

## **Aircraft Design Airliner Design Parameters & Flight Profile**

# Aircraft Design Process

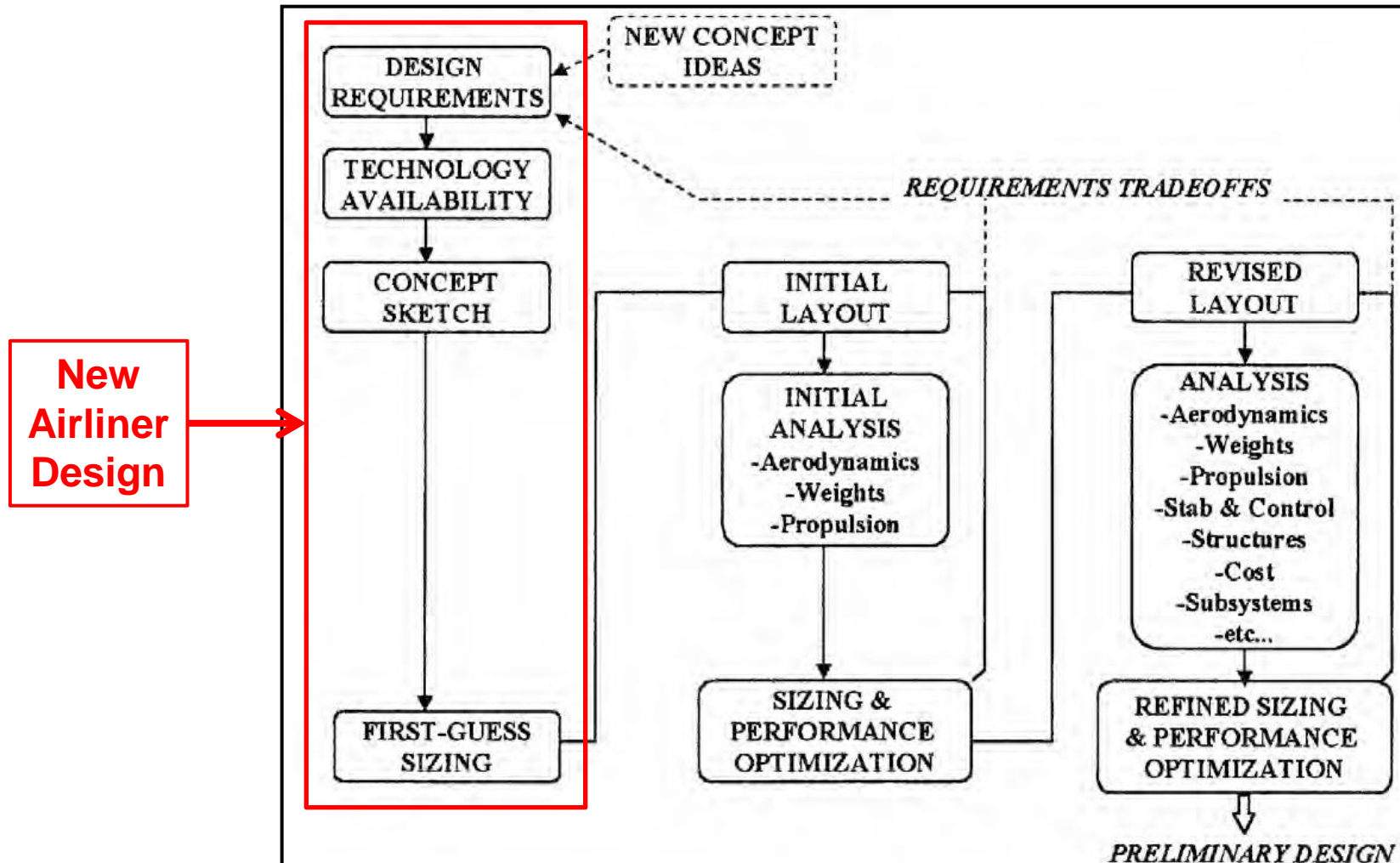


Fig. 2.4 Aircraft conceptual design process.

# Airliner Design

**What could the requirements for a new airliner be?**

**Cargo Capacity**

**Range**

**Fuel Efficiency**

**Speed**

**Takeoff Distance**

**Sound Abatement**

**Cost**

**Interior Furnishings**

**Safety**

**Maintainability**

**Reliability**

**Manufacturability**

**Turnaround Time**

**Handling Qualities**

# Airliner Design

**What kind of constraints are there for an airliner?**

**Wing Span / Aspect Ratio**

**Weight**

**Sound / Noise**

**Altitude**

**Range**

**Environmental Impact**

**Carrying Capacity**

**Maintenance Hangar**

**Maintenance Time**

**Engine Performance**

**Cockpit Visibility**

**Runway Length**

# Airliner Design

**What are the design drivers for an airliner?**

**Number of Passengers**

**Fuel Efficiency**

**Range**

**Endurance**

**Profit**

**Impact to Environment**

**Runway Length**

# Airliner Design

**What new technology is available for an airliner?**

**Avionics**

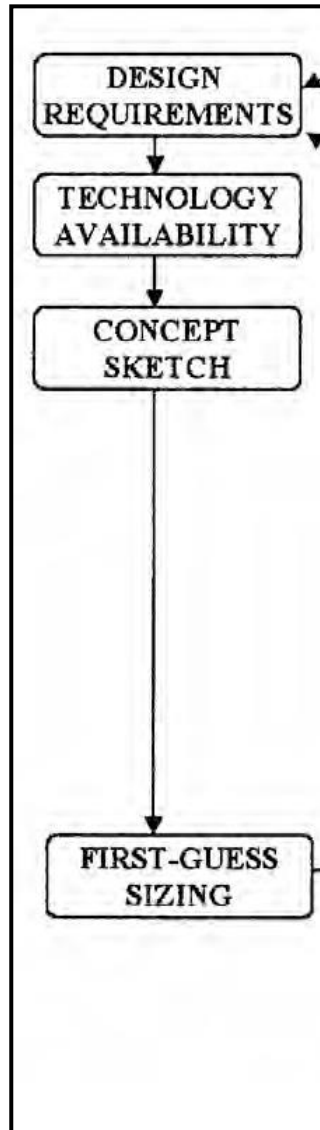
**Materials / Composites**

**New Engine Technology**

**Flight Controls**

**Interior Furnishings – Movie Screens, Satellite Internet, etc**

# Airliner Design



## Boeing aircraft (44)

- 707 (4)
- 717 (2)
- 727 (3)
- 737 Original (-100 thru -200) (3)
- 737 Classic (-300 thru -500) (3)
- 737 Next Gen (-600 thru -900) (4)
- 737 MAX (4)
- 747 (-100 thru -300) (3)
- 747 (-400, -400ER, -8I) (3)
- 757 (2)
- 767 (5)
- 777 (5)
- 787 (3)

## Airbus aircraft (25)

- A220 (2)
- A300 (2)
- A310 (2)
- A320 (5)
- A320 NEO (4)
- A330 (2) & A380 (1) (3)
- A340 (4)
- A350 (3)

