

Fault-Tolerant Design of Digital Systems

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Evaluation Techniques

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Outline

- Evaluation Techniques
 - Reliability
 - Mean Time to Failure
 - Combinatorial Model
 - Series
 - Parallel
 - M-of-N
 - Non-Series and Non-Parallel
 - Markov Model
 - Discrete time
 - Continuous time
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Evaluation

- Allows comparison of design techniques and subsequent tradeoffs
 - Qualitative
 - Subjective – the benefit of one system over the other
 - Quantitative
 - Produces numbers to compare systems
 - Quantitative Models: vital means for system reliability and availability predictions
 - Measure failure rate
 - Calculate reliability, availability, MTTF ...
 - Importance of analysis and analytical model
 - Evaluate a design and compare different designs
 - Feedback to the designer during early design stages
 - Use the model for performance analysis
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Reliability Function

- Earlier definitions
 - Reliability $R(t)$
 - Availability $A(t)$
- Failure rate
 - The expected number of failures of a type of device per given time
 - Device fails once every 2000 hours, λ (failure rate) = 1/2000 failures/hour
- Consider a large experiment with N systems at time t_0
 - $N_o(t)$ - number of correctly operating systems at time t
 - $N_f(t)$ - number of failed systems at time t
 - Reliability

$$R(t) = \frac{N_o(t)}{N} = \frac{N_o(t)}{N_o(t) + N_f(t)}$$

$$R(t) = 1 - \frac{N_f(t)}{N}$$

- Unreliability $Q(t) = 1 - R(t)$

$$Q(t) = \frac{N_f(t)}{N} = \frac{N_f(t)}{N_o(t) + N_f(t)}$$

Reliability Function

- Derivative of reliability

$$\frac{dR(t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN_f(t)}{dt}$$

- $\frac{dN_f(t)}{dt}$ is called instantaneous failure rate of the component

- Divide by $N_o(t)$

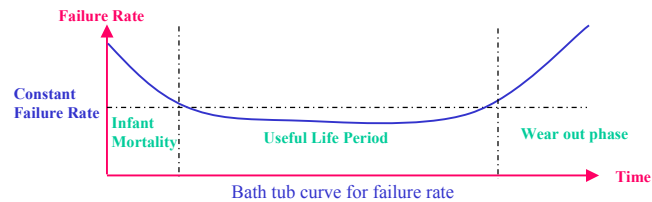
$$z(t) = \frac{1}{N_o(t)} \frac{dN_f(t)}{dt}$$

- $Z(t)$ is called hazard or hazard rate, or failure rate

$$z(t) = \frac{1}{N_o(t)} \left(-N \frac{dR(t)}{dt} \right) = -\frac{1}{R(t)} \frac{dR(t)}{dt}$$

$$z(t) = -\frac{1}{R(t)} \frac{dR(t)}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{dR(t)}{dt} = -z(t)R(t)$$

Reliability Function



- Constant failure rate during useful life
- Infant mortality and wear out periods have variable failure rate
- Reliability computation - constant failure rate

$$z(t) = \lambda \rightarrow \frac{dR(t)}{dt} = -\lambda R(t)$$

$$R(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

Time varying failure rate

Waibull distribution $z(t) = \alpha\lambda(\lambda t)^{(\alpha-1)}$

$\alpha = 1 \rightarrow z = \lambda$

$\alpha > 1 \rightarrow z$ increases with time

$\alpha < 1 \rightarrow z$ decreases with time

$$R(t) = e^{-(\lambda t)^\alpha}$$

Mean Time to Failure (MTTF)

- MTTF: *expected time* that a system will operate before the first failure occurs
- Assume N identical systems operational at t_0

$$MTTF = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N t_i$$

- t_i is the measure time that item i operates before failing
- Probability theory

- Expected value of a random variable x is

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x)dx \quad \boxed{f(x) \text{ Probability density function}}$$

- MTTF = expected value of time failure = $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} tf(t)dt = \int_0^{+\infty} tf(t)dt$

$$f(t) = \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} \quad \boxed{f(t) \text{ failure density function}}$$

Mean Time to Failure (MTTF)

$$MTTF = \int_0^{\infty} t \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} dt$$

