



# DAKOTA 101

## Sensitivity Analysis

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### Learning goals:

- Understand a simple physical application problem
- Define sensitivity analysis and know when and why to apply it
- Use DAKOTA to perform sensitivity analyses; see sample output; understand potential pitfalls

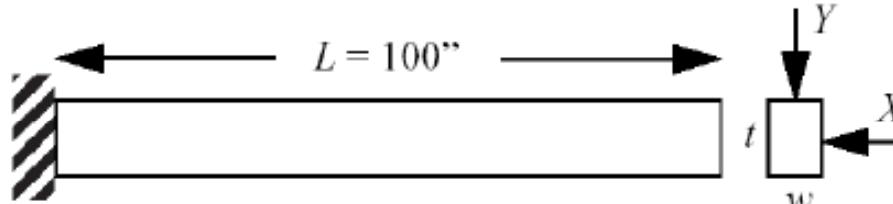


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# Cantilever Beam Analysis Problem



- Design goal: minimize weight ( $A=w*t$ ) subject to constraints  
 $1.0 \leq \text{beam\_width} \leq 4.0$ ,  $1.0 \leq \text{beam\_thickness} \leq 4.0$ ,

$$\text{stress} = \frac{600}{wt^2}Y + \frac{600}{w^2t}X \leq R$$

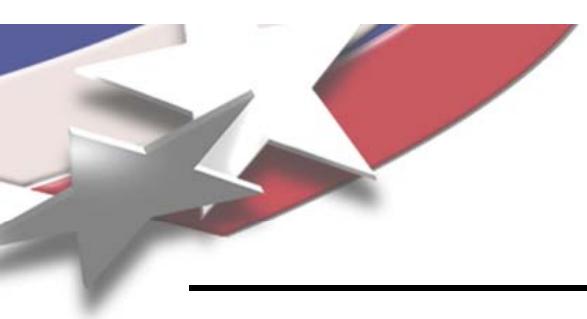
$$\text{displacement} = \frac{4L^3}{Ewt} \sqrt{\left(\frac{Y}{t^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{X}{w^2}\right)^2} \leq D_0$$

Given values of  $w$ ,  $t$ ,  $R$ ,  $E$ ,  $X$ ,  $Y$ , DAKOTA's mod\_cantilever driver computes area, stress- $R$ , displacement- $D_0$

- And potentially, subject to uncertainties:

– Yield stress	$R \sim \text{Normal}(40000, 2000)$
– Young's modulus	$E \sim \text{Normal}(2.9e7, 1.45e6)$
– Horizontal load	$X \sim \text{Normal}(500, 100)$
– Vertical load	$Y \sim \text{Normal}(1000, 100)$

- Constants:  $L = 100\text{in}$  and  $D_0 = 2.2535 \text{ in}$  (max displacement)



# Sensitivity Analysis and UQ Terminology

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- **Sensitivity Analysis (SA):**

- How do code outputs vary due to changes in code inputs?
- **Local sensitivity:** code output gradient (derivative) data for a specific set (or sets) of code input parameter values
- **Global sensitivity:** the general trends of the code outputs over the full range of code input parameter values (linear, quadratic, etc.)

- **Uncertainty Quantification (UQ):**

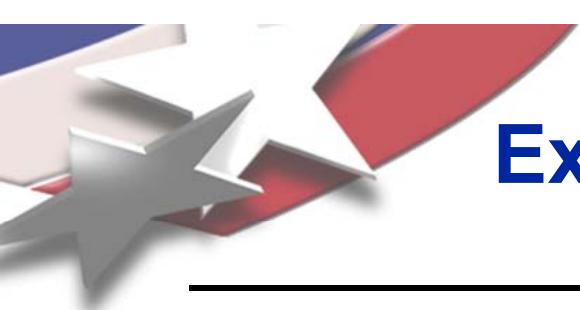
- **Aleatoric UQ:** What are the statistics or probability distributions on code outputs, given probability distributions on code inputs?
  - Estimate Probability [ $f(x) > f^*$ ], e.g., probability of system failure
- **Epistemic UQ:** What are the possible/plausible code outputs?

