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Reliability of random material microstructures

Abstract

Reliability of physical systems is defined by the probability that the extreme responses of these systems to deterministic/random actions do not exceed critical levels. Generally, numerical methods are employed to estimate system reliability since the distributions of extreme responses are not available analytically. The lecture presents a three-step numerical method for solution. Suppose that material properties can be described by a random field. The first step of the method constructs finite dimensional (FD) models, i.e., deterministic functions of space and/or time and finite sets of random variables. This step is essential for the implementation of numerical methods since a random field is an uncountable family of random variables and numerical methods can only deal with finite sets of random variables. The second step calculates system responses corresponding to FD material models. As noted, responses corresponding to target material properties cannot be obtained numerically. The third step establishes conditions under which the distribution of extremes of the response corresponding to target material properties. The practical implication of this convergence is that the quantity of interest for reliability analysis, i.e., the distribution of response extremes, can be approximated by the distribution of response extremes obtained by FD models which can be estimated from realizations generated by standard Monte Carlo algorithms.

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