

# MSC Nastran Topometry Optimization of a Cantilever Plate

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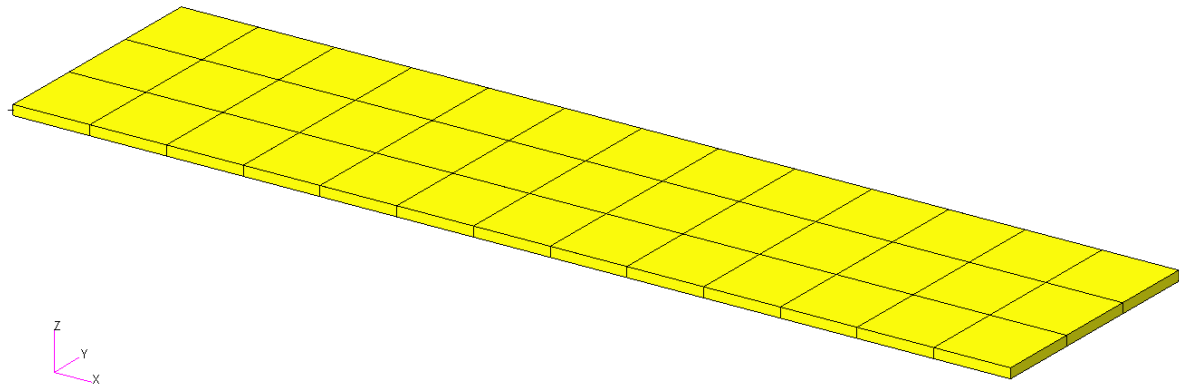
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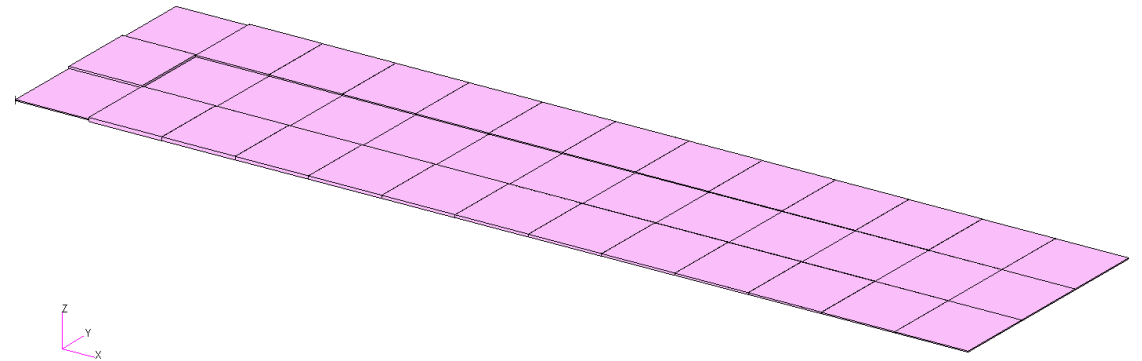
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## After Optimization

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- Vary the thickness of each element