- Integration by parts and the fact that $\frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = -\frac{dR(t)}{dt}$

$$MTTF = \int_0^{\infty} -t \frac{dR(t)}{dt} dt = \left[-tR(t) + \int_0^{\infty} R(t)dt \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &=0 \text{ at } t=0 \\ &=0 \text{ at } t=\infty \rightarrow R(t)=0 \end{aligned}$$

$$MTTF = \int_0^{\infty} R(t)dt \quad \text{Valid for any system with } R(\infty)=0$$

Mean Time to Failure (MTTF)

- Example: MTTF for a system with exponential failure law

$$MTTF = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} dt = -\frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda t} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$
$$MTTF = 0 - \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

- Reliability at $t = MTTF$

$$R(MTTF) = R\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = e^{-\lambda\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)} = e^{-1} = 0.3678$$

MTTR and MTBF

- Mean time to repair – MTTR
 - Assume constant repair rate (μ) and arguments similar to those used for failure analysis and conclude $MTTR = 1/\mu$
- Mean time between failure – MTBF

$$MTBF = \frac{\text{total time } T}{\text{average number of failures}}$$

- Use heuristic arguments to conclude can also argue $MTBF = MTTF + MTTR$
- Note: often $\lambda \ll \mu$ and hence $MTTF \gg MTTR$, therefore the words MTTF and MTBF are used improperly by some

Combinatorial Modeling

- System is divided into non-overlapping modules
- Each module is assigned either a probability of working, P_i , or a probability as function of time, $R_i(t)$
- The goal is to derive the probability, P_{sys} , or function $R_{sys}(t)$: Prob that the system survives until time t
- Assumptions:
 - Module failures are independent
 - Once a module has failed, it is always assumed to yield incorrect results
 - System considered failed if it does not contain a minimal set of functioning modules
 - Once system enters a failed state, other failures cannot return system to functional state
- Models typically enumerate all the states of the system that meet or exceed the requirements for a correctly functioning system
- Combinatorial counting techniques are used to simplify this process

Series Systems

- Assume system has n components, e.g. CPU, memory, disk, terminal
- All components should survive for the system to operate correctly



$$R_{sys} = R_1 \cdot R_2 \cdot R_3 \cdot \dots \cdot R_n$$

- Reliability of the system

$$R_{series}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n R_i(t) \quad \text{where } R_i(t) \text{ is the reliability of module } i$$

- For exponential failure rate of each component

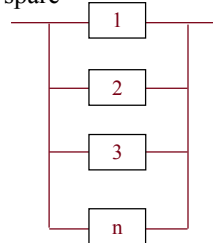
$$R_{series}(t) = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i t} = e^{-\lambda_{system} t}$$

where $\lambda_{system} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ corresponds to the failure rate of the system

Effect is summation of failure rates of components

Parallel Systems

- Assume system with spares
- As soon as fault occurs a faulty component is replaced by a spare
- Only one component needs to survive for the system to operate correctly
- Prob. of module i to survive = R_i
- Prob., module i does not survive = $(1 - R_i)$
- Prob. of no modules survive = $(1 - R_1)(1 - R_2) \dots (1 - R_n)$



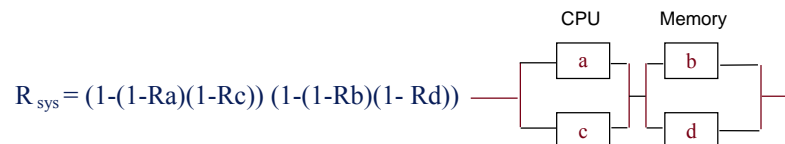
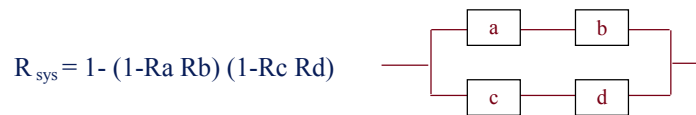
Prob [at least one module survives] = $1 - \text{Prob [no module survives]}$

- Reliability of the parallel system

$$R_{parallel}(t) = 1.0 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1.0 - R_i(t))$$

