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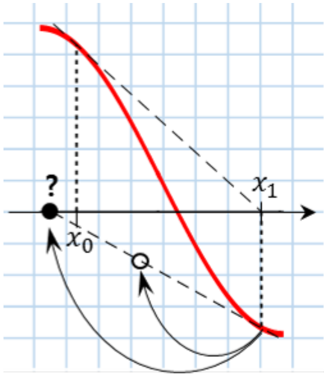
See Supplement, **"HL-RF Algorithm for HL Reliability Index and FORM/SORM"**

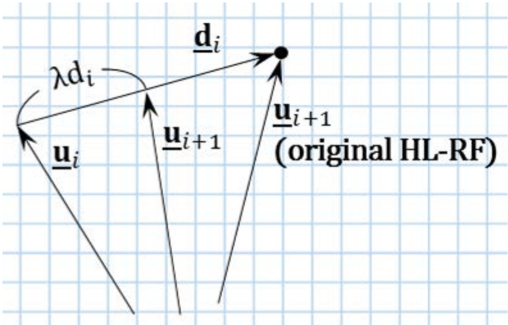
☆ Convergence Issue



Solution: Does not go full step, i.e. "step size" control

- Modified HL-RF (Liu & ADK 1990)
- Improved HL-RF (Zhang & ADK 1995)

$$\begin{cases} u_{i+1} = u_i + \lambda d_i \quad (\lambda, \text{stepsize}<1) \\ \mathbf{d}_i = \left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_i \mathbf{u}_i + \dfrac{G(\mathbf{u}_i)}{\|\nabla G(\mathbf{u}_i)\|} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_i^{\mathrm{T}} - \mathbf{u}_i \end{cases}$$



How? "Merit" function $m(\mathbf{u})$ is defined such that $m(\mathbf{u})$ is minimum at $\mathbf{u} =$

Then, select λ at each step such that $m(\mathbf{u})$ d____________

e.g. 1) Modified HL-RF: $m(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}\left\| \mathbf{u} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}\mathbf{u}\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^{\mathrm{T}} \right\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} c \cdot G(\mathbf{u})^2$

($m(\mathbf{u})$ can have minima that are not solution)

2) Improved HL-RF: $m(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + c\left|G(\mathbf{u})\right|$

Select λ such that $m(\mathbf{u}_{i+1})$ $\qquad$ $m(\mathbf{u}_i)$ because the direction vector is a descent direction in terms of merit function

as long as $c > \dfrac{\|\mathbf{u}_{i+1}\|}{\|\nabla G(\mathbf{u}_{i+1})\|}$

※ Zhang & ADK(1995) proved this based on so-called "Armijo's rule" and provided detailed updating rule for *c* (but FERUM uses a simple rule)

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Example: β_{HL} by improved HL-RF algorithm

Limit-state function $g(X_1, X_2) = 0.5X_1^2 - X_2 + 3\sin(2X_1)$

Mean vector and covariance matrix of X_1 and X_2:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gradient $\nabla g = [X_1 + 6\cos(2X_1) \quad -1]$

Preparation:

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^{\mathrm{T}} \ \text{(Cholesky decomposition):} \ \mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.87 \end{bmatrix}, \ \mathbf{L}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -0.58 & 1.15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{D}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{x}}); \quad \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{M}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{D}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ -0.29 & 0.23 \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2.5 & 4.33 \end{bmatrix} \ \text{(constant since linear)}$$

Initialization:

$i = 1; \ \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = 10^{-3}$

Starting point: $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Scale parameter: $G_0 = g(\mathbf{M}) = 0.5 \cdot 5^2 - 3 + 3 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 5) = 7.87$

Computation (1st step):

$$G(\mathbf{u}_1) = g(\mathbf{x}_1) = 7.8679$$

$$\nabla G(\mathbf{u}_1) = \nabla g(\mathbf{x}_1)\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{u}} = [-0.03 \quad -1]\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2.5 & 4.33 \end{bmatrix} = [-2.57 \quad -4.33]$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_1 = -\frac{[-2.57 \quad -4.33]}{(2.57^2 + 4.33^2)^{1/2}} = [0.51 \quad 0.86]$$

Convergence check (1st step): Skipped.