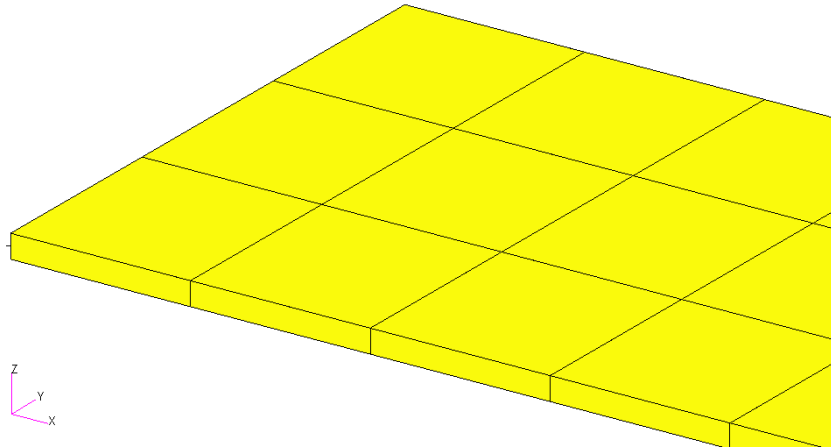


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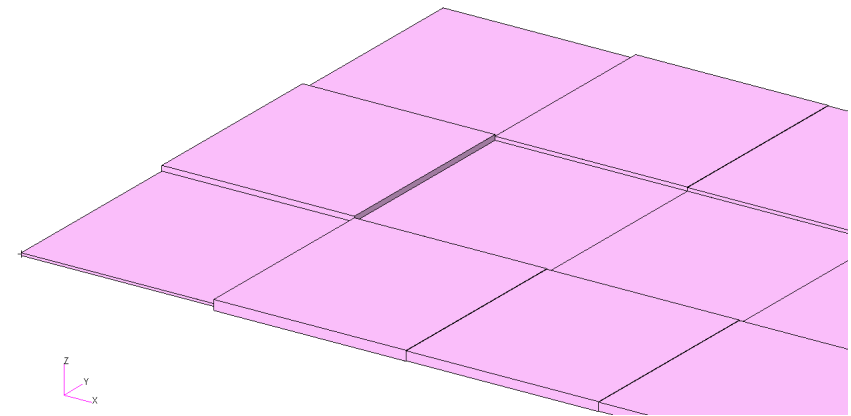
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# Agenda

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Optimization Problem Statement

Steps to use Nastran SOL 200 (Optimization)

- Convert a .bdf file to SOL 200
- Create:
  - Design Regions/Variables
  - Design Objective
  - Design Constraints
- Perform optimization with Nastran SOL 200

View optimization results

- Online Plotter
- Topometry Optimization and Structural Results

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# Details of the structural model

Units: m, N, MPa

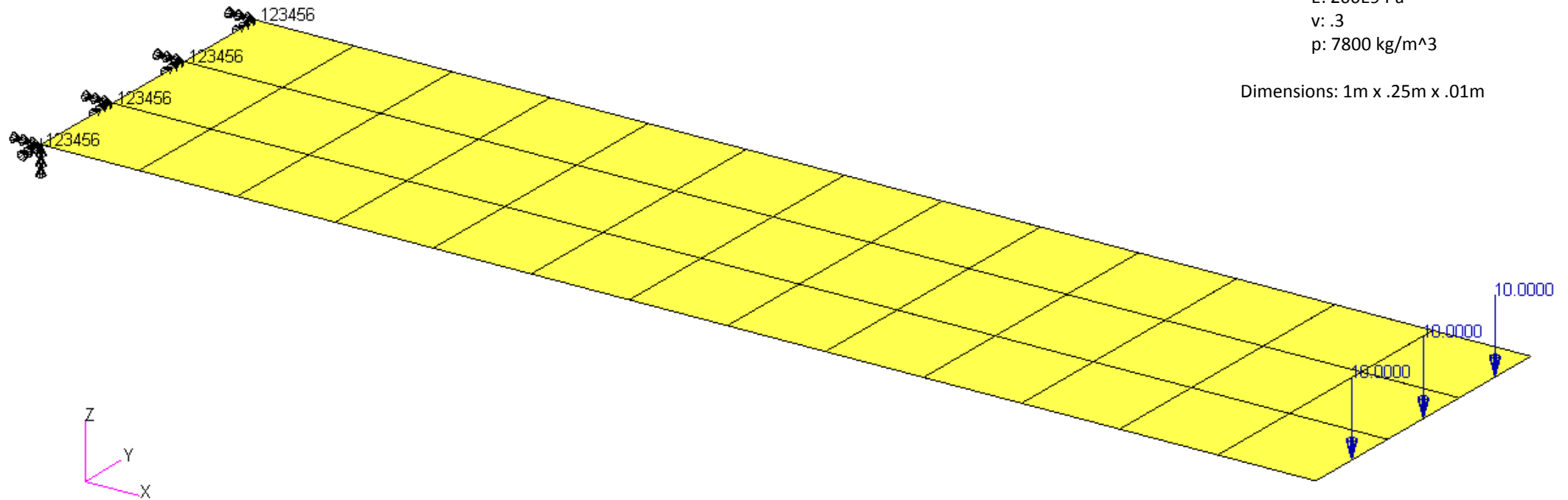
Material:

E: 200E9 Pa

v: .3

p: 7800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Dimensions: 1m x .25m x .01m

