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# HS-2005: DOE Study of a Cantilever Beam Using Templex

This exercise runs a simple DOE study on a cantilever beam to examine the influence of the length, width, and height of the beam on its volume, maximum bending stress, and deflection. We would like to know all of the main effects and all of the interactions between the beam's dimensions, so full factorial is used for this DOE study. The base input Templex template, beam.tpl, defines three input variables (L, B, and H) for the beam dimensions labeled as length, width, and height, respectively (see figure below).

The sample base input template beam.tpl used in this tutorial can be in <hst.zip>/HS-2005/ and copied to your working directory.



In this exercise, you will learn how to:

- Setup a study
- Add a model
- Add output responses
- Set up a DOE approach
- Perform DOE Runs



- Extract output responses for a DOE study
- Perform post processing and evaluate the results
- Observe the interactions between variables
- Add approximations for a regression equation

## Step 1: Perform the Study Setup

This setup requires you to add a study and load the input file into HyperStudy. The input variables for the DOE study (length, width, and height) are selected as factors. A nominal run is performed (with Templex as the solver), and the output responses for the DOE study are selected (in this case: volume, max. stress, and max. displacement).

- 1. Start HyperStudy.
- 2. To start a new study, click **File** > **New** from the menu bar, or click  $\blacksquare$  on the toolbar.
- 3. In the **HyperStudy Add** dialog, enter a study name, select a location for the study, and click **OK**.
- 4. Go to the **Define models** step.
- 5. Add a Parameterized File model.
  - a. From the **Directory**, drag-and-drop the beam.tpl file into the work area.

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- b. In the **Solver input file** column, enter beam.tpl. This is the name of the solver input file HyperStudy writes during any evaluation.
- c. In the Solver execution script column, select Templex (templex).



- 6. Click *Import Variables*. Three input variables are imported from the beam.tpl resource file.
- 7. Go to the **Define Input Variables** step.
- 8. Review the input variable's lower and upper bound ranges.
- 9. Go to the **Specifications** step.



# **Step 2: Perform the Nominal Run**

- 1. In the work area, set the **Mode** to **Nominal Run**.
- 2. Click **Apply**.
- 3. Go to the **Evaluate** step.
- 4. Click *Evaluate Tasks*. An approach/nom\_1/ directory is created inside the study directory.
- 5. Go to the **Define Output Responses** step.

## **Step 3: Create and Define Output Responses**

In this step you will create three output responses: Max\_Stress, Max\_Disp, and Volume.

- 1. Create the Max\_Stress output response.
  - a. From the **Directory**, drag-and-drop the beam.tpl file, located in approaches/nom\_1/run\_00001/m\_1, into the work area.
  - b. In the File Assistant dialog, set the Reading technology to *Altair*® *HyperWorks*® and click *Next*.
  - c. Select *Single item in a time series*, then click *Next*.
  - d. Define the following options, then click **Next**.
    - Set **Type** to **Unknown**.
    - Set **Request** to **Block 1**.
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e. Label the output response Max\_Stress.

#### f. Set **Expression** to *First Element*.

**Note**: Because there is only a single value in this data source, HyperStudy inserts [0] after m\_1\_ds\_1, thereby choosing the first (and only) entry in the data source.

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- g. Click *Finish*. The Max\_Stress output response is added to the work area.
- 2. Repeat step 1 to create the Max\_Disp and Volume output responses.
- 3. In the **Expression** field:
  - a. For Max\_Disp, after m\_1\_r\_2, change [0] to [1].
  - b. For **Volume**, after m\_1\_r\_3, change [0] to [2].
- 4. Click *Evaluate Expressions* to extract the output response values of each expression.

	Active	Label	Varname	Expression	Value	Comment
1	<b>v</b>	Max_Stress	m_1_r_1	m_1_ds_1[0]	Not Extracted	Data Source 1
2	<b>v</b>	Max_Disp	m_1_r_2	m_1_ds_2[1]	Not Extracted	Data Source 2
3	<b>v</b>	Volume	m_1_r_3	m_1_ds_3[2]	Not Extracted	Data Source 3

# Step 4: Run a DOE Study

The following steps illustrate how to set up a DOE approach through the selection of a DOE matrix and input variables. Input variables can either be controlled or uncontrolled. In this exercise, a full factorial DOE matrix is considered. This provides the main effect of the input variables and their interactions with one another for selected output responses. The length,



width, and depth of the input variables are introduced as controlled and their effects are studied for the following output responses: maximum stress, maximum displacement, and volume.

