



# **Step-Cone Pulley Optimization**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This study investigates the optimal design of a step-cone pulley. Although the design of the step-cone pulley is simple, it has wide applicability and is commonly used in mechanical systems, such as drilled presses and lathes, to easily change the output speed or power. A step-cone pulley can be defined as series of pulleys in decreasing circumference, stacked on top of one another forming a stepped cone. The step-cone pulley is mainly used to vary the velocity ratios of shafts, allowing shifting the speed of the pulley's movements, with a smaller circumference requiring less work but also producing less work. The increasing costs and intense competition as result of globalization and the recent economic crisis have emphasized the need of manufacturing at the lowest cost possible. However, the minimization of cost should not compromise the structural performance of the step-cone pulley system. Therefore, the motivation for performing an optimization study was to determine optimal dimensions that will minimize manufacturing cost subject to design, performance and structural constraints. The optimization study involved different algorithms and a sensitivity analysis, revealing the different trade-offs as well as providing insights regarding the choice of the design.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The design of the step-cone pulley should be such that the desired power transmitted is achieved without structural failure. The objective of the optimization problem is to minimize the pulley system total weight, which is a surrogate for minimizing manufacturing cost. It is assumed that the total cost (shipping, material handling, production, etc.) is proportional to the weight of the step-cone pulley. The optimization problem is subject to performance requirements, dimension limitations and mechanical behavior of material constraints. The anticipated trade-offs that motivated the optimization study and affected the weight included the dimensions, material property, power transmitted and structural performance.

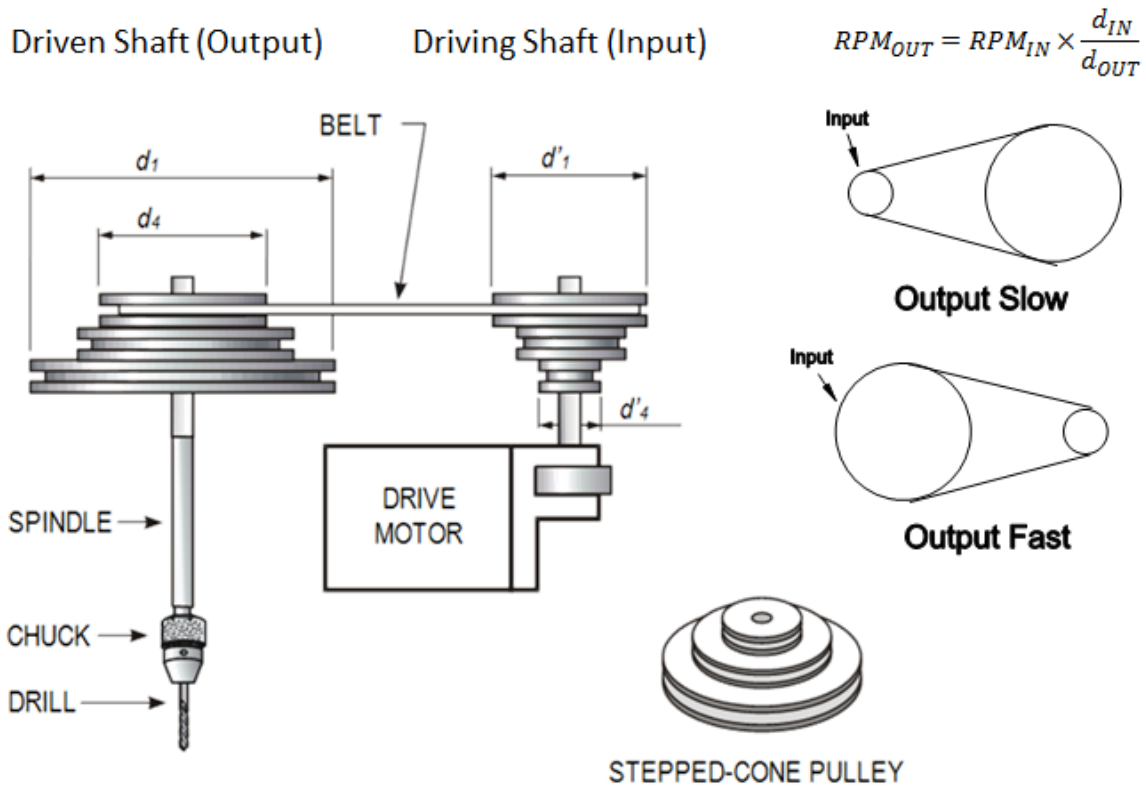


Figure 1. Step-cone pulley system for a drilling press

## 2. DESIGN PROBLEM STATEMENT

The goal of the project was to optimize the design variables for minimum weight of step-cone pulley system. The different performance requirements will dictate the physical requirements to avoid structural failure and achieved the desired output.

## 3. NOMECLATURE

Symbol	Description
$d_i$	Diameter of the $i$ th step on the output pulley ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ )
$d'_i$	Diameter of the $i$ th step on the input pulley ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ )
$N$	Input speed of the shaft
$N_i$	Output speed of the $i$ th step ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ )
$a$	Center distance between shafts
$C_i$	Length of the belt needed to obtain output speed $N_i$ ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ )
$w$	Width of the belts and steps
$\rho$	Density of the material of the pulleys
$\mu$	Coefficient of friction between belt and pulley
$\theta_i$	Angle of lap of the belt over the $i$ th pulley step ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ )
$T_1^i$	Tensions on the tight sides of the $i$ th step ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ )
$T_2^i$	Tensions on the slack sides of the $i$ th step ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ )
$s$	Maximum allowable stress in the belt
$t$	Thickness of the belt
$R_i$	Tension ratio at the $i$ th step ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ )
$P_i$	Power transmitted at the $i$ th step ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ )
$P_0$	Minimum required power transmitted by the step pulley
$R_0$	Minimum required ratio of the tension on the tight side of the belt to that on the slack side

A graphical illustration of the design problem is shown in Figure 2.

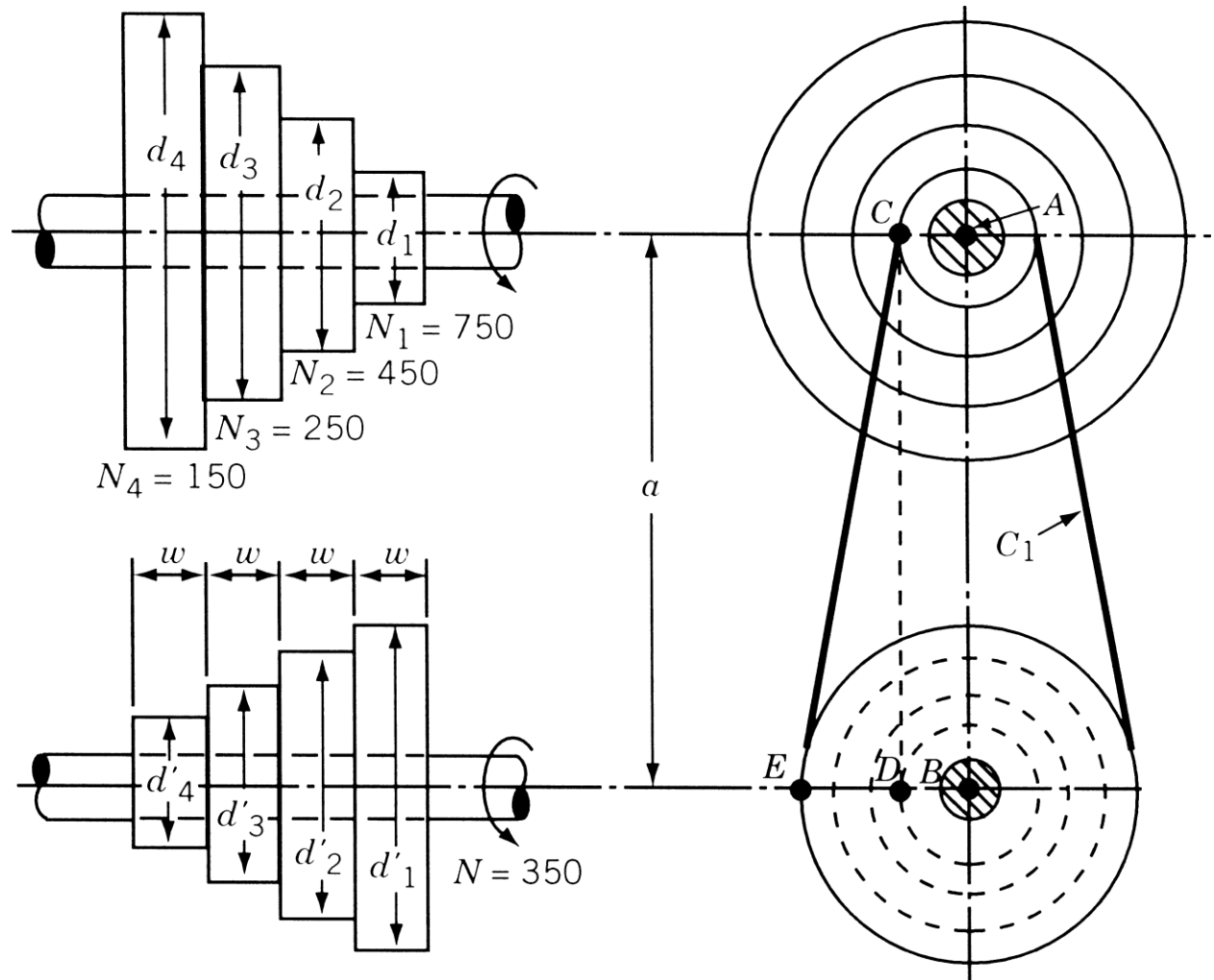


Figure 2. Step-Cone pulley (Rao, 2012)

## 4. MATHEMATICAL MODEL

### 4.1 Objective function

The objective is to minimize the total weight of the step-cone pulley system. Thus, the objective function is just the sum of the pulleys steps' weights, which are the product of the densities and cylindrical volume. Assuming the same material and width for the steps of the pulley, the objective function can be written as:

$$f(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \rho w \frac{\pi}{4} (d_i^2 + d_i'^2) \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of the pulleys' material,  $w$  is the width of the pulleys,  $d_i$  is the diameter of the  $i$ th step on the output pulley, and  $d_i'$  is the diameter of the  $i$ th step on the input pulley. Assuming that the thickness of the belt is small compared to the diameter of the steps, and that there is no slippage between the belt and pulley, then the velocities in the output and input pulleys are equal and the following expression holds:

$$\frac{\pi d_i N_i}{60} = \frac{\pi d_i' N}{60} \quad (2)$$

where  $N$  is the input is speed of the shaft and  $N_i$  is the output speed of the  $i$ th step. Therefore, the relationship between the output and input pulley is given by:

$$\frac{N_i}{N} = \frac{d_i'}{d_i} \quad (3)$$

Substituting  $d_i'$  from Eq. 3 into Eq. 1 the objective function can be expressed as:

$$f(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \rho w \frac{\pi}{4} \left\{ d_i^2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{N_i}{N} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{X} = (d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, w)$  is the design vector.

