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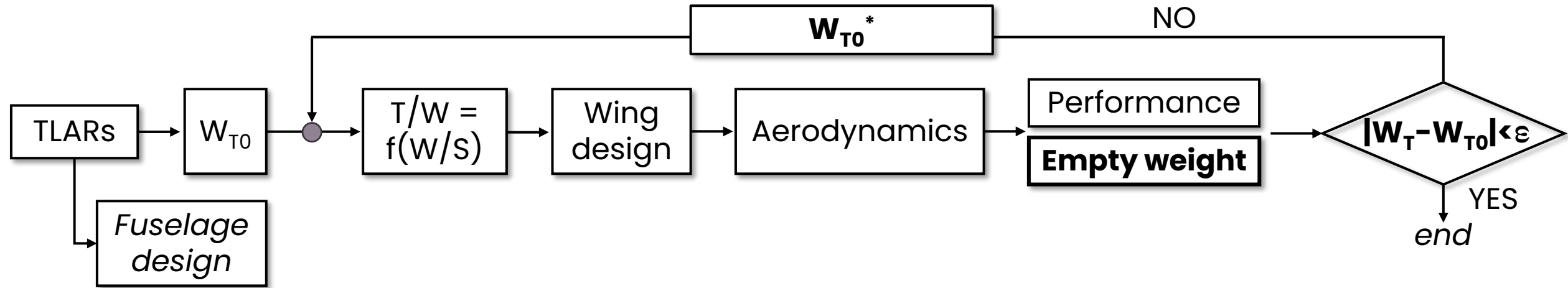
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The **operating empty weight** is the weight of the airplane in a condition **ready to fly**, but with **no fuel or payload** yet taken on board.

OEW



Aircraft operating empty weight

Structural mass

Wing
Tail
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Landing gear

Propulsion

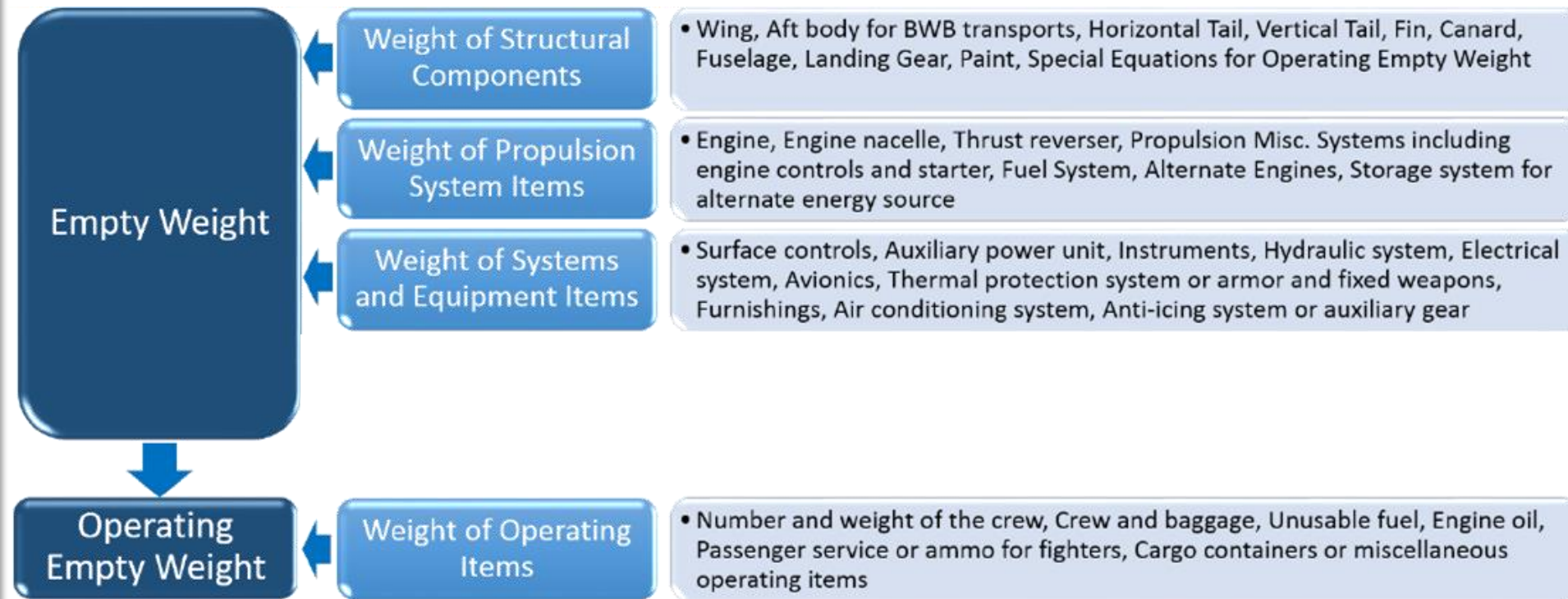
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$$I_w = \frac{n_{ult} * AR^{1.5} (W_{zf} / W_{to})^{0.5} (1 + 2\lambda) (W / S) S^{1.5} * 10^{-6}}{(t / c) (\cos \Lambda_{25})^2 (1 + \lambda)}$$

$$W_{wing} = 0.93 * I_w + 6.44 * S + 390 \quad S > 900 \text{ ft}^2 (83 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$W_{wing} = 4.24 * I_w + 0.57 * S \quad S < 900 \text{ ft}^2 (83 \text{ m}^2)$$

