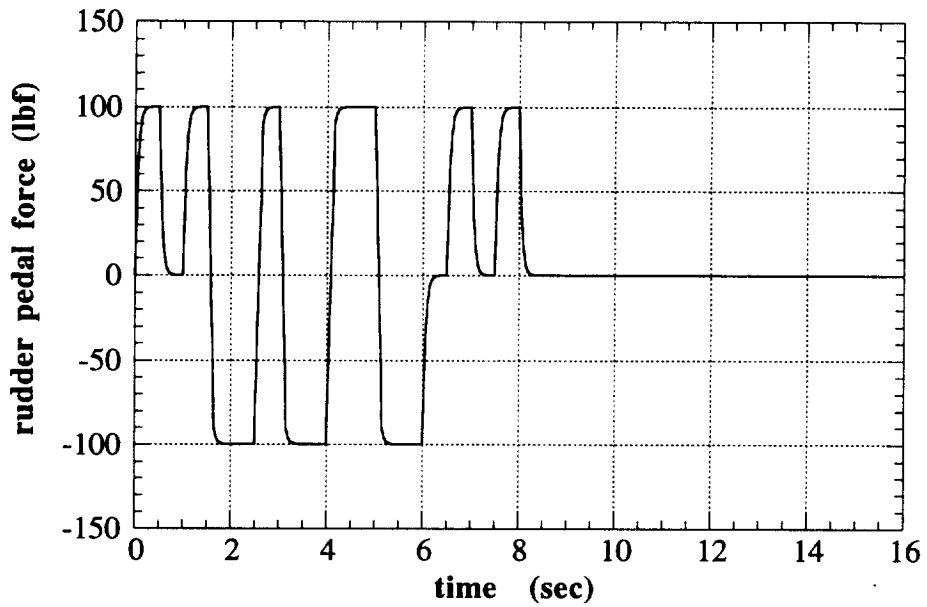


Figure 6 F-18 HARV Optimal Rudder Pedal and Lateral Stick Inputs, $\alpha = 5$ degrees

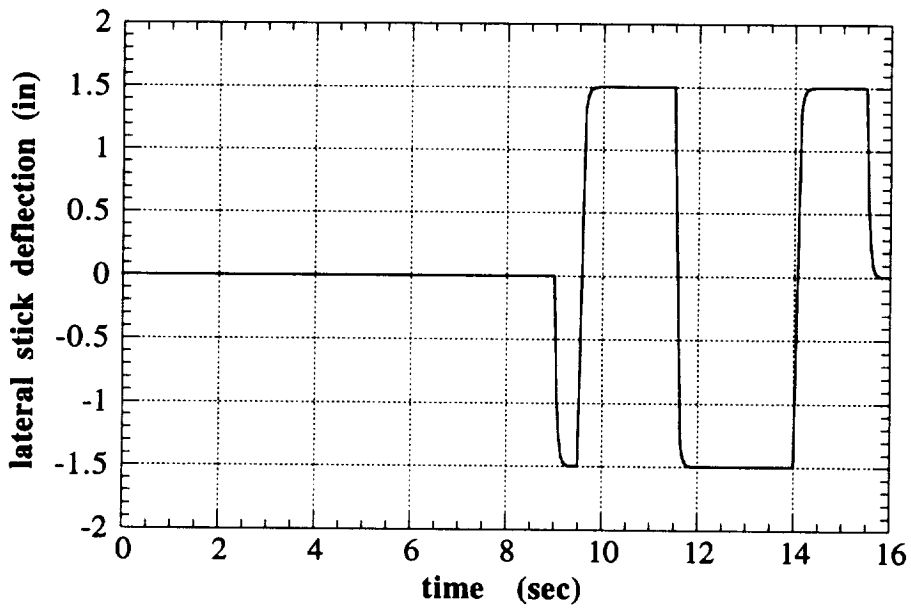
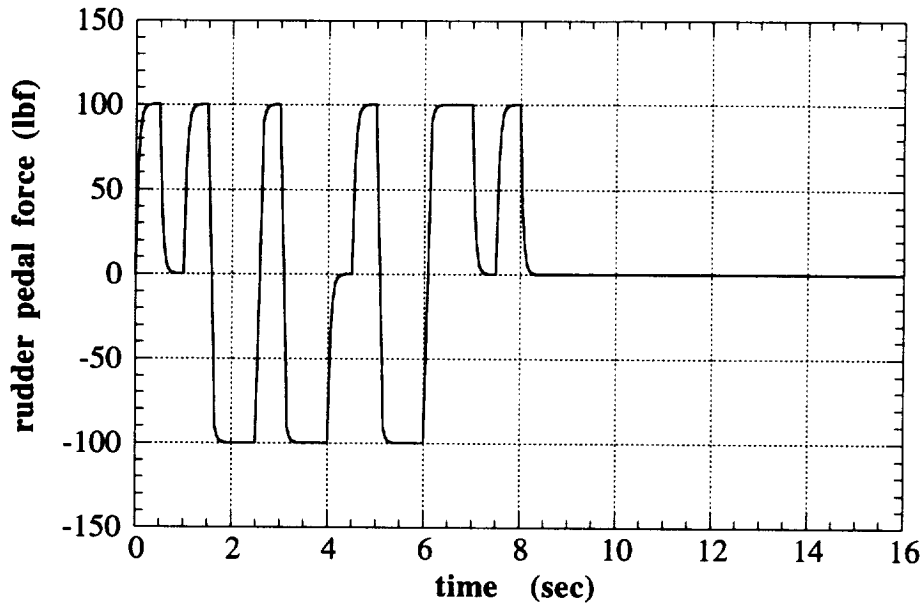