## 4.2 Constraints

### Constant Belt Length

The first set of constraints is to assure that the total belt length remains the same for all speeds. This will ensure equal tightness of the belt on each pair of opposite steps. Thus, the equality constraints needed to satisfy this are:

$$C_1 - C_2 = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$C_1 - C_3 = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$C_1 - C_4 = 0 \quad (7)$$

where  $C_i$  is the length of the belt needed to obtain output speed  $N_i$  ( $i = 1,2,3,4$ ) and can be approximated as (Juvinall, 1991 and Shigley, 1989):

$$C_i = \frac{\pi d_i}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{N_i}{N} \right) + \frac{\left( \frac{N_i}{N} - 1 \right)^2}{4a} + 2a, \quad i = 1,2,3,4 \quad (8)$$

where  $a$  is the center distance between shafts.

### Tension Ratios

The second set of constraints is to assure that for each pair of opposite steps, the ratios of the tension on the tight side of the belt to that on the slack side are at least equal to the minimum required tension ratio. This is expressed with the following inequality constraint:

$$R_i \geq R_0, \quad i = 1,2,3,4 \quad (9)$$

where  $R_i$  is ratio of the tension on the tight side of the belt to that on the slack side of the  $i$ th step, and  $R_0$  is the minimum required tension ratio. The difference in tensions in the belt is caused by the friction between the pulley and belt, which enables the power transmission from one pulley

to the other by creating a relative motion between the belt and pulley surface. If the tension ratio is smaller than the allowable tension ratio, then unnecessary higher tensions will be needed to transmit the same power, causing a reduction in the belt life. The relationship between the tight side and slack side tensions in the belt are given by:

$$R_i = \frac{T_1^i}{T_2^i} = e^{\mu\theta_i}, \quad i = 1,2,3,4 \quad (10)$$

where  $T_1^i$  and  $T_2^i$  are the tensions in the tight side and slack side of the belt of the  $i$ th step respectively,  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction between belt and pulley, and  $\theta_i$  is the angle of lap of the belt over the  $i$ th pulley step. The angle of lap of can be expressed as:

$$\theta_i = \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left[ \left( \frac{N_i}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_i}{2a} \right], \quad i = 1,2,3,4 \quad (11)$$

Substituting  $\theta_i$  from Eq. 11 into Eq. 10, the tension ratio can be rewritten as:

$$R_i = \exp \left\{ \mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_i}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_i}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\}, \quad i = 1,2,3,4 \quad (12)$$

### Power transmitted

The third set of constraints ensures that the step-cone pulley system is capable of transmitting a power of at least the minimum required power  $P_0$ . This requirement translates into the following inequality constraint:

$$P_i \geq P_0, \quad i = 1,2,3,4 \quad (13)$$

where  $P_i$  is the power transmitted at the  $i$ th step. The power transmitted between the belt and the pulley can be expressed as the product of the difference of tension and belt velocity:



$$P_i = (T_1^i - T_2^i) \frac{\pi d_i N_i}{60}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad (14)$$

where the 60 is included assuming the speed of the shaft is in rpm units.

Given that the maximum allowable stress ( $s$ ) in the belt can be expressed as:

$$s = \frac{T_1^i}{tw}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad (15)$$

where  $t$  is the thickness of the belt, then the power transmitted at the  $i$ th step can be rewritten by substituting  $T_1^i$  with the expression in Eq. 13 and using the relationship between  $T_1^i$  and  $T_2^i$  stated in Eq. 10:

$$P_i = stw \left[ 1 - \exp \left\{ -\mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_i}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_i}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\} \right] \frac{\pi d_i N_i}{60}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad (16)$$

### Design Variable Bounds

The next set of constraints deals with limiting the design variables in the form of upper and lower bounds. The constraints on the design variables are

$$d_{iL} \leq d_i \leq d_{iU}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad (17)$$

$$w_L \leq w \leq w_U \quad (18)$$

Here  $d_{iL}$  and  $d_{iU}$  denote the lower bound (minimum allowed value) and upper bound (maximum allowed value) respectively for the  $i$ th diameter, and  $w_L$  and  $w_U$  denote the lower bound (minimum allowed value) and upper bound (maximum allowed value) respectively for the width.

### 4.3 Design Variables and Parameters

The above model and constraints contained several parameters and design variables. Table 1 shows the design variables and the parameters for the system.

Table 1. Design variables and parameters

Design Variables	Parameters	Value	Units
$d_1$	$N$	350	$rpm$
$d_2$	$N_1$	750	$rpm$
$d_3$	$N_2$	450	$rpm$
$d_4$	$N_3$	250	$rpm$
$w$	$N_4$	150	$rpm$
	$a$	3	$m$
	$\rho$	7,200	$kg/m^3$
	$\mu$	0.35	
	$s$	1.75	$MPa$
	$t$	8	$mm$
	$P_0$	0.75	$hp$
	$R_0$	2	
	$d_{1L}, d_{1U}$	40,500	$mm$
	$d_{2L}, x_{2U}$	40,500	$mm$
	$d_{3L}, x_{3U}$	40,500	$mm$
	$d_{4L}, x_{4U}$	40,500	$mm$
	$w_L, w_U$	16,100	$mm$

Note that after converting to appropriate units, the values for the following parameters are:

Table 2. Unit conversion

Parameters	Converted Value	Units
$a$	$3 \times 10^3$	$mm$
$\rho$	$7,200 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-9}$	$kg/mm^3$
$s$	$1.75 \cdot 1 \times 10^6 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-3}$	$kg/mm \cdot s^2$
$P_0$	$0.75 \cdot 745.6998 \cdot 1 \times 10^6$	$kg \cdot mm^2/s^3$

A set of values for the design variables that satisfy all of the constraints is shown in Table 3. This indicates that there is at least one feasible solution in the model stated. Details of the solution can be found in Appendix A.

**Table 3. Feasible solution**

<b>Design Variables</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>
$d_1$	70	<i>mm</i>
$d_2$	96.25	<i>mm</i>
$d_3$	128.333	<i>mm</i>
$d_4$	154	<i>mm</i>
$w$	50	<i>mm</i>
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>
f	29.6661	<i>kg</i>

The final model formulation consists of minimizing the objective function for the total weight (Eq. 4) by finding the values of 5 continuous design variables ( $d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, w$ ), subject to 3 equality constraints for the constant belt length (Eqs. 5, 6 and 7), 4 inequality constraints for the tension ratios (Eq. 9), 4 inequalities constraints for the power transmitted (Eq. 13), and 10 inequality constraints for the lower and upper bounds of the design variables (Eq. 17 and 18).

## 4.4 Summary Model

The model consists of

$$\text{Min } f = \rho w \frac{\pi}{4} \left\{ d_1^2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{N_1}{N} \right)^2 \right] + d_2^2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{N_2}{N} \right)^2 \right] + d_3^2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{N_3}{N} \right)^2 \right] + d_4^2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{N_4}{N} \right)^2 \right] \right\}$$

Subject to:

$$h_1: C_1 - C_2 = 0$$

$$h_2: C_1 - C_3 = 0$$

$$h_3: C_1 - C_4 = 0$$

$$g_1: R_0 - \exp \left\{ \mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_1}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_1}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\} \leq 0$$

$$g_2: R_0 - \exp \left\{ \mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_2}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_2}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\} \leq 0$$

$$g_3: R_0 - \exp \left\{ \mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_3}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_3}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\} \leq 0$$

$$g_4: R_0 - \exp \left\{ \mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_4}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_4}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\} \leq 0$$

$$g_5: P_0 - stw \left[ 1 - \exp \left\{ -\mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_1}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_1}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\} \right] \frac{\pi d_1 N_1}{60} \leq 0$$

$$g_6: P_0 - stw \left[ 1 - \exp \left\{ -\mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_2}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_2}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\} \right] \frac{\pi d_2 N_2}{60} \leq 0$$

$$g_7: P_0 - stw \left[ 1 - \exp \left\{ -\mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_3}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_3}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\} \right] \frac{\pi d_3 N_3}{60} \leq 0$$

$$g_8: P_0 - stw \left[ 1 - \exp \left\{ -\mu \left[ \pi - 2 \sin^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{N_4}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{d_4}{2a} \right\} \right] \right\} \right] \frac{\pi d_4 N_4}{60} \leq 0$$

$$g_9, g_{10}: d_{1L} \leq d_1 \leq d_{1U}$$

$$g_{11}, g_{12}: d_{2L} \leq d_2 \leq d_{2U}$$

$$g_{13}, g_{14}: d_{3L} \leq d_3 \leq d_{3U}$$

$$g_{15}, g_{16}: d_{4L} \leq d_4 \leq d_{4U}$$

$$g_{17}, g_{18}: w_L \leq w \leq w_U$$

where

$$C_i = \frac{\pi d_i}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{N_i}{N} \right) + \frac{\left( \frac{N_i}{N} - 1 \right)^2}{4a} + 2a, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

## 5. MODEL ANALYSIS

A monotonicity analysis of the system was used to determine well-boundedness of the problem formulation. The monotonicity table is shown below in Table 4.

	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$w$
f	+	+	+	+	+
h1	+/-	+/-			
h2	+/-		+/-		
h3	+/-			+/-	
g1	+				
g2		+			
g3			-		
g4				-	
g5	-				-
g6		-			-
g7			-		-
g8				-	-
g9	-				
g10	+				
g11		-			
g12		+			
g13			-		
g14			+		
g15				-	
g16				+	
g17					-
g18					+

Table 4. Monotonicity analysis of the mathematical model

The monotonicity of the function and constraints with respect to the design variables were found by taking the partial derivative with respect to the corresponding decision variable. According to the First Monotonicity Principle 1 (MP1), which states that in a well-constrained minimization problem every increasing variable is bounded below by at least one non-increasing active constraint, the problem seems well-bounded because all objective variables have opposite monotonicity in the constraints. This conclusion holds regardless of the direction of the equalities constraints. No redundant constraints were detected.

## 6. OPTIMIZATION STUDY

### 6.1 Local Results

The constrained mathematical model to be optimized was solved using the *fmincon* function in MATLAB's Optimization Toolbox to find a local minimum. Appendix B shows the details of the code with the default parameters (e.g. maximum iterations and tolerances).