- **Validation:**

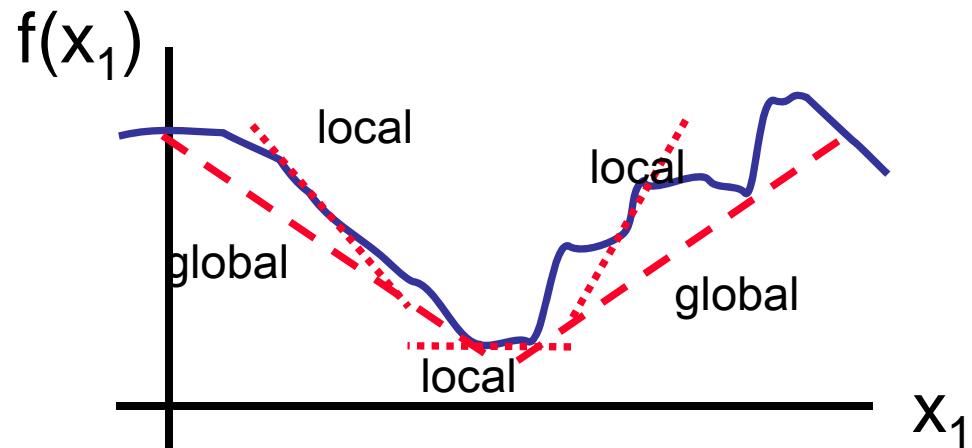
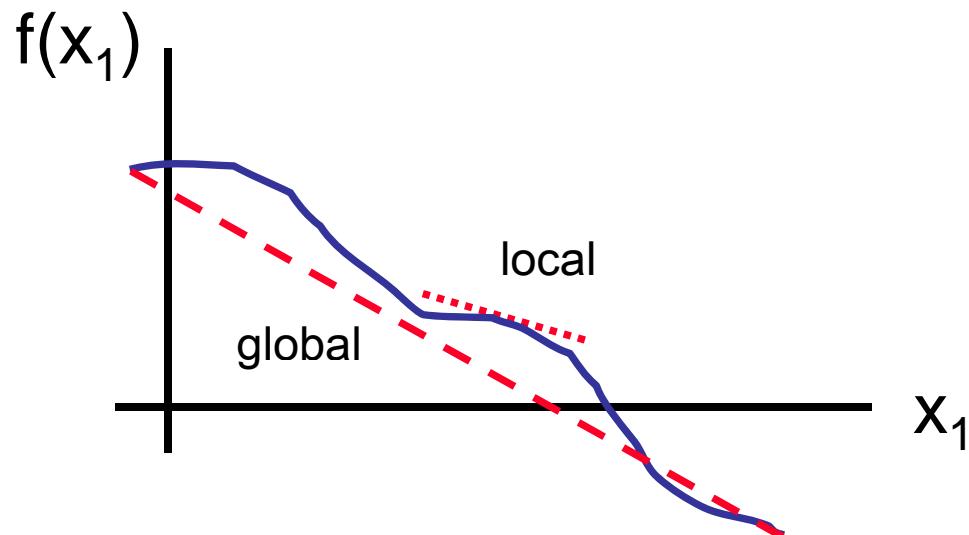
- How “close” are my code output predictions to experimental data, including UQ for both?

- **Quantification of margins and uncertainties (QMU):**

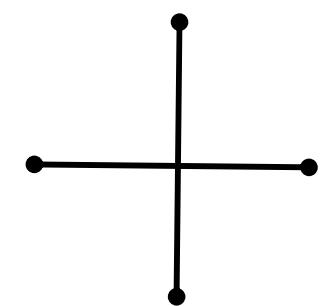
- How “close” are my code output predictions (including UQ) to the system’s required performance level?



# Examples of Sensitivity Analysis



- **Sensitivity analysis examines variations in  $f(x_1)$  due to perturbations in  $x_1$ .**
  - Local sensitivities are typically partial derivatives.
    - Given a specific  $x_1$ , what is the slope at that point?
  - Global sensitivities are typically found via regression.
    - What is the trend of the function over all values of  $x_1$ ?