$W_{zf} = \text{MTOW} - m_{\text{fuel}} = \text{Zero fuel weight [lb]}$

$\lambda = \text{taper ratio}$

$n_{ult} = \text{ultimate load factor} = 3.75$

$[S] = \text{ft}^2$

$[W/S] = \text{lb/ft}^2$

$[W_{wing}] = \text{lb}$

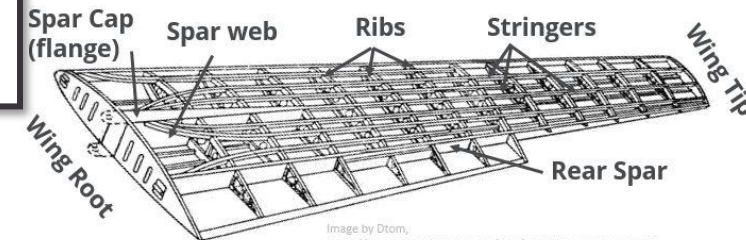


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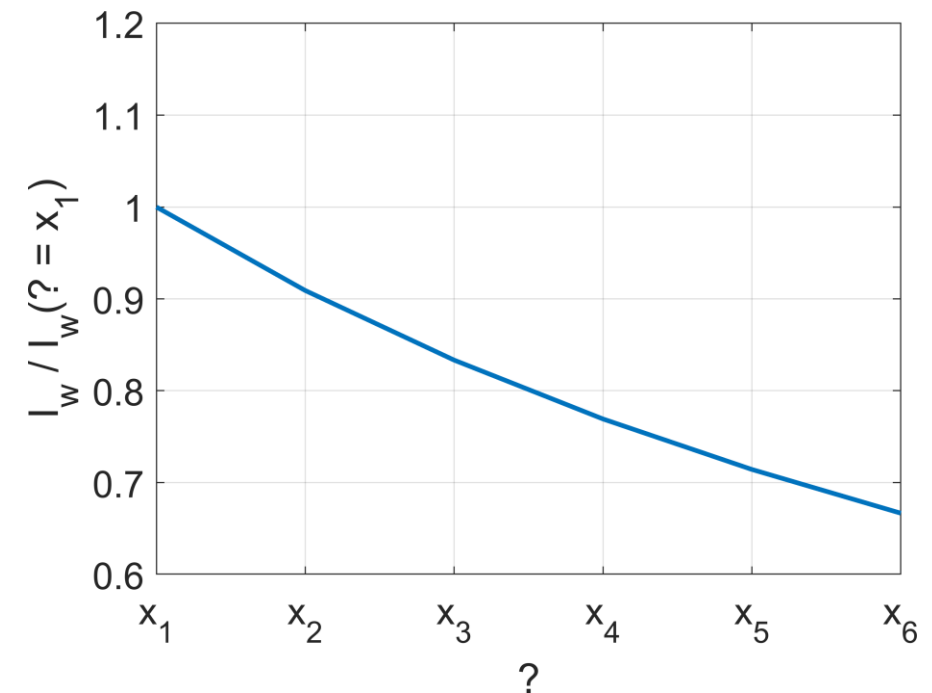
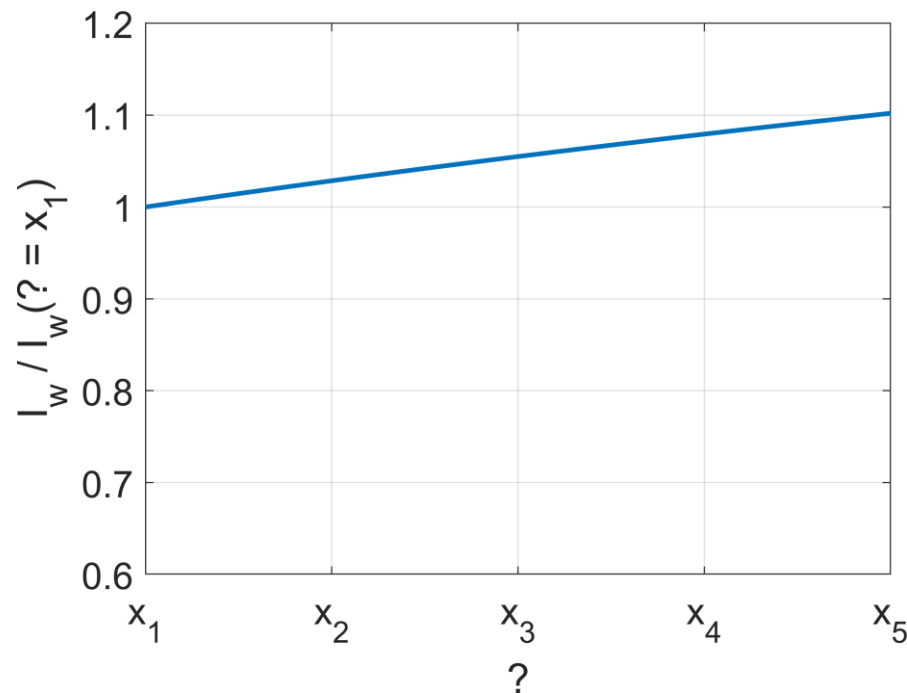
