

Modelling and quantification of uncertainties in power systems: Probabilistic analysis using PowerFactory

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Problem definition

$X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$: Random input defined on some probability space Ω

$f : \mathbb{R}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$: Function to be studied probabilistically

$f(X)$: Observed random quantities

Goal: Determine the distribution of $f(X)$.

Major challenges

- Precision
- Performance
- Generic modelling

Calculation methods

Non-intrusive

- Monte Carlo method
- Quasi-Monte Carlo method
- Point estimate

Intrusive

- Cumulants
- Convolutions
- Stochastic Galerkin

Overview of calculation methods

Cumulants

- Approximation of distribution functions using series expansion, similar to Taylor
- Linearization at the operating point
- Result: Moments

Convolution method

- Support of discrete variables difficult
- Linearization at the operating point
- Problematic: Memory consumption / performance / resolution
- Independent random input variables required

Point estimate

- Requires many executions of analysed calculation
- Independent random input variables required
- Result: Moments

The (Quasi-) Monte Carlo method

Given a sequence $(X_n)_n$ of samples of the random input X .

Estimation of the expectation of some function f :

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N f(X_n) \rightarrow E[f(X)] \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty. \quad (1)$$

Questions

- Convergence
- Rate of convergence

Answer depends on ...

- Type of the sequence of samples
- Properties of f (continuous, ...)
- Dimensionality of the problem

Monte Carlo method

$(X_n)_n$ identically and independently distributed (i.i.d) samples from X .

Convergence rate:

$$O(1/\sqrt{N}). \quad (2)$$

Pro:

- Convergence rate is independent of input dimension
- May be applied to ,any' integrable function f
- Convergence with probability 1

Con:

- Relatively slow convergence
- We do not know the constants (depend on the realization)

Quasi-Monte Carlo method

$(X_n)_n$ specific 'space exploring' sequence.

Convergence rate:

$$O((\log N)^s / N), \quad (3)$$

where s is the number of random inputs.

Pro:

- Convergence rate is relatively fast.

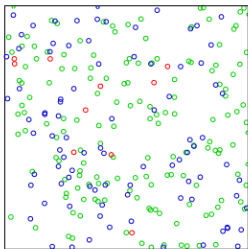
Con:

- Rate of convergence depends on input dimension.
- Valid for uniform distributions on the unit cube $[0, 1]^s$.
Therefore, transform of distributions is required.
- Requires some assumptions on f .

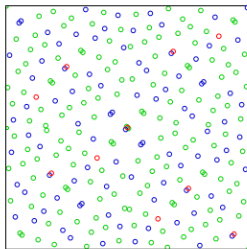
Note:

- Still topic of research.
- Dependence on input dimension $\log(N)^s$ is worst case scenario.
- Usually not much dependence on input dimension observed.

Monte Carlo



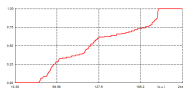
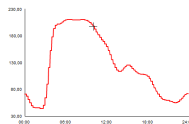
Quasi-Monte Carlo



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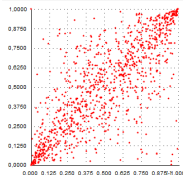
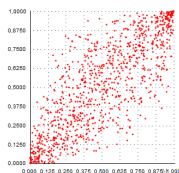
Distributions

- Predefined distributions
- Estimated distributions based on measurement data



Dependencies

- Predefined copulae
- Estimated copulae based on measurement data



Thank you for your attention ...

