

A Mixed Efficient Global Optimization (m-EGO) Based Time-Dependent Reliability Analysis Method

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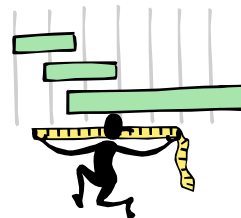
Problem statement

Uncertainties

- ❑ Variation in dimensions, material properties, and other parameters



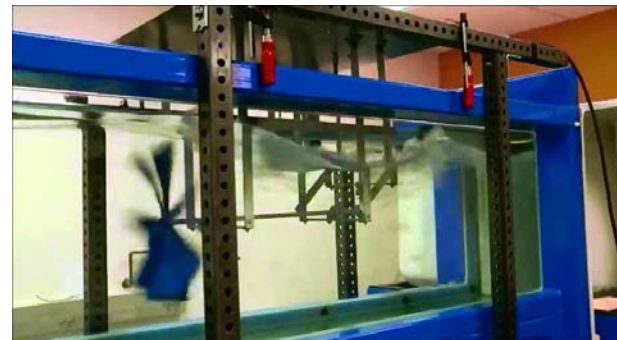
Does not change with time



- ❑ Stochastic loadings including wind, river, wave loadings



Vary with time



Effects on the design

- ❑ System response varies with time (i.e. time-dependent characteristics)
- ❑ The longer the time interval, the lower the reliability
- ❑ Time-dependent reliability analysis methods need to be employed

**Limit-State
Function:**

$$G = g(\mathbf{X}) \implies G(t) = g(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}(t), t)$$

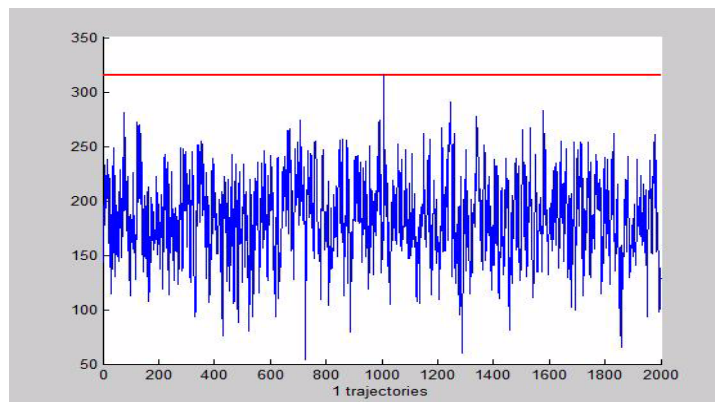
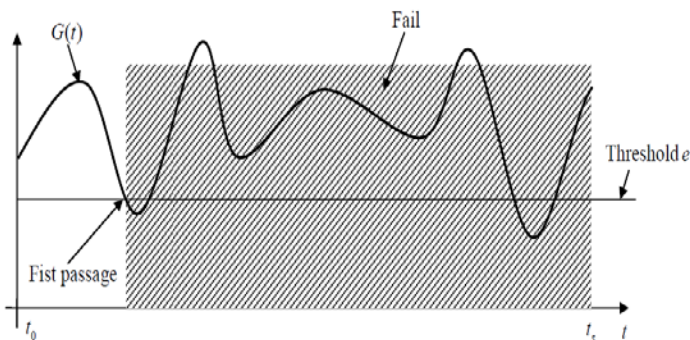


Problem statement

Time-dependent reliability: *the probability that the system can still work after a certain time period*

$$p_f = \Pr\{G = g(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}(\tau), \tau) < e, \exists \tau \in [0, T]\}$$

First-passage failure:

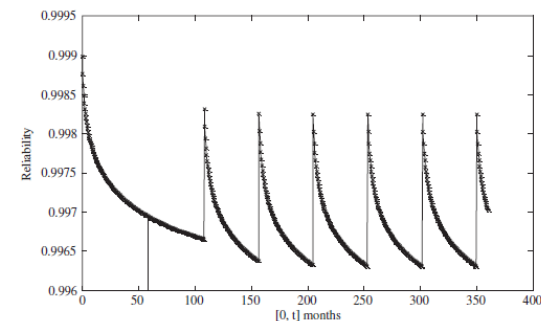


Challenges:

- Statistical characteristics of the response change with time
- More computationally expensive than the traditional reliability analysis

Significances

- Directly related to lifecycle cost optimization and maintenance
- Essential for guaranteeing the reliability of a system
- Basis for designing high reliability into a product



Problem statement

Examples

Vehicles (Mourelatos, 2011)

Aircrafts

Offshore structures

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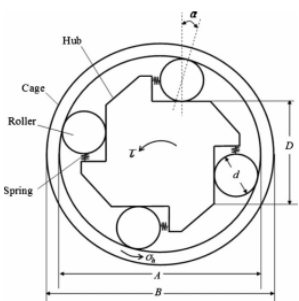
Focus of this work