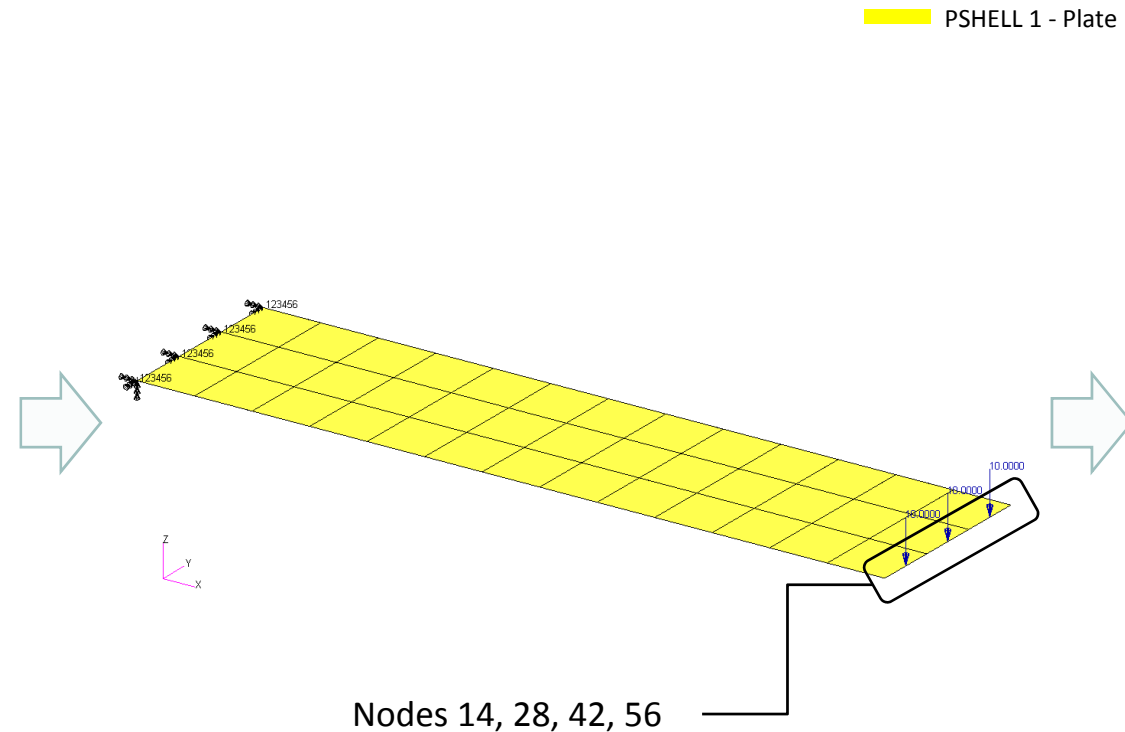


# Optimization Problem Statement

## Design Region/Variables

z1: Thickness (T) of PSHELL 1

$$.001 < z1$$



## Design Objective

r0: Minimize weight

## Design Constraints

r1: von Mises stress of PSHELL 1

$$r1 < 250E6$$

r2: Z Displacement of nodes 14, 28, 42, 56 (GRID IDs: 14, 28, 42, 56)

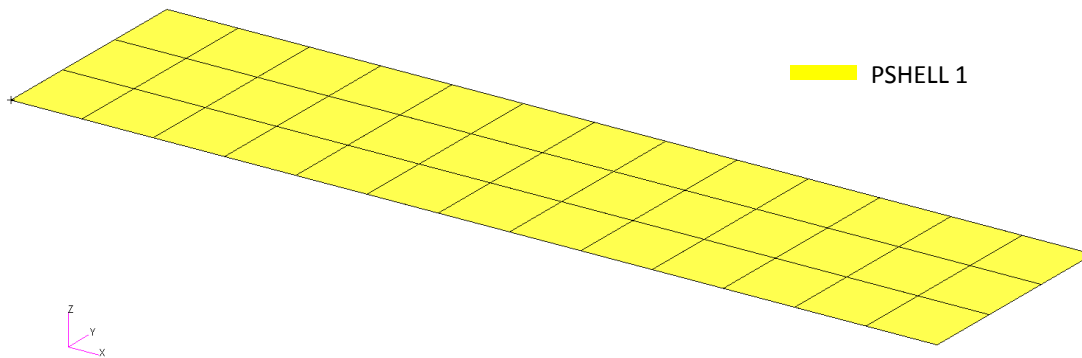
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# Difference Between Size and Topometry Optimization

