



# JOINTED ROCK MASSES

EVALUATE A NON-LINEAR SHEAR STRENGTH ENVELOPE FOR A RANGE OF INPUT PARAMETERS  
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## Summary

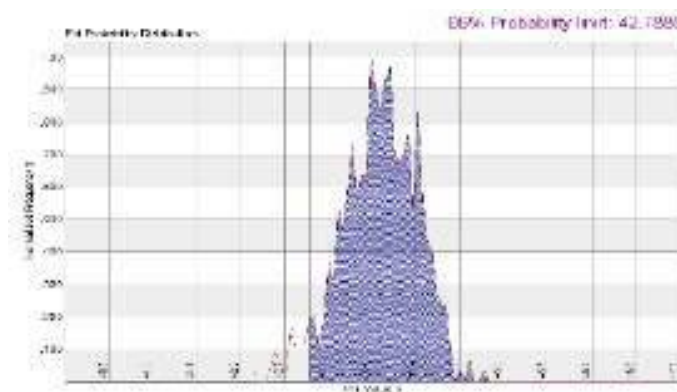
Jointed Rock Masses (Shear strength of jointed rock masses): Most rock masses, exhibit non-linear shear strength/ normal stress failure envelopes, Jointed Rock Masses evaluates this non-linear shear strength envelope for a range of input parameters.

## What makes this module special?

- **Deterministic and Probabilistic Analysis:** A probabilistic analysis lets you take variations in material properties and other parameters into account.
- **Graphical output:** Analysis results displays various graphs.
- **Analysis results grouped on a Calcsheet:** For printing or sending to PROKON Calcpad. Various settings are available to include input and design diagram and tabular result.

## Detailed Description

Most rock masses, some granular soils and some dense sands, exhibit non-linear shear strength/ normal stress failure envelopes. PROKON's Jointed Rock Masses evaluates this non-linear shear strength envelope for a range of input parameters. The analysis output may consist of instantaneous cohesion and friction values or the actual shear strength for a given normal stress. Both deterministic and probabilistic modes are supported.





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## Theory used in this module

Except for the Pile Bearing module, all modules can perform deterministic analyses as well as a probabilistic analysis. With a probabilistic analysis you can consider variations in material properties and other parameters.

Distribution types that can be applied to material properties in a probabilistic analysis include uniform, triangular, exponential, normal, log normal and beta distributions. You can set the number of analysis iterations to perform and the required probability limit.

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Input Tables

	Mean/ Best est.	PD	Standard Deviation	Min.	Max.
Normal Stress $\sigma$	30	Normal	1.5	28	32
Compressive strength $c_j$	70	Normal	2		
Basic friction angle $\phi$ (deg)	17	Normal	1		
Joint Roughness coefficient	20	Normal	1		

Shear Stress vs Normal Stress

