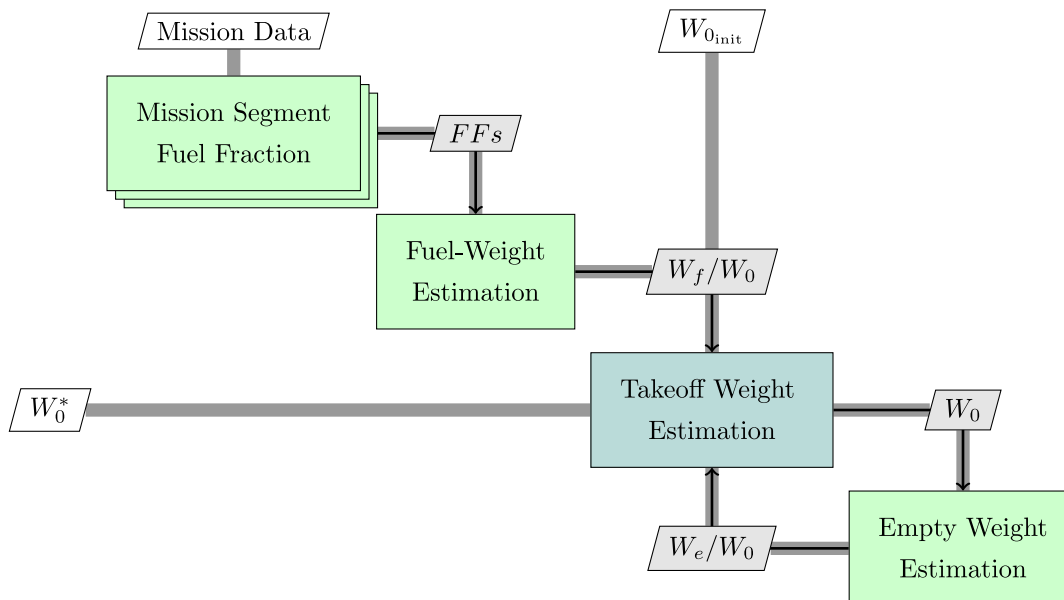


# Initial Weight Estimation



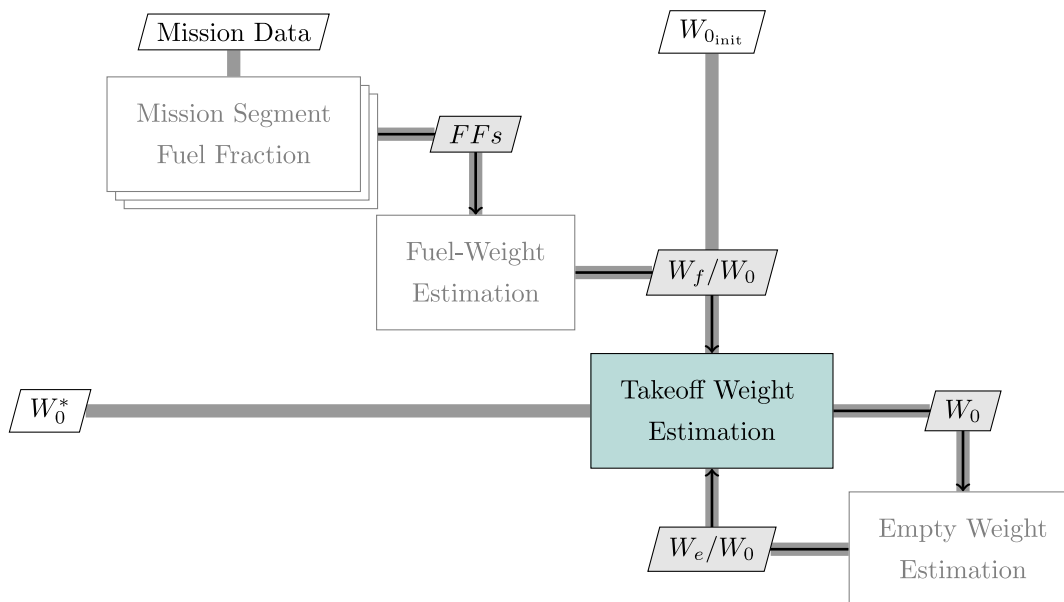
Aircraft specifications:

