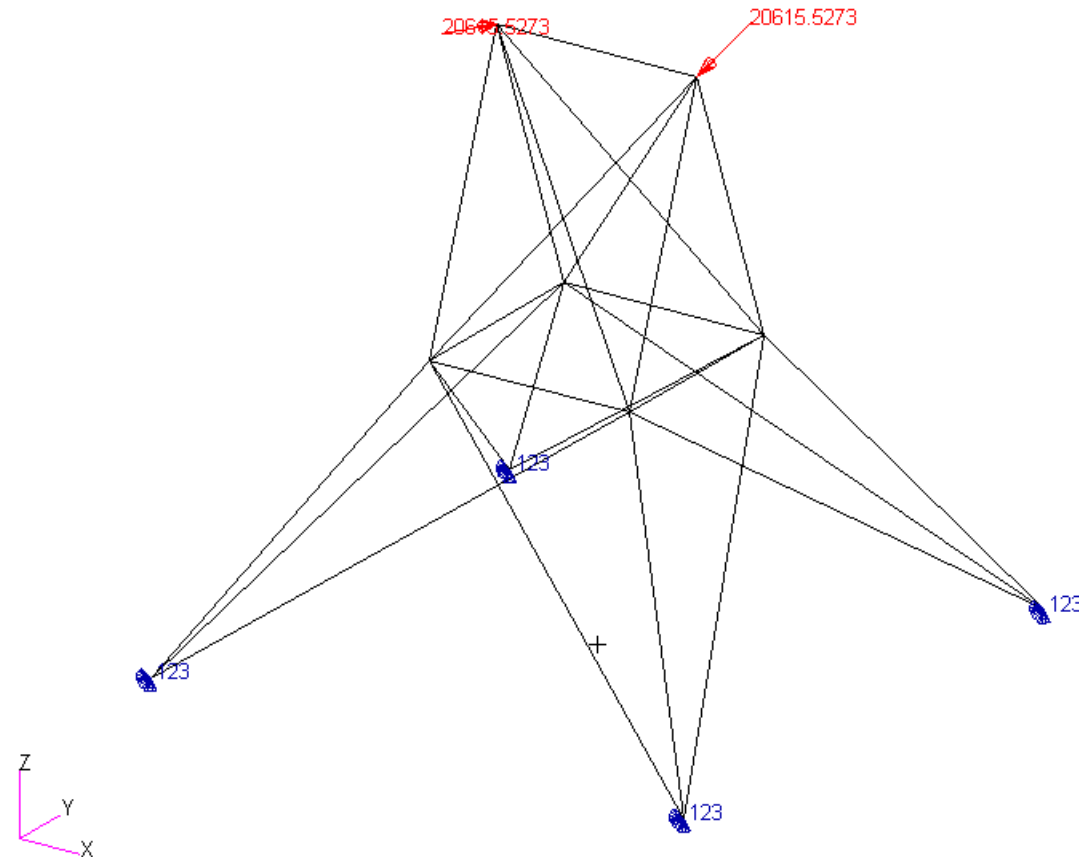


Optimizing for Buckling - Twenty-Five Bar Truss

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Goal: Use Nastran SOL 200 Optimization

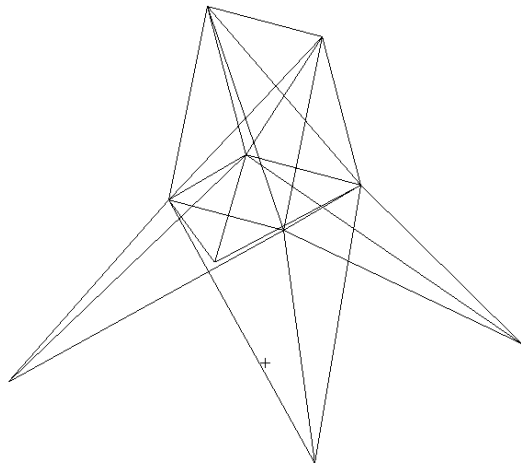


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Optimize the weight of this truss subject to stress and buckling constraints

