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The purpose of this research is to examine and contrast several statistical weight methods for use with regional turboprop aircraft. Estimating the many weight components of an aircraft, such as its empty weight, payload weight, fuel weight, and maximum takeoff weight, requires the use of an essential tool known as the statistical weight techniques. This research examines and compares the Raymer method, the Torenbeek method, Cessna method, and the USAF method, which are all popular choices for calculating statistical weights. A case study is carried out in order to compare various methodologies, and three regional turboprop aircraft are used as the reference aircraft for the study — ATR 42-600, Saab 340, CN-235. This research makes a contribution to the current body of knowledge by assessing and comparing various approaches within the specific context of regional turboprop aircraft. The results from this thesis showed that the Raymer's method tended to overestimate the weight while the Torenbeek's method underestimate it; USAF method gave moderate estimation. Moreover for the three aircraft analyzed, averaging the computations from the three methods gave best estimation — under 10% of error — to the actual total weight components (Empty Maximum Take-off Weight/EMTOW).

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List of Abbreviations

AC	Alternating Current
APU	Auxiliary Power Unit
ATP	Advance Turbo Prop
AVIC	AViation Industry Corporation of China
CASA	Construcciones Aeronáuticas SA
EMTOW	Empty Maximum Take Off Weight
FE	Finite Element
GA	General Aircraft
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HT	Horizontal Tail
IPTN	Industri Pesawat Terbang Nusantara
LSA	Light Sport Aircraft
MTOW	Maximum Take Off Weight
NATO	North Alantic Treaty Organization
RNLAF	Royal Netherlands Air Force
STOL	Short Take Off Landing
TOGW	Take Off Gross Weight
TSL	Thrust Loading
USAF	United States Air Force
VT	Vertical Tail

Dedicated to my lovely parents

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The process of designing a new aircraft may be an extremely difficult and time-consuming endeavor that calls for in-depth knowledge and experience in a wide variety of subjects, including aerodynamics, materials science, propulsion, systems engineering, and many more. It often entails a group of engineers and designers working together to develop a concept for the aircraft that not only satisfies the requirements of the intended purpose of the aircraft but also can be constructed and operated safely and effectively. The procedure might take a lot of time and entails a significant financial commitment to research and development. The design process for an aircraft normally consists of multiple stages, each of which has its own goals and task. The primary phases of design in aircraft design include the Conceptual Design, the Preliminary Design, the Detailed Design, the Prototype and Testing Phase, the Production and Manufacturing Phase, and the Certification and Regulatory Compliance Phase. It can be difficult to accurately calculate aircraft weights during the design phase, and obtaining absolute precision is frequently not achievable due to the presence of a number of different elements. For the purposes of performance analysis, maintaining structural integrity, maintaining stability and control, determining cargo capacity, fuel efficiency, calculating range, and ensuring compliance with regulatory standards, knowing the weights of the separate aircraft components is essential. However, in order to estimate and approximatively determine aircraft weights with the highest possible degree of precision, engineers make use of a variety of analytical approaches, empirical data, computer simulations, and historical data.

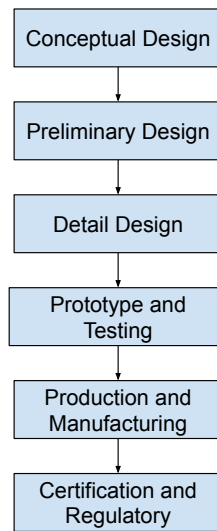


FIGURE 1.1: An elementary outline of the aircraft design process

Many different kinds of procedures may be used to obtain an exact and reliable weight estimations data of an aircraft. Although it is difficult to achieve absolute precision when calculating aircraft weights, this does not mean that it is impossible to do so. The statistical method of weight estimation is the one that is utilized the most frequently. The empirical formulas, regression models, and historical data generated from already-existing aircraft that form the basis of statistical weight estimation methods establish the basis for developing weight estimation relationships. When estimating the weight of components, these connections take into account a variety of criteria, including aircraft size, mission profile, propulsion system, and configuration. The ability to make more precise weight predictions is made possible by using statistical methods, which help detect trends and correlations between weight and design characteristics.

Using statistical methods in order to estimate the weight of aircraft presents both a number of positive and negative aspects. Scalability is enabled via statistical methods, which may be applied to a wide variety of aircraft sizes, configurations, and mission profiles. The relationships that were found through statistical analysis can be used to a wide variety of aircraft designs, which makes the process of estimating weight more effective and adaptable. The process of benchmarking helps find possible areas for making improvements or cutting

weight. Statistical tools make it possible to benchmark new aircraft against current ones. Engineers are able to evaluate the feasibility and competitiveness of a design by comparing the estimated weight of a new design to the weight of similar aircraft that have already been constructed and put into operation. However, this is also due to the fact that statistical methods are dependent on historical data as well as correlations between weight and design elements. Despite the fact that they offer helpful estimations, their accuracy is inherently constrained by the quality and relevancy of the data that is readily available. It is possible that the accuracy of the weight predictions will be affected either because the historical data does not fully represent the design that is now being investigated or because there are major design variances.

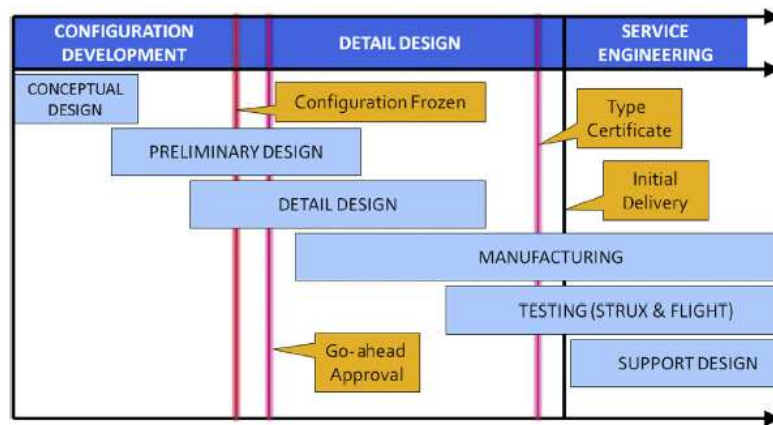


FIGURE 1.2: Aircraft Design Process Proposed by Torenbeek.
Reprinted from [1]

Estimating the weight of an airplane can be done using any one of a number of different statistical methods. The equations that were developed as a result can be used to provide an estimate of the weight of new aircraft based on the design specifications of those aircraft. The Raymer method and the Torenbeek method are two of these procedures that are more well-known in the business world and are utilized rather frequently. They offer methodical ways to the estimation of aircraft weight, taking into account a variety of design elements as well as empirical data. On the other hand, the United States Air Force (USAF) technique is largely utilized within the United States Air Force and may be tailored to the requirements of that organization. It is important, considering the

current demand trend in regional turboprop aircraft, to investigate how well these various methods of estimating weight perform in the context of calculating the weights of aircraft of this type. Estimating the weights of regional turboprop aircraft is one of the many applications for the Raymer method, which is also commonly employed in the conceptual design of aircraft. It does it by disassembling the airplane into its component parts and calculating the weights of those parts through the application of empirical equations.



FIGURE 1.3: ATR 42-600S

This method offers an organized approach. Estimating the weights of regional turboprop aircraft can also be accomplished with the help of the Torenbeek approach, which is predicated on regression analysis. This method can produce weight estimates that are reliable to a reasonable degree since it involves creating regression relationships between weight and the relevant design factors. In order to create appropriate regression models, it is possible that it will be essential to collect and examine historical data that is unique to regional turboprop aircraft. Even though it is most commonly utilized within the United States Air Force, the USAF weight estimating approach has the potential to also be relevant to regional turboprop aircraft. In order to determine the correlations between different weights, this method uses statistical analysis and regression techniques. However, it can call for some adaptation and calibration based on the data and design considerations that are unique to turboprops.

1.2 Problem Statement

It's possible that the Raymer method, the Torenbeek method, and the USAF method all estimate the weight components of regional turboprop aircraft in different ways. Both the Raymer method and the Torenbeek method place a primary emphasis on estimating the weight of the individual components of an aircraft, such as the wing, the fuselage, the empennage, the landing gear, the systems, and so on. When estimating the weights of these components based on design characteristics and previous data, these methods make use of empirical equations or regression models to come up with estimates. There is a possibility that the Raymer approach and the Torenbeek method will use different equations, data sources, and methodologies altogether. On the other hand, the USAF technique is an approach to weight estimation that was created by the United States Air Force. The specific weight component estimating procedures utilized by the USAF method might not be made available to the general public.

When attempting to calculate the useful payload mass of an aircraft, it is necessary to take into account the weight of the passengers, cargo, and any other objects that are carried throughout the flight. The useful payload mass is estimated using the Raymer method, which takes into account the intended mission profile of the aircraft, the passenger capacity, the cargo capacity, and other pertinent design factors. In order to estimate the payload mass, it frequently makes use of empirical relationships that are generated from historical data. Establishing statistical correlations between weight and design factors is the primary goal of the Torenbeek method, which is predicated on regression analysis. It does so by taking into account variables that are pertinent, such as the length of the fuselage, the volume, or other parameters that are connected to the amount of cargo or passengers that may be carried. In order to determine the payload mass, regression models that were constructed using historical data that was specific to regional turboprop aircraft are utilized. The particular strategy that the USAF system takes in order to estimate the useable payload mass would depend on the method's proprietary protocols, which are not made available to the general public.

1.3 Research Objective

1. The goal is to create a tool (code written in Python) that will be implement in four methods(Raymer, Torenbeek, USAF, Cessna);
2. Utilizing the tools provided, the author will compare the various approaches used to estimate the weights of regional turboprops;
3. To be able to analyze the trends of the methodologies that are used to estimate the useable payload mass of the aircraft.

1.4 Research Scope

1. The main point of this thesis is to compare three different ways to estimate the weight of an an aircraft. The goal of the thesis is to compare how well and accurately the following three methods work; Raymer, Torenbeek, USAF, and with additionally Cessna method for sanity check.
2. Regional turboprop aircraft are the focus of the thesis because they are unique, have specific operational needs, and are in high demand in the aviation business. The thesis compares things in a way that takes into account and works around the unique challenges and things to think about when estimating weight components of an aircraft.
3. Only three regional turboprop aircraft are used to make comparisons in the thesis. The main point of the thesis is to look at how these three different aircraft weights were estimated using the methods chosen.
4. In this thesis, the author used only data that was readily available to the public, as indicated by the reference.

1.5 Significant of Study

1. This study is possible and can be utilized and implemented for a wider analysis of other turboprop aircraft for the regional turboprop class

2. This study has the potential to serve as a baseline for subsequent research using a variety of aircraft belonging to a variety of classes.
3. This thesis has the potential to encourage additional research and collaboration in the topic of aircraft weight estimate. As a result, this might lead to the improvement of already used methods, the development of new approaches, and the expansion of knowledge in this sector.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Aircraft Design

The design of modern aircraft places an emphasis on the integration of newly developed technologies and systems with both the conventional and the advanced layouts. This covers the development of brand-new structures, materials, and production methods [2]. The creation of an aircraft that is dependable enough to fly safely for the entirety of the design life of the aircraft while also being strong, lightweight, and economical requires following a certain process that is known as the *Aircraft Design Process*. This approach is used to strike a balance between a number of competing and demanding criteria.

By methodically assessing important parts of the aircraft, the design process makes it possible to find and fix flaws [1]. This is accomplished through the use of mathematical techniques at the conceptual design phase. However, this requires detailed testing of the aerodynamic and structural structure, materials, avionics, control system architecture, and many other things.

2.2 Aircraft Design Objective

There are several reasons why new airplanes are designed. Most are created to perform a specific function or mission that is mandated by potential customers or thought to be necessary for customers. The development of new aircraft is expensive, hence careful planning must be taken when designing them. No matter what kind of aircraft is being built or why, a number of specified tasks need to be finished before it can be constructed and flown.

2.3 Aircraft Design Phases

The major phases of aircraft design consist of three phases: *Conceptual Design Phase*, *Preliminary Design Phase*, and *Detail Design*. However, the requirements phase, often known as the *Initial Phase*, is where the aircraft design process must start before an Aircraft enters the conceptual design stage, during which the *Required Mission*, *Capability*, and *Regulatory* constraints are formulated.

The specifications may be as straightforward as a few lines listing desired features (such as range, cruising speed, and cargo) or as detailed as a document with thousands of pages, addressing factors like environmental effect, operating costs, maintainability, hardware, avionics, and ergonomics, to mention a few [1]. The design lead must demonstrate that the aircraft has a reasonable probability of achieving the requirements during the Conceptual Design Phase, which is the next stage.

2.3.1 Conceptual Design Phase

During the *Conceptual Design* stage of a new aircraft, designers will assess a wide range of various concepts in an effort to find the one that best satisfies the requirements. including aerodynamics, propulsion, performance, structural systems, control systems and many more. Additionally, designers must take into consideration factors like the fuselage shape, the location of the wings, the size of the engines, and more. This calls for them to sketch a concept, examine it, and then rate and contrast how well it works in successive iterations.

2.3.2 Preliminary Design Phase

The following stage is *Preliminary Design*, which comes after conceptual design is finished. The conceptual design is optimized at this point to match the required constraints. During this phase, it is typical to have one or more aircraft components adjusted or redesigned. At this point, testing is done in a wind tunnel, and computational fluid dynamics is used to determine how the flow field surrounding the aircraft should be modeled. At this point, structural and control assessments are also carried out . Before moving on to the third and

final stage of the design process, engineers will also check for and fix structural problems and defects. It verifies the idea's validity, highlights potential issues, and provides chances to consider potential remedies.

2.3.3 Detailed Design Phase

The fabrication-related components of the design are completed at the **detailed design stage**. Any design effort that involves the airframe's detailed design and system integration (such as airframe design and engine installation) is referred to by this term. It's important to take into account detailed design from two angles:

- (1) When discussing the design of the prototype aircraft's systems and airframe during prototyping.
- (2) During the development of manufacturing, when it refers to the design of the production aircraft's airframe and systems. Sustaining engineering is a term used to describe some of this type of design work.

2.4 Preliminary Sizing of Aircraft Design

The *Preliminary Sizing* process begins after the rapid sizing process is complete and is typically the most resource-intensive stage of the sizing operations. Preliminary sizing or initial sizing is the estimation of aircraft design take-off gross weight. It is often carried out during the preliminary design phase of an aircraft and is based on a more accurate finite element(FE) model that shows the explicit structural layout of the wing box but omits some specific structural details [3]. The preliminary sizing handles a more complex trade-off on the ideal balance between weight and price.

2.5 Preliminary Sizing Process in The Design of Aircraft

The process of defining an overall aircraft size by estimating essential factors such as takeoff gross weight (TOGW), wing reference area, and thrust is known as aircraft *Initial Sizing*. Thrust loading (TSL/WTO) and wing loading (WTO/S) are used to analyze these critical factors. It is critical to choose the right combination of thrust and wing loadings because different combinations result in distinct geometry aircrafts. Therefore, finding an optimum combination of thrust and wing loadings is required.

The objective of the constraint analysis, which is one of the first steps in the process of sizing, is to identify the ideal ratio of thrust to wing loadings. The production of a constraint diagram is one of the initial jobs in any new aircraft design. The diagram makes it possible to determine the power plant and wing area requirements for the aircraft in order to ensure that all performance standards are met [1]. The constraint diagram is created by mapping constraints onto the unique, two-dimensional design space graph. It is the collection of all potential outcomes given the selected variables. A constraint is a requirement for a certain design that must be met. An isopleth is used to depict it.

Typically, it is expressed as thrust loading (T/W), where T is thrust, W is weight, and S is wing area. This form can be written as $T/W=f(W/S)$, where T is thrust, W is weight, and S is wing area. Because the wing loading (W/S) is plotted along the x-axis and the thrust-to-weight ratio (T/W) is plotted along the y-axis in this way, you should think of W/S as representing x and T/W as representing y . The graph can be evaluated by noting that any W/S and T/W combinations that are above the constraint curves indicate that the design exceeds the necessary values. This can be done by comparing the W/S ratio to the T/W ratio. [1].

The designers of aircraft have made use of constraint analysis in order to choose the most promising design among a number of different combinations of thrust and wing loadings. Using their intuition and prior design experiences, designers have roughly chosen an optimal place where constraint lines cross or a position with a small margin. However, due to uncertainty in the parameters used to determine performance requirements, this chosen point may not adhere

to the limits, ultimately leading to an unreliable design.

2.6 Aircraft Weight Major Contributor

One of the many factors that contribute to the safe and efficient operation of an aircraft is having proper control over the aircraft's weight and balance. The correct loading of the aircraft, the maintenance of the weight and balance records, and the weighing of the aircraft are the three components of the weight and balance system that is widely employed by aircraft. Each of these three aspects of the system is of equal significance. A mistake in any one of these components renders the system useless. There exist five primary components that are responsible for the overall mass of an aircraft. The aircraft comprises five primary components, namely the engine, wing, landing gear, fuselage, and empennage. Aircrafts are composed of numerous components, however, there exist five fundamental constituents that are deemed crucial in their operation.

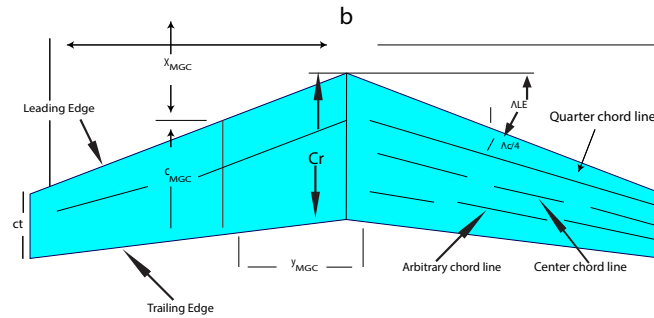
2.6.1 Engine

Every airplane's engine provides the power that propels it forward. It is the power house of the aircraft. As piston engine, a type of internal combustion engine, is the engine found in the majority of aircraft. By doing so, it implies that it burns fuel inside of a combustion chamber, producing heat and pressure that drive the pistons that propel air at a high speed through the fan. The crankshaft, which turns and spins inside the engine case, is what drives the engines, which are normally seen on the front of airplanes.

2.6.2 Wing

One of the components of an aircraft that is essential for flight is the wing, which can also be referred to as the foils. The wings are positioned on the outside of the craft and are called "wings." The majority of the necessary upward force for flight is generated by the airflow that passes over the wings.. Additionally, the aerodynamic support that wings provide for an aircraft's stability during takeoff and landing includes increased lift, decreased drag, directional stability,

and changes in surface area that enable lift to be maintained for longer periods of time than would be possible without wings in specific positions or configurations [4]. Of all its components, an airplane's wings are the longest and thickest.



Fundamental definitions of a trapezoidal wing planform

FIGURE 2.1: Wing Geometry

2.6.3 Landing Gear

One of an airplane's most vital components is the landing gear. It keeps the aircraft in the air and keeps it from colliding with the earth. It landing gear will be lowered so that it wheels can touch down precisely at the end of the runway, protecting the aircraft from harm. A retractable, horizontal surface called the landing gear anchors the aircraft to the ground. Its purpose is to direct the aircraft as it descends, and when it is retracted, it increases lift for takeoff and landing. To ensure that it can support the weight of the aircraft, the landing gear is mostly carbon fiber composite materials and springs.

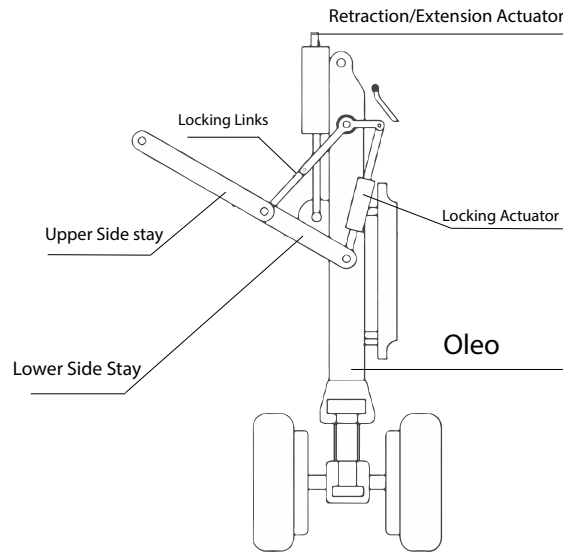


FIGURE 2.2: Landing Gear

2.6.4 Fuselage

An airplane's primary body is called the fuselage. It is typically a long, cylindrical tube that houses the fuel tanks, the engines, the passengers, the cargo, the flying controls, and other interior parts. Near the front of the fuselage is where the cockpit is situated. The fuselage produces a huge empty space around the wings and tail sections and supports their structural integrity. It is essential to the safety of airplanes since it contains all these essential components. Additionally, the fuselage is in charge of transporting the whole cabin of an airplane, which includes all of the passengers' belongings, luggage, and other trip-related necessities.

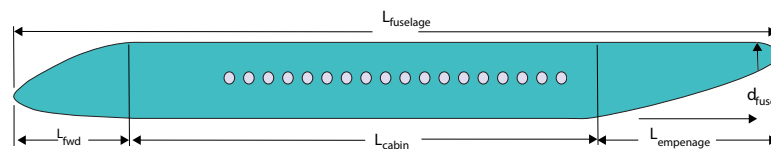


FIGURE 2.3: Fuselage

2.6.5 Empennage

A fixed-wing aircraft's empennage is the back part of the tail assembly. It contains what referred to as flight control surfaces, or horizontal and vertical stabilizers. These control surfaces aid in the plane's lateral and vertical glide as well as maintaining its stability during flight.

This section also includes additional components that are essential to performance and security, like the wingtips and airfoil cowlings. The vertical stabilizer, rudders (little yokes that control the angle of the aircraft's nose), elevators (smaller yokes that control how much your aircraft leans up or down while it travels), and vertical stabilizers are the extensions of these parts of the aircraft.

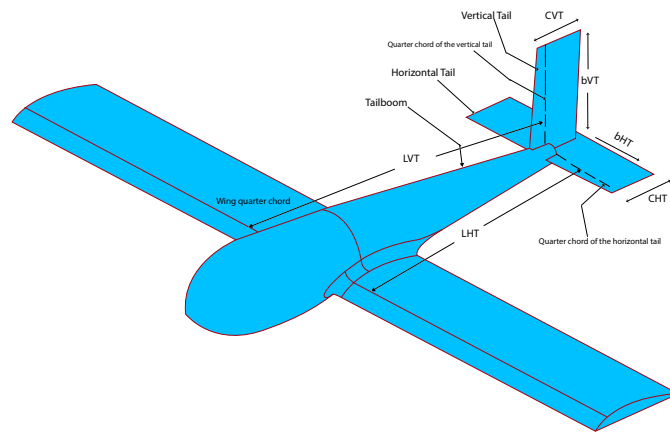


FIGURE 2.4: Empennage

2.7 Aircraft Weight Estimation Analysis Method

The most crucial design variables utilized in aircraft development is weight of the aircraft itself. The weight of the aircraft must be appropriate for it to complete its intended mission without degrading its performance. The cost of an airplane, which is another important factor for customers (airlines), is primarily determined by its weight. As a result, manufacturers constantly make great efforts to make the aircraft as light as it possibly can without having to disrupt the functionality requested or demanded by the customers. Early in the aircraft design phase, estimating weight accurately is a challenging issue. The

airplane weight may be precisely determined once the detailed design drawings are finished by assessing each component and adding them all together.

One of the most crucial responsibilities in the entire aircraft design process is weight estimation. Although sophisticated mathematical tools are not required, the task can be rather difficult. Weight estimating approaches are being expanded in tandem with the design processes

2.7.1 Initial Weight Analysis Method

Initial weight analysis method is the first method. This method outlines the steps that need to be taken in order to complete the initial weight estimation of an airplane. The analysis includes the initial weights of the vehicle with fuel, without fuel, and gross. These weights are then refined utilizing secondary weight estimate techniques. For this objective, three approaches are described. The first step is to determine the empty and fuel-weight ratios of previously built aircraft that belong to the same class as the one that is presently being designed. The next step is to make the case that if the new aircraft's mission and certification basis are comparable to those of the reference aircraft, then its empty- and fuel-weight ratios ought to be comparable to levels that have been historically observed. The empty, fuel, and gross weights of the brand-new airplane can all be calculated with the help of an approximation of these ratios. The number of reference aircraft and the degree to which they resemble the aircraft for which these procedures are being developed are two factors that determine how accurate these procedures will be.

1. Initial Gross Weight Estimation Using Historical Relations

If the total weight is unknown, this technique can be used. Take care not to underestimate or exaggerate the situation. Make that the airplanes in the database are all of the same class and have the same characteristics.

Using ratios of empty to fuel weight, we may express the fuel and empty weights as,

$$\text{Fuel weight: } W_f = \left(\frac{W_f}{W_0} \right) W_0 \quad (2.1)$$

$$\text{Empty weight: } W_e = \left(\frac{W_e}{W_0}\right) W_0 \quad (2.2)$$

$$\text{Design Gross Weight: } W_0 = \left(\frac{W_e}{W_0}\right) W_0 + W_c + \left(\frac{W_f}{W_0}\right) W_0 + W_p \quad (2.3)$$

This can be solved for W_0 , giving us a formula we can use to estimate the gross weight based on the weight ratios.

$$W_0 = \frac{W_c + W_p}{1 - \left(\frac{W_e}{W_0}\right) - \left(\frac{W_f}{W_0}\right)} \quad (2.4)$$

2. Historical Empty Weight Fractions

When the asymptotical total gross weight is acquired, this method is then used. In this particular situation, we wish to assume that this is the case for many other types of aircraft, such as the light-sport aircraft (LSA), which should not weigh more than 1320 lbf or 1430 lbf if it is amphibious. There are also circumstances in which it is desirable for the aircraft to have a gross weight that is greater than the specified limit.

The following set of equation below let us to estimate a "historical" empty-weight ratio for the newly designed aircraft, provided that the gross weight for the aircraft is known. As a result, it enables to estimate the weight when it is empty, followed by the usable load, and so on.

$$\text{Sailplanes(35): } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = \begin{cases} 0.2950 + 0.0386 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in lb}_f \\ 0.3255 + 0.0386 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in kg} \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

$$\text{Powered Sailplanes(13): } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = \begin{cases} 0.3068 + 0.0510 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in lb} \\ 0.3471 + 0.0510 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in kg} \end{cases} \quad (2.6)$$

$$\text{LSA(land): } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = \begin{cases} 1.5451 - 0.1402 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in lb}_f \\ 1.4343 - 0.1402 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in kg} \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

$$\text{LSA(amphib): } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = \begin{cases} 1.6351 - 0.1402 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in lb}_f \\ 1.5243 - 0.1402 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in kg} \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\text{GA Single Engine(86): } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = \begin{cases} 0.8841 - 0.0333 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in lb}_f \\ 0.8578 - 0.0333 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in kg} \end{cases} \quad (2.9)$$

$$\text{GA Twin Piston(12): } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = \begin{cases} 0.4074 + 0.0253 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in lb}_f \\ 0.4274 + 0.0253 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in kg} \end{cases} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\text{GA Twin Turboprop(28): } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = \begin{cases} 0.5319 + 0.0066 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in lb}_f \\ 0.5371 + 0.0066 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in kg} \end{cases} \quad (2.11)$$

$$\text{Agricultural(5): } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = \begin{cases} 1.4029 - 0.0995 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in lb}_f \\ 1.3242 - 0.0995 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in kg} \end{cases} \quad (2.12)$$

$$\text{Business Jett(72): } \frac{W_e}{W_0} = \begin{cases} 0.9038 - 0.03163 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in lb}_f \\ 0.8788 - 0.03163 \cdot \ln W_0 & \text{if } W_0 \text{ is in kg} \end{cases} \quad (2.13)$$

3. Initial Gross Weight Estimation Using Mission Analysis

You can use this method when the gross weight is *UNKNOWN* and you are constructing an aircraft to deliver a given payload over a specific range (or endurance) in accordance with a specialized design mission (including, but not limited to, long range or long endurance aircraft). In other words, when the gross weight is unknown, you can use this method. This method computes the gross weight by first analyzing the anticipated mission profile and then integrating the results of that analysis with the empty weight ratios derived from the Historical Empty Weight Fractions Equations.

For this weight estimate, a fully stated design goal is used. The aircraft's flight path is used to figure out its gross weight. Starting at the start-of-position (0), the engine will start at the (design) gross weight (W_0) and run until the end of the task, when the engine will be turned off(5). Along each section, fuel weight and flight time are used to guess how much the plane weighs. This is done by putting the chain of weight parts in relation to the overall weight (W_0) in the following way:

$$\text{Weight for mission segment 0 to 1: } W_1 = W_0 \left(\frac{W_1}{W_0} \right) \quad (2.14)$$

$$\text{Weight for mission segment 1 to 2: } W_2 = W_1 \left(\frac{W_2}{W_1} \right) = W_0 \left(\frac{W_1}{W_0} \right) \left(\frac{W_2}{W_1} \right) \quad (2.15)$$

$$\text{Weight for mission segment 2 to 3: } W_3 = W_2 \left(\frac{W_3}{W_2} \right) = W_0 \left(\frac{W_1}{W_0} \right) \left(\frac{W_2}{W_1} \right) \left(\frac{W_3}{W_2} \right) \text{ etc.} \quad (2.16)$$

Using this method, the aircraft's final mission weight can be expressed as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} W_N &= W_0 \left(\frac{W_1}{W_0} \right) \left(\frac{W_2}{W_1} \right) \cdots \left(\frac{W_i}{W_{i-1}} \right) \cdots \left(\frac{W_N}{W_{N-1}} \right) \\ &= W_0 \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{W_i}{W_{i-1}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

Thus, the weight fraction at the end-of-mission is:

$$\frac{W_N}{W_0} = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{W_i}{W_{i-1}} \quad (2.18)$$

When accounting for all of the reserve fuel, it is ideal to do it in terms of weight fractions. If we make the assumption that the aircraft uses up all of its fuel by the time the trip is through, then the final weight fraction may be linked to the aircraft's empty weight, crew weight, and cargo in the following way:

$$\frac{W_N}{W_0} = \frac{W_e + W_c + W_p}{W_0} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{W_e}{W_0} \right)_{m \text{ miss}} = \frac{W_N}{W_0} - \frac{W_c + W_p}{W_0} \quad (2.19)$$

2.7.2 Secondary Weight Analysis Methods

Secondary weight analysis refers to any and all processes for weight estimates that are applied after the original weight analysis has been completed. Additional knowledge about the new aircraft can be gained by the designer through the use of the secondary weight analysis. Obviously, it takes a lot more time to finish as well, at least while it is being generated in a spreadsheet or by computer code. Because of the component weight that is provided at this stage, target weights of sub-components can be prepared, and a weight budget can be established.

2.7.3 Statistical Weight Estimation Methods

Aircraft weight estimation is crucial in the design process, as it affects various aspects such as performance, fuel efficiency, structural integrity, and overall safety. Traditional weight estimation methods involve using engineering equations and historical data to estimate the weight of individual components and subsystems. Statistical weight estimation methods rely on historical data from existing aircraft. These methods are particularly useful in early stages of aircraft design when detailed information might be lacking or when quick estimations are required. Statistical weight estimation methods are always based on a certain class

of aircraft, such as general aviation planes, commercial planes, combat planes, and so forth [1]. Such classes share characteristics that boost the formulation's correctness. Direct weight estimation, also known as component weight estimation based on material volume and density, is typically necessary for determining the weight of components such as wings, fuselage, HT, VT, and control surfaces. The method makes use of a streamlined structural investigation of an idealized aluminum wing as its basis. The technique can readily be adapted to work with a variety of different lifting surfaces.

2.7.4 Weight of Aircraft Components in Statistical Estimation

The data that is utilized in the statistical methods that are used to estimate the weight of aircraft originates from aircraft that are currently in operation. It is important to know the weight of the wing structure for a population of aircraft that fall into a specific class (for example, GA aircraft), in order to build correlations based on geometric parameters such as wing area, aspect ratio, taper ratio, ultimate load factors, and so on. These parameters include the area of the wing, the aspect ratio, the taper ratio, and the ultimate load factors.