- Crew: 5 passengers, 70 kgs
- Payload: Radar equipment, 450 kgs (still in revision)
- Cruise condition:  $M = 0.2354$  at 10,000 ft
- Maximum lift-to-drag ratio:  $(L/D)_{\max} = 10 - 12$

12.0

- **begin**
- $g = 9.81$
- $WPL = 450g$
- $W_{crew} = 350g$
- $M = 0.2354$
- $LD_{\max} = 12.0$
- **end**

## Maximum Takeoff Weight



The 'governing equation' of this problem is:

$$W_0 = \frac{W_{\text{payload}} + W_{\text{crew}}}{1 - \frac{W_f}{W_0} - \frac{W_e}{W_0}}$$

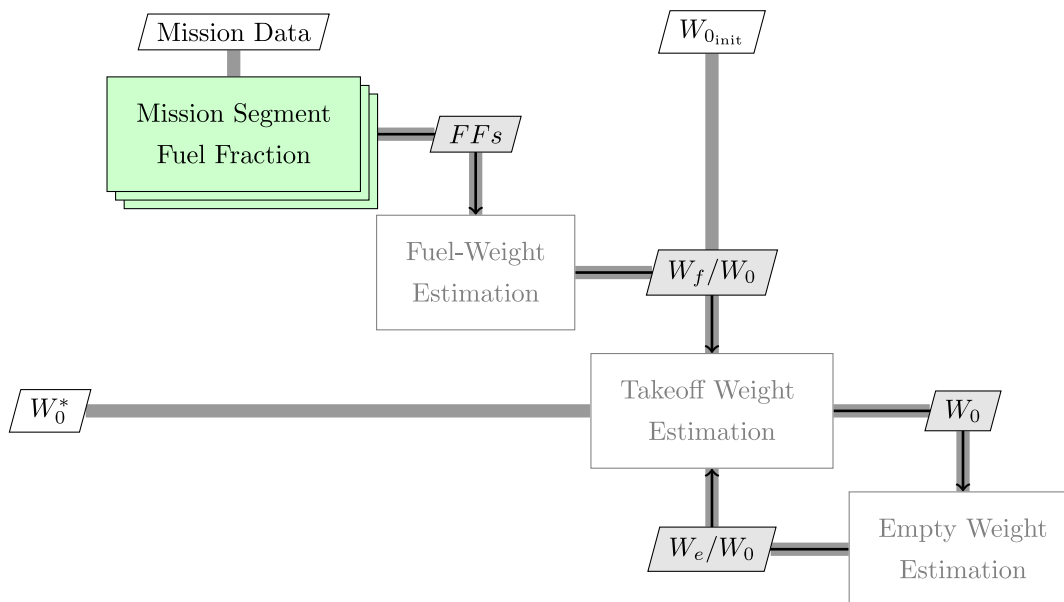
maximum\_takeoff\_weight (generic function with 1 method)

- `maximum_takeoff_weight(WPL, Wcrew, WfWTO, WeWTO) = (WPL + Wcrew)/(1 - WfWTO - WeWTO)`

takeoff\_weight (generic function with 1 method)

- `function takeoff_weight(WPL,Wcrew,WfWTO,WeWTO)`
- `return (WPL + Wcrew)/(1 - WfWTO - WeWTO)`
- `end`

## Mission Fuel Fractions



## Takeoff

```
• takeoffWF = 0.998;
```

## Climb

Enter a variable name you would like to use for the climb weight fraction, and assign it an associated value.

```
• climbWF = 0.992;
```

## Cruise

$$WF_{\text{cruise}} = \exp\left(-\frac{R \times SFC}{V \times (L/D)_{\text{cruise}}}\right)$$

cruiseWF\_func (generic function with 1 method)

```
• cruiseWF_func(range,LD,V,SFC) = exp(-range*SFC/(V*LD))
```