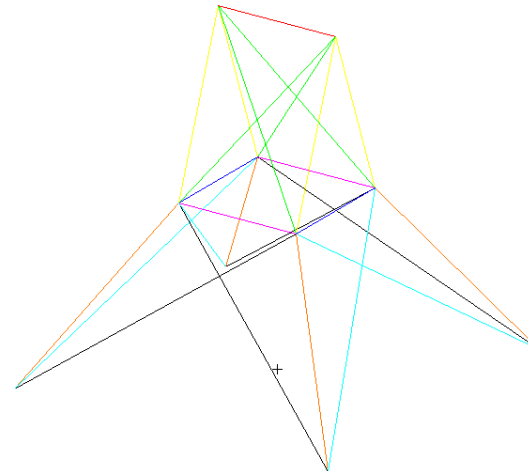
Before Optimization

- Weight: 660 slinch
- Vary member cross section areas
- Stress constraint initially violated



After Optimization

- Weight: 1007 slinch
- Stress and Buckling within limits



Agenda

Details of the structural model

Optimization Problem Statement

Steps to use Nastran SOL 200 (Optimization)

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

View optimization results

- Online Plotter
- Structural Results

Update the original structural model with optimized parameters

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Details of the structural model

Twenty-Five Bar Truss, Superelement and Discrete Variable Optimization

This problem, often seen in the early design optimization literature, calls for a minimum weight structure subject to member stress, Euler buckling, and joint displacement constraints. The structure is shown in Figure 8-25. The formulation of the buckling constraints is a good example of constructing normalized constraints based on user-defined structural responses.

In addition, this problem will be substructured in order to illustrate superelement optimization and the final design will be selected from a user specified list of discrete variables.

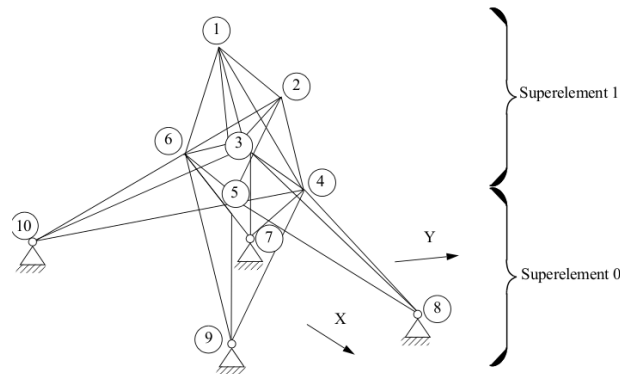


Figure 8-25 Twenty-Five Bar Truss

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Superelement and Discrete
Variable Optimization