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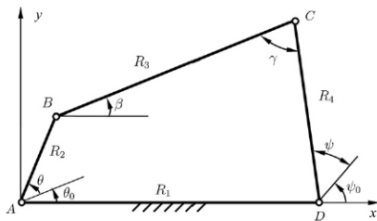
$$p_f = \Pr\{G = g(\mathbf{X}, \tau) > e, \exists \tau \in [0, T]\}$$

$$= \Pr\{G_{\max}(\mathbf{X}) > e\}$$

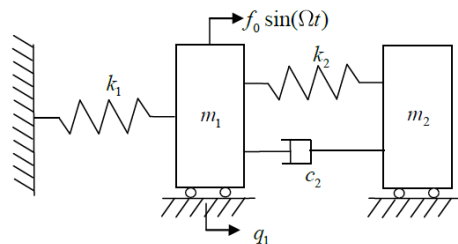
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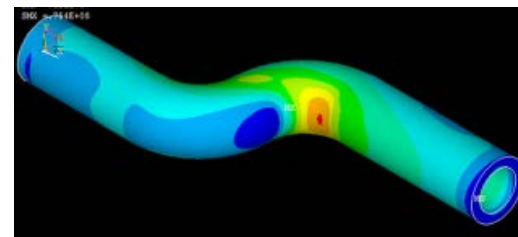
(Mourelatos, 2010)



(Zhang and Du, 2011)



(Zang and Friswell, 2005)



(Wang and Wang, 2012)

Challenges:

- Global optimization for given values of \mathbf{X}
- Surrogate model of global extreme value response

State of the Art

▪ **Upcrossing rate method**

- Asymptotic upcrossing rate of a Gaussian stochastic process (i.e. *Lindgren 1984, Breitung 1984, 1988*)
- Vector out-crossing rate using parallel approach (i.e. *Hagen, 1992*)
- The Rice's formula based method (i.e. *Rice, 1944, Sudret, Lemaire, 2004, Zhang and Du, 2011*)
- The joint-upcrossing rate method (i.e. *Hu and Du, 2013*)

▪ **Surrogate model method**

- Composite limit-state function method (i.e. *Mourelatos, 2010*)
- Nested extreme value response method (i.e. *Wang and Wang, 2012*)

▪ **Sampling method**

- Importance sampling approach (i.e. *Singh and Mourelatos, 2011*)
- Markov Chain Monte Carlo method (i.e. *Wang and Mourelatos, 2013*)

Overview

Existing Methods

- Repeatedly use EGO to get extreme values of responses
- Sample on \mathbf{X}
- Given \mathbf{X} , sample on t
- Not efficient

New Method

- Proposed a mixed EGO method to identify extreme values
- Sample on \mathbf{X} and t simultaneously
- More efficient

- EGO -- Efficient global optimization (i.e. Jones, 1998) is an efficient sampling based method for global optimization

Efficient Global Optimization

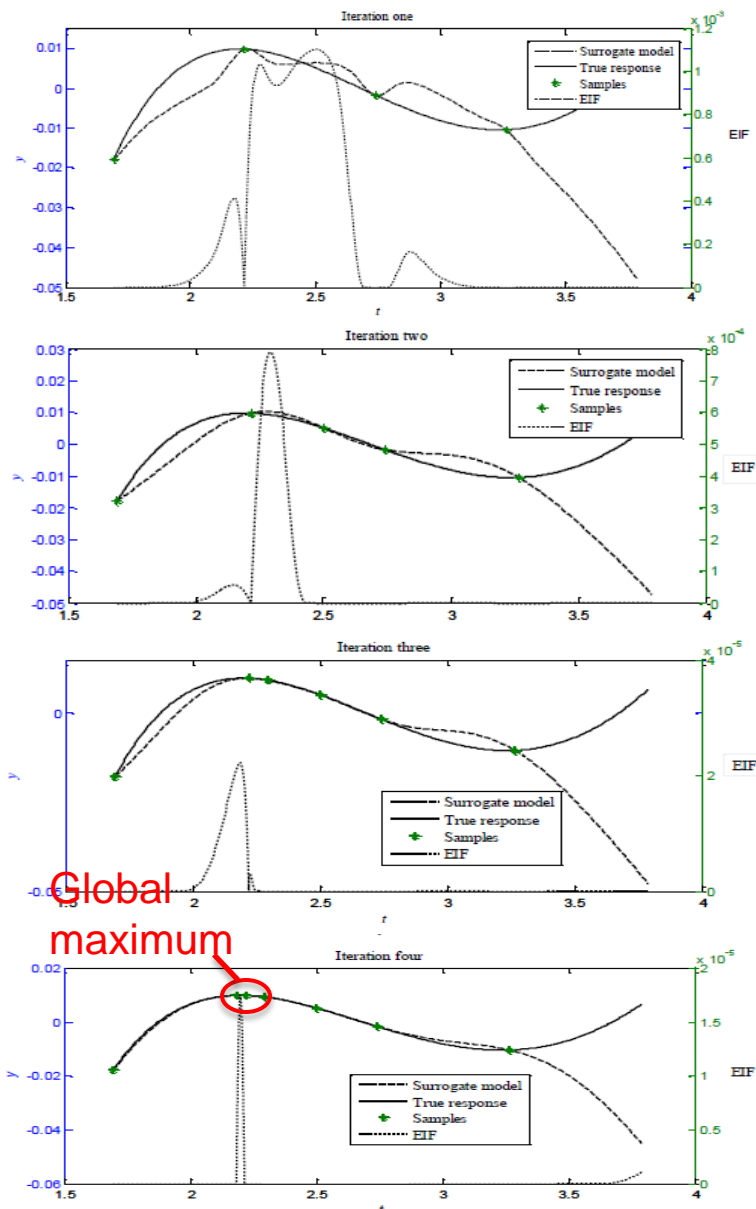
For a given $\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x}$: $G_{\max}(\mathbf{x}) = \max_{\tau \in [0, T]} \{g(\mathbf{x}, \tau)\}$

