

# MATLAB REPORT

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## **Problem 2: Stochastic Stability of Infinite slopes**

**Theory:** The Monte Carlo Method is a computational algorithm that relies on repeated random sampling to address risk and uncertainty in quantitative analysis and decision making.

During a Monte Carlo simulation, values are sampled at random from the input probability distributions. Each set of samples and the resulting outcome from that sample are recorded.

PROBLEM:

$H$  = depth of soil above bedrock

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$\gamma$  = moist unit weight

$\gamma_{sat}$  = saturated unit weight of the soil

$\gamma_w$  = unit weight of water (9.81 kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

$\Phi$  = effective stress friction angle

$\Theta$  = slope inclination.

Variable	Description	Distribution	Statistics
<b>H</b>	Depth of soil above bedrock	Uniform	[2,8] m
<b>h = H*U</b>	Height of water table	U is uniform	[0,1]
<b>φ</b>	Effective stress friction angle	Lognormal	Mean = 35° cov = 8%
<b>Θ</b>	Slope inclination	Lognormal	Mean = 20° cov = 5%
<b>Υ</b>	Moist unit weight of soil	*	*
<b>Υ<sub>sat</sub></b>	Saturated unit weight of soil	**	**
<b>Υ<sub>w</sub></b>	Unit weight of water	Deterministic	9.81 kN/m <sup>3</sup>

\*Υ = Υ<sub>w</sub> (G<sub>s</sub> + 0.2e)/ (1+e) (assume degree of saturation = 20% for “moist”).

\*\*Υ<sub>sat</sub> = Υ<sub>w</sub>(G<sub>s</sub> + e)/ (1+ e) (degree of saturation = 100%)

Assume specific gravity of solids = G<sub>s</sub> = uniformly distributed [2.5, 2.7] and void ratio = e = uniformly distributed [0.3, .6]

### COMMAND WINDOW:

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Command Window
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MONTE CARLO SIMULATION :
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Failure probability: 0.01900000 +- 0.00431729

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MONTE CARLO SIMULATION :
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Failure probability: 0.02100000 +- 0.0045342

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