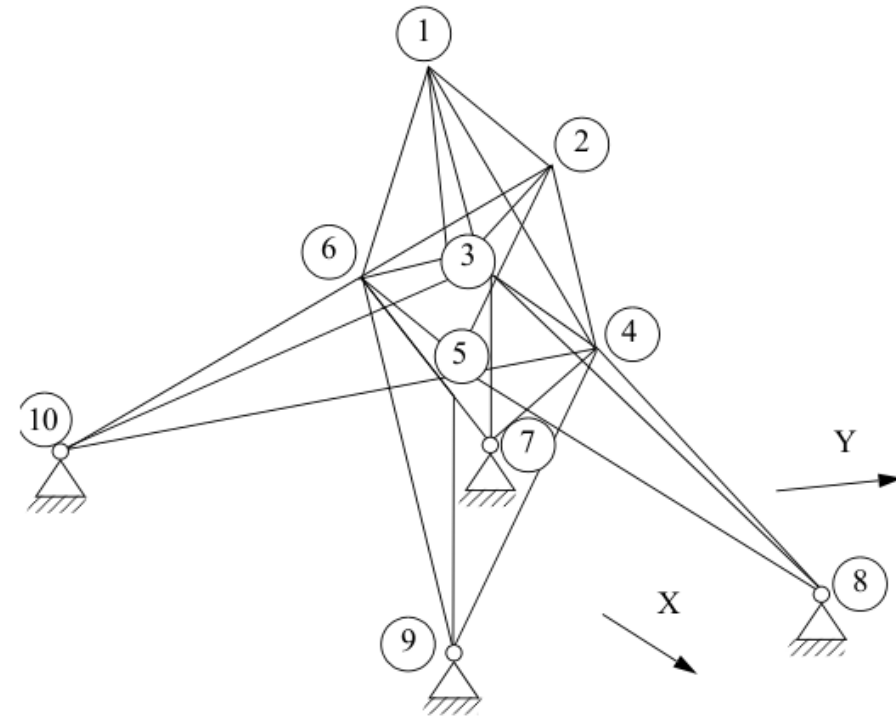
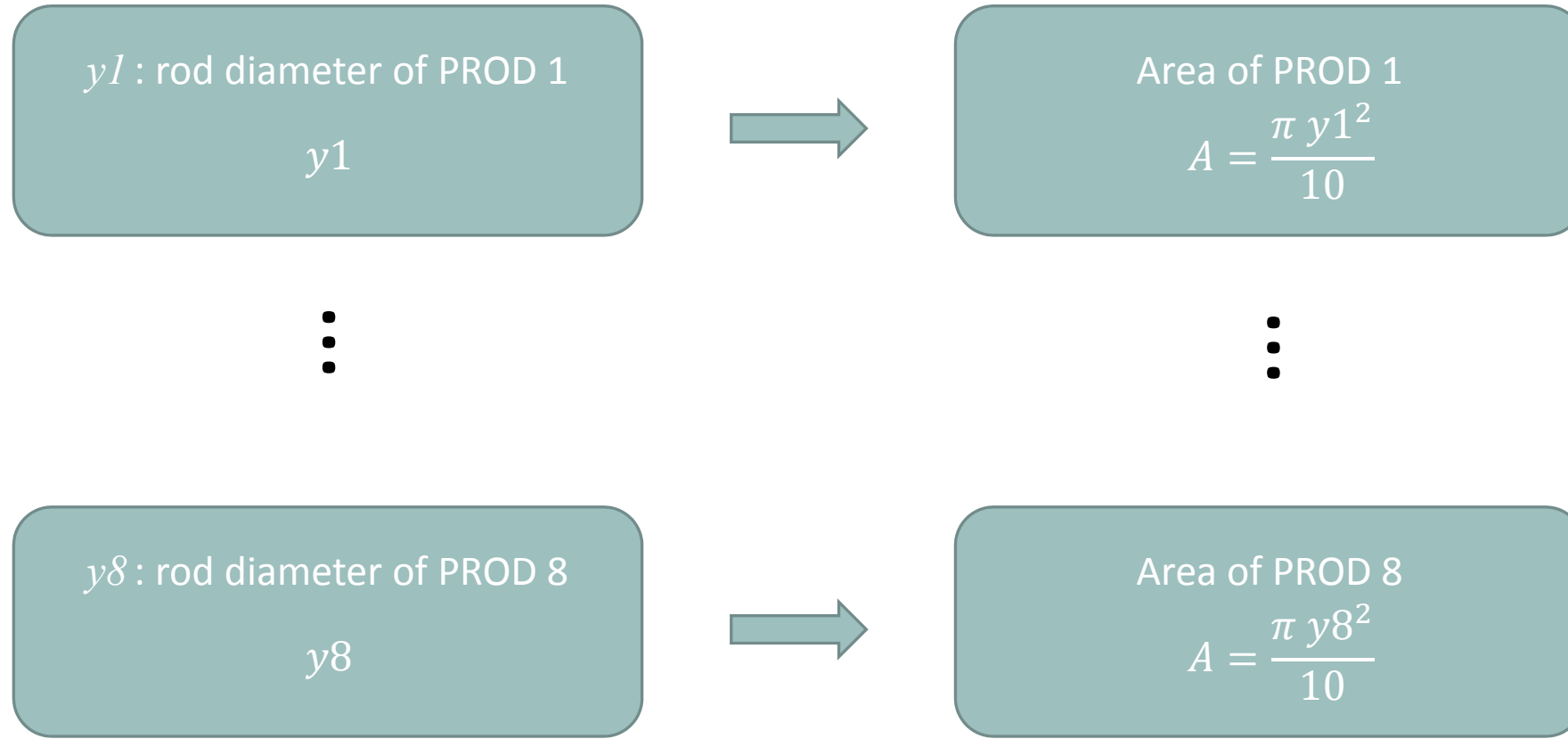


Figure 8-25 Twenty-Five Bar Truss

Optimization Problem Statement

Design Variables



Optimization Problem Statement

Design Variables

y_i : rod diameter of PROD i

Allowed values: .1, .5, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, ... 100.

