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Problem 1 (20 Points)

Read the following papers and write a summary (maximum length: one page double spaced) for each paper.

- W. Bartlett, L. Spainhower, "Commercial Fault Tolerance: A Tale of Two Systems," IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 87-96, January -March 2004, ([PDF](#))
- D.P. Siewiorek, R. Chillarege, and Z.T. Kalbarczyk, "Reflections on Industry Trends and Experimental Research in Dependability," IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp.109-127, April - June 2004. ([PDF](#))

Problem 2 (20 Points)

Using the combinatorial model, determine the reliability of a simplex, TMR, and 5MR systems as a function of reliability of a simplex system, $R(t)$. You may assume a fault-free voter. Using MathLab, plot the reliability of the three systems versus $R(t)$ and comment on their relative reliabilities.

Problem 3 (25 Points)

A singular unit has a reliability of .95. The design specification requires an overall system reliability of .999. We are considering the following models

- a. An NMR system
- b. An N module parallel system

For each case determine the value of N.

Problem 4 (25 Points)

Using Markov model, determine the discrete solution for the reliability of a 3MR system with λ failure rate and μ repair rate. You may assume that the system initially is fault free. Using MathLab plot $R(t)$ from 0 to 5000 hours using

- a. $\Delta t = 0.1$ hr, $\lambda = .001$ and $\mu = .1$
- b. $\Delta t = 0.1$ hr, $\lambda = .01$ and $\mu = .1$
- c. $\Delta t = 0.1$ hr, $\lambda = .001$ and $\mu = .01$

Due: Wednesday June 18, 2008