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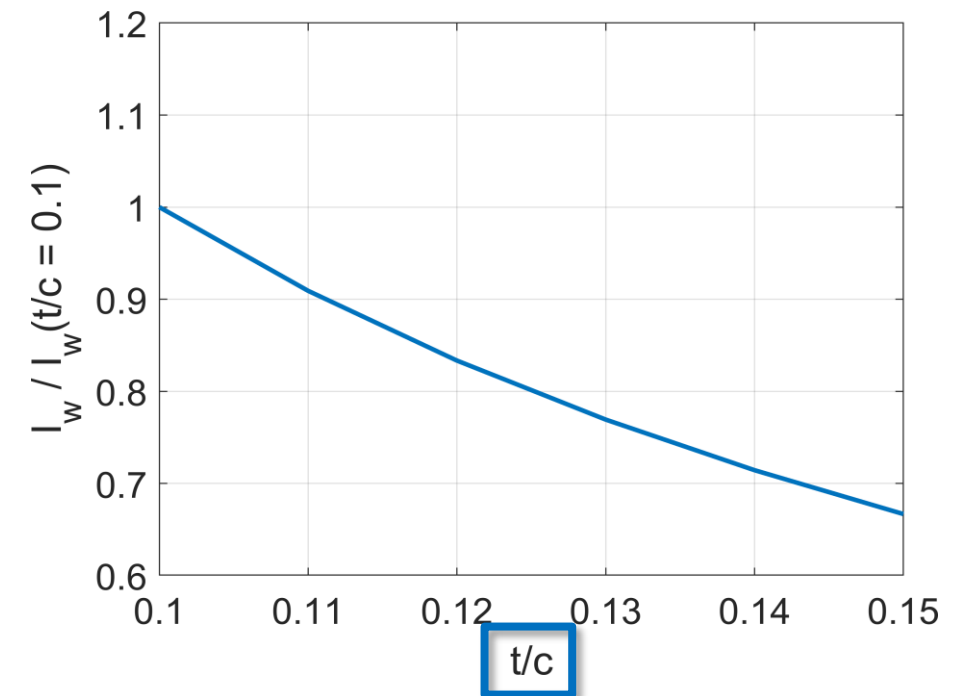
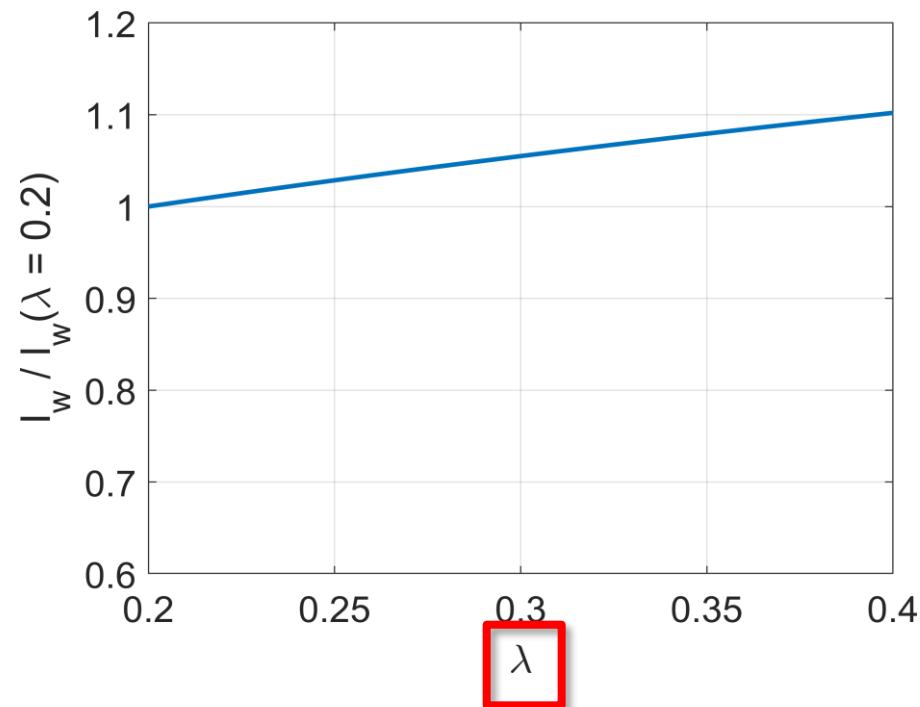
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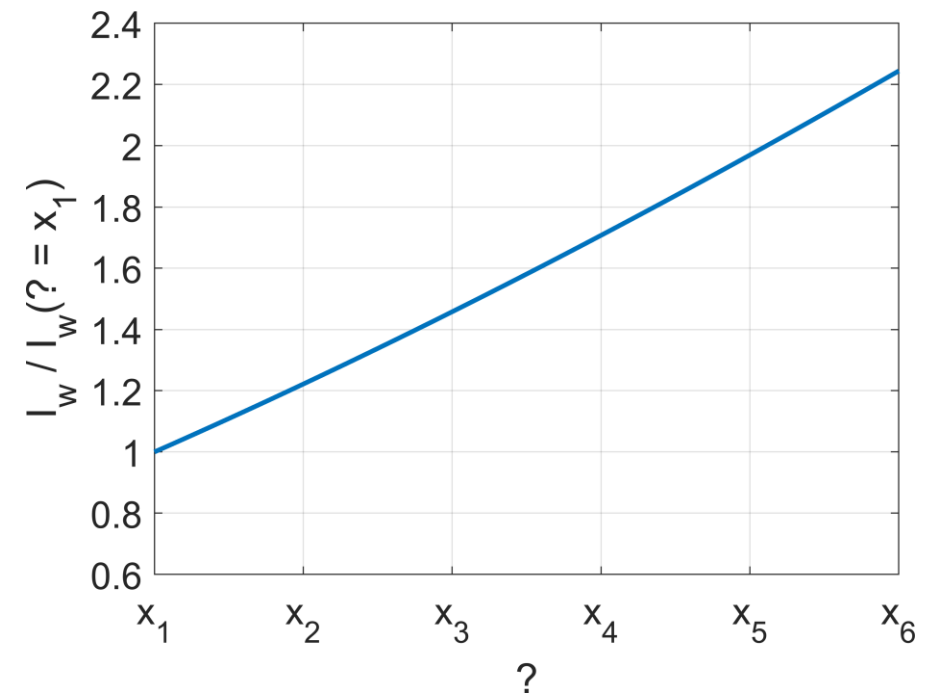
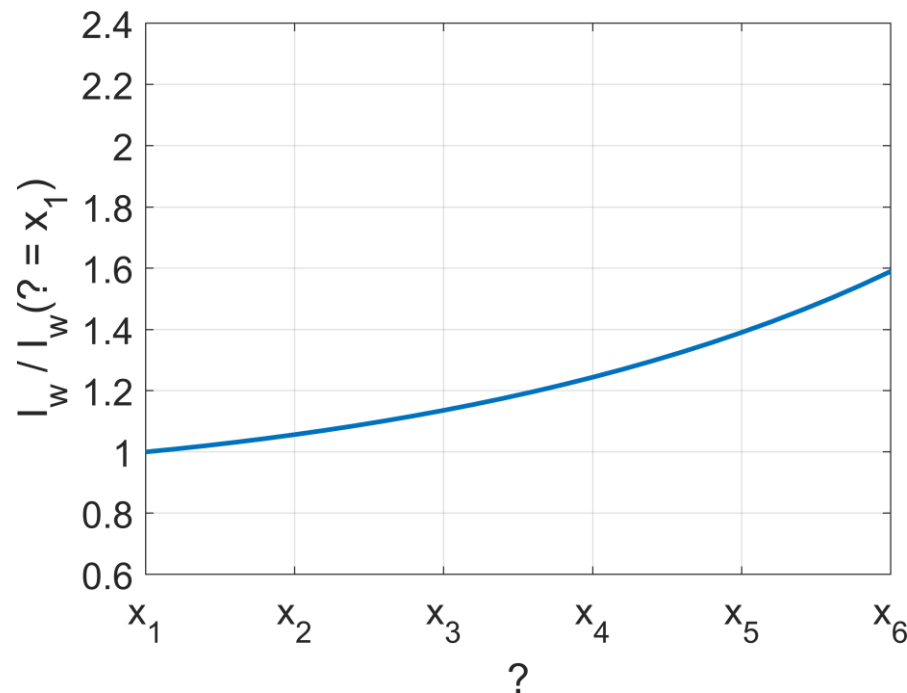
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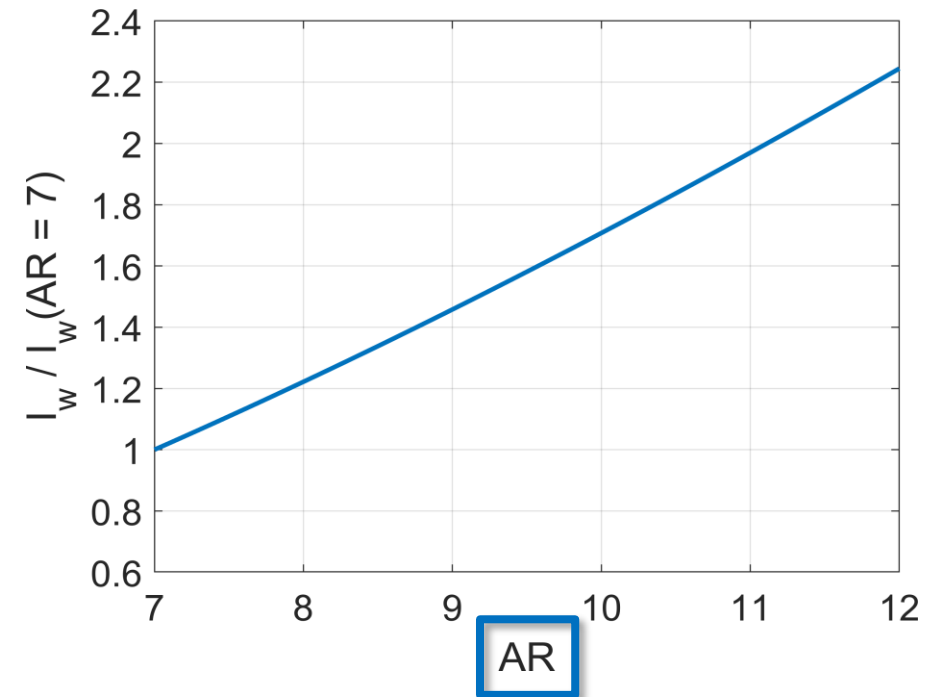
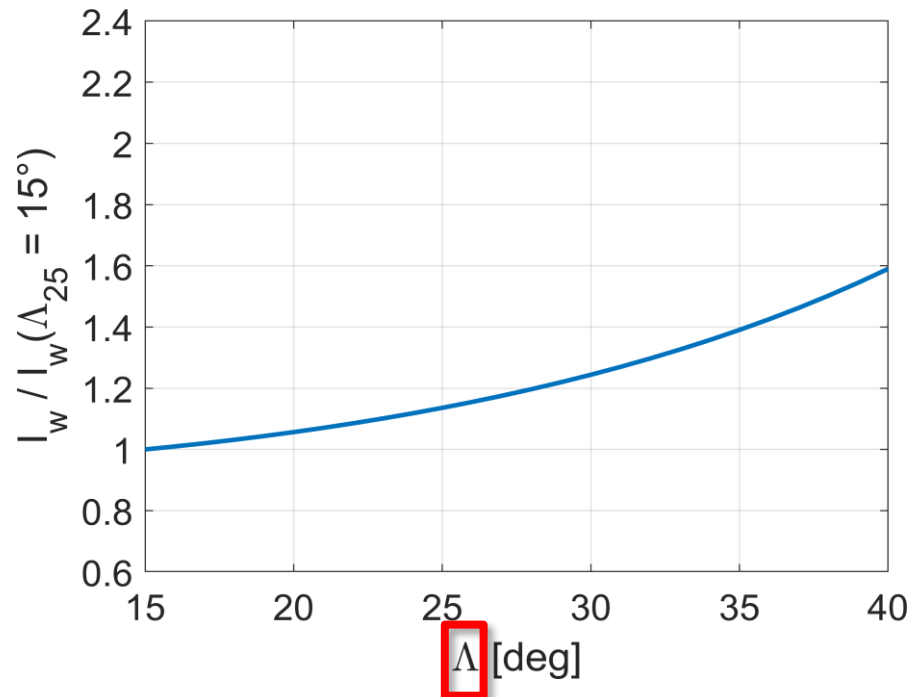
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T tail