Optimization Problem Statement

Design Variables

$y_1 \rightarrow A_1 = \frac{\pi y_1^2}{10}$ of PROD 1

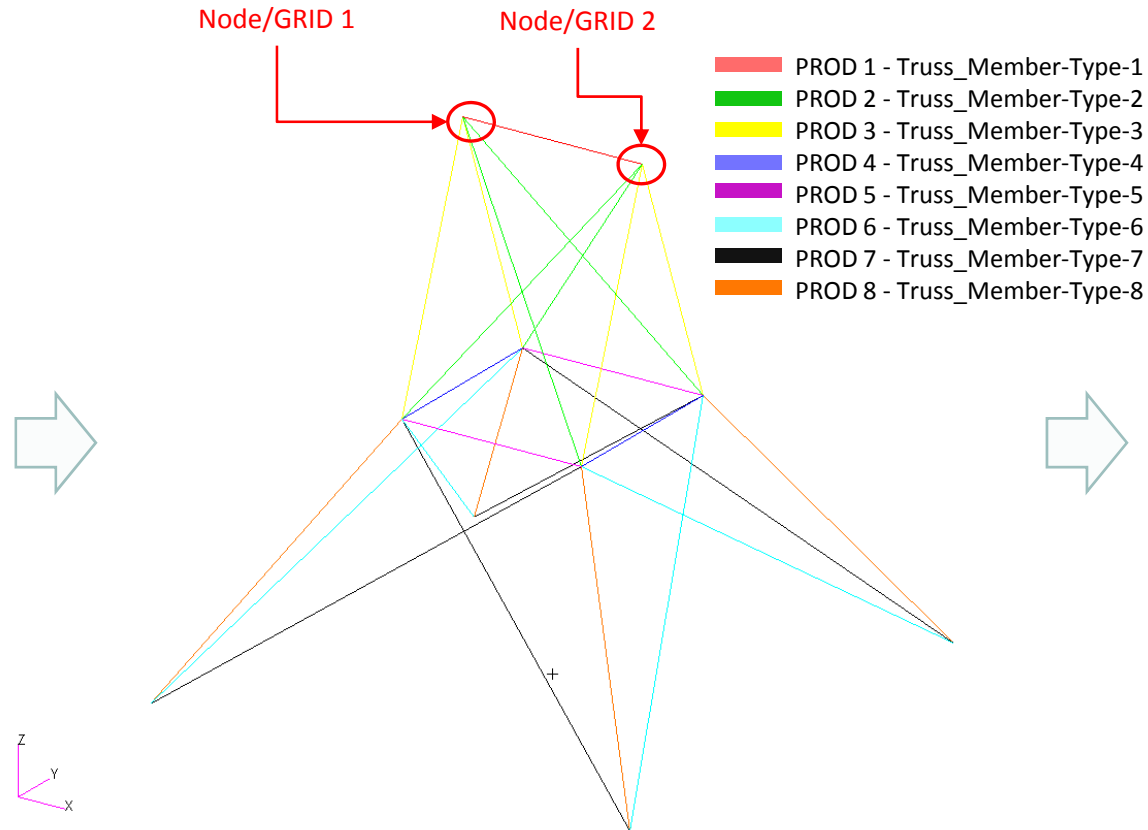
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$y_8 \rightarrow A_8 = \frac{\pi y_8^2}{10}$ of PROD 8

$y_{i_initial} = 2.52$

$.01 < y_i < 100.$

Allowed values for design variables: .1, .5, 1.0, 2.0, ... 100.



Responses (Outputs)

- Weight
- Volume
- Displacements
- Strains
- Stresses
-

Optimization Problem Statement

Design Objective

Design Objective

- r0: Minimize Weight

Optimization Problem Statement

Design Constraints

- r1: The axial stress of PROD 1
- ...
- r8: The axial stress of PROD 8
 - $-40,000 < r1, \dots r8 < 40,000$
- r9: x and y displacement of nodes 1 and 2
 - $-.35 < r9 < .35$

Optimization Problem Statement

Design Constraints

Design Constraints

- r1: The axial stress of PROD 1
- ...
- r8: The axial stress of PROD 8
- r9: x and y displacement of nodes 1 and 2
 - $-.35 < r9 < .35$

