

## PEST++ Version 3.5 Input Instructions

The PEST++ Version 3 Visual Studio solution, as well as source code and executable as documented in this report, are available for download at <http://wi.water.usgs.gov/models/pestplusplus/>. More recent releases of PEST++, including any enhancements made since the publication of this report, will be available at <http://www.pestpp.org/>. The most current development version of the source code is maintained an online open-source version-control repository at <https://github.com/dwelter/pestpp/>.

In order to facilitate use by experienced PEST users, PEST++ adopts many of the conventions, variable names, and output formats of the original PEST (Doherty, 2010). The intent is to make PEST++ input and output compatible with the large number of existing PEST utilities (for example, Doherty, 2011a,b).

### The PEST++ Command Line

PEST++ supports various command line options that control run manager invocation as well as restart options. PEST++ Version 3 supports three run managers to complete the forward model runs: (1) Yet Another Run Manager (YAMR), (2) GENIE, and (3) a serial run manager. YAMR and GENIE are sophisticated parallel run managers capable of performing parallel runs on a single machine or over a TCP/IP-enabled network. YAMR is integrated into PEST++ and is invoked similarly to BeoPEST (Schreüder, 2009). Although PEST++ provides an interface to the GENIE run manager, this interface relies on the external GMAN and GSLAVE programs (Muffles and others, 2012) to manage and perform the actual model runs. The serial run manager provides a simple alternative that mimics the

functionality currently in PEST. In addition to run manager specification, the command line also controls the restart functionality of PEST++.

The various options related to run manger and restart control are summarized in table 1–1, where /j and /r are optional commands; /j invokes Jacobian reuse for the first iteration, and /r invokes restart.

**Table 1–1.** Summary of PEST++ command line options.

<b>Run Manger / Mode</b>	<b>Command</b>
Serial Run Manager / Master	pest++.exe <casename>.pst [/j] [/r]
YAMR / Master	pest++.exe <casename>.pst /H :<port> [/j] [/r]
YAMR / Worker Node	pest++.exe <casename>.pst /H <hostname>:<port>
	or
	pest++.exe <casename>.ymr /H <hostname>:<port>
GENIE / Master	pest++.exe <casename>.pst /G <GENIE Master hostname>:<port> [/j] [/r]
GENIE/Master	genie.exe /port <port>
GENIE / Worker Node	genie.exe /ip <GENIE Master IP address> /port <port>

When PEST++ is run with the serial run manager or as the master node with a parallel run manager, it now supports the /j option to reuse an existing binary Jacobian file rather than computing the Jacobian for the first iteration. Note that PEST++ can be restarted by using a Jacobian computed by PEST as long as the PEST++ “autonorm” option is not invoked in the control file.

When PEST++ is used to invoke the a YAMR worker node, the user has the option to specify an abbreviated “.ymr” control file which contains only the relevant information pertaining to the worker node rather than a full PEST++/PEST control file.

### The Pest Control File

For ease of reference, variables within the PEST control file are listed below, and the variables used by PEST++ are shaded. PEST++ relies on the structure of the PEST control file (Doherty, 2010) to read the necessary algorithmic parameters and reads only those algorithmic parameters that are needed. For example, there is no need to read the NOBS variable because each line in the “observation data” section of the PEST control file specifies an observation; however, it is necessary to read the NPAR variable to know where specification of parameters ends and information on tied parameters begins. This list is followed by short explanation of each variable used by PEST++.

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\* control data

RSTFLE PESTMODE

**NPAR** NOBS NPARGP NPRIOR NOBSGP [MAXCOMPDIM]

NTPLFLE NINSFLE PRECIS DPOINT [**NUMCOM**] JACFILE MESSFILE]

RLAMBDA1 RLAMFAC PHIRATSUF PHIREDLAM NUMLAM [JACUPDATE] [LAMFORGIVE]

**RELPARMAX** **FACPARMAX** **FACORIG** [IBOUNDSTICK UPVECBEND] [ABSPARMAX]

PHIREDSWH [NOPTSWITCH] [SPLITSWH] [DOAUI] [DOSENREUSE]

NOPTMAX PHIREdstp NPHISTP NPHINORED RELPARSTP NRELPAR [PHISTOPTHRESH] [LASTRUN]  
[PHIABANDON]

ICOV ICOR IEIG [IRES] [JCOSAVE] [VERBOSEREC] [JCOSAVEITN] [REISAVEITN] [PARSAVEITN]