$$W_{tail} = 6.39 * S_{tail}$$



S_{tail} = Total surface area
of horizontal and vertical
wing

$$[S_{tail}] = \text{ft}^2 \quad [W_{tail}] = \text{lb}$$

Conventional tail

$$W_{tail} = 5.03 * S_{tail}$$



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Tail surface can be assessed by statistical values of transport aircraft

Table 6.1 Horizontal Tail Properties for a Range of Airliners^a

Aircraft	Gross Weight W_g (lb)	Wing Area S (sq.ft.)	S_h/S	Horizontal Tail Span b_h (ft)	A_h	Taper λ_h	Sweep Λ_h (deg)
Dash 8 Q100	36,300	585	0.28	26.8	4.43	0.80	6.5
XAC MA60	48,050	810	0.22	31.0	5.49	0.44	20.0
ATR72-500	48,500	657	0.20	24.2	4.37	0.56	8.0
ERJ145LR	46,275	551	0.24	24.8	4.68	0.59	20.0
CRJ200LR	53,000	587	0.19	20.5	3.72	0.50	34.5
CRJ700ER	75,250	739	0.24	28.0	4.36	0.40	33.0
E175	85,517	783	0.32	32.8	4.29	0.50	35.0
B737-700ER	154,500	1341	0.33	47.1	5.04	0.33	36.0
A320-200	169,800	1320	0.26	40.9	4.84	0.31	32.5
A310-300	361,600	2360	0.30	53.2	3.99	0.44	37.0
B767-200ER	395,000	3050	0.28	61.1	4.42	0.30	36.0
B777-200	545,000	4605	0.25	70.6	4.40	0.33	39.5
A340-300	609,580	3890	0.20	63.5	5.12	0.40	32.5
B747-400	875,000	5650	0.26	72.8	3.57	0.24	42.5
A380-800	1,234,600	9104	0.24	99.7	4.45	0.37	37.5

^a Manufacturers: Airbus (A320, A310, A340, A380), Avions de Transport Regional (ATR72), Boeing (B737, B747, B767, B777), Bombardier (CRJ200, CRJ700, Dash8), Embraer (ERJ145, E175), Xian Aircraft Industry Co. (XAC MA60).

Table 6.2 Vertical Tail Properties for a Range of Airliners^a

Aircraft	Gross Weight W_g (lb)	Wing Area S (sq.ft.)	S_v/S	Vertical Tail Height b_v	A_v	Taper λ_v	Sweep Λ_v (deg)
Dash 8 Q100	36,300	585	0.28	14.0	1.20	0.67	32.0
XAC MA60	48,050	810	0.18	15.2	1.57	0.40	27.0
ATR72-500	48,500	657	0.26	15.8	1.48	0.50	38.5
ERJ145LR	46,275	551	0.18	11.4	1.29	0.64	36.0
CRJ200LR	53,000	587	0.19	11.4	1.16	0.69	44.5
CRJ700ER	75,250	739	0.17	12.0	1.16	0.71	40.0
E175	85,517	783	0.29	20.5	1.84	0.30	40.0
B737-700ER	154,500	1341	0.22	26.8	2.45	0.20	37.0
A320-200	169,800	1320	0.24	23.8	1.77	0.30	39.0
A310-300	361,600	2360	0.26	32.3	1.70	0.34	44.0
B767-200ER	395,000	3050	0.21	33.5	1.77	0.33	45.0
B777-200	545,000	4605	0.18	40.7	2.03	0.25	45.0
A340-300	609,580	3890	0.16	33.6	1.81	0.34	44.0
B747-400	875,000	5650	0.19	38.3	1.39	0.31	49.5
A380-800	1,234,600	9104	0.17	52.6	1.76	0.37	44.0

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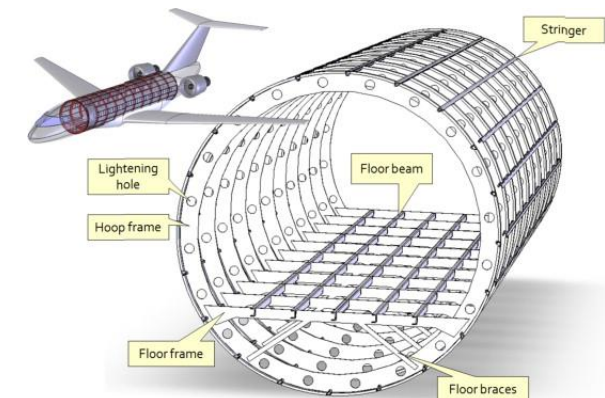
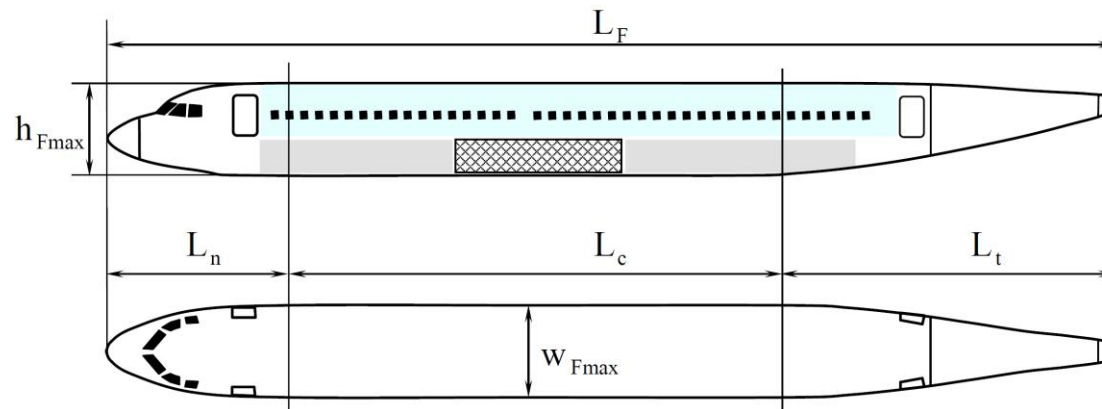
The fuselage weight (W_{Fus}) for a transport aircraft depends on fuselage dimension

$$W_{Fus} = 1.35(L_F \bar{D}_F)^{1.28}$$

$$\bar{D}_F = \frac{W_{Fmax} + h_{Fmax}}{2}$$

W_{Fmax} = maximum fuselage width [ft]

D_{Fmax} = maximum fuselage depth [ft]