Algorithm 1 Efficient Global Optimization (EGO)	
1	Generate initial samples $\mathbf{x}^s = [\mathbf{x}^{(1)}; \mathbf{x}^{(2)}; \dots; \mathbf{x}^{(k)}]$
2	Compute $y^s = [g(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}), g(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}), \dots, g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})]$; set $m=1$
3	While $\{m=1\}$ or $\{\max_{\mathbf{x} \in X} EI(\mathbf{x}) < \varepsilon_{EI}\}$ do
4	Construct a Kriging model $\hat{y} = \hat{g}(\mathbf{X})$ using $\{\mathbf{x}^s, y^s\}$
5	Find $y^* = \max_{i=1, 2, \dots, k+m-1} \{g(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\}$
6	Search for $\mathbf{x}^{(k+m)} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in X} EI(\mathbf{x})$, where $EI(\mathbf{x})$ is computed by Eq. (4)
7	Scale $\max_{\mathbf{x} \in X} EI(\mathbf{x}) = \max_{\mathbf{x} \in X} EI(\mathbf{x}) / \beta(1) $, where $\beta(1)$ is the first element of the trend coefficients β given in Eq. (1)
8	Compute $g(\mathbf{x}^{(k+m)})$; update $y^s = [y^s, g(\mathbf{x}^{(k+m)})]$ and $\mathbf{x}^s = [\mathbf{x}^s; \mathbf{x}^{(k+m)}]$
9	$m = m + 1$
10	End While

$$EI(\mathbf{x}) = (\mu(\mathbf{x}) - y^*) \Phi\left(\frac{\mu(\mathbf{x}) - y^*}{\sigma(\mathbf{x})}\right) + \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \phi\left(\frac{\mu(\mathbf{x}) - y^*}{\sigma(\mathbf{x})}\right)$$

Current best solution

Mean and standard deviation of prediction



Independent EGO

Algorithm 2 Independent EGO method

- 1 Generate initial training points $\mathbf{x}^s = [\mathbf{x}^{(1)}; \mathbf{x}^{(2)}; \dots; \mathbf{x}^{(k)}]$
 - 2 Solve for $\mathbf{y}_{\max}^s = [g_{\max}(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}), g_{\max}(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}), \dots, g_{\max}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})]$,
where $g_{\max}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = \max_{t \in [t_0, t_f]} \{g(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t)\}$, using EGO; set
 $m = 1$
 - 3 **While** $\{m = 1\}$ or $\{\max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}} \text{MSE}(\mathbf{x}) < \varepsilon_{\text{MSE}}\}$ **do**
 - 4 Construct a Kriging model $Y_{\max} = \hat{g}_{\max}(\mathbf{X})$ using
 $\{\mathbf{x}^s, \mathbf{y}_{\max}^s\}$
 - 5 Find $\mathbf{x}^{(k+m)} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}} \{\text{MSE}(\mathbf{x})\}$
 - 6 Search for $g_{\max}(\mathbf{x}^{(k+m)}) = \max_{t \in [t_0, t_f]} \{g(\mathbf{x}^{(k+m)}, t)\}$ using EGO
 - 7 Update $\mathbf{x}^s = [\mathbf{x}^s; \mathbf{x}^{(k+m)}]$ and $\mathbf{y}_{\max}^s = [y_{\max}^s; g_{\max}(\mathbf{x}^{(k+m)})]$
 - 8 $m = m + 1$
 - 9 **End While**
 - 10 Reliability analysis using $Y_{\max} = \hat{g}_{\max}(\mathbf{X})$
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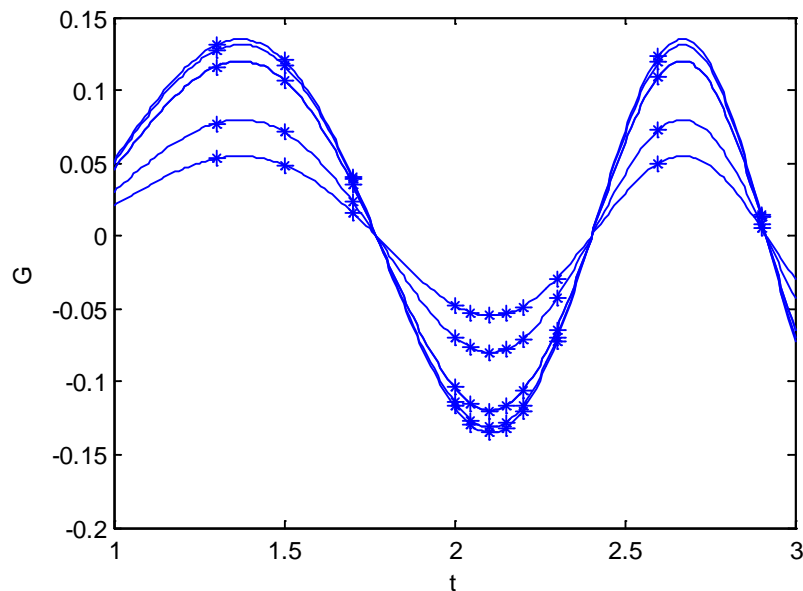
Similar method: the nested extreme method (*Wang and Wang, 2012*)