The parts of an airplane are made from many different kinds of materials and are put together with rivets, bolts, screws, welding, or adhesive. The parts of an airplane that hold it together are made to carry weight or prevent stress. There may be more than one stress on a single part of the assembly. Most of the time, the structural parts are made to carry loads, not bend. That is, they are made to be under tension or compression, not bending.

1. Wing Weight Structure

When an airplane moves quickly through the air, the wings are made to lift off the ground. The design of any given plane relies on a number of things, like its size, weight, how it will be used, the speed it wants to fly and land at, and how fast it wants to climb. Some wings on aircraft have a "cantilever" shape, which means that they don't need any support from the outside. The skin is part of the structure of the wing and bears some of the forces on the wing. Other aircraft wings use braces, wires, and other types of external bracing to help hold the wing up and carry the aerodynamic

and landing loads. Wings can be made out of both aluminum metal and magnesium alloy.

Cessna :

$$W_W = 0.04674 \cdot (n_z W_0)^{0.397} S_W^{0.360} AR_W^{1.712} \text{ (Cantilever)} \quad (2.20)$$

$$W_W = 0.002933 \cdot n_z^{0.611} S_W^{1.018} AR_W^{2.473} \text{ (Strut-braced)} \quad (2.21)$$

Raymer :

$$W_W = 0.036 \cdot S_W^{0.758} W_{FW}^{0.0035} \left(\frac{AR_W}{\cos^2 \Lambda_{c/4}} \right)^{0.6} \cdot q^{0.006} \lambda_W^{0.04} \left(\frac{100 \cdot t/c}{\cos \Lambda_{c/4}} \right)^{-0.3} (n_z W_0)^{0.49} \quad (2.22)$$

Torenbeek :

$$W_W = 0.00125 \cdot W_0 \left(\frac{b_W}{\cos \Lambda_{c/2}} \right)^{0.75} \cdot \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{6.3 \cos \Lambda_{c/2}}{b_W}} \right)^{n_z}_{0.55} \cdot \left(\frac{b_W S_W}{t_{W \max} W_0 \cos \Lambda_{c/2}} \right)^{0.30} \quad (2.23)$$

USAF :

$$W_W = 96.948 \cdot \left[\left(\frac{n_z W_0}{10^5} \right)^{0.65} \left(\frac{AR_W}{\cos^2 \Lambda_{c/4}} \right)^{0.57} \cdot \left(\frac{S_W}{100} \right)^{0.61} \left(\frac{1 + \lambda_W}{2(t/c)} \right)^{0.36} \sqrt{1 + \frac{V_H}{500}} \right]^{0.993} \quad (2.24)$$

Where :

b_W = Wingspan in ft

S_W = Trapezoidal wing area in ft^2

AR_W = Aspect Ratio of wing

λ_W = Taper ratio of wing

$\Lambda_{c/4}$ = W Wing sweep at 25%MGC

$\Lambda_{c/2}$ = Wing sweep at 50%MGC

t/c = Wing thickness-to-chord ratio (maximum)

$t_W \text{ max}$ = Max thickness of the wing root chord in ft

W_W = Predicted weight of wing in lb_f

W_{FW} = Weight of fuel in wing in lb_f . (If $W_{FW} = 0$ then let
 $W_{FW}^{0.0035} = 1$)

q = Dynamic pressure at cruise (lb_f/ft^2)

n_Z = Ultimate load factor ($= 1.5 \times$ limit load factor)

W_0 = Design gross weight in lb_f

V_H = Maximum level airspeed at S – L in KEAS

The Cessna equations should only be used for aircraft of the Cessna type, which are tiny, have very poor performance, and have maximum speeds of less than 200 knots. Cantilever wings and strut braced wings are the sorts of wings that can be modeled using these equations. Both equations take into account the weight of the wing control surfaces and the wing tip fairing, but they do not take into account the influence of the sweep angle on the fuel tanks or the carry through structure of the wing and fuselage spars. Wings in this category have maximum thickness of ratio of around 18 percent or 0.18. The equation used by the USAF is applicable to aircraft of the light and utility types with performance of up to about 300 knots. And Torenbeek is applicable to light transport aircraft that have a maximum take-off weight of less than 12,500 pounds.

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
bW	X	X	✓	X
Sw	✓	✓	X	✓
ARw	✓	✓	X	✓
λ_w	X	✓	X	✓
$\Lambda_{c/4}$	X	✓	X	✓
$\Lambda_{c/2}$	X	X	✓	X
t/c	✓	X	X	✓
twmax	X	X	✓	X
Ww	✓	✓	✓	✓
WFW	X	✓	X	X
q	X	X	✓	X
nz	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wo	✓	✓	✓	✓
VH	X	X	X	✓

TABLE 2.1: Wing Weight Variables.

2. Empennage

People often refer to the empennage as the "tail section,." The empennage is the whole tail group, which comprises solid parts like the vertical fin or stabilizer and the horizontal stabilizer, as well as moving parts like the rudder and rudder trim tabs, the elevator and elevator trim tabs, and so on. The plane's horizontal rotation (called "yaw") and vertical rotation (called "pitch") are controlled by these surfaces that can move [5]. In some places, the horizontal surface of the empennage can be carried as a single unit from the pilot to change the plane's pitch attitude or trim. These kinds of shapes are usually called stabilizers, flying tails, or slab tails. So, the empennage gives the plane direction and horizontal balance (stability) and provides the pilot with a way to control and move the plane.

The weight of the Horizontal tail (stabilizer and elevator) may be predicted using the expressions that are provided below.

Cessna :

$$W_{HT} = \frac{3.184 W_0^{0.887} S_{HT}^{0.101} AR_{HT}^{0.138}}{174.04 t_{HT \max}^{0.223}} \quad (2.25)$$

Raymer :

$$W_{HT} = 0.016 (n_z W_0)^{0.414} q^{0.168} S_{HT}^{0.896} \left(\frac{100 \cdot t/c}{\cos \Lambda_{c/4}} \right)^{-0.12} \cdot \left(\frac{AR_W}{\cos^2 \Lambda_{HT}} \right)^{0.043} \lambda_{HT}^{-0.02} \quad (2.26)$$

Torenbeek :

$$W_{EMP} = 0.04 \left[n_z (S_{HT} + S_{VT})^2 \right]^{0.75} \quad (2.27)$$

USAF :

$$W_{HT} = 71.927 \left[\left(\frac{n_z W_0}{10^5} \right)^{0.87} \left(\frac{S_{HT}}{100} \right)^{1.2} \left(\frac{l_{HT}}{10} \right)^{0.483} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b_{HT}}{t_{HT \max}}} \right]^{0.458} \quad (2.28)$$

where:

b_{HT} = HT span in ft

S_{HT} = Trapezoidal HT area in ft²

AR_{HT} = Aspect Ratio of HT

λ_{HT} = HT taper ratio

Λ_{HT} = HT sweep at 25%MGC

W_{HT} = Predicted weight of HT in lb_f

$W_{EMP} = W_{HT} + W_{VT}$ = Combined weight of HT and VT in lb_f

l_{HT} = Horizontal tail arm, from wing c / 4 to HT c / 4 in ft

$t_{HT \max}$ = Max root chord thickness of HT in ft

The following formula, which applies to both conventional and T-tail layouts, may be used to make predictions about the weight of the VT (fin and rudder).

Cessna :

$$W_{VT} = (1 + 0.2F_{\text{tail}}) \frac{1.68W_0^{0.567} S_{VT}^{0.1249} AR_{VT}^{0.452}}{639.95t_{VT\text{max}}^{0.747} (\cos \Lambda_{VT})^{0.882}} \quad (2.29)$$

Raymer :

$$W_{VT} = 0.073 (1 + 0.2F_{\text{tail}}) (n_z W_0)^{0.376} q^{0.122} \cdot S_{VT}^{0.873} \left(\frac{100 \cdot t/c}{\cos \Lambda_{VT}} \right)^{-0.49} \cdot \left(\frac{AR_W}{\cos^2 \Lambda_{VT}} \right)^{0.357} \lambda_{VT}^{0.039} \quad (2.30)$$

Torenbeek : Weight of HT and VT combined in Equation

USAF :

$$W_{VT} = 55.786 (1 + 0.2F_{\text{tail}}) \left[\left(\frac{n_z W_0}{10^5} \right)^{0.87} \left(\frac{S_{VT}}{100} \right)^{1.2} \sqrt{\frac{b_{VT}}{t_{VT\text{max}}}} \right]^{0.458} \quad (2.31)$$

where :

b_{VT} = VT span in ft

S_{VT} = Trapezoidal VT area in ft²

AR_{VT} = Aspect Ratio of VT

λ_{VT} = VT taper ratio

Λ_{VT} = VT sweep at 25%MGC

$t_{VT\text{max}}$ = Max root chord thickness of VT in ft

W_{VT} = Predicted weight of VT in lb_f

F_{tail} = 0 for conventional tail, = 1 for T – tail

The Cessna equations should only be used for aircraft of the Cessna type-class, which are small, have very poor performance, and have maximum speeds of less than 200 knots. Take note that there is no consideration given to horizontal tail sweep in the equation for vertical tail. The equation used by the USAF is applicable to aircraft of the light and utility types with performance of up to about 300 knots. Take note that the sweep angle is not a consideration in the calculation for the vertical tail. The torenbeek equation may be used to light transport aircraft that have a design dive

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speed of up to 250 knots and that have a standard layout for their tails. In addition, Raymer's equation provides the most conservative estimate of the overall value.

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
bHT	X	X	X	✓
SHT	✓	✓	✓	✓
ARHT	✓	X	X	X
λ_{HT}	X	✓	X	X
Λ_{HT}	X	✓	X	X
WHT	✓	✓	✓	✓
WEMP	X	X	✓	X
LHT	X	X	X	✓
THTMAX	✓	X	X	✓
q	X	✓	X	X
nz	X	✓	✓	✓
Wo	✓	✓	X	✓

TABLE 2.2: Horizontal Weight Variables.

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
bVT	X	X	X	✓
SVT	✓	✓	X	✓
ARVT	✓	X	X	X
λ_{VT}	X	✓	X	X
Λ_{VT}	X	✓	X	X
TVTMAX	✓	X	X	✓
WVT	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ftail	✓	✓	X	✓
q	✓	X	X	X
nz	X	✓	✓	✓
Wo	✓	✓	X	✓

TABLE 2.3: Vertical Tail Variables.

3. Fuselage

The fuselage of the aircraft serves as the principal structural component of the aircraft. It affords space for passengers, controls, and a variety of accessories in addition to equipment. In single-engine aircraft, it also serves as the location for the engine. It is possible for the engines of a multi-engine aircraft to be housed within the wing structure, attached to the wing structure, or even suspended from the wing structure. They differ mostly in terms of the arrangement and size of the various compartments.

Cessna :

Cessna:

$$W_{FUS} = 0.04682W_0^{0.692}R_{max}^{0.374}l_{FS}^{0.590} \text{ (Low-wing)}$$

$$W_{FUS} = 14.86W_0^{0.144}\left(\frac{l_{FS}}{R_{max}}\right)^{0.778}l_{FS}^{0.383}N_{OCC}^{0.455} \quad (2.32)$$

(High-wing)

Raymer :

$$W_{FUS} = 0.052 \cdot S_{FUS}^{1.086} (n_z W_0)^{0.177} l_{HT}^{-0.051} \left(\frac{l_{FS}}{d_{FS}}\right)^{-0.072} \cdot q^{0.241} + 11.9 (V_P \Delta P)^{0.271} \quad (2.33)$$

Torenbeek : No expression given for GA aircraft

USAF :

$$W_{FUS} = 200 \left[\left(\frac{n_z W_0}{10^5}\right)^{0.286} \left(\frac{l_F}{10}\right)^{0.857} \left(\frac{w_F + d_F}{10}\right) \left(\frac{V_H}{100}\right)^{0.338} \right]^{1.1} \quad (2.34)$$

where :

W_{FUS} = Predicted fuselage weight in lb_f

S_{FUS} = Fuselage wetted area in ft²

w_F = Fuselage max width in ft

d_F = Fuselage max depth in ft

d_{FS} = Depth of fuselage structure in ft

V_P = Volume of pressurized cabin section in ft³

l_F = Fuselage length in ft

l_{FS} = Length of fuselage structure (forward bulkhead to aft frame) in ft

R_{max} = Fuselage maximum perimeter in ft

N_{OCC} = Number of occupants (crew and passengers)

ΔP = Cabin pressure differential, in psi (typically 8 psi)

The Cessna equations should only be used for aircraft of the Cessna type-class, which are tiny, have very poor performance, and have maximum speeds of less than 200 knots. In the case of aircraft with high wings, pressurized fuselages were not included into the calculation. In the context of this equation, the number of crew members is included in the total number of passengers. And the USAF equation may be used for light and utility type aircraft with performance of up to roughly 300 knots. Raymer's equation provides the most conservative estimate of the overall value

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Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
WFUS	✓	✓	✓	✓
SFUS	X	✓	X	X
wf	X	X	X	✓
df	X	X	X	✓
dfs	X	✓	X	X
vp	X	✓	X	X
lf	X	X	X	✓
lfs	✓	✓	X	X
Rmax	✓	X	X	X
Nocc	✓	X	X	X
Δ_p	X	✓	X	X
nz	X	✓	X	✓
Wo	✓	✓	X	✓
VH	X	X	X	✓

TABLE 2.4: Fuselage Variables.

4. Landing Gear

The landing gear is the part of the plane that holds it up when it's landing, stopping, or moving around on the ground. Shock struts in the landing gear take the impact shock and move around. Typically landing gear is attached to the plane's frame by a gear-retraction mechanism, which lets the gear lengthen and retract. Either a nose wheel or a tail wheel is part of the landing gear. Landing gear that has a nose wheel is generally set up to steer with the nose wheel. Nose-wheel planes have a tail skid or bumper at the back of the body to protect it.

The weight of the main landing gear is estimated using the following equations.

Cessna :

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{MNLG} &= 6.2 + 0.0143W_0 \\
 &\quad + 0.362W_l^{0.417}n_l^{0.950}L_m^{0.183} \\
 &\quad + 0.007157W_l^{0.749}n_zL_n^{0.788} \\
 W_{MNLG} &= 6.2 + 0.0283W_0 \\
 &\quad + 0.362W_l^{0.417}n_l^{0.950}L_m^{0.183} \\
 &\quad + 0.007157W_l^{0.749}n_zL_n^{0.788}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.35}$$

Raymer :

$$W_{MLG} = 0.095 (n_l W_l)^{0.768} L_m^{0.409} \tag{2.36}$$

Torenbeek :

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{LG} &= A + BW_0^{0.75} + CW_0 + DW_0^{1.5} \quad (\text{Low wing}) \\
 W_{LG} &= 1.08 (A + BW_0^{0.75} + CW_0 + DW_0^{1.5}) \quad (\text{High wing})
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.37}$$

USAF :

$$W_{MNLG} = 0.054 (n_l W_l)^{0.684} L_m^{0.501} \tag{2.38}$$

Where :

W_{MLG} = Predicted weight of the main landing gear in lb_f

W_{MNLG} = Predicted weight of the entire landing gear in lb_f

W_{LG} = Predicted weight of a specific landing gear (main, nose, or tail) in lb_f

n_l = Ultimate landing load factor (typical range 3.5-5.5)

W_l = Design landing weight in lb_f

L_m = Length of the main landing gear shock strut in ft

The weight of the Nose landing gear is estimated using the following equations.

Cessna :

$$W_{NLG} = 0 \text{ (Included in } W_{MNLG}) \tag{2.39}$$

Raymer :

$$W_{NLG} = 0.125 (n_l W_l)^{0.566} L_n^{0.845} \tag{2.40}$$

Torenbeek : See the equation 2.37

USAF :

$$W_{NLG} = 0 \text{ (Included in } W_{MNLG}) \quad (2.41)$$

Where :

n_l = Ultimate landing load factor

W_l = Design landing weight in lb_f

W_{NLG} = Predicted weight of the nose landing gear in lb_f

L_n = Length of the nose landing gear strut in ft

Only aircraft with maximum speeds lower than 200 knots should be modeled using the Cessna equations. These equations are designed for use with aircraft of a tiny, rather low performance type. The equation used by the United States Air Force is applicable to light and utility type aircraft with performance up to around 300 knots. The torenbeek's equation was used to compute the weight of each separate landing gear.

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
WMLG	X	✓	X	X
WMNLG	✓	X	X	✓
WLG	X	X	✓	X
nl	✓	✓	X	✓
Wl	✓	✓	X	✓
Lm	✓	✓	X	✓
Wo	✓	X	✓	X
nz	X	X	X	✓
Ln	✓	X	X	X

TABLE 2.5: Main Landing Gear Variables.

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Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
nl	✓	X	X	✓
Wl	✓	✓	X	✓
Ln	X	✓	X	X
Wo	✓	X	✓	X
nz	✓	X	X	X

TABLE 2.6: Nose Landing Gear Variables.

5. Nacelle/Cowling Weight

Nacelles, also referred to as pods, are aerodynamically designed structures that serve as housings for the engines of multi-engine aircraft. The objects in question exhibit a circular or spherical morphology and are typically situated in a superior, inferior, or anterior position relative to the wing on aircraft with multiple engines. In the event that an aircraft possesses a solitary engine, conventionally, it is situated at the anterior section of the fuselage, whereby the nacelle serves as the aerodynamically refined extension of the fuselage. The term "cowling" generally pertains to the removable casing of specific regions that require frequent accessibility, such as engine compartments, accessory segments, and engine mount or firewall regions.

Cessna :

$$W_{NAC} = 0.37P_{\max}N_{ENG} \quad (\text{Radial piston engine}) \quad (2.42)$$

$$W_{NAC} = 0.24P_{\max}N_{ENG} \quad (\text{HOP engine}) \quad (2.43)$$

Raymer: Included in equation 2.51

Torenbeek :

$$W_{NAC} = 2.5 \sqrt{P_{\max}} \quad (\text{Single-engine tractor propeller}) \quad (2.44)$$

$$W_{NAC} = 0.32P_{\max}N_{ENG} \quad (\text{Multi-engine HOP}) \quad (2.45)$$

$$W_{NAC} = 0.045P_{\max}^{1.25}N_{ENG} \quad (\text{Multi-engine radial piston}) \quad (2.46)$$

$$W_{NAC} = 0.14P_{\max}N_{ENG} \quad (\text{Multi-engine turboprop}) \quad (2.47)$$

$$W_{NAC} = 0.055T_{\max} \quad (\text{Podded turbojet or-fan}) \quad (2.48)$$

$$W_{NAC} = 0.065T_{\max} \quad (\text{HBPR turbofan on a pylon}) \quad (2.49)$$

USAF : Included in equation 2.53

Where :

W_{NAC} = Predicted weight of all engine nacelles in lb_f

N_{ENG} = Number of engines

P_{\max} = Maximum rated power per engine in BHP or ESHP

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
WNAC	✓	✓	✓	✓
NENG	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pmax	✓	✓	✓	X

TABLE 2.7: Nacelle/Cowling Weight Variables.

The maximum rated power per engine in USAF equation in nacelle equation weight estimation included in installed engine weight estimation equation. While other calculations include The maximum rated power per engine into the formula

6. Engine

The aero engine, commonly known as the aircraft engine, serves as the propulsive element of an aircraft's propulsion mechanism. The majority of aircraft propulsion systems can be classified as either reciprocating piston engines or gas turbines, with a limited number of instances of rocket-powered engines. In contemporary times, electric motors have been utilized in numerous small unmanned aerial vehicles. An aircraft is equipped with a minimum of one and a maximum of eight engines that generate the necessary thrust for flight. Numerous aircraft makes and models exist presently. However, they all share a fundamental purpose of utilizing the air in front of the aircraft, increasing its velocity, and expelling it behind the aircraft.

Cessna :

$$W_{EI} = (1.3P_{\max} + W_{PROP}) N_{ENG} + W_{NAC} \quad (2.50)$$

Raymer :

$$W_{EI} = 2.575W_{ENG}^{0.922}N_{ENG} \quad (2.51)$$

Torenbeek :

$$W_{EI} = (W_{ENG} + W_{PROP}) N_{ENG} + 1.03N_{ENG}^{0.3}P_{\max}^{0.7} + W_{NAC} \quad (2.52)$$

USAF :

$$W_{EI} = 2.575W_{ENG}^{0.922}N_{ENG} \quad (2.53)$$

Where :

W_{EI} = Predicted weight of all installed engines in lb_f

W_{ENG} = Weight of each uninstalled engine in lb_f

W_{PROP} = Weight of a single propeller in lb_f

The following expressions can be used to determine dry engine weight.

Piston Engines :

$$W_{ENG} = 50.56 + 1.352P_{\max} \quad (2.54)$$

Turboprop Engines :

$$W_{ENG} = 71.65 + 0.3658P_{\max} \quad (2.55)$$

Turbofan Engines :

$$W_{ENG} = 295.5 + 0.1683T_{\max} \quad (2.56)$$

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
W _{prop}	✓	X	X	X
WNAC	✓	X	✓	X
NENG	✓	✓	✓	✓
P _{max}	✓	X	✓	X
W _{ENG}	X	X	✓	✓

TABLE 2.8: Installed Engine Weight Variables.

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
P _{max}	✓	✓	✓	✓
T _{max}	✓	✓	✓	✓

TABLE 2.9: Uninstalled Engine Weight Variables.

7. Fuel System

The fuel system is comprised of the gasoline tanks, fuel lines, fuel pumps, fuel vents, and any other components that are required to transport fuel from the fuel supply to the engine. The fuel system of an aircraft provides the crew with the ability to pump, control, and deliver aviation fuel to the propulsion system and auxiliary power unit (APU) of the aircraft. Fuel systems are highly varied from one another because of the numerous ways in which aircraft can be flown.

Cessna :

$$W_{FS} = 0.40Q_{\text{tot}} (\text{Avgas} - \text{no tip-tanks}) \quad (2.57)$$

$$W_{FS} = 0.4467Q_{\text{tot}} \text{ (Jet A – no tip-tanks)} \quad (2.58)$$

$$W_{FS} = 0.70Q_{\text{tot}} \text{ (Avgas – tip-tanks)} \quad (2.59)$$

$$W_{FS} = 0.7817Q_{\text{tot}} \text{ (Jet A – tip-tanks)} \quad (2.60)$$

Raymer :

$$W_{FS} = 2.49Q_{\text{tot}}^{0.726} \left(\frac{Q_{\text{tot}}}{Q_{\text{tot}} + Q_{\text{int}}} \right)^{0.363} N_{TANK}^{0.242} N_{ENG}^{0.157} \quad (2.61)$$

Torenbeek :

$$W_{FS} = 2Q_{\text{tot}}^{0.667} \text{ (Single-engine piston)} \quad (2.62)$$

$$W_{FS} = 4.5Q_{\text{tot}}^{0.60} \text{ (Multi-engine piston)} \quad (2.63)$$

$$W_{FS} = 1.6Q_{\text{tot}}^{0.60} \text{ (Multi-engine piston)} \quad (2.64)$$

USAF :

$$W_{FS} = 2.49 \left[Q_{\text{tot}}^{0.6} \left(\frac{Q_{\text{tot}}}{Q_{\text{tot}} + Q_{\text{int}}} \right)^{0.3} N_{TANK}^{0.2} N_{ENG}^{0.13} \right]^{1.21} \quad (2.65)$$

Where :

Q_{tot} = Total fuel quantity in US gallons

Q_{int} = Fuel quantity in integral tanks in US gallons

N_{TANK} = Number of fuel tanks

W_{FS} = Predicted weight of the fuels system in lb_f

W_f = Maximum fuel quantity aircraft can carry in lb_f

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
Qtot	✓	✓	✓	✓
Qint	X	✓	X	✓
NTANK	✓	X	X	✓
WFS	✓	✓	✓	✓

TABLE 2.10: Fuel System Weight Variables.

8. Flight Control System

The flight controls (aileron, elevator, rudder, and flaps) are all part of the flight control system. It is made up of wires, pushrods, pulleys, bell-cranks, cockpit controls, and any structural supports that are needed. Primary and secondary flight controls are two categories of flight control systems. The principal flying controls of an aircraft are comprised of the ailerons, elevators (or stabilators, depending on the installation), and rudder, and they are the only means by which an aircraft may be piloted in a safe manner. Secondary flight controls include things like flight spoilers and trim systems, high-lift devices like slats and flaps, and high-lift devices like slats and flaps. Their major purpose is to either increase the performance characteristics of the aircraft or reduce the harsh control loads experienced by the aircraft. .

Cessna :

$$W_{CTRL} = 0.0168W_0 \quad (\text{Manual control system}) \quad (2.66)$$

The equation above only for W0 less than or same than 8000 lbf

Raymer :

$$W_{CTRL} = 0.053I_{FS}^{1.536}b_W^{0.371}\left(n_zW_0 \times 10^{-4}\right)^{0.80} \quad (2.67)$$

Torenbeek :

$$W_{CTRL} = 0.23W_0^{0.667} \quad (\text{Manual single control system}) \quad (2.68)$$

$$W_{CTRL} = 0.44W_0^{0.667} \quad (\text{Manual transport aircraft}) \quad (2.69)$$

$$W_{CTRL} = 0.64W_0^{0.667} \text{ (Powered transport aircraft)} \quad (2.70)$$

USAF :

$$W_{CTRL} = 1.066W_0^{0.626} \text{ (Manual control system)} \quad (2.71)$$

$$W_{CTRL} = 1.08W_0^{0.7} \text{ (Powered control system)} \quad (2.72)$$

Where :

W_{CTRL} = Predicted weight of the flight control system in lb_f ,

b_W = W Wingspan in ft

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
bW	X	✓	X	X
nz	X	✓	X	X
IFS	X	✓	X	X
Wo	✓	✓	✓	✓

TABLE 2.11: Flight Control System Variables.

9. Hydraulic System

Hydraulics is a way to send power through pipes and control devices using liquid as the working medium. For some tasks, hydraulic systems are better than mechanical or electrical ones because it is easy to apply force, the force can be increased as needed, it is easy to route the pipes, and there is no backlash between the parts. When it comes to smaller aircraft, the hydraulic system is typically just used for the brakes, the retractable landing gear, and occasionally the flaps. Hydraulic boost is also used for flying controls, spoilers, and thrust reversers in bigger aircraft. The weight of the hydraulic systems that are utilized for the flight controls is typically included in the weight of the Flight Control System. This is the case in the majority of instances.

Since the weight of the hydraulic systems used for the flight controls are frequently included in the weight of the flight control system, the following formula will be used for the other components.

All :

$$W_{HYD} = 0.001W_0 \quad (2.73)$$

Where :

W_{HYD} = Predicted weight of the hydraulics system in lb_f.

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
WHYD	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wo	✓	✓	✓	✓

TABLE 2.12: Hydraulic System Variables.

10. Avionics System

Avionics refers to the many electronic systems that are installed aboard aircraft. Avionic systems include communications, navigation, the display and management of many systems, as well as the hundreds of systems that are added to aircraft to perform distinct activities. These are all considered to have avionic functions.

All :

$$W_{AV} = 2.11W_{UAV}^{0.933} \quad (2.74)$$

Where :

W_{AV} = Predicted weight of the avionics installation in lb_f

W_{LAS} = Weight of the uninstalled avionics in lb_f.

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
WUav	✓	✓	✓	✓

TABLE 2.13: Avionics System Variables.

11. Electrical System

Every component of a modern aircraft, from the lights and avionics to the auxiliary fuel pump and engine starter motor, must be powered by the electrical system in order for it to operate properly. This system is an absolute necessity for the operation of a modern aircraft. When it comes to powering the electrical systems of an aircraft, there might be various different types of power sources present. These power sources consist of generators that produce Alternating Current (AC), which are driven by an engine; Auxiliary Power Units (APUs); and external power [5]. Flight instruments, life-support systems like de-icing, and passenger services like cabin lighting are all run by the aircraft's electrical power system. This system also provides electricity for the aircraft's onboard entertainment system.

Cessna :

$$W_{EL} = 0.0268W_0 \quad (2.75)$$

Raymer/USAF :

$$W_{EL} = 12.57 (W_{FS} + W_{AV})^{0.51} \quad (2.76)$$

Torenbeek :

$$W_{EL} = 0.0078 (W_0 - W_u)^{1.2} - W_{HYD} \quad (2.77)$$

Where :

W_{EL} = Predicted weight of the electronics system in l_f ,

W_u = Target useful load in l_f .

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Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
Wo	✓	X	✓	X
WFS	X	✓	X	X
WAV	X	✓	X	X
Wu	X	X	✓	X
WHYD	X	X	X	✓

TABLE 2.14: Electrical System Variables.

12. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Anti Icing

The primary functions of an aircraft's air conditioning system include air supply, heating, cooling, temperature control, and temperature distribution. This system's goal is to keep the flight crew, passengers, and either compartment at the desired temperature at all times. The humidity control section may also be included as a component of the air conditioning system in certain aircraft. In pressurized aircraft, the systems for air conditioning and pressure installation are inextricably intertwined. The controlled discharge of pressured and conditioned air is what maintains the cabin altitude at the chosen setting. As a form of anti-icing protection, anti-icing solutions might take the form of pneumatic inflatable boots or bleed air heated elements.

All :

$$W_{AC} = 0.265W_0^{0.52}N_{OCC}^{0.68}W_{AV}^{0.17}M^{0.08} \quad (2.78)$$

Where :

W_{AC} = Predicted weight of the A C and anti icing installation in lb_f

N_{OCC} = Number of occupants (crew and passengers)

M = Mach Number

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Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
Wo	✓	✓	✓	✓
M	✓	✓	✓	✓
WAV	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nocc	✓	✓	✓	✓

TABLE 2.15: Air Conditioning System Variables.

13. Furnishings

In a civil aircraft system, there are many different subsystems that serve as furnishings and equipment. Some of these subsystems include the pilot seat, the observer seat, the cabin attendant seat, the galley, the lavatory, the passenger seat, the overhead bin, the cockpit lining, the cabin lining, the cargo lining, the emergency equipment, the passenger service unit, and the plaquecards and markings. Insulation, soundproofing, lighting, galley, emergency equipment, and associated electric systems are also included in this.

Cessna :

$$W_{FURN} = 0.0412N_{OCC}^{1.145} W_0^{0.499} \quad (2.79)$$

Raymer :

$$W_{FURN} = 0.0582W_0 - 65 \quad (2.80)$$

USAF :

$$W_{FURN} = 34.5N_{CREW} q_H^{0.25} \quad (2.81)$$

W :

W_{FURN} = Predicted weight of furnishings in lb_f

N_{CREW} = Number of crew,

q_H = Dynamic pressure at max level airspeed, lb_f/ft²

Variables	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF
Wo	✓	✓	X	X
Nocc	✓	X	X	X
Ncrew	X	X	X	✓
qH	X	X	X	✓

TABLE 2.16: Furnishings Variables.

2.8 Trend of Global GDP and Traffic From 2000 to 2040 in Aviation Industry

In the early stages of each new administration, when policymakers are still formulating national security strategy and attempting to navigate an uncertain future, Global Trends is intended to offer them an analytical framework. It is not the purpose of this project to provide an accurate forecast of the world in the year 2040; rather, it is intended to assist decision-makers and citizens in gaining a better understanding of what may lie beyond the horizon and in preparing for a variety of potential futures [6]. The aviation industry as a whole has faced a number of obstacles over the course of the previous two years, the Covid-19 pandemic era. When borders began to close and supply lines came to a grinding halt, turboprops rose up to the challenge on a global scale.

As a result of their delivery of vaccines and other necessities to local communities all over the world, they became a vital lifeline for those populations. After a delay of two years, aircraft have finally begun to fly again. As we go back toward the “new normal,” the aviation sector is shifting its attention back to the ongoing difficulties it faces. The reduction of carbon emissions in the aviation industry is at the top of the priority list for the industry as a whole, while the turboprop sector is anticipated to be the source of innovation in the near future. In a similar vein, turboprop aircraft will prove to be an important entry point for innovative technologies that will assist the aviation sector move forward.