The SFC of this aircraft configuration at cruise is: 0.5 - 0.7 1/hr with added efficiency of 0.8

```
• begin
•   SFC = 0.7
•   LD_cruise = 9*LD_max
•   R1 = 700*1852
•   c = 327.7916 #@ 10,000 ft
•   V = M*c
•   cruise_SFC = SFC/3600
• end;
```

```
cruise1WF = 0.9702042264043564
```

```
• cruise1WF = cruiseWF_func(R1,LD_cruise,V, cruise_SFC)
```

```
R2 = 1881000
```

```
• R2 = 1000*1881
```

```
cruise2WF = 0.9570601257750827
```

```
• cruise2WF = cruiseWF_func(R2,LD_cruise,V, cruise_SFC)
```

## Loiter

$$WF_{\text{loiter}} = \exp \left( -\frac{E \times SFC}{(L/D)_{\text{max}}} \right)$$

The SFC of this aircraft configuration at loiter is: 0.5 – 0.7 1/hr

loiterWF\_func (generic function with 1 method)

```
• loiterWF_func(E,SFC, LD) = exp(-E*SFC / (LD))
```

```
• begin
•   E1 = 4 * 3600
•   loiter_SFC = 0.5/3600
• end;
```

```
loiter1WF = 0.846481724890614
```

```
• loiter1WF = loiterWF_func(E1, loiter_SFC, LD_max)
```

```
E2 = 5400.0
```

```
• E2 = 1.5 * 3600
```

```
loiter2WF = 0.9394130628134758
```

```
• loiter2WF = loiterWF_func(E2, loiter_SFC, LD_max)
```

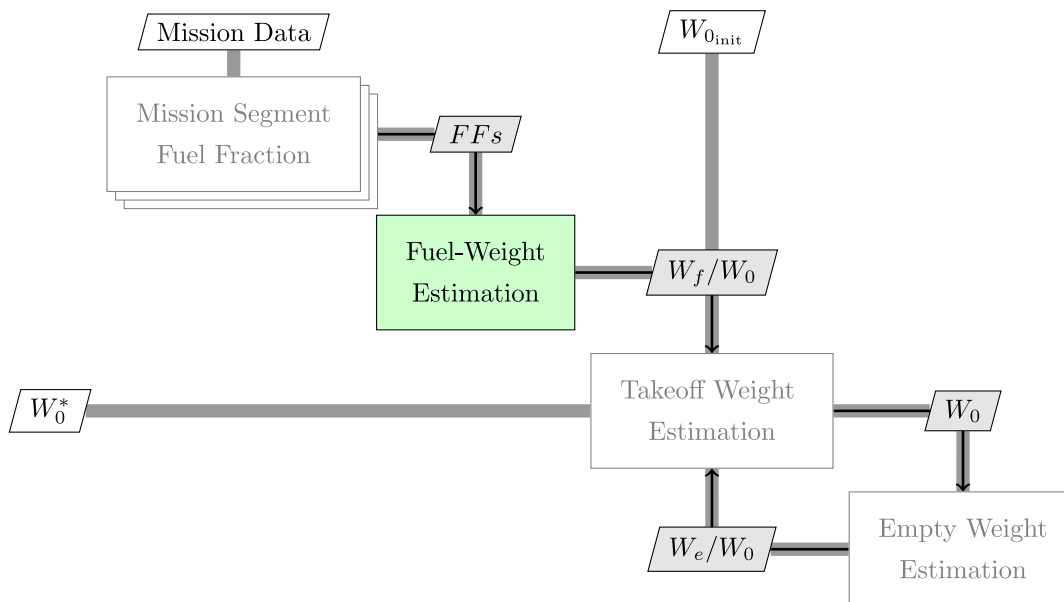
## Landing

$$WF_{\text{landing}} = 0.993$$

```
• landingWF = 0.993;
```

## Fuel Weight Fractions

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$$\frac{W_f}{W_0} = a \left( 1 - \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{W_{f_i}}{W_{f_{i-1}}} \right)$$

fuelWF\_func (generic function with 1 method)

