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MODULE - VII : RELIABILITY

Reliability of a System (component): Capacity of the System to function without breakdown.

Reliability \rightarrow The probability that a system will perform properly for a specified time of period 't' under a given set of conditions.

(or)
prob. that the system will not fail during the $(0, t)$.

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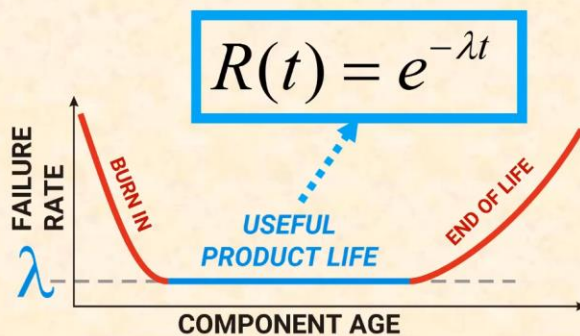
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Measuring Reliability



■ Reliability is based on the concept of a "mission"

- Reliability $R(t)$: probability system still working since start of mission
- A mission is t continuous operating hours between diagnostics
- Constant Failure Rate λ (failures/hr)



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Reliability function = $R(t) = P(T > t) = 1 - P(T \leq t)$
 $= 1 - F(t)$
 where $F(t)$ is the cum. dist. fn of T , given by
 $F(t) = \int_0^t f(t) dt$, $f(t) \rightarrow$ pdf.
 $R(t) = 1 - \int_0^t f(t) dt$ $\xleftarrow{1}$
 $0 \rightarrow \infty$

$R(t) = \int_t^{\infty} f(t) dt$

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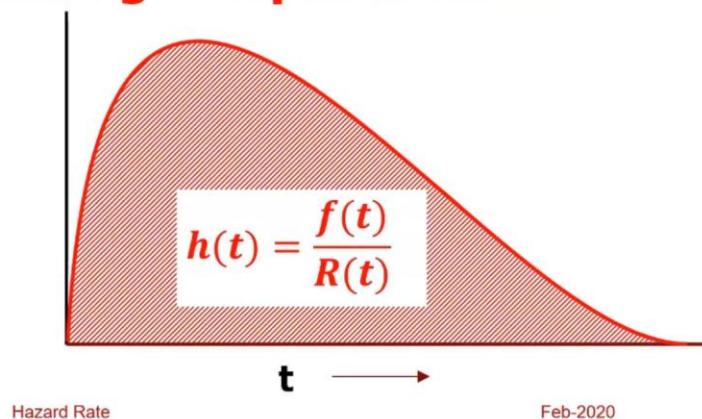
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Instantaneous hazard rate can be considered as how fast the components fail as a proportion of the surviving components.



Hazard Rate Example

Consider a building which has 1200 electric switches. Suppose four switches fail in three months out of 1200. Thus the hazard rate per month per unit will be:



$$h(t) = \frac{4}{3 \times 1200} = 0.001111$$

Note: Hazard rate is often denoted as $\lambda(t)$.

Hazard Rate

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Hazard Rate Example

Suppose In the next two months, six more switches fail! Remember, these are out of 1196 as four had failed within first three months! Thus the hazard rate during this period will be:



$$h(t) = \frac{6}{2 \times 1196} = 0.002508$$

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(*) Hazard function $= \lambda(t) = \frac{f(t)}{R(t)}$

(*) $f(t) = \lambda(t) e^{-\int_0^t \lambda(u) du}$

(*) Mean Time of Failure = MTTF = $E(T) = \int_0^{\infty} R(t) dt$

(*) Wear-in Period (burn-in period)

$$R(t/T_0) = P(T > T_0 + t / T > T_0) = \frac{R(T_0 + t)}{R(T_0)} = e^{-\int_{T_0}^{T_0+t} \lambda(t) dt}$$

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$$R(t) = e^{-\int_0^t \lambda(t) dt}$$

And

Problem-1

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(1) The density function of the time to failure in years of the gizmos (for use widgets) manufactured by a certain company is given by $f(t) = \frac{200}{(t+10)^3}, t \geq 0$

(a) Derive the reliability function and determine the reliability for the first year of operation.

(b) Compute the MTTF.

(c) What is the design life for a reliability 0.95?

(d) Will a one-year burn-in period improve the reliability in part (a)? If yes, what is the new reliability?

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Problem-2

(2) The time to failure in operating hours of a critical solid-state power unit has the hazard rate function $\lambda(t) = 0.003 \left(\frac{t}{500} \right)^{0.5}$, for $t \geq 0$.

- (a) What is the reliability if the power unit must operate continuously for 50 hours?
- (b) Determine the design life if a reliability of 0.90 is desired.
- (c) Compute the MTTF.
- (d) Given that the unit has operated for 50 hours, what is the probability that it will survive a second 50 hours of operation?