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Update (1st→2nd):

$c_1 \geq \dfrac{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|}{\|\nabla G(\mathbf{u}_1)\|} = 0$; Set $c_1 = 10$

Current value of the merit function:

$$m(\mathbf{u}_1) = 0.5\|\mathbf{u}_1\|^2 + c_1|G(\mathbf{u}_1)| = 0.5(0)^2 + 10(7.87) = 78.7$$

$$\mathbf{d}_1 = \left[\hat{\alpha}_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{G(\mathbf{u}_1)}{\|\nabla G(\mathbf{u}_1)\|}\right]\hat{\alpha}_1^{\mathrm{T}} - \mathbf{u}_1$$

$$= \left\{[0.51 \quad 0.86]\begin{bmatrix}0\\0\end{bmatrix} + \frac{7.87}{5.03}\right\}\begin{bmatrix}0.51\\0.86\end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix}0\\0\end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix}0.80\\1.34\end{bmatrix}$$

Try a step size: $\lambda = 1$ (original HL-RF)

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{u}_1 + \lambda\mathbf{d}_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix}0\\0\end{bmatrix} + (1)\begin{bmatrix}0.80\\1.34\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}0.80\\1.34\end{bmatrix}$$

Check $m(\mathbf{u}_2) < m(\mathbf{u}_1)$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}_2) = \begin{bmatrix}6.59\\10.81\end{bmatrix}$$

$$G(\mathbf{u}_2) = g(\mathbf{x}_2) = 0.5\cdot 6.59^2 - 10.81 + 3\sin(2\cdot 6.59) = 12.68$$

$m(\mathbf{u}_2) = 0.5(6.59^2 + 10.81^2) + 10(12.68) = 126.82 > 78.7$ **N.G. (reject: $\lambda = 1$)**

Try a step size: $\lambda = 0.5$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{u}_1 + \lambda\mathbf{d}_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix}0\\0\end{bmatrix} + (0.5)\begin{bmatrix}0.80\\1.34\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}0.40\\0.67\end{bmatrix}$$

Check $m(\mathbf{u}_2) < m(\mathbf{u}_1)$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}_2) = \begin{bmatrix}5.80\\6.91\end{bmatrix}$$

$$G(\mathbf{u}_2) = g(\mathbf{x}_2) = 0.5\cdot 5.08^2 - 6.91 + 3\sin(2\cdot 5.08) = 7.42$$

$m(\mathbf{u}_2) = 0.5(0.40^2 + 0.67^2) + 10(7.42) = 74.60 < 78.7$ **O.K. (accept: $\lambda = 0.5$)**

Computation (2nd step):

$\nabla g = [X_1 + 6\cos(2X_1) \quad -1]$

$$G(\mathbf{u}_2) = 7.42$$

$$\nabla G(\mathbf{u}_2) = [9.18 \quad -1]\begin{bmatrix}2 & 0\\2.5 & 4.33\end{bmatrix} = [15.86 \quad -4.33]$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_2 = [-0.97 \quad 0.26]$$

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Convergence check (2nd step):

$$\left|G(\mathbf{u}_2)/G_0\right| = \frac{7.42}{7.67} = 0.94 > \varepsilon_1 \quad \textbf{N.G.}$$

$$\left\|\mathbf{u}_2 - \hat{\alpha}_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \hat{\alpha}_2^{\mathrm{T}}\right\| = 0.75 > \varepsilon_2 \quad \textbf{N.G.}$$

Update (2nd→3rd):

$$c_2 \geq \left\|\mathbf{u}_2\right\| / \left\|\nabla G(\mathbf{u}_2)\right\| = 0.05 \text{; set } c_2 = 10$$

$$\vdots$$

Repeat until the convergence criteria are satisfied.