- `fuelWF_func(a,ratios) = a * (1-prod(ratios))`

Assign your computed weight fractions to an array.

```
FFs = Float64[0.998, 0.992, 0.970204, 0.846482, 0.95706, 0.939413, 0.993]
```

- `FFs = [takeoffWF, climbWF, cruise1WF, loiter1WF, cruise2WF, loiter2WF, landingWF]`

Fuel fraction has a reserve fuel requirement of 6%

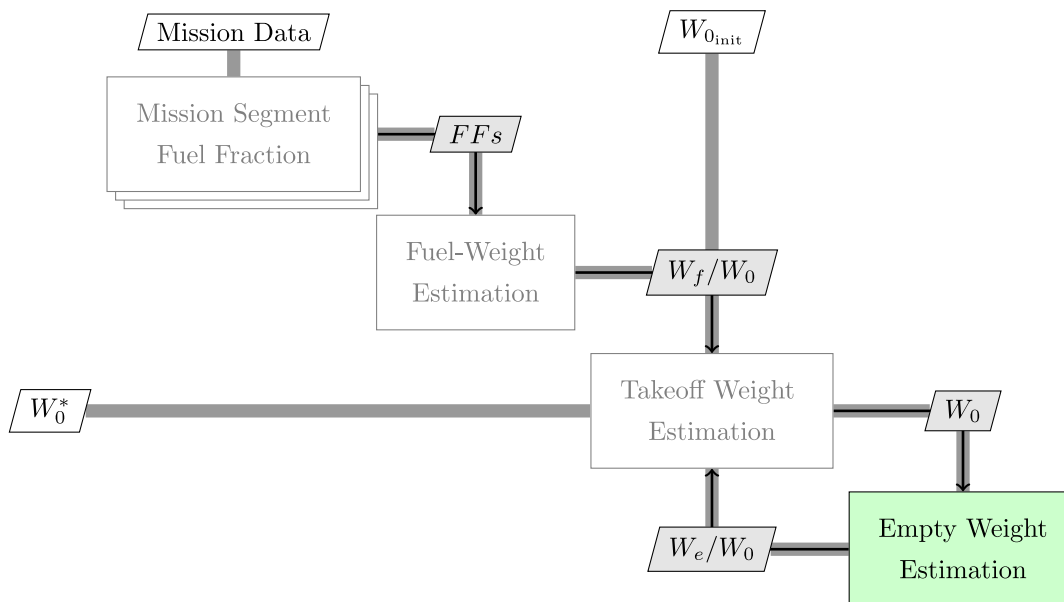
```
a = 1.06
```

- `a = 1.06`

```
wfWTO = 0.2905615354215037
```

- `wfWTO = fuelWF_func(a,FFs)`

## Empty Weight Fraction



Raymer's regression formula:

$$\frac{W_e}{W_0} \equiv W_{EF}(W_0) = AW_0^B$$

empty\_weight\_raymer (generic function with 1 method)