Handwritten solutions:

$$R(t) = e^{-\int_0^t \lambda(w) dw}$$

$$MTTF = \int_0^\infty R(t) dt$$

(b) $R(t) = 0.9, t = ?$
 (d) $P(T \geq 100 / T \geq 50) = e^{-\int_{50}^{100} \lambda(w) dw}$

Reliability of Systems

Series Configuration (Non-redundant Configuration) :

RELIABILITY OF SYSTEMS

Serial Configuration (Non-redundant Config.)

(*) Components of the system are connected in series.

Diagram showing components $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_n$ connected in series, with reliability functions $R_1(t), R_2(t), R_3(t), \dots, R_n(t)$ above them.

(*) $R_s(t) = R_1(t) \times R_2(t) \times R_3(t) \times \dots \times R_n(t)$
 $\leq \min\{R_1(t), R_2(t), \dots, R_n(t)\}$

If each component has a constant failure rate λ , then

$R_s(t) = e^{-\lambda_1 t} \times e^{-\lambda_2 t} \times \dots \times e^{-\lambda_n t}$
 $= e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n) t}$

Calculations:

$$0 \leq R_i \leq 1$$

$$R_1 = 0.1, R_2 = 0.9$$

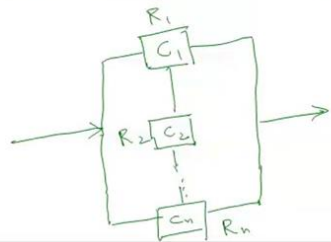
$$R_1 \times R_2 = 0.09 = \min(R_1, R_2)$$

$C_1 \rightarrow \lambda_1$
 $C_2 \rightarrow \lambda_2$
 \vdots
 $C_n \rightarrow \lambda_n$

Parallel Configuration (Redundant configuration)

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(*) Components of the system are connected in parallel.



C_3 is not working

IT // work



$$(*) \quad R_P(t) = 1 - (1-R_1)(1-R_2)\dots(1-R_n) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\geq \max(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n)$$

(*) λ - constant failure rate

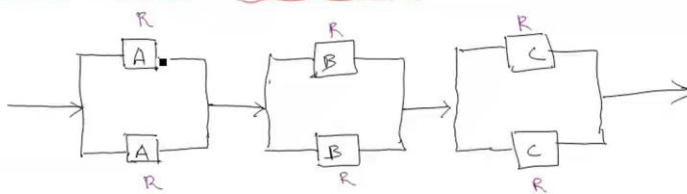
$$R_P(t) = 1 - (1-e^{-\lambda_1 t})(1-e^{-\lambda_2 t})\dots(1-e^{-\lambda_n t})$$

(*) $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rightarrow$ constant failure rates

$$MTTF = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} - \frac{1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$$

Parallel Series Configuration

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$$R(t) = [1 - (1-R)^2]^3$$

In general

$$R(t) = (1 - (1-R)^n)^m$$

Subsystem 1:

$$1 - (1-R)(1-R)$$

$$= 1 - (1-R)^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Subsystem 2:

$$1 - (1-R)^2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Subsystem 3:

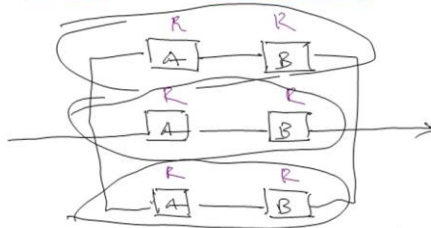
$$1 - (1-R)^2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where $n \rightarrow$ no. of components are connected parallelly with R in each subsystem.

$m \rightarrow$ no. of subsystems

Series – Parallel configuration

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$$R(t) = 1 - (1 - R^2)^3 \quad \checkmark$$

In general

$$R(t) = 1 - (1 - R^n)^m$$

where $m \rightarrow$ no. of subsystems connected parallelly.

$n \rightarrow$ Number of components connected serially

$$R_s(t) = R_1 \times R_2 \times \dots \times R_n$$

$$\rightarrow (1 - R^2) \quad \checkmark$$

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$$1 - (1 - R^2)(1 - R^2)(1 - R^2)$$

$$1 - (1 - R^2)^3$$

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Problem -1

An electronic circuit consists of 5 silicon transistors, 3 silicon diodes, 10 composition resistors and 2 ceramic capacitors connected in series configuration. The hourly failure rate of each component is given below:

Silicon transistor	$\lambda_t = 4 \times 10^{-5}$
Silicon diode	$\lambda_d = 3 \times 10^{-5}$
Composition resistor	$\lambda_r = 2 \times 10^{-4}$
Ceramic capacitor	$\lambda_c = 2 \times 10^{-4}$

Calculate the reliability of the circuit for 10 hours, when the components follow exponential distribution.

Problem – 2

There are 16 components in a non-redundant system. The average reliability of each component is 0.99. In order to achieve at least this system reliability using a redundant system with 4 identical new components, what should be the least reliability of each new component?