

Two different wings have the following spans and circulation distributions:

- i)  $b = 15$  ,  $A_1 = 0.0400$  ,  $A_3 = 0$  ,  $A_5 = 0$
- ii)  $b = 16$  ,  $A_1 = 0.0352$  ,  $A_3 = -0.0055$  ,  $A_5 = 0.0011$

All other  $A_n$ 's are zero. Both wings are operating at the same  $V_\infty = 1$  and  $\rho = 1$ .

- a) Determine the lift distribution  $L'(y)$  for each wing. Plot both  $L'$  versus  $y$  on the same graph.
- b) Determine the induced-angle distribution  $\alpha_i(y)$  for each wing. Plot both on the same graph.
- c) Determine the lift  $L$ , induced drag  $D_i$ , and the span efficiency  $e$  for each wing. Which wing appears to be better from the engine's point of view?
- d) Comment on the validity of the following statement:  
"An elliptically-loaded wing is optimum for minimum induced drag"