\* automatic user intervention

MAXAUI AUISTARTOPT NOAUIPHIRAT AUIRESTITN

AUISENSRAT AUIHOLDMAXCHG AUINUMFREE

AUIPHIRATSUF AUIPHIRATAACCEPT NAUINOACCEPT

\* singular value decomposition

SVDMODE

MAXSING EIGTHRESH

EIGWRITE

\* lsqr

LSQRMODE

LSQR\_ATOL LSQR\_BTOL LSQR\_CONLIM LSQR\_ITNLIM

LSQRWRITE

\* svd assist

BASEPESTFILE

BASEJACFILE

SVDA\_MULBPA SVDA\_SCALADJ SVDA\_EXTSUPER SVDA\_SUPDERCALC SVDA\_PAR\_EXCL

\* sensitivity reuse

SENRELTHRESH SENMAXREUSE

SENALLCALCINT SENPREDWEIGHT SENPIEXCLUDE

\* parameter groups

PARGPN MEINCTYP DERINC DERINCLB FORCEN DERINCMUL DERMTHD [SPLITTHRESH SPLITRELDIFF  
SPLITACTION]

*(one such line for each of NPARGP parameter groups)*

\* parameter data

PARNME PARTRANS PARCHGLIM PARVAL1 PARLBND PARUBND PARGPSCALE OFFSET DERCOM

*(one such line for each of NPAR parameters)*

PARNME PARTIED

*(one such line for each tied parameter)*

\* observation groups

OBSGNAME [GTARG] [COVFLE]

*(one such line for each of NOBSGP observation group)*

\* observation data

OBSNAME OBSVAL WEIGHT OBSGNAME

*(one such line for each of NOBS observations)*

\* derivatives command line

DERCOMLINE

EXTDERFLE

\* model command line

COMLINE

*(one such line for each of NUMCOM command lines)*

\* model input/output

TEMPFLE INFLE

*(one such line for each of NTPLFLE template files)*

INSFLE OUTFLE

*(one such line for each of NINSLFE instruction files)*

\* prior information

PILBL PIFAC \* PARNME + PIFAC \* log(PARNME) ... = PIVAL WEIGHT OBGNME

*(one such line for each of NPRIOR articles of prior information)*

\* predictive analysis

NPREDMAXMIN [PREDNOISE]

PD0 PD1 PD2

ABSPREDLAM RELPREDLAM INITSCHFAC MULSCHFAC NSEARCH

ABSPREDSWH RELPREDSWH

NPREDNORED ABSPREDSTP RELPREDSTP NPREDSTP

\* regularisation

```

PHIMLIM PHIMACCEPT [FRACPHIM] [MEMSAVE]

WFINIT WFMIN WFMAX [LINREG][REGCONTINUE]

WFFAC WFTOL IREGADJ [NOPTREGADJ REGWEIGHTRAT [REGSINGTHRESH]]

* pareto

PARETO_OBSGROUP

PARETO_WTFAC_START PARETO_WTFAC_FIN NUM_WTFAC_INC

NUM_ITER_START NUM_ITER_GEN NUM_ITER_FIN

ALT_TERM

OBS_TERM ABOVE_OR_BELOW OBS_THRESH NUM_ITER_THRESH (only if ALT_TERM is non-zero)

NOBS_REPORT

OBS_REPORT_1 OBS_REPORT_2 OBS_REPORT_3..(NOBS_REPORT items)

++# This line is a comment as are all lines that begin with "++#"

++# PEST++ input is parsed using key words that can be specified in any order

++ MAX_N_SUPER(20) SUPER_EIGHTHRES(1.0E-8)

++ N_ITER_BASE(1) N_ITER_SUPER(3)

++ SVD_PACK(PROPACK) AUTO_NORM(4)

++ LAMBDA(0.1,1,10,100,1000)

++ MAX_SUPER_FRZ_ITER(5)

++ MAX_REG_ITER(20)

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++ MAT_INV(inv_type)

++ SUPER_RELPARMAX(sup_relpar_max)

++ MAX_RUN_FAIL(3)

++ ITERATION_SUMMARY(TRUE)

++ DER_FORGIVE(TRUE)

++ UNCERTAINTY(TRUE)

++ FORECASTS(pred_1,pred_2,pred_3)

++ PARAMETER_COVARIANCE(prior_parameter.cov)

++ OVERDUE_RESCHED_FAC(2.0)

++ OVERDUE_GIVEUP_FAC(10.0)
```