- EGO needs to be performed independently and repeatedly for each training point of \mathbf{X}
- Mean Square Error (MSE) is used for convergence study of the surrogate model

Can be improved from the following two aspects:

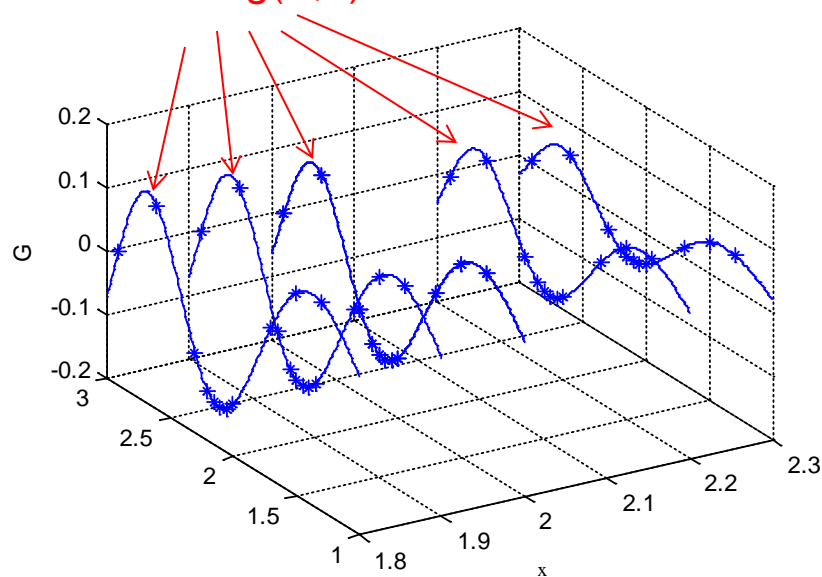
- Reduce the number of function evaluations required by global optimizations
- Change the update criterion for training points

Mixed EGO



Multiple independent EGOs under different values of x

From the same model $G=g(X, t)$



Multiple independent EGOs

- Independently constructing surrogate models $g(x_1, t)$, $g(x_2, t)$, ..., $g(x_n, t)$ ignored the correlations between these surrogate models
- The ignored information can reduce the number of function evaluations required