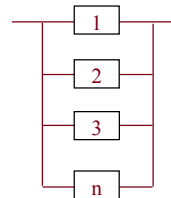
Series-Parallel Systems

- Consider combinations of series and parallel systems
- Example, two CPUs connected to two memories in different ways



A Simple Example

- Consider dynamic redundant system with spares (dynamic redundancy)
- As soon as fault occurs, a faulty component is replaced by a spare
- Up to (n-1) spare modules
- $R_{\text{sys}} = 1 - (1-R_1)(1-R_2)\dots(1-R_n)$
- Example: Consider identical modules with $R_i = 0.9$
- How can you increase R_{sys} to $0.999999 = 1-10^{-6}$



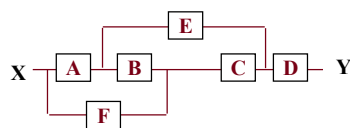
$$1 - 10^{-6} = 1 - (1 - 0.9)^n$$

$$n = \frac{\ln(10^{-6})}{\ln(1 - 0.9)} = 6$$

- Hence, need 5 spares to make reliable system
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Non-Series-Parallel-Systems

- “Success” diagram used to represent the operational modes of the system



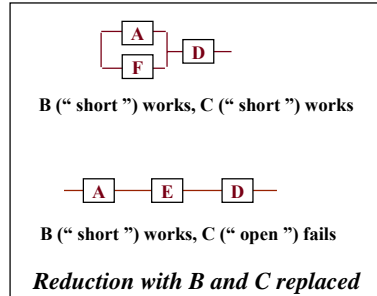
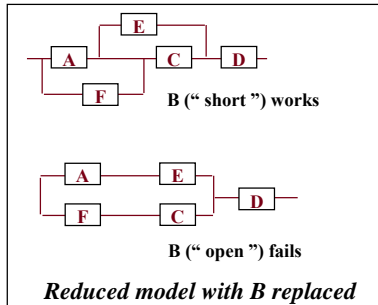
Each path from X to Y represents a configuration that leaves the system successfully operational

- Reliability of the system derived by expanding around a single module m

$$R_{\text{sys}} = R_m P(\text{system works} | m \text{ works}) + (1-R_m) P(\text{system works} | m \text{ fails})$$

$P(s|m)$ denotes the conditional probability “s given, m has occurred”

Non-Series-Parallel-Systems (cont.)



$$R_{\text{sys}} = R_B P(\text{system works} | B \text{ works}) + (1 - R_B) \{R_D [1 - (1 - R_A R_E)(1 - R_F R_C)]\}$$

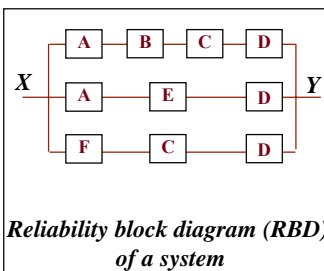
$$P(\text{system works} | B \text{ works}) = R_C \{R_D [1 - (1 - R_A)(1 - R_F)]\} + (1 - R_C)(R_A R_D R_E)$$

Letting $R_A \dots R_F = R_m$ yields $R_{\text{sys}} = R_m^6 - 3R_m^5 + R_m^4 + 2R_m^3$

Non-Series-Parallel-Systems (cont.)

- For complex success diagrams, an upper-limit approximation on R_{sys} can be used
- An upper bound on system reliability is:

$$R_{\text{sys}} \leq 1 - \prod (1 - R_{\text{path } i}) \quad R_{\text{path } i} \text{ is the serial reliability of path } i$$



R_{sys} equation is an upper bound because the paths are not independent. That is, the failure of a single module affects more than one path.

$$R_{\text{sys}} \leq 1 - (1 - R_A R_B R_C R_D)(1 - R_A R_E R_D)(1 - R_F R_C R_D)$$

$$R_{\text{sys}} \leq 2R_m^3 + R_m^4 - R_m^6 - 2R_m^7 + R_m^{10}$$

M-out-of-N Systems

- Static or masking redundancy
- General *M-out-of-N* system, out of *N* modules, need *M* to function
 - System can tolerate *N-M* failures