## Size Optimization

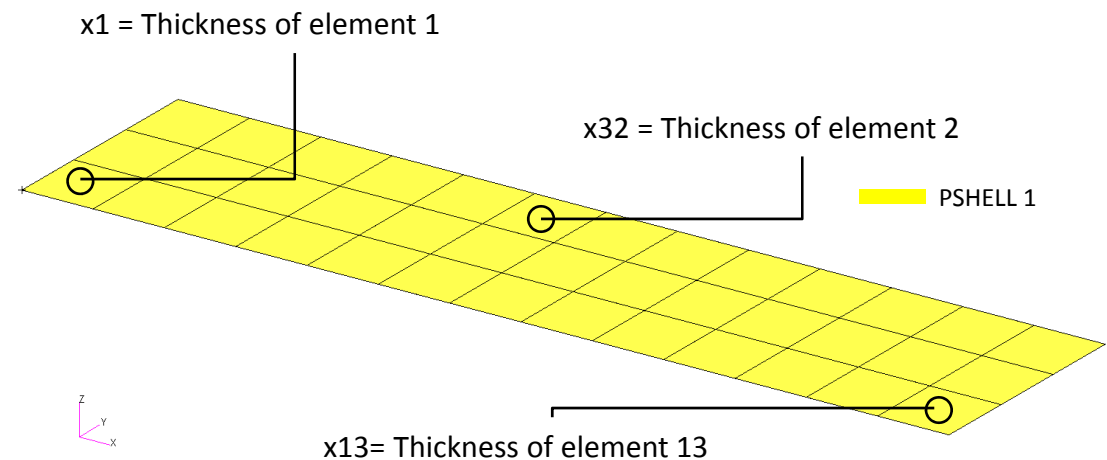
1. Select the parameter to optimize
2. One design variable ( $x_1$ ) is created and applies to all the elements

$x_1$  = Thickness of every element related to PSHELL 1



## Topometry Optimization

1. Select the parameter and design region
2. In the background, one design variable is automatically created for each element => Element-by-element optimization





# Steps to use Nastran SOL 200 (Optimization)

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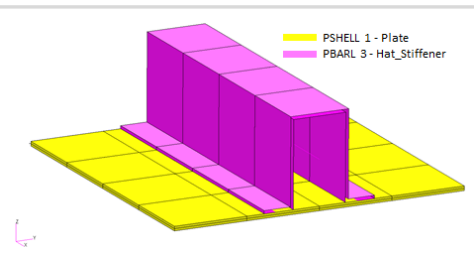
1. Start with a .bdf or .dat file
2. Use the SOL 200 Web App to:
  - Convert the .bdf file to SOL 200
    - Design Regions/Variables
    - Design Objective
    - Design Constraints
  - Perform optimization with Nastran SOL 200
3. Review optimization results
  - Online Plotter
  - Topometry Optimization and Structural Results

# SOL 200 Web App Capabilities

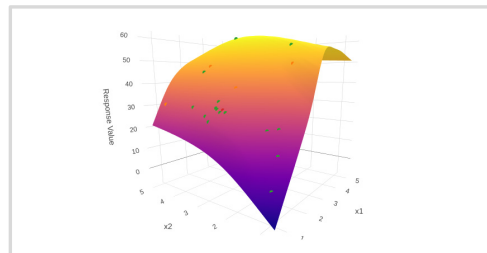
## Benefits

- 200+ error validations (real time)
- Web browser accessible
- Automated creation of entries (real time)
- Automatic post-processing
- 76 tutorials

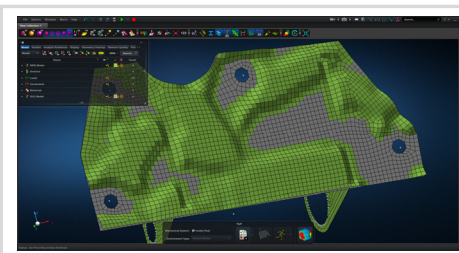
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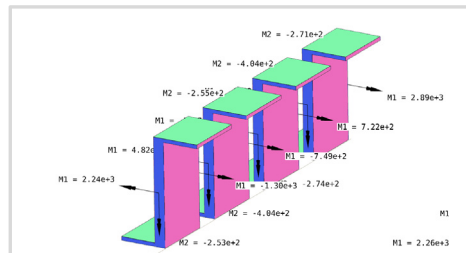
**Web Apps for SOL 200**  
Pre/post for MSC Nastran SOL 200.  
Support for size, topology, topometry, topography and multi-model.