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The landing gear mass for a transport aircraft depends on aircraft weight

$$W_{LG_{Group}} = W_{LG_{structure}} + W_{LG_{wheelbrakes}} + W_{LG_{tires}} + W_{LG_{controls}}$$

$$W_{LG_{structure}} = W_{LG} * (0.45 + 23.1 * 10^{-8} * TOGW)$$

$$W_{LG_{wheelbrakes}} = W_{LG} * (0.268 - 8.12 * 10^{-8} * TOGW)$$

$$W_{LG_{tires}} = W_{LG} * (0.152 - 8.38 * 10^{-8} * TOGW)$$

$$W_{LG_{controls}} = W_{LG} * (0.130 - 6.56 * 10^{-8} * TOGW)$$



W_{LG} is a parameter calculated according to the following equation

$$W_{LG} = 0.044TOGW - 672 \quad Np > 100$$

$$W_{LG} = 0.0395 * TOGW \quad Np < 100$$

$$[TOGW] = lb \quad [W_{LG}] = lb$$

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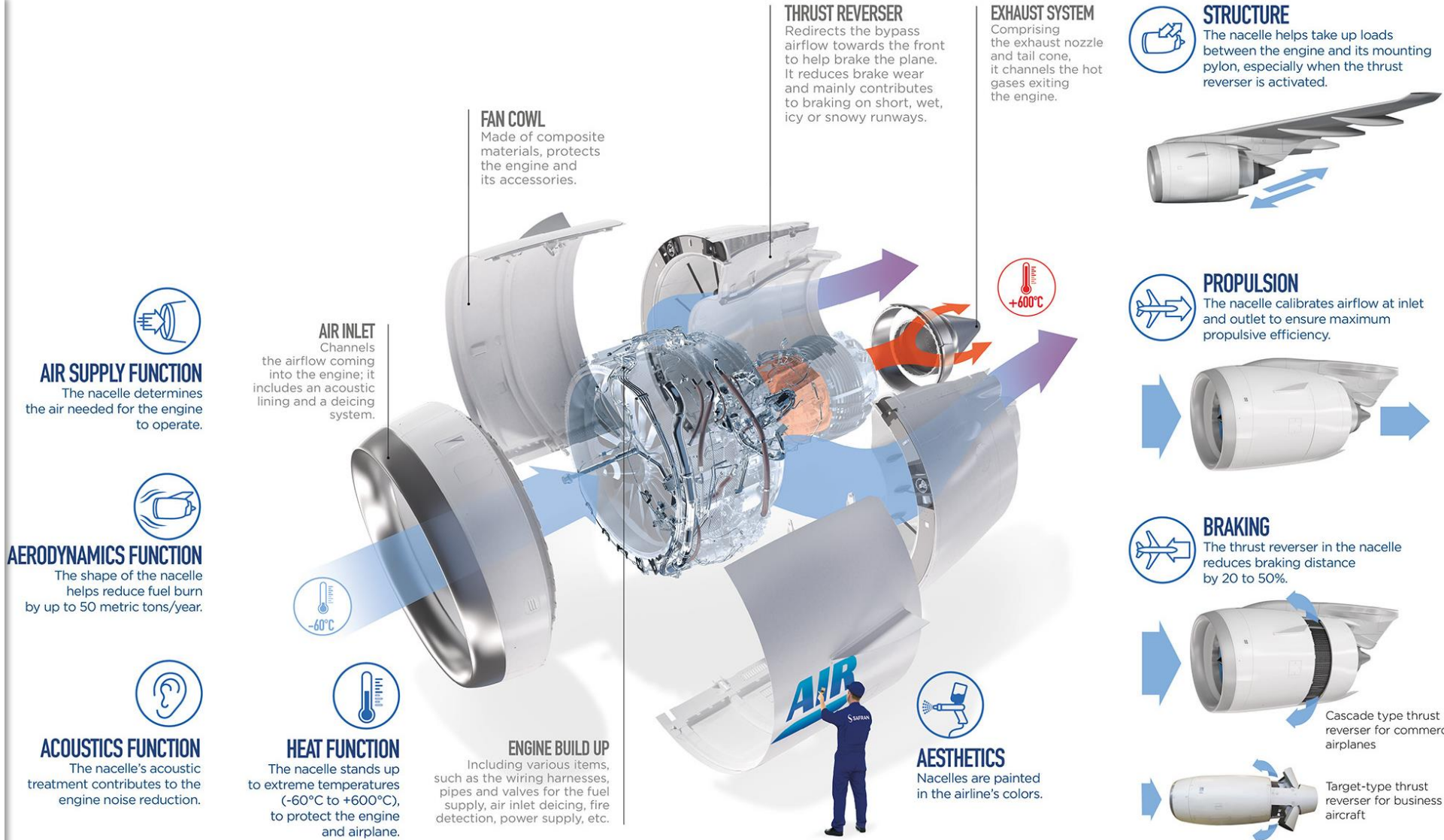
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Nacelle

Transport aircraft nacelle weight depends on engine thrust

$$W_{nac} = \frac{1}{4} N_{nac} D_{nac} L_{nac} T_{eng}^{0.36}$$

$$D_{nac} = 0.04 \sqrt{T_{eng}}$$

$$L_{nac} = 0.07 \sqrt{T_{eng}}$$

W_{nac} = nacelle mass [lb]

N_{nac} = number of nacelles

D_{nac} = nacelle diameter [ft]

L_{nac} = nacelle length [ft]

T_{eng} = thrust of single engine [lb]

Engine

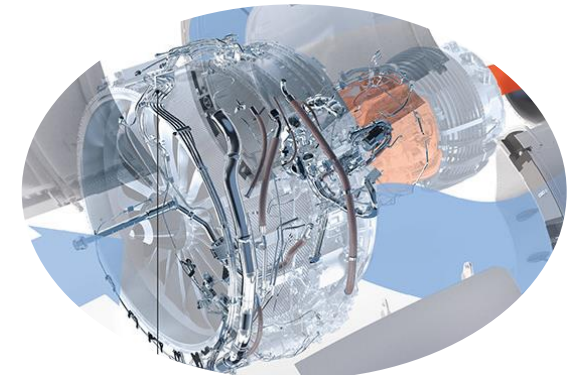
Transport aircraft engine weight depends on engine thrust

$$W_{eng} = \frac{(T/W)MTOW}{5.5}$$

W_{eng} = engine mass [lb]

MTOW = Max TO weight [lb]

T/W = thrust-to-weight ratio



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Fuel system

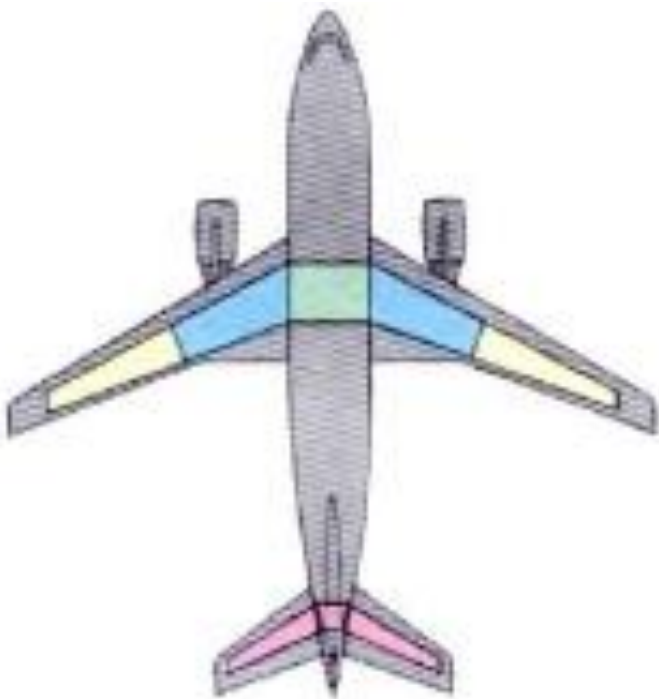
$$W_{fuelsys} = 2.71 \left(\frac{b}{\cos \Lambda_{25}} N_t \right)^{0.956}$$