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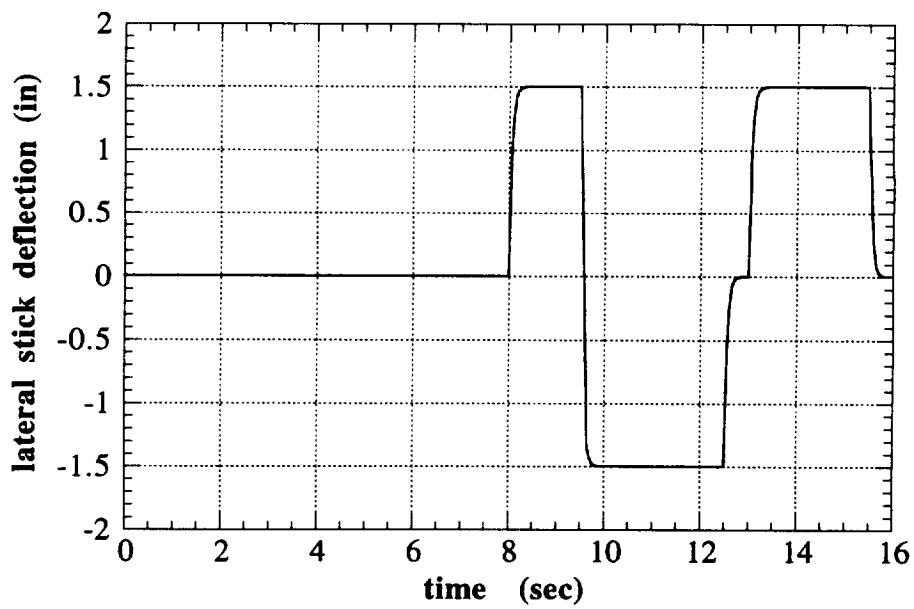
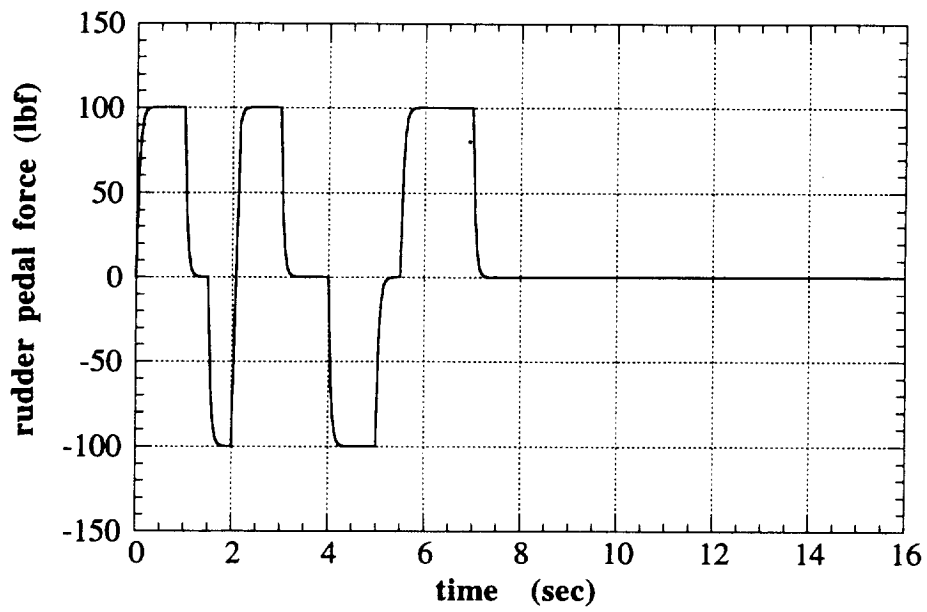