**Variables in “control data” section of PEST control file.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Description</b>
RSTFLE	Text	“restart” or “norestart”	Instructs PEST whether to write restart data.
PESTMODE	Text	“estimation”, “prediction”, “regularisation”, “pareto”	PEST’s mode of operation.
NPAR	Integer	greater than 0	Number of parameters.
NUMCOM	Integer	optional; greater than zero	Number of command lines used to run model.
RELPARMAX	Real	greater than 0	Parameter relative change limit.
FACPARMAX	Real	greater than 1	Parameter factor change limit.
FACORIG	Real	between 0 and 1	Minimum fraction of original parameter value in evaluating relative change.
PHIREDSWH	Real	between 0 and 1	Sets objective function change for introduction of central derivatives.
NOPTMAX	Integer	-2, -1, 0, or any number greater than 0	Number of optimization iterations.
PHIREDSTP	Real	greater than 0	Relative objective function reduction triggering termination.
NPHISTP	Integer	greater than 0	Number of successive iterations over which PHIREDSTP applies.
NPHINORED	Integer	greater than 0	Number of iterations since last drop in objective function to trigger termination.
RELPARSTP	Real	greater than 0	Maximum relative parameter change triggering termination.
NRELPAR	Integer	greater than 0	Number of successive iterations over which RELPARSTP applies.

**Variables in optional “singular value decomposition” section of PEST control file.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Description</b>
MAXSING	Integer	greater than 0	Number of singular values at which truncation occurs.
EIGTHRESH	Real	0 or greater, but less than 1	Eigenvalue ratio threshold for truncation.
EIGWRITE	Integer	0 or 1	Determines content of SVD output file.

**Variables required for each parameter group in “parameter groups” section of PEST control file.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Description</b>
PARGPNAME	Text	12 characters or less	Parameter group name.
INCTYPE	Text	“relative”, “absolute”, “rel to max”	Method by which parameter increments are calculated.
DERINC	Real	greater than 0	Absolute or relative parameter increment.
DERINCLB	Real	0 or greater	Absolute lower bound of relative parameter increment.
FORCEN	Text	“switch”, “always_2”, “always_3”, “switch_5”, “always_5”	Determines whether central derivatives calculation is undertaken and whether three points or four points are employed in central derivatives calculation.
DERINCMUL	Real	greater than 0	Derivative increment multiplier when undertaking central derivatives calculation.
DERMTHD	Text	“parabolic”, “outside_pts”, “best_fit”, “minvar”, “maxprec”	Method of central derivatives calculation. PEST++ V3 only supports “parabolic”

**Variables required for each parameter in “parameter data” section of PEST control file.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Description</b>
PARNME	Text	12 characters or less	Parameter name.
PARTRANS	Text	“log”, “none”, “fixed”, “tied”	Parameter transformation.
PARCHGLIM	Text	“relative”, “factor”, or absolute(n)	Type of parameter change limit.
PARVAL1	Real	any real number	Initial parameter value.
PARLBND	Real	less than or equal to PARVAL1	Parameter lower bound.
PARUBND	Real	greater than or equal to PARVAL1	Parameter upper bound.
PARGP	Text	12 characters or less	Parameter group name.
SCALE	Real	any number other than 0	Multiplication factor for parameter.
OFFSET	Real	any number	Number to add to parameter.
DERCOM	Integer	0 or greater	Model command line used in computing parameter increments.
PARTIED	Text	12 characters or less	The name of the parameter to which another parameter is tied.



**Variables required for each observation group in “observation groups” section of PEST control file.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Description</b>
OBSGNAME	Text	12 characters or less	Observation group name.

**Variables required for each observation in “observation data” section of PEST control file.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Description</b>
OBSNAME	Text	20 characters or less	Observation name.
OBSVAL	Real	any number	Measured value of observation.
WEIGHT	Real	0 or greater	Observation weight.
OBSGNAME	Text	12 characters or less	Observation group to which observation assigned.

**Variables in “model command line” section of PEST control file.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Description</b>
COMLINE	Text	system command	Command to run model.

**Variables in “model input/output” section of PEST control file.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Description</b>
TEMPFILE	Text	a filename	Template file.
INFLE	Text	a filename	Model input file.
INSFILE	Text	a filename	Instruction file.
OUTFILE	Text	a filename	Model output file.

