

1.10 [10/10/20] <1.7> Availability is the most important consideration for designing servers, followed closely by scalability and throughput.

- [10] <1.7> We have a single processor with a failure in time (FIT) of 100. What is the mean time to failure (MTTF) for this system?
- [10] <1.7> If it takes one day to get the system running again, what is the availability of the system?
- [20] <1.7> Imagine that the government, to cut costs, is going to build a super-computer out of inexpensive computers rather than expensive, reliable computers. What is the MTTF for a system with 1000 processors? Assume that if one fails, they all fail.

a.  $MTTF = \frac{10^9}{FIT} = \frac{10^9}{100} = 10^7 \text{ (hr)}$

b.  $availability = MTTF / (MTTF + MTTR)$   
 $MTTR = 24 \text{ (hr)} \Rightarrow availability = \frac{10^7}{10^7 + 24} \approx 1$

c.  $\therefore$  one fails, they all fail  $\therefore$   $FIT = 100 \times 1000 = 10^5$   
 (FIT) (processors)  
 $\therefore MTTF = \frac{10^9}{FIT} = \frac{10^9}{10^5} = 10^4$

1.13 [15/10] <1.9> Assume that we make an enhancement to a computer that improves some mode of execution by a factor of 10. Enhanced mode is used 50% of the time, measured as a percentage of the execution time *when the enhanced mode is in use*. Recall that Amdahl's Law depends on the fraction of the original, unenhanced execution time that could make use of enhanced mode. Thus we cannot directly use this 50% measurement to compute speedup with Amdahl's Law.

- [15] <1.9> What is the speedup we have obtained from fast mode?
- [10] <1.9> What percentage of the original execution time has been converted to fast mode?

a.  $Fraction_{enhanced} = X$      $Speedup_{enhanced} = 10$      $Fraction_{not-enhanced} = 1-X$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{X}{10}}{\frac{X}{10} + (1-X)} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{X}{5} = \frac{X}{10} + (1-X) \Rightarrow \frac{X}{10} = (1-X) \Rightarrow X = \frac{10}{11}$

b.  $Speedup_{overall} = \frac{1}{(1-X) + \frac{X}{10}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{11}} = \frac{11}{2}$

b. 即為  $X$  值 =  $\frac{10}{11}$