Design Equation Constraints

- Buckling

$$r = \frac{F_s \sigma}{\sigma_b} = \frac{-7.69 \sigma L^2 F_s}{\pi^2 E D_{avg}^2} \leq 1.0$$

R1: buckling of PROD 1 < 1.0

$$g = 1.25 \frac{-7.69 \cdot r1 \cdot 75.^2}{3.14^2 \cdot 1.0E^7 \cdot y1^2}$$

R2: buckling of PROD 2 < 1.0

$$g = -7.69 \cdot r2 \cdot 130.5^2;$$

$$g2 = 3.14^2 \cdot 1.0E^7 \cdot y2^2;$$

$$g3 = 1.25 \frac{g}{g2}$$

Optimization Problem Statement

Design Constraints

Buckling

$$r = \frac{F_s \sigma}{\sigma_b} = \frac{-7.69 \sigma L^2 F_s}{\pi^2 E D_{avg}^2} \leq 1.0$$

R3 – R8: buckling of prod 3, 4, 5, ... 8 < 1.0

$$g = 1.25 \frac{-7.69}{3.14^2 \cdot 1.0E7};$$

$$g2 = g \frac{r3 \cdot 106.8^2}{y3^2}$$

Number	Label	L	Variable
1	r1	75.	y1
2	r2	130.5	y2
3	r3	106.8	y3
4	r4	75.	y4
5	r5	75.	y5
6	r6	181.14	y6
7	r7	181.14	y7
8	r8	133.46	y8

Optimization Problem Statement

Design Constraint Groups

All constraints apply to load case 1 and 2

Optimization Problem Statement

Design Variables

$$y1 \quad \text{--->} \quad A1 = \frac{\pi y1^2}{10} \quad \text{of PROD 1}$$

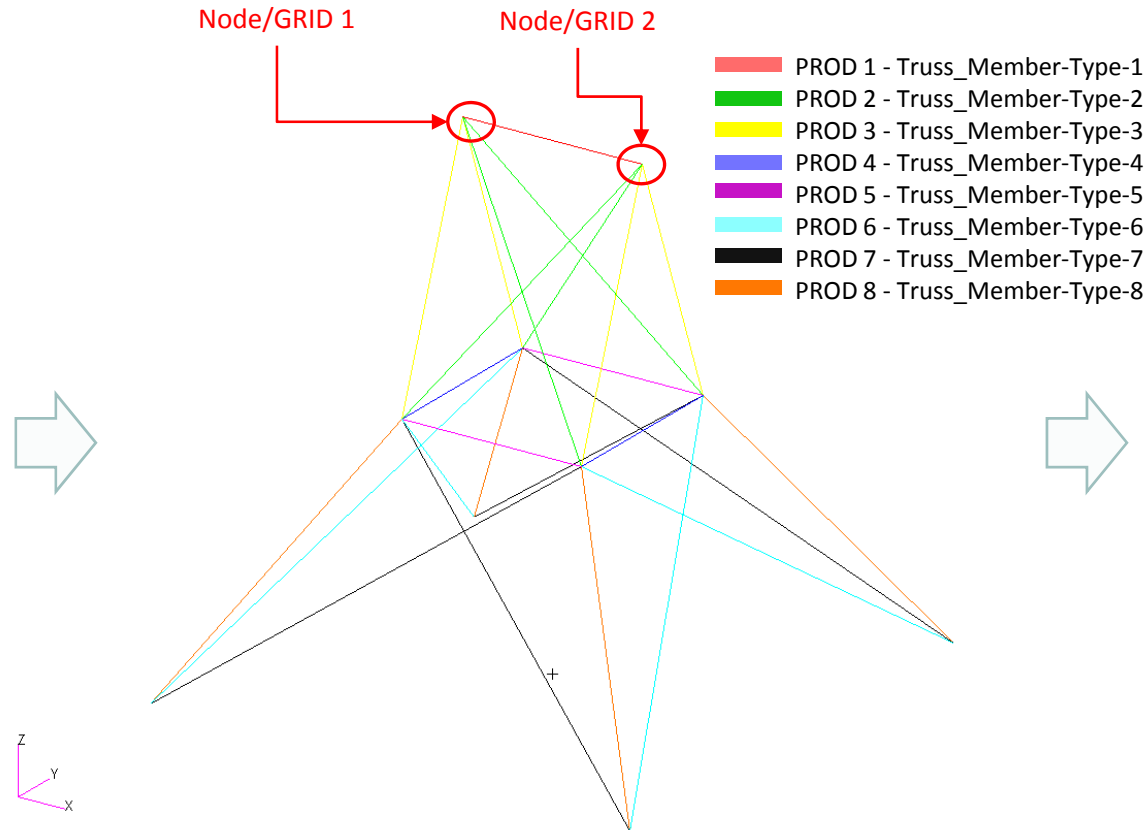
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$$y8 \quad \text{--->} \quad A8 = \frac{\pi y8^2}{10} \quad \text{of PROD 8}$$

