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課程講義(11)：不確定性分析與隨機規劃
Uncertainty Analysis and Stochastic Programming

● **INTRODUCTION TO UNCERTAINTY ANALYSIS**

- Types of Uncertainty (in the fields of modeling)
 - ⇒ Parametric Uncertainty
 - ⇒ Model or Structural Uncertainty
 - ⇒ Surprise/Indeterminacy => Pandemic? Reciprocal Tariffs? => Structural Uncertainty
 - ⇒ Uncertainty/Vagueness => Probability, Likelihood, Possibility => Fuzziness and Greyness
- Uncertainty Analysis
 - ⇒ Mathematical (Quantitative) Analyses Related to the Uncertainties about ‘Systems’
 - ⇒ System Uncertainties: Uncertainties about Measurement, Modeling, and Parameters
- Modeling Uncertainty
 - ⇒ Generating Values from Known Probability Distributions => Monte Carlo Simulation
 - ⇒ Markov Processes and Transition Probabilities => Markov Chain and Bayesian Analysis
 - ⇒ Stochastic Programming => Chance Constrained Models
 - ⇒ Sensitivity Analysis: Sensitivity analysis is used to determine the importance of different parameters and components of the model on the output of the model.

● **PROBABILITY THEORY, STOCHASTIC PROCESS AND RANDOM FIELD**

- Deterministic vs. Stochastic Systems
 - ⇒ Vagueness, Uncertainty, and ‘Stochasticity’
 - ⇒ Possibility, Likelihood, and Probability
 - ⇒ Response = Deterministic component + Stochastic component + Error
- Probability Theory
 - ⇒ The Axioms of Probability
 - ⇒ Random Variables: Discrete and Continuous
 - ⇒ Statistics (Moments) of a Random Variable: Expected Value, Variance ...etc.
 - ⇒ Multiple Random Variables: Multivariate Statistics => Covariance
 - ⇒ Distribution: Probability Density Function, Cumulated Distribution Function
 - ⇒ Conditional Probability and Bayes’ Theorem => Bayesian Decision Analysis
- Normal Distribution
 - ⇒ Two-Parameter Distribution: Location and Dispersion => Mean and Variance
 - ⇒ Standardization and t -Distribution
 - ⇒ Confidence Interval and Standard Deviation
 - ⇒ Multivariate Gaussian Distribution
- Stochastic Process
 - ⇒ Serial Random Variables: Temporal, Spatial, Spatio-temporal Stochastic Processes
 - ⇒ Serial Correlation => Deterministic Term (Trend) + Disturbance (Noise)
 - ⇒ Poisson Process, Markov’s Chains, and Random Walks
- Random Field

- ⇒ Random Variables Distributed ('Regionalized') in Space
- ⇒ Spatial Variability (Correlation) ⇒ Trend + Disturbance
- ⇒ Geostatistics: Kriging (Simple, Ordinary, Universal...) ⇒ GIS

• STOCHASTIC PROGRAMMING

- Uncertainties Related to Mathematical Programming Systems
 - ⇒ Modeling Uncertainties: Assumptions, Objective Functions, and Constraints
 - Mathematical Program with Recourse: Multi-Stage Stochastic Programming
 - ⇒ Uncertainties 'Embedded' in Decision Variables: Fuzziness, Grey Information...
 - (1) Intervals or Specified Ranges ⇒ Grey Numbers ⇒ Grey Programming
 - (2) Degree of Set Membership ⇒ Fuzzy Set ⇒ Fuzzy Programming
 - ⇒ Uncertainties about Model Parameters: Coefficients of Objective Function, RHS, A_{ij}
 - (1) Parameters (Coefficients) of the Optimization Model are Random Variables
 - (2) Treat Decision Variables as 'Deterministic Variables' to be determined
 - (3) Probabilistic Constraints ⇒ Chance-Constrained Programming

• CHANCE CONSTRAINED PROGRAMMING

- What are Chance Constraints?
- Significance Level ⇒ System Reliability
- Row Independence ⇒ Independently and Identically Distributed (i.i.d.)
- Right-Hand-Side Random ⇒ Univariate Normal Distribution
- Technical Coefficients Random ⇒ Multivariate Normal Distribution
- Row Dependence ⇒ Joint Chance Constraint (relatively complicated!)