The first set of numerical results was obtained using the solution described in the mathematical model section as the initial starting point for three algorithms: sequential quadratic programming (SQP), active set (AS), and interior point (IP). The results of the MATLAB output can be found in Appendix C and are summarized below in Figure 3 and Table 5.

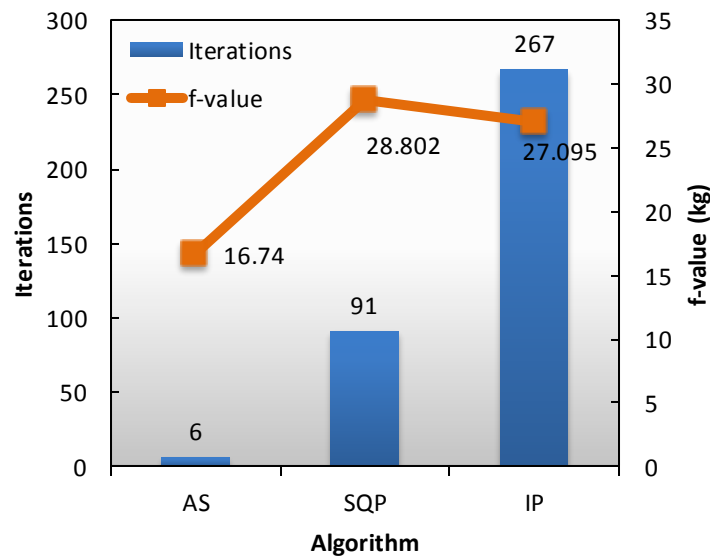


Figure 3. Graphical summary of first round of optimization results

Table 5. Summary of first round of optimization results

Algorithm	Iterations	Exitflag	Comp Time (s)	f	d1	d2	d3	d4	w
SQP	91	0	5.915	28.802	68.965	94.827	126.436	151.724	50.011
AS	6	4	1.727	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
IP	267	0	17.993	27.095	64.811	89.116	118.821	142.585	53.271

The MATLAB output indicated that SQP and IP terminated prematurely because the maximum number of iterations or function evaluations being was exceeded. On the other hand, AS reached a solution within 6 iterations and stopped because the size of the current search direction was less than twice the default value of the step size tolerance and constraints were satisfied to within the default value of the constraint tolerance. The MATLAB output also stated that the solution was a possible local minimum and that all constraints were satisfied. Only the constraint on the lower bound of  $d_1$  was found to be active, and thus the solution is a boundary solution. Comparing the solutions when the algorithms terminated, it can be seen that the function value is much lower for AS than for SQP or IP.

Because SQP and IP stopped prematurely, a different set of initial starting points was tested. The results for the initial starting point with diameters equal to 50 mm and width equal to 80 mm can be found in Appendix C and are summarized below in Figure 4 and Table 6.

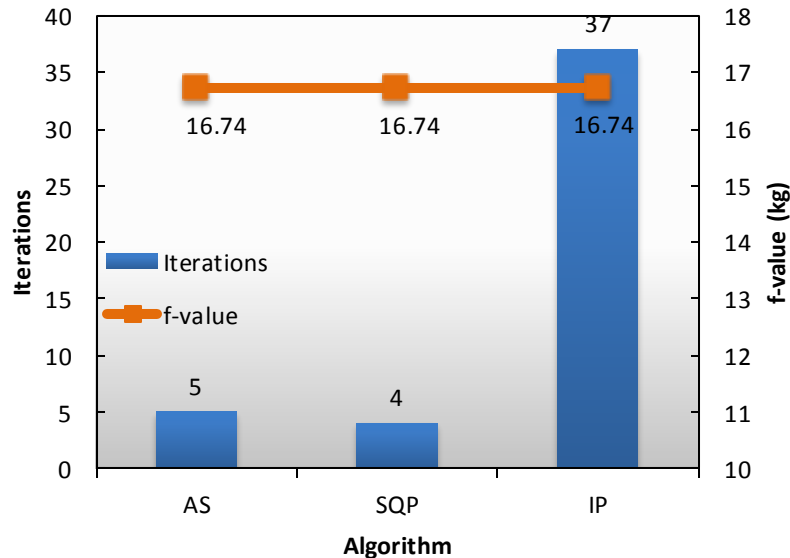


Figure 4. Graphical summary of second round of optimization results summary

Table 6. Summary of second round of optimization results

Algorithm	Iterations	Exitflag	Comp Time (s)	f	d1	d2	d3	d4	w
SQP	5	1	1.594	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
AS	4	1	1.727	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
IP	37	1	3.871	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406

The MATLAB output indicated that all algorithms terminated because first-order optimality measure and maximum constraint violation was less than the tolerance. In other words, the objective function was non-decreasing in feasible directions, to within the default value of the function tolerance, and constraints were satisfied to within the default value of the constraint tolerance. From Table 6 it can be seen that SQP and AS had similar number of iterations and computation time, and these were lower than those of IP. The MATLAB output also stated that a local minimum was found that satisfies the constraints, indicating that the solution satisfied the KKT conditions. AS also indicated that the inequalities constraints for power transmitted and tension ratio, and the lower bound of  $d_1$  were found to be active, implying a boundary solution. All algorithms converged to the same solution.

## 6.2 Global Results

The constrained mathematical model to be optimized was solved using the *GlobalSearch* in MATLAB's Optimization Toolbox to find a global minimum. The algorithm starts the local solver *fmincon* from multiple starting points, analyzes them and rejects those points that are unlikely to improve the best local minimum found so far. The process is repeated until a global solution vector is generated.

Appendix B shows the details of the code with the default parameters (e.g. maximum iterations and tolerances). The results of the MATLAB numerical output using *GlobalSearch* and SQP as the algorithm can be found in Appendix C, and the graphical output is shown below in Figure 5.



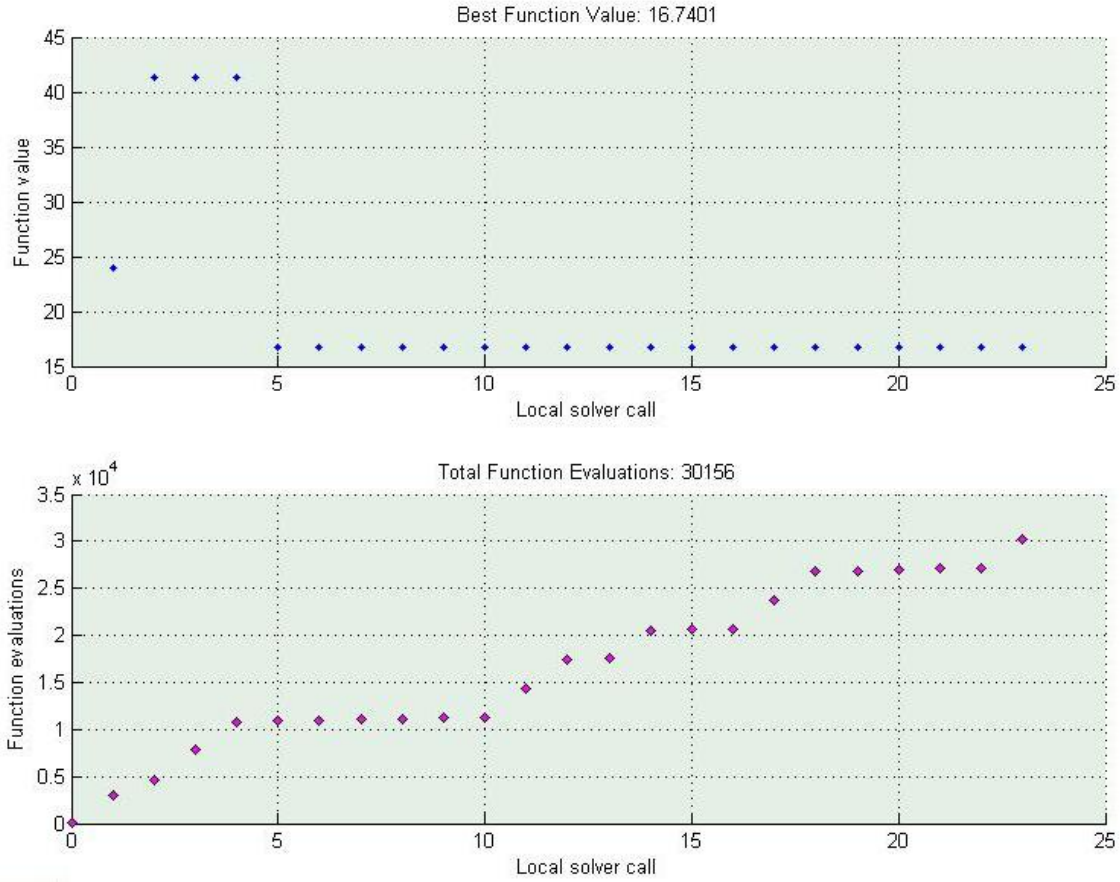


Figure 5. Function value and evaluations vs. Solver call

The plot indicates that after the fifth solver call, the solver reached a solution with the same function value (i.e.  $f = 16.740$ ) as the one in the previous section. The MATLAB output indicates that *GlobalSearch* stopped because it analyzed all the trial points, of which 14 out of 23 local solver runs converged with a positive local solver exit flag (e.g. feasible solution). The computation time was 38.99 seconds and the final solution matched same local solution found in the previous section.

The numerical results obtained so far used algorithms (e.g. SQP, IP) that are gradient-based methods, meaning that information of derivatives (e.g. gradients and hessians) are used in the computation. On the other hand, direct search methods (e.g. simulated annealing) do not involve

derivative information in the calculations of finding a solution. Even though simulated annealing is mainly used for problems involving discrete variables and a large search space, the metaheuristic was tested to find a global minimum of the constrained mathematical model and compared the solution to the one found by the gradient-based methods. The results of the MATHEMATICA output using *NMinimize* (Appendix A) and simulated annealing as the method agree with the results found previously with gradient-based methods.

The results of the optimization study are summarized below in Table 7.