yi_initial= 2.52

.01 < yi < 100.

Allowed values for design variables: .1, .5, 1.0, 2.0, ... 100.



Design Objective

r0: Minimize weight

Design Constraints

r1: Axial stress of elements related to PROD 1

...

r8: Axial stress of elements related to PROD 8

$$-40,000 < r1, \dots r8 < 40,000$$

r9: x, y component of displacement at nodes 1 and 2

$$-.35 < r9 < .35$$

Design Constraints, Equation

$$Ri = F_s \frac{-7.69 \cdot ri \cdot Li^2}{\pi^2 \cdot 1.0E7 \cdot yi^2} < 1.0$$

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1	r1	75.	y1
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3	r3	106.8	y3
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5	r5	75.	y5
6	r6	181.14	y6
7	r7	181.14	y7
8	r8	133.46	y8

Steps to use Nastran SOL 200 (Optimization)

1. Start with a .bdf or .dat file
2. Use the SOL 200 Web App to:
 - Convert the .bdf file to SOL 200
 - Design Variables
 - Design Objective
 - Design Constraints
 - Perform optimization with Nastran SOL 200
3. Review optimization results
 - Online Plotter
 - Optimized structural results
4. Update the original model with optimized parameters

SOL 200 Web App Capabilities

The Post-processor Web App and HDF5 Explorer are free to MSC Nastran users.

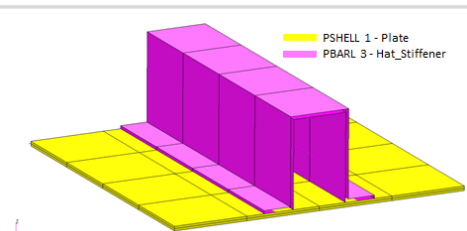
Compatibility

- Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or Microsoft Edge
- Windows and Red Hat Linux
- Installable on a company laptop, workstation or server. All data remains within your company.

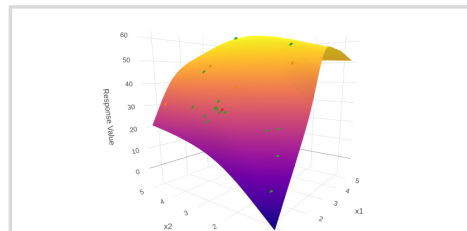
Web Apps

Benefits

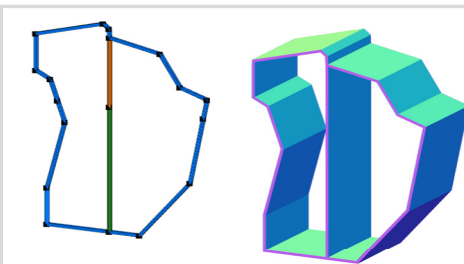
- REAL TIME error detection. 200+ error validations.
- REAL TIME creation of bulk data entries.
- Web browser accessible
- Free Post-processor web apps
- +80 tutorials



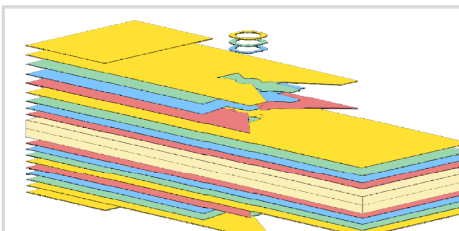
Web Apps for MSC Nastran SOL 200
Pre/post for MSC Nastran SOL 200.
Support for size, topology, topometry, topography, multi-model optimization.