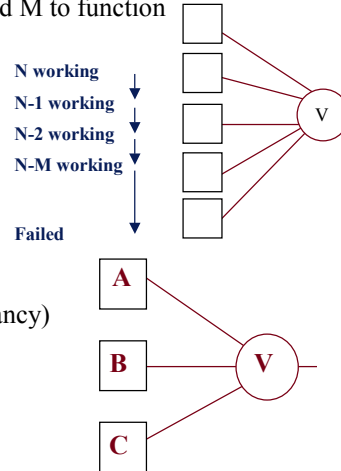
$$R_{MN} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-M} \binom{N}{i} R_m^{N-i} Q_m^i$$

- Where $\binom{N}{i} = \frac{N!}{(N-i)!i!}$

- Example: Consider *TMR* (Triple Modular Redundancy) system (*2-out-of-3*)

$$R_{MN} = \sum_{i=0}^1 \binom{3}{i} R_m^{3-i} Q_m^i$$

$$R_{TMR}(t) = R_m^3(t) + \binom{3}{1} R_m^2(t)(1 - R_m(t)) = 3R_m^2(t) - 2R_m^3(t)$$



Reliability of TMR VS. Singular

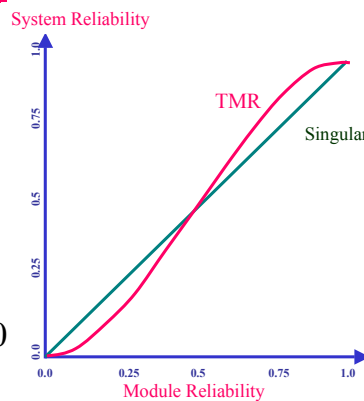
$$R_{TMR}(t) = 3R^2(t) - 2R^3(t)$$

Find the cross points

$$R = 3R^2 - 2R^3$$

$$3R^2 - 2R^3 - R = 0$$

$$(R - 0.5)(R - 1) = 0 \rightarrow R = 0.5, R = 1.0$$

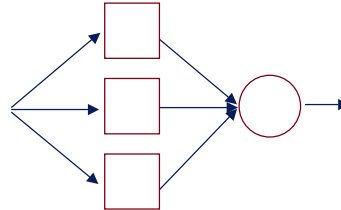


- A system can tolerate fault and still have low reliability.
- A system can achieve a high reliability without being fault tolerant

Effect of Voter

- Previous expression for reliability assumed voter 100% reliable
- Assume voter reliability R_v

$$R_{TMRV} = R_v (3R_m^2 - 2R_m^3)$$



Cascading TMR Systems

- Consider n stages of original system
- Each stage replaced by TMR with Voter

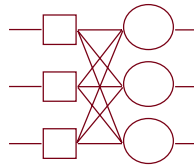


Reliability of the system

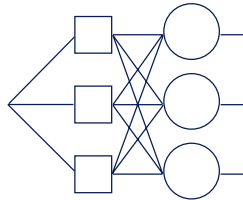
$$R_{cascade} = (R_v (3R_m^2 - 2R_m^3))^n$$

TMR with 3 Voters

- Remove single point of failure
- Use TMR with 3 voters
- Cascade such systems

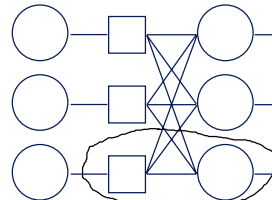


$$R_{TMRV} = 3(R_v R_m)^2 - 2(R_v R_m)^3$$



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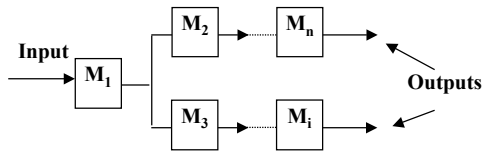
Vn-1