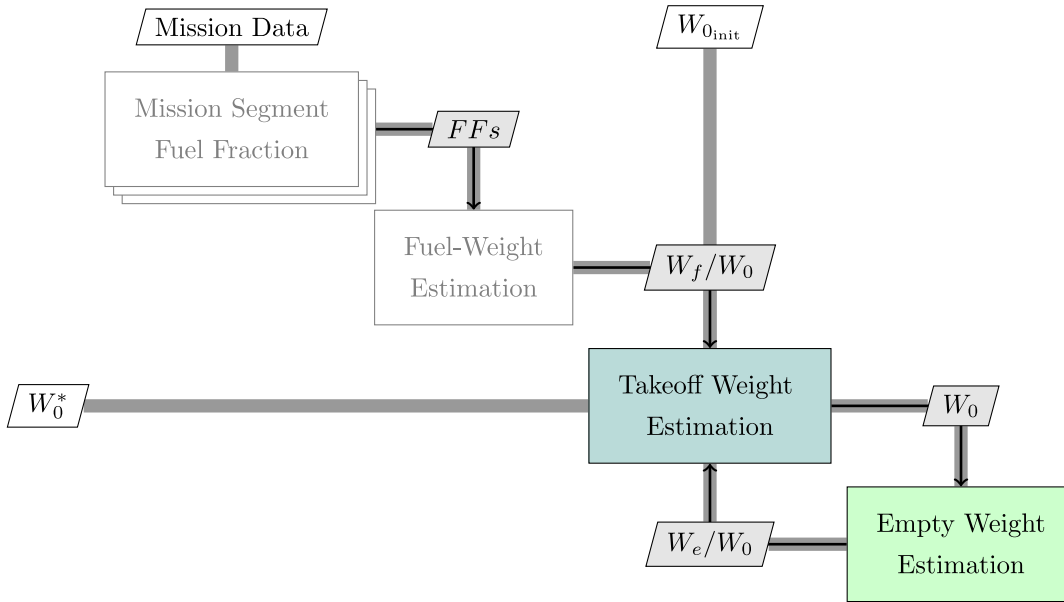
- `empty_weight_raymer(WT0, A, B) = A * WT0^B`

Raymer regression coefficients:

- `begin`
- `A = -0.144`
- `B = 1.1162`
- `end;`

## Iterative Estimation

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## Fixed-Point Iteration

Given:

$$\text{Fuel Weight Fraction: } \frac{W_f}{W_0} = a \left( 1 - \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{W_{f_i}}{W_{f_{i-1}}} \right)$$

$$\text{Empty Weight Fraction: } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = A W_0^B$$

We need to solve the following equation for  $W_0$ :

$$W_0 = \frac{W_{\text{payload}} + W_{\text{crew}}}{1 - \frac{W_f}{W_0} - \frac{W_e}{W_0}}$$

We can express as the equality of two expressions. Here, we will denote the iteration number of a variable by an additional subscript  $(-)_n$ :

$$\text{Takeoff Weight Expression: } (W_0)_n = \frac{W_{\text{payload}} + W_{\text{crew}}}{1 - \frac{W_f}{W_0} - \left( \frac{W_e}{W_0} \right)_{n-1}}$$

$$\text{Equality: } (W_0)_n = (W_0)_{n-1}$$

Let the following indicate the relative error for the  $n$ th iteration:

$$\varepsilon_n = \left| \frac{(W_0)_n - (W_0)_{n-1}}{(W_0)_{n-1}} \right|$$

We would like our analysis to converge below some tolerance  $\varepsilon_{\text{tol}}$ , i.e. the error should be  $\varepsilon_n < \varepsilon_{\text{tol}}$ .

compute\_mtow (generic function with 1 method)

```
• function compute_mtow(W_0, W_PL, W_crew, WfW0, A, B; num_iters = 20, tol = 1e-12)
```

```

•   # Initial value (guess)
•   WTO = W_0
•
•   # Array of takeoff weight values
•   WTOs = [WTO]
•
•   # Array of errors over iterations of size num_iters, initially infinite
•   errors = [ Inf; zeros(num_iters) ]
•
•   # Iterative loop
•   for i in 2:num_iters
•
•       # Empty weight fraction
•       WeWTO = empty_weight_raymer(WTO, A, B)
•
•       # Maximum takeoff weight
•       new_WTO = maximum_takeoff_weight(W_PL, W_crew, WfWTO, WeWTO)
•
•       # Evaluate relative error
•       error = abs((new_WTO - WTO)/WTO)
•
•       # Append WTO to end of WTOs array
•       push!(WTOs, WTO)
•
•       # Assign error to errors array at current index
•       errors[i] = error
•
•       # Conditional
•       if error < tol
•           break
•       else
•           # Assign new takeoff weight to WTO
•           WTO = new_WTO
•       end
•   end
•
•   # Return arrays of takeoff weights and errors
•   WTOs, errors[1:length(WTOs)]
• end