## Bombardier aircraft (3)

## Embraer aircraft (4)

# Airliner Design

**Use the historical airliner information provided to prepare a short synopsis paper that includes:**

**Manufacturer**

**Photo of the aircraft and three-view drawing**

**First flight date**

**Approximate # aircraft built to date and number of  
backlogged/ordered aircraft**

**Approximate cost of each aircraft in the series**

**Competitive aircraft**

**Military variants, if any**

**Other interesting facts or tidbits**

**References**

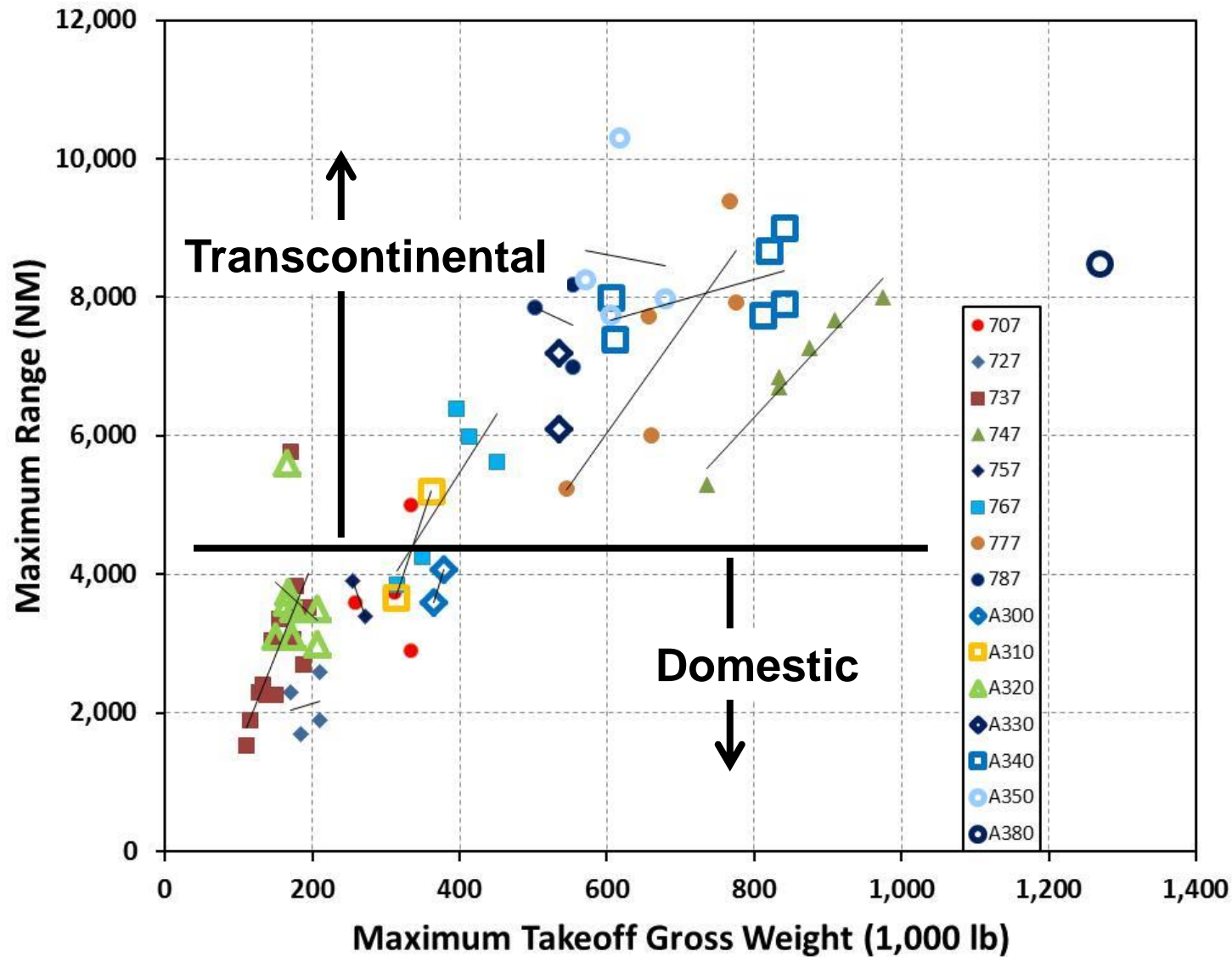
**Maximum range vs maximum takeoff gross weight plot**

**Typical payload vs maximum takeoff gross weight plot**

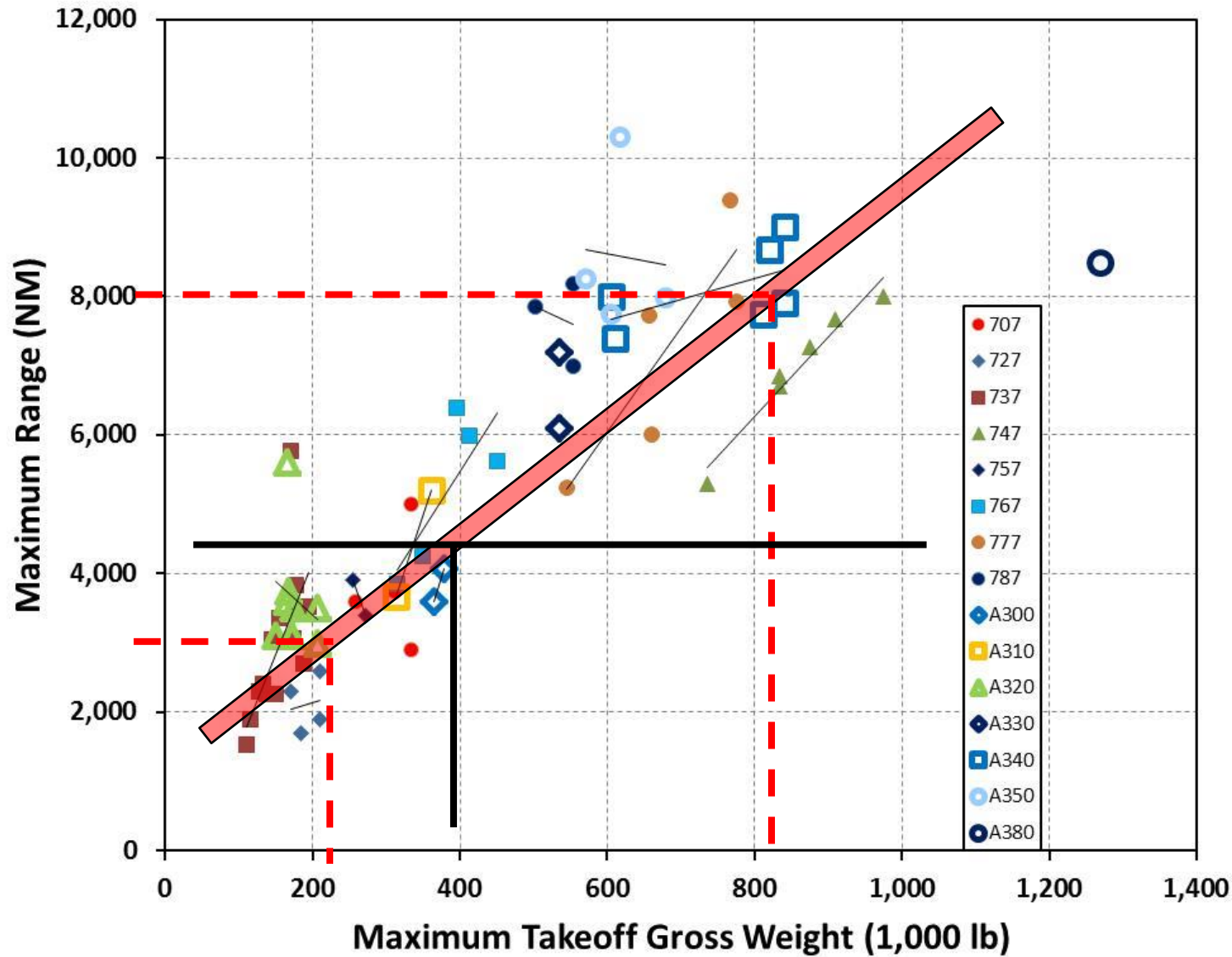
**Seat miles vs maximum takeoff gross weight plot**