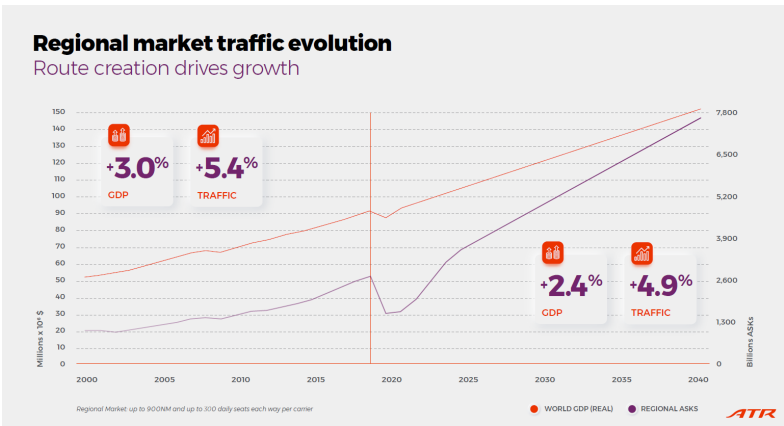


FIGURE 2.5: Market Traffic evolution

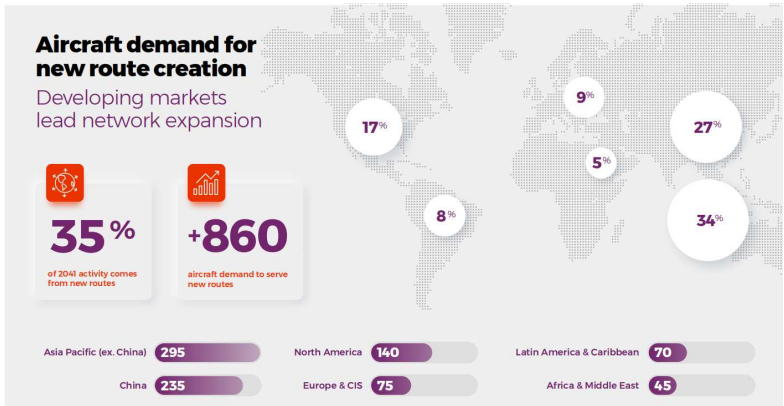


FIGURE 2.6: Aircraft demand for new route

2.9 Regional Aircraft Market

There are two sizes of regional aircraft: large regional aircraft, which can carry 70–90 passengers, and small regional aircraft, which can take 30–50 passengers. Both sizes are referred to together as regional aircraft. Big companies like Boeing and Airbus have a natural advantage in the market for larger airplanes because of their size and resources. They have achieved this position of dominance in both the narrow-body and wide-body markets thanks to their internal innovation and a string of mergers with other manufacturers. Russia and China are beginning to field new competitors, but it will be quite some time before this makes a difference in the overall market.

2.9.1 Turboprop Aircraft

One or more gas turbine engines that are coupled to a gearbox are utilized by turboprop aircraft in order to provide propulsion for the aircraft while it is both on the ground and in the air. The propeller or propellers are then turned by the gearbox. When air is sucked into the intake of a turboprop engine, it is immediately subjected to compression by the compressor [7]. Combustion of the mixture results from adding fuel to the compressed air in the combustor. The turbine is turned by the hot combustion gasses, which then powers a shaft that rotates the propeller. In a turboprop engine, the propeller receives practically the entire power generated by the turbine. Smaller aircraft that travel at subsonic speeds, such as charter jets and transport aircraft, are the most typical users of turboprop engines. The average cruise speed for one of these ships is approximately 300 knots. However, certain propjet planes can speed over 400 knots. Because they consume less fuel, turboprop aircraft have lower operational costs than jets; however, they are also significantly slower than jets. Businesses that need to fly missions that require a travel distance of 600 to 1,000 miles between general aviation airports, which typically have runways that are too short to handle jets, may find turboprops an interesting choice.

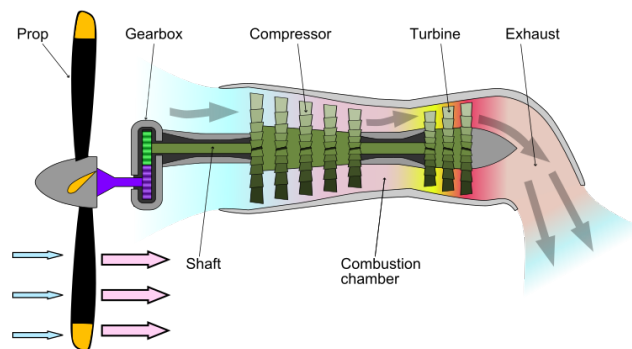


FIGURE 2.7: Chematic diagram of the operation of a turboprop engine

The takeoff performance of turboprop aircraft is superior, and its ability to climb swiftly makes them well suited for use in mountainous regions. The reaction time is far faster than a jet. It can take off and land on runways that

are both shorter and rougher than light jets. Many turboprops can take off and land successfully on a runway that is only 3,200 feet long, whereas jets typically require a runway that is at least 5,000 feet long. The use of grass airfields and unmade airstrips is also possible with turboprop aircraft. It has a higher power output relative to its weight than a jet, which gives it the ability to achieve optimal fuel efficiency at low altitudes (preferably below 25,000 feet).

Since turboprops travel at a lesser speed and have a shorter range than jets, they are not the optimal choice for journeys that are very time-sensitive or lengthy. The normal altitude ceiling for turboprop aircraft is between 25,000 and 30,000 feet. At this level, a turboprop won't be able to rise to a higher altitude like a jet can in order to avoid experiencing turbulence or adverse weather conditions. A jet, on the other hand, will be able to do so. It's possible that the journey will be choppy and unpleasant as a result of this. Additionally, very large passenger groups are not the best fit for these vehicles. Even the largest turbo-liners usually only transport between 18 and 30 passengers, while some of them may accommodate as many as 59 people.



FIGURE 2.8: Pilatus PC 12 NG

When it comes to supplying regional connections across short, thin routes, turboprops are the aircraft that should be selected because they are the most efficient option. When compared to a regional jet with a seating capacity that is comparable, the engine technology and customized design point of a turboprop provides a durable competitive advantage. Turboprops are designed specifically for shorter itineraries.

2.9.2 Turboprop Market Demand

We can see that the demand for turboprop aircraft around the globe will reach approximately 2,450 units within the next 20 years. As we emerge from a period that has been difficult for the whole aviation industry, this is an encouraging sign that business will soon resume its normal course. After a delay of two years, the regional aviation industry is getting very close to completing a full recovery. In spite of this, the growth potential that was missed during the pandemic continues to have an impact for the next 20 years. During this time, a number of older aircraft entered retirement, although the average age of the fleet of turboprop aircraft continued to rise. As a consequence of this, aircraft replacement will be a significant driver of demand during the subsequent two decades, accounting for 1,500 brand-new aircraft entering service in 2041. The significance of turboprops as innovative platforms for testing and delivering game-changing technology to the market will become increasingly essential in the coming years.

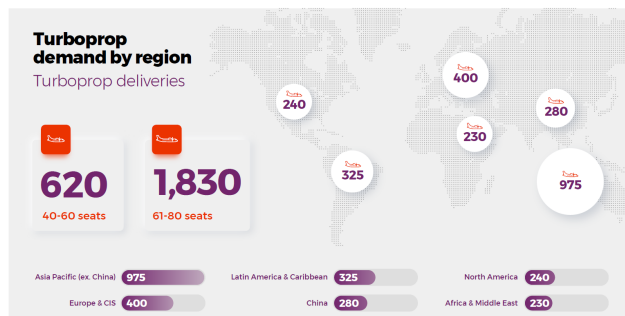


FIGURE 2.9: Turboprop demand by region

The use of turboprop aircraft often spurs on new routes. The use of turboprop aircraft rather than regional jets would result in a significant reduction in CO₂ emissions. Even while regional jets produce more carbon dioxide than turboprop aircraft, the environmental impact of short-haul flights is magnified since jet technology is not designed to be used in this market segment. The effects of aviation on the climate are not restricted solely to carbon dioxide emissions.

The presence of contrails has the potential to have the greatest influence on global warming, up to double that of CO₂ by itself. This phenomenon is referred to as the "Non-CO₂ effect." Because of their lower cruising altitudes, turboprop aircraft have less contribution to developing contrails, lowering the overall impact of aviation's so-called "Non-CO₂ effect."

2.9.3 Regional Turboprop Aircraft Demand in Asia Pacific

The expansion and development of the business ecosystem as well as the rise in the amount of disposable income that individuals have contributed to the expansion of the general aviation industry in the Asia-Pacific region. In the past ten years, there has been a significant increase in the use of turboprops in South Asia and South-East Asia. They have been the driving force behind the decrease in the cost of air travel as well as the establishment of a new network with the same scale as the one that was in place 20 years ago.

A significant number of the passengers who are currently filling up airplanes had, in the past, endured lengthy and uncomfortable journeys by traveling by boat, train, or road. Demand for regional air travel will continue to rise as an alternative to time-consuming mobility options as economies continue to develop and the middle classes grow in size. In the next 20 years, it is anticipated that the demand for turboprop aircraft will be highest in the Asia-Pacific area.

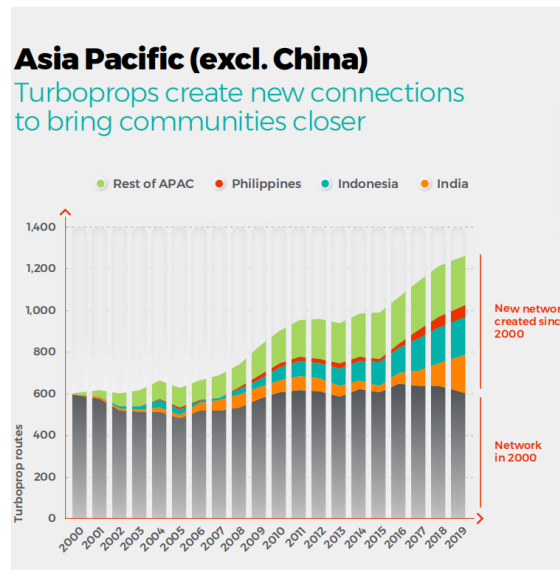


FIGURE 2.10: Demand in Asia Pacific

As the recovery from the Coronavirus epidemic continues, regional aircraft are playing an essential role in linking airports on routes with low demand or in managing problematic airfields. In particular, turboprops are known for having exceptional performance when landing on short runways and traveling across rough terrain. They are the sole aircraft that allow 34 percent of the airports that have scheduled services to maintain their connections to the rest of the globe. The use of turboprop aircraft by airline operators has been a significant factor in the expansion of their networks.

They provide a variety of aircraft that is extraordinarily efficient in terms of both effectiveness and cost, making it possible to open up chances for expansion. Over the course of the previous decade, an annual average of 180 new routes have been introduced into service. Even during the height of the worldwide Covid outbreak, turboprops continued to play a key role in establishing new routes.

Aircraft replacement is the greatest driver for deliveries. The establishment of new transportation corridors, which boosts overall regional mobility, is the second most important component. In order to satisfy the growing demand for reduced emission air travel and regional connectivity, the world's top maker of regional aircraft, ATR, forecasts that there will be a requirement for at least

2,450 turboprop aircraft over the next 20 years [6]. According to ATR, the primary driver of such demand would be airlines wanting to replace their existing aircraft fleets. The demand for airplanes that are lighter and more efficient in their use of fuel is growing as shorter flights become more common.

2.10 MTOM of Regional Aircraft

The maximum takeoff mass, or MTOM, of an aircraft is a value that is established by the aircraft manufacturer. This amount is also commonly referred to as the maximum takeoff weight, or MTOW. It is the heaviest load that the airplane might possibly take off with without violating any of its structural or other limitations [8]. The maximum take-off weight is often indicated in either kilograms or pounds. The mass is a constant value that does not change regardless of the temperature, altitude, or amount of runway that is available.

MTOM is a significant parameter that is set by the aircraft manufacturer and is approved by regulatory authorities like the FAA in the United States or the EASA in Europe. The FAA in the United States and the EASA in Europe are two examples of regulatory agencies. During the design and development phases of the aircraft, it is determined by comprehensive testing and analysis, taking into account a variety of aspects such as aerodynamics, structural integrity, engines, systems, and performance requirements.

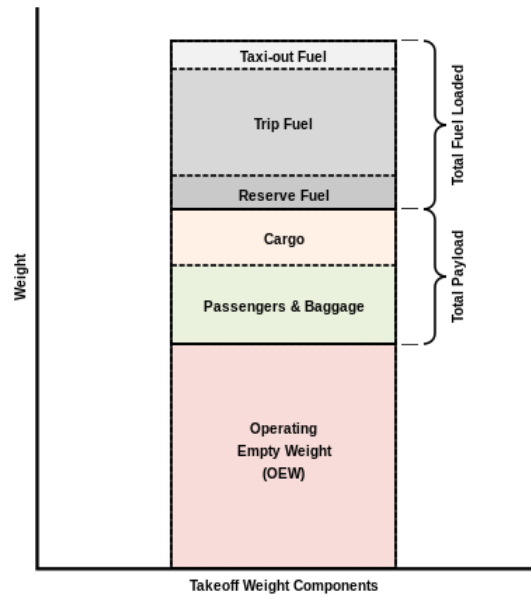


FIGURE 2.11: Takeoff Weight Components

2.10.1 Weight of An Aircraft

When we speak of an aircraft's "empty weight," we are referring to the whole mass of the airframe, as well as the mass of the engines, propellers, rotors, and any other permanent equipment. When determining the weight of the vehicle when it is empty, the weight of the crew and the cargo are subtracted from the total, but the weight of all fixed ballast, unusable fuel supply, undrainable oil, total quantity of engine coolant, and total quantity of hydraulic fluid are included. The term "gross weight" refers to the heaviest load that an airplane can take off with, which includes all of the consumables such as gasoline, oil, and other supplies. The maximum takeoff weight of an aircraft refers to the maximum weight at which it is capable of taking off under normal conditions. The maximum takeoff weight is typically higher than the gross weight, which in turn is higher than the empty weight. The empty weight is typically the lowest of the three.

The MTOM is also an important factor to consider when analyzing the capabilities of an aircraft's performance. The takeoff distance, rate of climb, payload capacity, and range of an aircraft are all impacted by this factor [9]. When the

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maximum takeoff weight (MTOM) of an aircraft is increased, the takeoff roll, rate of climb, and payload capacity all suffer. On the other hand, having a reduced MTOM enables the aircraft to take off from a shorter distance, have improved climbing capability, and have enhanced payload capacity.

2.10.2 The Regional Turboprop Aircraft Benchmark

The list of regional turboprop aircraft that have substantial build numbers can be found further down. Regional aircraft typically have less than one hundred seats available for passengers, serve as the short-hop component of the hub-and-spoke model of passenger and cargo distribution, and participate in point-to-point transit while traveling a maximum of 810 miles [10].

Aircraft	MTOW (kg)	EMTOW (kg)	Engine Type	Number of Engine	Engine (kg)	EMTOW- M Engine	In (MTOW)	In (EMTOW)	In (EMTOW- Engine)\	max V (m/s)	T/W Take Off	Wing Area (m ²)	W/S (N/m ²)
Saab 340	13154	5798	GE CT7-9B	2	244	5310	9.484481174	8.665268309	8.577347114	194.44	3.66	41.81	3086.36
Antonov An-140	19150	12810	PW127A	2	480	11850	9.860057995	9.457981395	9.380083147	150	1.14	51	3683.56
IAMI (HESA) IRAN-140 FARAZ	19150	11800	Klimov TV3-117VMA-SBM1	2	294	0						51	3683.56
ATR 42	16900	10285	PW120	2	418	9449	9.735068901	9.238441802	9.153664195	147.22	0.9	54.5	3042.00
Saab 2000	22800	13800	RR AE2100P	2	790	12220	10.03451581	9.532423871	9.410829233	185.28	1.12	55.7	4015.58
CASA/IPTN CN-235	15100	9800	GE CT7-9B	2	244	9312	9.622450023	9.190137665	9.13905917	158.45	1.39	59.1	2506.45
De Havilland Canada Dash 8	19505	9424.2	PW123	2	450	8524.2	9.878426122	9.151036128	9.050664456	89.44	1.64	64	2989.75
Fokker 50	20820	13400	PW125B	2	418	12564	9.943669342	9.503009986	9.438590861	96.67	1.57	70	2917.77
Fokker F27 Friendship	19773	11204	RR Dart Mk.5327	2	547	10110	9.89207265	9.324026136	9.221280312	87.5	1.19	70	2771.04
Antonov An-24	21000	13300	Ivchenko AI-24A	2	600	12100	9.952277717	9.495519314	9.400960732	117.5	0.98	74.98	2747.53
Xian Y-7 / MA60 / MA600	21800	12603	Dongan WJ-5A	2		12603	9.989665249	9.44169016	9.44169016	155.56	1.72	75.26	2841.59
Hawker Siddeley HS 748	21092	12304	RR Rda Dart Mk536-2	2	547	11210	9.956649101	9.417679692	9.324561516	106.11	1.4	77	2687.18
BAe ATP	22930	13959	PW 126	2	480	12999	10.04020138	9.543879741	9.47262771	99.72	1.68	78.3	2872.84
de Havilland Canada Dash 7	19958	12560	PW PT6A-50	4	218	11688	9.901385344	9.43827244	9.366317953	274.44	2.55	80	2447.35

TABLE 2.17: List of Regional Turboprop Aircraft

1. CASA/IPTN CN-235

The CASA/IPTN CN-235 was co-developed by CASA of Spain and IPTN of Indonesia to be a medium-range twin-engine transport aircraft [11]. The military uses it for transport and surveillance missions, in addition to its other uses as a regional airliner. Several Honeywell improvements are available for this medium-range twin-engine aircraft, which is frequently employed by the military for transport and reconnaissance.



FIGURE 2.12: CASA/IPTN CN-235

2. Antonov An-140

Following in the footsteps of its predecessor, the Antonov An-24, the Antonov An-140 is a turboprop-powered, small aircraft that was developed by the Antonov ASTC department in Ukraine. It has an increased cargo capacity and the ability to use unprepared airstrips [12]. Since its first flight on September 17, 1997, the An-140 has been built at the main production line in Kharkiv by KHDABP, in Samara by Aviakor, and in Iran under license by Iran Aircraft Manufacturing Industrial Company (HESA) as the IrAn-140. The IrAn-140 is also known as the "An-140." In addition, the problem of assembly in Kazakhstan has been brought up in trilateral discussions between the governments of Kazakhstan, Ukraine, and Russia.



FIGURE 2.13: Antonov An-140

3. De Havilland Canada Dash 8

The De Havilland Canada DHC-8, most frequently referred to as the Dash 8, is a series of turboprop-powered small airliners that were initially introduced by de Havilland Canada (DHC) in the year 1984. Later on, in 1988, Boeing purchased DHC, and then in 1992, Bombardier did the same thing. Finally, in 2019, Longview Aviation Capital purchased DHC, bringing back the De Havilland Canada brand [13]. It was created from the Dash 7 and is powered by two Pratt and Whitney Canada PW100 engines. It has enhanced cruise performance and reduced operational expenses than the Dash 7, but it does not have short takeoff and landing performance.



FIGURE 2.14: De Havilland Canada Dash 8

4. ATR 42

Final assembly of the regional airliner known as the ATR 42 takes place in the French city of Toulouse, which is the home base for the Franco-Italian manufacturer ATR. Aérospatiale, which is now known as Airbus, and Aeritalia, which is now known as Leonardo S.p.A [14]. introduced the aircraft on November 4, 1981 under the brand name ATR as part of a joint venture. On August 16, 1984, the ATR 42-300 completed its first flight, and the aircraft received its type certification in September 1985. Launch client Air Littoral carried out its first flight that generated income in the month of December that same year.



FIGURE 2.15: ATR 42

5. MA600/MA60/Xian Y-7

The Xian Aircraft Industry Corporation, which is a subsidiary of the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), is responsible for manufacturing the Xian MA600, which is an upgraded version of the Xian MA60. On June 29, 2008, Xi'an Aircraft Industry Corporation successfully completed the rollout of its first MA600 turboprop. On October 10, 2008, the MA600 aircraft completed its first flight [15]. When compared to the MA60, this aircraft features upgraded avionics, a more comfortable passenger cabin, and engines that produce a greater amount of thrust.



FIGURE 2.16: MA600

6. Saab 340

The Saab 340 is a Swedish twin-engine turboprop aircraft that was initially constructed by Saab AB and Fairchild Aircraft [16]. The Saab 340 was

designed in Sweden. It is designed to accommodate 30-36 passengers, and as of July 2018, there were 240 aircraft in operation that were operated by 34 distinct operators.



FIGURE 2.17: Saab 340

7. De Havilland Canada Dash 7

Turboprop-powered and equipped with short take-off and landing (STOL) capabilities, the de Havilland Canada DHC-7, most commonly referred to as the Dash 7, is a regional aircraft manufactured by de Havilland Canada [17]. It made its first flight in 1975 and continued to be manufactured until 1988, despite the fact that its parent company, de Havilland Canada, was purchased by Boeing in 1986 and later sold to Bombardier. 1975 was the year when the airplane took its maiden voyage. In 2006, Bombardier made the transfer of ownership of the type certificate for the aircraft design to the Victoria-based manufacturer Viking Air. Viking Air is known for producing aircraft.



FIGURE 2.18: De Havilland Canada Dash 7

8. Fokker 50

The Fokker F50 is a turboprop-powered airliner that was developed as an enhanced version of the Fokker F27 Friendship, which was a very successful aircraft for Fokker. The Fokker 50 was later developed into the longer and more capable freighter known as the Fokker 60 [18]. Fokker, a Dutch aircraft manufacturer, was responsible for the production and maintenance of both aircraft. The first flight of a Fokker 50 took place on December 28, 1985, and the aircraft began carrying paying passengers in 1987. Former aircraft of the Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) are currently used by the Peruvian Naval Aviation and the Air Force of the Republic of China. The Fokker 60 has been used by the Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf).



FIGURE 2.19: Fokker 50

9. BAe ATP

British Aerospace is the company that is responsible for designing and manufacturing the airliner known as the Advanced Turbo-Prop (ATP). The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 was a moderately successful feederliner in the 1960s, and this aircraft was a development of that design [19]. Business strategists at British Aerospace made the assumption that there was a market for a short-range, low-noise, fuel-efficient turboprop aircraft as a result of events such as the oil crisis in 1979 and rising public sensitivity surrounding aircraft noise. Because of this belief, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) was founded in the 1980s. On August 6, 1986, it successfully completed its first flight.



FIGURE 2.20: BAe ATP

10. Antonov An-24

The Antonov An-24 (Russian/Ukrainian: Antonov An-24) (NATO reporting name: Coke) is a twin turboprop transport/passenger aircraft with 44 seats that was created in 1957 in the Soviet Union by the Antonov Design Bureau. It was constructed by the Kyiv, Irkutsk, and Ulan-Ude Aviation Factories [20]. The Antonov An-24 was given the NATO reporting name of Coke. There are currently 109 An-24s still in use across the globe, the most of which are located in the CIS and Africa. The first flight of the An-24 took place in 1959, and the aircraft went on to be constructed in a total of approximately 1,000 units in a variety of configurations.



FIGURE 2.21: Antonov An-24

11. Hawker Siddeley HS 748

Avro, a British aircraft manufacturer, was the company that came up with the original design for the medium-sized turboprop airliner that would later be constructed by Hawker Siddeley. It was the final aircraft designed by Avro before the company was acquired by Hawker Siddeley and merged into that company [21]. In an effort to realign the company's focus on the growing civil and international markets in the late 1950s, the development of the HS 748 was undertaken. It was primarily built as a contemporary feederliner to serve as a replacement for the outdated Douglas DC-3s that were in widespread use at the time. It was powered by the well-known Rolls-Royce Dart turboprop engine. The HS 748 series 1 made its maiden flight on June 24, 1960, and it entered revenue service in 1961.



FIGURE 2.22: Hawker Siddeley HS 748 Series 2A

12. Fokker F27 Friendship

The Dutch aircraft manufacturer Fokker is responsible for the development and production of the turboprop airliner known as the Fokker F27 Friendship. The F27 was not just one of the most successful European airliners of its day but also the most numerous aircraft produced in the Netherlands after the war [22]. It holds the record for the most post-war aircraft produced in the country. In the early 1950s, the F27 was designed with the goal of developing a viable replacement to the previous piston engine-powered airliners that had become ubiquitous on the market, such as the Douglas DC-3. This was the intention behind the development of the F27.



FIGURE 2.23: Fokker F27 Friendship

13. Saab 2000

Saab, a Swedish aircraft company, is responsible for creating the Saab 2000, which is a twin-engined high-speed turboprop airliner. It can reach a top speed of 665 kilometers per hour (or 413 miles per hour) while carrying between 50 and 58 passengers [23]. The shooting took place at Linköping, which is located in Sweden. The Saab 2000 made its maiden flight in March of 1992 and was given its certification in the following year. The final aircraft was handed out in April of 1999, bringing the total number of aircraft manufactured to 63. As of October 2022, 27 Saabs 2000 were in service with various airlines and the military.



FIGURE 2.24: Saab 2000

2.11 Turboprop Aircraft Data Analysis

Here some chart data benchmark from 2.17 list of regional turboprop aircraft.

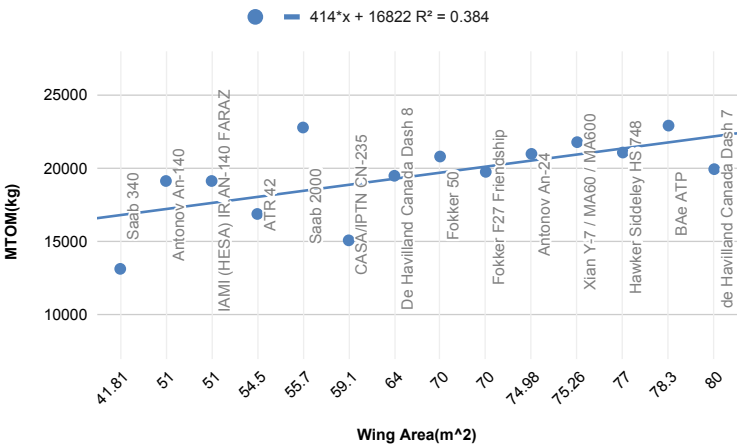


FIGURE 2.25: Wing Area vs MTOM

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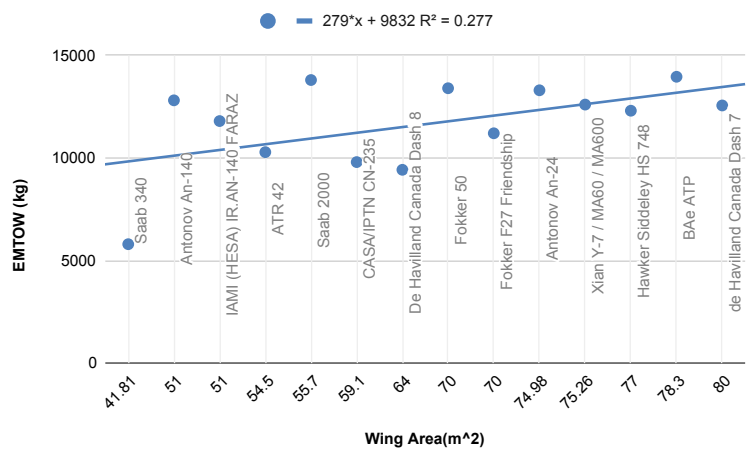


FIGURE 2.26: Wing Area vs EMTOM

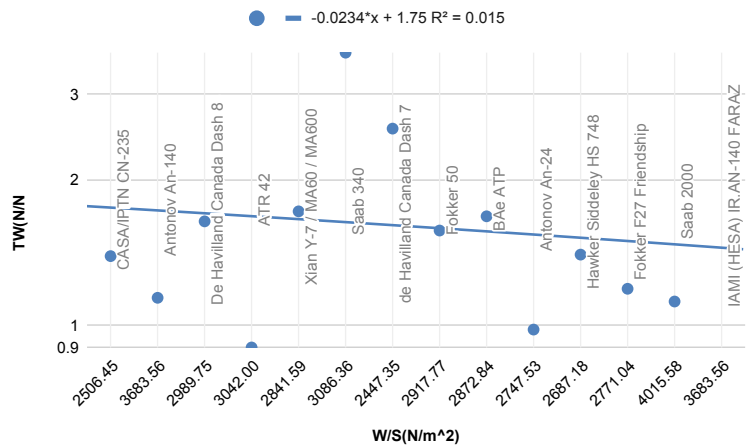


FIGURE 2.27: T/W vs W/S

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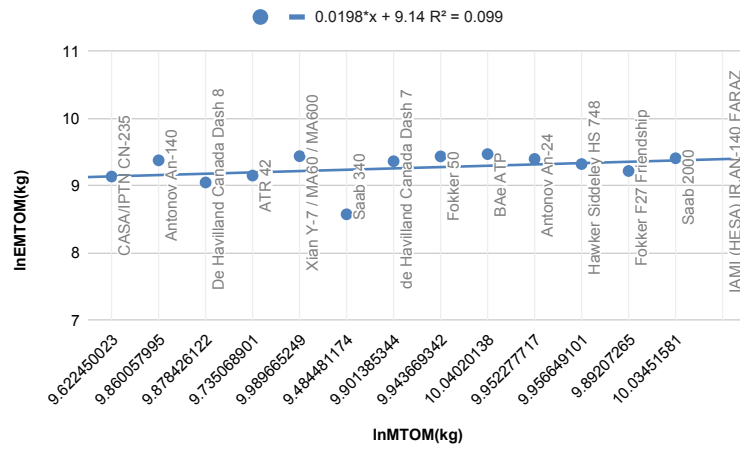


FIGURE 2.29: $\ln \text{EMTOM}$ vs $\ln \text{MTOM}$

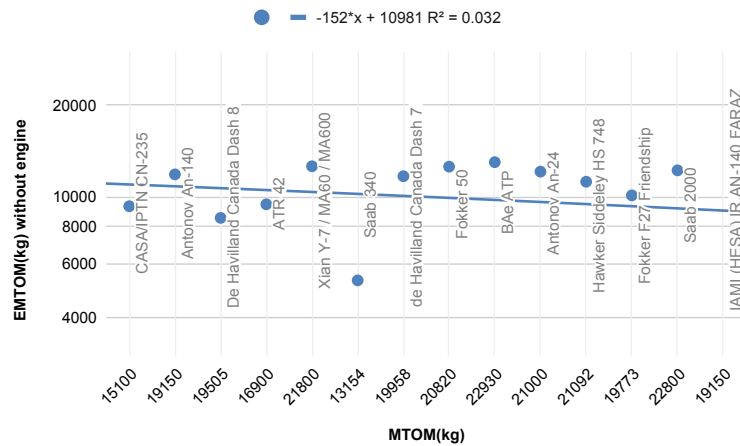


FIGURE 2.28: EMTOM without engine vs MTOM

As can be seen from figure 2.25 it is clear that the MTOM increasing as the value of wing area increases. Looking at the first value of MTOM where it shows the value of MTOM in the y axis. The following values of wing area, where the value increase, shows an increase as well in the MTOM in the y axis. As also proven by the R-squared with the value of 0.384 or almost 40 percent, it can safely be said that MTOM changes, in this case increases, as the value of wing area increases.

It can be seen as well from figure 2.26. The EMTOM increasing as the value

of wing area increases as well. it means the increase of area of the wing will also increase the amount of empty weight that can be put on an aircraft. It is seen from the Saab 240 aircraft that it has a relatively small amount of wing area and it can only provide 5,798 Kg amount of EMTOM. If we see the growth of the area, we can see that for each and every aircraft that they have bigger MTOM due to their wing area getting bigger. From the R-squared which show a 0.277 correlation value, thus it is proven that with the increase of wing area, the EMTOM gets bigger as well.