# Goals of Sensitivity Analysis



- Identify most important variables and their interactions
  - Provide a focus for resources
    - Model development
    - Code development
    - Uncertainty characterization
  - Provide a basis for constructing surrogate models
  - Select variables for use in optimization
  - Screening: Identity the most important variables, downselect for further analysis
- Can have the side effect of identifying code and model issues



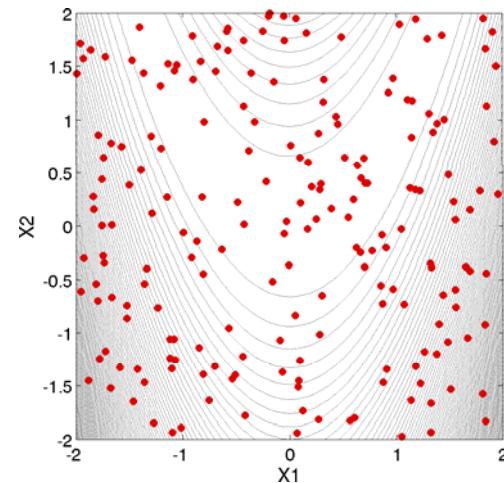
## Exercise: Determine trends relative to parameters for cantilever problem



- Use JAGUAR to construct and run a sampling study to determine most influential parameters for cantilever (as evaluated by mod\_cantilever analysis driver)
- 6 uniform variables with descriptors:

Variable	R	E	X	Y	beam_width	beam_thickness
Upper bound	48000	4.50E+07	700	1200	2.2	2.2
Lower Bound	32000	1.50E+07	300	800	2	2

- Cantilever has 3 response functions, instead of 1; specify descriptors ‘area’ ‘stress’ ‘displacement’
- 100 samples
- Could start with dakota\_rosenbrock\_nond.in (SA UQ Sampling in JAGUAR)
- See DAKOTA reference manual:  
method, variables, responses commands  
(<http://dakota.sandia.gov/documentation.html>)
- Examine correlations (simple, partial, rank)