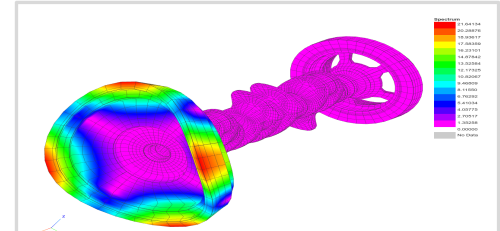
Machine Learning Web App
Bayesian Optimization for nonlinear response optimization (SOL 400)



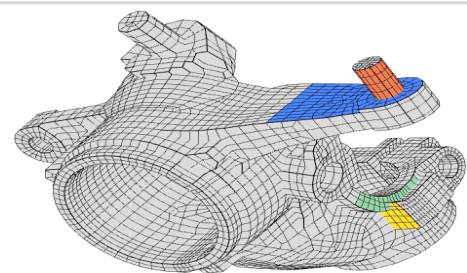
PBMSECT Web App
Generate PBMSECT and PBRSECT entries graphically



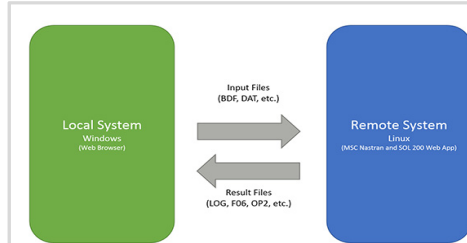
Ply Shape Optimization Web App
Optimize composite ply drop-off locations, and generate new PCOMPG entries



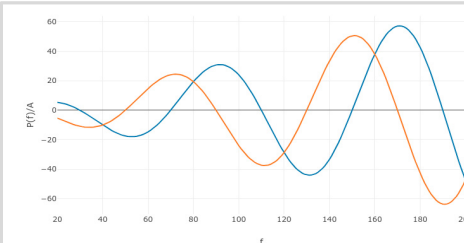
Post-processor Web App
View MSC Nastran results in a web browser on Windows and Linux



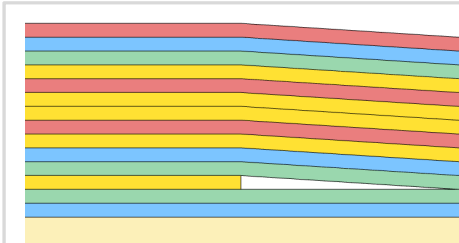
Shape Optimization Web App
Use a web application to configure and perform shape optimization.



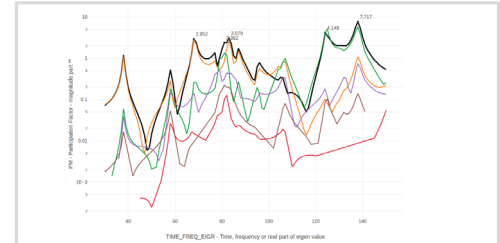
Remote Execution Web App
Run MSC Nastran jobs on remote Linux or Windows systems available on the local network



