

# Reliability Theory

Indicator

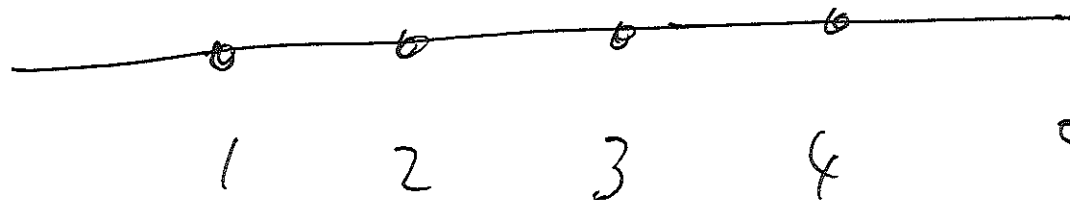
$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{component } i \text{ is working} \\ 0 & \text{Not} \end{cases}$$

STRUCTURE FUNCTION

$$\phi(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if system works} \\ 0 & \text{Not.} \end{cases} \quad \text{for given } \underline{x}.$$

State vector of  
Components

# Series

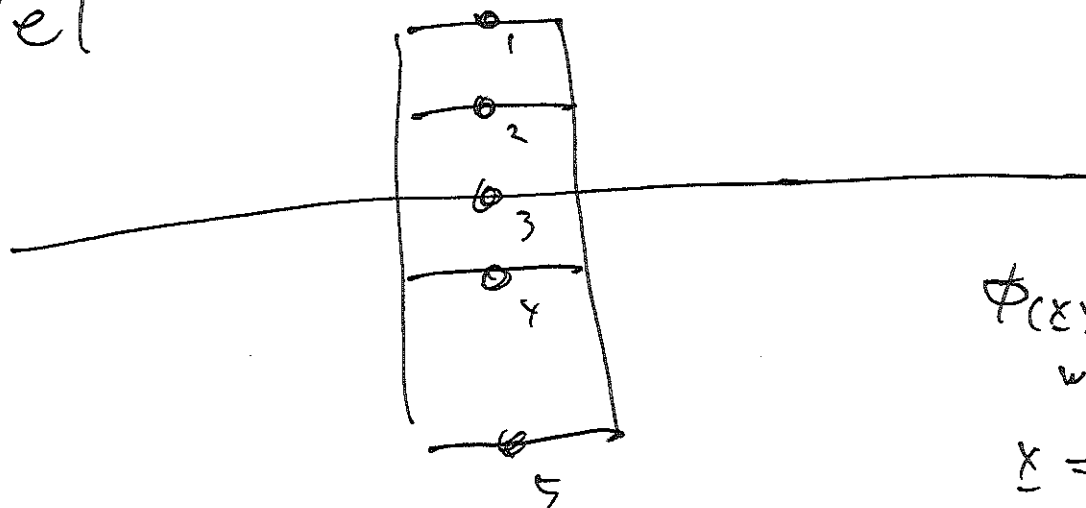


$$\phi(x) = 1$$

only when

$$\underline{x} = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]$$

# Parallel



$$\phi(x) = 1$$

when

$$\underline{x} = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

or

$$[0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

⋮

$$[ \quad \quad ]$$

If  $T_i \approx$  Component Lifetime.

Series  $S \sim \min(T_i)$   
Sys. Lifetime

Parallel  $S = \max(T_i)$

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Similarly,

Series  $\phi(x) = \min(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

one 0 makes  
 $sys = 0$ .

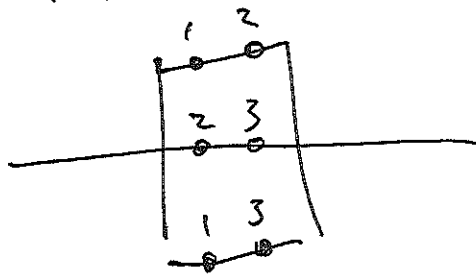
Parallel  $\phi(x) = \max(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

one 1 makes  
 $sys = 1$ .