**Variables in “prior information” section of PEST control file.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Description</b>
PILBL	Text	20 characters or less	Name of prior information equation.
PIFAC	Text	real number other than 0	Parameter value factor.
PARNME	Text	12 characters or less	Parameter name.
PIVAL	Real	any number	“Observed value” of prior information.
WEIGHT	Real	0 or greater	Prior information weight.
OBGNME	Text	12 characters or less	Observation group name.

## Variables in optional “regularization” section of PEST control file.

Variable	Type	Values	Description
PHIMLIM	Real	greater than 0	Target measurement objective function.
PHIMACCEPT	Real	greater than PHIMLIM	Acceptable measurement objective function.
FRACPHIM	Real	optional; 0 or greater, but less than 1	Set target measurement objective function at this fraction of current measurement objective function.
MEMSAVE	Text	“memsave” or “nomemsave”	Activate conservation of memory at cost of execution speed and quantity of model output.
WFINIT	Real	greater than 0	Initial regularization weight factor.
WFMIN	Real	greater than 0	Minimum regularization weight factor.
WFMAX	Real	greater than WFMAX	Maximum regularization weight factor.
LINREG	Text	“linreg” or “nonlinreg”	Informs PEST that all regularization constraints are linear.
REGCONTINUE	Text	“continue” or “nocontinue”	Instructs PEST to continue minimizing regularization objective function even if measurement objective function is less than PHIMLIM.
WFFAC	Real	greater than 1	Regularization weight factor adjustment factor.
WFTOL	Real	greater than 0	Convergence criterion for regularization weight factor.
IREGADJ	Integer	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5	Instructs PEST to perform inter-regularization group weight factor adjustment, or to compute new relative weights for regularization observations and prior information equations.
NOPTREGADJ	Integer	1 or greater	The optimization iteration interval for recalculation of regularization weights if IREGADJ is 4 or 5.
REGWEIGHTRAT	Real	absolute value of 1 or greater	The ratio of highest to lowest regularization weight; spread is logarithmic with null space projection if set negative.
REGSINGTHRESH	Real	less than 1 and greater than 0	Singular value of $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{q}\mathbf{x}$ (as factor of highest singular value) at which use of higher regularization weights commences if IREGADJ is set to 5.

## PEST++ Additions to the PEST Control File

Information in the PEST control file specific to PEST++ is marked by lines starting with “++”. Although the examples provided in this report place all PEST++ input in a single section at the end of the PEST control file, this is not a requirement. This information does not need to be contiguous and can

reside anywhere in the file. Lines starting with “++#” are considered comments and are ignored by PEST and PEST++.

Unlike the rest of the PEST control file, PEST++ uses keywords rather than location to specify variables. Lines are parsed using the space, tab, and parenthesis characters as separators. Although one can use parentheses to more clearly delineate the values assigned to the variable (for example, ++N\_ITER\_BASE(1) specifies N\_ITER\_BASE=1), these could just as well be replaced by white spaces (for example, ++N\_ITER\_BASE 1 also specifies N\_ITER\_BASE=1). Table 1–2 includes a listing and explanation of the permissible PEST++ keywords.

**Table 1–2.** PEST++ optional arguments.

Variable	Type	Values	Description
N_ITER_BASE	Integer	1 or greater	Number of base parameter iterations performed for each superparameter iteration.
N_ITER_SUPER	Integer	0 or greater	Number of superparameter iterations performed for each base parameter iteration.
SUPER_EIGHTHRES	Real	any positive number (typically should be greater than 1.0E-7)	PEST++ will not include any superparameters whose ratio with the largest superparameter is less than this ratio. This value can as small as zero if the user wants to specify the number of superparameters solely with MAX_N_SUPER. Because PEST++ uses SVD on the superparameter problem, a low value for this SUPER_EIGHTHRES will not adversely impact the stability of the solution.
MAX_N_SUPER	Integer	integer between 1 and the minimum either of maximum number of parameters or the maximum number of observations	Maximum number of superparameters to use in the superparameter iterations.