From the 2.27 it can be seen that value of R-squared is relatively small. It means the dependent variable which is Y-axis (T/W), not affected by the X variable. from the 2.28 and 2.29 it can be seen that the value of Y-axis increasing as the value of X-axis. From the R-squared value which show a 0.336 and 0.353 correlation value, that means that the greater the MTOM value, the EMTOM value will also increase simultaneously, and EMTOM is affected by the increasing value of MTOM

CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Outline

In this part, the author will attempt to define what exactly is meant by the term “research methodology”. It is intended to provide an overview of the strategy that the author had utilized in an effort to attempt and find solutions to the issues raised in this thesis.

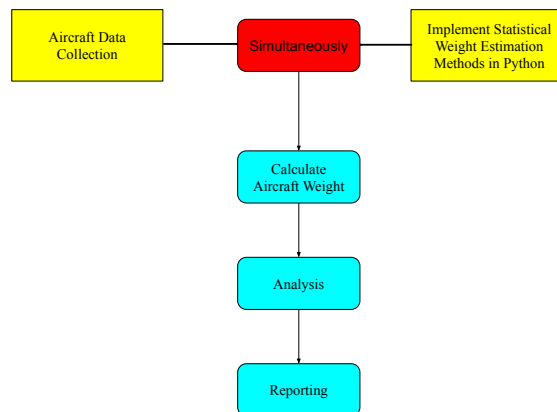


FIGURE 3.1: Thesis Work Flowchart

The above flowchart is a description of the author’s thesis work. The author used a five-step process, as depicted in figure 3.1. The first step is compiling information about regional turboprop aircraft. The second is using a computational tools of programming language to realize the statistical estimation weights method. It is possible to perform both the first and second steps simultaneously. Having established the mass of each aircraft, the author moves on to the third stage. The next step is to analyze, compare, and probe the ways in which they differ when the MTOW of an aircraft is changed.

3.2 Stastitcal Weight Estimation Methods

Estimating the weight of an airplane can be done using any one of a number of different statistical methods. The estimation of aircraft weight is a more general topic that may be broken down into several more particular ways, such as Cessna method, Raymer's method, Torenbeek's method, and the USAF method. The cessna method, which was developed by cessna aircraft company. The Raymer method, which was invented by Daniel Raymer, is a well-known method for estimating weight that is used in the conceptual design of airplanes. Another approach for estimating weight that is often used is called the Torenbeek method, which was invented by E. Torenbeek. It does this by applying techniques from regression analysis in order to establish correlations between the weight of the aircraft and the various design factors. The United States Air Force method, sometimes known as the USAF method, is a technique for estimating weight that was created by the United States Air Force.

3.2.1 Cessna Method

The Cessna method is a simplified approach to aircraft weight estimation developed by the Cessna Aircraft Company. It is often used for smaller general aviation aircraft. To estimate the weights of various components, the method applies simple mathematical equations and variables based on the aircraft's parameters, such as wing area, span, and engine type. This method is less comprehensive than some others but is suitable for early-stage conceptual design of small aircraft. The Cessna method is often described in various sources related to aircraft design and engineering

3.2.2 Raymer Method

The Raymer method is described in the book *Aircraft Design: A Conceptual Approach* [24]. During the conceptual design phase, the Raymer method was employed to estimate aircraft weights. It breaks down the aircraft into various components and estimates their weights using empirical calculations based on historical data. The technique considers elements such as aircraft size, mission

profile, and design characteristics. Raymer's method includes separate equations for fuselage, wing, empennage, landing gear, propulsion systems, and other components.

3.2.3 Torenbeek Method

The Torenbeek method presents an approach to aircraft weight estimation based on historical data and statistical relationships. The method breaks down the aircraft into major components and uses statistical relationships to estimate their weights. The method includes equations for the weights of the wing, tail, fuselage, landing gear, and other components. [25]

3.2.4 USAF Method

The United States Air Force (USAF) has developed its own method for estimating aircraft weights. This technique establishes correlations between weight and particular design characteristics by making use of historical data collected from already-existing aircraft. It considers the aircraft's mission, design parameters, and size to estimate the weights of different components. The USAF method includes equations for estimating the weights of the wing, empennage, fuselage, systems, and more. [26]

3.3 Data Collection

In order for the author to carry out this research, the author required some data. The data used are from Wikipedia and from Jane's All the World's Aircraft book [27]. As a result of this, the author came to the conclusion that some data on regional turboprop aircraft should be collected. The gathered information is an essential component in getting this thesis off the ground. As shown in the previous chapter, several aircraft were introduced, but due to the lack of data of most of the aircraft, the author made the decision to use three distinct types of regional turboprop aircraft, which are the ATR 42-600, the Saab 340, and the CN-235. The following sections will discuss each aircraft to give a rough overview of what aircrafts were used by the author.

3.3.1 ATR 42-600

ATR, a French aircraft manufacturer, is responsible for the construction of the short-haul, twin-turboprop regional passenger aircraft known as the ATR 42. The number of seats that fall between 40 and 50 is where the name "42" originates from. After further development, this aircraft became known as the ATR 72. Production of this aircraft began in 1981, and its maiden voyage took place on August 16, 1984. At a press conference that took place in Washington, District of Columbia, on Thursday, October 2, 2007, ATR CEO Stéphane Mayer introduced the new aircraft of the -600 series.



FIGURE 3.2: TransNusa ATR 42-600

The new ATR 42-600 will be outfitted with the most up-to-date technology, which will be constructed using the invaluable expertise that was gathered from earlier aircraft. These new aircraft will have improved efficacy, improved reliability, lower fuel consumption, and lower operating costs. The aircraft will be powered by a PW127M engine, which is the industry standard. This new engine offers improved performance on shorter runways, as well as in hotter and higher altitude environments, as well as a 5 percent boost in thermodynamic power during takeoff. Featuring a "boost function" that can increase power but is only activated during takeoff, where this function will ever be used.

3.3.2 Saab 340

The Saab Aircraft includes two powerful General Electric engines, a spacious cabin with accommodation for up to 34 passengers, sufficient seats to ensure

the comfort of those traveling, a fully stocked restroom, and all of the necessary equipment for providing service on board. The Saab 340 is a kind of aircraft that has two turboprop engines. Saab Aircraft is a Swedish aircraft company that was founded in 1927.



FIGURE 3.3: Saab 340

In the 1970s, Saab began the process of developing what would later be known as the Saab 340. The production of an airplane that could accommodate between 30 and 40 passengers on short-distance journeys was the primary target. Saab made the calculated decision to enter into a cooperation with the aircraft manufacturer Swearingen, which is located in the state of Texas and is a subsidiary of Fairchild Industries. The active aircraft fleet of the airline now consists of two Saab 340As. According to the data provided by ch-aviation, the airline's two Saab 340As have an average age of 37.3 years and are configured with a layout of 30 seats in a one-class configuration.

3.3.3 CN-235

IPTN and CASA, which is now known as Airbus Defense and Space, founded a new joint-venture business known as Aircraft Technology (Airtech) on October 17, 1979, with the intention of designing the CN235. This innovative multi-purpose aircraft has the ability to perform a Short Take-Off and Landing (STOL) at difficult airstrips that are 800 meters long, has a ramp door that allows for easy outgoing and incoming goods transport, and has low maintenance costs. The CASA/IPTN CN-235 is a twin-engined transport aircraft with a medium-range capability.



FIGURE 3.4: CN-235

Its principal military functions are in the areas of air transport, maritime surveillance, and patrolling the oceans. CASA and IPTN, an Indonesian manufacturing company, collaborated on the project and founded the company Airtech to administer the program. The project was a joint venture. The partnership was only applicable to the Series 10 and Series 100/110 models; subsequent versions were created on an individual basis. Over 230 different variants of the CN-235 are now in operation. CASA began research and development on the C-295, a stretched version of the CN-235, in 1995.

3.4 Computational Tools

An application or item of software that serves as a means of carrying out a procedure or accomplishing a goal is known as a computational tool. Throughout the course of this research, the author has considered and been instructed to make use of computers to carry out all of the scientific computing. The author was able to effortlessly collect data and process it in the manner in which it was required thanks to the assistance of a computer. It was speculated that the author made use of various programs in the hopes of making the study somewhat less laborious. Because all of the programs were available at no cost and could be modified by anyone, the author had access to a large number of resources that detailed how to get the most out of each application. The majority of the applications were focused on making use of programming languages and the packages or modules that come with them.

3.4.1 Python

During the course of this study, the Python programming language was the one that was utilized for its various coding purposes. Python is a high-level programming language that can be interpreted and is object-oriented. Python also has dynamic semantics. Python is widely utilized in the process of producing websites and applications, as well as for automating tasks, analyzing data, and visualizing data. Python was selected by the author because, in comparison to other programming languages, it was simpler to understand, and the author has limited experience in the programming field, particularly in scientific computing. These factors contributed to the author's decision to adopt Python as the main programming language for the thesis.

3.4.2 NumPy

NumPy is an essential library that Python users need in order to perform scientific computing. NumPy is a Python library that allows users to perform mathematical and logical operations on arrays [28]. The author required the numerical computing capability of this package, which included massive numerical array objects and procedures to handle them, in order to complete this research, which is why it was very helpful throughout the process.

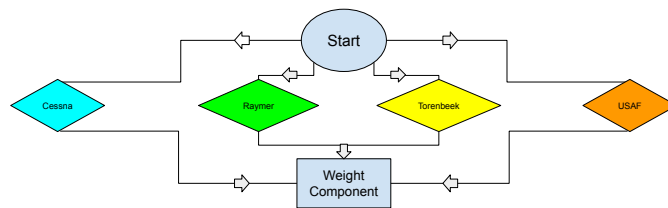


FIGURE 3.5: Aircraft Coding Data Processing

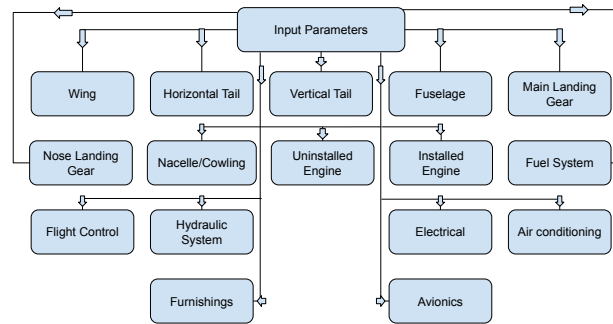


FIGURE 3.6: Weight Components Coding Flow Chart

3.5 Calculate the aircraft's weight

When determining the weight of an aircraft, it is necessary to take into consideration a number of different aspects and components. The weights of an airplane are often broken down into various categories, such as the weight of the aircraft when it is empty, the weight of the payload, and the weight of the fuel. In order for the author to carry out this research, the author use the statistical estimation methods. When it comes to estimating numerous factors and features that are associated with aircraft performance, safety, maintenance, and operational elements, statistical estimation methods are utilized. In order to arrive at accurate estimations and forecasts, these techniques require doing analyses on the data gathered from various aircraft systems, instruments, flight tests, and other sources.

The following hypothetical method is use of a statistical method for estimating weight that the author could take:

1. Collecting Data

The author acquired the data from a variety of sources, such as historical records, reports on maintenance, measurements, and specifications provided by the aircraft manufacturer. Throughout the entirety of the

procedure, it was used in both the input and the reference value capacities. The author collected information from members of the general public, which is then made available on a variety of websites that offer data on the characteristics of a variety of different aircraft.

2. Data Preparation

By cleaning and arranging the gathered data, the author assures consistency and eliminates any outliers or errors that may have an effect on the estimating process. In addition, this step prevents any errors from having an effect.

3. Feature Selection

By determining the relevant aspects that can influence the weight of the aircraft, such as the MTOW, EMTOW, wing surface, wing area, and any other relevant components. In the model for estimating weight, these considerations will each take the role of an independent variable.

4. Model Development

Creating a statistical model, such as a trend line chart model or a multiple linear regression model, in which the independent variables are utilized to make predictions about the dependent variable, which in this case is the weight of the aircraft. Statistical software or computer languages could be utilized in the construction of the model.

3.6 Comparison and Analysis

The purpose of statistical estimation is to produce the most accurate estimate feasible of an unknown variable or characteristic, in addition to an indication of the degree to which this estimate is uncertain. Because the author had access to the necessary mathematical tools and they were ready for use, the author was able to obtain the data that was required for comparison. The statistical approaches used for weight estimation are taken from historical data collected from already-existing aircraft. It is possible to generate relationships based on

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geometrical parameters such as wing area, aspect ratio, taper ratio, ultimate load factors, and so forth. For example, if we know the weight of the wing structure for a population of aircraft that fall into a certain class, we will be able to determine which relationships may be derived from the data. Even if they were made by different companies, the wing weights of two different airplanes in the same class that are certified to the same set of standards and have similar gross weights should be similar.

Variables	SI	Imperial
Vcruise (km/h, ft/s)	535	488
cruise density(kg/m ³ , lb/ft ³)	0.6597	0.0411
chord(m, ft)	2.04	6.6929
b(wingspan)(m, ft)	24.57	80.6102
S(wing surface)(ft ²)	54.5	586.6331
AR	11.07	11.07
λ_w	0.54	0.54
Wing Sweep at 25%	2°	2°
Wing Sweep at 50%	0°	0°
t/c	0.15	0.15
twmax (m, ft)	0.306	1.0039
WFW(kg, lb)	4500	9920.8017
q(kg/m ² , lb/ft ²)	94058.706	4895.2029
nz	3.5	-
EMTOW(lb)	11750	25904.316
MTOW(lb)	18600	41005.981
Lf(fuselage length)(m, ft)	22.7	74.4750
df(fuselage width)(m, ft)	2.6	8.5301
Sh(Horizontal tail surface)(m ² , ft ²)	11.5	123.784
Cvroot(Vertical tail root chord)(m, ft)	3.4	11.1548
bv(vertical tail span)(m, ft)	4.5	14.7637
Sv(vertical tail surface)(m ² , ft ²)	12.7	136.7016
Nocc(number of occupants)	48	48

TABLE 3.1: ATR 42-600 Geometrical Data. Collected from [27]

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Variables	SI	Imperial
Vcruise (km/h, ft/s)	455	415
cruise density(kg/m ³ , lb/ft ³)	0.54895	0.0342
chord(m, ft)	2.5	8.2020
b(m, ft)	25.81	84.6784
S(m ² , ft ²)	59.1	636.1471
AR	11.27	11.27
λ_w	0.36	0.36
Wing Sweep at 25%	2°	2°
Wing Sweep at 50%	0°	0°
t/c	0.18	0.18
twmax(m, ft)	0.45	1.4763
WFW(kg, lb)	5220	11508.130
q(kg/m ² , lb/ft ²)	56823.1868	2946.2702
nz	3.5	3.5
EMTOW(kg, lb)	9800	21605.302
MTOW(kg, lb)	16100	35494.424
Lf(fuselage length)(m, ft)	21.4	70.2099
df(fuselage width)(m, ft)	2.9	9.5144
Sh(Horizontal tail surface)(m ² , ft ²)	21.2	228.1949
Cvroot(Vertical tail root chord)(m, ft)	2.39	7.8412
bv(vertical tail span(bv)(m, ft)	4.63	15.1902
Sv(vertical tail surface)(m ² , ft ²)	11.11	119.5870
Nocc(number of occupants)	51	51

TABLE 3.2: CN-235 Geometrical Data. Collected from [27]

Variables	SI	Imperial
Vcruise (km/h, ft/s)	524	478.5
cruise density (kg/m ³ , lb/ft ³)	0.5489	0.0342
chord(m, ft)	1.95	6.3976
b(wingspan)(m, ft)	21.44	70.3412
S(wing surface) (m ² , ft ²)	41.81	450.0390
AR	11.0	11.0
λ_w	0.4	0.4
Wing Sweep at 25%	2°	2°
Wing Sweep at 50%	0°	0°
t/c	0.16	0.16
twmax(m, ft)	0.312	0.312
WFW (kg, lb)	2580	5687.9
q (kg/m ² , lb/ft ²)	75364.2476	3922.5466
nz	3.5	3.5
EMTOW (kg, lb)	8618	18999.438
MTOW (kg lb)	13154	28999.606
Lf(fuselage length) (m, ft)	19.73	64.7309
df(fuselage width) (m, ft)	2.31	7.578
Sh(Horizontal tail surface) (m ² , ft ²)	14.57	156.8301
Cvroot(Vertical tail root chord)(m, ft)	2.7	8.858
bv(vertical tail span(bv)(m, ft)	3.89	12.7624
Sv(vertical tail surface)(m ² , ft ²)	10.53	113.3439
Nocc(number of occupants)	34	34

TABLE 3.3: Saab 340 Geometrical Data. Collected from [27]

This assumption is based on the notion that the gross weight of the aircraft will be comparable. Because of this, the statistical relationship that was formed

by the entirety of the class of aircraft may be used to estimate the wing weight of any aircraft in the same class, provided that the aircraft in question falls somewhere in the middle of the range of aircraft that belong to that class. These types of estimating methods typically require certain dimensions to have been specified before to their application.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Data Results

This section contains all the results of calculations of the weight components for each of methods. But before getting into the results, here a few definitions and their formulations are defined.

1. The expression below is used to calculate the component weight of AVG RTU.

$$\text{AVG RTU} = \frac{\text{Weight}_{\text{Raymer}} + \text{Weight}_{\text{Torenbeek}} + \text{Weight}_{\text{USAF}}}{3} \quad (4.1)$$

2. For each of the methods, the EMTOW (Empty Maximum Take-Off Weight) is the total sum of component weights for the corresponding method.

$$\text{EMTOW} = \text{MTOW} - W_{\text{fuel}} - W_{\text{pax+cabin}} - W_{\text{cargo}} = \text{Total Weight Components} \quad (4.2)$$

3. And here the EMTOW percentage expression is defined as,

$$\text{EMTOW Percentage} = \frac{\text{EMTOW}}{\text{MTOW}} \times 100\% \quad (4.3)$$

4.1.1 Aircraft Total Weight Data Results

This section contains all of the extracted data from all of aircraft component weight summary

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Components	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF	AVG RTU
Wing weight(lb)	1799	2921	3022	2972	2972
Horizontal Tail Weight(lb)	405	474	0	548	341
Vertical Tail Weight(lb)	2	675	0	142	272
Empenage Weight(lb)	407	1150	388	691	743
Fuselage Weight(lb)	4372	9814	0	3931	4582
Main Landing Gear(lb)	1413	2226	1326	561	1371
Nose Landing Gear(lb)	0	535	315	0	283
Nacelle/Cowling Weight(lb)	1082	0	445	0	148
Uninstalled(dry) Engine Weight(lb)	653	653	653	653	653
Installed Engine Weight(lb)	4983	1896	1963	1896	1918
Fuel System Weight(lb)	642	500	632	500	544
Flight Control System(lb)	596	1389	693	1654	1245
Hydraulic System Weight(lb)	35	351	35	35	140
Avionics System Weight(lb)	1451	1451	1451	1451	
Electrical System(lb)	951	832	694	832	786
Air Conditioning System(lb)	2885	2885	2885	2885	2885
Furnishings(lb)	623	2000	0	508	836
Total Weight(lb)	22299	29752	14502	19259	21171
MTOW(lb)			35494		
Percentage of EMTOW	0.63%	0.84%	0.41%	0.54%	0.6%

TABLE 4.1: CN-235 Weight Summary (for average calculation result
only from Raymer to USAF)

Components	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF	AVG RTU
Wing weight(lb)	1585	3094	3837	2913	3281
Horizontal Tail Weight(lb)	496	963	0	1195	719
Vertical Tail Weight(lb)	1	937	0	148	362
Empenage Weight(lb)	498	1900	713	1343	1319
Fuselage Weight(lb)	4651	10225	0	3943	4723
Main Landing Gear(lb)	1601	2360	1517	581	1486
Nose Landing Gear(lb)	0	490	350	0	280
Nacelle/Cowling Weight(lb)	1316	0	654	0	218
Uninstalled(dry) Engine Weight(lb)	926	926	926	926	926
Installed Engine Weight(lb)	6029	2226	2426	2226	2293
Fuel System Weight(lb)	554	449	568	450	489
Flight Control System(lb)	688	1739	763	1829	1444
Hydraulic System Weight(lb)	41	415	41	41	166
Avionics System Weight(lb)	1451	1451	1451	1451	
Electrical System(lb)	1098	591	766	591	649
Air Conditioning System(lb)	3010	3010	3010	3010	3010
Furnishings(lb)	624	2321	0	577	966
Total Weight(lb)	24569	33097	17022	21224	23781
MTOW(lb)			41006		
Percentage of EMTOW	0.60%	0.81%	0.42%	0.52%	0.58%

TABLE 4.2: ATR 42-600 Weight Summary (for average calculation
result only from Raymer to USAF)

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Components	Cessna	Raymer	Torenbeek	USAF	AVG RTU
Wing weight(lb)	1191	2097	2322	2033	2144
Horizontal Tail Weight(lb)	368	573	0	601	391
Vertical Tail Weight(lb)	1	650	0	119	256
Empenage Weight(lb)	370	1223	454	721	799
Fuselage Weight(lb)	2325	10357	0	3050	4469
Main Landing Gear(lb)	765	1608	1020	397	1008
Nose Landing Gear(lb)	0	471	252	0	241
Nacelle/Cowling Weight(lb)	1051	0	458	0	153
Uninstalled(dry) Engine Weight(lb)	670	670	670	670	670
Installed Engine Weight(lb)	4848	1851	1947	1851	1883
Fuel System Weight(lb)	317	300	428	300	343
Flight Control System(lb)	487	992	606	1435	1011
Hydraulic System Weight(lb)	28	315	28	28	124
Avionics System Weight(lb)	1451	1451	1451	1451	
Electrical System(lb)	777	566	463	566	532
Air Conditioning System(lb)	1988	1988	1988	1988	1988
Furnishings(lb)	355	1622	0	546	723
Total Weight(lb)	16992	26714	12087	15756	18186
MTOW(lb)			29000		
Percentage of EMTOW	0.59%	0.92%	0.42%	0.54%	0.63%

TABLE 4.3: Saab 340 Weight Summary (for average calculation result only from Raymer to USAF)

4.2 CN-235 Data Analysis

As we can see from the table 4.1, we can see all the components along with the results of the predicted results from each method. For the wing weight, it can be seen that the cessna has the lowest value of the other methods. And so with the horizontal tail weight, vertical tail weight, and several other components. And for average calculation is only from Raymer to USAF. It's because the cessna method is not well accurate for calculations on aircraft classes such as CN-235, ATR 42-600, and Saab 340.

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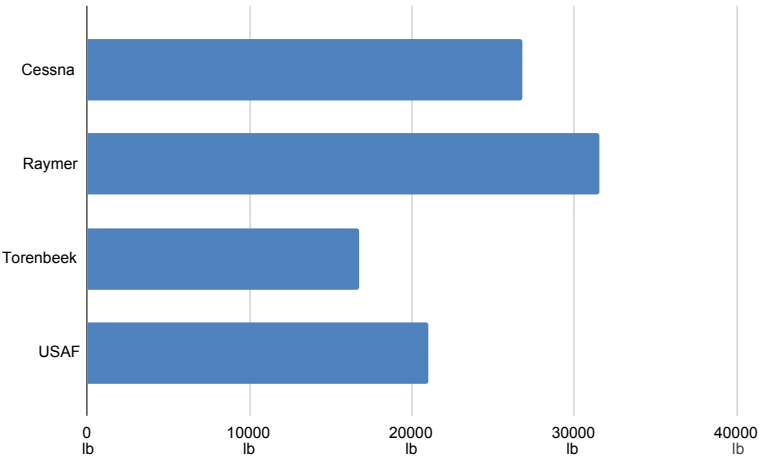


FIGURE 4.1: Comparison of total component weight from each method

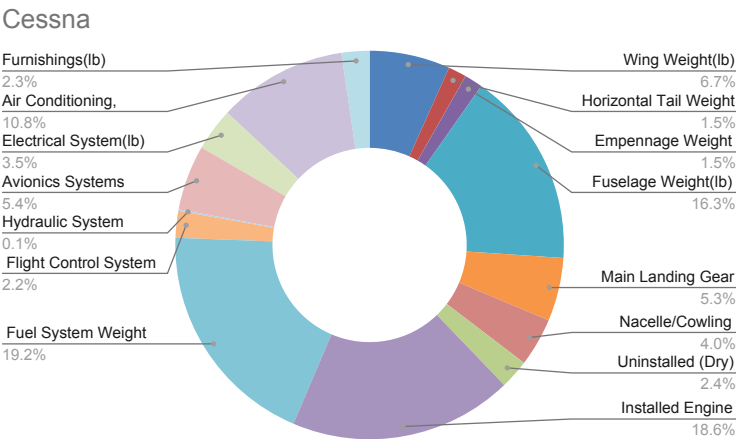


FIGURE 4.2: Cessna chart

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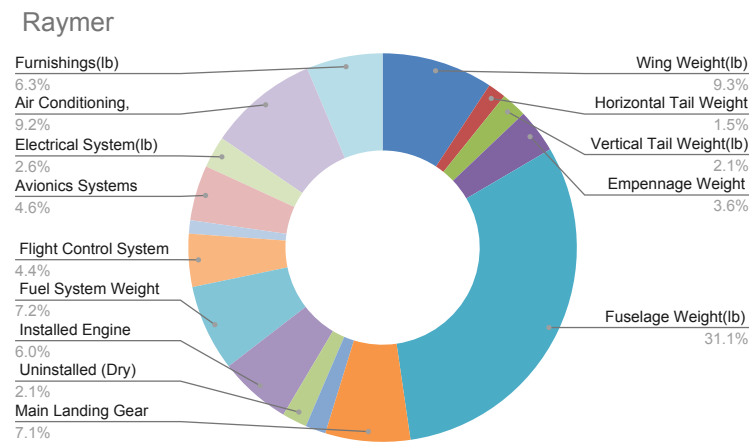


FIGURE 4.3: Raymer chart

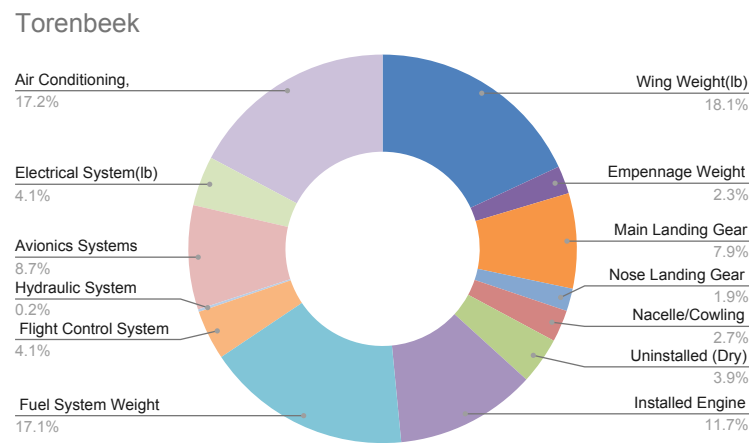


FIGURE 4.4: Torenbeek chart

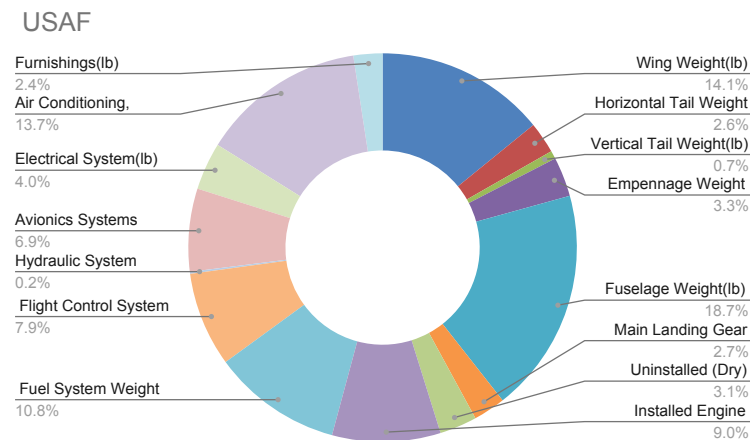


FIGURE 4.5: USAF chart

4.2.1 Effectiveness in Estimating Total Mass (%)

Based on the data from table 4.1 , The Raymer Method estimates a mass percentage that is the highest compared to the other methods, and it offers an estimated empty mass that is 29,752 lb. This shows that the Raymer Method may not account for a major amount of the overall mass and may have poorer accuracy compared to the other ways. Moreover, this suggests that the other methods may be more accurate. The Cessna Method has a mass percentage that is higher after the Raymer Method, and it has a mass that is empty of 22,299 lb.

The Torenbeek Method has the lowest mass percentage among the methods and provides an empty mass of 14,502 lb. This indicates that the Torenbeek Method attributes a larger proportion of the aircraft's total weight of the total mass to the components considered in the method. The USAF Method has an empty mass of 19,259 lb. This suggests that the USAF Method attributes a considerable portion of the total mass to the components considered.

4.2.2 Impact on the Total Mass (%)

To determine which method has a greater impact on the total mass of the aircraft, it can be compare to their mass percentages. Based on the information provided from figure 4.6, the Torenbeek Method yields the greatest mass percentage, which

comes in at 0.41%. This leads one to believe that the Torenbeek Method credits the largest amount of the total mass to the components that are evaluated in the method, which indicates that there may be a potentially considerable impact on the overall weight of the aircraft.

The USAF Method comes in second place with a mass percentage of 46 %, falling behind the Cessna Method 0.54%. In comparison to the Torenbeek Method, these approaches contribute a less percentage to the overall mass, but they still have a discernible effect on the final product. The Raymer Method has the highest mass percentage of any of the other ways, coming in at 0.84%. This indicates that a larger proportion of the aircraft's weight is already dedicated to its structure and systems, leaving less available weight for variable items. This can impact performance and operational flexibility.