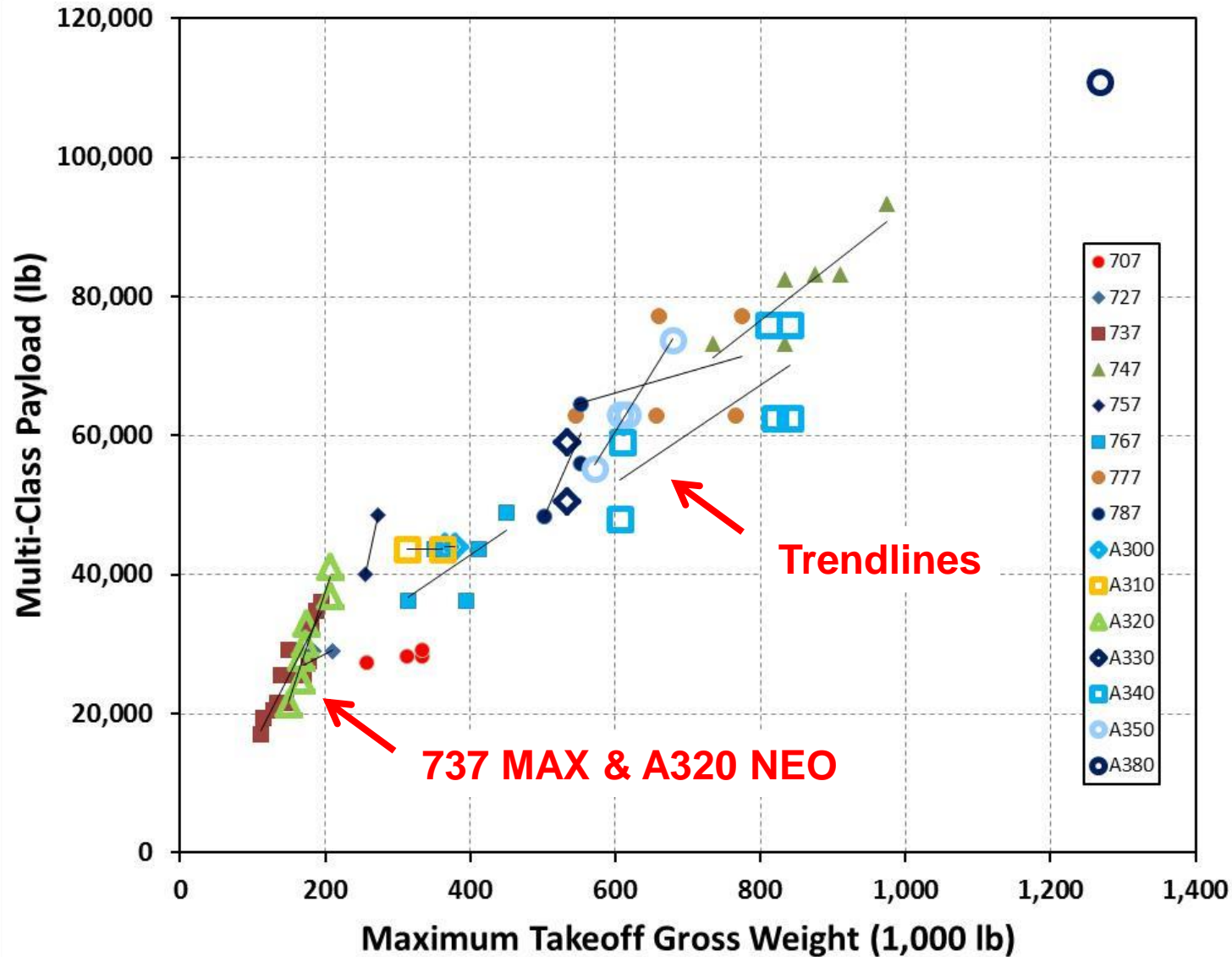
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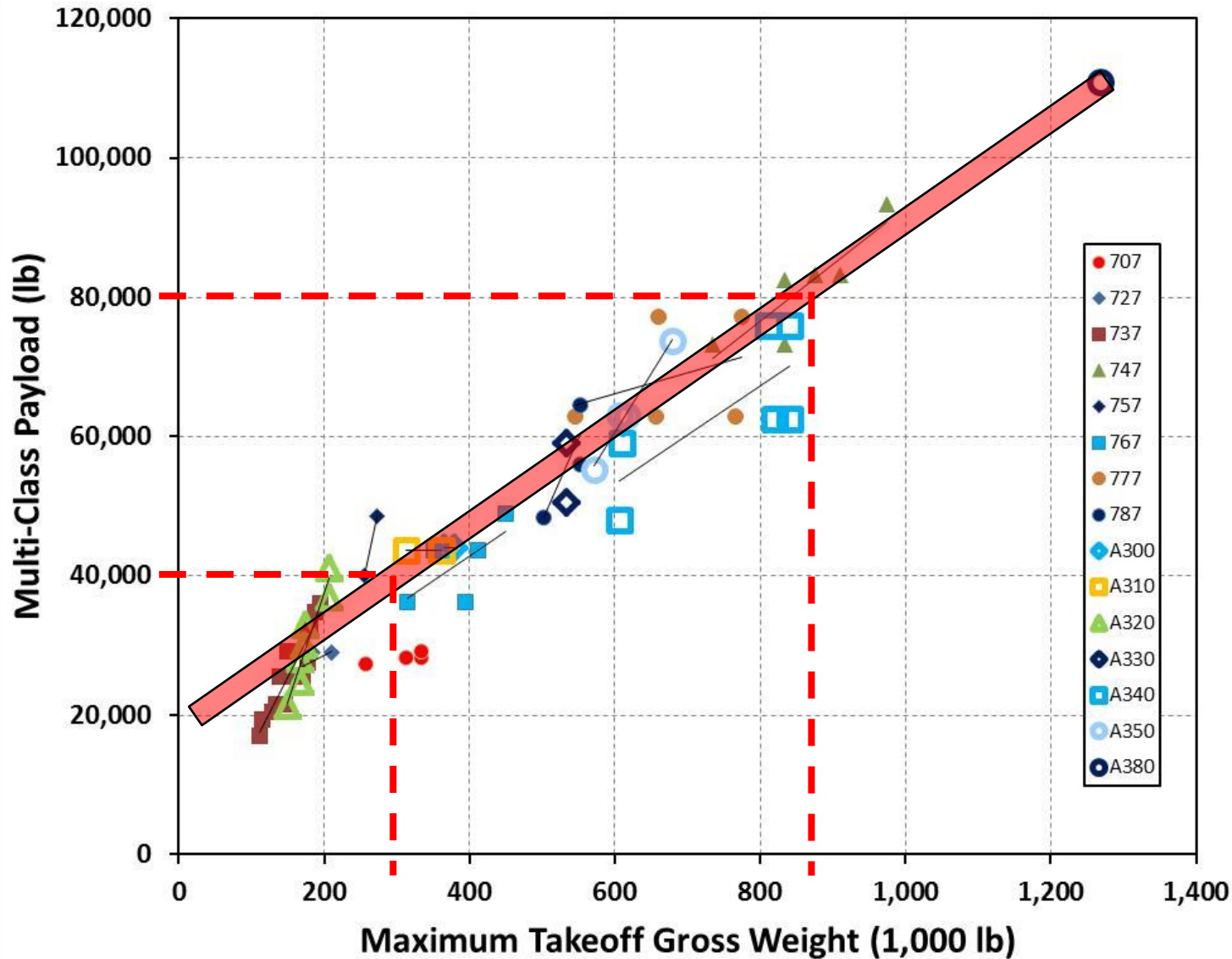
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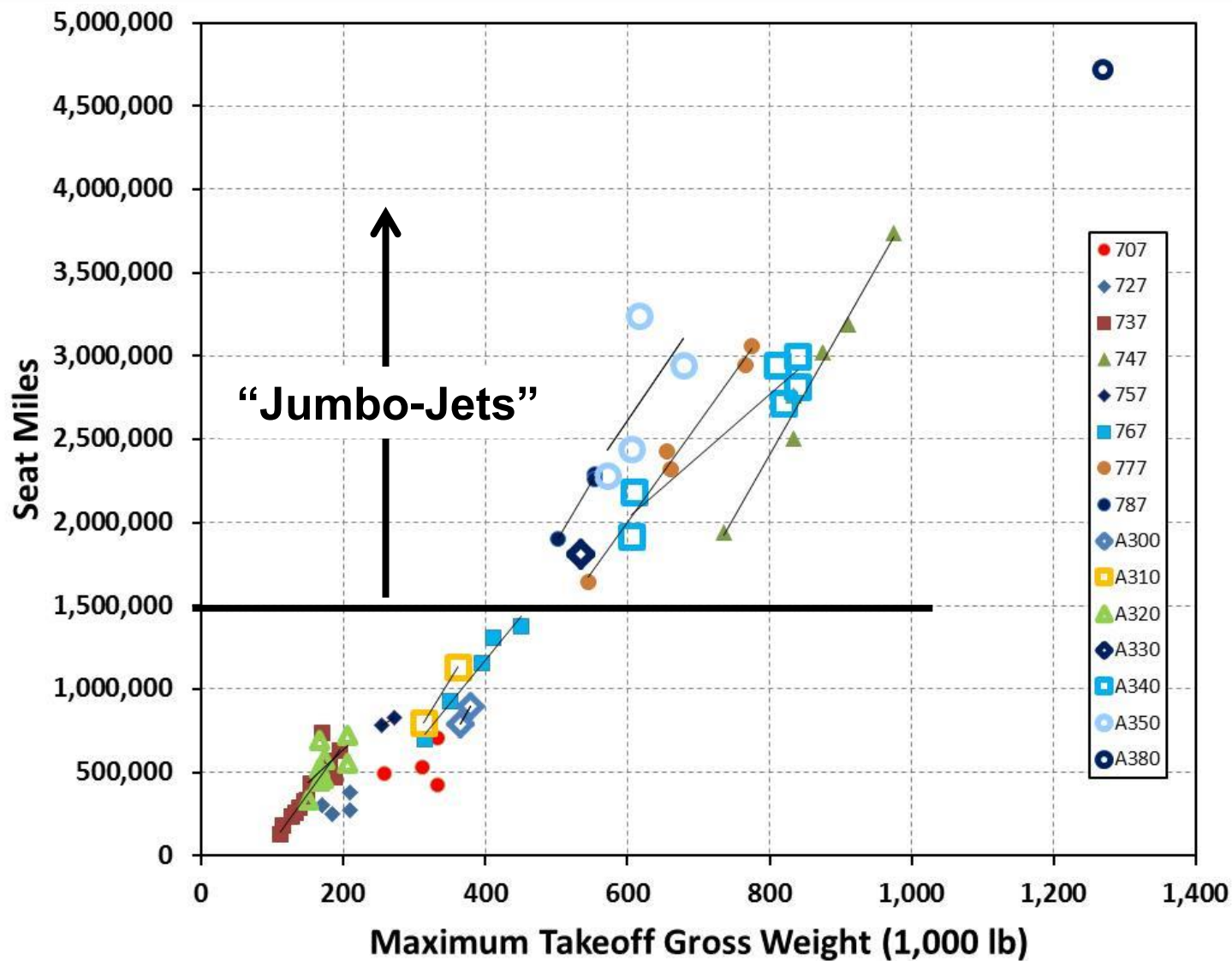
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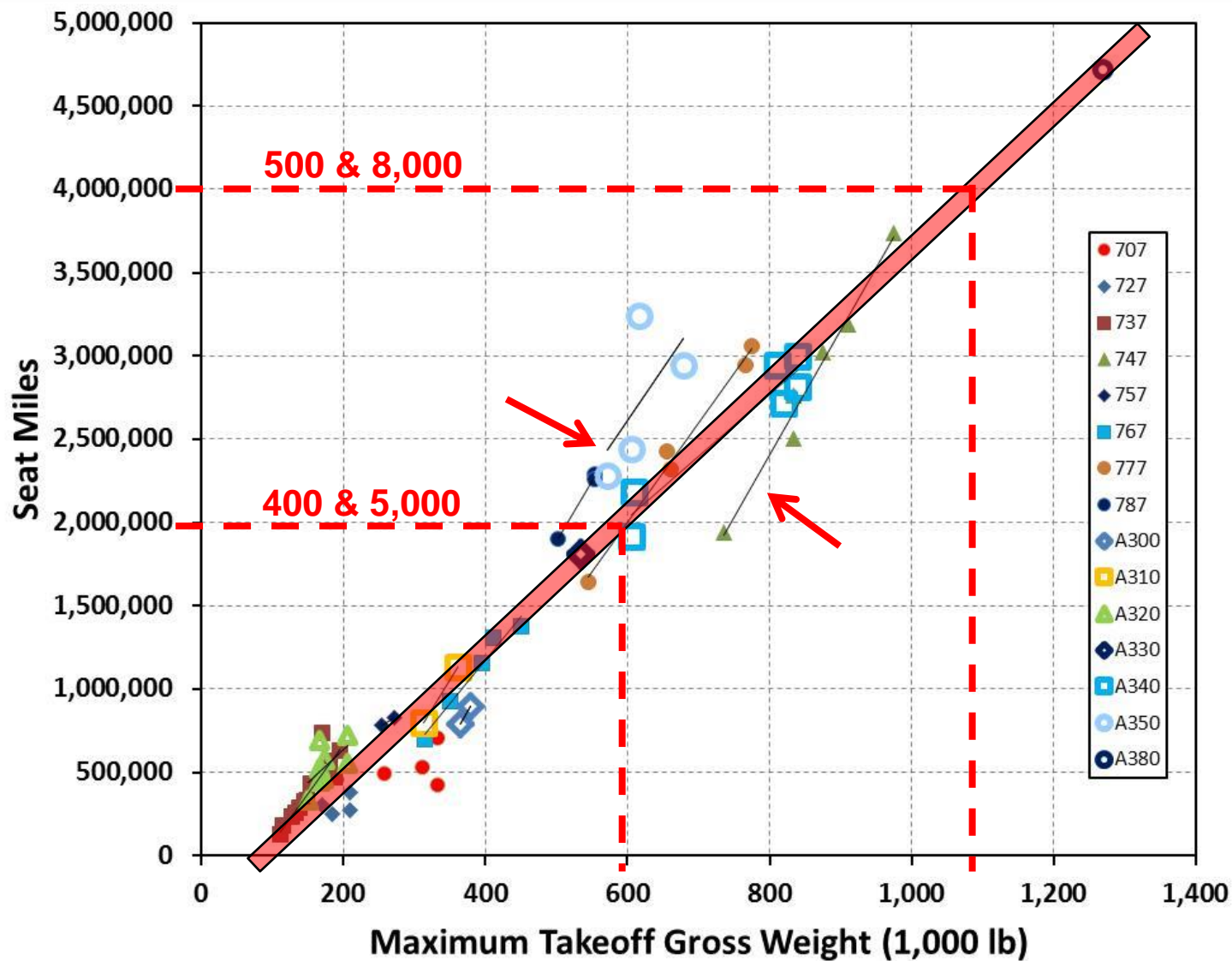
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## What did we learn from this exercise?