- 1. In the **Explorer**, right-click and select **Add** from the context menu.
- 2. In the **Add HyperStudy** dialog, select **DOE** and click **OK**.
- 3. Go to the **Specifications** step.
- 4. In the work area, set the **Mode** to *Full Factorial*.
- 5. Click *Apply*.
- 6. Go to the **Evaluate** step.
- 7. Click *Evaluate Tasks*.
- 8. Monitor the progress of the evaluation by clicking the *Evaluation Data* and *Evaluation Plot* tabs.
- 9. Go to the **Post-Processing** step.

## Step 5: Perform Post Processing and Evaluate the Results

1. Click the *Linear Effects* tab to review the main effect of each controlled parameter on a selected output response.

Review the effects of a single input variable on an output response, or multiple input variables on an output response.



As illustrated in the plot above, as the length increases from 50 to 100 units, the max stress increases from 225 to 450. Increasing the width from 2.5 to 5 units decreases the max stress by the same amount. The contributions for max stress from both length and width are identical. Increasing the height from 5 to 10 units decreases the max



stress by a larger extent (from 530 to 130). It is clear that for the max stress output response, height has a larger main effect than length or width.

Input Variable	Max_Stress - Lower Bound	Max_Stress - Upper Bound		
Length	225	450		
Width	450	225		
Height	540	135		

2. Click the *Distribution* tab to review a histogram of **Max Stress**.



# Step 6: Add Approximations for a Regression Equation

In the following steps, you will create approximations for the DOE study. A first order regression equation for each output response (**Max Stress**, **Max disp**, and **Volume**) is created based on the DOE study. Since the input variables are of two levels, only the first order equation can be generated.

- 1. In the **Explorer**, right-click and select **Add** from the context menu.
- 2. In the Add HyperStudy dialog, select Fit and click OK.
- 3. Go to the **Select Matrices** step.
- 4. Click *Add Matrix*.
- 5. In the **Add HyperStudy** dialog, add one matrix.
- 6. In the Matrix Source column, select DOE 1 (doe\_1).
- 7. Click *Import Matrix*. The matrix from the DOE is imported into the Fit approach.
- 8. Go to the **Specifications** step.



- 9. In the work area, set the **Mode** to *Least Squares Regression (LSR)*.
- 10. Click Apply.
- 11. Go to the **Evaluate** step.
- 12. Click *Evaluate Tasks*.
- 13. Go to the **Post-Processing** step.
- 14. Click the **Residuals** tab.

The Residuals table displays the difference between the output response value from the solver and the output response value calculated from the regression equation. This table can also be used to determine which runs are generating more errors in the regression model. The % error column shows that the predicted output response is not close to the observed value. The % error can be reduced if more levels are chosen for example, using a three-level design in this exercise.

	¶+ Length	¶+ Width	"[+ Height	🐝 Max_Stress	Max_Stress_LSR	Error	Percent Error
1	50.000000	2.5000000	5.0000000	480.00000	540.00000	-60.000000	-12.500000
2	50.000000	2.5000000	10.000000	120.00000	135.00000	-15.000000	-12.500000
3	50.000000	5.000000	5.0000000	240.00000	315.00000	-75.000000	-31.250000
4	50.000000	5.000000	10.000000	60.000000	-90.000000	150.00000	250.00000
5	100.00000	2.5000000	5.0000000	960.00000	765.00000	195.00000	20.312500
6	100.00000	2.5000000	10.000000	240.00000	360.00000	-120.00000	-50.000000
7	100.00000	5.000000	5.0000000	480.00000	540.00000	-60.000000	-12.500000
8	100.00000	5.000000	10.000000	120.00000	135.00000	-15.000000	-12.500000

- 15. Click the *Trade-Off* tab to plot output responses vs. input variables.
  - a. In the **Inputs** pane, select the **X** Axis and **Y** Axis checkboxes for Length.
  - b. Using the Channel selector, selector Max\_Stress\_LSR.
  - c. Review the plot in the **Outputs** pane.