Note: If $m(\mathbf{u}_{i+1}) \geq m(\mathbf{u}_i)$, reduce the value of λ until you satisfy $m(\mathbf{u}_{i+1}) < m(\mathbf{u}_i)$

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☆ **Santos, Matioli & Beck (2012)**

New optimization algorithms for structural reliability Analysis

⇒ provides a good review on HLRF, mHLRF and iHLRF
⇒ proposes nHLRF and two Lagrangian methods
⇒ nHLRF→ as efficient as iHLRF & more robust
⇒ Lagrangian→ Less efficient than HLRF's but more general and probably more suitable than HLRFs for large no. of rvs

◎ Reliability Indices VS Reliability Methods

(β_{SM} , β_{SF} , β_{MVFOSM} , β_{HL}) (P_f)

Reliability indices

- Use partial & (i.e. ∇)
- Do not provide a framework to consider type of of input r.v's
- P_f could be estimated for special cases only

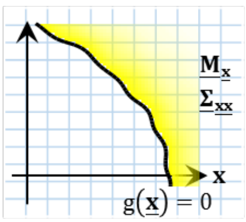
  (e.g., $P_f = \Phi(-\beta_{SM})$ when R, S ~ Normal)

→ Therefore, cannot be considered as reliability _________

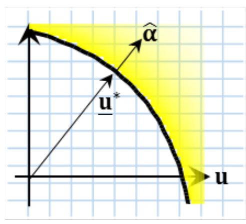
cf. FORM/SORM ~ reliability methods

= design point concept (e.g. β_{HL}) + { 1) transformation to achieve $\mathbf{u} \sim N(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{I})$; 2) procedure to get }

β_{HL} approach $\beta_{HL} = \hat{\alpha}\mathbf{u}^*$

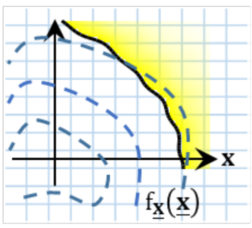


X=DLu+M →

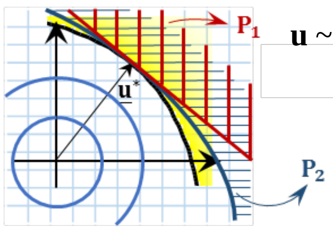


$\begin{cases} \mathbf{M_u} = \mathbf{0} \\ \sum_{\mathbf{uu}} = \mathbf{I} \end{cases}$

FORM/SORM



X=T(u) →



$\mathbf{u} \sim N(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{I})$

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◎ Probability in the Uncorrelated Standard Normal Space

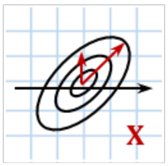
$\mathbf{u} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ (cf. $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathrm{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R})$)

Joint PDF

$$\varphi(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \varphi(u_i)$$

where $\varphi(u_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2} u_i^2)$

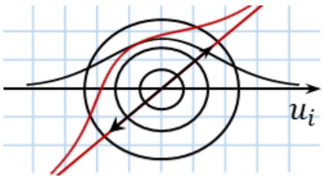
① Rotational Symmetry



~the probability density is completely defined by from origin

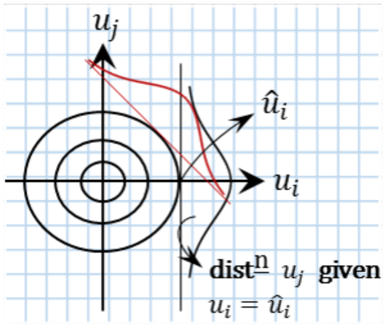
② Exponential Decay of Density

In r direction



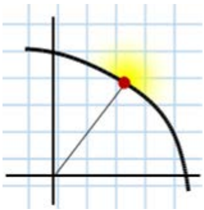
③ Exponential Decay of Density

In t direction



$\mathbf{u}^*$: Richest point in terms of prob. density

Therefore, approximation around $\mathbf{u}^*$ should be good



④ FORM : First Order Reliability Method