

Reliability Analysis with Explicit Limit-state Function

Consider the limit-state function

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - \frac{x_2}{1000 \cdot x_3} - \left(\frac{x_1}{200 \cdot x_3} \right)^2$$

where X_1 is a lognormal random variable with mean 500 and standard deviation 100; X_2 is a lognormal random variable with mean 2000 and standard deviation 400; and X_3 is a uniform random variable with mean 5 and standard deviation 0.5. The correlation matrix for these random variables is

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.3 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & 1 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) Estimate the failure probability by Monte Carlo sampling
- b) Estimate the reliability index and failure probability by FORM
- c) Estimate failure probability by importance sampling around the design point
- d) Compare and discuss the results from the previous questions
- e) Identify the most and least “important” random variable