# Potential Solution: Sensitivity Analysis for Cantilever



```
# DAKOTA INPUT FILE - extraexamples/dakota_sa_cantilever.in
strategy,
    single_method
    tabular_graphics_data
method,
    sampling
    sample_type lhs
    seed =52983
    samples = 100
variables,
    uniform_uncertain = 6
    upper_bounds    48000    45.E+6   700.   1200.   2.2    2.2
    lower_bounds    32000.   15.E+6   300.   800.   2.0    2.0
    descriptors    'R' 'E' 'X' 'Y' 'beam_width' 'beam_thickness'
interface,
    direct
    analysis_driver = 'mod_cantilever'
responses,
    num_response_functions = 3
    response_descriptors = 'weight' 'stress' 'displ'
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
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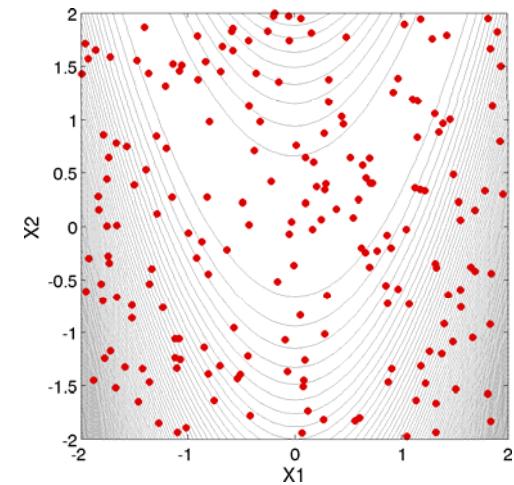


## Exercise: Determine trends relative to parameters for cantilever problem



- Review correlations

- **Simple correlation:** measures the strength and direction of a linear relationship between variables
- **Partial correlation:** like simple correlation but adjusts for the effects of the other variables
- **Rank correlations:** simple and partial correlations performed on “rank” of data



# SA Results for Cantilever



Simple Correlation Matrix

	<i>R</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>	beam width	beam thickness	<i>weight</i>	<i>stress</i>	<i>displ</i>