Even an extensive database will have holes in it

- Use mathematical techniques to fill the holes

Sometimes trendlines won't fit the data very well

- Maybe using the wrong parameters?

Sometimes the trendlines don't go the way they should

- Other factors involved

The historical database provides a very good  
“first guess” sizing estimate

- Learn from what others have already done!!

Investigate the outliers to the trendlines

- Understand why they are outliers

# Airliner Flight Profile

What should an airliner's flight profile look like?

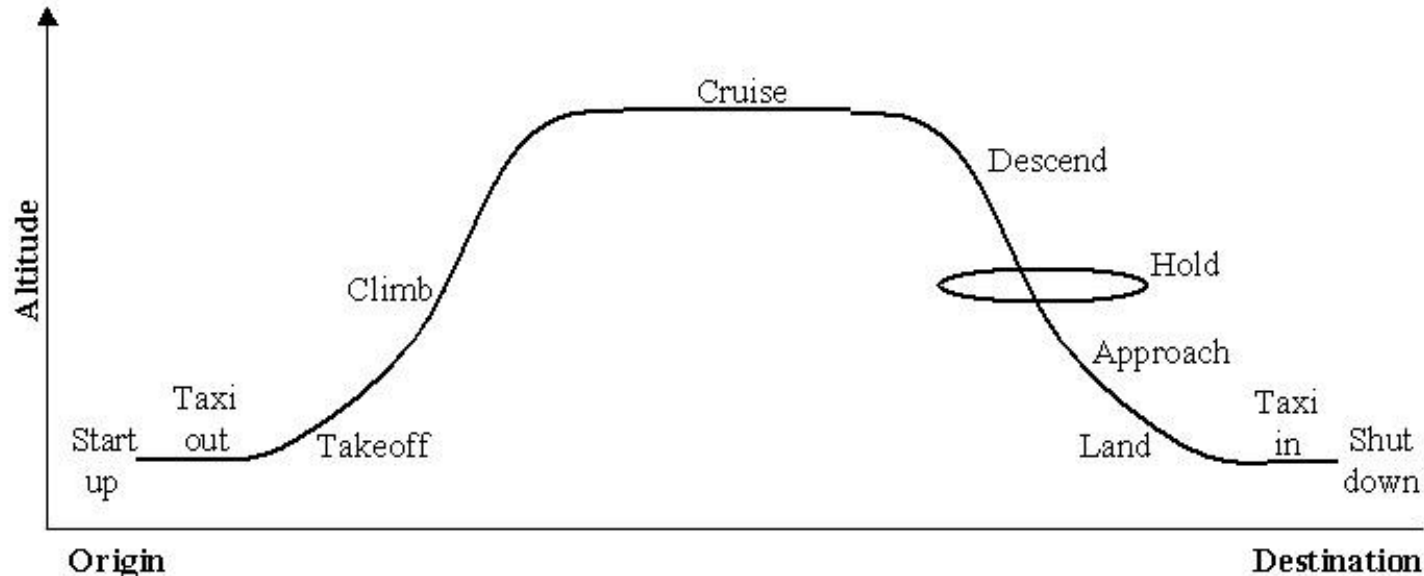
**Start-up, Taxi, and Takeoff from the Origination Airport**

**Climb to Cruise Altitude**

**Cruise to Destination Area**

**Descend into Destination Airport**

**Land with Fuel Reserves, Taxi to Gate, and Shut-down**

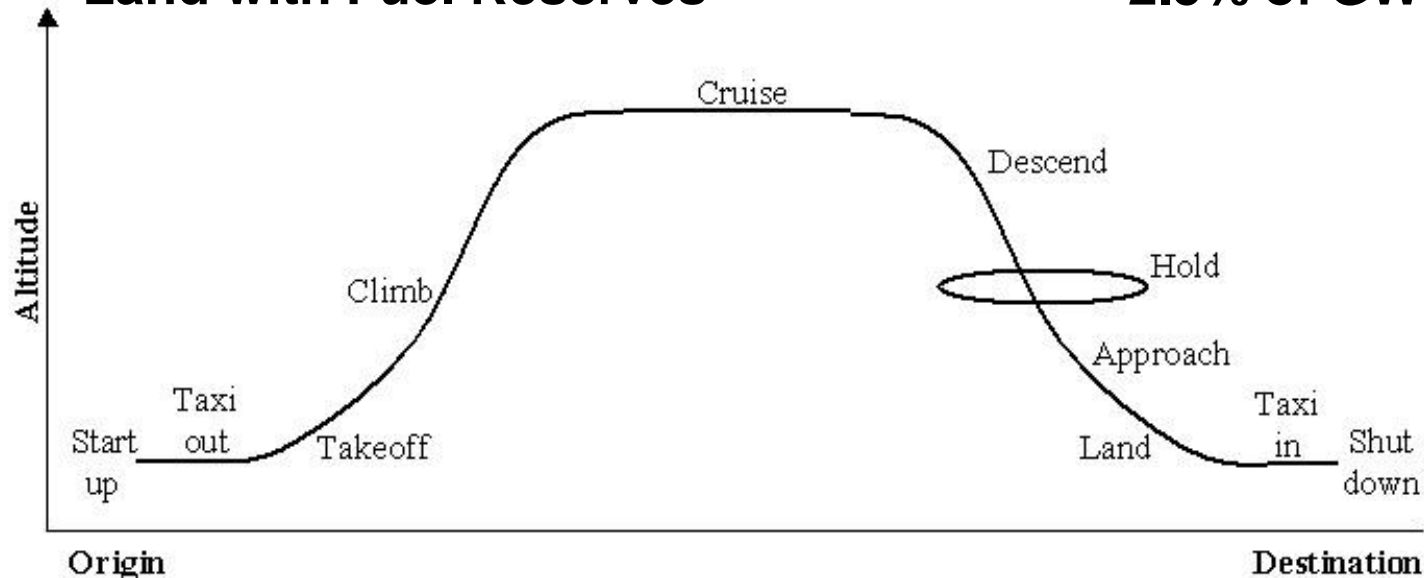




# Airliner Flight Profile

How do we account for the fuel burned in each segment of the flight profile?