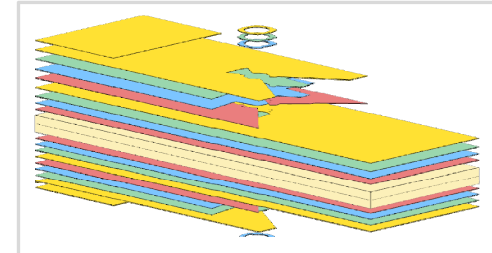
**Machine Learning Web App**  
Bayesian Optimization for nonlinear response optimization (SOL 400)



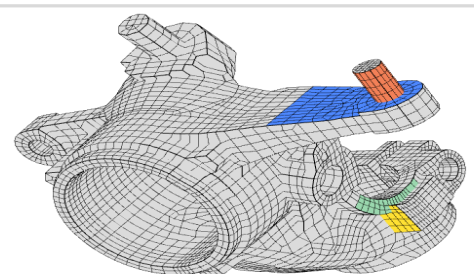
**MSC Apex Post Processing Support**  
View the newly optimized model after an optimization



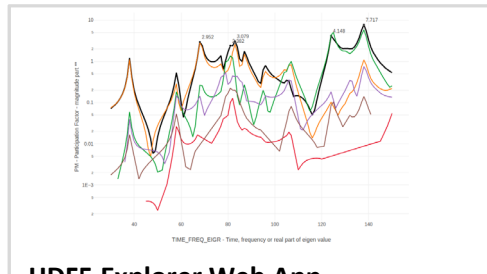
**Beams Viewer Web App**  
Post process 1D element forces, including shear forces, moments, torque and axial forces



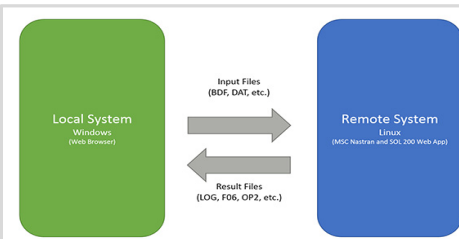
**Ply Shape Optimization Web App**  
Spread plies optimally and generate new PCOMPG entries



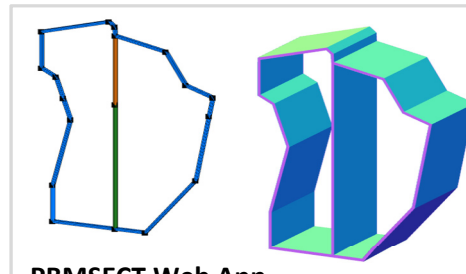
**Shape Optimization Web App**  
Use a web application to configure and perform shape optimization.