<i>R</i>	1.000								
<i>E</i>	-0.022	1.000							
<i>X</i>	0.012	-0.007	1.000						
<i>Y</i>	0.020	0.017	-0.027	1.000					
beam width	0.009	-0.009	-0.017	-0.014	1.000				
beam thickness	0.003	-0.013	0.038	-0.025	-0.012	1.000			
weight	0.011	-0.016	0.014	-0.027	0.703	0.703	1.000		
stress	-0.345	0.022	0.557	0.579	-0.303	-0.339	-0.457	1.000	
displ	0.009	-0.879	0.085	0.293	-0.125	-0.164	-0.207	0.313	1.000

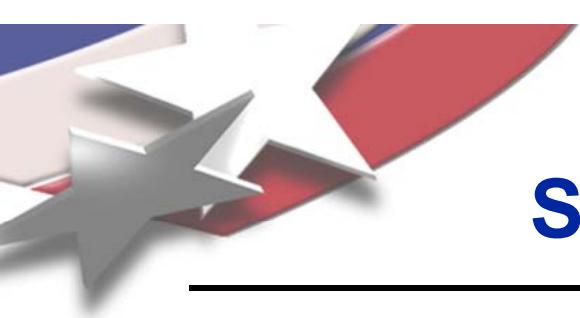
Partial Correlation Matrix between Input and Output:

	<b>weight</b>	<b>stress</b>	<b>displ</b>
<b>R</b>	0.137	-0.990	-0.058
<b>E</b>	-0.026	0.015	-0.954
<b>X</b>	-0.009	0.996	0.313
<b>Y</b>	0.052	0.996	0.735
<b>beam_width</b>	1.000	-0.984	-0.421
<b>beam_thickness</b>	1.000	-0.989	-0.525

Partial Rank Correlation Matrix between Input and Output:

	<b>weight</b>	<b>stress</b>	<b>displ</b>
<b>R</b>	-0.071	-0.837	-0.056
<b>E</b>	0.082	-0.085	-0.981
<b>X</b>	0.179	0.924	0.531
<b>Y</b>	-0.055	0.934	0.824
<b>beam_width</b>	0.981	-0.800	-0.559
<b>beam_thickness</b>	0.980	-0.838	-0.753

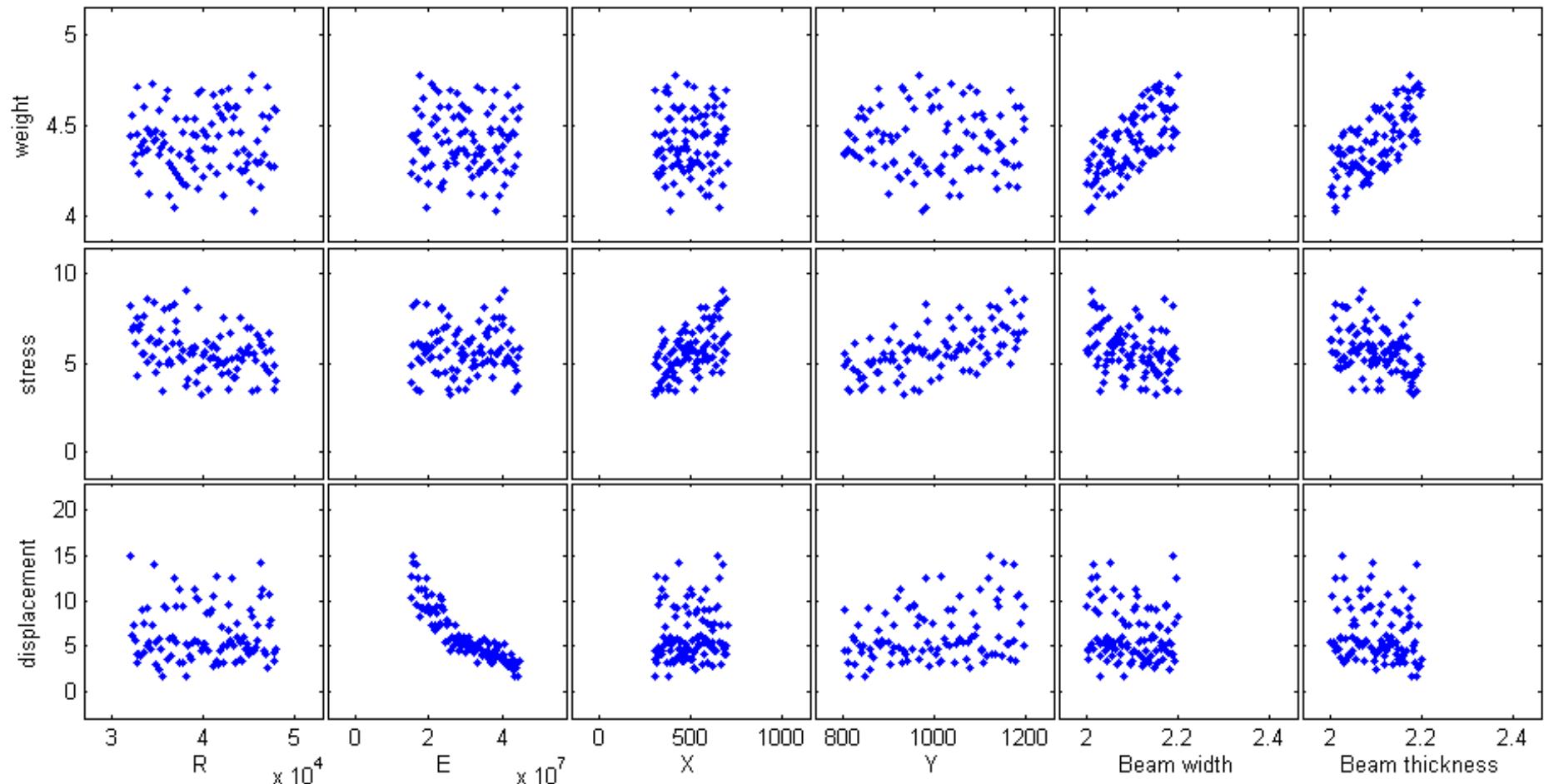
Beam width and thickness are important contributors to all outputs, several other variables also rate highly on partial correlations.



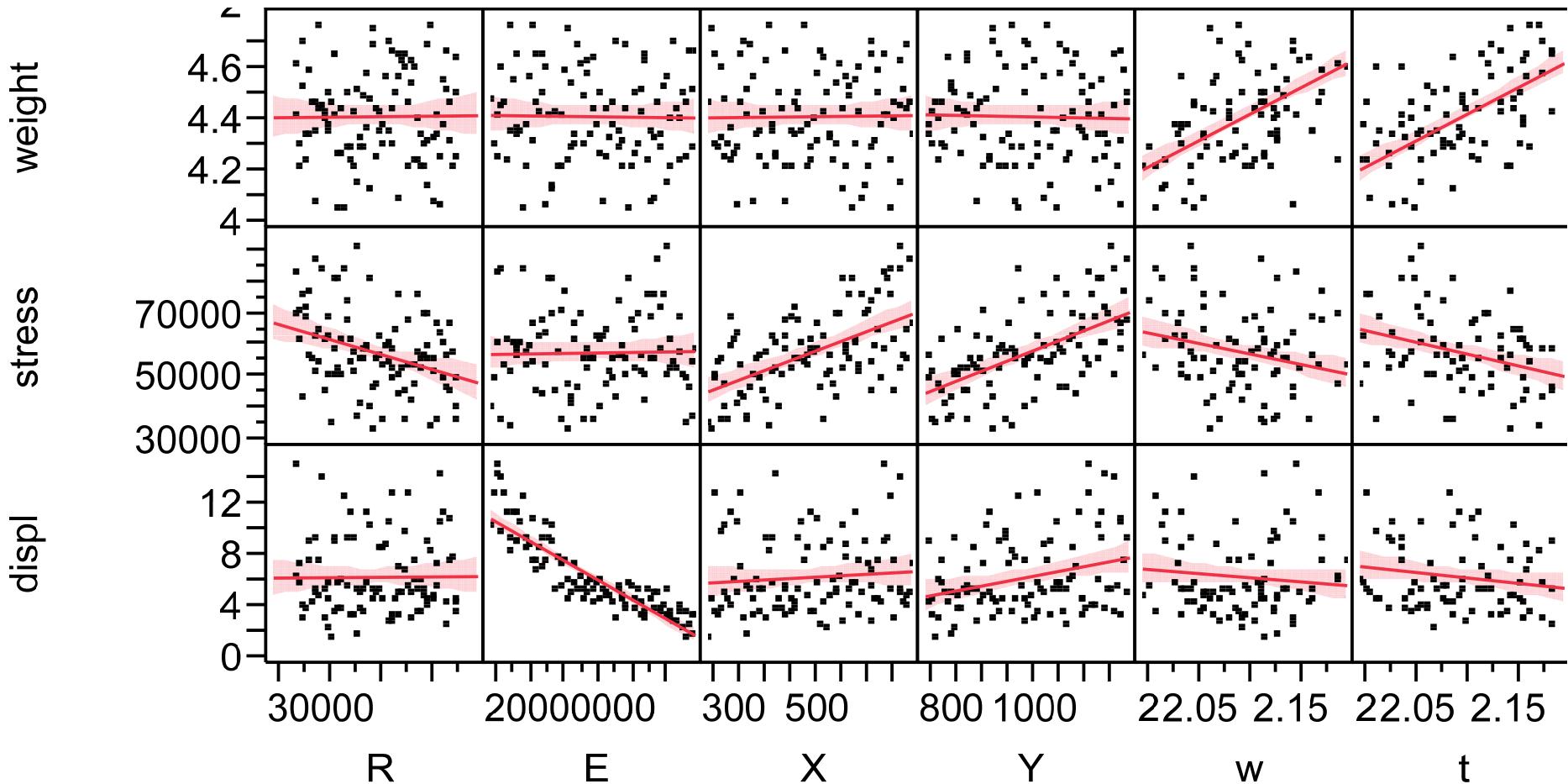
