

457.646 Topics in Structural Reliability
In-Class Material: Class 10

◎ **Second moment reliability index** β_{MVFOSM}

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- Failure : $g(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$ (NOT “elementary”)
- Use () & () only. Therefore, can't compute P_f (index, not method)

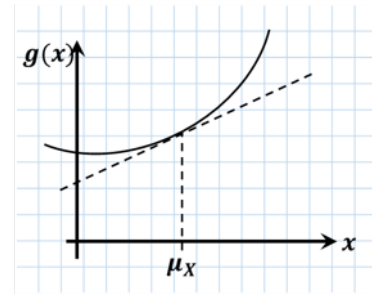
- Ang & Cornell (1974) ASCE Journal of Structural Engineering

Use () order approximation to estimate & of $g(\mathbf{x})$

$$P_f = P(g \leq 0) = P(u_g \leq \quad)$$

$$\mu_g^{FO} \text{ \& } \sigma_g^{FO} ?$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}) \approx g(\quad) + \sum_{i=1}^n \quad (x_i - \mu_{x_i})$$



$$\begin{cases} \mu_g^{FO} = \\ \sigma_g^{2FO} = \sum \quad + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \beta_{MVFOSM} = \frac{\mu_g^{FO}}{\sigma_g^{FO}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

If we assume $u_g \sim N(0,1)$

$$P_f \cong \Phi(\quad)$$

⇒ Popular for a while

⇒ But problem

i.e. equivalent limit-state functions could give different β_{MVFORM}

$$\left. \begin{aligned} g_1(x) &= X_1^2 + 3X_2 < 0 \\ g_2(x) &= g_1(x) / X_1^2 = 1 + 3 \frac{X_2}{X_1^2} < 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{equivalent} \Rightarrow \text{the same } \beta_{MVFORM} ?$$

Example: lack of invariance of second order reliability methods

Consider a structural reliability problem with two random variables X_1 and X_2 .
The mean vector and the covariance matrix of X_1 and X_2 are

$$\mathbf{M}_X = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_{XX} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

Case 1: $g(X_1, X_2) = X_1^2 + 3X_2$

Gradient $\nabla g = [2X_1 \quad 3]$. At the mean point $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{M}_X$, $\nabla g = [10 \quad 3]$.

First order approximation on μ_g and σ_g^2 :

$$\mu_g \cong 5^2 + 3 \times 10 = 55$$

$$\sigma_g^2 \cong \nabla g \Sigma_{XX} \nabla g^T = 925$$

$$\beta_{MVFOSM} = \frac{\mu_g}{\sigma_g} = \frac{55}{\sqrt{925}} = 1.81$$

$$P_f = \Phi(-1.81) = 0.0351$$

Case 2: $g(X_1, X_2) = 1 + \frac{3X_2}{X_1^2}$

$$\nabla g = [-6X_2X_1^{-3} \quad 3X_1^{-2}]$$

At the mean point $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{M}_X$, $\nabla g = [-0.48 \quad 0.12]$.

$$\mu_g \cong 1 + 3 \times 10 / 25 = 2.20$$

$$\sigma_g^2 \cong \nabla g \Sigma_{XX} \nabla g^T = 0.706$$

$$\beta_{MVFOSM} = \frac{\mu_g}{\sigma_g} = \frac{2.20}{\sqrt{0.706}} = 2.62$$

$$P_f = \Phi(-2.62) = 0.00440$$

Although the two limit-state functions are equivalent ones with the same failure domains, the second order reliability method yields different reliability indices and failure probability estimates.

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Summary:

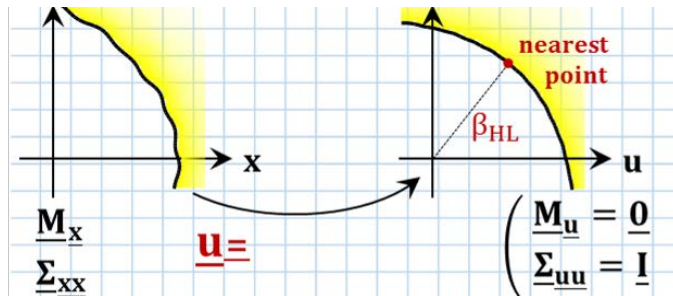
$$\beta_{SM} = \frac{\mu_M}{\sigma_M} = \frac{\mu_R - \mu_S}{\sqrt{\sigma_R^2 + \sigma_S^2 - 2\sigma_R\sigma_S\rho_{RS}}}$$