```

Float64[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]

```
• zeros(4)
```

### Exercise

Rewrite this function using a while loop instead of a for loop.

compute\_mtow\_while (generic function with 1 method)

```

• function compute_mtow_while(W_0, W_PL, W_crew, WfWTO, A, B; num_iters = 20, tol =
  1e-12)
•   # Initial value (guess)
•   WTO_while = W_0
•
•   # Array of takeoff weight values
•   WTOs_while = [WTO_while]
•
•   # Array of errors over iterations of size num_iters, initially infinite
•   errors_while = [ Inf; zeros(num_iters) ]
•
•   j = 2
•
•   # Empty weight fraction

```



```

•     WeWTO = empty_weight_raymer(WTO_while, A, B)
•
•     # Maximum takeoff weight
•     new_WTO_while = maximum_takeoff_weight(W_PL, W_crew, WfWTO, WeWTO)
•
•     # Evaluate relative error
•     error_while = abs((new_WTO_while - WTO_while)/WTO_while)
•
•     while error_while > tol
•
•         push!(WTOs_while, WTO_while)
•
•         j = j + 1
•
•         errors_while[j] = error_while
•         if j > num_iters
•             break
•         else
•             WTO_while = new_WTO_while
•         end
•     end
•
•     WTOs_while, errors_while[1:length(WTOs_while)]
• end
•
•

```

Set an initial value for the takeoff weight estimation procedure:

```
W0 = 7848.0
```

```
• W0 = WPL + Wcrew
```

Run your `compute_mtow()` function here with the relevant inputs:

```
(Float64[7848.0, 7848.0, 2.4489, 7129.63, 2.72581, 6821.6, 2.86352, 6676.85, 2.932
```

```

• WTOs, errors = compute_mtow(W0, WPL, Wcrew, WfWTO, A, B;
•     num_iters = 20, tol = 1e-12)

```

```
(Float64[7848.0, 7848.0, 2.4489, 2.4489, 2.4489, 2.4489, 2.4489, 2.4489, 2.4489,
```

```

• WTOs_while, errors_while = compute_mtow_while(W0, WPL, Wcrew, WfWTO, A, B;
•     num_iters = 20, tol = 1e-12)

```

Check the final value of the maximum takeoff weight.

```
• md"Check the final value of the maximum takeoff weight."
```

`empty` (generic function with 1 method)

```

• function empty(W_0, W_PL, W_crew, WfWTO, A, B; num_iters = 20, tol = 1e-12)
•     # Initial value (guess)
•     WTO_while = W_0
•
•     # Array of takeoff weight values
•     WTOs_while = [WTO_while]
•
•     # Array of errors over iterations of size num_iters, initially infinite
•     errors_while = [ Inf; zeros(num_iters) ]
•
•

```

```

• j = 2
•
• # Empty weight fraction
• WeWTO = empty_weight_raymer(WTO_while, A, B)
•
• # Maximum takeoff weight
• new_WTO_while = maximum_takeoff_weight(W_PL, W_crew, WfWTO, WeWTO)
•
• # Evaluate relative error
• error_while = abs((new_WTO_while - WTO_while)/WTO_while)
•
• while error_while > tol
•
•     push!(WTOs_while, WTO_while)
•
•     j = j + 1
•
•     errors_while[j] = error_while
•     if j > num_iters
•         break
•     else
•         WTO_while = new_WTO_while
•     end
• end
•
• WeWTO
• end
•

```

WeWTO = -3203.999809668005

```

• WeWTO = empty(W0, WPL, Wcrew, WfWTO, A, B;
•     num_iters = 20, tol = 1e-12)