Takeoff from the Origination Airport	2.5% of GW
Climb to Cruise Altitude	3.5% of GW
Cruise to Destination Area	X
Descend into Destination Airport	--
Land with Fuel Reserves	2.5% of GW + reserves



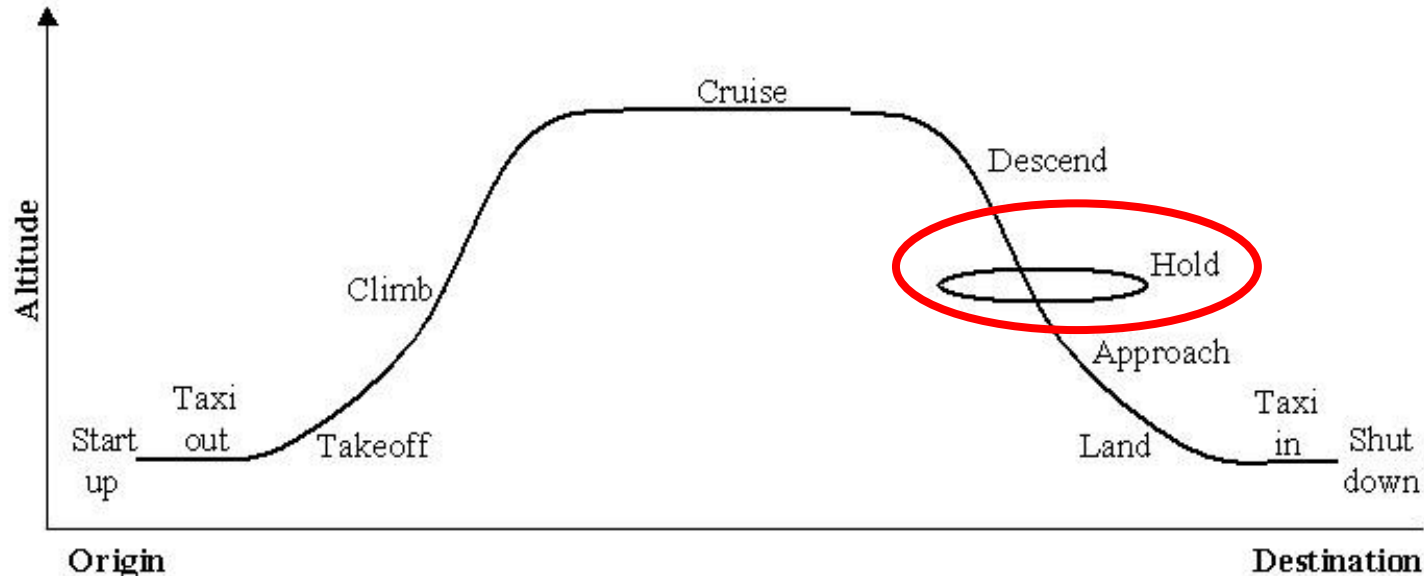
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**Landing Reserves – so we don't ever run out of fuel!**

**5% of fuel at takeoff**

**+ 45 minutes at 10,000 ft over Destination Airport**

**+ 1% Unusable Fuel – fuel trapped in the fuel lines and tanks**



# Airliner Flight Profile

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# ITERTOW.XLS

## Iteration on Takeoff Weight

# **“Design of Aircraft” - Thomas C. Corke**

# Airliner Flight Profile

	Mission Requirements
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Engine: Thrust (lbs)	128,000
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**Input data from fact sheet**



**Max Range**



**Max Payload**



**# engines x thrust**



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Input other data

← Cruise Mach +  $\Delta M$



← Optimum altitude



← Max Range



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Fuel Reserves

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## Calculate more data

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- ← Max Payload
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- ←
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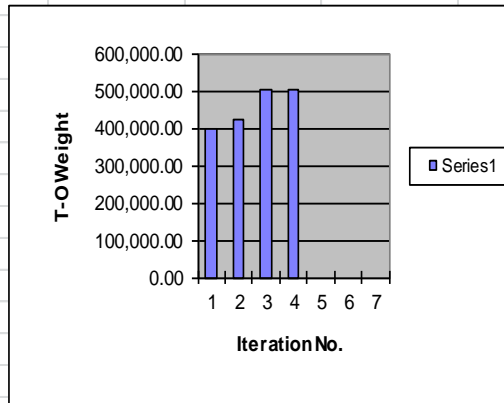
**Iterate sfc to balance TOGW**

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**Iterate sfc**

**Get TOGW close to value on fact sheet**

**OWE should match closely**

	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	Iteration 3	Iteration 4	Iteration 5	Iteration 6
Weight: T-O (estimated)	400,000	400,000.00	423,315.11	502,501.02	502,501.02	#DIV/0!
Weight: T-O (final)		423,315.11	441,326.91	502,501.02	502,501.02	#DIV/0!
Surplus Empty Wt. (lbs)		-23,315.11	-18,011.80	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
1. Start-up & T-O		390,000.00	412,732.23	489,938.50	489,938.50	#DIV/0!
2. Climb & Accel. to Cruise		376,740.00	398,699.34	473,280.59	473,280.59	#DIV/0!
3a. L/D		21.10	21.10	21.10	21.10	21.10
3b. V (f/s)		834.36	834.36	834.36	834.36	834.36
3c. Cruise to destination		313,824.18	332,116.29	394,242.42	394,242.42	#DIV/0!
4. Loiter		311,129.22	329,264.26	390,856.88	390,856.88	#DIV/0!
5. Land		303,350.99	321,032.65	381,085.46	381,085.46	#DIV/0!
Total Fuel Wt. (lbs)		102,447.95	108,419.41	128,700.49	128,700.49	#DIV/0!
Available Empty Wt. (lbs)		183,252.05	200,595.70	259,500.53	259,500.53	#DIV/0!
Required Empty Wt. (lbs)		206,567.16	218,607.50	259,500.53	259,500.53	#DIV/0!

**Max TOGW**

**= 502,500 lb**

**OWE = 259,500 lb**

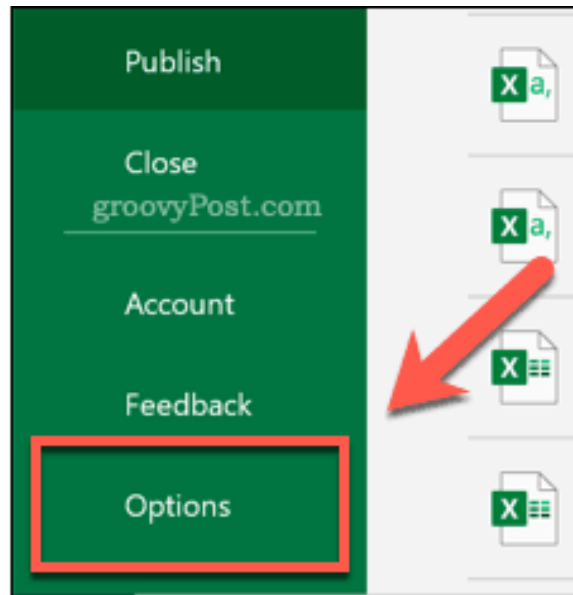


# Excel Solver Function

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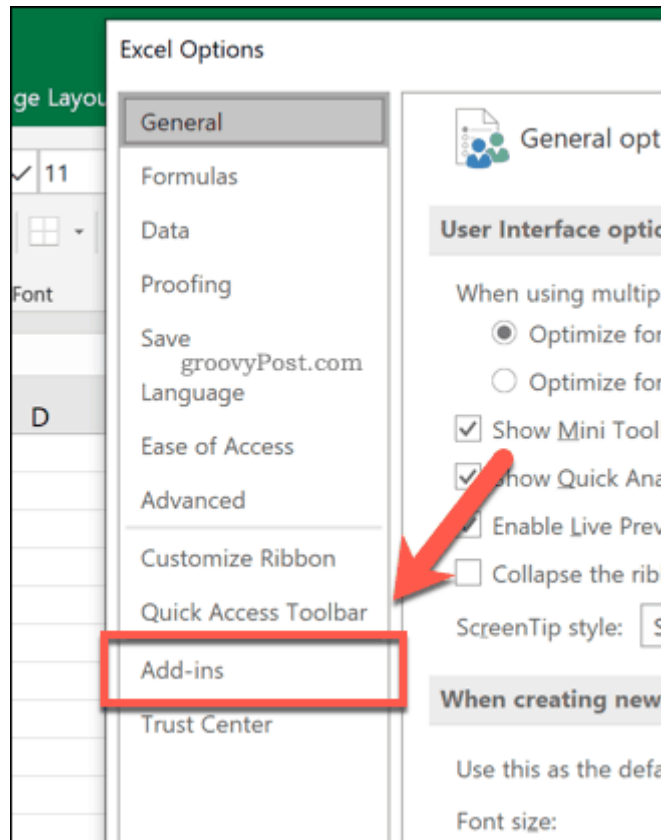
## Installation Instructions