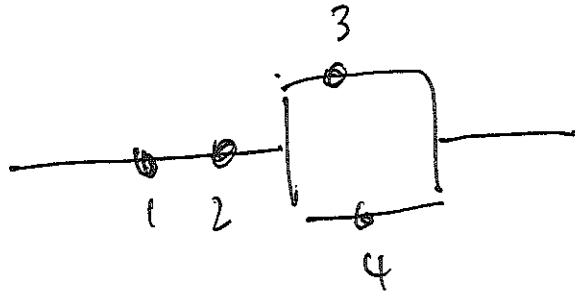
K-out-of-N structure

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \sum x_i \geq k \\ 0 & < k \end{cases}$$

2-out-of-3



Ex 9.4 Four component



$$\phi(x) = x_1 x_2 \max(x_3, x_4)$$

$$= x_1 x_2 (x_3 + x_4 - x_3 x_4)$$

$$\max(x_i) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x_i)$$

if  $x_i = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$

For binary  $x_i$

$$\min(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1 \cdot \dots \cdot x_n.$$

$$\max(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x_i)$$

$$\max(x_1, x_2) = 1 - (1 - x_1)(1 - x_2)$$

$$= x_1 + x_2 - x_1 x_2$$

Any system can be represented as

→ Parallel or series systems. (1)

or

→ Series or parallel systems. (2)

# Minimal Path

$\phi(\underline{x})$  is a monotone function

i.e. if  $x_i \leq y_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$   
then  $\phi(\underline{x}) \leq \phi(\underline{y})$ .

~~$\underline{x}$  is a minimal path vector &  $\phi(\underline{x}) = 1$~~

$\underline{x}$  is a path vector if  $\phi(\underline{x}) = 1$



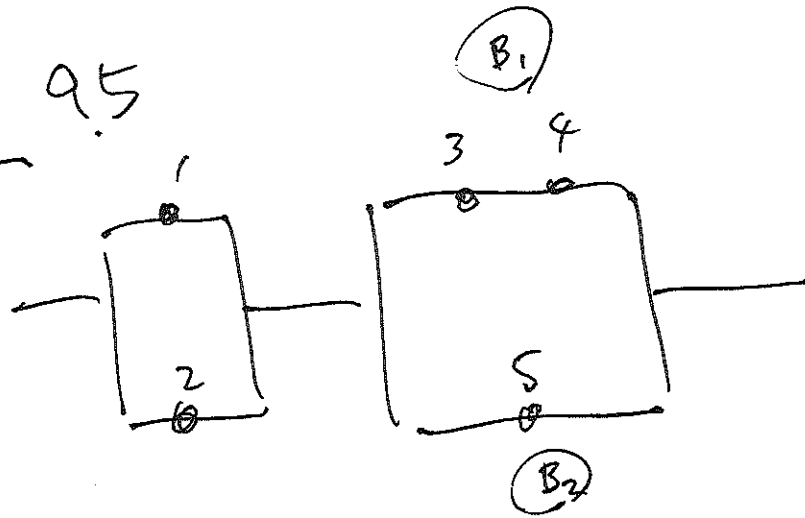
$\underline{x}$  is a minimal path vector if  $\phi(\underline{x}) = 1$  and

$$\phi(\underline{y}) = 0 \text{ for all } \underline{y} < \underline{x}.$$

$$\underline{y} \leq \underline{x} \text{ means } \left[ \begin{array}{l} y_i \leq x_i \quad \forall i, \text{ and} \\ y_i < x_i \quad \text{for some } i \end{array} \right]$$

$\{i : x_i = 1\}$  : minimal path set.

Ex 9.5



$$\phi(\underline{x}) = A_1 A_2$$

$$= \max(x_1, x_2) \cdot \max(B_1, B_2)$$

$$= \max(x_1, x_2) \cdot \max(x_3 x_4, x_5)$$

$$= (x_1 + x_2 - x_1 x_2) (x_3 x_4 + x_5 - x_3 x_4 x_5)$$

min. path set

1 3 4

1 5

2 3 4

2 5

1

1  $A_j$  is met, Sys works.  
but all in  $A_j$  must be 1

Let  $A_1, \dots, A_s$  be ~~set~~ ~~of~~ minimal path sets.

Define  $\alpha_j(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \underbrace{\text{all comp. in } A_j}_{\text{Not}} \text{ are working.} \\ 0 & \end{cases} = \prod_{l \in A_j} x_l$  <sup>series</sup>