$W_{fuelSys}$ = fuel system mass [lb]

b = wingspan [ft]

Λ_{25} = sweep angle [rad]

N_t = number of tanks



TANK CAPACITIES AND LOCATIONS

	Usable fuel				
	Outer	Inner	Centre	Trim	Total
Volume { Litre	3,700	13,950	19,840	8,150	61,090
USg	978	3,685	5,189	1,625	16,140
Weight kg					
density 0.8	2,960	11,160	15,712	4,920	48,872
Weight kg					
density 6.68 lbs./US Gal	6,525	24,605	34,642	10,848	107,750

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Hydraulic and flight control systems

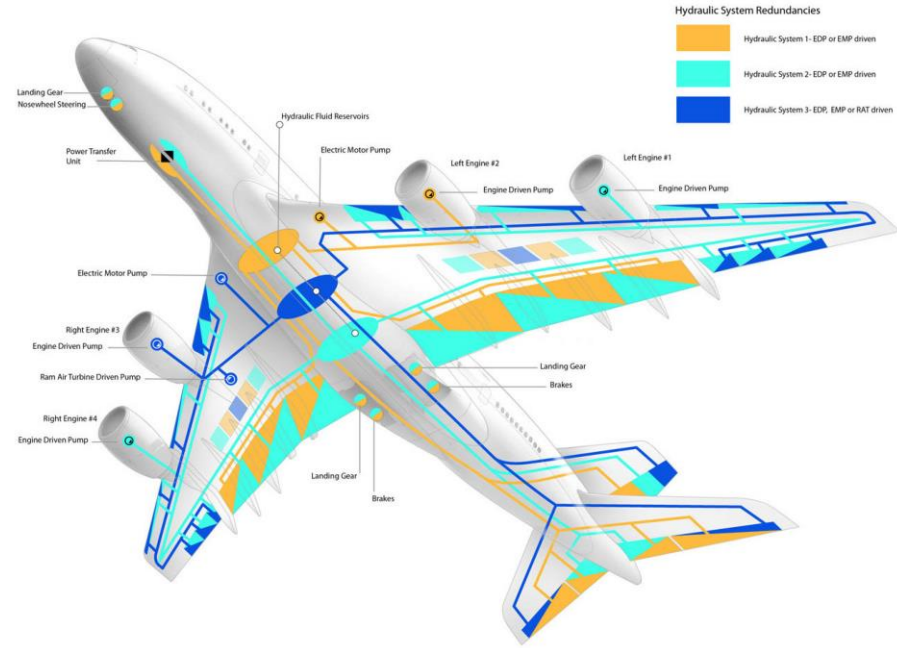
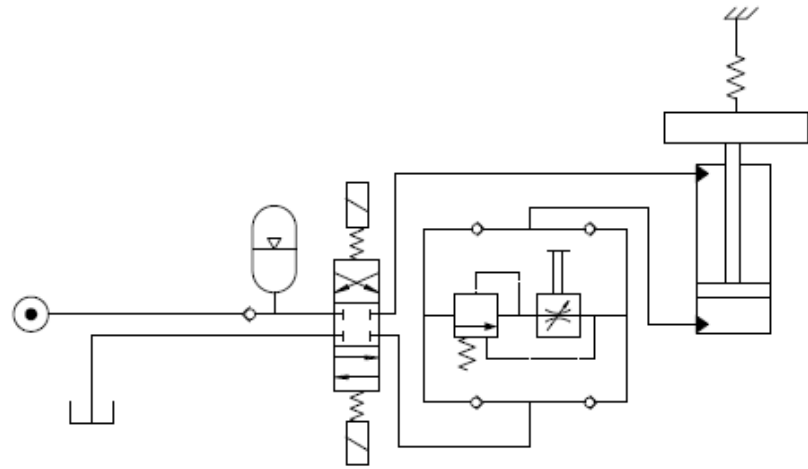
$$W_{hydr_fc} = 45 + 1.318 * (S + 1.44S_{tail}) \qquad S + 1.44S_t \leq 3000 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$W_{hydr_fc} = 18.7 * (S + 1.44S_{tail})^{0.712} - 1620 \qquad S + 1.44S_t > 3000 \text{ ft}^2$$

W_{hydr_fc} = hydraulic and fc system mass [lb]

S = wing surface [ft²]

S_{tail} = total tail surface [ft²]



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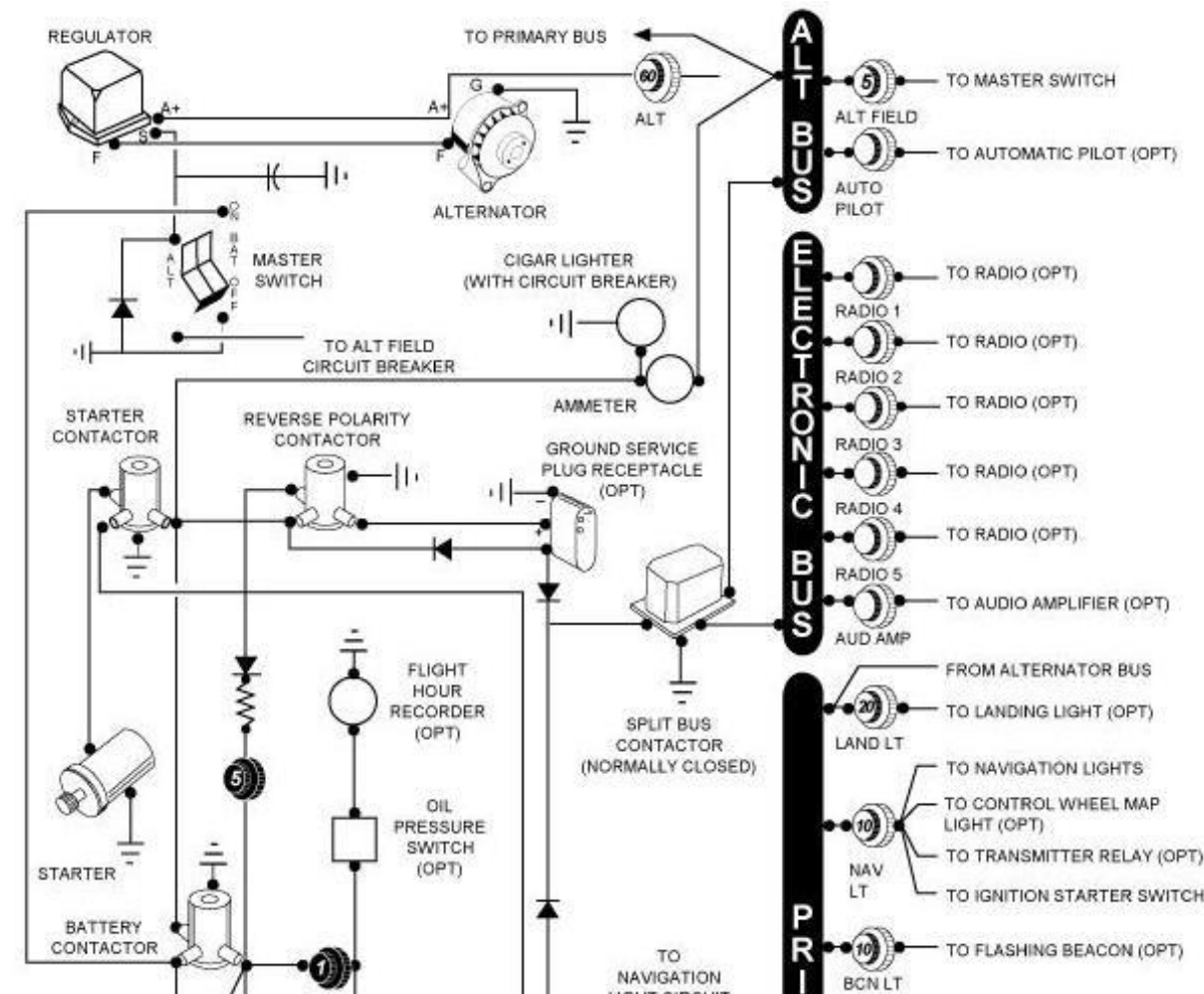
Crew and attendants