Vn

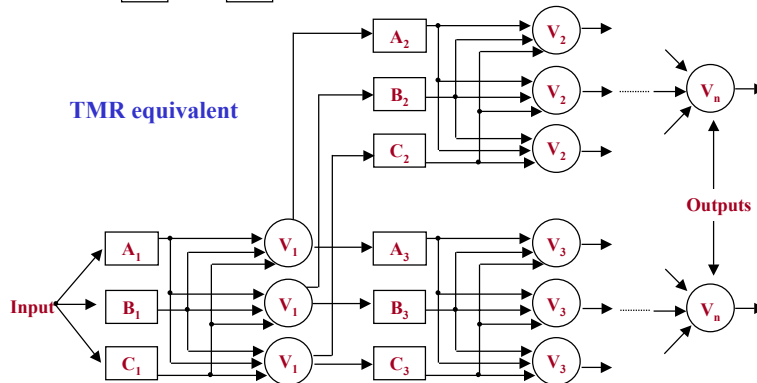
Reliability expression can be obtained by considering *module-voter* combination as a unit; then apply TMR expression. $R_{TMRV} = (3(R_v R_m)^2 - 2(R_v R_m)^3)^n$

TMR in Complex Networks

Non-redundant network



TMR equivalent



Pitfalls Using Single Model

- Should we use MTTF to compare the reliability of systems
- Compare reliability of simplex and TMR systems (assume perfect voter)

$$R_{\text{simplex}}(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$MTTF_{\text{simplex}} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} dt = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$R_{\text{TMR}}(t) = R^3(t) + \binom{3}{1} R^2(t)(1-R(t)) = 3R^2(t) - 2R^3(t)$$

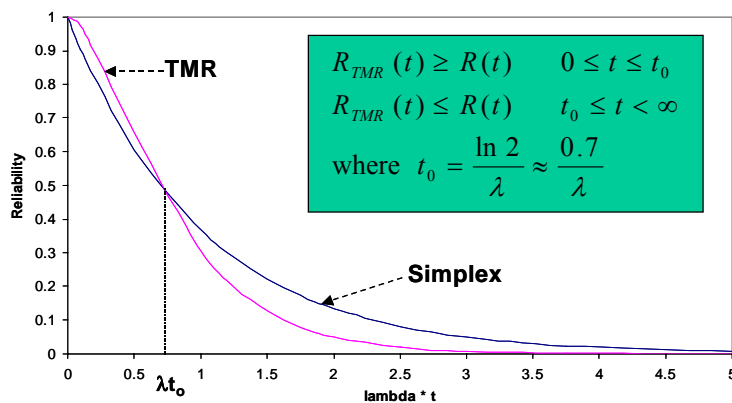
$$R_{\text{TMR}}(t) = 3e^{-2\lambda t} - 2e^{-3\lambda t}$$

$$MTTF_{\text{TMR}}(t) = \int_0^{\infty} (3e^{-2\lambda t} - 2e^{-3\lambda t}) dt = -\frac{3}{2\lambda} e^{-2\lambda t} + \frac{2}{3\lambda} e^{-3\lambda t} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$MTTF_{\text{TMR}} = \frac{3}{2\lambda} - \frac{2}{3\lambda} = \frac{5}{6\lambda}$$

$MTTF_{\text{simplex}} > MTTF_{\text{TMR}} \rightarrow$ May conclude that TMR is not as good as simplex

Pitfalls Using Single Model (cont.)



- MTTF is the area under the reliability curve
- There is a point that TMR becomes less reliable than simplex
- MTTF can sometimes misrepresent the quality of a system
- Regardless, if fault-tolerance is necessary, TMR will be superior

Pitfalls Using Single Model (cont.)

- Instead of MTTF, look at mission time
- Reliability of M-out-of-N systems very high in the beginning
 - Spare components tolerate failures
- Reliability sharply falls down in end
 - System exhausted redundancy, more hardware can possibly fail
- Such systems useful in aircraft control
 - Very high reliability, short time
 - 0.99999 over 10 hour period
- Improving “Vanilla” TMR: TMR with Recovery (e.g. Tandem), TMR Simplex (Run in usual TMR mode.. On first failure drop the second component and run in Simplex)

Effect of Coverage

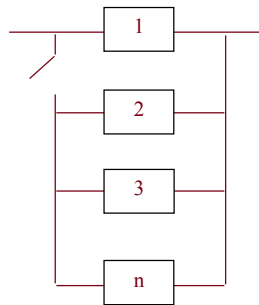
- Failure detection is not perfect
- Reconfiguration may not succeed
- Attach a coverage “c”

One spare system

$$R_{\text{sys}} = R_1 + c(1-R_1)R_2$$

n-1 spare system

$$R_{\text{sys}} = R_m \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c^i (1-R_m)^i$$



Effect of Coverage (cont.)

