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Summary: This work aims to increase wing aerodynamic performance by

reducing the induced drag by using the winglet, hence increase airplane range. This is done by study the effect of different winglet geometric parameters on wing aerodynamic performance. Then generate the optimum winglet which gives maximum lift to

drag ratio.

To reach this, two optimization and parametric studies on four geometric parameters of winglet were conducted. The first was low fidelity using Matlab code to solve potential flow, and the second was high fidelity using commercial code ANSYS Fluent to solve real flow. The low fidelity optimization was used to provide an initial guess to start the high fidelity optimization from it. The winglet four geometric parameters are: the cant angle, the sitting angle, the sweep back angle, and the tapered ratio.

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