Open Excel and click on **File > Options** to open the Excel Options menu:



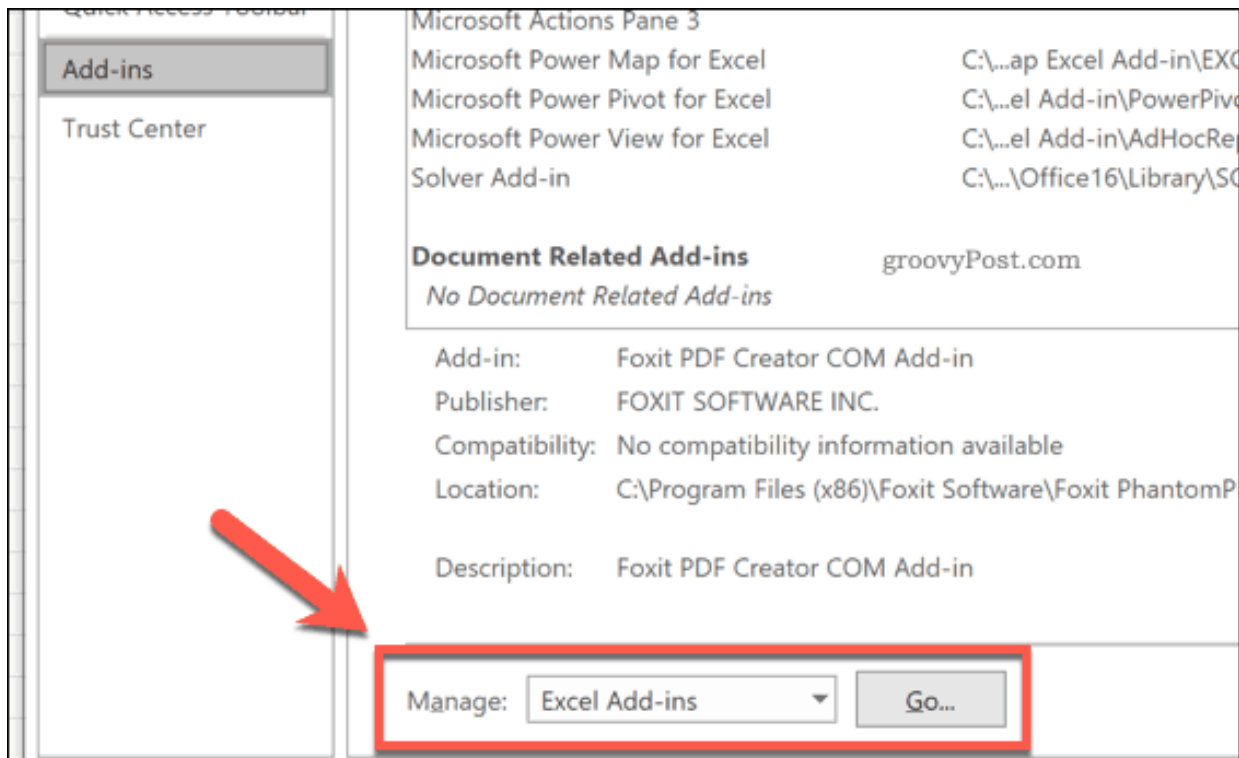
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In the **Excel Options** window, click on the **Add-ins** tab to view the settings for Excel add-ins:



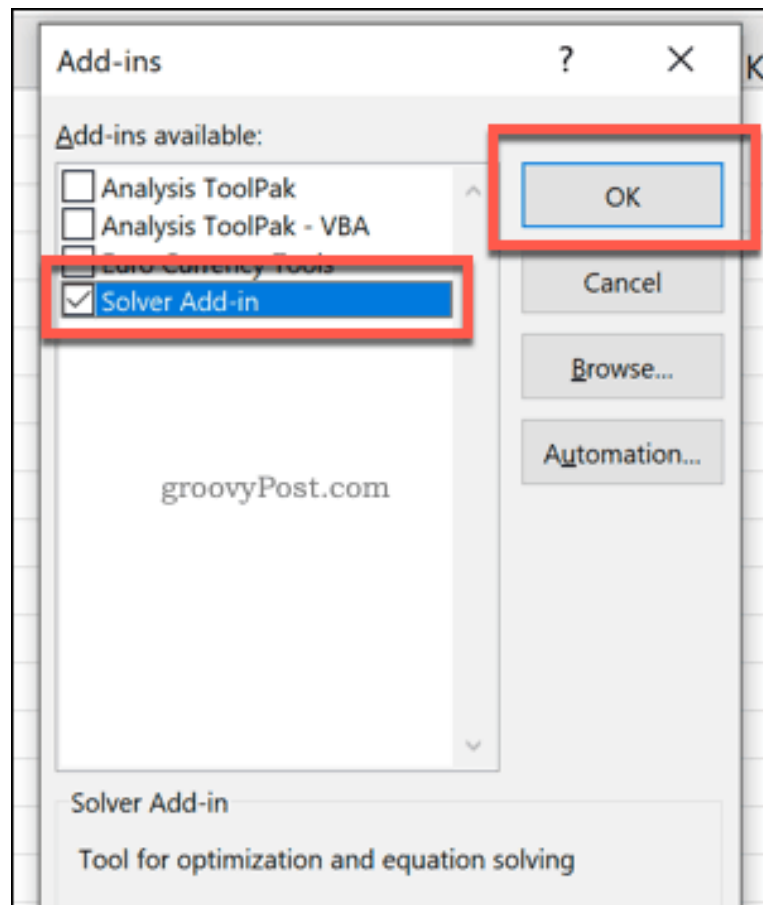
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Select **Excel add-ins** from the **Manage** drop-down menu at the bottom of the window, then click on the **Go** button.



# Excel Solver Function

In the **Add-ins** window, click on the checkbox next to the **Solver Add-in** option, then click on **OK** to confirm.



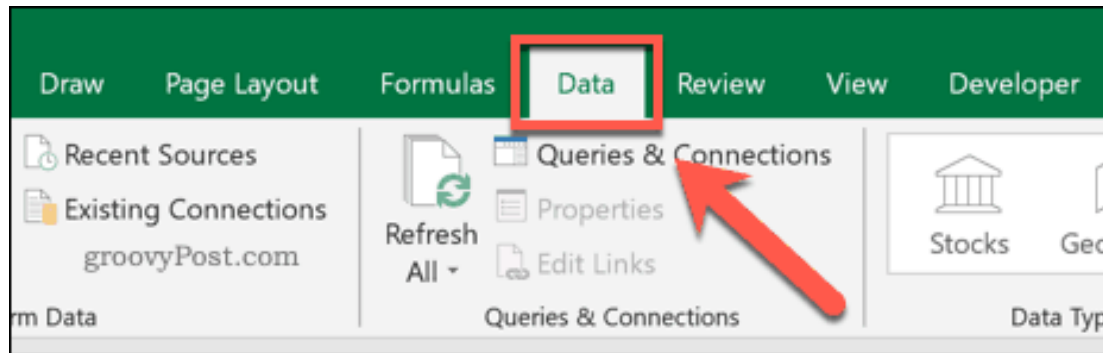
Mission Requirements								
Max. Mach	0.85							
Cruise Mach	0.8							
Cruise Alt. (ft)	36,000							
Range (nm)	5,200							
Payload: Non-exp. (lb)	84,000							
Engine: TSFC Min.	0.200000							
Engine: Thrust (lbs)	128,000							
Aspect Ratio	8.79							
Structure Factor	0.5069							
Loiter: Time (min)	45							
Loiter: Altitude (ft)	10,000							
Fuel Reserve (%)	5							
Trapped Fuel (%)	1							
		Iteration 1	Iteration 2	Iteration 3	Iteration 4	Iteration 5	Iteration 6	Iteration 7
Weight: T-O (estimated)	400,000	400,000.00	367,139.31	287,521.84	287,521.84	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Weight: T-O (final)		367,139.31	343,878.93	287,521.84	287,521.84	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Surplus Empty Wt. (lbs)		32,860.69	23,260.38	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
1. Start-up & T-O		390,000.00	357,960.83	280,333.79	280,333.79	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
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3a. L/D		18.79	18.79	18.79	18.79	18.79	18.79	18.79
3b. V (f/s)		785.28	785.28	785.28	785.28	785.28	785.28	785.28
3c. Cruise to destination		335,152.70	307,619.32	240,909.30	240,909.30	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
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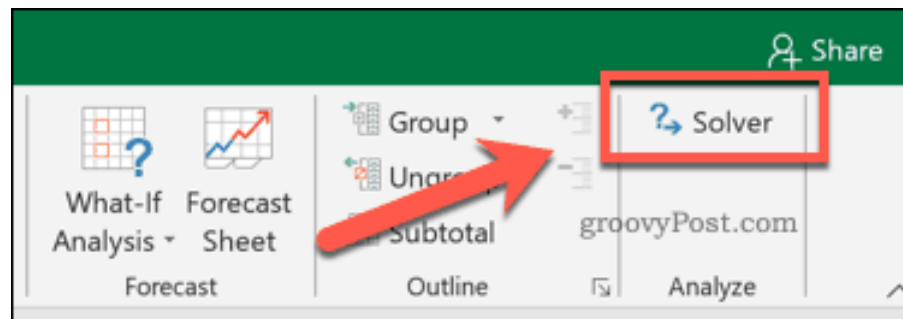
Find the **TSFC** that will result in  
**Takeoff Gross Weight = 361,600**  
**Empty Weight = 183,300**