System works if there's at least one

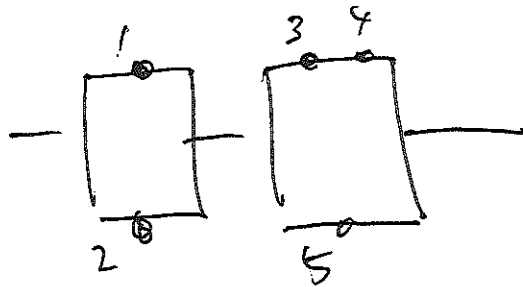
$\alpha_j(\underline{x}) = 1$  Parallel

Hence

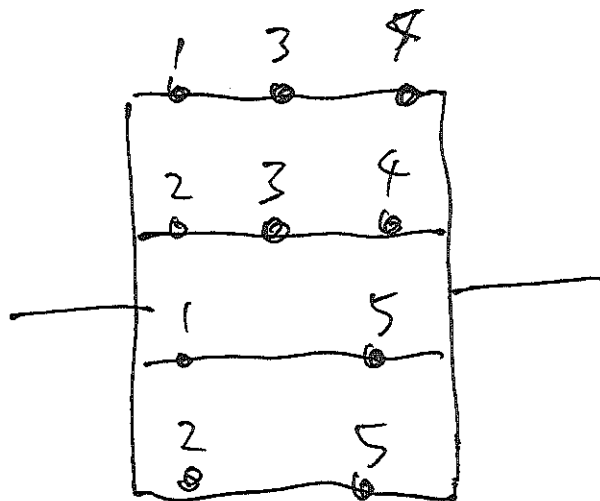
$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\underline{x}) &= \max[\alpha_1(\underline{x}), \dots, \alpha_s(\underline{x})] \\ &= \max \left[ \prod_{l \in A_1} x_l, \prod_{l \in A_2} x_l, \dots, \prod_{l \in A_s} x_l \right] \end{aligned}$$

→ this is Parallel arrangement of series sys.

We can write

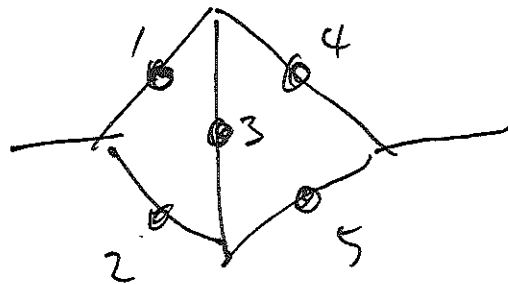


as



$$\Phi(\underline{x}) = \max [x_1 x_3 x_4, x_2 x_3 x_4, x_1 x_5, x_2 x_5]$$

# Ex 9.8 Bridge System



min Path sets

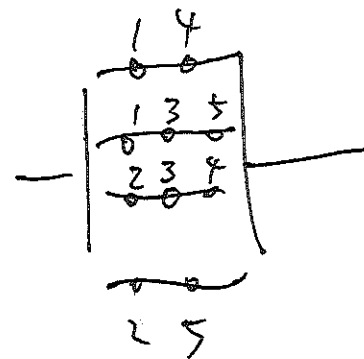
(1 4)

(1 3 5)

(2 3 4)

(2 5)

$$\phi(x) = \max [x_1 x_4, x_1 x_3 x_5, x_2 x_3 x_4, x_2 x_5]$$



## cut vector

If  $\phi(\underline{x}) = 0$ , then  $\underline{x}$  is a cut vector.

If  $\phi(\underline{y}) = 1$  for all  $\underline{y} > \underline{x}$ , then

$\underline{x}$  is minimal cut vector.

$C = \{i : x_i = 0\}$  is a minimal cut set.

2)

$$\beta_j(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if at least one } C_j \text{ is working} \\ 0 & \text{if all comp in } C_j \text{ is } 0 \end{cases}$$

Parallel

$$= \max_{i \in C_j} x_i$$

~~At least one  $\beta_j$  must be 1, then sys = 1.~~

Due  $\beta_j = 0$ , then sys = 0.  
All in  $\beta_j$  must be 0.

$$\phi(x) = 0 \quad \text{if ~~at least one~~  $\beta_j$  are 0.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x) = 1 \quad \text{if ~~at least one~~ all of  $\beta_j$  are 1}$$

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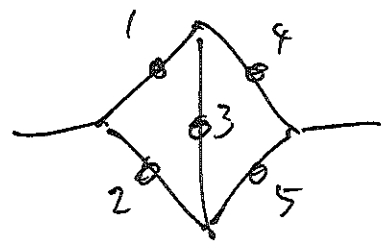

$$\phi(x) = \prod_{j=1}^k \beta_j(x) = \prod_{j=1}^k \max_{i \in C_j} x_i$$

Series sys of  $\beta_j$ 's.

each  $\beta_j$  are parallel sys.