Mixed EGO

Algorithm 3 Mixed EGO model for initial $Y_{\max} = \hat{g}_{\max}(\mathbf{X})$

- 1 At initial training points, compute $y^z = [y^{(i)}]_{i=1, \dots, k} = [g(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t^{(i)})]_{i=1, \dots, k}$
- 2 Set $\mathbf{x}_t^z = \mathbf{x}^z$, $m=1$, and the initial current best solution vector $y_{\max}^z = y^z$
- 3 While $\{m=1\}$ or $\{I_{\max} < \varepsilon_{EI}\}$ do
- 4 Construct Kriging model $Y = \hat{g}(\mathbf{X}, t)$ using $\{\{\mathbf{x}_t^z, t^z\}, y^z\}$
- 5 Find a point with maximum EI: $[\mathbf{x}^{(i_{EI})}, t^{EI}] = \arg \max_{i=1, 2, \dots, k} \{ \max_{t \in [t_0, t_1]} \{EI(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t)\} \}$, where $i_{EI} \in [1, \dots, k]$ and $EI(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t)$ is computed based on $Y = \hat{g}(\mathbf{X}, t)$; calculate $I_{\max} = EI(\mathbf{x}^{(i_{EI})}, t^{EI}) / |\beta_{(\mathbf{x}, t)}(1)|$.
- 6 Compute $y^{EI} = g(\mathbf{x}^{(i_{EI})}, t^{EI})$
- 7 Update current best solution $y_{\max}^z(i_{EI}) = \begin{cases} y^{EI} & \text{if } y^{EI} > y_{\max}^z(i_{EI}) \\ y_{\max}^z(i_{EI}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- 8 Update data points $\mathbf{x}_t^z = [\mathbf{x}_t^z; \mathbf{x}^{(i_{EI})}]$, $t^z = [t^z; t^{EI}]$, and $y^z = [y^z; y^{EI}]$
- 9 $m = m + 1$
- 10 End While
- 11 Record y_{\max}^z , $[\mathbf{x}_t^z, t^z]$, and y^z
- 12 Construct $Y_{\max} = \hat{g}_{\max}(\mathbf{X})$ using $\{\mathbf{x}^z, y_{\max}^z\}$

- Construct surrogate model for $g(\mathbf{X}, t)$ instead of $g(x_1, t)$, $g(x_2, t)$, ..., $g(x_n, t)$ independently
- Sampling for variables \mathbf{X} and t simultaneously
- Modify the updating criterion of original EGO

$$EI(t) = (\mu(t) - y^*) \Phi \left(\frac{\mu(t) - y^*}{\sigma(t)} \right) + \sigma(t) \phi \left(\frac{\mu(t) - y^*}{\sigma(t)} \right)$$

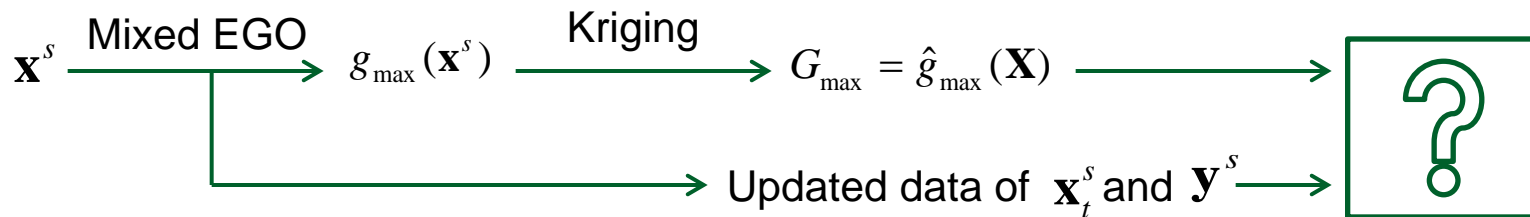


$$EI(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t) = (\mu(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t) - y_i^*) \Phi \left(\frac{\mu(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t) - y_i^*}{\sigma(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t)} \right) + \sigma(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t) \phi \left(\frac{\mu(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t) - y_i^*}{\sigma(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t)} \right)$$

Reliability analysis with mixed EGO

Initial Samples: $\mathbf{x}_t^s = [\mathbf{x}^s, \mathbf{t}^s] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & x_2^{(1)} & \dots & x_n^{(1)}, & t^{(1)} \\ x_1^{(2)} & x_2^{(2)} & \dots & x_n^{(2)}, & t^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1^{(k)} & x_2^{(k)} & \dots & x_n^{(k)}, & t^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$

$\mathbf{y}^s = [y^{(i)}]_{i=1,\dots,k} = [g(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, t^{(i)})]_{i=1,\dots,k}$



Two Purposes:

- Generate more training points near the limit state
- Use available data of \mathbf{x}_t^s and \mathbf{y}^s to reduce the number of function evaluations required to identify the $g_{\max}(\mathbf{x}^{new})$ corresponding to the new training point \mathbf{x}^{new}

For Purpose 1: Generate new training points

- **Kriging model based method**

- Efficient Global Reliability Analysis (EGRA) method proposed by Bichon, Mahadevan, and *et.al.* (i.e. Bichon, Mahadevan, and *et.al.*, 2008)
- AK-MCS method developed after the EGRA method (i.e. Echard, Gayton, and Lemaire, 2011)
- Dubourg and Sudret integrated the importance sampling approach with the AK-MCS method (i.e. Dubourg and Sudret, 2013)

- **Support vector machine based method**

- Generate explicit decision functions using SVM (i.e. *Basudhar and Missoum, 2008*)
- Further improved in 2010 (i.e. *Basudhar and Missoum, 2010*)

Note: In this work, the EGRA method is employed, but it is not limited to the EGRA method. Other methods, such as AK-MCS, the SVM-based method can be used as well.