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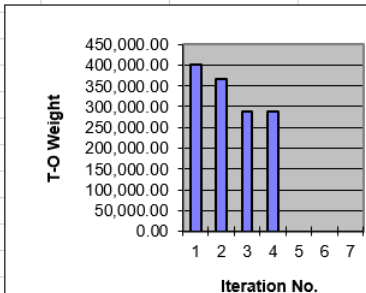
To use Solver, click on the **Data** tab on the Excel ribbon bar.



In the **Analyze** section, click on the **Solver** option.



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Solver Parameters

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To: ☐ Max ☐ Min ☒ Value Of 361600

By Changing Variable Cells: \$B\$9

Subject to the Constraints:

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method: GRG Nonlinear

Solving Method: Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Help Solve Close

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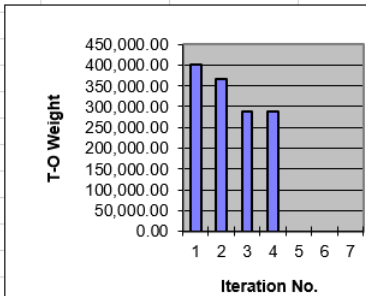
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3c. Cruise to destination		313,221.07	306,235.96	283,151.85	283,151.85	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
4. Loiter		309,323.50	302,425.32	279,628.45	279,628.45	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
5. Land		301,590.42	294,864.68	272,637.74	272,637.74	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Total Fuel Wt. (lbs)		104,314.16	101,987.86	94,300.00	94,300.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Available Empty Wt. (lbs)		211,685.84	205,091.78	183,300.00	183,300.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Required Empty Wt. (lbs)		202,765.49	198,243.64	183,300.00	183,300.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

Options

All Methods | GRG Nonlinear | Evolutionary

Constraint Precision: 0.00000001

☒ Use Automatic Scaling

☐ Show Iteration Results

Solving with Integer Constraints

☐ Ignore Integer Constraints

Integer Optimality (%): 1

Solving Limits

Max Time (Seconds):

Iterations:

Evolutionary and Integer Constraints:

Max Subproblems:

Max Feasible Solutions:

OK Cancel

Use this precision value  
to get really close!