Table 7. Optimization results

Design Variables	Value	Units
$d_1$	40.000	mm
$d_2$	55.000	mm
$d_3$	73.333	mm
$d_4$	88.000	mm
$w$	86.406	mm
Objective	Value	Units
f	16.740	kg

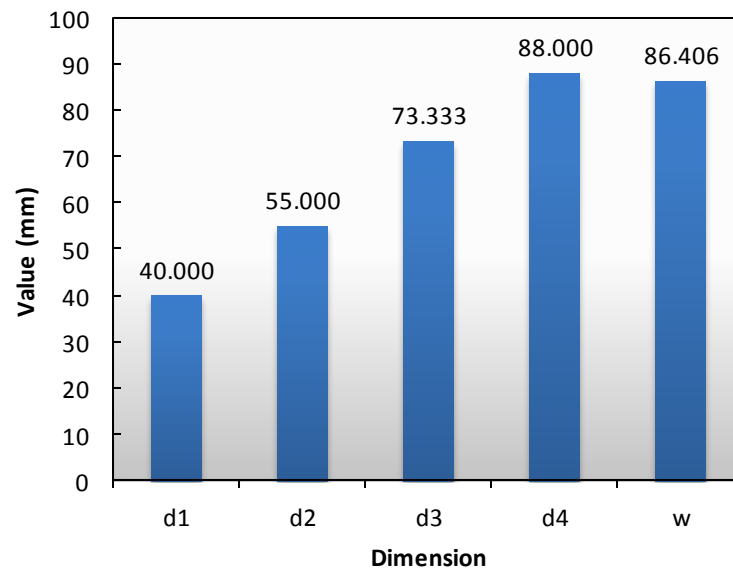


Figure 6. Optimization results graphical summary

## 7. PARAMETRIC STUDY

A parametric study was conducted for different sets of parameters to gain insights and test the feasibility and optimality of the problem formulation. The chosen parameters for the sensitivity analysis were the input speed of the shaft ( $N$ ), the center distance between shafts ( $a$ ), the maximum allowable stress in the belt ( $s$ ), the minimum required power transmitted by the step pulley ( $P_0$ ) and the minimum required ratio of the tension on the tight side of the belt to that on the slack side ( $R_0$ ). The latter two would provide additional insights on the sensitivity of constraints to evaluate the benefits of moving or removing the constraints.

The parametric study was conducted in MATLAB using *GlobalSearch* and SQP as the algorithm for *fmincon*. The numerical results can be found in Appendix D. The sensitivity to shaft center distance (Figure 7) shows that the optimal solution is not very sensitive to this parameter. The optimal weight slightly changes due to a small change in the optimal width.

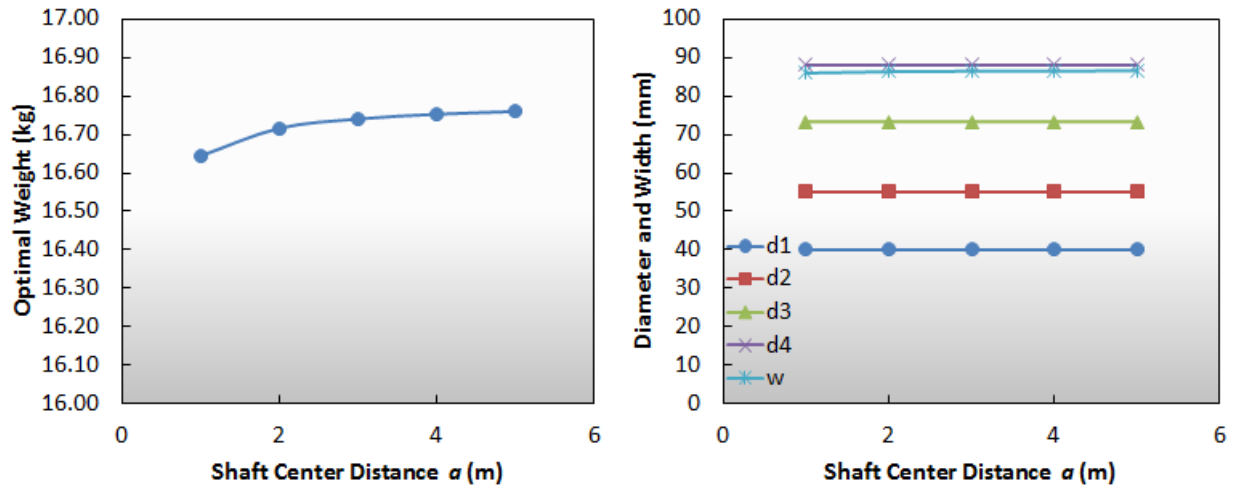


Figure 7. Sensitivity to shaft center distance

The sensitivity to input speed (Figure 8) shows that the optimal solution is very sensitive to this parameter. The optimal weight decreases as the input speed increases mainly due to a decrease in the optimal diameters, which have a greater effect than the increase in optimal width.

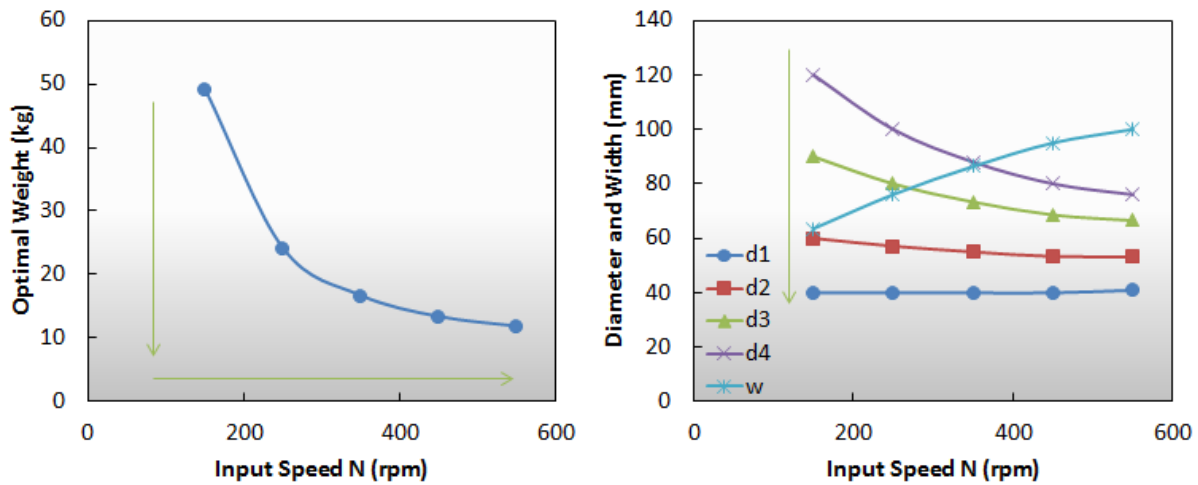


Figure 8. Sensitivity to input speed

The sensitivity to minimum tension ratio (Figure 9) shows that the optimal solution is insensitive to this parameter. The optimal solution does not change with changes in the minimum required tension ratio, suggesting that this constraint should not be an important concern for the designer.

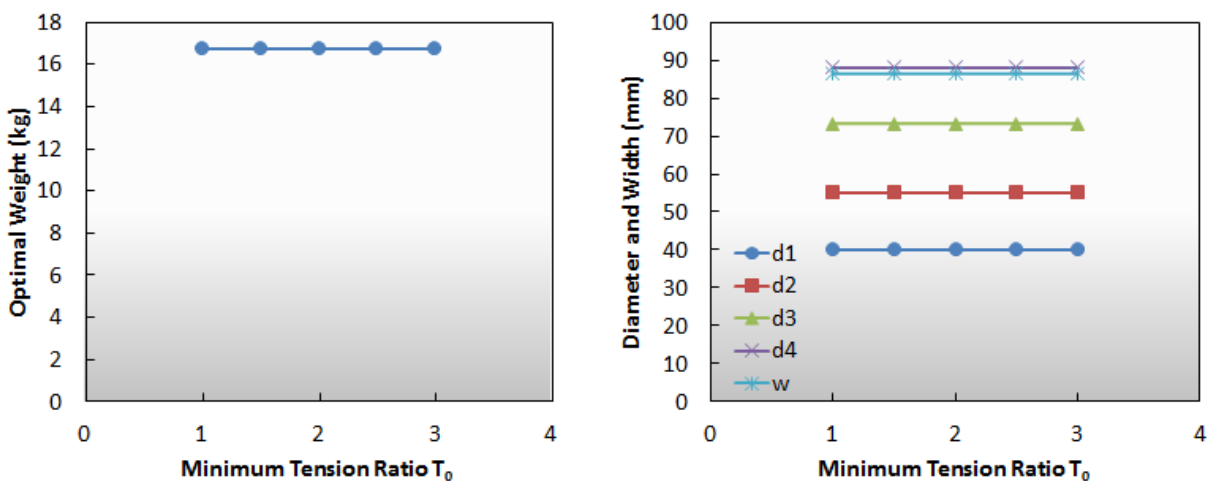


Figure 9. Sensitivity to minimum tension ratio

The sensitivity to maximum allowable stress (Figure 10) shows that the optimal solution is very sensitive to this parameter. As expected, the optimal weight decreases as the constraint is relaxed (i.e. maximum allowable stress is increased). In addition, there is a point at which for higher values of the parameter (i.e. constraint is relaxed more) only the width changes, and for lower values only the diameters change.

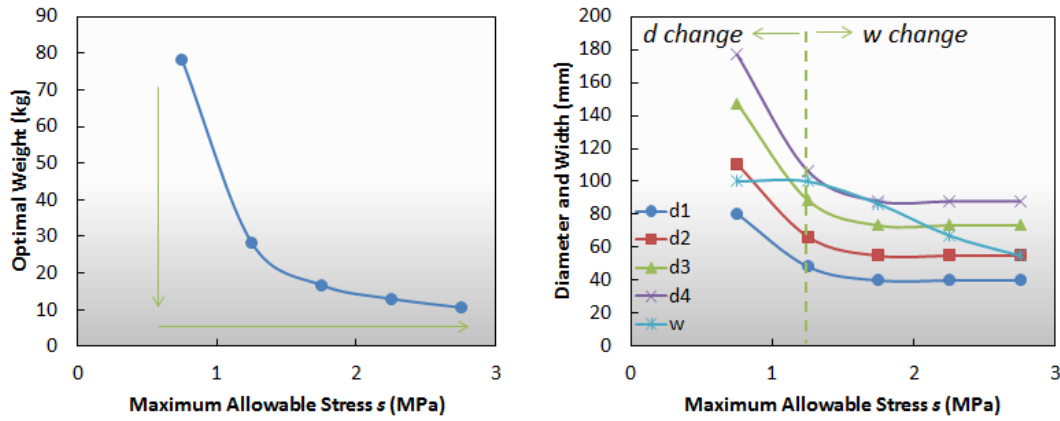


Figure 10. Sensitivity to allowable stress

Interestingly, the sensitivity to the minimum required power (Figure 11) shows the same pattern. As expected, the optimal weight decreases as the constraint is relaxed (i.e. minimum power is decreased). In addition, there is a point at which for lower values of the parameter (i.e. constraint is relaxed more) only the width changes, and for higher values only the diameters change.