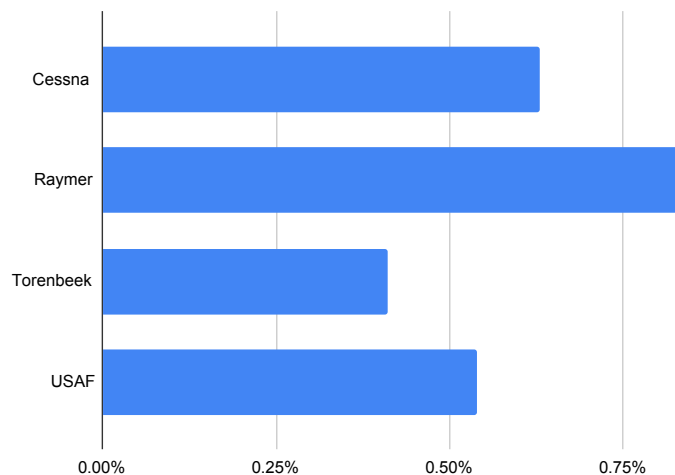


FIGURE 4.6: Comparison of mass percentage from each methods on CN-235

4.3 ATR 42-600 Data Analysis

From figure 4.7 we can see that Raymer's method has the greatest value. then followed by the cessna method in position 2 and the USAF and Torenbeek methods in positions 3 and 4. This is due to the fact that the Raymer method gives a simplified means of calculating the weight of various components of an airplane,

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in addition to being founded on the statistical analysis of historical data collected from already-existing aircraft. It is based on the idea of weight fractions, which reflect the proportion of the aircraft's maximum takeoff weight (MTOW) that can be attributed to each main component, such as the wing, the fuselage, the empennage, the landing gear, and the propulsion system. This allows the maximum takeoff weight to be calculated more accurately. We can see from figure 4.9, the overall result of each predicted weight of each component is held by Raymer as the highest percentage result on average than the other chart

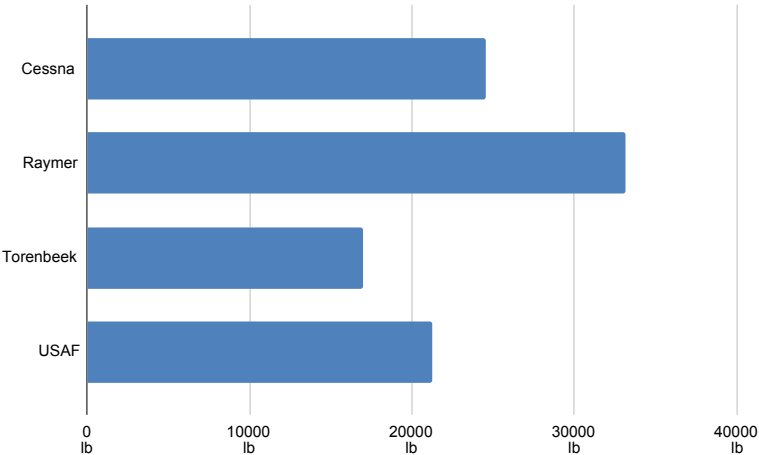


FIGURE 4.7: Comparison of total component weight from each method

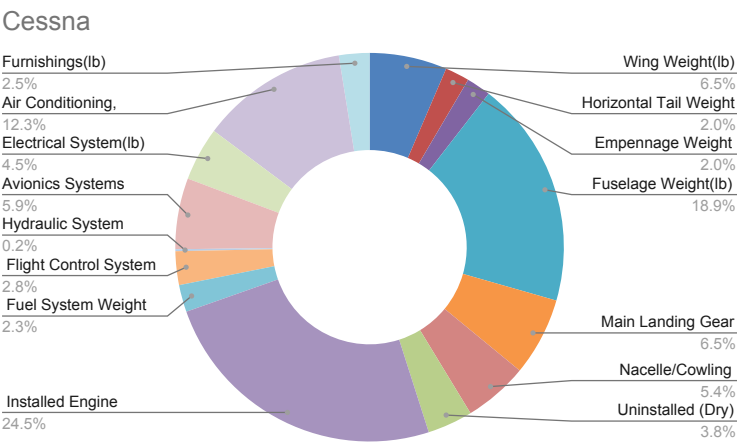


FIGURE 4.8: Cessna chart

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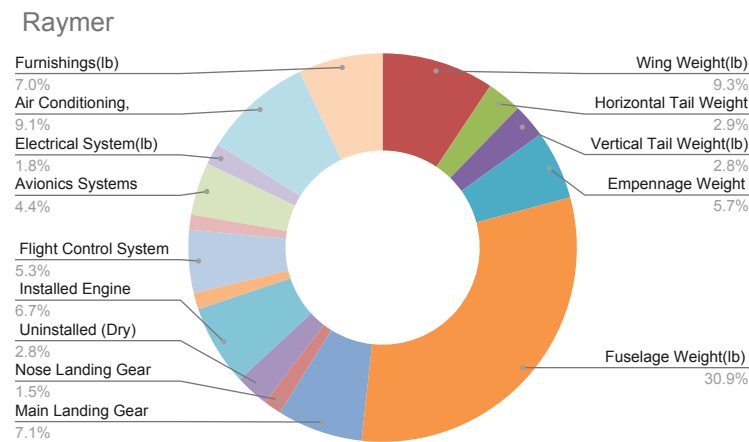


FIGURE 4.9: Raymer chart

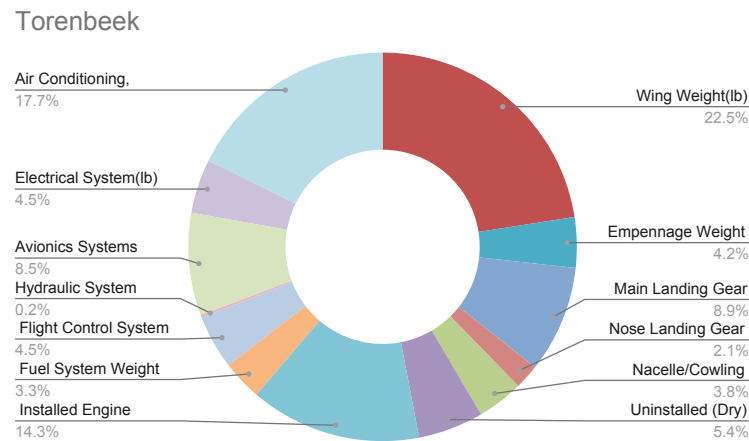


FIGURE 4.10: Torenbeek chart

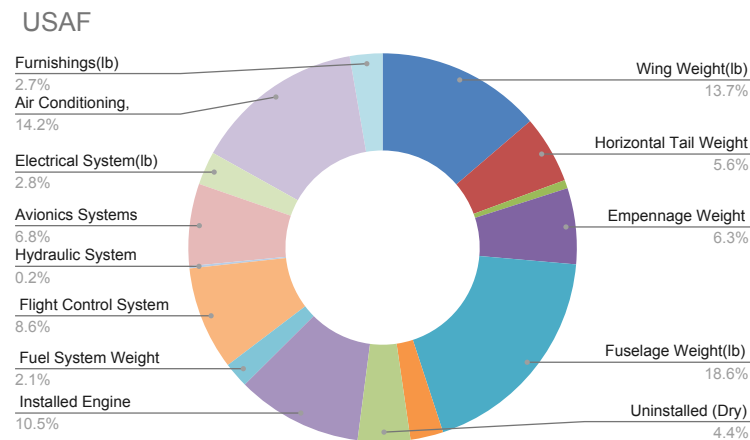


FIGURE 4.11: USAF chart

4.3.1 Effectiveness in Estimating Total Mass (%)

Based on the data from table 4.2, The Torenbeek Method has the greatest mass percentage, which indicates that it attributes a significantly bigger amount of the total mass to the components that are considered in the method. The Torenbeek Method has a mass percentage of 0.42%. This points to the possibility that the Torenbeek Method can produce a more accurate calculation of weight. Following the USAF Method with 0.52% and then 0.60% mass percentage is the Cessna Method, and then the Raymer Method with 0.81% mass percentage. The contributions made by these approaches to the overall mass are not as good as those made by the Torenbeek Method.

4.3.2 Impact on the Total Mass (%)

From the given data, the Torenbeek Method has the better mass percentage of 0.42%. This indicates that the Torenbeek Method attributes the largest portion of the total mass to the components considered in the method, suggesting a potentially significant impact on the overall weight of the aircraft.

The USAF Method has a mass percentage of 0.52%, followed by the cessna Method with 0.60% and the Raymer Method with 0.81%. Therefore, based on

the provided data, the Torenbeek Method is likely to have the greatest impact on the total mass of the aircraft among the methods mentioned.

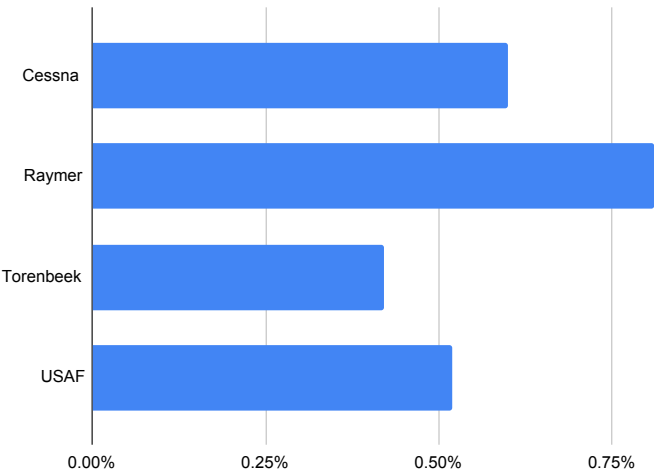


FIGURE 4.12: Comparison of mass percentage from each methods on ATR 42-600

4.4 Saab 340 Data Analysis

From table 4.3 we can see that For the total predicted weight component for Raymer method has the biggest value from the other method with 26714 lb. The overall predicted weight of an aircraft frequently involves a number of distinct components, including the weight of the aircraft’s structure, the weight of its fuel, the weight of its payload, and any other relevant operational items. The total weight of an airplane is the weight of all of its basic parts, like the airframe, engines, landing gear, and other systems. The maximum takeoff weight (MTOW) of the aircraft shall not be greater than or equal to the total anticipated weight of the aircraft. With the value of MTOW from Saab 340 which is 28999.60 lb, means Raymer’s method is the method that has the closest results to the MTOW results.

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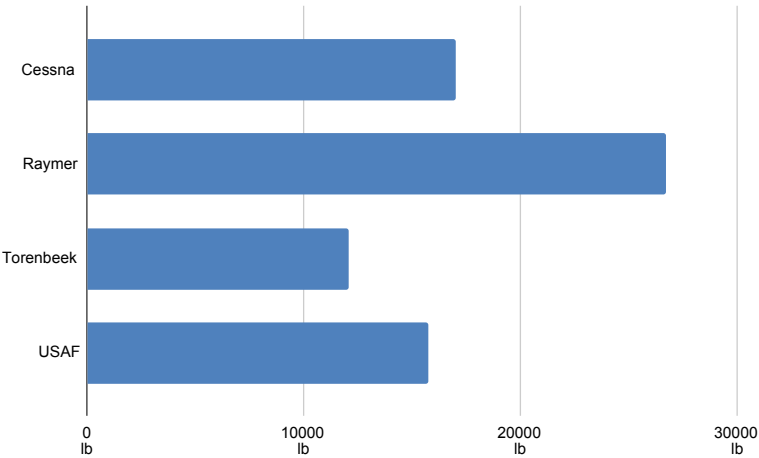


FIGURE 4.13: Comparison of total component weight from each method

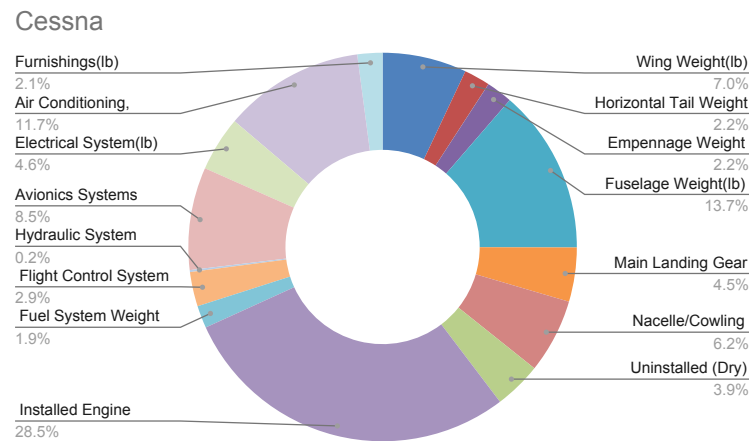


FIGURE 4.14: Cessna chart

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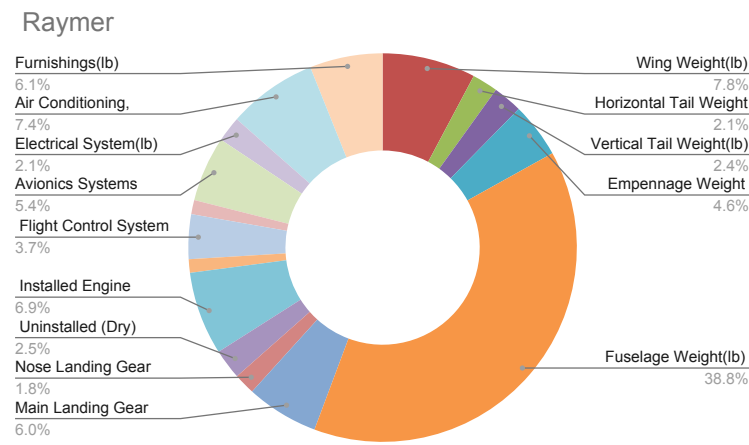


FIGURE 4.15: Raymer chart

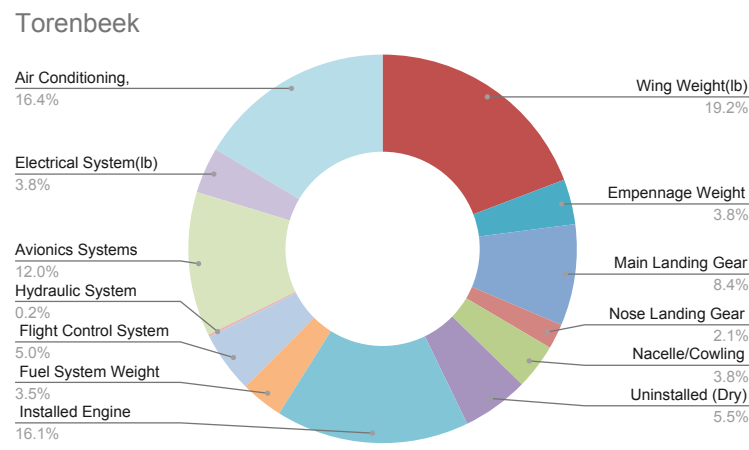


FIGURE 4.16: Torenbeek chart

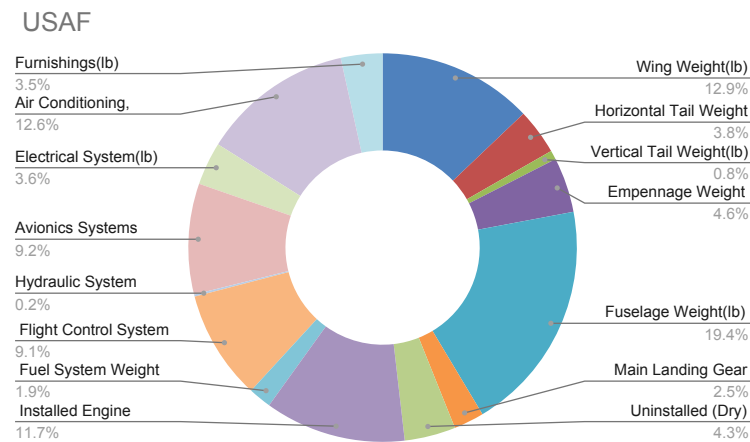


FIGURE 4.17: USAF chart

4.4.1 Effectiveness in Estimating Total Mass (%)

With a mass percentage of 0.42%, the Torenbeek Method gives a relatively larger amount of the total mass to the parts that are taken into account see table 4.3. This means that the Torenbeek Method might be a better way to figure out how much something weights. After the USAF Method with 0.54%, the Cessna Method with 0.59%, and the Raymer Method with 0.92%, the Raymer Method has the highest mass percentage. The contributions made by these methods to the overall mass are not as good as those made by the Torenbeek Method.

4.4.2 Impact on the Total Mass (%)

Based on the data that was provided from table 4.3 , the Torenbeek Method yields the greatest mass percentage, which comes in at 0.42%. This suggests that the Torenbeek approach credits the largest amount of the total mass to the components evaluated in the approach, which hints at the possibility of a major impact on the aircraft’s overall weight. After the USAF Method with 0.54%, the Cessna Method with 0.59%, and the Raymer Method with 0.92%, the Raymer Method has the highest mass percentage. When compared to the Torenbeek Method, these approaches contribute a highest percentage to the overall mass, means The contributions made by these methods to the overall mass are not

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as good as those made by the Torenbeek Method. Therefore, based on the data that has been presented, the Torenbeek Method is expected to have the most substantial impact, in comparison to the other methods that have been described, on the overall mass of the aircraft.

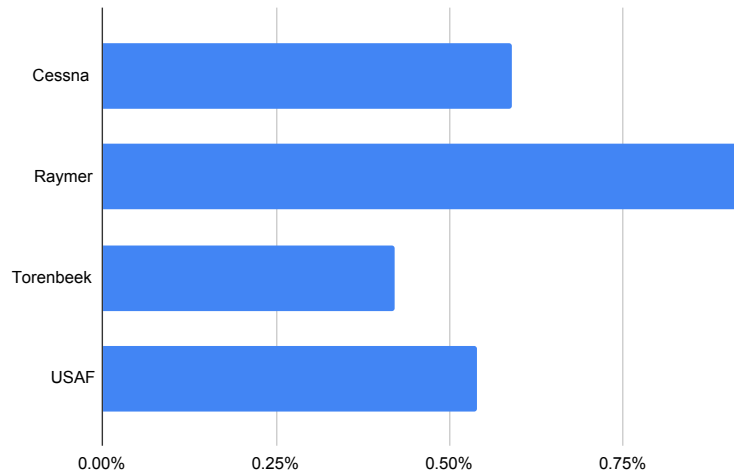


FIGURE 4.18: Comparison of mass percentage from each methods on Saab 340

4.4.3 Final Results

Aircraft	Actual EMTOW(lb)	Raymer(lb)	Torenbeek(lb)	USAF(lb)	AVG RTU(lb)	% Different of AVG With Actual EMTOW	Cessna(lb)
CN-235	21605	29752	14502	19259	21171	2.01	22299
ATR 42-600	25904	33097	17022	21224	23781	8.20	24569
Saab 340	18999	26714	12087	15756	18186	4.28	16992

TABLE 4.4: Comparison Between The Actual EMTOW and the Average From Each Method.

From the table 4.4 we can see the comparison between actual EMTOW and the results from each method. From the raymer method we can see that raymer method estimates a significantly higher empty weight compared to the actual Empty weight. Torenbeek estimates a much lower empty weight compared to the actual Empty weight. And USAF provides an empty weight that is somewhat close to the actual empty but still different. While the average calculation of

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Raymer, Torenbeek, and USAF has the result that almost similar to the real actual empty weight. The average calculation from CN-235 is only 2.01% different from actual Empty weight. The ATR 42-600 is 8.20% and for Saab 340 is 4.28%. Means the methods used are reasonably accurate is estimating the empty weight of each aircraft.

CHAPTER 5

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION, AND RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Summary

Based on what have been shown and described in this thesis, this thesis can be summarized as the following:

1. The author had accomplished the task of acquiring and extracting the necessary reference values of data from a variety of sources that were available on the internet.
2. The python programming tools that were utilized in order to estimate the weight component for each type of aircraft performed excellently. It is adequate on a level that allows the author to move forward with this thesis.
3. The purpose of this research was to evaluate and contrast the performance of several approaches to weight estimate for regional turboprop aircraft. It's because the author couldn't find the real weight of each component of an aircraft. Raymer, Cessna, Torenbeek, and USAF were some of the methods that were taken into consideration. The analysis centered on the effect that they had on the total mass, the mass percentages, and the estimated empty masses (EMTOM) in comparison to the total mass (MTOM) of an aircraft.

5.2 Conclusion

On the basis of what has been demonstrated and discussed throughout this thesis, the following can be deduced regarding this thesis:

1. The author did a comparison and analysis of different methods for estimating the weight of regional turboprop aircraft, focusing particular attention to the Raymer, Cessna, Torenbeek, and USAF methods. Based on the information that was readily available, the analysis took into account the impact on the total mass, the mass percentages, and the estimated empty masses (EMTOM) in proportion to the total mass (MTOM).
2. The provided data for 3 aircraft indicates that there is variability among the different estimation methods. We can see that the raymer method has an overestimated calculation, and the torenbeek has an underestimates calculation, while the USAF is in the middle between the raymer and torenbeek because it has results that are slightly close to actual EMTOW
3. The average estimation is the one who almost similar to the actual empty weight. With a percentage difference that does not exceed 10%. This suggests that the methods used are providing reasonably accurate predictions of the aircraft's empty weight.
4. According to the data, the Torenbeek Method consistently demonstrated the lowest mass percentage when compared to the other methods, indicating that a larger proportion of the aircraft's total weight is available for carrying fuel, passengers, and cargo. This can result in better performance characteristics such as longer range, higher payload capacity, and improved fuel efficiency.
5. In addition to this, we need to take into account the correlation that exists between the estimated empty masses, also known as EMTOM, and the overall mass, which is denoted by MTOM. The method has a greater chance of successfully estimating weight in proportion to the degree to which the projected empty mass approaches the total mass. This likelihood increases as the distance between the two values decreases. In spite of this, it is difficult to determine how accurate the estimates are because we do not have access to any genuine measurements.

5.3 Recommendation

The author is able to draw several lines for future works that can be developed from this research based on the results of comparing different statistical weighting methods. These lines are as follows:

1. It is recommended to further validate and calibrate the weight estimation methods using actual measurements from regional turboprop aircraft. This will help assess the accuracy and reliability of the methods and ensure their applicability to real-world scenarios. Collaborations with aircraft manufacturers or operators can provide access to data for validation purposes.
2. In future study, it may be possible to investigate the applicability of these methods to a greater variety of aircraft types and to think about other weight components as a way to further improve the accuracy of weight estimation. In addition, the utilization of sophisticated data analysis procedures and optimization algorithms may result in weight estimating strategies that are both more accurate and more productive.
3. The aviation industry is always seeing the development of new technology, materials, and design techniques; as a result, weight estimating methodologies should be continuously developed and assessed. The efficiency of the approaches, as well as their continued relevance in the rapidly changing landscape of regional turboprop aircraft, can be ensured through the implementation of regular updates and enhancements to those methods.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Python Codes

A. Cessna Method

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3  # Statistical method for estimating aircraft weight components using
4  # formulas developed by Cessna.
5  # See:
6
7
8  import numpy as np
9
10
11 ## -----1. WING
12 -----
13
14 def wing_weight(nz, w0, sw, arw, wing_type):
15     """
16     Estimate wing weight using cessna formula;
17     valid only VH <= 200 KTAS (Maximum level airspeed at S-L in KEAS).
18
19     Keyword Arguments:
20     nz          -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
21     w0          -- Design gross weight (lb);
22     sw          -- Trapezoidal wing area in (ft2);
23     arw         -- Aspect Ratio of wing;
24     wing type -- "cantilever" or "strut-braced"
25     """
26
27     if wing_type == "cantilever":
28         w_w = 0.04674 * (nz * w0) ** 0.397 * sw**0.360 * arw**1.712
29     elif wing_type == "strut-braced":
30         w_w = 0.002933 * nz**0.611 * sw**1.018 * arw**2.473
```


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```
30     return w_w
31
32
33 ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
34     -----
35 def ht_weight(w0, sht, arht, tht_max):
36     """
37     Estimate the horizontal tail weight using Cessna formula.;
38     valid for vh <= 200 KTAS.
39
40     Keyword Arguments:
41     w0          -- Design gross weight (lbf);
42     sht         -- Trapezoidal HT area in ft2;
43     arht        -- Aspect Ratio of HT;
44     tht_max     -- Max root chord thickness of HT in ft;
45     """
46
47     w_ht = (
48         3.184 * w0**0.887 * sht**0.101 * arht**0.138 / (174.04 *
49         tht_max**0.223)
50     )
51
52     return w_ht
53
54 ## -----3. Vertical Tail
55     -----
56 def vt_weight(f_tail, w0, svt, arvt, tvt_max, sweep4_vt):
57     """
58     Estimate the horizontal tail weight using Cessna formula.
59
60     Keyword Arguments:
61     f_tail      -- 0 for conventional tail, 1 for T-tail;
62     w0          -- Design gross weight (lbf);
63     svt         -- Trapezoidal VT area in ft2;
64     ar_vt       -- AR of VT;
65     tvt_max     -- Max root chord thickness of VT in ft;
66     vt_sweep_4  -- VT sweep at 25% MGC.
67     """
```

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```
67     w_vt = (  
68         (1 + 0.2 * f_tail)  
69         * (1.68 * w0**0.567 * svt**0.1249 * arvt**0.482)  
70         / (639.95 * tv_max**0.747 * np.cos(sweep4_vt) ** 0.882)  
71     )  
72  
73     return w_vt  
74  
75  
76 ## -----4. Fuselage  
77 -----  
78 def fus_weight(w0, rmax, lfs, wing_pos, nocc=1):  
79     """  
80     Estimate fuselage weight using cessna formula;  
81     valid for vh <= 200 KTAS.  
82  
83     Keyword Arguments:  
84     w0          -- Design gross weight (lbf);  
85     rmax        -- Fuselage maximum perimeter in ft;  
86     lfs         -- Length of fuselage structure (forward bulkhead to aft  
87     wing_pos    -- Wing position "low" or "high";  
88     nocc        -- (default 1 for UAV) Number of occupants (crew and  
89     passengers).  
90     """  
91     if wing_pos == "low":  
92         w_fus = 0.04682 * w0**0.692 * nocc**0.374 * lfs ** (0.590 /  
93         100)  
94     elif wing_pos == "high":  
95         w_fus = (  
96             14.86 * w0**0.144 * (lfs / rmax) ** 0.778 * lfs**0.383 *  
97             nocc**0.455  
98         )  
99  
100    return w_fus  
101  
102 ## -----5. Main Landing Gear  
103 -----
```

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```
101 def mnlg_weight(w0, w1, lm, nz, wing_pos, nl=4.5):
102     """
103     Estimate main LG weight using usaf Cessna formula;
104     valid for vh <= 200 KTAS.
105
106
107     Keyword Arguments:
108     w0          -- Design gross weight (lbf);
109     w1          -- Design landing weight in lbf;
110     lm          -- Length of the main landing gear shock strut in ft;
111     nz          -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
112     wing_pos    -- "low" or "high";
113     nl          -- (default 4.5) Ultimate landing load factor (typical
114                   range 3.5-5.5).
115
116     w_mnlg = (
117         6.2
118         + 0.0143 * w0
119         + 0.362 * w1**0.417 * nl**0.950 * lm**0.183
120         + 0.007157 * w1**0.749 * nz * lm * 0.788
121     )
122
123     return w_mnlg
124
125 ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
126 ## -----
127 ## NONE
128 ## # Included in the main landing gear
129
130 ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
131 ## -----
132 ## NONE
133
134 def nac_weight(pmax, n_eng, piston_engine_type):
135     """
136     Estimate the weight of nacelles or cowlings using Cessna formula.
137
138     Keyword Arguments:
139     pmax         -- Maximum rated power per engine in BHP or ESHP
```

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```
138     n_eng          -- Number of engines
139     engine_type -- "rpe" (radial piston engine) or
140                  "hop" (horizontally opposed piston engine)
141     """
142     if piston_engine_type == "rpe":
143         w_nac = 0.37 * pmax * n_eng
144     elif piston_engine_type == "hop":
145         w_nac = 0.24 * pmax * n_eng
146
147     return w_nac
148
149
150 ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
151 -----
152 def engine_dry_weight(p_or_t_max, engine_type):
153     """
154     Estimate uninstalled engine weight when the actual weight are not
155     known.
156
157     Keyword Arguments:
158     p_or_t_max -- If prop engine, then Pmax (BHP), if jet then Tmax (
159     lbf)
160     engine_type -- "piston", "prop", "jet"
161     """
162
163     if engine_type == "piston":
164         w_eng = 50.56 + 1.352 * p_or_t_max
165     elif engine_type == "prop":
166         w_eng = 71.65 + 0.3658 * p_or_t_max
167     elif engine_type == "jet":
168         w_eng = 295.5 + 0.1683 * p_or_t_max
169
170     return w_eng
171
172
173 ## -----9. Installed Engine
174 -----
175 def engine_installed_weight(pmax, wprop, n_eng, w_nac):
176     """
177     Estimate installed engine weight using Cessna formula.
```

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```
174
175     Keyword Arguments:
176     pmax  -- Maximum rated power per engine in BHP;
177     wprop -- Propeller weight (set wprop=0 for jet);;
178     n_eng -- Number of engines;
179     w_nac -- Predicted weight of all engine nacelles in lbf.
180     """
181     w_ei = (1.3 * pmax + wprop) * n_eng + w_nac
182
183     return w_ei
184
185
186 ## -----10. Fuel System
187 -----
188 def fuel_sys_weight(qtot, fuel_sys_type):
189     """
190     Estimate installed fuel weight using Cessna formula.
191
192     Keyword Arguments:
193     qtot          -- Total fuel quantity in US gallons;
194     fuel_sys_type -- "avgas-no-tip", "jeta-no-tip",
195                     "avgas-tip", "jet-a-tip"
196     """
197     if fuel_sys_type == "avgas-no-tip":
198         w_fs = 0.40 * qtot
199     elif fuel_sys_type == "jeta-no-tip":
200         w_fs = 0.4467 * qtot
201     elif fuel_sys_type == "avgas-tip":
202         w_fs = 0.70 * qtot
203     elif fuel_sys_type == "jet-a-tip":
204         w_fs = 0.7817 * qtot
205
206     return w_fs
207
208 ## -----11. Flight Control System
209 -----
210 def fcs_weight(w0):
211     """
212     Estimate flight control system using cessna formula
```

```
212     (manual control system).
213
214     Keyword Arguments:
215     w0 -- Design gross weight (lbf);
216     """
217     w_ctrl = 0.0168 * w0
218
219     return w_ctrl
220
221
222 ## -----12. Hydraulic
223 -----
224 def hydraulic_weight(w0):
225     """
226     Estimate hydraulic system.
227
228     The weight of the hydraulic systems for the flight controls
229     is usually included in the Flight Control System,
230     so the following expression is for the other components.
231
232     Keyword Arguments:
233     w0 -- Design gross weight (lbf);
234     """
235     w_hyd = 0.001 * w0
236
237     return w_hyd
238
239
240 ## -----13. Avionics Systems
241 -----
242 def avionics_weight(w_uav):
243     """
244     The expression below assumes analog dials and overpredicts
245     the weight of modern electronic flight instrument
246     system (EFIS).
247
248     Keyword Arguments:
249     w_uav -- Weight of the uninstalled avionics in lbf
250     """
```

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```
250
251     w_av = 2.11 * w_uav**0.933
252
253     return w_uav
254
255
256 ## -----14. Electrical Systems
257 -----
258 def electric_weight(w0):
259     """
260     Comprises all electric wiring for lights, instruments,
261     avionics, fuel system, climate control, and so forth.
262
263     Using Cessna formula.
264
265     Keyword Arguments:
266     w0 -- Design gross weight (lbf);
267     """
268
269     w_el = 0.0268 * w0
270
271     return w_el
272
273 ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
274 -----
275 def aircond_weight(w0, n_occ, wav, mach):
276     """
277     Air conditioning includes both cooling and heating of
278     the cabin volume. Pressurization system usually consists
279     of various equipment (outflow and relief valves, pressure
280     regulators, compressors, heat exchangers, and ducting).
281     Antiicing systems included are either pneumatic inflatable
282     boots or bleed air heated elements.
283
284     Keyword Arguments:
285     w0      -- Design gross weight (lbf);
286     n_occ   -- Number of occupants (crew and passengers);
287     wav     -- Predicted weight of the avionics installation;
288     mach    -- Mach number.
```

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```
288     """
289
290     w_ac = 0.265 * w0**0.52 * n_occ**0.68 * wav**0.17 * mach**0.08
291
292     return w_ac
293
294
295 ## -----16. Furnishing
296 -----
297 def furn_weight(n_occ, w0):
298     """
299     Includes seats, insulation, sound proofing, lighting,
300     galley, lavatory, overhead hat-racks, emergency equip-
301     ment, and associated electric systems.
302
303     Using Cessna formula.
304
305     Keyword Arguments:
306     n_occ -- Number of occupants (crew and passengers);
307     w0     -- Design gross weight (lbf).
308     """
309
310     w_furn = 0.0412 * n_occ**1.145 * w0**0.489
311
312     return w_furn
```

A. Raymer Method

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3  # Statistical method for estimating aircraft weight components using
4  # formulas developed by Raymer.
5  # See: Aircraft Design: A Conceptual Approach by Daniel P. Raymer,
6  # Section 15.3.3
7  #
8  # General Aviation Weights (British Units, Results i n Pounds).
9
10 import numpy as np
11
12
```


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```
13 ## -----1. WING
14 -----
15 def wing_weight(sw, wfw, arw, sweep4_wing, q, tr_wing, t2c_w, nz, w0):
16     """
17     Estimate wing weight (lb) using Raymer formula (Eq. 15.46);
18
19     NOTE: ignore second term if wfw = 0;
20
21     Keyword Arguments:
22     sw          -- Trapezoidal wing area in (ft2);
23     wfw         -- Weight of fuel in wing in lb. (If wfw=0 then let
24                  w^0.0035=1);
25     arw         -- Aspect Ratio of wing;
26     sweep4_wing -- Wing sweep at 25% MGC;
27     q           -- Dynamic pressure at cruise (lbf/ft2);
28     tr_wing     -- Taper ratio of wing;
29     t2c_w       -- Wing thickness-to-chord ratio (maximum);
30     nz          -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
31     w0          -- Design gross weight (lb).
32     """
33     if wfw == 0:
34         wfw_ = 1
35     else:
36         wfw_ = wfw
37     w_w = (
38         0.036
39         * sw**0.758
40         * wfw_**0.0035
41         * (arw / np.cos(sweep4_wing) ** 2) ** 0.6
42         * q**0.006
43         * tr_wing**0.004
44         * (100 * t2c_w / np.cos(sweep4_wing)) ** (-0.3)
45         * (nz * w0) ** 0.49
46     )
47     return w_w
48
49 ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
50 -----
```