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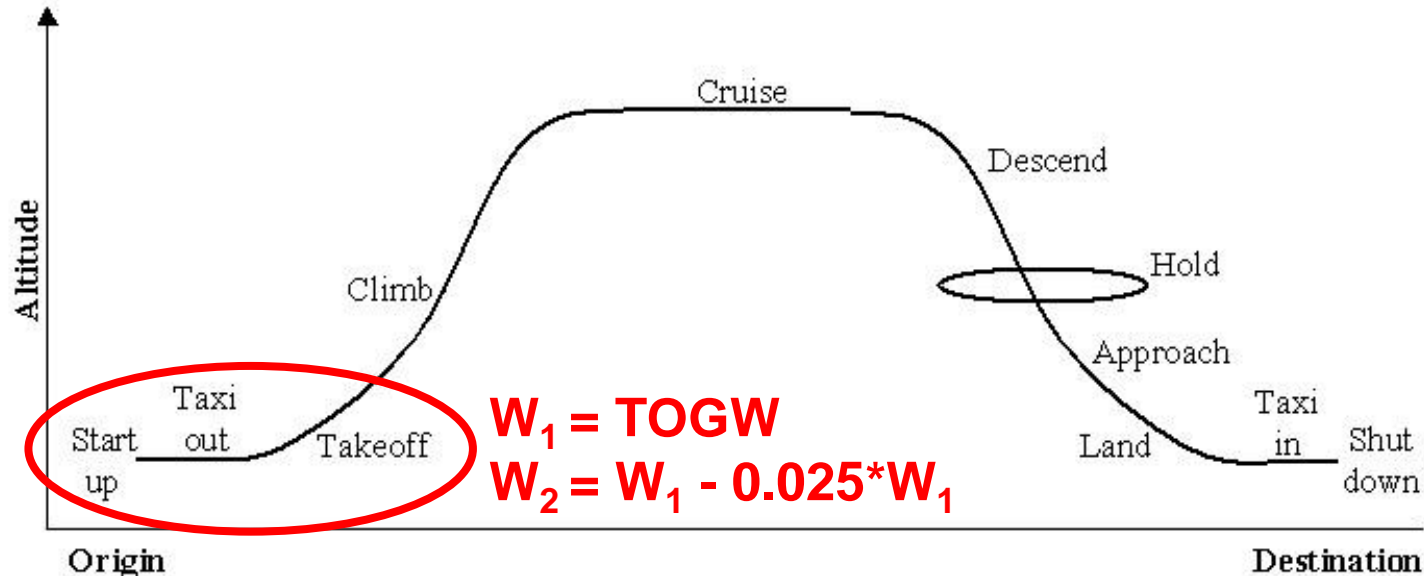
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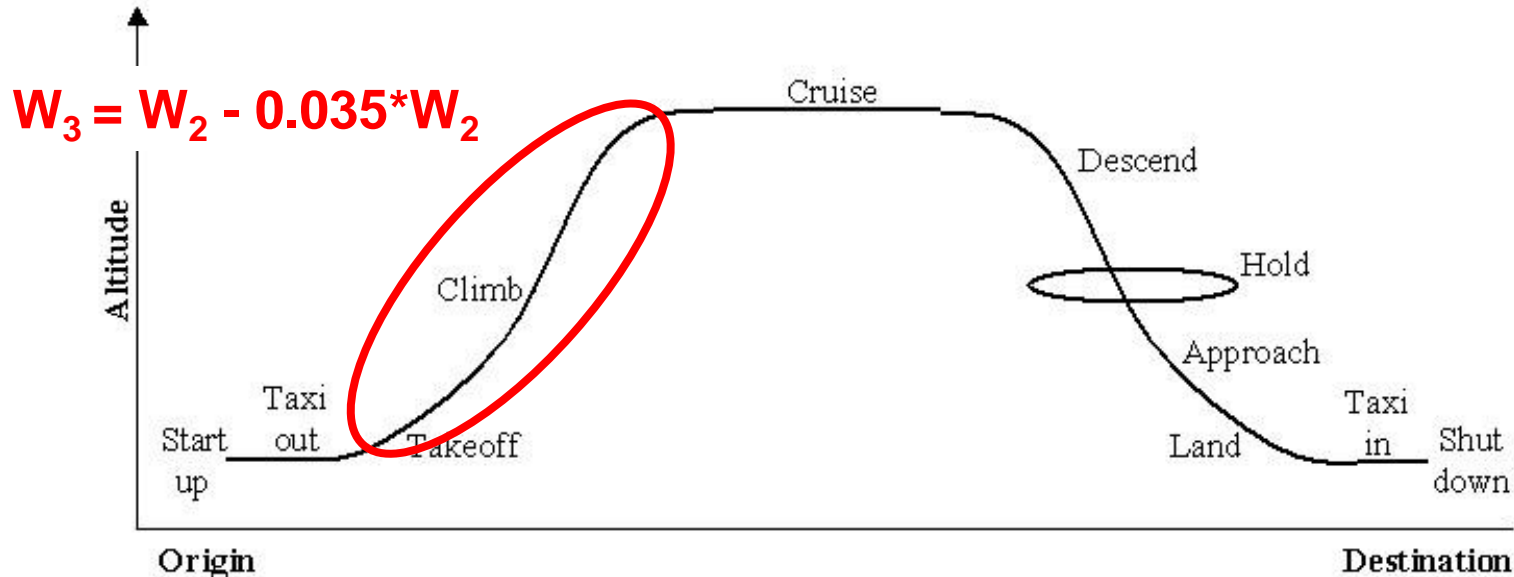
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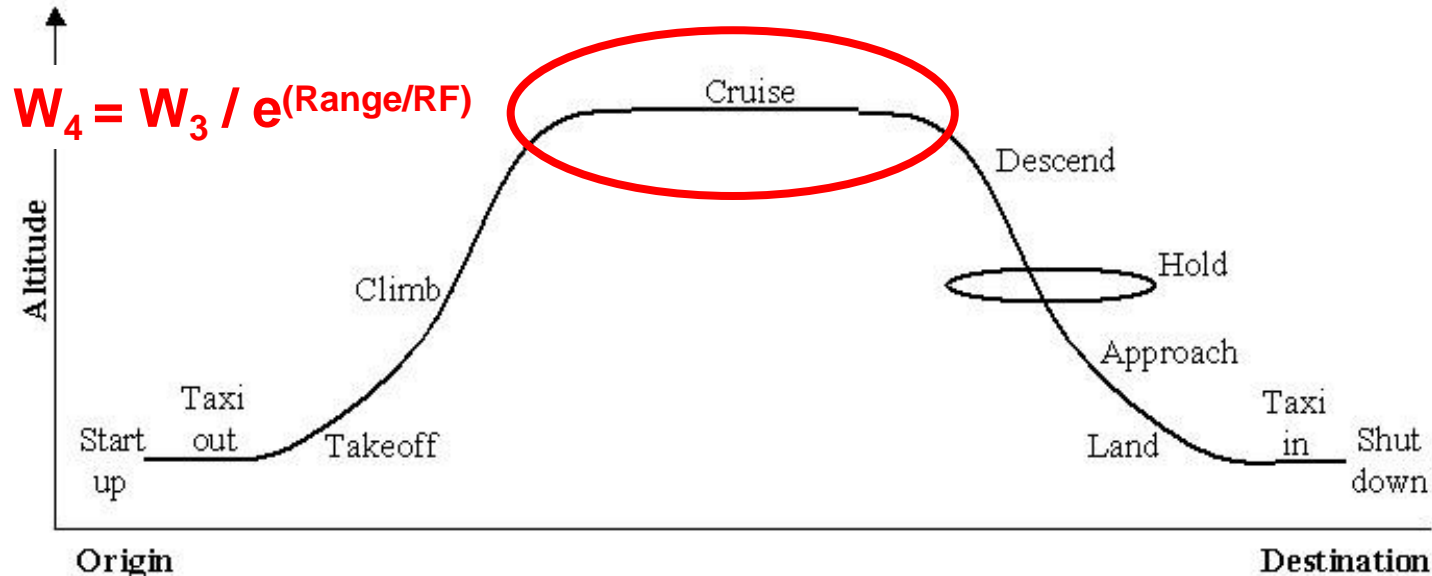
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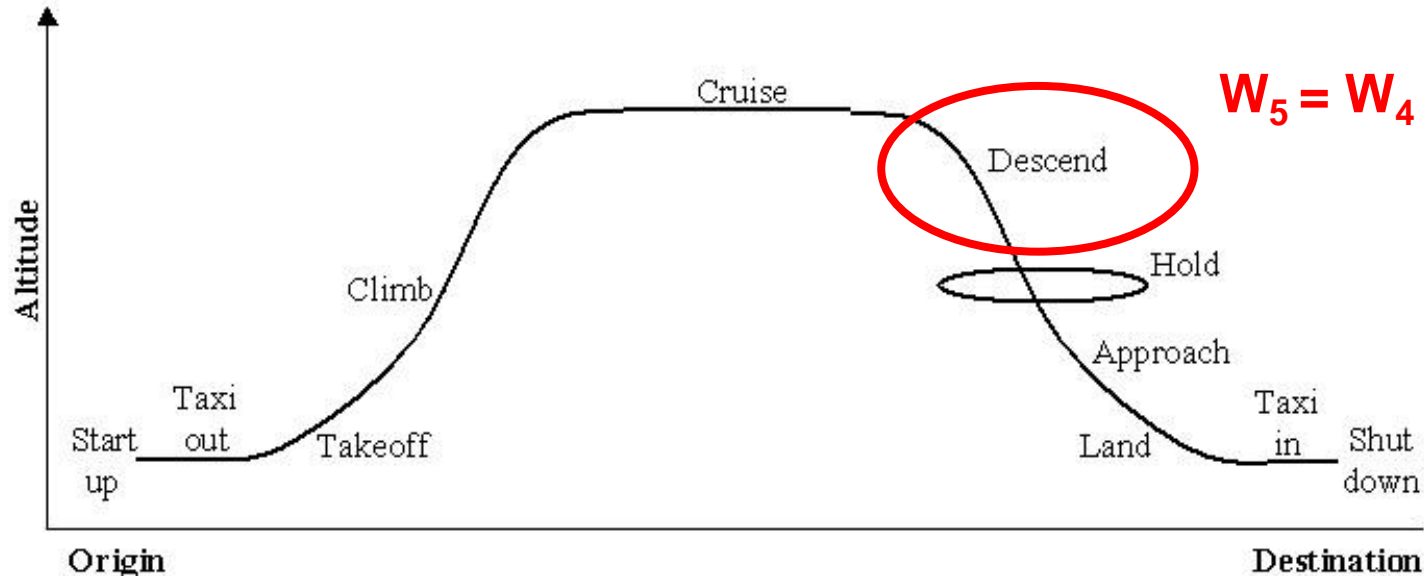
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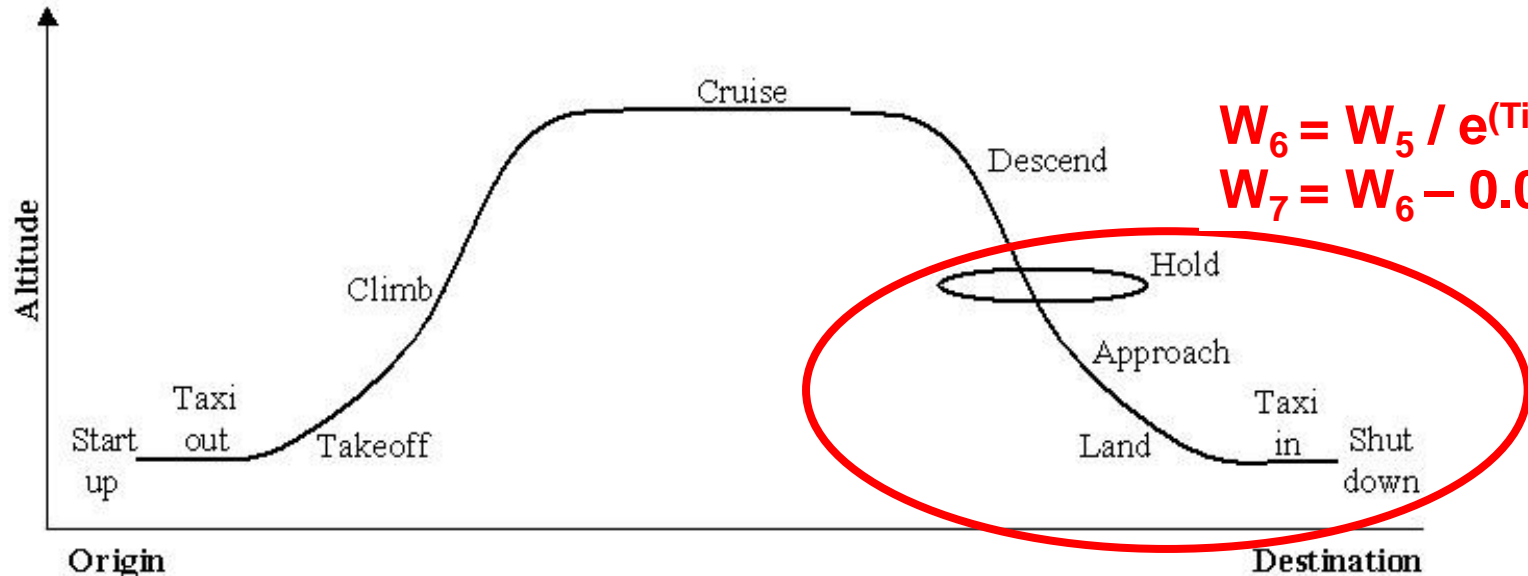
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# ***Homework Assignment***

**HW #19 – Aircraft Design - Weights  
(due by 11:59 pm ET on Monday)**

**HW Help Session**

**Monday 4:00 – 5:00 pm ET**

**Posted on Canvas**

**HW #19 Assignment with instructions, tips,  
and checklist**

**ITERTOW.XLS Excel file**

**Teams must get confirmation from the TA that their TSFC value  
is correct before moving on to new HW assignments**

# Questions?