A Mixed EGO-Based Method

Efficient Global Reliability Analysis (EGRA) (i.e. Bichon 2008)

$$EI(t) = (\mu(t) - y^*)\Phi\left(\frac{\mu(t) - y^*}{\sigma(t)}\right) + \sigma(t)\phi\left(\frac{\mu(t) - y^*}{\sigma(t)}\right)$$



$$\begin{aligned} EF(\mathbf{x}) = & (\mu_g(\mathbf{x}) - e) \left[2\Phi\left(\frac{e - \mu_g(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma_g(\mathbf{x})}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{e^- - \mu_g(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma_g(\mathbf{x})}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{e^+ - \mu_g(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma_g(\mathbf{x})}\right) \right] \\ & - \sigma_g(\mathbf{x}) \left[2\phi\left(\frac{e - \mu_g(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma_g(\mathbf{x})}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{e^- - \mu_g(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma_g(\mathbf{x})}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{e^+ - \mu_g(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma_g(\mathbf{x})}\right) \right] \\ & + \delta \left[\Phi\left(\frac{e^+ - \mu_g(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma_g(\mathbf{x})}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{e^- - \mu_g(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma_g(\mathbf{x})}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Identify the point that is close to the limit state as the new training point
- Use the similar principle as the mixed EGO to identify the extreme value corresponding to the new training point

For Purpose 2: Use of available data

Algorithm 4 Sampling update

- 1: Set $p=1$
- 2: While $\{p=1\}$ or $\{\max_{\mathbf{x}} EF(\mathbf{x}) < \varepsilon_{EF}\}$ do
- 3: Construct a Kriging model of $Y_{\max} = \hat{g}_{\max}(\mathbf{X})$ using $\{\mathbf{x}^s, y_{\max}^s\}$
- 4: Find a point with maximum EF: $\mathbf{x}^{(k+p)} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x}} \{EF(\mathbf{x})\}$
- 5: Generate a new random t_r that follows uniform distribution on $[t_0, t_r]$
- 6: Compute $y^{EF} = g(\mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}, t_r)$; Update $\mathbf{x}_r^s = [\mathbf{x}_r^s; \mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}]$, $\mathbf{t}^s = [t^s; t_r]$ and $\mathbf{y}^s = [y^s, y^{EF}]$
- 7: Set $y_{\max}^s(k+p) = y^{EF}$ and $q=1$
- 8: While $\{q=1\}$ or $\{\max_{t \in [t_0, t_r]} EI(\mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}, t) < \varepsilon_{EI}\}$ do
- 9: Construct an $n+1$ dimensional Kriging model $Y = \hat{g}(\mathbf{X}, t)$ using $\{\mathbf{x}_r^s, \mathbf{t}^s, \mathbf{y}^s\}$
- 10: Find a point with maximum EI: $t^{EI} = \max_{t \in [t_0, t_r]} \{EI(\mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}, t)\}$, where $EI(\mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}, t)$ is computed based on $Y = \hat{g}(\mathbf{X}, t)$
- 11: Scale $EI(\mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}, t^{EI}) = EI(\mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}, t^{EI}) / |\beta_{(\mathbf{x}, t)}(1)|$, where $\beta_{(\mathbf{x}, t)}(1)$ is the first element of the trend coefficients of $Y = \hat{g}(\mathbf{X}, t)$ model
- 12: Compute $y^{EI} = g(\mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}, t^{EI})$
- 13: Update current best solution $y_{\max}^s(k+p) = \begin{cases} y^{EI}, & \text{if } y^{EI} > y_{\max}^s(k+p) \\ y_{\max}^s(k+p), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- 14: Update data points $\mathbf{x}_r^s = [\mathbf{x}_r^s; \mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}]$, $\mathbf{t}^s = [t^s; t^{EI}]$, $\mathbf{y}^s = [y^s, y^{EI}]$
- 15: $q = q + 1$
- 16: End While
- 17: Record y_{\max}^s , $\mathbf{x}^s = [\mathbf{x}^s; \mathbf{x}^{(k+p)}]$, \mathbf{x}_r^s , \mathbf{t}^s , and \mathbf{y}^s
- 18: $p = p + 1$
- 19: End While

EGRA (i.e. Bichon, 2008)

Used the available data from mixed EGO for initial surrogate model

Modified EGO for the new training point

Updated data set for next global optimization

- Integrated the proposed mixed EGO method with available EGRA method
- Used available data to reduce the number of function evaluations required to identify the extreme value corresponding to the new training point
- Updated the data set iteratively

Summary

Table 1 Major Procedure of EGORA

Step 1: Initial sampling

1. Generate initial samples \mathbf{x}^t and t^t

Step 2: Build initial extreme response model (Algorithm 3)

2. Build time-dependent surrogate model $Y = \hat{g}(\mathbf{X}, t)$
3. Solve for the maximum responses Y_{\max} at \mathbf{x}^t based on $Y = \hat{g}(\mathbf{X}, t)$
4. Build initial extreme response model $Y_{\max} = \hat{g}_{\max}(\mathbf{X})$