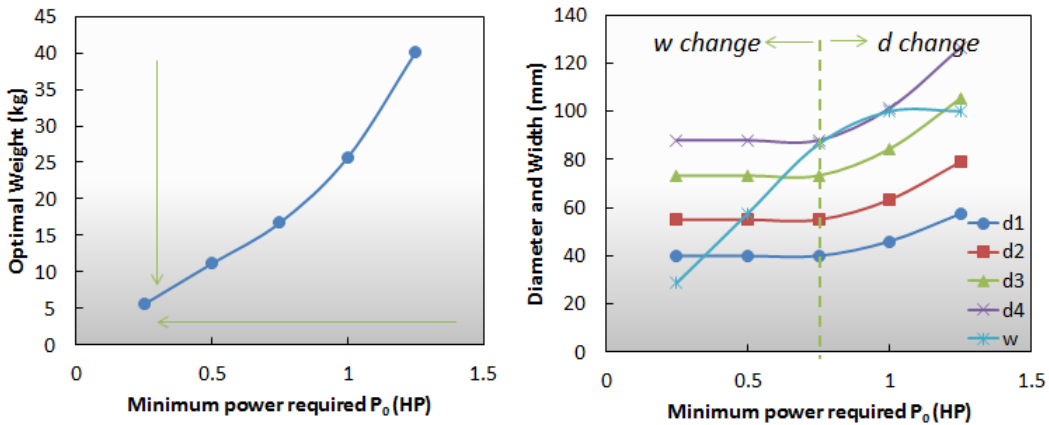


Figure 11. Sensitivity to minimum power required

## 8. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The optimization results revealed that an optimal set of design parameters can be found that minimize the weight. The results also showed constraint activity, satisfaction of KKT points, the type of solution (e.g. boundary optima), the agreement between local and global results, and the impact of the different starting points with the algorithms.

In addition, since SQP guarantees global convergence from any arbitrary point, then the solution found in this optimization study is guaranteed to be a local minimum since the algorithm converged. However, SQP was found to be highly sensitive to the initial starting points, which might be an indication of ill-conditioning. Thus, future work might involve normalizing the variables so a proper scale is used and faster convergence can be achieved. Trust regions might also help with poor starting points. Other issues that should be verified include checking the regularity (i.e. gradients of active inequality constraints are linearly independent).

The optimal solution made practical sense. For example, the size of the diameters increased from  $d_1$  to  $d_4$ , with the increase from each step being not very different. One of the most interesting results is that  $d_1$  seems insensitive to most of the parameters. As expected, the difference between diameters remained almost constant across all parametric studies. Regarding the sensitivity analysis, the results revealed interesting insights as described in the previous section. For instance, diameters should be the main concern of the design, while the width should consider last to satisfy the constraints. Future work might involve conducting sensitivity analysis on the material of the pulley since the type of material has great impact on the cost. However, the coefficient of friction should be taken into account because it changes based on the material. Further sensitivity analysis might also help identify design rules for the optimal solution, and reveal trade-offs between parameters that would aid in the best design of the step-cone pulley.

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## APPENDIX

### A. MATHEMATICA Code & Output

Define Function

```
f[d1_,d2_,d3_,d4_,w_] :=  $\pi/4 \cdot \rho \cdot w \cdot (d1^2 \cdot (1 + (N1/N)^2) + d2^2 \cdot (1 + (N2/N)^2) + d3^2 \cdot (1 + (N3/N)^2) + d4^2 \cdot (1 + (N4/N)^2))$  ;
```

Define constraints

```
h={C1-C2==0, C1-C3==0,C1-C4==0} ;
```

```
ga=ToExpression[Table["R"<>ToString[i]<>">=2",{i,1,4}]]  
{R1≥2,R2≥2,R3≥2,R4≥2}
```

```
gb=ToExpression[Table["P"<>ToString[i]<>">=0.75*745.6998*1000^2"  
,{i,1,4}]]
```

```
{P1≥5.59275×108,P2≥5.59275×108,P3≥5.59275×108,P4≥5.59275×108}
```

Length of belt

```
Ci[di_,Ni_] :=  $\pi \cdot di / 2 \cdot (1 + Ni/N) + (Ni/N - 1)^2 / (4 \cdot a) + 2a$ 
```

```
Ca={Ci[d1,N1],Ci[d2,N2],Ci[d3,N3],Ci[d4,N4]} ;
```

Tension Ratios

```
Ri[di_,Ni_] := Exp[ $\mu \cdot (\pi - 2 \cdot \text{ArcSin}[(Ni/N - 1) \cdot di / (2 \cdot a)])$ ] ;
```

```
Ra={Ri[d1,N1],Ri[d2,N2],Ri[d3,N3],Ri[d4,N4]} ;
```

Power Transmitted

```
pi[di_,Ni_] := s*t*w*(1-Exp[- $\mu \cdot (\pi - 2 \cdot \text{ArcSin}[(Ni/N - 1) \cdot di / (2 \cdot a)])$ ]) *  $\pi \cdot di \cdot Ni / 60$  ;
```

```
Pa={pi[d1,N1],pi[d2,N2],pi[d3,N3],pi[d4,N4]} ;
```

Parameters

```
parameters={ $\rho \rightarrow 7200/1000^3$ ,a→ 3*1000, $\mu \rightarrow 0.35$ ,s→  
1.75*106/1000,t→ 8,N→ 350,N1→ 750,N2→ 450,N3→ 250,N4→ 150} ;
```

Objective

```
objective=f[d1,d2,d3,d4,w]/.parameters;
```

Equality constraints: Length of belt

```
eqconstraints=h/.{C1→Ca[[1]],C2→Ca[[2]],C3→Ca[[3]],C4→Ca[[4]]}/.  
parameters;
```

Inequality constraints: Tension Ratios

```
ineqconstraints1=ga/.{R1→Ra[[1]],R2→Ra[[2]],R3→Ra[[3]],R4→Ra[[4]]}/.  
parameters;
```

Inequality constraints: Power Transmitted

```
ineqconstraints2=gb/.{P1→Pa[[1]],P2→Pa[[2]],P3→Pa[[3]],P4→Pa[[4]]}/.  
parameters;
```

Inequality constraints: Lowerbounds

```
lowerbounds={d1≥ 40,d2≥ 40,d3≥ 40,d4≥ 40,w≥ 16} ;
```



Inequality constraints: Upperbounds

```
upperbounds={d1≤ 500,d2≤ 500,d3≤ 500,d4≤ 500,w≤ 100};
```

Find a feasible solution

```
sol=Solve[eqconstraints/.{d1→70},{d2,d3,d4}];
x0={d1→70,sol[[1,1]],sol[[1,2]],sol[[1,3]],w→50};
eqconstraints/.x0
ineqconstraints1/.x0
ineqconstraints2/.x0
lowerbounds/.x0
upperbounds/.x0
x0//N
objective/.x0//N
{True,True,True}
{True,True,True,True}
{True,True,True,True}
{True,True,True,True,True}
{True,True,True,True,True}
{d1→70.,d2→96.25,d3→128.333,d4→154.,w→50.}
29.6661
```

Optimization Study

```
NMinimize[{objective,eqconstraints[[1]],eqconstraints[[2]],eqcon
straints[[3]],ineqconstraints1[[1]],ineqconstraints1[[2]],ineqco
nstraints1[[3]],ineqconstraints1[[4]],ineqconstraints2[[1]],ineq
constraints2[[2]],ineqconstraints2[[3]],ineqconstraints2[[4]],lo
werbounds[[1]],lowerbounds[[2]],lowerbounds[[3]],lowerbounds[[4]
],lowerbounds[[5]],upperbounds[[1]],upperbounds[[2]],upperbounds
[[3]],upperbounds[[4]],upperbounds[[5]]},{d1,d2,d3,d4,w},Method→
"SimulatedAnnealing"]
{16.7401,{d1→40.,d2→55.,d3→73.3334,d4→88.,w→86.406}}
```

## B. MATLAB Code

### A.1 FUN.m

```
%% IE 513 - Final Project

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
%
% File Name: FUN.m
% Date: 12/01/12
% Author: Luis S Lin
% Description: Objective for step-cone pulley weight minimization
%
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

%%
function [f]=FUN(x,P)
x1 = x(1);
x2 = x(2);
x3 = x(3);
x4 = x(4);
x5 = x(5);

% Objective = sum of weights (weight = density * volume of cylinder)

f = P.p*x5*pi/4*(x1^2*(1+(P.N1/P.N)^2)+...
               x2^2*(1+(P.N2/P.N)^2)+...
               x3^2*(1+(P.N3/P.N)^2)+...
               x4^2*(1+(P.N4/P.N)^2));
```

### A.2 NONLCON.m

```
%% IE 513 - Final Project

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
%
% File Name: NONLCON.m
% Date: 12/01/12
% Author: Luis S Lin
% Description: Nonlinear constraints for step-cone pulley weight minimization
%
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

function [g,h]=NONLCON(x,P)
x1 = x(1);
x2 = x(2);
x3 = x(3);
x4 = x(4);
x5 = x(5);

% Output speed of the step i
N = [P.N1 P.N2 P.N3 P.N4];
```

```

% Diameter of step i
d = [x1 x2 x3 x4];

% C(i): length of the belt needed to obtain output speed Ni
C = zeros(1,4);
for i = 1:4
    C(i) = pi*d(i)/2*(1+N(i)/P.N)+(N(i)/P.N-1)^2/(4*P.a)+2*P.a;
end

% RT(i): ratio of the tension on the tight side of the belt to that
% on the slack side of the ith step
RT = zeros(1,4);
for i = 1:4
    RT(i) = exp(P.mu*(pi-2*asin((N(i)/P.N-1)*d(i)/(2*P.a))));
end

% PW(i): power transmitted at the ith step
PW = zeros(1,4);
for i = 1:4
    PW(i) = P.s*P.t*x5*(1-exp(-P.mu*(pi-2*asin((N(i)/P.N-1)*d(i)/(2*P.a))))) *pi*d(i)*N(i)/60;
end

% inequality constraints
g1 = P.R0 - RT(1);
g2 = P.R0 - RT(2);
g3 = P.R0 - RT(3);
g4 = P.R0 - RT(4);
g5 = P.P0 - PW(1);
g6 = P.P0 - PW(2);
g7 = P.P0 - PW(3);
g8 = P.P0 - PW(4);

g=[g1;g2;g3;g4;g5;g6;g7;g8];

% equality constraints
h1= C(1) - C(2);
h2= C(1) - C(3);
h3= C(1) - C(4);

h=[h1;h2;h3];