# Ex Bridge Sys.

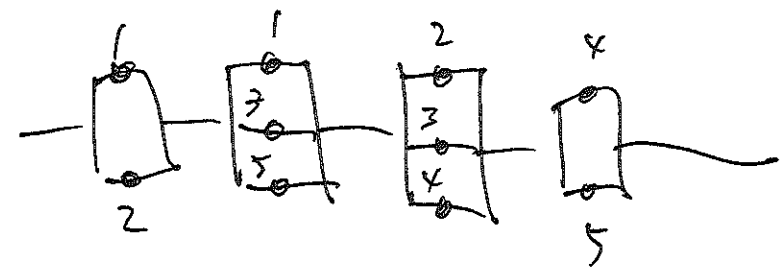


with cut sets

- 1 2
- 1 3 5
- 2 3 4
- 4 5

$$\phi(x) =$$

- $\max(x_1, x_2)$
- $\cdot \max(x_1, x_3, x_5)$
- $\cdot \max(x_2, x_3, x_4)$
- $\cdot \max(x_4, x_5)$



①  $A_j$  : min path sets.

If there's one  $A_j$  that's ~~satisfied~~ satisfied, then  
Sys. works.  $\phi(x) = 1$ .

All comp in the  $A_j$  must be 1,  
to ~~make~~ satisfy  $A_j$ .

Sys = Parallel of  $A_j$ .  $A_j$  is series sys.

②  $B_j$  : cut path sets

If there's one  $B_j$  that's satisfied,  
then sys does not work.  $\phi(x) = 0$ .

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$\Rightarrow$  All  $B_j$  are not satisfied, then  
Sys will work, (Series)

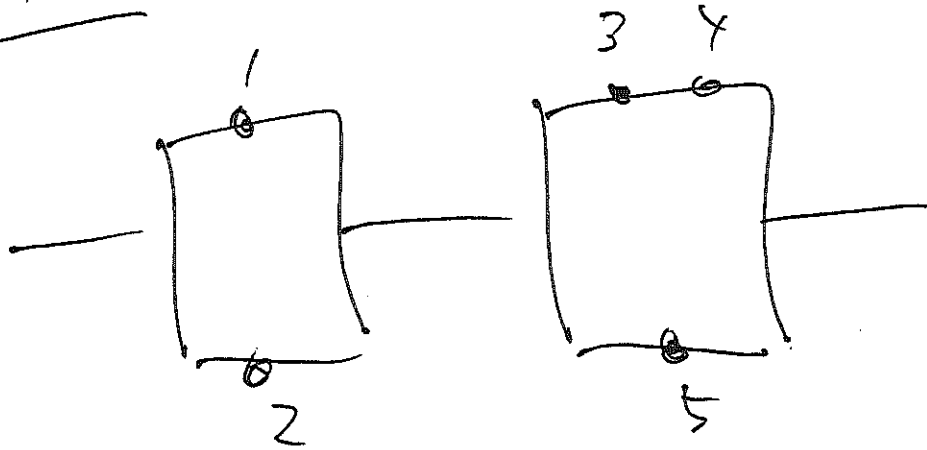
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All comp in  $B_j$  must be 0 to satisfy  $B_j$

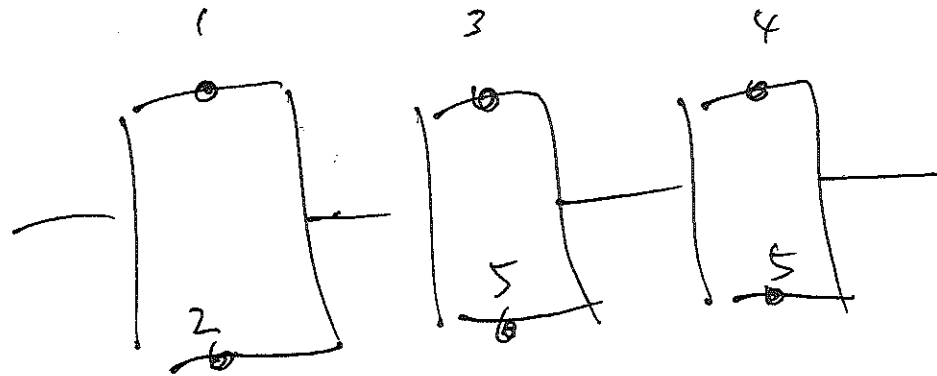
$\Rightarrow$  at least one "1" will not satisfy  $B_j$  (Parallel)

Sys = Series of  $B_j$ ,  $B_j$  is a parallel sys.

Ex



Min	Cut	Set
1	2	
3	5	
4	5	



$$\phi(x) = \max(x_1, x_2) \max(x_3, x_5) \max(x_4, x_5)$$