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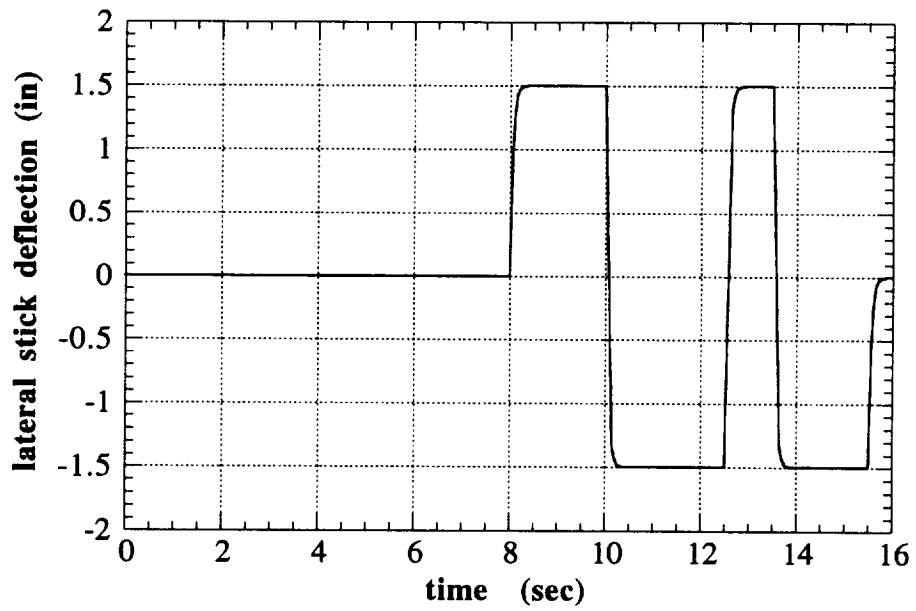
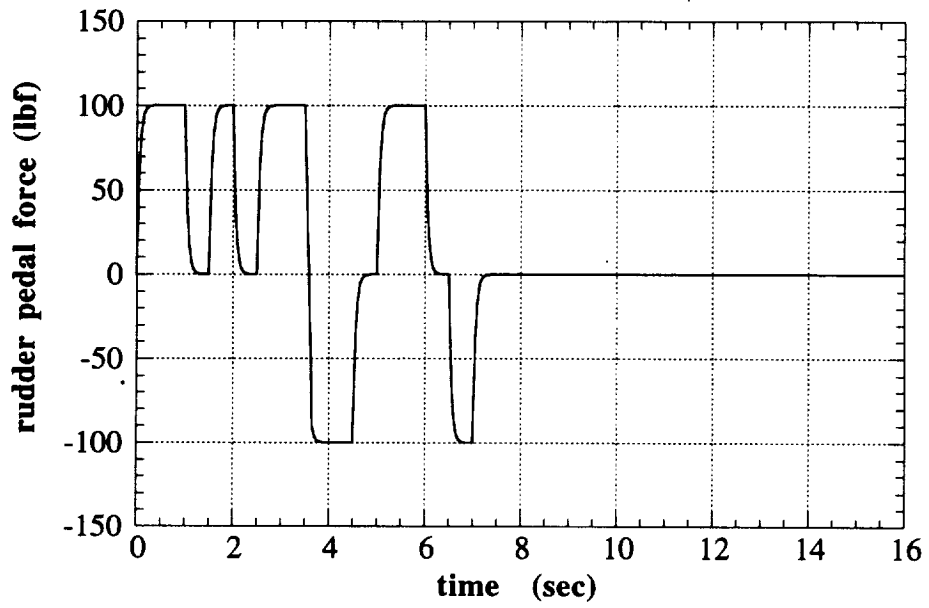