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```
51 def ht_weight(nz, w0, q, sht, t2c_wing, arw, sweep4_ht, sweep4_wing,
52 tr_ht):
53     """
54     Estimate the horizontal tail weight using Raymer formula.
55
56     Keyword Arguments:
57     nz          -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
58     w0          -- Design gross weight (lb);
59     q           -- Dynamic pressure at cruise (lbf/ft2);
60     sht         -- Trapezoidal HT area in ft2;
61     t2c_wing    -- Wing thickness-to-chord ratio (maximum);
62     arw         -- Aspect Ratio of wing;
63     sweep4_ht   -- HT sweep ratio at 25% MGC;
64     tr_ht       -- HT taper ratio.
65     """
66
67     w_ht = (
68         0.016
69         * (nz * w0) ** 0.414
70         * q**0.168
71         * sht**0.896
72         * (100 * t2c_wing / np.cos(sweep4_wing)) ** -0.12
73         * (arw / np.cos(sweep4_ht) ** 2) ** 0.043
74         * tr_ht**-0.02
75     )
76
77     return w_ht
78
79 ## -----3. Vertical Tail
80 -----
81 def vt_weight(f_tail, nz, w0, q, svt, t2c_wing, sweep4_vt, arw, tr_vt)
82 :
83     """
84     Estimate the horizontal tail weight using Raymer formula.
85
86     Keyword Arguments:
87     f_tail      -- 0 for conventional tail, 1 for T-tail;
88     nz          -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
89     w0          -- Design gross weight (lb);
```

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```
88     q          -- Dynamic pressure at cruise (lbf/ft2);
89     svt         -- Trapezoidal VT area in ft2;
90     t2c_wing    -- Wing thickness-to-chord ratio (maximum);
91     sweep4_vt   -- VT sweep at 25% MGC.
92     ar_vt       -- AR of VT;
93     tr_vt       -- VT taper ratio.
94     """
95     if tr_vt < 0.2:
96         tr_vt_ = 0.2
97     else:
98         tr_vt_ = tr_vt
99
100     w_vt = (
101         0.073
102         * (1 + 0.2 * f_tail)
103         * (nz * w0) ** 0.376
104         * q**0.122
105         * svt**0.873
106         * (100 * t2c_wing / np.cos(sweep4_vt)) ** (-0.49)
107         * (arw / np.cos(sweep4_vt) ** 2) ** 0.357
108         * tr_vt_**0.039
109     )
110
111     return w_vt
112
113
114 ## -----4. Fuselage
115 -----
116 def fus_weight(sfus, nz, w0, lht, lfs, dfs, q, vp, delta_p=8):
117     """
118     Estimate fuselage weight using Raymer formula.
119
120     Keyword Arguments:
121     sfus      -- Fuselage wetted area in ft2
122     nz        -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
123     w0        -- Design gross weight (lb);
124     lht       -- Horizontal tail arm, from wing c/4 to HT c/4 in ft;
125     lfs       -- Length of fuselage structure (forward bulkhead to aft
126                 frame) in ft;
127     dfs       -- Depth of fuselage structure in ft;
```

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```
126     q      -- Dynamic pressure at cruise (lbf/ft2);
127     vp      -- Volume of pressurized cabin section in ft3;
128     delta_p -- (default 8 psi) Cabin pressure differential, in psi (
129     typically 8 psi).
130     """
131
132     w_fus = (
133         0.052
134         * sfus**1.086
135         * (nz * w0) ** 0.177
136         * lht**-0.051
137         * (lfs / dfs) ** -0.072
138         * q**0.241
139         + 11.9 * (vp * delta_p) ** 0.271
140     )
141
142     return w_fus
143
144 ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
145 -----
146 def mnlg_weight(wl, lm, nl=4.5):
147     """
148     Estimate main LG weight using Raymer formula.
149
150     Keyword Arguments:
151     wl -- Design landing weight in lb;
152     lm -- Length of the main landing gear shock strut in ft;
153     nl -- (default 4.5) Ultimate landing load factor (typical range
154     3.5-5.5).
155     """
156
157     w_mnlg = 0.095 * (nl * wl) ** 0.768 * lm**0.409
158
159     return w_mnlg
160
161 ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
162 -----
163 def nlg_weight(wl, ln, nl=4.5):
```

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```
162     """
163     Estimate nose LG weight using Raymer formula.
164
165     TODO: (reduce total landing gear weight by 1.4%
166     of TOGW if nonretractable )
167
168     Keyword Arguments:
169     wl -- Design landing weight in lb;
170     ln -- Length of the nose landing gear shock strut in ft;
171     nl -- (default 4.5) Ultimate landing load factor (typical range
172     3.5-5.5).
173     """
174
175     w_nlg = 0.125 * (nl * wl) ** 0.566 * ln**0.845
176
177     return w_nlg
178
179 ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
180 -----
181 def nac_weight():
182     """
183     Dummy equation to calculate nacelle weight;
184     Nacelle weight included in installed engine.
185     """
186
187     return 0
188
189 ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
190 -----
191 def engine_dry_weight(p_or_t_max, engine_type):
192     """
193     Estimate uninstalled engine weight when the actual weight are not
194     known.
195
196     Keyword Arguments:
197     p_or_t_max -- If prop engine, then Pmax (BHP), if jet then Tmax (
198     lbf)
199     engine_type -- "piston", "prop", "jet"
```

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```
197     """
198
199     if engine_type == "piston":
200         w_eng = 50.56 + 1.352 * p_or_t_max
201     elif engine_type == "prop":
202         w_eng = 71.65 + 0.3658 * p_or_t_max
203     elif engine_type == "jet":
204         w_eng = 295.5 + 0.1683 * p_or_t_max
205
206     return w_eng
207
208
209 ## -----9. Installed Engine
210 -----
211 def engine_installed_weight(w_eng, n_eng):
212     """
213     Estimate installed engine weight using Raymer formula.
214     (includes propeller and engine mounts).
215
216     Keyword Arguments:
217     w_eng -- Weight of each uninstalled engine in lb;
218     n_eng -- Number of engines.
219     """
220
221     w_ei = 2.575 * w_eng**0.922 * n_eng
222
223     return w_ei
224
225 ## -----10. Fuel System
226 -----
227 def fuel_sys_weight(qtot, qint, n_tank, n_eng):
228     """
229     Estimate fuel system weight using Raymer formula.
230
231     Keyword Arguments:
232     qtot -- Total fuel quantity in US gallons;
233     qint -- Fuel quantity in integral tanks in US gallons;
234     n_tank -- Number of fuel tanks;
235     n_eng -- Number of engines.
```

```
235     """
236
237     w_fs = (
238         2.49
239         * qtot**0.726
240         * (qtot / (qtot + qint)) ** 0.363
241         * n_tank**0.242
242         * n_eng**0.157
243     )
244
245     return w_fs
246
247
248 ## -----11. Flight Control System
249 -----
250 def fcs_weight(lfs, bw, nz, w0):
251     """
252     Estimate flight control system using Raymer formula.
253
254     Keyword Arguments:
255     lfs -- Length of fuselage structure (forward bulkhead to aft frame
256     ) in ft;
257     bw  -- Wingspan in ft;
258     nz  -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
259     w0  -- Design gross weight (lb).
260     """
261     w_ctrl = 0.053 * lfs**1.536 * bw**0.371 * (nz * w0 * 1e-4) ** 0.80
262
263     return w_ctrl
264
265 ## -----12. Hydraulic
266 -----
267 def hydraulic_weight(w0, hyd_type, mach_max):
268     """
269     Estimate hydraulic system using Raymer formula.
270
271     The weight of the hydraulic systems for the flight controls
272     is usually included in the Flight Control System,
273     so the following expression is for the other components.
```

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```
272
273 Keyword Arguments:
274 w0      -- Design gross weight (lb);
275 hyd_type -- "low", "medium", "high", "light" in term of speed
276 in subsonic regime;
277 mach     -- Mach number (design maximum)
278 """
279
280 # w_hyd = 0.001 * w0 (from Snorri)
281
282 if hyd_type == "low":
283     kh = 0.05
284 elif hyd_type == "medium":
285     kh = 0.11
286 elif hyd_type == "high":
287     kh = 0.12
288 elif hyd_type == "light":
289     kh = 0.013
290     mach_max = 0.1
291
292 w_hyd = kh * w0**0.8 * mach_max**0.5
293
294 return w_hyd
295
296
297 ## -----13. Avionics Systems
298 -----
299 def avionics_weight(w_uav):
300     """
301     The expression below assumes analog dials and overpredicts
302     the weight of modern electronic flight instrument
303     system (EFIS).
304
305     Keyword Arguments:
306     w_uav -- Weight of the uninstalled avionics in lb
307            (typically = 800-1400 lb)
308     """
309     w_av = 2.117 * w_uav**0.933
310
```



```
311     return w_uav
312
313
314 ## -----14. Electrical Systems
315     -----
316 def electric_weight(wfs, wav):
317     """
318     Comprises all electric wiring for lights, instruments,
319     avionics, fuel system, climate control, and so forth.
320
321     Using Raymer/USAF formula.
322
323     Keyword Arguments:
324     wfs -- Predicted fuel system weight;
325     wav -- Predicted weight of the avionics installation;
326     """
327     w_el = 12.57 * (wfs + wav) ** 0.51
328
329     return w_el
330
331
332 ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
333     -----
334 def aircond_weight(w0, n_occ, wav, mach_max):
335     """
336     Air conditioning includes both cooling and heating of
337     the cabin volume. Pressurization system usually consists
338     of various equipment (outflow and relief valves, pressure
339     regulators, compressors, heat exchangers, and ducting).
340     Antiicing systems included are either pneumatic inflatable
341     boots or bleed air heated elements.
342
343     Keyword Arguments:
344     w0      -- Design gross weight (lb);
345     n_occ   -- Number of occupants (crew and passengers);
346     wav     -- Predicted weight of the avionics installation;
347     mach_max -- Maximum design Mach number.
348     """
```

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```
349     w_ac = 0.265 * w0**0.52 * n_occ**0.68 * wav**0.17 * mach_max**0.08
350
351     return w_ac
352
353
354 ## -----16. Furnishing
355     -----
356 def furn_weight(w0):
357     """
358     Includes seats, insulation, sound proofing, lighting,
359     galley, lavatory, overhead hat-racks, emergency equip-
360     ment, and associated electric systems.
361
362     Using Raymer formula.
363
364     Keyword Arguments:
365     w0      -- Design gross weight (lb).
366     """
367
368     w_furn = 0.0582 * w0 - 65
369
370     return w_furn
```

A. Torenbeek Method

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3  # Statistical method for estimating aircraft weight components using
4  # formulas developed by Torrenbeek.
5  # See:
6
7  import numpy as np
8
9
10 ## -----1. WING
11     -----
12 def wing_weight(w0, bw, sw, sweep2_wing, nz, tw_max):
13     """
14     Estimate wing weight using Torrenbeek formula;
```

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```
14
15 Eq. 8.12
16
17 Keyword Arguments:
18 w0          -- Design gross weight (lbf);
19 bw          -- Wingspan in (ft);
20 SW          -- Trapezoidal wing area in ft2
21 wing_sweep_2 -- Wing sweep at 50% MGC;
22 nz          -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
23 tw_max      -- Max thickness of the wing root chord in ft.
24 """
25
26 w_w = (
27     0.00125
28     * w0
29     * (bw / np.cos(sweep2_wing)) ** 0.75
30     * (1 + np.sqrt(6.3 * np.cos(sweep2_wing) / bw))
31     * nz**0.55
32     * (bw * sw / (tw_max * w0 * np.cos(sweep2_wing))) ** 0.30
33 )
34
35 return w_w
36
37
38 ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
39 -----
40 def emp_weight(nz, sht, svt):
41     """
42     Estimate the emmpenage weight using Torenbeek formula.
43
44     Keyword Arguments:
45     nz -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
46     sht -- Trapezoidal HT area in ft2;
47     svt -- Trapezoidal VT area in ft2;
48     """
49
50     w_emp = 0.04 * (nz * (sht + svt) ** 2) ** 0.75
51
52     return w_emp
```

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```
53
54 ## -----3. Vertical Tail
55     -----
56 # Included in empenage
57 ## -----4. Fuselage
58     -----
59 # Torenbeek: No expression given for GA aircraft
60
61 ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
62     -----
63 def mnlg_weight(w0, wing_pos, lg_type, ac_class):
64     """
65     Estimate main LG weight using torrenbeek formula.
66
67     Keyword Arguments:
68     w0          -- Design gross weight (lbf);
69     wing_pos    -- "low" or "high"
70     lg_type     -- "fixed" or "retract"
71     ac_class    -- "bizjet" or "civil"
72     """
73     if ac_class == "bizjet":
74         A = 33
75         B = 0.04
76         C = 0.021
77         D = 0
78     elif ac_class == "civil":
79         if lg_type == "fixed":
80             A = 20
81             B = 0.10
82             C = 0.019
83             D = 0
84         elif lg_type == "retract":
85             A = 40
86             B = 0.16
87             C = 0.019
88             D = 1.5 * 1e-5
89
90     if wing_pos == "low":
```

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```
90     w_mnlg = A + B * w0**0.75 + C * w0 + D * w0**1.5
91     elif wing_pos == "high":
92         w_mnlg = 1.08 * (A + B * w0**0.75 + C * w0 + D * w0**1.5)
93
94     return w_mnlg
95
96
97 ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
98 -----
99
100 def nlg_weight(w0, wing_pos, lg_type, ac_class):
101     """
102     Estimate tail LG weight using torrenbeek formula.
103
104     Keyword Arguments:
105     w0          -- Design gross weight (lbf);
106     wing_pos    -- "low" or "high"
107     lg_type     -- "fixed" or "retract"
108     ac_class    -- "bizjet" or "civil"
109     """
110
111     if ac_class == "bizjet":
112         A = 12
113         B = 0.06
114         C = 0
115         D = 0
116
117     elif ac_class == "civil":
118         if lg_type == "fixed":
119             A = 25
120             B = 0
121             C = 0.0024
122             D = 0
123
124         elif lg_type == "retract":
125             A = 20
126             B = 0.10
127             C = 0
128             D = 2.0 * 1e-6
129
130     if wing_pos == "low":
131         w_nlg = A + B * w0**0.75 + C * w0 + D * w0**1.5
132     elif wing_pos == "high":
133         w_nlg = 1.08 * (A + B * w0**0.75 + C * w0 + D * w0**1.5)
```

```
129
130     return w_nlg
131
132
133 def tlg_weight(w0, wing_pos, lg_type, ac_class):
134     """
135     Estimate tail LG weight using torrenbeek formula.
136
137     Keyword Arguments:
138     w0          -- Design gross weight (lbf);
139     wing_pos    -- "low" or "high"
140     lg_type     -- "fixed" or "retract"
141     ac_class    -- "bizjet" or "civil"
142     """
143     if ac_class == "bizjet":
144         A = 0
145         B = 0
146         C = 0
147         D = 0
148     elif ac_class == "civil":
149         if lg_type == "fixed":
150             A = 9
151             B = 0
152             C = 0.0024
153             D = 0
154         elif lg_type == "retract":
155             A = 5
156             B = 0
157             C = 0.0031
158             D = 0
159
160     if wing_pos == "low":
161         w_tlg = A + B * w0**0.75 + C * w0 + D * w0**1.5
162     elif wing_pos == "high":
163         w_tlg = 1.08 * (A + B * w0**0.75 + C * w0 + D * w0**1.5)
164
165     return w_tlg
166
167
```

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```
168 ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
169 -----
170 def nac_weight(p_or_t_max, n_eng, nac_engine_type):
171     """
172     Estimate the weight of nacelles or cowlings using Torrenbeek
173     formula.
174     For prop engines set tmax = 0, and for jet engines, set pmax=0.
175
176     Keyword Arguments:
177     p_or_t_max      -- Maximum rated power per engine in BHP or ESHP/
178                      Maximum rated thrust per engine in lbf;;
179     n_eng           -- Number of engines
180     nac_engine_type -- "stp" (Single-engine tractor propeller), "
181                      multihop", "rp" (radial piston),
182                      "turboprop", "podjet", "hbpr"
183     """
184     if nac_engine_type == "stp":
185         w_nac = 2.5 * np.sqrt(p_or_t_max)
186     elif nac_engine_type == "multihop":
187         w_nac = 0.32 * p_or_t_max * n_eng
188     elif nac_engine_type == "multirp":
189         w_nac = 0.045 * p_or_t_max**1.25 * n_eng
190     elif nac_engine_type == "turboprop":
191         w_nac = 0.14 * p_or_t_max * n_eng
192     elif nac_engine_type == "podjet":
193         w_nac = 0.055 * p_or_t_max
194     elif nac_engine_type == "hbpr":
195         w_nac = 0.065 * p_or_t_max
196
197     return w_nac
198
199 ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
200 -----
201 def engine_dry_weight(p_or_t_max, engine_type):
202     """
203     Estimate uninstalled engine weight when the actual weight are not
204     known.
205
206     Keyword Arguments:
```

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```
203     p_or_t_max -- If prop engine, then Pmax (BHP), if jet then Tmax (
204     lbf)
205     engine_type -- "piston", "prop", "jet"
206     """
207
208     if engine_type == "piston":
209         w_eng = 50.56 + 1.352 * p_or_t_max
210     elif engine_type == "prop":
211         w_eng = 71.65 + 0.3658 * p_or_t_max
212     elif engine_type == "jet":
213         w_eng = 295.5 + 0.1683 * p_or_t_max
214
215     return w_eng
216
217 ## -----9. Installed Engine
218 -----
219 def engine_installed_weight(w_eng, wprop, n_eng, pmax, w_nac):
220     """
221     Estimate installed engine weight using Torrenbeek formula.
222
223     Table 8.9 of Torrenbeek's book.
224
225     Keyword Arguments:
226     w_eng -- Weight of each uninstalled engine in lbf;
227     wprop -- Propeller weight (set wprop=0 for jet);
228     n_eng -- Number of engines;
229     pmax -- Maximum rated power per engine in BHP;
230     w_nac -- Predicted weight of all engine nacelles in lbf.
231     """
232
233     w_ei = (w_eng + wprop) * n_eng + 1.03 * n_eng**0.3 * pmax**0.7 +
234     w_nac
235
236     return w_ei
237
238 ## -----10. Fuel System
239 -----
240 def fuel_sys_weight(
```



```

239     qtot,
240     engine_conf,
241     n_tank=1,
242     n_eng=1,
243 ):
244     """
245     Estimate fuel system weight using torrenbeek formula.
246
247     See Torrenbeek (P 286).
248
249     Keyword Arguments:
250     qtot          -- Total fuel quantity in US gallons;
251     engine_conf   -- "single-piston", "multi-piston", "turbo-integral"
252                     "turbo-bladder"
253     n_tank        -- (default 1) Number of fuel tanks;
254     n_eng         -- (default 1) Number of engines.
255     """
256
257     if engine_conf == "single-piston":
258         w_fs = 2 * qtot**0.667
259     elif engine_conf == "multi-piston":
260         w_fs = 4.5 * qtot**0.60
261     elif engine_conf == "turbo-integral":
262         w_fs = 80 * (n_eng + n_tank - 1) + 15 * n_tank**0.5 * qtot
263         **0.333
264     elif engine_conf == "turbo-bladder":
265         w_fs = 3.2 * qtot**0.727
266
267     return w_fs
268
269 ## -----11. Flight Control System
270 -----
271 def fcs_weight(w0, ctrl_sys_type):
272     """
273     Estimate flight control system using Torrenbeek formula.
274
275     Keyword Arguments:
276     w0            -- Design gross weight (lbf);
277     ctrl_sys_type -- "manual-single", "manual", "powered".

```

```
277     """
278
279     if ctrl_sys_type == "manual-single":
280         w_ctrl = 0.23 * w0**0.667
281     elif ctrl_sys_type == "manual":
282         w_ctrl = 0.44 * w0**0.667
283     elif ctrl_sys_type == "powered":
284         w_ctrl = 0.64 * w0**0.667
285
286     return w_ctrl
287
288
289 ## -----12. Hydraulic
290 -----
291 def hydraulic_weight(w0):
292     """
293     Estimate hydraulic system.
294
295     Torrenbeek doesn't provide estimation
296     of hydraulic so here snorri's method used.
297
298     The weight of the hydraulic systems for the flight controls
299     is usually included in the Flight Control System,
300     so the following expression is for the other components.
301
302     Keyword Arguments:
303     w0 -- Design gross weight (lbf);
304     """
305
306     w_hyd = 0.001 * w0
307
308     return w_hyd
309
310 ## -----13. Avionics Systems
311 -----
312 def avionics_weight(w_uav):
313     """
314     The expression below assumes analog dials and overpredicts
315     the weight of modern electronic flight instrument
```

```
315     system (EFIS).
316
317     Torrenbeek doesn't provide estimation
318     of hydraulic so here snorri's method used.
319
320     Keyword Arguments:
321     w_uav -- Weight of the uninstalled avionics in lbf
322     """
323
324     w_av = 2.11 * w_uav**0.933
325
326     return w_uav
327
328
329 ## -----14. Electrical Systems
330 -----
331 def electric_weight(w0, wu, whyd):
332     """
333     Comprises all electric wiring for lights, instruments,
334     avionics, fuel system, climate control, and so forth.
335
336     Using Torrenbeek.
337
338     Keyword Arguments:
339     w0    -- Design gross weight (lb);
340     wu    -- Target useful load in lb;
341     whyd  -- Predicted weight of the hydraulics system in lb.
342     """
343
344     w_el = 0.0078 * (w0 - wu) ** 1.2 - whyd
345
346     return w_el
347
348 ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
349 -----
350 def aircond_weight(w0, n_occ, wav, mach):
351     """
352     Air conditioning includes both cooling and heating of
353     the cabin volume. Pressurization system usually consists
```

```
353     of various equipment (outflow and relief valves, pressure
354     regulators, compressors, heat exchangers, and ducting).
355     Antiicing systems included are either pneumatic inflat-
356     able boots or bleed air heated elements.
357
358     Torrenbeek doesn't provide estimation
359     of hydraulic so here snorri's method used.
360
361     Keyword Arguments:
362     w0      -- Design gross weight (lbf);
363     n_occ   -- Number of occupants (crew and passengers);
364     wav     -- Predicted weight of the avionics installation;
365     mach    -- Mach number.
366     """
367
368     w_ac = 0.265 * w0**0.52 * n_occ**0.68 * wav**0.17 * mach**0.08
369
370     return w_ac
371
372
373 ## -----16. Furnishing
374     -----
375 # None
376 def furn_weight():
377     """
378     Torrenbeek doesn't provide estimation
379     of hydraulic so here snorri's method used.
380     """
381     return 0
```

A. USAF Method

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3  # Statistical method for estimating aircraft weight components using
4  # formulas developed by USAF.
5  # See:
6
7  import numpy as np
8
```

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```
9
10 ## -----1. WING
11 -----
12
13 def wing_weight(nz, w0, arw, sweep4_wing, sw, tr_wing, t2c_w, vh):
14     """
15     Estimate wing weight using USAF formula;
16     valid for vh <= 300 KTAS.
17
18     Keyword Arguments:
19     nz            -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
20     w0            -- Design gross weight (lbf);
21     arw           -- Aspect Ratio of wing;
22     sweep4_wing   -- Wing sweep at 25% MGC;
23     sw            -- Trapezoidal wing area in (ft2);
24     tr_wing       -- Taper ratio of wing;
25     t2c_w         -- Wing thickness-to-chord ratio (maximum);
26     vh           -- Maximum level airspeed at S-L in KEAS;
27     """
28
29     if vh > 300:
30         vh = 300
31         # raise Exception("USAF formula nly valid for vh <= 300 KTAS")
32
33     w_w = (
34         96.948
35         * (
36             (nz * w0 / 1e5) ** 0.65
37             * (arw / np.cos(sweep4_wing) ** 2) ** 0.57
38             * (sw / 100) ** 0.61
39             * ((1 + tr_wing) / (2 * t2c_w)) ** 0.36
40             * np.sqrt(1 + vh / 500)
41         )
42         * 0.993
43     )
44
45     return w_w
46
47 ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
48 -----
```

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```
47 def ht_weight(nz, w0, sht, lht, bht, tht_max):
48     """
49     Estimate the horizontal tail weight using USAF formula.
50
51     Keyword Arguments:
52     nz      -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
53     w0      -- Design gross weight (lbf);
54     sht     -- Trapezoidal HT area in ft2;
55     lht     -- Horizontal tail arm, from wing c/4 to HT c/4 in ft;
56     bht     -- HT span in ft;
57     tht_max -- Max root chord thickness of HT in ft.
58     """
59
60     w_ht = (
61         71.927
62         * (
63             (nz * w0 / 1e5) ** 0.87
64             * (sht / 100) ** 1.2
65             * (lht / 10) ** 0.483
66             * np.sqrt(bht / tht_max)
67         )
68         * 0.458
69     )
70
71     return w_ht
72
73
74 ## -----3. Vertical Tail
75 -----
76
77 def vt_weight(f_tail, nz, w0, svt, bvt, tvt_max):
78     """
79     Estimate the horizontal tail weight using USAF formula.
80
81     Keyword Arguments:
82     f_tail  -- 0 for conventional tail, 1 for T-tail;
83     nz      -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
84     w0      -- Design gross weight (lbf);
85     svt     -- Trapezoidal VT area in ft2;
86     bvt     -- VT span in ft;
87     tvt_max -- Max root chord thickness of VT in ft.
```

```

86     """
87
88     w_vt = (
89         55.786
90         * (1 + 0.2 * f_tail)
91         * ((nz * w0 / 1e5) ** 0.87 * (svt / 100) * np.sqrt(bvt /
92         tvt_max)) ** 0.458
93     )
94
95     return w_vt
96
97 ## -----4. Fuselage
98 -----
99 def fus_weight(nz, w0, lf, wf, df, vh):
100     """
101     Estimate fuselage weight using usaf formula.
102
103     Keyword Arguments:
104     nz -- Ultimate load factor (= 1.5 x limit load factor);
105     w0 -- Design gross weight (lbf);
106     lf -- Fuselage length in ft;
107     wf -- Fuselage max width in ft;
108     df -- Fuselage max depth in ft;
109     vh -- Maximum level airspeed at S-L in KEAS.
110     """
111
112     w_fus = (
113         200
114         * (
115             (nz * w0 / 1e5) ** 0.286
116             * (lf / 10) ** 0.857
117             * ((wf + df) / 10)
118             * (vh / 100) ** 0.338
119         )
120         ** 1.1
121     )
122
123     return w_fus

```

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```
124
125 ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
126 def mnlg_weight(wl, lm, nl=4.5):
127     """
128     Estimate main LG weight using usaf formula;
129     valid for vh <= 200 KTAS.
130
131     Keyword Arguments:
132     wl -- Design landing weight in lbf;
133     lm -- Length of the main landing gear shock strut in ft;
134     nl -- (default 4.5) Ultimate landing load factor (typical range
135           3.5-5.5).
136     """
137
138     w_mnlg = 0.054 * (nl * wl) ** 0.684 * lm**0.501
139
140     return w_mnlg
141
142 ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
143 ## NONE
144 ## Included in the main landing gear
145
146 ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
147 ## NONE
148 ## Included in the installed engine
149
150
151 ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
152 def engine_dry_weight(p_or_t_max, engine_type):
153     """
154     Estimate uninstalled engine weight when the actual weight are not
155     known.
156
157     Keyword Arguments:
```


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```
157     p_or_t_max -- If prop engine, then Pmax (BHP), if jet then Tmax (
158     lbf)
159     engine_type -- "piston", "prop", "jet"
160     """
161
162     if engine_type == "piston":
163         w_eng = 50.56 + 1.352 * p_or_t_max
164     elif engine_type == "prop":
165         w_eng = 71.65 + 0.3658 * p_or_t_max
166     elif engine_type == "jet":
167         w_eng = 295.5 + 0.1683 * p_or_t_max
168
169     return w_eng
170
171 ## -----9. Installed Engine
172 -----
173 def engine_installed_weight(w_eng, n_eng):
174     """
175     Estimate installed engine weight using USAF formula.
176
177     Keyword Arguments:
178     w_eng -- Weight of each uninstalled engine in lbf;
179     n_eng -- Number of engines;
180     """
181
182     w_ei = 2.575 * w_eng * 0.922 * n_eng
183
184     return w_ei
185
186 ## -----10. Fuel System
187 -----
188 def fuel_sys_weight(qtot, qint, n_tank, n_eng):
189     """
190     Estimate fuel system weight using USAF formula.
191
192     Keyword Arguments:
193     qtot -- Total fuel quantity in US gallons;
194     qint -- Fuel quantity in integral tanks in US gallons;
```

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```
194     n_tank      -- Number of fuel tanks;
195     n_eng       -- Number of engines.
196     """
197
198     w_fs = 2.49 * (
199         qtot**0.6 * (qtot / (qtot + qint)) ** 0.3 * n_tank**0.2 *
200         n_eng**0.13
201     )
202
203     return w_fs
204
205 ## -----11. Flight Control System
206 -----
207 def fcs_weight(w0, ctrl_sys_type):
208     """
209     Estimate flight control system using USAF formula.
210
211     Keyword Arguments:
212     w0                -- Design gross weight (lbf).
213     ctrl_sys_type     -- "manual", "powered".
214     """
215     if ctrl_sys_type == "manual":
216         w_ctrl = 1.066 * w0**0.626
217     elif ctrl_sys_type == "powered":
218         w_ctrl = 1.08 * w0**0.7
219
220     return w_ctrl
221
222 ## -----12. Hydraulic
223 -----
224 def hydraulic_weight(w0):
225     """
226     Estimate hydraulic system.
227
228     The weight of the hydraulic systems for the flight controls
229     is usually included in the Flight Control System,
230     so the following expression is for the other components.
```

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```
231 Keyword Arguments:
232 w0 -- Design gross weight (lbf);
233 """
234
235 w_hyd = 0.001 * w0
236
237 return w_hyd
238
239
240 ## -----13. Avionics Systems
241 -----
242 def avionics_weight(w_uav):
243     """
244     The expression below assumes analog dials and overpredicts
245     the weight of modern electronic flight instrument
246     system (EFIS).
247
248     Keyword Arguments:
249     w_uav -- Weight of the uninstalled avionics in lbf
250     """
251
252     w_av = 2.11 * w_uav**0.933
253
254     return w_uav
255
256 ## -----14. Electrical Systems
257 -----
258 def electric_weight(wfs, wav):
259     """
260     Comprises all electric wiring for lights, instruments,
261     avionics, fuel system, climate control, and so forth.
262
263     Using Raymer/USAF formula.
264
265     Keyword Arguments:
266     wfs -- Predicted fuel system weight;
267     wav -- Predicted weight of the avionics installation;
268     """
```

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```
269     w_el = 12.57 * (wfs + wav) ** 0.51
270
271     return w_el
272
273
274 ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
275     -----
276 def aircond_weight(w0, n_occ, wav, mach):
277     """
278     Air conditioning includes both cooling and heating of
279     the cabin volume. Pressurization system usually consists
280     of various equipment (outflow and relief valves, pressure
281     regulators, compressors, heat exchangers, and ducting).
282     Antiicing systems included are either pneumatic inflat-
283     able boots or bleed air heated elements.
284
285     Keyword Arguments:
286     w0      -- Design gross weight (lbf);
287     n_occ   -- Number of occupants (crew and passengers);
288     wav     -- Predicted weight of the avionics installation;
289     mach    -- Mach number.
290     """
291
292     w_ac = 0.265 * w0**0.52 * n_occ**0.68 * wav**0.17 * mach**0.08
293
294     return w_ac
295
296 ## -----16. Furnishing
297     -----
298 def furn_weight(n_crew, qh):
299     """
300     Includes seats, insulation, sound proofing, lighting,
301     galley, lavatory, overhead hat-racks, emergency equip-
302     ment, and associated electric systems.
303
304     Using usaf formula.
305
306     Keyword Arguments:
307     n_crew  -- Number of crew;
```

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```
307     qh      -- Dynamic pressure at max level airspeed, lbf/ft2.
308     """
309
310     w_furn = 34.5 * n_crew * qh**0.25
311
312     return w_furn
```