Dynamic Loads Web App
Generate RLOAD1, RLOAD2 and DLOAD entries graphically



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



HDF5 Explorer Web App
Create graphs (XY plots) using data from the H5 file

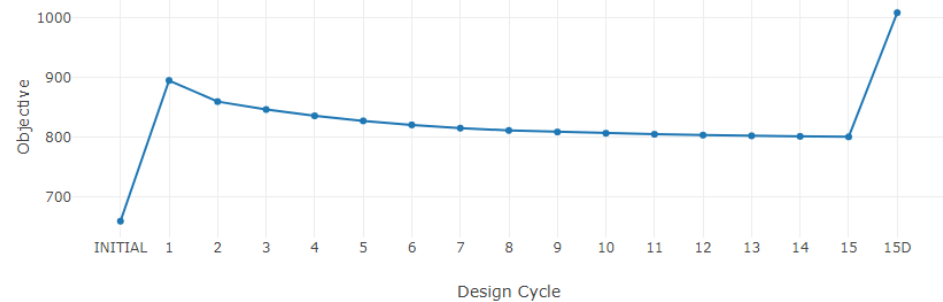
View Optimization Results

Online Plotter

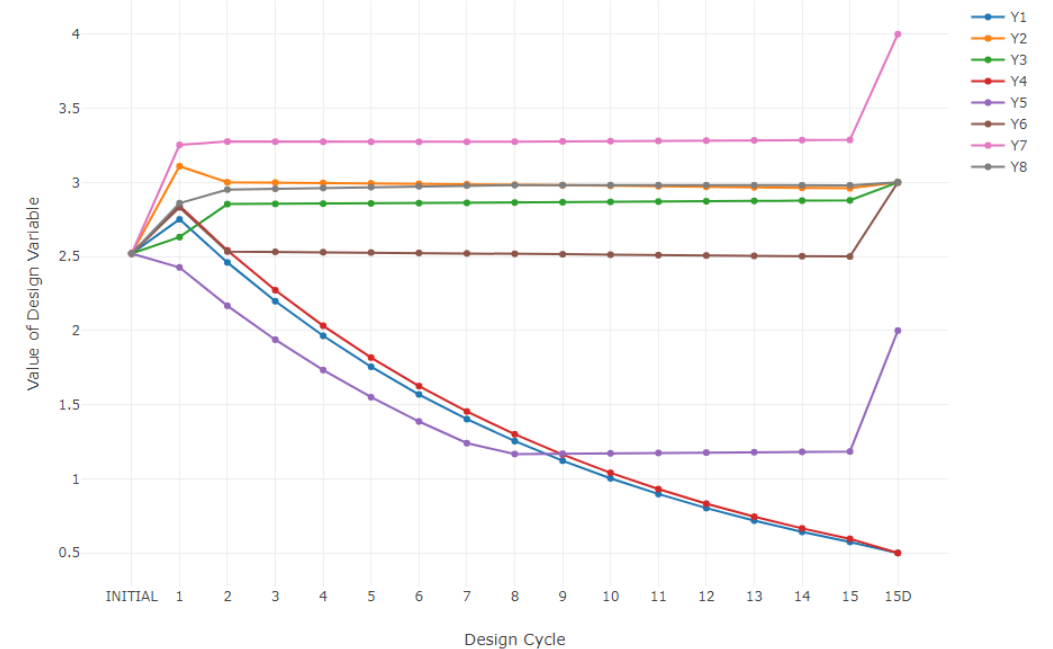
Final Message in .f06

✓ RUN TERMINATED DUE TO HARD CONVERGENCE TO AN OPTIMUM AT CYCLE NUMBER = 15.
✓ AND HARD FEASIBLE DISCRETE DESIGN OBTAINED

Objective



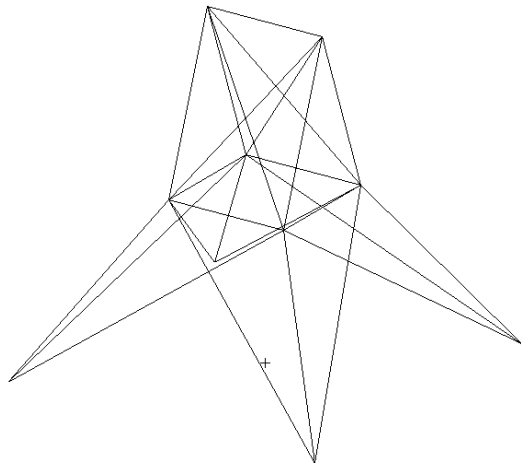
Design Variables



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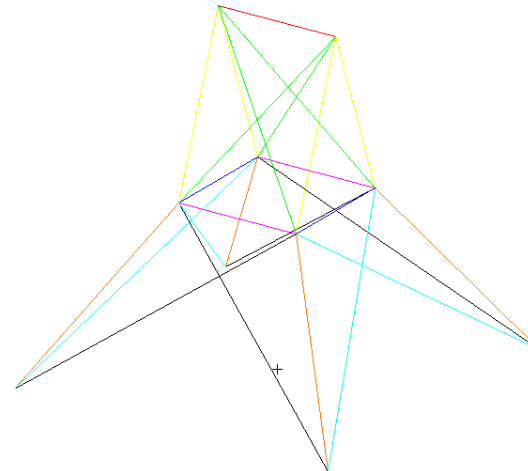
Initial Design

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Optimized Design

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Use the .pch file

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