MAX_REG_ITER	Integer	integer greater than 1; default is 20	Provides a limit on the maximum the number of iterations used to compute dynamic regularization weights when PEST++ is run in regularization mode. Setting this value too large can result in appreciable slowdown, especially in early iterations.
MAX_SUPER_FRZ_ITER	Integer	1 or greater; default value is 5	Maximum number of times a superparameter iteration will try to freeze any parameters that go out of bounds and try to recompute a Jacobian. If the Jacobian cannot be computed in MAX_SUPER_FRZ_ITER iterations, PEST++ will switch to a base parameter iteration.
AUTO_NORM(4)	Integer	1 or greater; default is no scaling	Automatically normalizes the sensitivities by assuming there are X standard deviations between the upper and lower parameter bounds, where X is the value passed with the AUTO_NORM variable (4 is shown).
SVD_PACK(PROPACK)	String	“JACOBI” or “PROPACK”; default is “JACOBI”	Flag to use PROPACK to compute SVD factorizations. “JACOBI” is the SVD provided by the EIGEN library; “PROPACK” is the iterative SVD factorization suitable for large problems.
MAT_INV	String	“Q1/2J” or “JTQJ”; default is “JTQJ”	Flag to specify the formulation of the normal equation. This option is forced to “Q1/2J” when PROPACK is used.
SUPER_RELPARMAX	Real	greater than 0; default is 0.1	Parameter relative change limit for superparameters.
MAX_RUN_FAIL	Integer	greater than 0; default is 3	Maximum times the run manager will try to rerun a failed run.
LAMBDA	Comma-separated list of reals	greater than 0; default is (0.01,1,10,100,1000)	Specify the standard values of lambda to be used each iteration.
ITERATION_SUMMARY	Boolean	“TRUE” or “FALSE”; default is “TRUE”	Setting this to “TRUE” will save a summary of each iteration to a series of comma-separated files for easy plotting.
DER_FORGIVE	Boolean	“TRUE” or “FALSE”; default is “TRUE”	Setting this to “FALSE” will turn off derivative forgive and cause PEST++ to terminate if a run fails while computing the Jacobian.
OVERDUE_RESCHED_FAC	Real		YAMR option to specify when an overdue run will be rescheduled. Runs are rescheduled when they are overdue by OVERDUE_RESCHED_FAC * average run time

OVERDUE_GIVEUP_FAC	Real		YAMR option to specify when an overdue run will be aborted. Runs are aborted when they are overdue by OVERDUE_GIVEUP_FAC * average run time
UNCERTAINTY	Boolean	“TRUE” or “FALSE”; default is “TRUE”	A flag to disable uncertainty analyses.
FORECASTS	Comma separated list of text	Observation names in the control file; default is none	The names of observations to treat as forecasts in the uncertainty analyses.
PARAMETER_COVARIANCE	Text	Filename; default is none	The name of a PEST-compatible ASCII matrix or uncertainty file to use as the prior parameter covariance matrix.
OVERDUE_RESCHEDED_FAC	Real	greater than 1.0; default is 1.15	YAMR specific command. If a model run takes longer than (OVERDUE_RESCHEDED_FAC * the average runtime) it will rescheduled on another node if one is available
OVERDUE_GIVEUP_FAC	Real	greater than 1.0; default is 100.0	YAMR specific command. If a model run has been running longer than (OVERDUE_GIVEUP_FAC * the average runtime) it will canceled
REG_FRAC	Real	greater than 0.0	Regularization fraction. This option overrides PEST style regularization and allows the regularization component of the objective function to be specified as a fraction of the total objective function. REG_FRAC is the fraction of the total objective function due to regularization.
GLOBAL_OPT	Text	“DE”	Turns on global optimization and specifies the global optimization technique. Differential Evolution (“DE”) is the only global optimization technique currently supported.
DE_POP_SIZE	Integer	default is 40	Differential evolution population size. Generally ten times the number of estimated parameters is recommended, however Rainer Storn suggest that empirical experience shows anything above 40 rarely improves convergence. Perhaps the best particle advice is to use the larger of 40 and the number of available processors.
DE_MAX_GEN	Integer	greater than 0; default is 100	The maximum number of differential evolution iterations or generations.

DE_DITHER_F	Boolean	“TRUE” or “FALSE”; default is “TRUE”	Switch to toggle differential evolution dithering. When this is set to “TRUE” dithering is enabled and the weighting factor, “DE_F”, for each difference vector is drawn randomly from the interval [0.5 1.0]. Dithering is on by default as it can dramatically improve convergence.
DE_F	Real	default is 0.8	Differential evolution weighting factor. Used when “DE_DITHER_F” == “FALSE”.
DE_CR	Real	default is 0.9	Differential evolution crossover constant.