```

### A.3 RUN\_1.m (executable file, same as RUN\_2.m)

```
%% IE 513 - Final Project

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
%
% File Name: RUN1.m
% Date: 12/01/12
% Author: Luis S Lin
% Description: Step-cone pulley weight minimization
%
% Files used: FUN.m
%              NONLCON.m
%
% Inputs: 1) Algorithm: 'sqp', 'active-set','interior-point'
%
% Outputs: 1) Optimal Design Variables
%           2) Optimal Function Value
%           3) Iterations Table
%           4) Functiona Value and Evaluations vs Iterations Plot
%           5) Computation Time
%           6) Exit Flag
%           7) Multipliers
%
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

%% Information
clear all %clear out old variables
clc % clear command window

fprintf('\n-----\n');
fprintf('\nAuthor: Luis S Lin\n');
fprintf('\nCourse: IE 513 - Optimal System Design\n');
fprintf('\nFinal Project: Step-cone pulley optimization \n');
fprintf('\n-----\n');

%%
clear all %clear out old variables

% Options and Common Parameters for fmincon
% algorithm & output
% large scale optimization (usually should be set to OFF)
options = optimset('algorithm','active-set','Display','iter',...
    'LargeScale','off','MaxFunEvals',3000,'MaxIter',1000,...
    'Diagnostics','on','PlotFcns',{@optimplotx,@optimplotfval,...
    @optimplotfirstorderopt,@optimplotfunccount,...
    @optimplotconstrviolation,@optimplotstepsize});

% matrix/vectors for defining linear constraints (not used)
A=[]; b=[]; Aeq=[]; beq=[];

% lower bounds on the problem
lb = [ 40 40 40 40 16];
```

```

% upper bounds on the problem (not used)
ub = [500 500 500 500 100];

% initial starting point
% x1 = d1 (diameter of step 1 in mm)
% x2 = d2 (diameter of step 2 in mm)
% x3 = d3 (diameter of step 3 in mm)
% x4 = d4 (diameter of step 4 in mm)
% x5 = w (width of the belts and steps in mm)

x0 = [70 96.25 128.333 154 50];
%x0 = [50 50 50 50 80]; For Run_2.m

% parameters
P.N = 350; % Input speed of the shaft (RPM)
P.N1 = 750; % Output speed of the step 1 (RPM)
P.N2 = 450; % Output speed of the step 2 (RPM)
P.N3 = 250; % Output speed of the step 3 (RPM)
P.N4 = 150; % Output speed of the step 4 (RPM)
P.a = 3; % Center distance between shafts (m)
P.p = 7200; % Density of the material of the pulleys (kg/m^3)
P.mu = 0.35; % Coefficient of friction between belt and pulley
P.s = 1.75; % Maximum allowable stress in the belt (MPa)
P.t = 8; % Thickness of the belt (mm)
P.P0 = 0.75; % Minimum required power transmitted by the step pulley (hp)
P.R0 = 2; % Minimum required ratio of the tension on the tight side of
% the belt to that on the slack side

% convert parameters to appropriate units
P.a = P.a*(10^3); % (mm)
P.p = P.p*(10^-9); % (kg/mm^3)
P.s = P.s*(10^6)*(10^-3); % (kg/mm^2)
P.P0 = P.P0*745.6998*(10^6); % (kg*mm^2/s^3)

% solve
tic % Start clock

[xopt,fval,exitflag,output,lambda] = fmincon(@(x)FUN(x,P),...
x0,A,b,Aeq,beq,lb,ub,@(x)NONLCON(x,P),options)

toc % End Clock

```

### A.3 RUN\_GS.m (executable file)

```
%% IE 513 - Final Project

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
%
% File Name: RUN_GS.m
% Date: 12/01/12
% Author: Luis S Lin
% Description: Step-cone pulley weight minimization
%
% Files used: FUN.m
%              NONLCON.m
%
% Inputs: 1) Algorithm: 'sqp', 'active-set','interior-point'
%
% Outputs: 1) Optimal Design Variables
%           2) Optimal Function Value
%           3) Iterations Table
%           4) Functiona Value and Evaluations vs Iterations Plot
%
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

%% Information
clear all %clear out old variables
clc % clear command window

fprintf('\n-----\n');
fprintf('\nAuthor: Luis S Lin\n');
fprintf('\nCourse: IE 513 - Optimal System Design\n');
fprintf('\nFinal Project: Step-cone pulley optimization \n');
fprintf('\n-----\n');

%%
clear all %clear out old variables

% Options and Common Parameters for fmincon
% algorithm & output
% large scale optimization (usually should be set to OFF)
options = optimset('algorithm','sqp' , 'Display','OFF',...
'LargeScale','off','MaxFunEvals',3000,'MaxIter',1000,'Diagnostics','off');

% matrix/vectors for defining linear constraints (not used)
A=[]; b=[]; Aeq=[]; beq=[];

% lower bounds on the problem
lb = [ 40 40 40 40 16];

% upper bounds on the problem (not used)
ub = [500 500 500 500 100];

% initial starting point
```

```

% x1 = d1 (diameter of step 1 in mm)
% x2 = d2 (diameter of step 2 in mm)
% x3 = d3 (diameter of step 3 in mm)
% x4 = d4 (diameter of step 4 in mm)
% x5 = w (width of the belts and steps in mm)

x0 = [100 100 100 100 20];

% parameters
P.N = 350; % Input speed of the shaft (RPM)
P.N1 = 750; % Output speed of the step 1 (RPM)
P.N2 = 450; % Output speed of the step 2 (RPM)
P.N3 = 250; % Output speed of the step 3 (RPM)
P.N4 = 150; % Output speed of the step 4 (RPM)
P.a = 3; % Center distance between shafts (m)
P.p = 7200; % Density of the material of the pulleys (kg/m^3)
P.mu = 0.35; % Coefficient of friction between belt and pulley
P.s = 1.75; % Maximum allowable stress in the belt (MPa)
P.t = 8; % Thickness of the belt (mm)
P.P0 = 0.75; % Minimum required power transmitted by the step pulley (hp)
P.R0 = 2; % Minimum required ratio of the tension on the tight side of
% the belt to that on the slack side

% convert parameters to appropriate units
P.a = P.a*(10^3); % (mm)
P.p = P.p*(10^-9); % (kg/mm^3)
P.s = P.s*(10^6)*(10^-3); % (kg/mm^2)
P.P0 = P.P0*745.6998*(10^6); % (kg*mm^2/s^3)

% solve

tic % Start Clock

problem = createOptimProblem('fmincon','objective',@(x)FUN(x,P),'x0',x0,...
    'lb',lb,'ub',ub,'nonlcon',@(x)NONLCON(x,P),'options',options);

gs =
GlobalSearch('Display','iter','PlotFcns',{@gsplotbestf,@gsplotfunccount});

[x,f] = run(gs,problem)

toc % Stop Clock

```

## C. MATLAB Output

### C.1 SQP (RUN\_1.m)

Solver stopped prematurely.

fmincon stopped because it exceeded the function evaluation limit,  
options.MaxFunEvals = 3000 (the selected value).

xopt =

68.9653    94.8273    126.4364    151.7237    50.0107

fval =

28.8018

exitflag =

0

ouput =

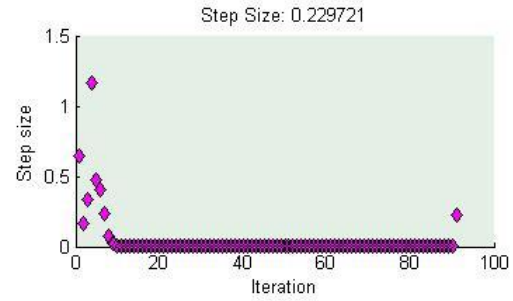
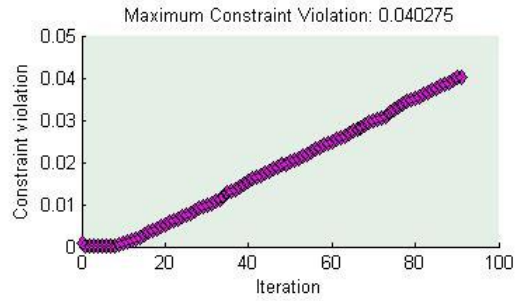
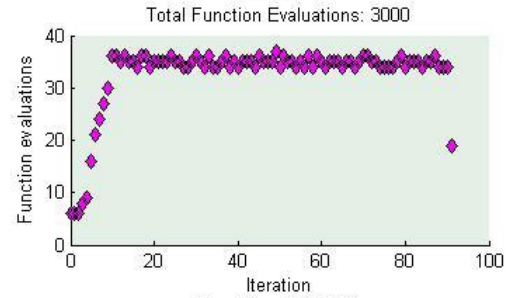
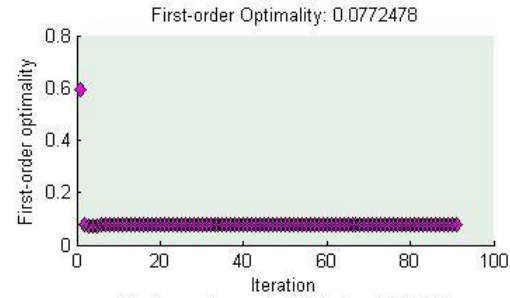
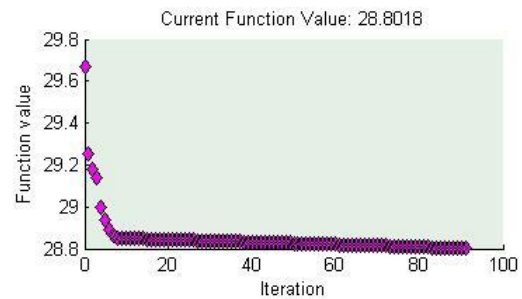
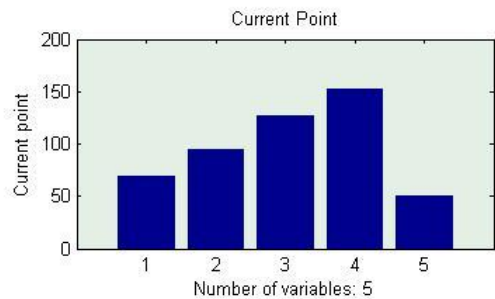
iterations: 91  
funcCount: 3000  
algorithm: 'sequential quadratic programming'  
message: [1x144 char]  
constrviolation: 0.0403  
stepsize: 0.0023  
firstorderopt: 0.0772

lambda =

eqlin: [0x1 double]  
eqnonlin: [3x1 double]  
ineqlin: [0x1 double]  
lower: [5x1 double]  
upper: [5x1 double]  
ineqnonlin: [8x1 double]

Elapsed time is 5.915466 seconds.