Step 3: Update extreme response model (Algorithm 4)

5. Adding new samples of \mathbf{X} though updating and using $Y = \hat{g}(\mathbf{X}, t)$
6. Obtain final model $Y_{\max} = \hat{g}_{\max}(\mathbf{X})$

Step 4: Reliability analysis

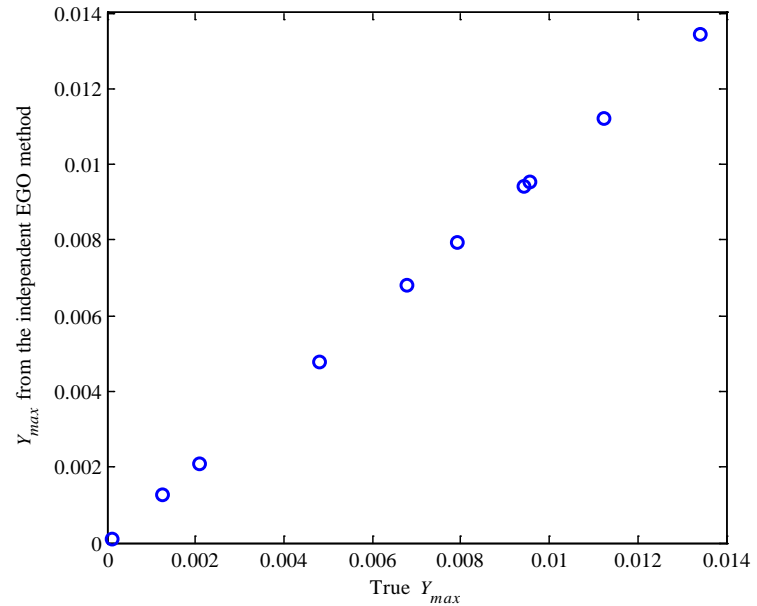
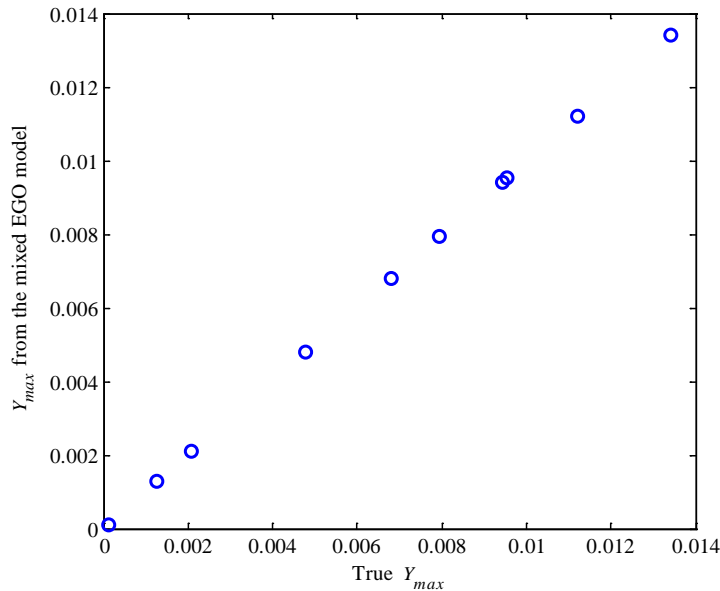
7. Monte Carlo simulation based on $Y_{\max} = \hat{g}_{\max}(\mathbf{X})$.
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- Mixed EGO reduces the functioncall required for the global optimization
- EGRA reduces the number of training points needed for surrogate model
- Principle of mixed EGO method further improves the efficiency of global optimization with new training points

Examples

Example 1

$$y(X, t) = \frac{1}{X^2 + 4} \sin(2.5X) \cos(t + 0.4)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad X \sim N(10, 0.5^2) \quad t \in [1, 2.5]$$



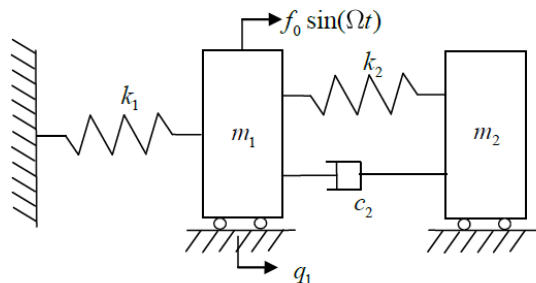
- Same samples of X and same convergence criterion $\varepsilon = 1 \times 10^{-5}$



Number of samples of X	NOF	
	Independent EGO	Mixed EGO
10	85	49
15	127	59
18	153	66
20	170	69