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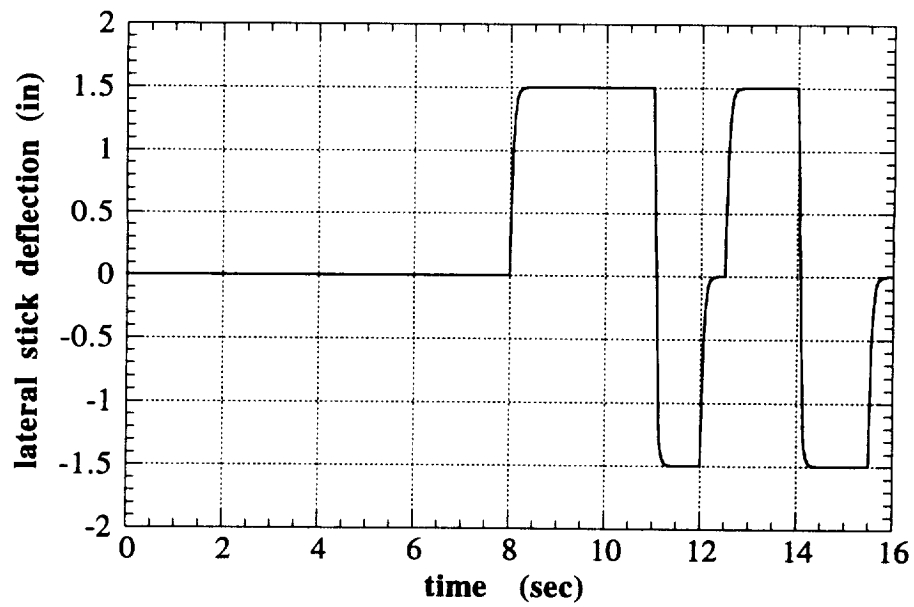
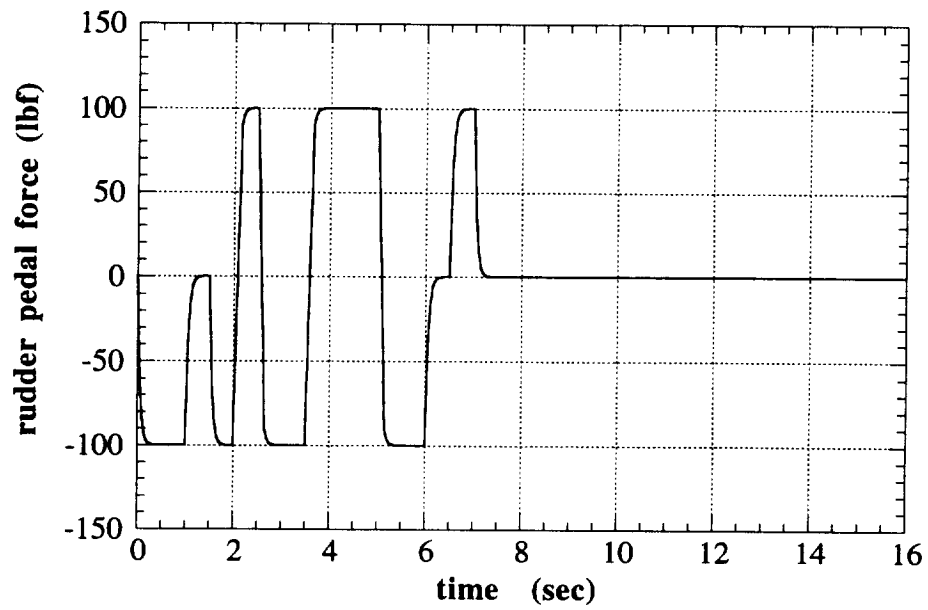


Figure 10 F-18 HARV Optimal Rudder Pedal and Lateral Stick Inputs, $\alpha = 60$ degrees

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