A. CN-235 Data

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3  import numpy as np
4
5  # -----#
6  # ATR-42 Data #
7  # -----#
8
9
10 ## -----1. WING
11     -----
12
13 # Area (ft^2)
14 SW = 636.14
15
16 # Weight of fuel in wing (lb)
17 WFW = 11508.13
18
19 # Wing Aspect Ratio
20 ARW = 11.27
21
22 # Wing sweep at 25% MGC (radian)
23 SWEEP4_WING = np.radians(2) # radian
24
25 # Wing sweep at 50% MGC (radian)
26 SWEEP2_WING = np.radians(0) # radian
27
28 # Dynamic pressure at cruise (lbf/ft2)
29 VC = 415
30 RHO_ATR42 = 0.03427
```

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```
31 Q = 0.5 * RHO_ATR42 * VC**2
32
33 # Wing Taper Ratio
34 TR_WING = 0.36
35
36 # Wing thickness-to-chord ratio (maximum)
37 T2C_WING = 0.18
38
39 # Design gross weight (lb)
40 W0 = 35494.424
41
42 # Limit Load Factor
43 LLF = 2.5
44 # Ultimate load factor (1.5 x limit load factor)
45 NZ = 3.5
46
47 # Max thickness of the wing root chord (ft)
48 CR = 8.202099738 # ft
49 TW_MAX = CR * T2C_WING
50
51 # Wing type (only for Cessna Method): "cantilever" or "strut-braced"
52 WING_TYPE = "strut-braced"
53
54 # Wingspan (ft)
55 BW = 80.61023622 # np.sqrt(ARW * SW)
56
57 # Maximum level airspeed at S-L (knot/KEAS)
58 VH = 300 # KTAS
59
60 # For USAF
61 # Thickness to chord ratio
62 T2C_W = 0.15
63
64
65 ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
66 # Horizontal Tail Area (ft^2)
67 SHT = 123.7849698
68
69 # HT Aspect Ratio (About half the aspect ratio of the wing)
```

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```
70 AR_HT = 5.535
71
72 # HT sweep at 25% MGC (radian)
73 SWEEP4_HT = np.radians(2)
74
75 # HT Taper ratio
76 TR_HT = 0.3
77
78 # Max root chord thickness of HT (ft)
79 THT_MAX = 0.16 * 6.56
80
81 # For USAF
82 # Span of HT (ft)
83 BHT = 34.7
84 # Span of VT (ft)
85 BVT = 15.19
86 # Max root chord thickness of HT (ft)
87 # THT_MAX = 22 + 4 / 12
88
89
90 # ## -----3. Vertical Tail
91     -----
92
93 # FTail: 0 for conventional tail, 1 for T-tail;
94 F_TAIL = 0
95
96 # Vertical Tail Area (ft^2)
97 SVT = 119.58
98
99 # VT sweep at 25% MGC (radian)
100 SWEEP4_VT = np.radians(2)
101
102 # VT Taper ratio
103 TR_VT = 0.22
104
105 # VT Aspect Ratio
106 AR_VT = 1.92
107
108 # Max root chord thickness of VT (ft)
```

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```
109 TVT_MAX = 0.16 * 7.84
110
111 # For USAF
112 # Max root chord thickness of VT (ft)
113 # TVT_MAX = 25 + 10 / 12
114
115
116 ## -----4. Fuselage
117     -----
118 # Fuselage wetted area in ft2
119 SFUS = 2271
120
121 # Horizontal tail arm, from wing c/4 to HT c/4 (ft)
122 LHT = 36
123
124 # Length of fuselage structure (forward bulkhead to aft frame) (ft)
125 LFS = 70.20
126
127 # Depth of fuselage structure (ft)
128 DFS = 8.7
129
130 # Fuselage Diameter
131 DFUS = 8.43
132
133 # Volume of pressurized cabin section (ft^3)
134 VP = 0.25 * np.pi * DFUS**2 * LFS
135
136 # Cabin pressure differential (psi)
137 DELTA_P = 7.78
138
139 RMAX = np.pi * DFUS
140
141 # For USAF
142 # Fuselage lenght; here we assume LF = LFS, they are usually different
143     .
144 LF = LFS
145
146 # Fuselage width (ft)
147 WF = 9.6
148
149 # Fuselage max depth in ft
150 DF = DFS
```


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```
147
148 ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
149     -----
150 # Design landing weight in lb;
151 WL = W0
152
153 # Length of the main landing gear shock strut (ft);
154 # Shock strut length is the distance between the upper
155 # attachment point and the center of the wheel axis
156 LM = 8.2
157
158 # (Default 4.5) the ultimate landing factor (typical range 3.5 - 5.5)
159 NL = 4.5
160
161 # For Torrenbeek
162 # Wing position: "low" or "high"
163 WING_POS = "high"
164
165 # Landing gear type: "fixed" or "retract"
166 LG_TYPE = "retract"
167
168 # Class of a/c: "bizjet" or "civil"
169 AC_CLASS = "civil"
170
171 # For USAF
172 DL = W0
173
174
175 ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
176     -----
177 # Length of the nose landing gear shock strut (ft)
178 LN = 6.5
179
180 ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
181     -----
182 # For Cessna
183 # engine_type -- "rpe" (radial piston engine) or "hop" (horizontally
184 # opposed piston engine)
185 PISTON_ENGINE_TYPE = "rpe"
```

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```
183
184 # Nacelle weight included in installed engine.
185 # For Torrenbeek
186 # "stp" (Single-engine tractor propeller), "multihop", "rp" (radial
    piston),
187 # "turboprop" (Multi-engine turboprop), "podjet" (Podded turbojet or-
    fan), "hbpr" (HBPR turbofan on a pylon)
188 NAC_ENGINE_TYPE = "turboprop"
189
190
191 ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
    -----
192 # If prop engine, then Pmax (BHP), if jet then Tmax (lbf)
193 P_OR_T_MAX = 1589.5
194 ENGINE_TYPE = "prop"
195 # Ref value= 12200 lb
196
197 ## -----9. Installed Engine
    -----
198 # Number of engines
199 N_ENG = 2
200 # For Torrenbeek
201 WPROP = 48 # Sin it's a turbofan
202 PMAX = P_OR_T_MAX * (1.15078 * VH) / 375 # Conert lbf to HP
203
204
205 # Weight of each uninstalled engine in lb
206 W_ENG = 71.65 + 0.3658 * PMAX
207
208
209 ## -----10. Fuel System
    -----
210 # For Cessna
211 FUEL_SYS_TYPE = "jeta-no-tip"
212 #
213
214 # Fuel quantity in integral tanks (US gallons)
215 # An integral fuel tank is defined as primary aircraft structure,
216 # usually wing or fuselage, that is sealed to contain fuel,
217 # as opposed to a rubberized fuel cell mounted in aircraft structure
```

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```
218 QINT = 1438.5
219 # Total fuel quantity in (US gallons)
220 # QTOT = QINT + Additional Fuel Tank
221 QTOT = 1438.5
222
223 # Number of fuel tanks;
224 # e.g. wing, center, surge, and vent
225 N_TANK = 2
226
227 # For Torreenbeek
228 # "single-piston", "multi-piston", "turbo-integral", "turbo-bladder"
229 ENGINE_CONF = "turbo-bladder"
230
231
232 ## -----11. Flight Control System
233     -----
234 # No new input is needed
235 # For Torreenbeek
236 # ctrl_sys_type -- "manual-single", "manual", "powered".
237 CTRL_SYS_TYPE = "powered"
238
239 ## -----12. Hydraulic
240     -----
241 # Air speed in subsonic regime: "low", "medium", "high", "light"
242 HYD_TYPE = "high"
243
244 # Mach number (design maximum)
245 MACH_MAX = 0.45
246
247 ## -----13. Avionics Systems
248     -----
249 # Weight of the uninstalled avionics in lb (typically = 800-1400 lb);
250 # For smaller a/c for smaller aircraft to weigh 45 to 50 lb.
251 # This can be found from the avionics manufacturer data sheet.
252 W_UAV = 1100
253
254 ## -----14. Electrical Systems
255     -----
256 # No new input is needed
```

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```
254 # For Torrenbeek
255 # Target useful load (lb)
256 WU = 21605.302
257
258
259 ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
    -----
260 # N_CABIN_CREW = 8
261 # N_FLIGHT_CREW = 2
262 # N_PAX = 400
263 N_OCC = 51
264
265 # For USAF
266 N_CREW = 2
267 ## -----16. Furnishing
    -----
268 # No new input is needed
269 # For USAF
270 # Dynamic pressure at max level airspeed, lbf/ft2.
271 QH = Q
```

A. ATR 42-600 Data

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3 import numpy as np
4
5 # -----#
6 # ATR-42 Data #
7 # -----#
8
9
10 ## -----1. WING
    -----
11
12
13 # Area (ft^2)
14 SW = 586.63
15
16 # Weight of fuel in wing (lb)
```

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```
17 WFW = 9920.8
18
19 # Wing Aspect Ratio
20 ARW = 11.07
21
22 # Wing sweep at 25% MGC (radian)
23 SWEEP4_WING = np.radians(2) # radian
24
25 # Wing sweep at 50% MGC (radian)
26 SWEEP2_WING = np.radians(0) # radian
27
28 # Dynamic pressure at cruise (lbf/ft2)
29 VC = 487.569
30 RHO_ATR42 = 0.041184
31 Q = 0.5 * RHO_ATR42 * VC**2
32
33 # Wing Taper Ratio
34 TR_WING = 0.54
35
36 # Wing thickness-to-chord ratio (maximum)
37 T2C_WING = 0.15
38
39 # Design gross weight (lb)
40 W0 = 41005.981
41
42 # Limit Load Factor
43 LLF = 2.5
44 # Ultimate load factor (1.5 x limit load factor)
45 NZ = 3.5
46
47 # Max thickness of the wing root chord (ft)
48 CR = 6.692913386 # ft
49 TW_MAX = CR * T2C_WING
50
51 # Wing type (only for Cessna Method): "cantilever" or "strut-braced"
52 WING_TYPE = "strut-braced"
53
54 # Wingspan (ft)
55 BW = 84.67847769 # np.sqrt(ARW * SW)
56
```

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```
57 # Maximum level airspeed at S-L (knot/KEAS)
58 VH = 248 # KTAS
59
60 # For USAF
61 # Thickness to chord ratio
62 T2C_W = 0.18
63
64
65 ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
66 # Horizontal Tail Area (ft^2)
67 SHT = 228.19
68
69 # HT Aspect Ratio (About half the aspect ratio of the wing)
70 AR_HT = 4.37
71
72 # HT sweep at 25% MGC (radian)
73 SWEEP4_HT = np.radians(2)
74
75 # HT Taper ratio
76 TR_HT = 0.4
77
78 # Max root chord thickness of HT (ft)
79 THT_MAX = 0.16 * 5.31
80
81 # For USAF
82 # Span of HT (ft)
83 BHT = 23.26
84 # Span of VT (ft)
85 BVT = 14.76
86 # Max root chord thickness of HT (ft)
87 # THT_MAX = 22 + 4 / 12
88
89
90 ## -----3. Vertical Tail
91
92 # FTail: 0 for conventional tail, 1 for T-tail;
93 F_TAIL = 1
94
```

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```
95
96 # Vertical Tail Area (ft^2)
97 SVT = 136.7016623
98
99 # VT sweep at 25% MGC (radian)
100 SWEEP4_VT = np.radians(2)
101
102 # VT Taper ratio
103 TR_VT = 0.29
104
105 # VT Aspect Ratio
106 AR_VT = 1.6
107
108 # Max root chord thickness of VT (ft)
109 TVT_MAX = 0.16 * 11.15
110
111 # For USAF
112 # Max root chord thickness of VT (ft)
113 # TVT_MAX = 25 + 10 / 12
114
115
116 ## -----4. Fuselage
117      -----
118 # Fuselage wetted area in ft2
119 SFUS = 2271
120
121 # Horizontal tail arm, from wing c/4 to HT c/4 (ft)
122 LHT = 37
123
124 # Length of fuselage structure (forward bulkhead to aft frame) (ft)
125 LFS = 74.47506562
126
127 # Depth of fuselage structure (ft)
128 DFS = 9.32
129
130 # Fuselage Diameter
131 DFUS = 8.43
132
133 # Volume of pressurized cabin section (ft^3)
134 VP = 0.25 * np.pi * DFUS**2 * LFS
```

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```
134
135 # Cabin pressure differential (psi)
136 DELTA_P = 7.78
137
138 RMAX = np.pi * DFUS
139
140 # For USAF
141 # Fuselage lenght; here we assume LF = LFS, they are usually different
142     .
142 LF = LFS
143 # Fuselage width (ft)
144 WF = 8.530183727
145 # Fuselage max depth in ft
146 DF = DFS
147
148 ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
149     -----
149 # Design landing weight in lb;
150 WL = W0
151
152 # Length of the main landing gear shock strut (ft);
153 # Shock strut length is the distance between the upper
154 # attachment point and the center of the wheel axis
155 LM = 7.21
156
157
158 # (default 4.5) Ultimate landing load factor (typical range 3.5-5.5)..
159 NL = 4.5
160
161 # For Torrenbeek
162 # Wing position: "low" or "high"
163 WING_POS = "high"
164
165 # Landing gear type: "fixed" or "retract"
166 LG_TYPE = "retract"
167
168 # Class of a/c: "bizjet" or "civil"
169 AC_CLASS = "civil"
170
171
```


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```
172 # For USAF
173 DL = W0
174
175
176 ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
177 # Length of the nose landing gear shock strut (ft)
178 LN = 5.31
179
180 ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
181
182 # For Cessna
183 # engine_type -- "rpe" (radial piston engine) or "hop" (horizontally
184 # opposed piston engine)
185 PISTON_ENGINE_TYPE = "rpe"
186
187 # Nacelle weight included in installed engine.
188 # For Torrenbeek
189 # "stp" (Single-engine tractor propeller), "multihop", "rp" (radial
190 # piston),
191 # "turboprop" (Multi-engine turboprop), "podjet" (Podded turbojet or-
192 # fan), "hbpr" (HBPR turbofan on a pylon)
193 NAC_ENGINE_TYPE = "turboprop"
194
195
196 ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
197
198 # If prop engine, then Pmax (BHP), if jet then Tmax (lbf)
199 P_OR_T_MAX = 2337.5
200 ENGINE_TYPE = "prop"
201 # Ref value= 12200 lb
202
203 ## -----9. Installed Engine
204
205 # Number of engines
206 N_ENG = 2
207
208 # For Torrenbeek
209 WPROP = 44 # Sin it's a turbofan
210 PMAX = P_OR_T_MAX * (1.15078 * VH) / 375 # Conert lbf to HP
```

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```
205
206 # Weight of each uninstalled engine in lb
207 W_ENG = 71.65 + 0.3658 * PMAX
208
209
210 ## -----10. Fuel System
211      -----
212 # For Cessna
213 FUEL_SYS_TYPE = "jeta-no-tip"
214 #
215 # Fuel quantity in integral tanks (US gallons)
216 # An integral fuel tank is defined as primary aircraft structure,
217 # usually wing or fuselage, that is sealed to contain fuel,
218 # as opposed to a rubberized fuel cell mounted in aircraft structure
219 QINT = 1241.125
220 # Total fuel quantity in (US gallons)
221 # QTOT = QINT + Additional Fuel Tank
222 QTOT = 1241.125
223
224 # Number of fuel tanks;
225 # e.g. wing, center, surge, and vent
226 N_TANK = 2
227
228 # For Torreenbeek
229 # "single-piston", "multi-piston", "turbo-integral", "turbo-bladder"
230 ENGINE_CONF = "turbo-bladder"
231
232
233 ## -----11. Flight Control System
234      -----
235 # No new input is needed
236 # For Torreenbeek
237 # ctrl_sys_type -- "manual-single", "manual", "powered".
238 CTRL_SYS_TYPE = "powered"
239
240 ## -----12. Hydraulic
241      -----
242 # Air speed in subsonic regime: "low", "medium", "high", "light"
243 HYD_TYPE = "high"
```

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```
242
243 # Mach number (design maximum)
244 MACH_MAX = 0.5
245
246
247 ## -----13. Avionics Systems
248 # -----
249 # Weight of the uninstalled avionics in lb (typically = 800-1400 lb);
250 # For smaller a/c for smaller aircraft to weigh 45 to 50 lb.
251 # This can be found from the avionics manufacturer data sheet.
252 W_UAV = 1100
253
254 ## -----14. Electrical Systems
255 # -----
256 # No new input is needed
257 # For Torrenbeek
258 # Target useful load (lb)
259 WU = 25904.316
260
261 ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
262 # -----
263 # N_CABIN_CREW = 8
264 # N_FLIGHT_CREW = 2
265 # N_PAX = 400
266 N_OCC = 48
267
268 # For USAF
269 N_CREW = 2
270
271 ## -----16. Furnishing
272 # -----
273 # No new input is needed
274 # For USAF
275 # Dynamic pressure at max level airspeed, lbf/ft2.
276 QH = Q
```

A. Saab 340 Data

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python
2
```

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```
3 import numpy as np
4
5 # -----#
6 # Saab 340 Data #
7 # -----#
8
9
10 ## -----1. WING
11     -----
12
13 # Area (ft^2)
14 SW = 450.03
15
16 # Weight of fuel in wing (lb)
17 WFW = 5687.9
18
19 # Wing Aspect Ratio
20 ARW = 11.0
21
22 # Wing sweep at 25% MGC (radian)
23 SWEEP4_WING = np.radians(2) # radian
24
25 # Wing sweep at 50% MGC (radian)
26 SWEEP2_WING = np.radians(0) # radian
27
28 # Dynamic pressure at cruise (lbf/ft2)
29 VC = 478.5
30 RHO_ATR42 = 0.03427
31 Q = 0.5 * RHO_ATR42 * VC**2
32
33 # Wing Taper Ratio
34 TR_WING = 0.4
35
36 # Wing thickness-to-chord ratio (maximum)
37 T2C_WING = 0.16
38
39 # Design gross weight (lb)
40 W0 = 28999.606
41
```

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```
42 # Limit Load Factor
43 LLF = 2.5
44 # Ultimate load factor (1.5 x limit load factor)
45 NZ = 3.5
46
47 # Max thickness of the wing root chord (ft)
48 CR = 6.397637795 # ft
49 TW_MAX = CR * T2C_WING
50
51 # Wing type (only for Cessna Method): "cantilever" or "strut-braced"
52 WING_TYPE = "strut-braced"
53
54 # Wingspan (ft)
55 BW = 70.34120735 # np.sqrt(ARW * SW)
56
57 # Maximum level airspeed at S-L (knot/KEAS)
58 VH = 283 # KTAS
59
60 # For USAF
61 # Thickness to chord ratio
62 T2C_W = 0.16
63
64
65 ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
66 # Horizontal Tail Area (ft^2)
67 SHT = 156.8301748
68
69 # HT Aspect Ratio (About half the aspect ratio of the wing)
70 AR_HT = 5.87
71
72 # HT sweep at 25% MGC (radian)
73 SWEEP4_HT = np.radians(2)
74
75 # HT Taper ratio
76 TR_HT = 0.3
77
78 # Max root chord thickness of HT (ft)
79 THT_MAX = 0.16 * 5.16
80
```

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```
81 # For USAF
82 # Span of HT (ft)
83 BHT = 30.34
84 # Span of VT (ft)
85 BVT = 12.76246719
86 # Max root chord thickness of HT (ft)
87 # THT_MAX = 22 + 4 / 12
88
89
90 ## -----3. Vertical Tail
91      -----
92 # FTail: 0 for conventional tail, 1 for T-tail;
93 F_TAIL = 0
94
95
96 # Vertical Tail Area (ft^2)
97 SVT = 113.3439767
98
99 # VT sweep at 25% MGC (radian)
100 SWEEP4_VT = np.radians(2)
101
102 # VT Taper ratio
103 TR_VT = 0.22
104
105 # VT Aspect Ratio
106 AR_VT = 1.44
107
108 # Max root chord thickness of VT (ft)
109 TVT_MAX = 0.16 * 8.85
110
111 # For USAF
112 # Max root chord thickness of VT (ft)
113 # TVT_MAX = 25 + 10 / 12
114
115
116 ## -----4. Fuselage
117      -----
118 # Fuselage wetted area in ft2
119 SFUS = 2421
```

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```
119
120 # Horizontal tail arm, from wing c/4 to HT c/4 (ft)
121 LHT = 31.26
122
123 # Length of fuselage structure (forward bulkhead to aft frame) (ft)
124 LFS = 64.73097113
125
126 # Depth of fuselage structure (ft)
127 DFS = 9.25
128
129 # Fuselage Diameter
130 DFUS = 8.82
131
132 # Volume of pressurized cabin section (ft^3)
133 VP = 0.25 * np.pi * DFUS**2 * LFS
134
135 # Cabin pressure differential (psi)
136 DELTA_P = 7.78
137
138 RMAX = np.pi * DFUS
139
140 # For USAF
141 # Fuselage length; here we assume LF = LFS, they are usually different
142     .
143 LF = LFS
144 # Fuselage width (ft)
145 WF = 7.578740157
146 # Fuselage max depth in ft
147 DF = DFS
148 ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
149     -----
150 # Design landing weight in lb;
151 WL = W0
152
153 # Length of the main landing gear shock strut (ft);
154 # Shock strut length is the distance between the upper
155 # attachment point and the center of the wheel axis
156 LM = 5.41
```

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```
157
158 # (default 4.5) Ultimate landing load factor (typical range 3.5-5.5).,
159 NL = 4.5
160
161 # For Torrenbeek
162 # Wing position: "low" or "high"
163 WING_POS = "low"
164
165 # Landing gear type: "fixed" or "retract"
166 LG_TYPE = "retract"
167
168 # Class of a/c: "bizjet" or "civil"
169 AC_CLASS = "civil"
170
171
172 # For USAF
173 DL = W0
174
175
176 ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
177     -----
178 # Length of the nose landing gear shock strut (ft)
179 LN = 6.4
180
181 ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
182     -----
183 # For Cessna
184 # engine_type -- "rpe" (radial piston engine) or "hop" (horizontally
185     opposed piston engine)
186 PISTON_ENGINE_TYPE = "rpe"
187
188 # Nacelle weight included in installed engine.
189 # For Torrenbeek
190 # "stp" (Single-engine tractor propeller), "multihop", "rp" (radial
191     piston),
192 # "turboprop" (Multi-engine turboprop), "podjet" (Podded turbojet or-
193     fan), "hbpr" (HBPR turbofan on a pylon)
194 NAC_ENGINE_TYPE = "turboprop"
```


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```
192 ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
193     -----
194 # If prop engine, then Pmax (BHP), if jet then Tmax (lbf)
195 P_OR_T_MAX = 1636.25
196 ENGINE_TYPE = "prop"
197 # Ref value= 12200 lb
198 ## -----9. Installed Engine
199     -----
200 # Number of engines
201 N_ENG = 2
202 # For Torrenbeek
203 WPROP = 51.3 # Sin it's a turbofan
204 PMAX = P_OR_T_MAX * (1.15078 * VH) / 375 # Conert lbf to HP
205
206 # Weight of each uninstalled engine in lb
207 W_ENG = 71.65 + 0.3658 * PMAX
208
209
210 ## -----10. Fuel System
211     -----
212 # For Cessna
213 FUEL_SYS_TYPE = "jeta-no-tip"
214 #
215 # Fuel quantity in integral tanks (US gallons)
216 # An integral fuel tank is defined as primary aircraft structure,
217 # usually wing or fuselage, that is sealed to contain fuel,
218 # as opposed to a rubberized fuel cell mounted in aircraft structure
219 QINT = 710.98
220 # Total fuel quantity in (US gallons)
221 # QTOT = QINT + Additional Fuel Tank
222 QTOT = 710.98
223
224 # Number of fuel tanks;
225 # e.g. wing, center, surge, and vent
226 N_TANK = 2
227
228 # For Torreenbeek
```

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```
229 # "single-piston", "multi-piston", "turbo-integral", "turbo-bladder"
230 ENGINE_CONF = "turbo-integral"
231
232
233 ## -----11. Flight Control System
234     -----
235 # No new input is needed
236 # For Torreenbeek
237 # ctrl_sys_type -- "manual-single", "manual", "powered".
238 CTRL_SYS_TYPE = "powered"
239
240 ## -----12. Hydraulic
241     -----
242 # Air speed in subsonic regime: "low", "medium", "high", "light"
243 HYD_TYPE = "high"
244
245 # Mach number (design maximum)
246 MACH_MAX = 0.5
247
248 ## -----13. Avionics Systems
249     -----
250 # Weight of the uninstalled avionics in lb (typically = 800-1400 lb);
251 # For smaller a/c for smaller aircraft to weigh 45 to 50 lb.
252 # This can be found from the avionics manufacturer data sheet.
253 W_UAV = 1100
254
255 ## -----14. Electrical Systems
256     -----
257 # No new input is needed
258 # For Torreenbeek
259 # Target useful load (lb)
260 WU = 18999.438
261
262 ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
263     -----
264 # N_CABIN_CREW = 8
265 # N_FLIGHT_CREW = 2
266 # N_PAX = 400
```

```
264 N_OCC = 34
265
266 # For USAF
267 N_CREW = 2
268 ## -----16. Furnishing
    -----
269 # No new input is needed
270 # For USAF
271 # Dynamic pressure at max level airspeed, lbf/ft2.
272 QH = Q
```

A. Component Weight of CN-235

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import wanalysis.cessna as wcess
3 import wanalysis.raymer as wray
4 import wanalysis.torrenbeek as wtor
5 import wanalysis.usaf as wusaf
6
7 #from example_ac_data import *
8 #from ATR42_data import *
9 #from Saab340_data import *
10 from CN235_Data import *
11
12
13 def weight_components_cessna():
14     """
15     Estimate weight components using Cessna Method.
16     """
17     ## -----1. WING
    -----
18     wing_weight = wcess.wing_weight_cessna(NZ, W0, SW, ARW, WING_TYPE)
19
20     ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
    -----
21     ht_weight = wcess.ht_weight_cessna(W0, SHT, AR_HT, THT_MAX)
22
23     # -----3. Vertical Tail
    -----
```

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```
24     vt_weight = wcess.vt_weight_cessna(F_TAIL, W0, SVT, AR_VT, TVT_MAX
25     , SWEEP4_VT)
26
27     ## -----4. Fuselage
28     -----
29     fus_weight = wcess.fus_weight_cessna(W0, RMAX, LFS, WING_POS,
30     N_OCC)
31
32     ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
33     -----
34     mnlg_weight = wcess.mnlg_weight_cessna(W0, WL, LM, NZ, WING_POS,
35     NL)
36
37     # ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
38     -----
39     # # Included in the main landing gear
40
41     # ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
42     -----
43     nac_weight = wcess.nac_weight_cessna(PMAX, N_ENG,
44     PISTON_ENGINE_TYPE)
45
46     ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
47     -----
48     engine_dry_weight = wcess.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX,
49     ENGINE_TYPE)
50
51     # ## -----9. Installed Engine
52     -----
53     W_NAC = nac_weight
54     engine_installed_weight = wcess.install_engine_weight_cessna(PMAX,
55     WPROP, N_ENG, W_NAC)
56
57     ## -----10. Fuel System
58     -----
59     fuel_sys_weight = wcess.fuel_sys_weight(QTOT, FUEL_SYS_TYPE)
60
61     ## -----11. Flight Control System
62     -----
63     fcs_weight = wcess.fligthcs_weight_cessna(W0)
```

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```
50
51  ## -----12. Hydraulic
52  -----
53  hydraulic_weight = wcess.hydraulic_system_weight(W0)
54
55  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
56  -----
57  avionics_weight = wcess.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
58
59  # ## -----14. Electrical Systems
60  -----
61  WAV = avionics_weight
62  electric_weight = wcess.electrical_system_cessna(W0)
63
64  ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
65  -----
66  aircond_weight = wcess.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
67  WAV, MACH_MAX)
68
69  ## -----16. Furnishing
70  -----
71  furn_weight = wcess.furnishings_weight_cessna(N_OCC, W0)
72
73  emp_weight = ht_weight + vt_weight
74  nlg_weight = 0
75
76  weight_components = np.array(
77      [
78          wing_weight,
79          ht_weight,
80          vt_weight,
81          emp_weight,
82          fus_weight,
83          mnlg_weight,
84          nlg_weight,
85          nac_weight,
86          engine_dry_weight,
87          engine_installed_weight,
88          fuel_sys_weight,
89          fcs_weight,
```

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```
84         hydraulic_weight,
85         avionics_weight,
86         electric_weight,
87         aircond_weight,
88         furn_weight,
89     ]
90 )
91
92 return weight_components
93
94
95 def weight_components_raymer():
96     """
97     Estimate weight components using Raymer Method.
98     """
99     ## -----1. WING
100     -----
101     wing_weight = wray.wing_weight_raymer(
102         SW, WFW, ARW, SWEEP4_WING, Q, TR_WING, T2C_WING, NZ, W0
103     )
104
105     ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
106     -----
107     ht_weight = wray.ht_weight(
108         NZ, W0, Q, SHT, T2C_WING, ARW, SWEEP4_HT, SWEEP4_WING, TR_HT
109     )
110
111     ## -----3. Vertical Tail
112     -----
113     vt_weight = wray.vt_weight_raymer(F_TAIL, NZ, W0, Q, SVT, T2C_WING
114         , SWEEP4_VT, ARW, TR_VT)
115
116     ## -----4. Fuselage
117     -----
118     fus_weight = wray.fus_weight_raymer(SFUS, NZ, W0, LHT, LFS, DFS, Q
119         , VP, DELTA_P)
120
121     ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
122     -----
123     mnlg_weight = wray.mnlg_weight_raymer(WL, LM, NL)
```

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```
117
118  ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
119  -----
120  nlg_weight = wray.nslg_weight_raymer(WL, LN, nl=4.5)
121
122  ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
123  -----
124  nac_weight = wray.nac_weight()
125
126  ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
127  -----
128  engine_dry_weight = wray.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX, ENGINE_TYPE
129  )
130
131  ## -----9. Installed Engine
132  -----
133  engine_installed_weight = wray.install_engine_weight_raymer(W_ENG,
134  N_ENG)
135
136  ## -----10. Fuel System
137  -----
138  fuel_sys_weight = wray.fuelsys_weight_raymer(QTOT, QINT, N_TANK,
139  N_ENG)
140
141  ## -----11. Flight Control System
142  -----
143  fcs_weight = wray.flightcs_weight_raymer(LFS, BW, NZ, W0)
144
145  ## -----12. Hydraulic
146  -----
147  hydraulic_weight = wray.hydraulic_weight(W0, HYD_TYPE, MACH_MAX)
148
149  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
150  -----
151  avionics_weight = wray.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
152
153  ## -----14. Electrical Systems
154  -----
155  WFS = fuel_sys_weight
156  WAV = avionics_weight
```

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```
145     electric_weight = wray.electrical_system_raymer_usaf(WFS, WAV)
146
147     ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
148     -----
149     aircond_weight = wray.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
150     WAV, MACH_MAX)
151
152     ## -----16. Furnishing
153     -----
154     furn_weight = wray.furnishings_weight_raymer(W0)
155
156     emp_weight = ht_weight + vt_weight
157     weight_components = np.array(
158         [
159             wing_weight,
160             ht_weight,
161             vt_weight,
162             emp_weight,
163             fus_weight,
164             mnlg_weight,
165             nlg_weight,
166             nac_weight,
167             engine_dry_weight,
168             engine_installed_weight,
169             fuel_sys_weight,
170             fcs_weight,
171             hydraulic_weight,
172             avionics_weight,
173             electric_weight,
174             aircond_weight,
175             furn_weight,
176         ]
177     )
178
179     return weight_components
180
181 def weight_components_torrenbeek():
182     ## -----1. WING
183     -----
```