Electric system

$$W_{ele} = 16.2 * N_p + 110$$

W_{ele} = electric system mass [lb]

N_p = n. of pax



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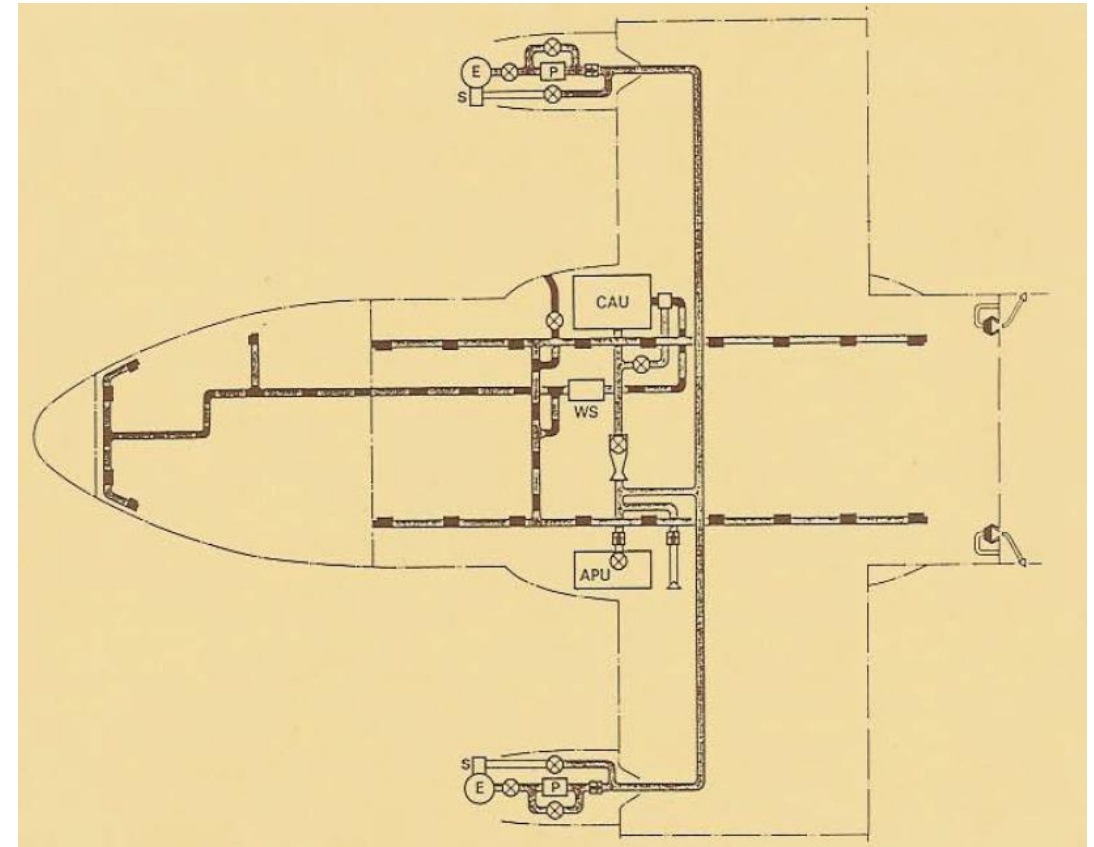
Furnishing, Services
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Pneumatic and air conditioning systems, APU

$$W_{aircnd_pneum_APU} = 26.2 * N_p^{0.944}$$

$W_{aircnd_pneum_APU}$ =
pneumatic and air
conditioning
systems and APU
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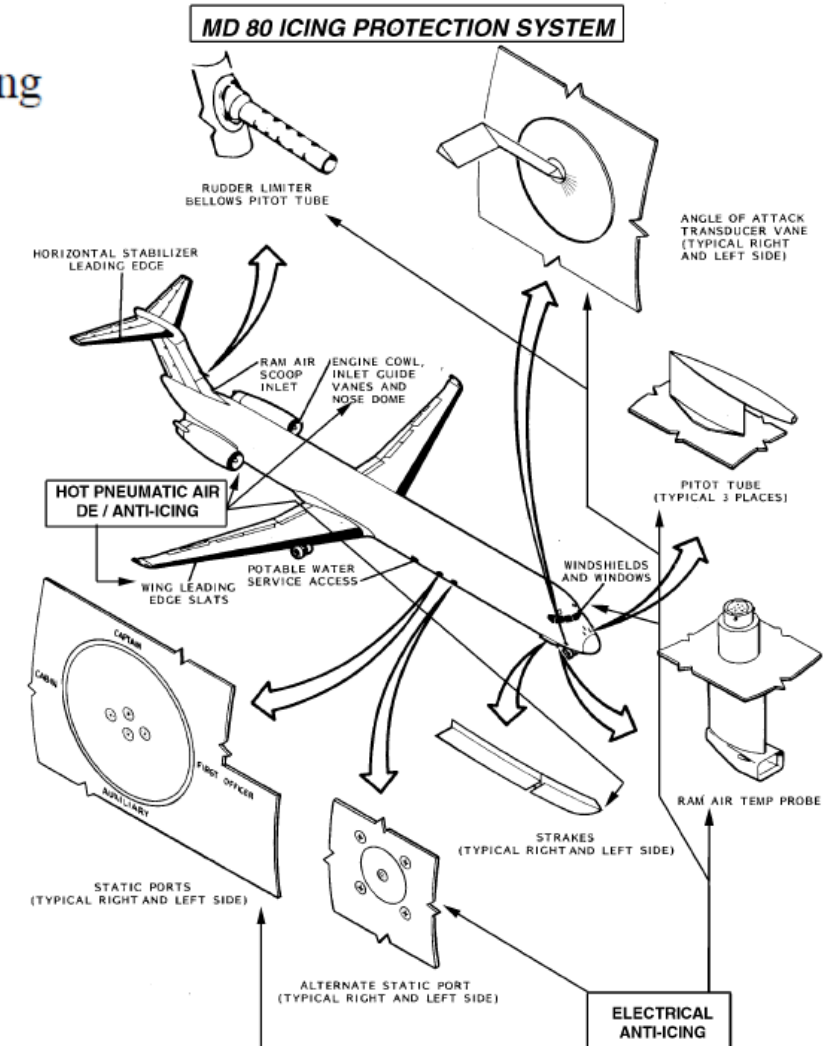
Anti-icing system

$$W_{anti-ice} = 0.120 * S \quad \text{without tail anti icing}$$

$$W_{anti-ice} = 0.238 * S \quad \text{with tail anti ice}$$

$W_{anti-ice}$ = anti-icing system mass [lb]