- If coverage is 100%, then given low module reliability, can increase system reliability arbitrarily

With low coverage,
reliability saturates

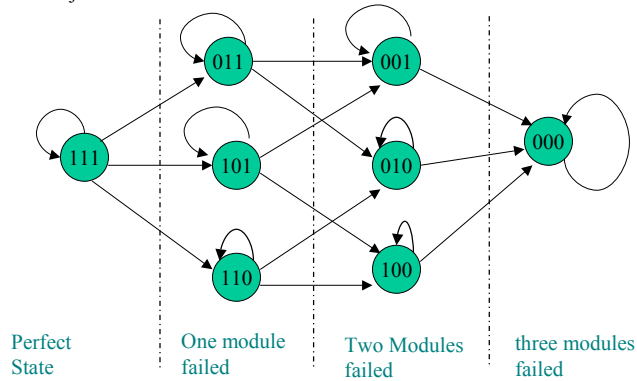
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C=0.99, n=inf	0.999	0.996	0.990
C= 0.8 , n=2	0.972	0.868	0.700
C= 0.8 , n=4	0.978	0.918	0.812
C=0.8, n=inf	0.978	0.921	0.833

Markov Models

- Difficulty with combinatorial models
 - Many complex systems cannot be modeled easily
 - Reliability block diagram difficult to construct
 - Incorporating repairs in the model and analysis
 - Incorporation of coverage factor – such as in duplicates system we may be less than 100% certain that only faulty unit will be eliminated when system is re-configured
- Main concept of Markov Model
 - System State
 - State transition

Markov Model (Cont.)

- Example: the concept of state using TMR (8 states)
 - Transitions between states occur with certain probabilities
 - Markov model assumption: Probability of transition from a state s_i to s_j is independent of the method of arrival into state s_i



Markov Model- Reduced

- Assumption: each module obeys exponential failure law with λ failures
- Probability of a module being failed at some point $t + \Delta t$, given that it was operational at time t is $Q(\Delta t) = 1 - R(\Delta t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda(\Delta t)}$

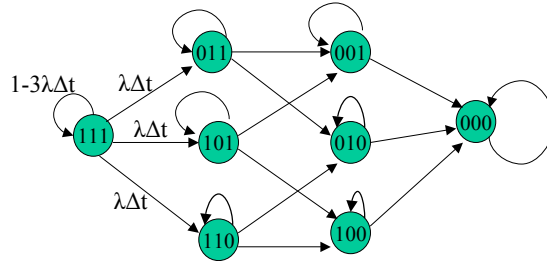
$$e^{-\lambda \Delta t} = 1 + (-\lambda \Delta t) + \frac{(-\lambda \Delta t)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$1 - e^{-\lambda \Delta t} = (\lambda \Delta t) - \frac{(-\lambda \Delta t)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

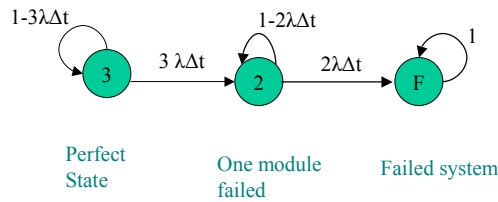
- At small Δt

$$1 - e^{-\lambda \Delta t} = \lambda \Delta t$$

Markov Model- Reduced (Cont.)



□ Reduced Markov model for a TMR system by collapsing the states



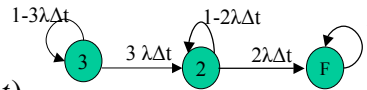
Markov Model- Transition Matrix

□ Probability of the TMR being in state 3 depends on probability that it was in state 3 at t and the probability that it will transition back to state 3.

$$P_3(t+\Delta t) = (1-3\lambda\Delta t)P_3(t)$$

$$P_2(t+\Delta t) = 3\lambda\Delta t P_3(t) + (1-2\lambda\Delta t)P_2(t)$$

$$P_F(t+\Delta t) = 2\lambda\Delta t P_2(t) + P_F(t)$$



□ Hence Transition matrix from Markov chain

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_3(t+\Delta t) \\ P_2(t+\Delta t) \\ P_F(t+\Delta t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1-3\lambda\Delta t) & 0 & 0 \\ 3\lambda\Delta t & (1-2\lambda\Delta t) & 0 \\ 0 & 2\lambda\Delta t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_3(t) \\ P_2(t) \\ P_F(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Markov Model- Transition Matrix