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```
181     wing_weight = wtor.wing_weight_torenbeek(W0, BW, SW, SWEEP2_WING,  
182     NZ, TW_MAX)  
183  
184     ## -----2. Empenage  
185     -----  
186     emp_weight = wtor.emp_weight_torrenbeek(NZ, SHT, SVT)  
187  
188     ## -----3. Vertical Tail  
189     -----  
190     # Vertical Tail + Horizontal Tail = Empenage  
191  
192     ## -----4. Fuselage  
193     -----  
194  
195     ## -----5. Main Landing Gear  
196     -----  
197     mnlg_weight = wtor.mnlg_weight_torrenbeek(W0, WING_POS, LG_TYPE,  
198     AC_CLASS)  
199  
200     ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear  
201     -----  
202     nlg_weight = wtor.nslg_weight_torenbeek(W0, WING_POS, LG_TYPE,  
203     AC_CLASS)  
204  
205     ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight  
206     -----  
207     nac_weight = wtor.nac_weight(P_OR_T_MAX, N_ENG, NAC_ENGINE_TYPE)  
208  
209     ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine  
210     -----  
211     engine_dry_weight = wtor.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX, ENGINE_TYPE  
212     )  
213  
214     ## -----9. Installed Engine  
215     -----  
216     W_NAC = nac_weight  
217     engine_installed_weight = wtor.install_engine_weight_torrenbeek(  
218         W_ENG, WPROP, N_ENG, P_MAX, W_NAC  
219     )  
220
```

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```
209  ## -----10. Fuel System
210  -----
211  fuel_sys_weight = wtor.fuel_sys_weight(QTOT, ENGINE_CONF, N_TANK,
212  N_ENG)
213
214  ## -----11. Flight Control System
215  -----
216  fcs_weight = wtor.fcs_weight(W0, CTRL_SYS_TYPE)
217
218  ## -----12. Hydraulic
219  -----
220  hydraulic_weight = wtor.hydraulic_weight(W0)
221
222  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
223  -----
224  avionics_weight = wtor.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
225
226  ## -----14. Electrical Systems
227  -----
228  WAV = avionics_weight
229  WHYD = hydraulic_weight
230  electric_weight = wtor.electrical_system_torenbeek(W0, WU, WHYD)
231
232  ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
233  -----
234  aircond_weight = wtor.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
235  WAV, MACH_MAX)
236
237  ## -----16. Furnishing
238  -----
239  furn_weight = wtor.furn_weight()
240
241  ht_weight = 0
242  vt_weight = 0
243  fus_weight = 0
244
245  weight_components = np.array(
246  [
247      wing_weight,
248      ht_weight,
```

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```
240         vt_weight,
241         emp_weight,
242         fus_weight,
243         mnlg_weight,
244         nlg_weight,
245         nac_weight,
246         engine_dry_weight,
247         engine_installed_weight,
248         fuel_sys_weight,
249         fcs_weight,
250         hydraulic_weight,
251         avionics_weight,
252         electric_weight,
253         aircond_weight,
254         furn_weight,
255     ]
256 )
257
258 return weight_components
259
260
261 def weight_components_usaf():
262     ## -----1. WING
263     -----
264     wing_weight = wusaf.wing_weight_usaf(NZ, W0, ARW, SWEEP4_WING, SW,
265     TR_WING, T2C_W, VH)
266
267     ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
268     -----
269     ht_weight = wusaf.ht_weight_usaf(NZ, W0, SHT, LHT, BHT, THT_MAX)
270
271     # -----3. Vertical Tail
272     -----
273     vt_weight = wusaf.vt_weight_usaf(F_TAIL, NZ, W0, SVT, BVT, TVT_MAX
274 )
275
276     ## -----4. Fuselage
277     -----
278     fus_weight = wusaf.fus_weight_usaf(NZ, W0, LF, WF, DF, VH)
```

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```
274  ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
275  -----
276  mnlg_weight = wusaf.mnlg_weight_uasf(WL, LM, NL)
277
278  ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
279  -----
280  # Included in the main landing gear
281
282  ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
283  -----
284  # Included in the installed engine
285
286  ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
287  -----
288  engine_dry_weight = wusaf.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX,
289  ENGINE_TYPE)
290
291  ## -----9. Installed Engine
292  -----
293  # W_NAC = nac_weight
294  engine_installed_weight = wusaf.install_engine_weight_usaf(W_ENG,
295  N_ENG)
296
297  ## -----10. Fuel System
298  -----
299  fuel_sys_weight = wusaf.fuelsys_weight_usaf(QTOT, QINT, N_TANK,
300  N_ENG)
301
302  ## -----11. Flight Control System
303  -----
304  fcs_weight = wusaf.flightcs_weight_usaf(W0, CTRL_SYS_TYPE)
305
306  ## -----12. Hydraulic
307  -----
308  hydraulic_weight = wusaf.hydraulic_system_weight(W0)
309
310  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
311  -----
312  avionics_weight = wusaf.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
```

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```
302  # ## -----14. Electrical Systems
303  -----
304  WAV = avionics_weight
305  WFS = fuel_sys_weight
306  electric_weight = wusaf.electrical_system_raymer_usaf(WFS, WAV)
307
308  ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
309  -----
310  aircond_weight = wusaf.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
311  WAV, MACH_MAX)
312
313  ## -----16. Furnishing
314  -----
315  furn_weight = wusaf.furnishings_usaf(N_CREW, QH)
316
317  emp_weight = ht_weight + vt_weight
318  nlg_weight = 0
319  nac_weight = 0
320  weight_components = np.array(
321  [
322      wing_weight,
323      ht_weight,
324      vt_weight,
325      emp_weight,
326      fus_weight,
327      mnlg_weight,
328      nlg_weight,
329      nac_weight,
330      engine_dry_weight,
331      engine_installed_weight,
332      fuel_sys_weight,
333      fcs_weight,
334      hydraulic_weight,
335      avionics_weight,
336      electric_weight,
337      aircond_weight,
338      furn_weight,
339  ]
340  )
341  return weight_components
```

```
338
339
340 # Estimating all weights
341 weights_cessna = weight_components_cessna()
342 weights_raymer = weight_components_raymer()
343 weights_torrenbeek = weight_components_torrenbeek()
344 weights_usaf = weight_components_usaf()
345
346 weights = np.concatenate((weights_cessna, weights_raymer,
347     weights_torrenbeek, weights_usaf,)).reshape(
348     17, -1, order="F"
349 )
350 np.savetxt("weights_summary.csv", weights, delimiter=",", fmt="%i")
```

A. Component Weight of ATR 42-600

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import wanalysis.cessna as wcess
3 import wanalysis.raymer as wray
4 import wanalysis.torrenbeek as wtor
5 import wanalysis.usaf as wusaf
6
7 #from example_ac_data import *
8 from ATR42_data import *
9 #from Saab340_data import *
10 #from CN235_Data import *
11
12
13 def weight_components_cessna():
14     """
15     Estimate weight components using Cessna Method.
16     """
17     ## -----1. WING
18     -----
19     wing_weight = wcess.wing_weight_cessna(NZ, W0, SW, ARW, WING_TYPE)
20
21     ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
22     -----
23     ht_weight = wcess.ht_weight_cessna(W0, SHT, AR_HT, THT_MAX)
```

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```
22
23  # -----3. Vertical Tail
-----
24  vt_weight = wcess.vt_weight_cessna(F_TAIL, W0, SVT, AR_VT, TVT_MAX
, SWEEP4_VT)
25
26  ## -----4. Fuselage
-----
27  fus_weight = wcess.fus_weight_cessna(W0, RMAX, LFS, WING_POS,
N_OCC)
28
29  ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
-----
30  mnlg_weight = wcess.mnlg_weight_cessna(W0, WL, LM, NZ, WING_POS,
NL)
31
32  # ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
-----
33  # # Included in the main landing gear
34
35  # ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
-----
36  nac_weight = wcess.nac_weight_cessna(PMAX, N_ENG,
PISTON_ENGINE_TYPE)
37
38  ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
-----
39  engine_dry_weight = wcess.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX,
ENGINE_TYPE)
40
41  # ## -----9. Installed Engine
-----
42  W_NAC = nac_weight
43  engine_installed_weight = wcess.install_engine_weight_cessna(PMAX,
WPROP, N_ENG, W_NAC)
44
45  ## -----10. Fuel System
-----
46  fuel_sys_weight = wcess.fuel_sys_weight(QTOT, FUEL_SYS_TYPE)
47
```

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```
48  ## -----11. Flight Control System
49  -----
50  fcs_weight = wcess.fligthcs_weight_cessna(W0)
51
52  ## -----12. Hydraulic
53  -----
54  hydraulic_weight = wcess.hydraulic_system_weight(W0)
55
56  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
57  -----
58  avionics_weight = wcess.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
59
60  ## ## -----14. Electrical Systems
61  -----
62  WAV = avionics_weight
63  electric_weight = wcess.electrical_system_cessna(W0)
64
65  ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
66  -----
67  aircond_weight = wcess.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
68  WAV, MACH_MAX)
69
70  ## -----16. Furnishing
71  -----
72  furn_weight = wcess.furnishings_weight_cessna(N_OCC, W0)
73
74  emp_weight = ht_weight + vt_weight
75  nlg_weight = 0
76
77  weight_components = np.array(
78  [
79      wing_weight,
80      ht_weight,
81      vt_weight,
82      emp_weight,
83      fus_weight,
84      mnlg_weight,
85      nlg_weight,
86      nac_weight,
87      engine_dry_weight,
```


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```
81         engine_installed_weight,
82         fuel_sys_weight,
83         fcs_weight,
84         hydraulic_weight,
85         avionics_weight,
86         electric_weight,
87         aircond_weight,
88         furn_weight,
89     ]
90 )
91
92 return weight_components
93
94
95 def weight_components_raymer():
96     """
97     Estimate weight components using Raymer Method.
98     """
99     ## -----1. WING
100     -----
101     wing_weight = wray.wing_weight_raymer(
102         SW, WFW, ARW, SWEEP4_WING, Q, TR_WING, T2C_WING, NZ, W0
103     )
104
105     ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
106     -----
107     ht_weight = wray.ht_weight(
108         NZ, W0, Q, SHT, T2C_WING, ARW, SWEEP4_HT, SWEEP4_WING, TR_HT
109     )
110
111     ## -----3. Vertical Tail
112     -----
113     vt_weight = wray.vt_weight_raymer(F_TAIL, NZ, W0, Q, SVT, T2C_WING
114         , SWEEP4_VT, ARW, TR_VT)
```

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```
115  ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
116  -----
117  mnlg_weight = wray.mnlg_weight_raymer(WL, LM, NL)
118
119  ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
120  -----
121  nlg_weight = wray.nslg_weight_raymer(WL, LN, nl=4.5)
122
123  ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
124  -----
125  nac_weight = wray.nac_weight()
126
127  ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
128  -----
129  engine_dry_weight = wray.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX, ENGINE_TYPE
130  )
131
132  ## -----9. Installed Engine
133  -----
134  engine_installed_weight = wray.install_engine_weight_raymer(W_ENG,
135  N_ENG)
136
137  ## -----10. Fuel System
138  -----
139  fuel_sys_weight = wray.fuelsys_weight_raymer(QTOT, QINT, N_TANK,
140  N_ENG)
141
142  ## -----11. Flight Control System
143  -----
144  fcs_weight = wray.flightcs_weight_raymer(LFS, BW, NZ, W0)
145
146  ## -----12. Hydraulic
147  -----
148  hydraulic_weight = wray.hydraulic_weight(W0, HYD_TYPE, MACH_MAX)
149
150  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
151  -----
152  avionics_weight = wray.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
```

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```
142     ## -----14. Electrical Systems
143     -----
144     WFS = fuel_sys_weight
145     WAV = avionics_weight
146     electric_weight = wray.electrical_system_raymer_usaf(WFS, WAV)
147
148     ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
149     -----
150     aircond_weight = wray.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
151     WAV, MACH_MAX)
152
153     ## -----16. Furnishing
154     -----
155     furn_weight = wray.furnishings_weight_raymer(W0)
156
157     emp_weight = ht_weight + vt_weight
158     weight_components = np.array(
159         [
160             wing_weight,
161             ht_weight,
162             vt_weight,
163             emp_weight,
164             fus_weight,
165             mnlg_weight,
166             nlg_weight,
167             nac_weight,
168             engine_dry_weight,
169             engine_installed_weight,
170             fuel_sys_weight,
171             fcs_weight,
172             hydraulic_weight,
173             avionics_weight,
174             electric_weight,
175             aircond_weight,
176             furn_weight,
177         ]
178     )
179
180     return weight_components
```

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```
178
179 def weight_components_torrenbeek():
180     ## -----1. WING
181     -----
182     wing_weight = wtor.wing_weight_torenbeek(W0, BW, SW, SWEEP2_WING,
183     NZ, TW_MAX)
184
185     ## -----2. Empenage
186     -----
187     emp_weight = wtor.emp_weight_torrenbeek(NZ, SHT, SVT)
188
189     ## -----3. Vertical Tail
190     -----
191     # Vertical Tail + Horizontal Tail = Empenage
192
193     ## -----4. Fuselage
194     -----
195
196     ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
197     -----
198     mnlg_weight = wtor.mnlg_weight_torrenbeek(W0, WING_POS, LG_TYPE,
199     AC_CLASS)
200
201     ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
202     -----
203     nlg_weight = wtor.nslg_weight_torenbeek(W0, WING_POS, LG_TYPE,
204     AC_CLASS)
205
206     ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
207     -----
208     nac_weight = wtor.nac_weight(P_OR_T_MAX, N_ENG, NAC_ENGINE_TYPE)
209
210     ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
211     -----
212     engine_dry_weight = wtor.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX, ENGINE_TYPE
213     )
214
215     ## -----9. Installed Engine
216     -----
217
218     W_NAC = nac_weight
```

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```
205     engine_installed_weight = wtor.install_engine_weight_torrenbeek(
206         W_ENG, WPROP, N_ENG, PMAX, W_NAC
207     )
208
209     ## -----10. Fuel System
210     -----
211     fuel_sys_weight = wtor.fuel_sys_weight(QTOT, ENGINE_CONF, N_TANK,
212     N_ENG)
213
214     ## -----11. Flight Control System
215     -----
216     fcs_weight = wtor.fcs_weight(W0, CTRL_SYS_TYPE)
217
218     ## -----12. Hydraulic
219     -----
220     hydraulic_weight = wtor.hydraulic_weight(W0)
221
222     ## -----13. Avionics Systems
223     -----
224     avionics_weight = wtor.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
225
226     ## -----14. Electrical Systems
227     -----
228     WAV = avionics_weight
229     WHYD = hydraulic_weight
230     electric_weight = wtor.electrical_system_torenbeek(W0, WU, WHYD)
231
232     ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
233     -----
234     aircond_weight = wtor.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
235     WAV, MACH_MAX)
236
237     ## -----16. Furnishing
238     -----
239     furn_weight = wtor.furn_weight()
240
241     ht_weight = 0
242     vt_weight = 0
243     fus_weight = 0
244
245
```

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```
236     weight_components = np.array(
237         [
238             wing_weight,
239             ht_weight,
240             vt_weight,
241             emp_weight,
242             fus_weight,
243             mnlg_weight,
244             nlg_weight,
245             nac_weight,
246             engine_dry_weight,
247             engine_installed_weight,
248             fuel_sys_weight,
249             fcs_weight,
250             hydraulic_weight,
251             avionics_weight,
252             electric_weight,
253             aircond_weight,
254             furn_weight,
255         ]
256     )
257
258     return weight_components
259
260
261 def weight_components_usaf():
262     ## -----1. WING
263     -----
264     wing_weight = wusaf.wing_weight_usaf(NZ, W0, ARW, SWEEP4_WING, SW,
265     TR_WING, T2C_W, VH)
266
267     ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
268     -----
269     ht_weight = wusaf.ht_weight_usaf(NZ, W0, SHT, LHT, BHT, THT_MAX)
270
271     # -----3. Vertical Tail
272     -----
273     vt_weight = wusaf.vt_weight_usaf(F_TAIL, NZ, W0, SVT, BVT, TVT_MAX
274     )
```

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```
271  ## -----4. Fuselage
272  -----
273  fus_weight = wusaf.fus_weight_usaf(NZ, W0, LF, WF, DF, VH)
274
275  ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
276  -----
277  mnlg_weight = wusaf.mnlg_weight_uasf(WL, LM, NL)
278
279  ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
280  -----
281  # Included in the main landing gear
282
283  ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
284  -----
285  # Included in the installed engine
286
287  ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
288  -----
289  engine_dry_weight = wusaf.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX,
290  ENGINE_TYPE)
291
292  ## -----9. Installed Engine
293  -----
294  # W_NAC = nac_weight
295  engine_installed_weight = wusaf.install_engine_weight_usaf(W_ENG,
296  N_ENG)
297
298  ## -----10. Fuel System
299  -----
300  fuel_sys_weight = wusaf.fuelsys_weight_usaf(QTOT, QINT, N_TANK,
301  N_ENG)
302
303  ## -----11. Flight Control System
304  -----
305  fcs_weight = wusaf.flightcs_weight_usaf(W0, CTRL_SYS_TYPE)
306
307  ## -----12. Hydraulic
308  -----
309  hydraulic_weight = wusaf.hydraulic_system_weight(W0)
```

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```
299  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
-----
300  avionics_weight = wusaf.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
301
302  # ## -----14. Electrical Systems
-----
303  WAV = avionics_weight
304  WFS = fuel_sys_weight
305  electric_weight = wusaf.electrical_system_raymer_usaf(WFS, WAV)
306
307  ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
-----
308  aircond_weight = wusaf.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
WAV, MACH_MAX)
309
310  ## -----16. Furnishing
-----
311  furn_weight = wusaf.furnishings_usaf(N_CREW, QH)
312
313  emp_weight = ht_weight + vt_weight
314  nlg_weight = 0
315  nac_weight = 0
316  weight_components = np.array(
317      [
318          wing_weight,
319          ht_weight,
320          vt_weight,
321          emp_weight,
322          fus_weight,
323          mnlg_weight,
324          nlg_weight,
325          nac_weight,
326          engine_dry_weight,
327          engine_installed_weight,
328          fuel_sys_weight,
329          fcs_weight,
330          hydraulic_weight,
331          avionics_weight,
332          electric_weight,
333          aircond_weight,
```



```
334         furn_weight,  
335     ]  
336 )  
337     return weight_components  
338  
339  
340 # Estimating all weights  
341 weights_cessna = weight_components_cessna()  
342 weights_raymer = weight_components_raymer()  
343 weights_torrenbeek = weight_components_torrenbeek()  
344 weights_usaf = weight_components_usaf()  
345  
346 weights = np.concatenate((weights_cessna, weights_raymer,  
347     weights_torrenbeek, weights_usaf)).reshape(  
348     17, -1, order="F"  
349 )  
350 np.savetxt("weights_summary.csv", weights, delimiter=",", fmt="%i")
```

A. Component Weight of Saab 340

```
1 import numpy as np  
2 import wanalysis.cessna as wcess  
3 import wanalysis.raymer as wray  
4 import wanalysis.torrenbeek as wtor  
5 import wanalysis.usaf as wusaf  
6  
7 #from example_ac_data import *  
8 #from ATR42_data import *  
9 from Saab340_data import *  
10 #from CN235_Data import *  
11  
12  
13 def weight_components_cessna():  
14     """  
15     Estimate weight components using Cessna Method.  
16     """  
17     ## -----1. WING  
18     -----  
19     wing_weight = wcess.wing_weight_cessna(NZ, W0, SW, ARW, WING_TYPE)
```

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```
19
20  ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
21  -----
22  ht_weight = wcess.ht_weight_cessna(W0, SHT, AR_HT, THT_MAX)
23
24  # -----3. Vertical Tail
25  -----
26  vt_weight = wcess.vt_weight_cessna(F_TAIL, W0, SVT, AR_VT, TVT_MAX
27  , SWEEP4_VT)
28
29  ## -----4. Fuselage
30  -----
31  fus_weight = wcess.fus_weight_cessna(W0, RMAX, LFS, WING_POS,
32  N_OCC)
33
34  ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
35  -----
36  mnlg_weight = wcess.mnlg_weight_cessna(W0, WL, LM, NZ, WING_POS,
37  NL)
38
39  # ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
40  -----
41  # # Included in the main landing gear
42
43  # ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
44  -----
45  nac_weight = wcess.nac_weight_cessna(PMAX, N_ENG,
46  PISTON_ENGINE_TYPE)
47
48  ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
49  -----
50  engine_dry_weight = wcess.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX,
51  ENGINE_TYPE)
52
53  # ## -----9. Installed Engine
54  -----
55  W_NAC = nac_weight
56  engine_installed_weight = wcess.install_engine_weight_cessna(PMAX,
57  WPROP, N_ENG, W_NAC)
58
```

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```
45  ## -----10. Fuel System
46  -----
47  fuel_sys_weight = wcess.fuel_sys_weight(QTOT, FUEL_SYS_TYPE)
48
49  ## -----11. Flight Control System
50  -----
51  fcs_weight = wcess.fligthcs_weight_cessna(W0)
52
53  ## -----12. Hydraulic
54  -----
55  hydraulic_weight = wcess.hydraulic_system_weight(W0)
56
57  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
58  -----
59  avionics_weight = wcess.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
60
61  ## ## -----14. Electrical Systems
62  -----
63  WAV = avionics_weight
64  electric_weight = wcess.electrical_system_cessna(W0)
65
66  ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
67  -----
68  aircond_weight = wcess.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
69  WAV, MACH_MAX)
70
71  ## -----16. Furnishing
72  -----
73  furn_weight = wcess.furnishings_weight_cessna(N_OCC, W0)
74
75  emp_weight = ht_weight + vt_weight
76  nlg_weight = 0
77
78  weight_components = np.array(
79      [
80          wing_weight,
81          ht_weight,
82          vt_weight,
83          emp_weight,
84          fus_weight,
```

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```
77         mnlg_weight,
78         nlg_weight,
79         nac_weight,
80         engine_dry_weight,
81         engine_installed_weight,
82         fuel_sys_weight,
83         fcs_weight,
84         hydraulic_weight,
85         avionics_weight,
86         electric_weight,
87         aircond_weight,
88         furn_weight,
89     ]
90 )
91
92 return weight_components
93
94
95 def weight_components_raymer():
96     """
97     Estimate weight components using Raymer Method.
98     """
99     ## -----1. WING
100     -----
101     wing_weight = wray.wing_weight_raymer(
102         SW, WFW, ARW, SWEEP4_WING, Q, TR_WING, T2C_WING, NZ, W0
103     )
104     ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
105     -----
106     ht_weight = wray.ht_weight(
107         NZ, W0, Q, SHT, T2C_WING, ARW, SWEEP4_HT, SWEEP4_WING, TR_HT
108     )
109     ## -----3. Vertical Tail
110     -----
111     vt_weight = wray.vt_weight_raymer(F_TAIL, NZ, W0, Q, SVT, T2C_WING
    , SWEEP4_VT, ARW, TR_VT)
```

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```
112  ## -----4. Fuselage
113  -----
114  fus_weight = wray.fus_weight_raymer(SFUS, NZ, W0, LHT, LFS, DFS, Q
115  , VP, DELTA_P)
116
117  ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
118  -----
119  mnlg_weight = wray.mnlg_weight_raymer(WL, LM, NL)
120
121  ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
122  -----
123  nlg_weight = wray.nslg_weight_raymer(WL, LN, nl=4.5)
124
125  ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
126  -----
127  nac_weight = wray.nac_weight()
128
129  ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
130  -----
131  engine_dry_weight = wray.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX, ENGINE_TYPE
132  )
133
134  ## -----9. Installed Engine
135  -----
136  engine_installed_weight = wray.install_engine_weight_raymer(W_ENG,
137  N_ENG)
138
139  ## -----10. Fuel System
140  -----
141  fuel_sys_weight = wray.fuelsys_weight_raymer(QTOT, QINT, N_TANK,
142  N_ENG)
143
144  ## -----11. Flight Control System
145  -----
146  fcs_weight = wray.flightcs_weight_raymer(LFS, BW, NZ, W0)
147
148  ## -----12. Hydraulic
149  -----
150  hydraulic_weight = wray.hydraulic_weight(W0, HYD_TYPE, MACH_MAX)
```

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```
139  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
140  -----
141  avionics_weight = wray.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
142
143  ## -----14. Electrical Systems
144  -----
145  WFS = fuel_sys_weight
146  WAV = avionics_weight
147  electric_weight = wray.electrical_system_raymer_usaf(WFS, WAV)
148
149  ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
150  -----
151  aircond_weight = wray.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
152  WAV, MACH_MAX)
153
154  ## -----16. Furnishing
155  -----
156  furn_weight = wray.furnishings_weight_raymer(W0)
157
158  emp_weight = ht_weight + vt_weight
159  weight_components = np.array(
160      [
161          wing_weight,
162          ht_weight,
163          vt_weight,
164          emp_weight,
165          fus_weight,
166          mnlg_weight,
167          nlg_weight,
168          nac_weight,
169          engine_dry_weight,
170          engine_installed_weight,
171          fuel_sys_weight,
172          fcs_weight,
173          hydraulic_weight,
174          avionics_weight,
175          electric_weight,
176          aircond_weight,
177          furn_weight,
```

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```
174 )
175
176     return weight_components
177
178
179 def weight_components_torrenbeek():
180     ## -----1. WING
181     -----
182     wing_weight = wtor.wing_weight_torenbeek(W0, BW, SW, SWEEP2_WING,
183     NZ, TW_MAX)
184
185     ## -----2. Empenage
186     -----
187     emp_weight = wtor.emp_weight_torrenbeek(NZ, SHT, SVT)
188
189     ## -----3. Vertical Tail
190     -----
191     # Vertical Tail + Horizontal Tail = Empenage
192
193     ## -----4. Fuselage
194     -----
195
196     ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
197     -----
198     mnlg_weight = wtor.mnlg_weight_torrenbeek(W0, WING_POS, LG_TYPE,
199     AC_CLASS)
200
201     ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
202     -----
203     nlg_weight = wtor.nslg_weight_torenbeek(W0, WING_POS, LG_TYPE,
204     AC_CLASS)
205
206     ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
207     -----
208     nac_weight = wtor.nac_weight(P_OR_T_MAX, N_ENG, NAC_ENGINE_TYPE)
209
210     ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
211     -----
212     engine_dry_weight = wtor.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX, ENGINE_TYPE
213     )
```

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```
202
203  ## -----9. Installed Engine
204  -----
205  W_NAC = nac_weight
206  engine_installed_weight = wtor.install_engine_weight_torrenbeek(
207      W_ENG, WPROP, N_ENG, PMAX, W_NAC
208  )
209  ## -----10. Fuel System
210  -----
211  fuel_sys_weight = wtor.fuel_sys_weight(QTOT, ENGINE_CONF, N_TANK,
212      N_ENG)
213  ## -----11. Flight Control System
214  -----
215  fcs_weight = wtor.fcs_weight(W0, CTRL_SYS_TYPE)
216  ## -----12. Hydraulic
217  -----
218  hydraulic_weight = wtor.hydraulic_weight(W0)
219  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
220  -----
221  avionics_weight = wtor.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
222  ## -----14. Electrical Systems
223  -----
224  WAV = avionics_weight
225  WHYD = hydraulic_weight
226  electric_weight = wtor.electrical_system_torenbeek(W0, WU, WHYD)
227  ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
228  -----
229  aircond_weight = wtor.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
230      WAV, MACH_MAX)
231  ## -----16. Furnishing
232  -----
233  furn_weight = wtor.furn_weight()
```


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```
232     ht_weight = 0
233     vt_weight = 0
234     fus_weight = 0
235
236     weight_components = np.array(
237         [
238             wing_weight,
239             ht_weight,
240             vt_weight,
241             emp_weight,
242             fus_weight,
243             mnlg_weight,
244             nlg_weight,
245             nac_weight,
246             engine_dry_weight,
247             engine_installed_weight,
248             fuel_sys_weight,
249             fcs_weight,
250             hydraulic_weight,
251             avionics_weight,
252             electric_weight,
253             aircond_weight,
254             furn_weight,
255         ]
256     )
257
258     return weight_components
259
260
261 def weight_components_usaf():
262     ## -----1. WING
263     -----
264     wing_weight = wusaf.wing_weight_usaf(NZ, W0, ARW, SWEEP4_WING, SW,
265     TR_WING, T2C_W, VH)
266
267     ## -----2. Horizontal Tail
268     -----
269     ht_weight = wusaf.ht_weight_usaf(NZ, W0, SHT, LHT, BHT, THT_MAX)
```

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```
268 # -----3. Vertical Tail
269 -----
269 vt_weight = wusaf.vt_weight_usaf(F_TAIL, NZ, W0, SVT, BVT, TVT_MAX
270 )
271
271 ## -----4. Fuselage
272 -----
272 fus_weight = wusaf.fus_weight_usaf(NZ, W0, LF, WF, DF, VH)
273
274 ## -----5. Main Landing Gear
275 -----
275 mnlg_weight = wusaf.mnlg_weight_uasf(WL, LM, NL)
276
277 ## -----6. Nose/Tail Landing Gear
278 -----
278 # Included in the main landing gear
279
280 # ## -----7. Nacelle/Cowling Weight
281 -----
281 # Included in the installed engine
282
283 ## -----8. Uninstalled (Dry) Engine
284 -----
284 engine_dry_weight = wusaf.engine_dry_weight(P_OR_T_MAX,
285 ENGINE_TYPE)
286
286 ## -----9. Installed Engine
287 -----
287 # W_NAC = nac_weight
288 engine_installed_weight = wusaf.install_engine_weight_usaf(W_ENG,
289 N_ENG)
290
290 ## -----10. Fuel System
291 -----
291 fuel_sys_weight = wusaf.fuelsys_weight_usaf(QTOT, QINT, N_TANK,
292 N_ENG)
293
293 ## -----11. Flight Control System
294 -----
294 fcs_weight = wusaf.flightcs_weight_usaf(W0, CTRL_SYS_TYPE)
```

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```
295
296  ## -----12. Hydraulic
-----
297  hydraulic_weight = wusaf.hydraulic_system_weight(W0)
298
299  ## -----13. Avionics Systems
-----
300  avionics_weight = wusaf.avionics_system_weight(W_UAV)
301
302  # ## -----14. Electrical Systems
-----
303  WAV = avionics_weight
304  WFS = fuel_sys_weight
305  electric_weight = wusaf.electrical_system_raymer_usaf(WFS, WAV)
306
307  ## -----15. Air Conditioning, Pressurization, and Antiicing
-----
308  aircond_weight = wusaf.aircon_pressurization_antiicing(W0, N_OCC,
WAV, MACH_MAX)
309
310  ## -----16. Furnishing
-----
311  furn_weight = wusaf.furnishings_usaf(N_CREW, QH)
312
313  emp_weight = ht_weight + vt_weight
314  nlg_weight = 0
315  nac_weight = 0
316  weight_components = np.array(
317      [
318          wing_weight,
319          ht_weight,
320          vt_weight,
321          emp_weight,
322          fus_weight,
323          mnlg_weight,
324          nlg_weight,
325          nac_weight,
326          engine_dry_weight,
327          engine_installed_weight,
328          fuel_sys_weight,
```

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```
329         fcs_weight,
330         hydraulic_weight,
331         avionics_weight,
332         electric_weight,
333         aircond_weight,
334         furn_weight,
335     ]
336 )
337     return weight_components
338
339
340 # Estimating all weights
341 weights_cessna = weight_components_cessna()
342 weights_raymer = weight_components_raymer()
343 weights_torrenbeek = weight_components_torrenbeek()
344 weights_usaf = weight_components_usaf()
345
346 weights = np.concatenate((weights_cessna, weights_raymer,
347     weights_torrenbeek, weights_usaf)).reshape(
348     17, -1, order="F"
349 )
350 np.savetxt("weights_summary.csv", weights, delimiter=",", fmt="%i")
```

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