```

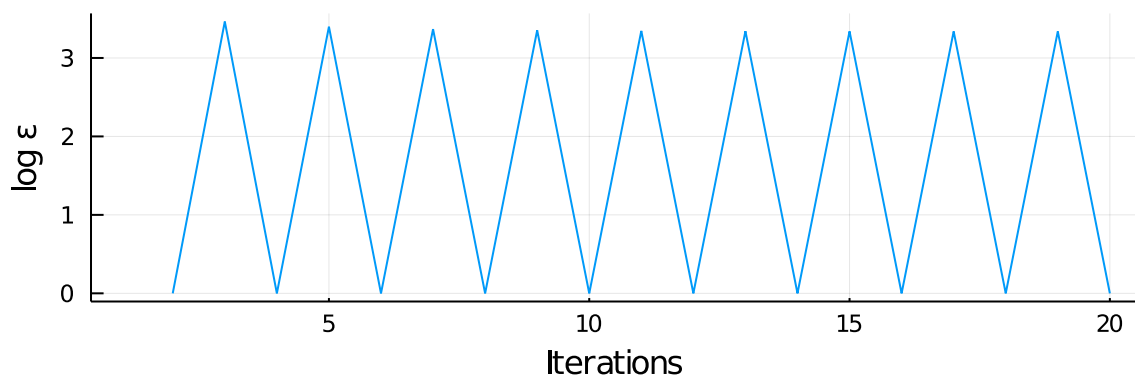
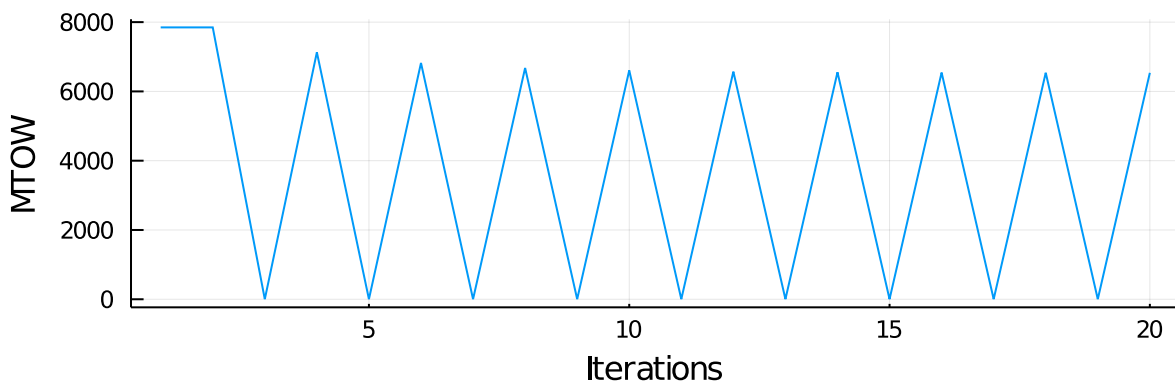
Ans = 2.4488961064324664

```

• Ans = maximum_takeoff_weight(WPL, Wcrew, WfWTO, WeWTO)

```

• Enter cell code...



```

• begin
•
•     plot1 = plot(WT0s,
•                 label = :none, ylabel = "MTOW", xlabel = "Iterations")
•     plot2 = plot(log10.(errors),
•                 label = :none, ylabel = "log ε", xlabel = "Iterations")
•
•     plot(plot1, plot2, layout = (2,1))
• end

```

## Investigation

The following exercise is not graded, and is for you to investigate the effects of the regression formula used for the empty weight fraction.

### Exercise

Write a function that computes the empty weight using Roskam's regression formula:

$$W_e = 10^{(\log_{10} W_0 - C)/D}$$

### Warning!

The coefficients  $C$  and  $D$  are not the same as  $A$  and  $B$  as shown previously in Raymer's formula!

### Hint

You can calculate the logarithm of a number in the base 10 by using `log10()`.

Reuse this function in your takeoff weight estimation function `compute_mtow()` by computing the empty weight fraction and see if you get different results!

**ArgumentError: Package PlutoUI not found in current path:**

– Run ``import Pkg; Pkg.add("PlutoUI")`` to install the PlutoUI package.

1. `require(::Module, ::Symbol)` @ `loading.jl:893`
2. `top-level scope` @ `(Local: 2`