Chance Constraints: $p\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot x_j \propto b_i\right) \geq 1 - \alpha_i; \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$

(1) RHS b_i Random: Univariate probability distribution of b_i

i. $\propto \equiv \geq$

$$p\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot x_j \geq b_i\right) \geq 1 - \alpha_i \Rightarrow p\left(b_i \leq \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot x_j\right) \geq 1 - \alpha_i \Rightarrow F(b_i = \sum a_{ij} x_j) \geq 1 - \alpha_i$$

$$(\sum a_{ij} x_j - \mu_{b_i}) / \sigma_{b_i} \geq F_z^{-1}(1 - \alpha_i) \Rightarrow \sum a_{ij} x_j \geq \mu_{b_i} + F_z^{-1}(1 - \alpha_i) \cdot \sigma_{b_i}$$

ii. $\propto \equiv \leq$

$$p\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot x_j \leq b_i\right) \geq 1 - \alpha_i \Rightarrow p\left(b_i \geq \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot x_j\right) \geq 1 - \alpha_i \Rightarrow 1 - F(b_i = \sum a_{ij} x_j) \geq 1 - \alpha_i$$

$$F(b_i = \sum a_{ij} x_j) \leq \alpha_i \Rightarrow (\sum a_{ij} x_j - \mu_{b_i}) / \sigma_{b_i} \leq F_z^{-1}(\alpha_i) \Rightarrow \sum a_{ij} x_j \leq \mu_{b_i} + F_z^{-1}(\alpha_i) \cdot \sigma_{b_i}$$

(2) Technical Coefficients a_{ij} Random: Multivariate probability distribution of $\sum a_{ij} x_j$

- ⇒ Variance-Covariance Matrix: Positively definite (symmetric) matrix

- MONTE CARLO SIMULATION

- Characteristics of Monte Carlo Simulation

- ⇒ Quantitative Risk Analysis
 - ⇒ Simulation and then Optimization

- Monte Carlo Simulation Steps

Step 1: Create a parametric model, $y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_q)$.

Step 2: Generate a set of random inputs, $x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots, x_q^i$.

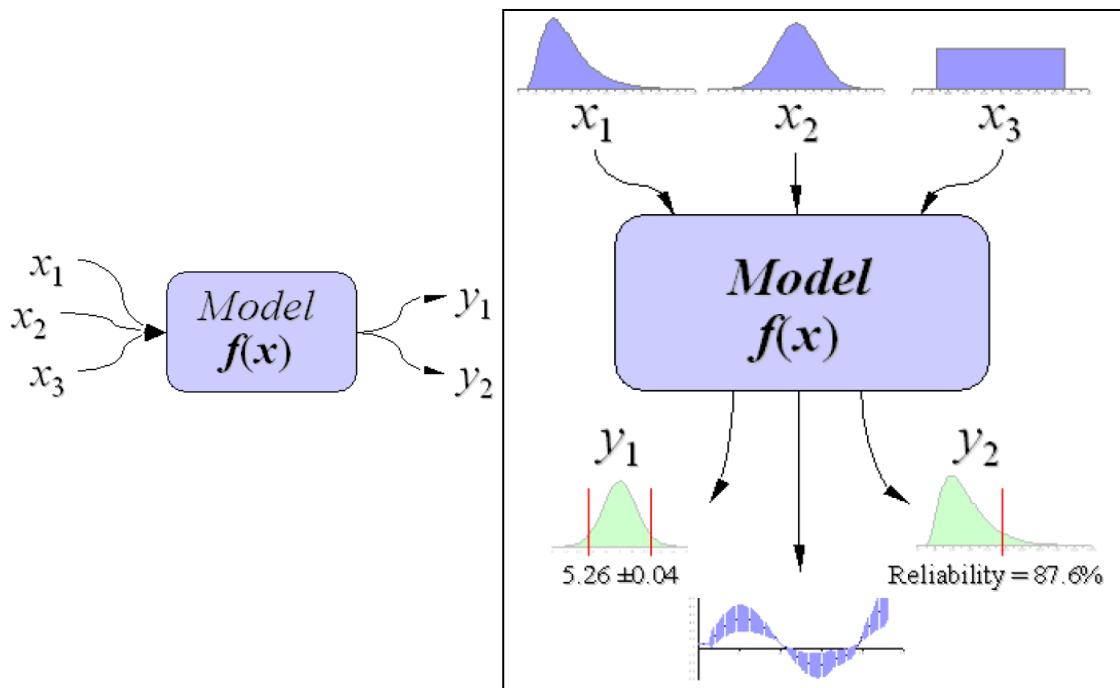
Step 3: Evaluate the model and store the results as y^i .

Step 4: Repeat steps 2 and 3 for $i = 1 \dots n$.

Step 5: Analyze the results using histograms, statistics, confidence intervals, etc.

- Stages involved in Producing a Monte Carlo Risk Analysis Model

- ⇒ Designing the structure of the risk analysis model
 - ⇒ Defining distributions that describe the uncertainty of the problem
 - ⇒ Modeling dependencies between model uncertainties
 - ⇒ Presenting and interpreting the risk analysis results
 - ⇒ Software Packages for Monte Carlo Simulation: Palisade @RISK; Oracle Crystal Ball



(<http://www.vertex42.com/ExcelArticles/mc/MonteCarloSimulation.html>)

- HOMEWORK #6: MONTE CARLO SIMULATION (2025/05/13 Due)

Please install Oracle Crystal Ball and practice the examples of: “Toxic Waste Site.” After running the example, please (1) Execute “Fitting a Distribution to the Forecast”; (2) Estimate the 95% upper limit of the risk. The homework hand-in should include the exported Forecast Chart and Descriptive Statistics of the Forecast (Risk). *