# Exercise: Input/Output Scatter Plots for Cantilever



The `dakota_tabular.dat` file can be used in Minitab, JMP, Excel, etc., to generate scatter plots



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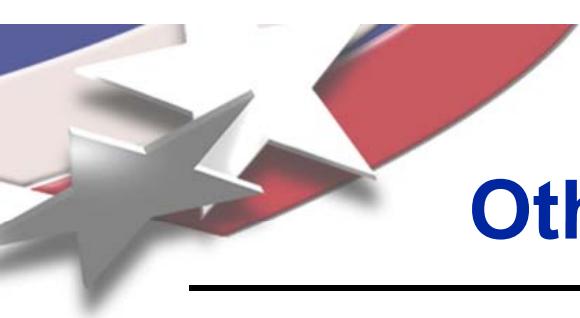


# Additional Sensitivity Analysis Capabilities

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- Variance-based decomposition (via sampling or PCE)
  - Goal: Apportion uncertainty in responses to uncertainty in inputs
  - Expensive:  $K^*(N+2)$  simulations required,  $K = \# \text{ samples}$ ,  $N = \# \text{ variables}$ , recommended  $K \geq 100$
  - Exercise: Modify the sensitivity analysis method to perform variance-based decomposition on the cantilever problem
- Main Effects/Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)
  - Goal: Determine effect of a variable on mean behavior
  - Uses design of experiments: Coverage of space (e.g., space filling, interior, boundaries/extremes, etc.) varies by design
  - Exercise: Modify the sensitivity analysis method to perform a main effects analysis using an orthogonal array on the cantilever problem



# Exercise: Explore Other SA Methods for Cantilever

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```
method,  
sampling  
  sample_type lhs  
  seed =52983  
  samples = 100
```