- In compact form $P(t+\Delta t) = A P(t)$
 - At $t = 0$ $P(\Delta t) = A P(0)$
 - $P(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 - At $t = 2 \Delta t$ $P(2\Delta t) = A P(\Delta t) = A^2 P(0)$
 - At $t = n \Delta t$ $P(n\Delta t) = A^n P(0)$
 - $R_{TMR}(t) = P_3(t) + P_2(t)$
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Markov Model- Closed Form Solution

$$P_3(t + \Delta t) = (1 - 3\lambda\Delta t)P_3(t)$$

$$P_2(t + \Delta t) = 3\lambda\Delta t P_3(t) + (1 - 2\lambda\Delta t)P_2(t)$$

$$P_F(t + \Delta t) = 2\lambda\Delta t P_2(t) + P_F(t)$$

$$\frac{P_3(t + \Delta t) - P_3(t)}{\Delta t} = -3\lambda P_3(t)$$

$$\frac{P_2(t + \Delta t) - P_2(t)}{\Delta t} = 3\lambda P_3(t) - 2\lambda P_2(t)$$

$$\frac{P_F(t + \Delta t) - P_F(t)}{\Delta t} = 2\lambda P_2(t)$$

$\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{dP_3(t)}{dt} = -3\lambda P_3(t)$$

$$\frac{dP_2(t)}{dt} = 3\lambda P_3(t) - 2\lambda P_2(t)$$

$$\frac{dP_F(t)}{dt} = 2\lambda P_2(t)$$

Solving the equations using Laplace Transform

$$sP_3(s) - P_3(0) = -3\lambda P_3(s)$$

$$sP_2(s) - P_2(0) = 3\lambda P_3(s) - 2\lambda P_2(s)$$

$$sP_F(s) - P_F(0) = 2\lambda P_2(s)$$

$$t = 0 \rightarrow P_3(0) = 1; P_2(0) = P_F(0) = 0$$

$$P_3(s) = \frac{1}{s + 3\lambda} \quad P_2(s) = \frac{3\lambda}{(s + 2\lambda)(s + 3\lambda)}$$

$$P_F(s) = \frac{6\lambda^2}{s(s + 2\lambda)(s + 3\lambda)}$$

Markov Model- Closed Form Solution

$$P_3(s) = \frac{1}{s + 3\lambda}$$

$$P_2(s) = \frac{3}{(s + 2\lambda)} - \frac{3}{(s + 3\lambda)}$$

$$P_F(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{3}{s + 2\lambda} + \frac{2}{s + 3\lambda}$$

$$P_3(t) = e^{-3\lambda t}$$

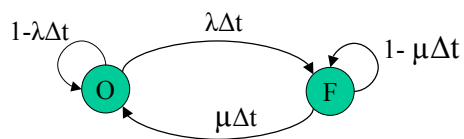
$$P_2(t) = 3e^{-2\lambda t} - 3e^{-3\lambda t}$$

$$P_F(t) = 1 - 3e^{-2\lambda t} + 2e^{-3\lambda t}$$

$$R_{TMR} = P_3(t) + P_2(t) = 3e^{-2\lambda t} - 2e^{-3\lambda t}$$

Markov Model – Incorporating Spares

- Example: Singular system with λ failure rate and μ repair rate



- The state matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_O(t+\Delta t) \\ P_F(t+\Delta t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda\Delta t & \mu\Delta t \\ \lambda\Delta t & 1-\mu\Delta t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_O(t) \\ P_F(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Markov Model- Closed Form Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_O(t+\Delta t) \\ P_F(t+\Delta t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1-\lambda\Delta t) & \mu\Delta t \\ \lambda\Delta t & (1-\mu\Delta t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_O(t) \\ P_F(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{P_O(t+\Delta t) - P_O(t)}{\Delta t} = -\lambda P_O(t) + \mu P_F(t)$$

