



Quantitative evaluation of dependability

Lecture 2

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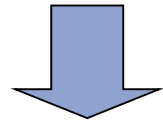
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- Reliability and Availability modelling
- Exponential failure law for the hardware
- Combinatorial models
 - Series/Parallel
 - Fault Trees
- State based models: Markovian models
 - Discrete time Markov chain
 - Continuous time Markov chain

Faults are the cause of errors and failures. Does the arrival time of faults fit a **probability distribution**?

If so, what are the parameters of that distribution?

Consider the time to failure of a system or component.
It is not exactly predictable - **random variable**.



probability theory

Evaluation of Failure rate, Mean Time To Failure (MTTF), Mean Time To Repair (MTTR), Reliability ($R(t)$), Availability ($A(t)$) function

Definition of dependability attributes



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Reliability - $R(t)$

conditional probability that the system performs correctly throughout the interval of time $[t_0, t]$, given that the system was performing correctly at the instant of time t_0

Availability - $A(t)$

the probability that the system is operating correctly and is available to perform its functions at the instant of time t

Reliability $R(t)$

$$R(0) = 1 \quad R(\infty) = 0$$

Unreliability $Q(t)$

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

Failure probability density function $f(t)$

the failure density function $f(t)$ at time t is the number of failures in Δt

$$f(t) = \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = - \frac{dR(t)}{dt}$$

Failure rate function $\lambda(t)$

the failure rate $\lambda(t)$ at time t is defined by the number of failures during Δt in relation to the number of correct components at time t

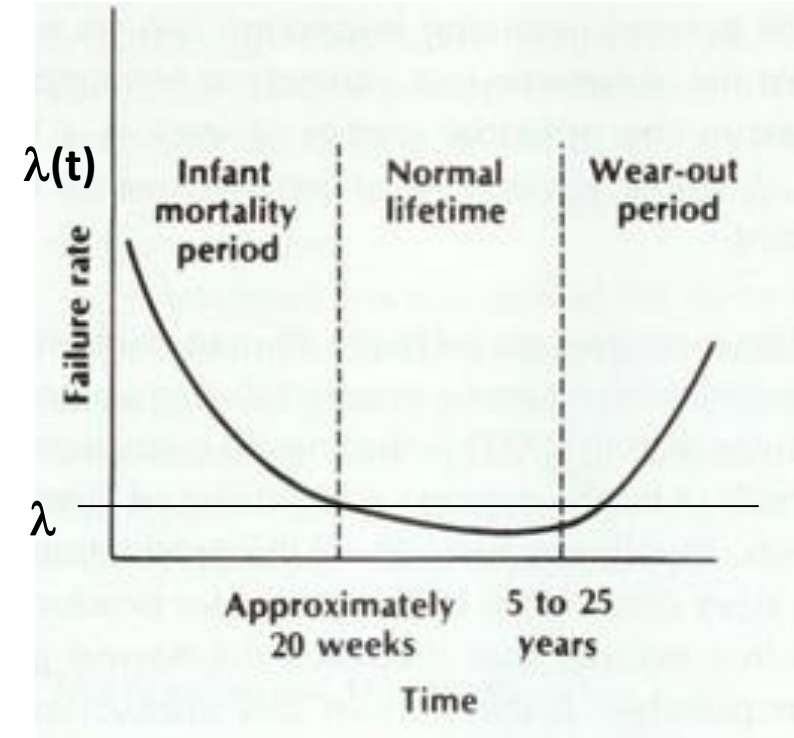
$$\lambda(t) = \frac{f(t)}{R(t)} = - \frac{dR(t)}{dt} \frac{1}{R(t)}$$

$\lambda(t)$ is a function of time
(bathtub-shaped curve)

$\lambda(t)$ constant > 0
in the operational phase

Constant failure rate λ
(usually expressed in number of failures for million hours)

$\lambda = 1/200$ one failure every 2000 hours



Taken from: [Siewiorek et al.1998]

Early life phase: there is a higher failure rate due to the failures of weaker components (result from defect or stress introduced in the manufacturing process). Wear-out phase: time and use cause the failure rate to increase.