## LHS Sampling

```
method,  
sampling  
  sample_type lhs  
  seed =52983  
  samples = 500  
  variance_based_decomp
```

## Variance-based Decomposition using LHS Sampling

SAME INPUT DECK,  
JUST CHANGE METHOD SPEC

```
method,  
dace oas  
main_effects  
seed =52983  
samples = 500
```

## Main Effects Analysis using Orthogonal Arrays

```
method,  
psuade_moat  
partitions = 3  
seed =52983  
samples = 100
```

## Morris One-At-a-Time

# Additional Sensitivity Analysis Capabilities



Global sensitivity indices for each response function:

weight	Sobol	indices:	
	Main	Total	
	0.00	0.00	R
	0.00	0.00	E
	0.00	0.00	X
	0.00	0.00	Y
	0.49	0.51	beam_width
	0.51	0.52	beam_thickness
stress	Sobol	indices:	
	Main	Total	
	0.16	0.13	R
	0.00	0.00	E
	0.37	0.36	X
	0.39	0.36	Y
	0.08	0.08	beam_width
	0.11	0.12	beam_thickness
displ	Sobol	indices:	
	Main	Total	
	0.00	0.00	R
	0.90	0.92	E
	0.02	0.02	X
	0.07	0.08	Y
	0.02	0.01	beam_width
	0.04	0.05	beam_thickness

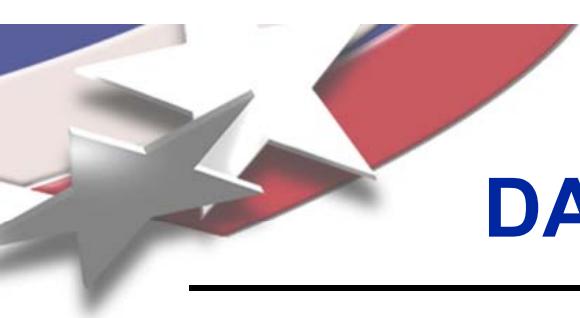
## Variance-based decomposition

### Response Function 1

ANOVA	Table	for	Factor	(Variable)	4
Source	of	Sum	of	Mean	Sum
Variation	DoF	Squares	of	Squares	Fdata
Between	Groups	22	2.18E-03	9.89E-05	<b>3.22E-03 Y</b>
Within	Groups	506	1.55E+01	3.07E-02	
Total		528	1.55E+01		
ANOVA	Table	for	Factor	(Variable)	5
Source	of	Sum	of	Mean	Sum
Variation	DoF	Squares	of	Squares	Fdata
Between	Groups	22	7.80E+00	3.55E-01	<b>2.32E+01 Beam Width</b>
Within	Groups	506	7.73E+00	1.53E-02	
Total		528	1.55E+01		
ANOVA	Table	for	Factor	(Variable)	6
Source	of	Sum	of	Mean	Sum
Variation	DoF	Squares	of	Squares	Fdata
Between	Groups	22	7.70E+00	3.50E-01	<b>2.26E+01 Beam Thickness</b>
Within	Groups	506	7.84E+00	1.55E-02	
Total		528	1.55E+01		

## Main Effects Analysis

Same relative ranking across methods



# DAKOTA Sensitivity Analysis

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- Parameter study, design and analysis of computer experiments, and general sampling methods:
  - Single and multi-parameter studies (grid, vector, centered)
  - DDACE (grid, sampling, orthogonal arrays, Box-Behnken, CCD)
  - FSUDACE (Quasi-MC, CVT)
  - PSUADE (Morris designs)
  - Monte Carlo, Latin hypercube sampling (with correlation or variance analysis, including variance-based decomposition)
  - Mean-value with importance factors
- DAKOTA outputs basic statistics on responses, including mean, standard deviation, and correlations; tabular output can be analyzed with any third-party statistics package
- Determine main effects and key parameter *interactions*
- In SA, one typically does not make a distribution assumption