## C.2 AS (RUN\_1.m)

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### Diagnostic Information

Number of variables: 5

#### Functions

Objective: @ (x) FUN (x, P)  
 Gradient: finite-differencing  
 Hessian: finite-differencing (or Quasi-Newton)  
 Nonlinear constraints: @ (x) NONLCON (x, P)  
 Nonlinear constraints gradient: finite-differencing

#### Constraints

Number of nonlinear inequality constraints: 8

Number of nonlinear equality constraints: 3

Number of linear inequality constraints: 0

Number of linear equality constraints: 0

Number of lower bound constraints: 5

Number of upper bound constraints: 5

#### Algorithm selected

medium-scale: SQP, Quasi-Newton, line-search

---

### End diagnostic information

order	Iter	F-count	f(x)	Max constraint	Line search steplength	Directional derivative	First-
	0	6	29.6661	0.0009996			
	Infeasible start point						
	1	12	29.25	1.955e-08	1	-0.646	
0.592	2	18	29.1804	2.754e-08	1	-0.423	
0.0755	3	24	21.8183	2.627e+07	1	-0.122	
1.62	Hessian modified						
1.98	4	30	15.3648	4.595e+07	1	-0.0906	
0.101	5	36	16.7401	1.819e-12	1	0.194	

Local minimum possible. Constraints satisfied.

fmincon stopped because the size of the current search direction is less than

twice the default value of the step size tolerance and constraints are

satisfied to within the default value of the constraint tolerance.

<stopping criteria details>

Active inequalities (to within options.TolCon = 1e-06):

lower	upper	ineqlin	ineqnonlin
1			

xopt =

40.0000	55.0000	73.3334	88.0000	86.4060
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fval =

16.7401

exitflag =

4

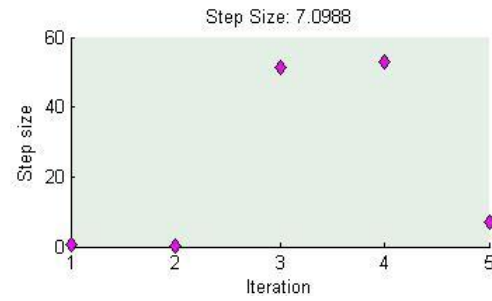
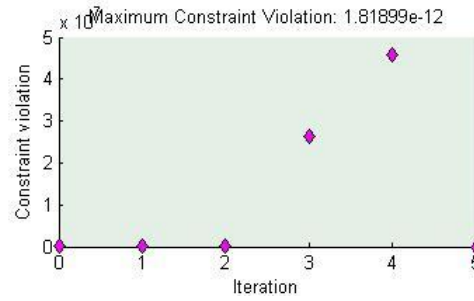
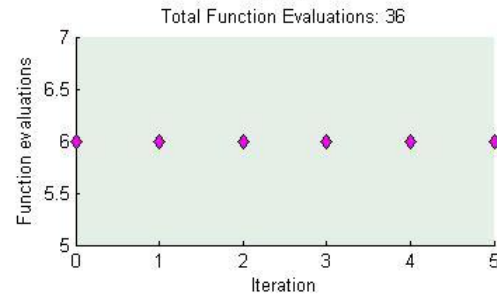
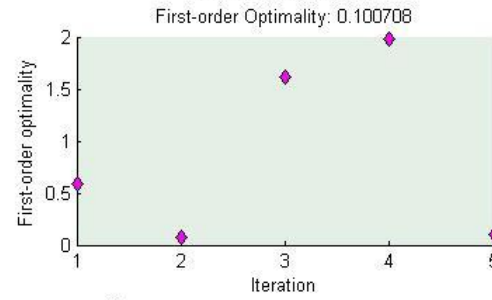
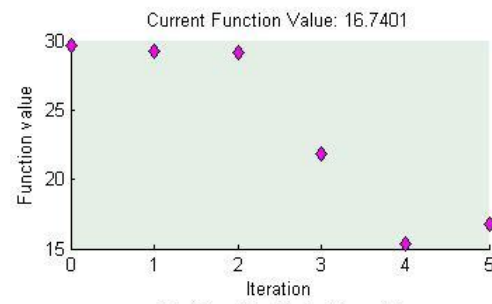
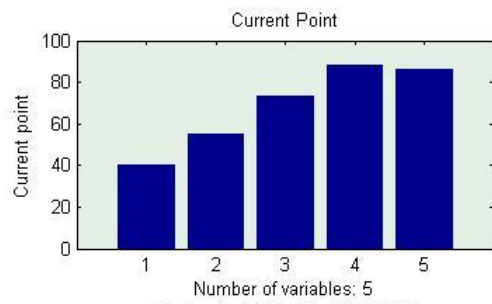
ouput =

iterations:	6
funcCount:	36
lssteplength:	1
stepsize:	2.1253e-07
algorithm:	'medium-scale: SQP, Quasi-Newton, line-search'
firstorderopt:	0.1937
constrviolation:	1.8190e-12
message:	[1x762 char]

lambda =

lower:	[5x1 double]
upper:	[5x1 double]
eqlin:	[0x1 double]
eqnonlin:	[3x1 double]
ineqlin:	[0x1 double]
ineqnonlin:	[8x1 double]

Elapsed time is 1.727288 seconds.



### C.3 IP (RUN\_1.m)

Solver stopped prematurely.

fmincon stopped because it exceeded the function evaluation limit,  
options.MaxFunEvals = 3000 (the selected value).

xopt =

64.8114    89.1157    118.8209    142.5850    53.2710

fval =

27.0949

exitflag =

0

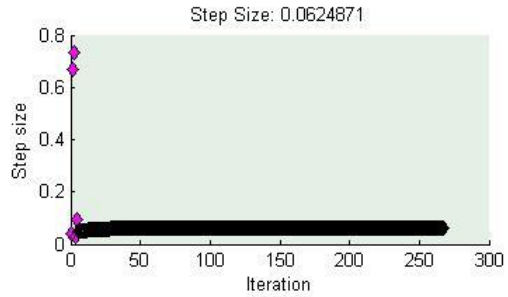
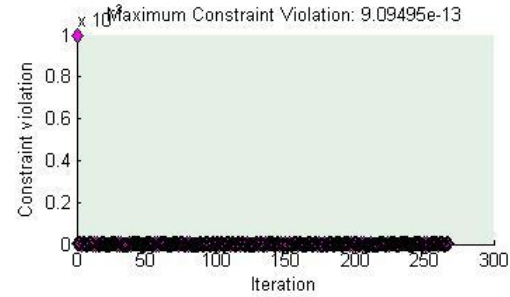
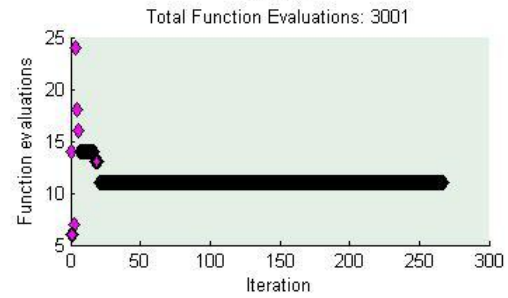
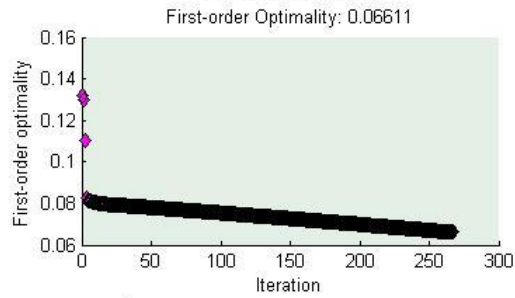
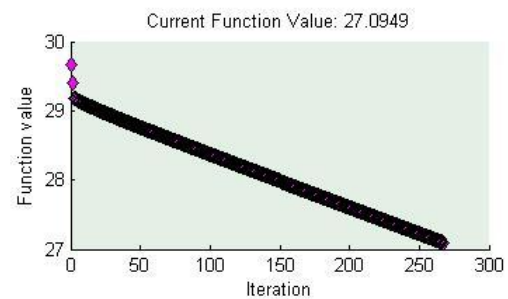
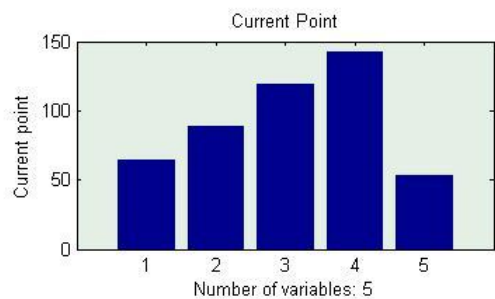
ouput =

iterations: 267  
funcCount: 3001  
constrviolation: 9.0949e-13  
stepsize: 0.0625  
algorithm: 'interior-point'  
firstorderopt: 0.0661  
cgiterations: 293  
message: [1x144 char]

lambda =

eqlin: [0x1 double]  
eqnonlin: [3x1 double]  
ineqlin: [0x1 double]  
lower: [5x1 double]  
upper: [5x1 double]  
ineqnonlin: [8x1 double]

Elapsed time is 17.993146 seconds.



## C.4 SQP (RUN\_2.m)

order					Norm of First-
Iter	F-count	f(x)	Feasibility	Steplength	step
optimality					
0	6	1.237146e+01	2.654e+08		
2.530e-01					
1	12	1.770088e+01	2.451e-05	1.000e+00	4.736e+01
4.062e+01					
2	18	1.766212e+01	4.547e-12	1.000e+00	2.001e-01
1.937e-01					
3	24	1.746834e+01	0.000e+00	1.000e+00	1.000e+00
1.937e-01					
4	30	1.674013e+01	0.000e+00	1.000e+00	3.759e+00
1.456e-01					
5	36	1.674013e+01	0.000e+00	1.000e+00	4.043e-08
3.248e-09					

Local minimum found that satisfies the constraints.

Optimization completed because the objective function is non-decreasing in feasible directions, to within the default value of the function tolerance, and constraints are satisfied to within the default value of the constraint tolerance.

