

1. A wave train consists of 1000 waves, with a RMS wave height, $H_{rms} = 4m$.

a. What is the probability that a wave will exceed 8m?

$$P(H \geq 8) = e^{-(H/H_{rms})^2} = e^{-(8/4)^2} = e^{-4} = 0.0183 = \boxed{1.83\% = P(H \geq 8)}$$

b. How many waves will exceed 8m?

$$n = N e^{-(H/H_{rms})^2} = 1000 \cdot 0.0183 = 18.3 = \boxed{19 \text{ waves} = n}$$

2. A 200 second time series of surface elevations is given in the figure, perform a **wave-by-wave analysis** on the time series given.

a) *Directly on the Figure* identify and number each "wave" in the signal based on the method stated in part a.

b) Record the **wave height, H**, in the provided table on the next page, and then rank order from largest to smallest in the adjacent column.

c) Find: $H_1, H_{max}, H_{min}, H_{RMS}$ and $H_{1/3}$ From the time-series data by *directly computing* the values from the data.

d) Now, using Eq. 7.16, compute the probabilistic wave height that exceeds the average of the highest $\frac{1}{3}$ rd and highest of the waves ($\frac{1}{N}$ th) in the signal. (Base the calculation on the H_{RMS} calculated in your wave-by-wave analysis, and the total number of waves that you count in your signal.) *How do the probabilistic values differ from the actual data and why?*

c) Determined w/ MATLAB Code

$$H_{max} = 1.25 \text{ m}$$

$$H_{min} = 0.10 \text{ m}$$

$$H_{rms} = 0.63 \text{ m}$$

$$H_{1/3} = 0.92 \text{ m}$$

$$H_1 = 0.55 \text{ m}$$

Heights imported to workspace and computed with.

$$\begin{aligned} d) \hat{H} &= H_{rms} \sqrt{\ln N} \\ &= 0.63 \sqrt{\ln 3} \\ &= \boxed{0.66 \text{ m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e) \hat{H} &= H_{rms} \sqrt{\ln N} \\ &= 0.63 \sqrt{\ln(3.30)} \\ &= \boxed{1.14 \text{ m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma = \left(\frac{|\hat{H}_{max} - H_{max}|}{\hat{H}_{max} + H_{max}} \right) 100 = \left(\frac{|1.14 - 1.25|}{1.14 + 1.25} \right) 100 = 9.21\%$$

Diff. caused by statistical assumptions and wave superposition.

Statistics Homework
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Wave #	Wave Height H(m)	Rank Order
1	0.40	6
2	0.35	19
3	0.20	24
4	1.00	2
5	1.25	1
6	1.00	3
7	1.00	4
8	0.80	7
9	0.70	8
10	0.60	10
11	0.30	20
12	0.60	11
13	0.50	13
14	0.50	14
15	1.00	5
16	0.25	23
17	0.10	26
18	0.55	12
19	0.30	21
20	0.40	17
21	0.20	25
22	0.40	18
23	0.50	15
24	0.10	27
25	0.70	9
26	0.50	16
27	0.30	22