**HDF5 Explorer Web App**  
Create XY plots using data from the H5 file



**Remote Execution Web App**  
Run MSC Nastran jobs on remote Linux or Windows systems available on the local network



**PBMSECT Web App**  
Generate PBMSECT and PBRSECT entries graphically



**Stacking Sequence Web App**  
Optimize the stacking sequence of composite laminate plies

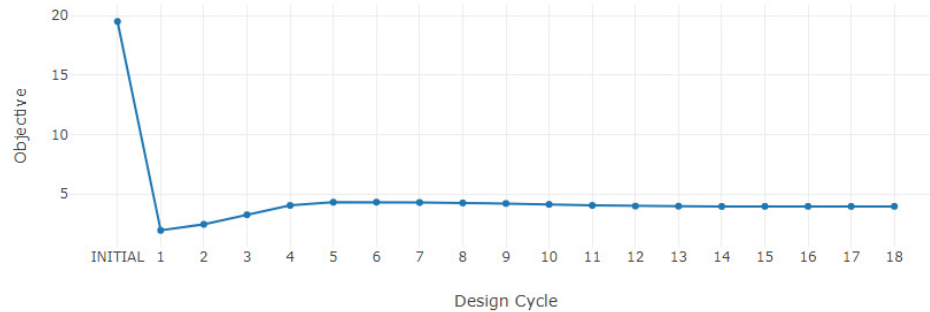
# View Optimization Results

## Online Plotter

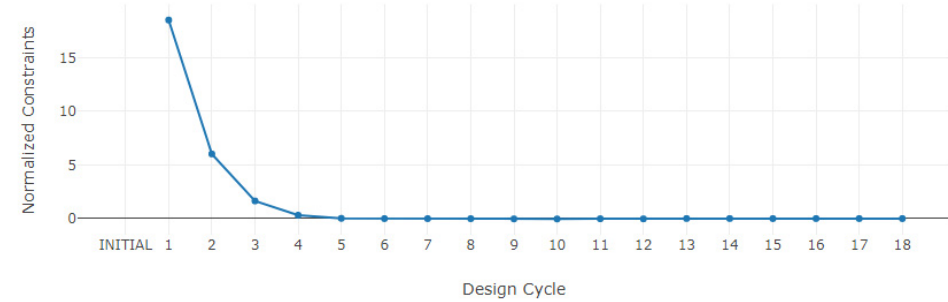
Final Message in .f06

✔ RUN TERMINATED DUE TO HARD CONVERGENCE TO AN OPTIMUM AT CYCLE NUMBER = 18.

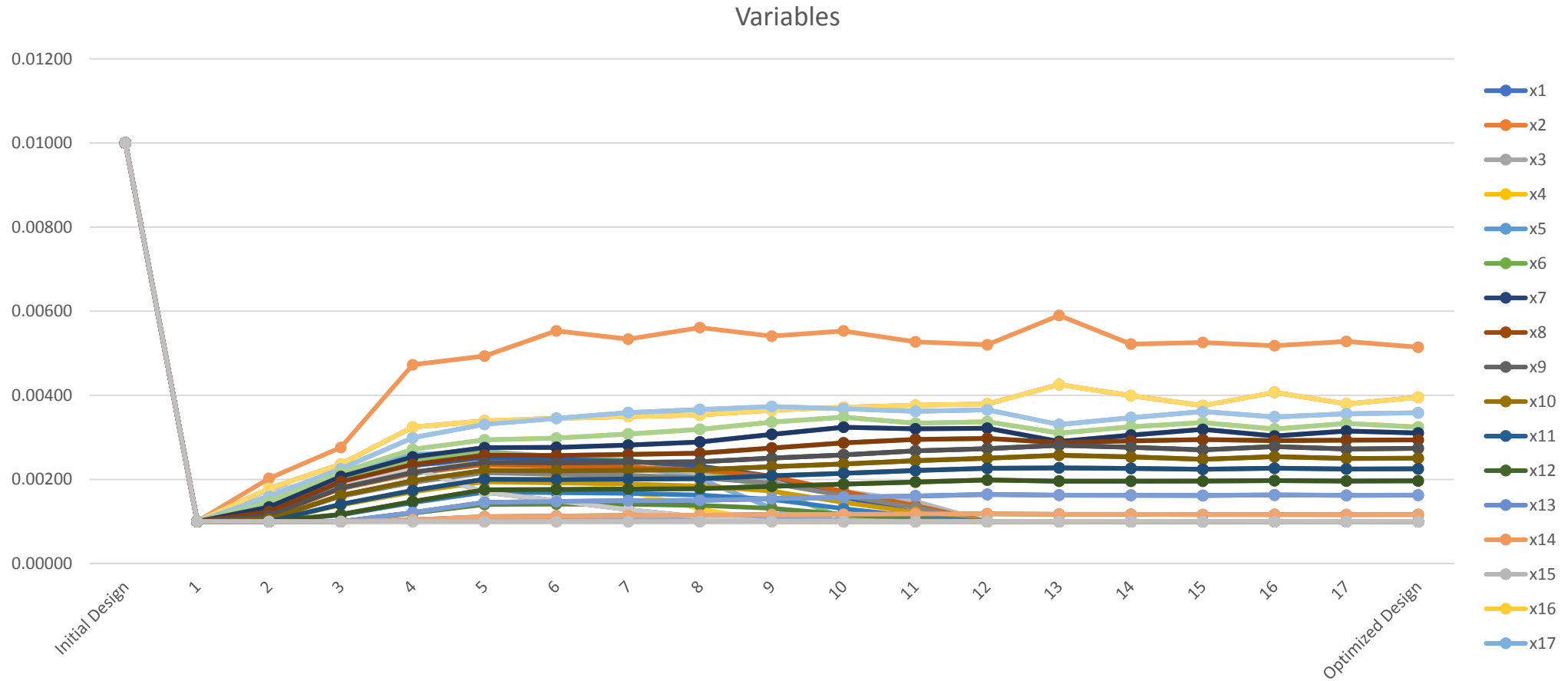
Objective



Normalized Constraints



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