## The YAMR Worker Control File (.ymr)

The variable within the optional YAMR worker control file are listed below. This list is followed by short explanation of each variable used by PEST++.

```
* model command line
COMLINE
(one such line for each of NUMCOM command lines)
* model input
TEMPFLE INFLE
(one such line for each of NTPLFLE template files)
* model output
INSFLE OUTFLE
(one such line for each of NINSLFE instruction files)
```

### Variables in “model command line” section of YAMR worker control file.

Variable	Type	Values	Description
COMLINE	Text	system command	Command to run model.

### Variables in “model input” section of YAMR worker control file.

Variable	Type	Values	Description
TEMPFLE	Text	a filename	Template file.
INFLE	Text	a filename	Model input file.

### Variables in “model output” section of YAMR worker control file.

Variable	Type	Values	Description
INSFLE	Text	a filename	Instruction file.
OUTFLE	Text	a filename	Model output file.

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## GSA++ Implementation and Use

GSA++ shares a common command line with PEST++ as well as the input control, template files, and instruction file. Algorithmic variables that control the behavior of GSA++ are stored in a text file with a *.gsa* suffix. For example, control variables specific to the Method of Morris must be specified in a file that has the same base name the PEST control file, but with a *.gsa* extension. The variables in this file are shown in figure 6–1.

```
METHOD (MORRIS)

MORRIS_R (4)

MORRIS_P (4)

MORRIS_DELTA (.666)

MORRIS_POOLED_OBS (FALSE)
```

**Figure 6–1.** Example GSA++ input file for Method of Morris analysis.

## General GSA++ Options

Variable	Type	Values	Description
METHOD	Text	“MORRIS”, “SOBOL” or “TORNADO”	Specifies type of analysis to be performed.
RAND_SEED	Unsigned integer		Seed for the random number generator.

## GSA++ Options Specific to Method of Morris

Variable	Type	Values	Description
MORRIS_R	Integer	positive integer	Sample size. The number of times the sensitivity will be computed for each parameter.
MORRIS_P	Integer	positive integer	Number of levels or the number of points at which each parameter is sampled.
MORRIS_DELTA	Real	multiple of $\frac{p}{[2^{(p-1)}]}$	Size of the sampling step. This must be a multiple of $p/[2^{(p-1)}]$ and represent the size of the interval that will be used to calculate the sensitivities.
MORRIS_POOLED_OBS	Text	where p=MORRIS_P “TRUE” or “FALSE”; default is “FALSE”	
MORRIS_OBS_SEN	Text	TRUE” or “FALSE”; default is “TRUE”	A value of “TRUE” instructs GSA++ to perform the Method of Method sensitivity for each observation.

## GSA++ Options Specific to the Method of Sobol

Variable	Type	Values	Description
SOBOL_SAMPLES	Long integer	positive integer	Size of the samples to be used in Sobol's method when computing sample variances. This is "n" in the equation $s^2 = \Sigma (x_i - \bar{x})^2 / (n - 1)$ .
SOBOL_PAR_DIST	String	"NORM" "UNIF"	Specifies whether the parameter samples should be drawn from a uniform or normal distribution. If the parameters are assumed to be uniformly distributed use "UNIF"; otherwise, if the parameters are normally distributed, use "NORM".

## GSA++ Output Files for the Method of Morris

The GSA++ implementation produces two output files summarizing the global sensitivity analysis. The Morris sensitivity file (*.msn*) is the primary output file which contains the metric associated with the Method of Morris analysis. The file contains a header line describing the information stored in the file, which consists of `parameter_name`, `sen_mean( $\mu$ )`, `sen_mean_abs( $\mu^*$ )`, and `sen_std_dev( $\sigma$ )`. Each subsequent line contains the metrics for one of the adjustable parameters. In addition to the *.msn* file, a raw sensitivity file (*.raw*) is also written which summarizes the raw model output that was used to compute the information stored in the *.msn* file. Each line stores a single sensitivity computed from a pair of model runs where `phi_0`, `phi_1` are the values of the objective function used to compute the sensitivity; `par_0`, `par_1` are the values of the adjustable parameter used to compute the sensitivity; and `sen` is the sensitivity.

```
parameter_name, sen_mean, sen_mean_abs, sen_std_dev  
X1, -16.4665, 108.885, 138.542
```

**Figure 6–2.** Example Morris sensitivity (*.msn*) file.

```
parameter_name, phi_0, phi_1, par_0, par_1, sen  
X1, 128.437, 84.7042, 0.999999, 0.333333, 65.5993
```

**Figure 6–3.** Example raw sensitivity (*.raw*) file.

### **GSA++ Output Files for Sobol’s Method**

### **GSA++ Output Files for Tornado Plots**