<stopping criteria details>

xopt =

40.0000 55.0000 73.3334 88.0000 86.4060

fval =

16.7401

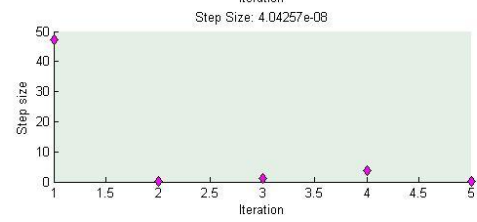
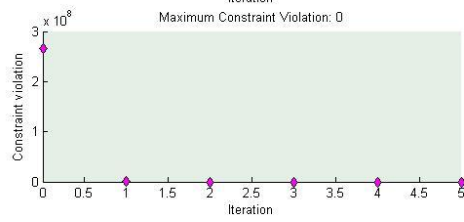
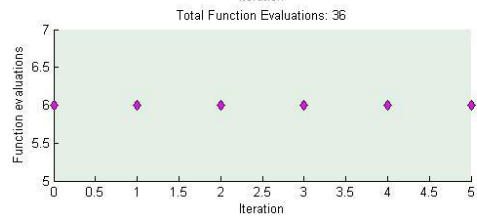
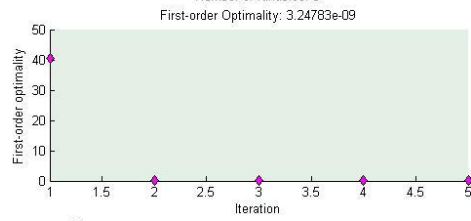
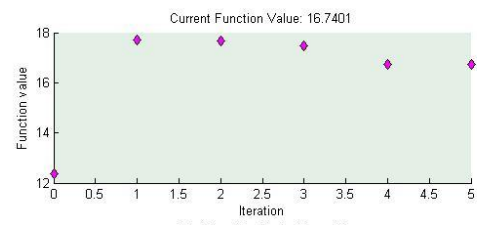
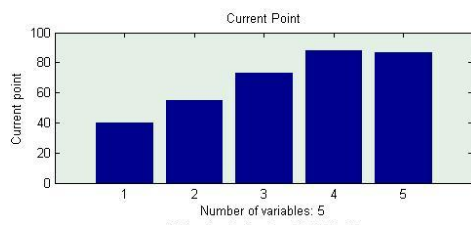
exitflag =

1

ouput =

iterations: 5  
funcCount: 36  
algorithm: 'sequential quadratic programming'  
message: [1x777 char]  
constrviolation: 0  
stepsize: 1  
firstorderopt: 3.2478e-09

Elapsed time is 1.593999 seconds.





## C.5 AS (RUN\_2.m)

order			Max	Line search	Directional	First-
Iter	F-count	f(x)	constraint	steplength	derivative	
0	6	12.3715	2.654e+08			
Infeasible start point						
1	12	17.7009	2.451e-05	1	0.073	
101						
2	18	17.6617	4.547e-12	1	-0.194	
0.194 Hessian modified						
3	24	16.7401	0.8354	1	-0.194	
0.00773 Hessian modified						
4	30	16.7401	1.192e-07	1	0.194	
5.63e-09 Hessian modified						

Local minimum found that satisfies the constraints.

Optimization completed because the objective function is non-decreasing in feasible directions, to within the default value of the function tolerance, and constraints are satisfied to within the default value of the constraint tolerance.

<stopping criteria details>

Active inequalities (to within options.TolCon = 1e-06):

lower	upper	ineqlin	ineqnonlin
1			8

xopt =

40.0000	55.0000	73.3334	88.0000	86.4060
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fval =

16.7401

exitflag =

1

ouput =

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    iterations: 4
    funcCount: 30
    lssteplength: 1
    stepsize: 1.2906e-07
    algorithm: 'medium-scale: SQP, Quasi-Newton, line-search'
    firstorderopt: 5.6340e-09
    constrviolation: 1.1921e-07
    message: [1x783 char]

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Elapsed time is 2.160478 seconds.

## C.5 IP (RUN\_2.m)

Local minimum found that satisfies the constraints.

Optimization completed because the objective function is non-decreasing in feasible directions, to within the default value of the function tolerance,  
and constraints are satisfied to within the default value of the constraint tolerance.

<stopping criteria details>

xopt =

40.0000 55.0000 73.3334 88.0000 86.4060

fval =

16.7401

exitflag =

1

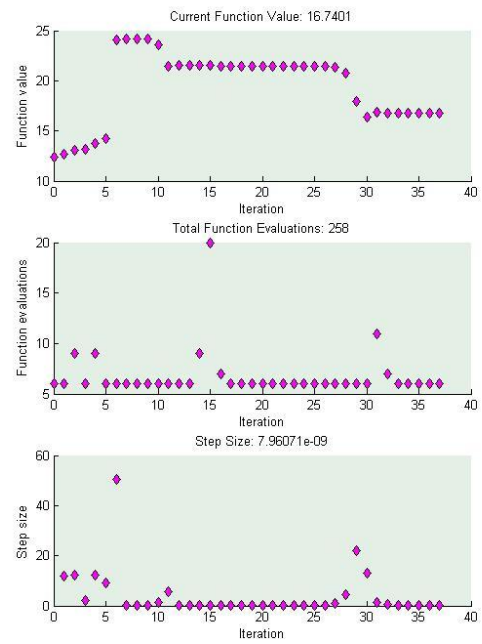
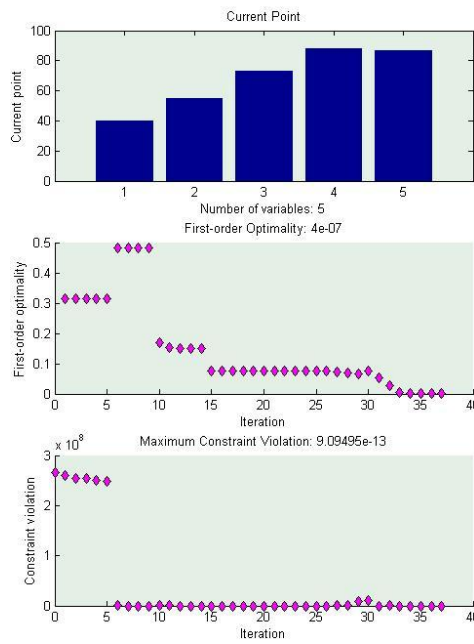
ouput =

iterations: 37  
funcCount: 258  
constrviolation: 9.0949e-13  
stepsize: 7.9607e-09  
algorithm: 'interior-point'  
firstorderopt: 4.0000e-07  
cgiterations: 9  
message: [1x777 char]

lambda =

eqlin: [0x1 double]  
eqnonlin: [3x1 double]  
ineqlin: [0x1 double]  
lower: [5x1 double]  
upper: [5x1 double]  
ineqnonlin: [8x1 double]

Elapsed time is 3.870883 seconds.



## C.6 SQP (RUN\_GS.m)

Num Pts	Best	Current	Threshold	Local
Local				
Analyzed F-count	f(x)	Penalty	Penalty	f(x)
exitflag Procedure				
0 3000	23.97			23.97
0 Initial Point				
200 4565	41.25			41.25
2 Stage 1 Local				
300 4667	41.25	615.4	86.61	
Stage 2 Search				
400 4767	41.25	1386	217	
Stage 2 Search				
437 7804	41.25	105.2	312.9	26.05
0 Stage 2 Local				
438 10805	41.25	81.96	105.2	33.8
0 Stage 2 Local				
441 10886	16.74	63.06	81.96	16.74
1 Stage 2 Local				
478 11001	16.74	73.63	75.87	16.74
1 Stage 2 Local				
480 11081	16.74	73.29	73.63	16.74
1 Stage 2 Local				
482 11161	16.74	72.86	73.29	16.74
1 Stage 2 Local				
493 11244	16.74	72.34	72.81	16.74
1 Stage 2 Local				
495 11318	16.74	72.17	72.34	16.74
1 Stage 2 Local				
500 11323	16.74	79.61	72.17	
Stage 2 Search				
545 14369	16.74	90.12	95.48	39.71
0 Stage 2 Local				
600 14424	16.74	174.8	108.9	
Stage 2 Search				
617 17441	16.74	107.1	130.9	57.05
0 Stage 2 Local				
619 17524	16.74	83.95	107.1	16.74
1 Stage 2 Local				
644 20549	16.74	88.89	100.9	51.17
0 Stage 2 Local				
645 20631	16.74	86.64	88.89	16.74
1 Stage 2 Local				
657 20722	16.74	84.77	86.64	16.74
1 Stage 2 Local				
668 23733	16.74	81.96	84.77	52.49
0 Stage 2 Local				
694 26759	16.74	98.09	98.55	59.31
0 Stage 2 Local				
700 26765	16.74	228.5	98.09	
Stage 2 Search				

	708	26858	16.74	84.49	98.09	16.74
1	Stage 2 Local					
	718	26954	16.74	84.3	84.49	16.74
1	Stage 2 Local					
	789	27110	16.74	107.1	146.4	16.74
1	Stage 2 Local					
	793	27199	16.74	84.23	107.1	16.74
1	Stage 2 Local					
	800	27206	16.74	773	84.23	
	Stage 2 Search					
	900	27306	16.74	96.88	58.23	
	Stage 2 Search					
	978	30156	16.74	115.4	121.8	71.86
-2	Stage 2 Local					
	1000	30178	16.74	151.2	138.7	
	Stage 2 Search					

GlobalSearch stopped because it analyzed all the trial points.

14 out of 23 local solver runs converged with a positive local solver exit flag.

x =

40.0000 55.0000 73.3334 88.0000 86.4060

f =

16.7401

Elapsed time is 38.986607 seconds.

## D. Sensitivity Analysis

<b>N</b>	<b>Fval</b>	<b>d1</b>	<b>d2</b>	<b>d3</b>	<b>d4</b>	<b>w</b>
150	49.233	40.000	60.000	90.000	120.000	63.549
250	24.199	40.000	57.143	80.000	100.000	76.0825
350	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
450	13.433	40.000	53.333	68.571	80.000	95.0300
550	11.911	40.931	53.211	66.514	76.015	100.000

<b>a</b>	<b>Fval</b>	<b>d1</b>	<b>d2</b>	<b>d3</b>	<b>d4</b>	<b>w</b>
1	16.644	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	85.910
2	16.716	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.281
3	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
4	16.752	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.469
5	16.760	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.507

<b>s</b>	<b>Fval</b>	<b>d1</b>	<b>d2</b>	<b>d3</b>	<b>d4</b>	<b>w</b>
0.75	78.292	80.411	110.564	147.419	176.903	100.000
1.25	28.316	48.358	66.492	88.657	106.388	100.000
1.75	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
2.25	13.020	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	67.205
2.75	10.653	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	54.986

<b>P0</b>	<b>Fval</b>	<b>d1</b>	<b>d2</b>	<b>d3</b>	<b>d4</b>	<b>w</b>
0.25	5.580	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	28.802
0.5	11.160	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	57.604
0.75	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
1	25.692	46.063	63.337	84.449	101.339	100.000
1.25	40.077	57.531	79.105	105.473	126.568	100.000

<b>R0</b>	<b>Fval</b>	<b>d1</b>	<b>d2</b>	<b>d3</b>	<b>d4</b>	<b>w</b>
1	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
1.5	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
2	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
2.5	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406
3	16.740	40.000	55.000	73.333	88.000	86.406