Examples

A Vibration Problem



Variable	Mean	STD	Distribution
k_1 (N/m)	3×10^6	2×10^4	Normal
m_1 (kg)	1.6×10^4	2×10^2	Normal
k_2 (N/m)	8.5×10^4	0	Deterministic
m_2 (kg)	480	0	Deterministic
c_2 (Ns/m)	300	0	Deterministic

Amplitude of vibration of mass m_1

$$q_{1\max} = f_0 \left(\frac{c_2^2 \Omega^2 + (k_2 - m_2 \Omega^2)^2}{c_2^2 \Omega^2 (k_1 - m_1 \Omega^2 - m_2 \Omega^2)^2 + (k_2 m_2 \Omega^2 - (k_1 - m_1 \Omega^2)(k_2 - m_2 \Omega^2))^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

Nondimensionalized

$$Y = g(\mathbf{X}, \Omega) = k_1 \left(K_1 / (K_2 + K_3^2) \right)^{1/2}$$

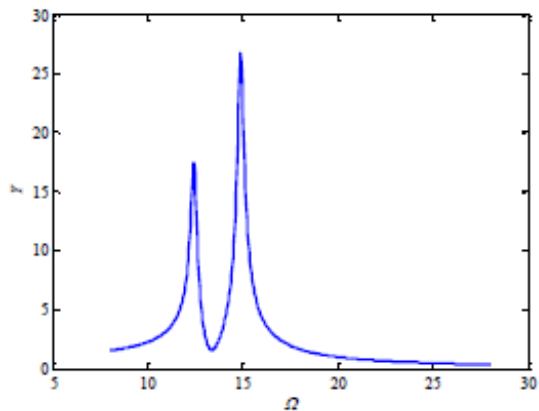
$$K_1 = (c_2^2 \Omega^2 + (k_2 - m_2 \Omega^2)^2)$$

$$K_2 = c_2^2 \Omega^2 (k_1 - m_1 \Omega^2 - m_2 \Omega^2)^2$$

$$K_3 = (k_2 m_2 \Omega^2 - (k_1 - m_1 \Omega^2)(k_2 - m_2 \Omega^2))^2$$

Probability of failure over a certain excitation frequency:

$$p_f(8, 28) = \Pr\{g(\mathbf{X}, \Omega) > 31, \exists \Omega \in [8, 28]\}$$



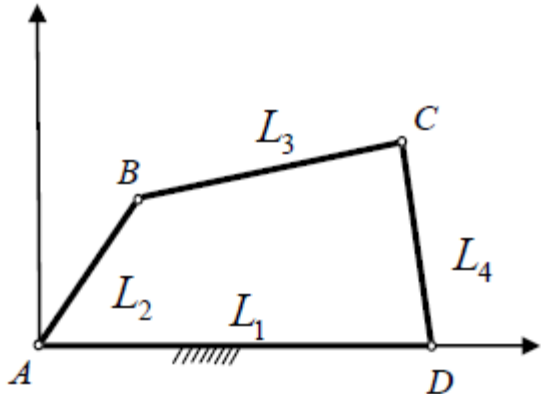
Number of samples of \mathbf{X}	NOF	
	Nested	Mixed EGO
30	579	156
80	1521	482
110	2142	513
140	2663	588

Method	NOF	p_f ($\times 10^{-5}$)	Error (%)
Rice	34235	0	100
Independent EGO	2663	3.9	20
EGORA	704	3.25	0
MCS	1×10^9	3.25	N/A

Test the efficiency of the mixed EGO

Test the efficiency of the mixed EGO+EGRA

A Mechanism Example



Variable	Mean	STD	Distribution
L_1 (mm)	100	0.05	Normal
L_2 (mm)	55.5	0.05	Normal
L_3 (mm)	144.1	0.05	Normal
L_4 (mm)	72.5	0.05	Normal

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{X}, t) = 2 \arctan \left(\frac{-E \pm \sqrt{E^2 + D^2 - F^2}}{F - D} \right) - (60^\circ + 60^\circ \sin[0.75(t - 97^\circ)])$$



Differences between designed function output and the actual function output over a certain design region:

Probability of failure over the design region:

$$p_f(t_0, t_s) = \Pr\{\varepsilon(\mathbf{X}, \tau) > 0.75, \exists \tau \in [97^\circ, 217^\circ]\}$$

Method	NOF	p_f ($\times 10^{-1}$)	Error (%)
Rice	21677	1.986	10.86
Independent EGO	181	2.231	1.3
EGORA	123	2.231	1.3
MCS	5×10^8	2.228	N/A

Conclusions and Future Works

- Proposed a mixed-EGO method for global optimizations in the time-dependent reliability analysis
- Integrated the proposed mixed-EGO method with the EGRA method, which further improves the efficiency of reliability analysis
- Demonstrated the effectiveness of the proposed method using numerical examples

Future Works

- Time-dependent reliability analysis based design optimization is one of the future works
- Test the proposed method with high-dimensional problems is also one of the future works

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