$$\frac{P_F(t+\Delta t) - P_F(t)}{\Delta t} = \lambda P_O(t) - \mu P_F(t)$$

$\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{dP_O(t)}{dt} = -\lambda P_O(t) + \mu P_F(t)$$

$$\frac{dP_F(t)}{dt} = \lambda P_O(t) - \mu P_F(t)$$

Solving the equations using Laplace Transform

$$sP_O(s) - P_O(0) = -\lambda P_O(s) + \mu P_F(s)$$

$$sP_F(s) - P_F(0) = \lambda P_O(s) - \mu P_F(s)$$

$$t = 0 \rightarrow P_O(0) = 1; P_F(0) = 0$$

Markov Model- Closed Form Solution

$$sP_O(s) = 1 - \lambda P_O(s) + \mu P_F(s)$$

$$sP_F(s) = \lambda P_O(s) - \mu P_F(s)$$



$$P_O(s) = \frac{1}{s + (\lambda + \mu)} + \frac{\mu}{s(s + (\lambda + \mu))}$$

$$P_F(s) = \frac{\lambda}{s(s + (\lambda + \mu))}$$

$$P_O(s) = \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} \frac{1}{s + (\lambda + \mu)}$$

$$P_F(s) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} \frac{1}{s} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} \frac{1}{s + (\lambda + \mu)}$$



$$P_O(t) = \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} e^{-(\lambda + \mu)t}$$

$$P_F(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} e^{-(\lambda + \mu)t}$$

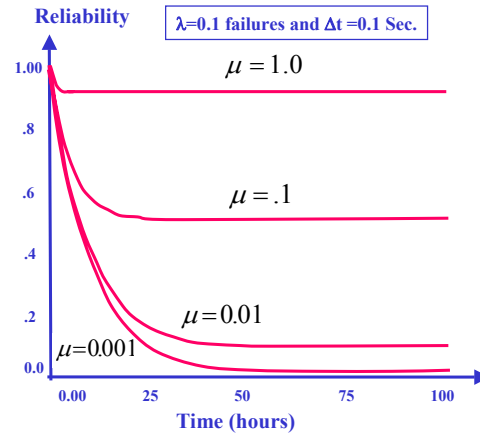
Markov Model- Closed Form Solution

$$P_O(t) = \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} e^{-(\lambda + \mu)t}$$

$$P_F(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} e^{-(\lambda + \mu)t}$$

$$P_O(\infty) = \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu}$$

$$P_F(\infty) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu}$$



Steady State Availability

Availability $A(t)$ of a system is the probability that the system will be operational at time t .

$$A(t) = \frac{\sum t_{\text{Operationd}}}{\sum t_{\text{Operationd}} + t_{\text{repair}}}$$

Good for experimental evaluation.

If not possible due to time and expense, we can estimate steady state availability

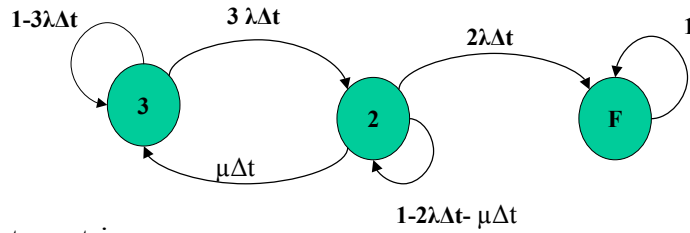
$$A_{SS} = \frac{MTTF}{MTTF + MTTR}$$

$$MTTF = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad MTTR = \frac{1}{\mu}$$

$$A_{SS} = \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} = P_O(\infty)$$

$A_{SS} \rightarrow 1$
if $\lambda = 0$ or $\mu = \infty$

Markov Model- TMR with Repair



□ State matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_3(t+\Delta t) \\ P_2(t+\Delta t) \\ P_F(t+\Delta t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1-3\lambda\Delta t) & \mu\Delta t & 0 \\ 3\lambda\Delta t & (1-2\lambda\Delta t-\mu\Delta t) & 0 \\ 0 & 2\lambda\Delta t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_3(t) \\ P_2(t) \\ P_F(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

□ What if repair is allowed following the failure?