S = wing surface [ft²]



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Instruments

$$W_{thrustinstr} = (0.00145T + 30)N_{eng}$$

$$W_{fuelinstr} = 0.00714 * G + 34$$

$$W_{otherinstr} = 1.872 * N_p + 128$$



$W_{thrustinstr}$ = thrust instrument mass [lb]

$W_{fuelinstr}$ = fuel instrument mass [lb]

$W_{otherinstr}$ = other instrument mass [lb]

T = thrust [lb]

N_{eng} = number of engines

G = fuel volume [gal]

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Avionics

Avionics is a category of electronic systems and equipment specifically designed for use in aviation.

$$W_{av} = 2.8 * N_p + 2320 \quad \rightarrow \text{Category III Overwater}$$

W_{av} = avionics system mass[lb]

N_p = number of passengers



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Engine system

$$W_{engsys} = 133 * N_{eng}$$

W_{engsys} = engine system mass[lb]

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Furnishings

Furnishings are the **physical elements** and items within the cabin that passengers interact with (e.g., seats, tray tables, entertainment screens, blankets). They form part of the aircraft's infrastructure.



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$$W_{furn} = 62.3 * N_p + 290 \quad N_p \leq 80$$

W_{furn} = furnishing mass [lb]

$$W_{furn} = 118.4 * N_p - 4190 \quad N_p > 80$$

N_p = number of passengers



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Crew and attendants

Services

Services are actions and provisions provided by the airline to ensure a smooth, comfortable, and safe journey. They are more about **interaction** and **support** (e.g., **catering**, safety demonstrations, customer assistance).



OEW – Operating



Aircraft operating empty weight

Structural mass

Wing

Tail

Fuselage

Landing gear

Propulsion

Engine and Nacelle

Systems

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$$W_{srv} = (5.164 N_{p,f} + 3.846 N_{p,b} + 2.529 N_{p,t}) \left(\frac{R}{M} \right)^{0.225}$$

W_{srv} = passenger service mass[lb]

$N_{p,f}$ = number of first class passengers

$N_{p,b}$ = number of business class
passengers

$N_{p,t}$ = number of tourist class
passengers

R = design range [nm]

M = cruise mach number



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The number of components of flight crew, i.e. pilot and flight attendants, is regulated by FAA

$$n_{fa} = \left\lceil \frac{N_p}{50} \right\rceil \quad W_{fa} = n_{fa} \times 155$$

W_{fa} = flight attendant mass [lb]

n_{fa} = number of flight attendants

For short-medium range

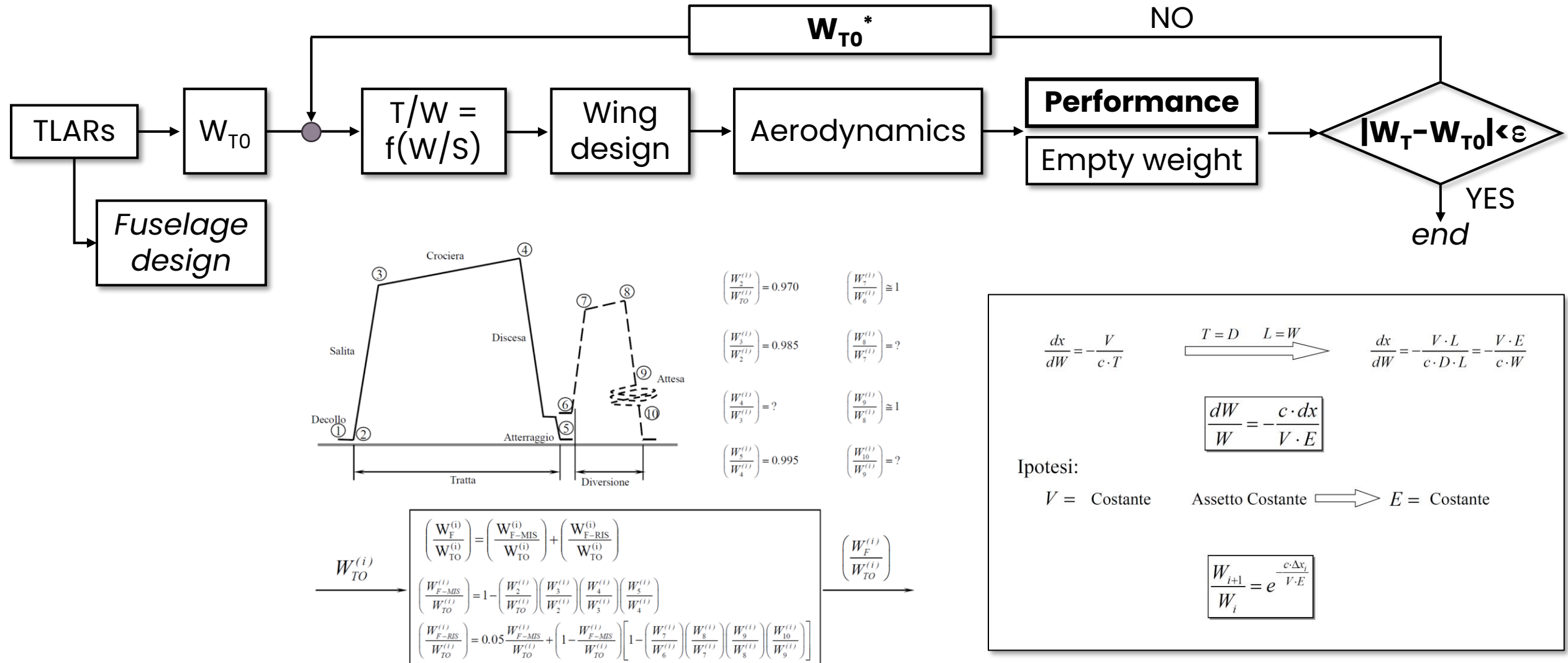
$$n_{pc} = 2 \quad W_{pc} = n_{pc} \times 225$$

W_{pc} = pilot mass [lb]

n_{pc} = number of pilots



Performance



Configurations Matrix



Summary of the set of configurations designed

Main configuration features should be inserted in the configuration matrix, e.g.:

Geo: S_{ref} , b , c_r , c_t , Λ , λ , AR , t/c , W/S , $S_{wet\ wing}$, Vol_{tank} , *and others*

Perfo: E_{cruise} , M , m_{fuel} , C_{D0} , C_{Dw} , C_{Di} , C_{dtot} , e , C_{Ltrim} , C_{Lmax} , T/W , T_{max} , *and others*

Weights: $MTOW$, W_{eo} , W_{wing} , *and others*

Geometry						Weights						Performance						FoMs						
x ₁	x ₂	x ₃	x _n	w ₁	w ₂	w ₃	w _n	y ₁	y ₂	y ₃	y _n	f ₁	f ₂	f ₃	f _n	
x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx
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Task 6.1



Task: Generate the configuration matrix

Be focused on: build the design convergence loop and TEST the sub-parts of the code