$$\beta_{SF} = \frac{\mu_F}{\sigma_F}, \text{ for LN } \beta_{SF} = \frac{\lambda_R - \lambda_S}{\sqrt{\zeta_R^2 + \zeta_S^2 - 2\zeta_R\zeta_S\rho_{\ln R \ln S}}}$$

$$\beta_{MVFOSM} = \frac{\mu_g^{FO}}{\sigma_g^{FO}} = \frac{g(\mathbf{M}_X)}{\nabla g(\mathbf{M}_X) \Sigma_{XX} \nabla g(\mathbf{M}_X)^T} \quad (\text{Oct1974})$$

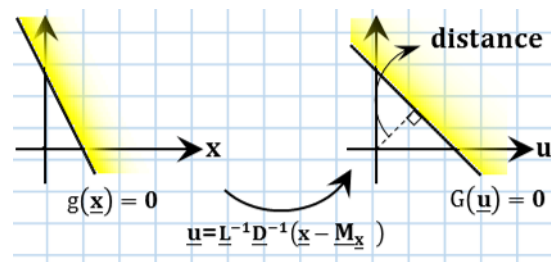
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(or β_{AFOSM} "Advanced" FOSM)



Linear Limit-State Function

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(\mathbf{x}) &= a_0 + \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} \\
 &= a_0 + \mathbf{a}^T (\quad) \\
 &= a_0 + \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{u} \\
 &= b_0 + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{u} = G(\mathbf{u})
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\beta = \frac{\mu_G}{\sigma_G} = \frac{b_0}{\|\mathbf{b}\|}$$

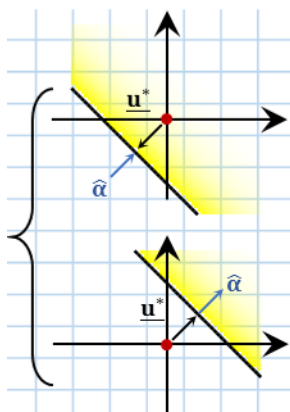
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$$\text{distance} = \frac{|b_0|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|}$$

Can have $+/-$ sign

always positive

For $G(\mathbf{u}) = b_0 + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{u}$



$$b_0 = G(\mathbf{0}) < 0$$

(in failure domain)

$$\beta < 0$$

$$b_0 = G(\mathbf{0}) > 0$$

(in safe domain)

$$\beta > 0$$

i. $\hat{\alpha} = -\frac{\nabla G}{\|\nabla G\|}$: "Negative normalized gradient vector"

: Unit row vector pointing toward the _____ domain

e.g. linear function : $\hat{\alpha} = -\frac{\mathbf{b}^T}{\|\mathbf{b}\|}$

ii. \mathbf{u}^* : "Design point"

"Most probable failure point (MPP)"

"Beta point"

e.g. linear function : $\mathbf{u}^* \equiv -b_0 \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|^2}$

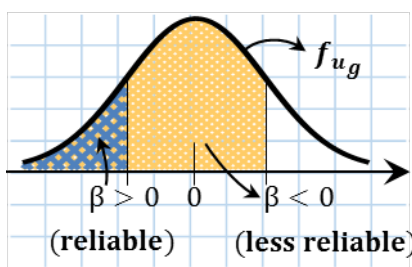
iii.

$$\beta_{HL} \equiv \hat{\alpha} \mathbf{u}^*$$

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$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\beta_{HL}| : \text{distance between origin and } \mathbf{u}^* \\ \text{sign} : \text{directions of } \hat{\alpha} \text{ and } \mathbf{u}^* \end{array} \right.$

e.g. linear function : $\beta_{HL} = \frac{b_0}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \left(= \frac{\mu_G}{\sigma_G} \right)$



$$P_f = F_{u_g}(-\beta_{HL})$$

What if $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{M}_x, \sum_{xx})$ and $g(\mathbf{x})$ linear?

$$\Rightarrow G, g \sim N$$

$$P_f = \Phi(-\beta_{HL})$$