Constant failure rate

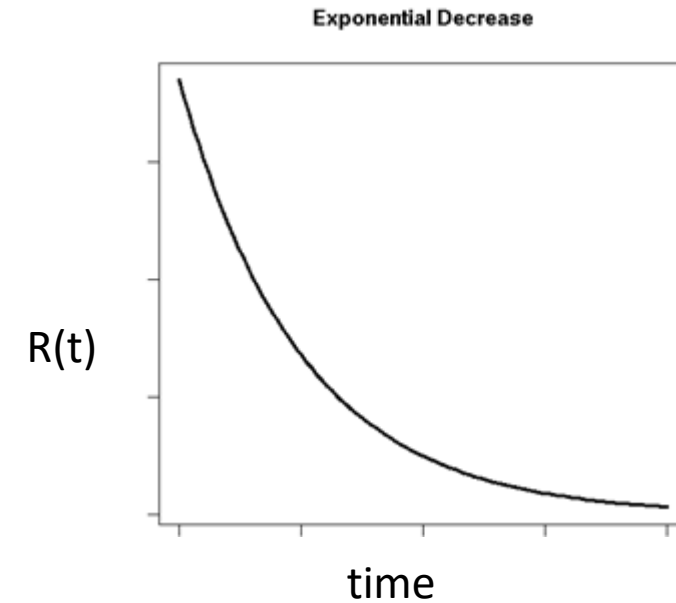
$$\lambda(t) = \lambda \quad \lambda(t) = \frac{f(t)}{R(t)} = \frac{-dR(t)}{dt} \frac{1}{R(t)}$$

Reliability function

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

Probability density function

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



the exponential relation between reliability and time is known as **exponential failure law**

Time to failure of a component



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- Time to failure of a component can be modeled by a **random variable** X

$$F_X(t) = P[X \leq t] \text{ (cumulative distribution function)}$$

$F_X(t)$ unreliability of the component at time t

- Reliability of the component at time t

$$R(t) = P[X > t] = 1 - P[X \leq t] = 1 - F_X(t)$$

$R(t)$ is the probability of not observing any failure before time t

Time to failure of a component



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Mean time to failure (MTTF)

is the expected time that a system will operate before the first failure occurs (e.g., 2000 hours)

$$\text{MTTF} = \int_0^{\infty} t f(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} t \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = 1/2000$$

0.0005 per hour

$$\text{MTTF} = 2000$$

time to the first failure 2000 hours

Failure in time (FIT)

measure of failure rate in 10⁹ device hours

1 FIT means 1 failure in 10⁹ device hours

- Handbooks of failure rate data for various components are available from government and commercial sources.
- Reliability Data Sheet of product

Commercially available databases

- Military Handbook MIL-HDBK-217F
- Telcordia,
- PRISM User's Manual,
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Standard 61508
- ...

Distribution model for permanent faults

MIL-HBDK-217 (Reliability Prediction of Electronic Equipment -Department of Defence)

Statistics on electronic components failures studied since 1965 (periodically updated).

Chip failure rates in the range 0.01-1.0 per million hours

$$\lambda = \tau_L \tau_Q (C_1 \tau_T \tau_V + C_2 \tau_E)$$

τ_L = learning factor, based on the maturity of the fabrication process

τ_Q = quality factor, based on incoming screening of components

τ_T = temperature factor, based on the ambient operating temperature
and the type of semiconductor process

τ_E = environmental factor, based on the operating environment

τ_V = voltage stress derating factor for CMOS devices

C_1, C_2 = complexity factors (based on number of gates, or bits for memories and number of pins)

a model is an abstraction of the system that highlights the important features for the objective of the study



Methodologies that employ combinatorial models:
Reliability Block Diagrams,
Fault tree,



State space representation methodologies:
Markov chains, Petri-nets,
SANs, ...

Combinatorial models

offer simple and intuitive methods of the construction and solutions of models

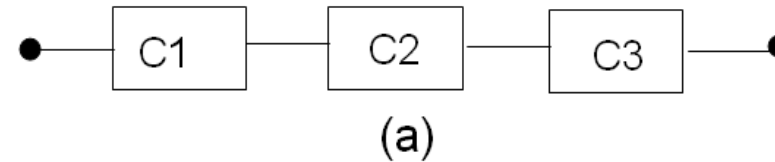
Assumptions:

- independent components
- each component is associated a failure rate
- model construction is based on the structure of the systems (series/parallel connections of components)
- inadequate to deal with systems that exhibits complex dependencies among components and repairable systems

Series: all components must be operational (a)

$R_i(t)$ reliability of module i at time t

$R_{series}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n R_i(t)$
where Π is the product



If each individual component i satisfies the exponential failure law with constant failure rate λ_i :

$$R_{series}(t) = e^{-\lambda_1 t} \dots e^{-\lambda_n t} = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i t}$$

Unreliability function

$$Q_{series}(t) = 1 - R_{series}(t) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n R_i(t) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n [1 - Q_i(t)]$$

If the system does not contain any redundancy, that is any component must function properly for the system to work, and if component failures are independent, then

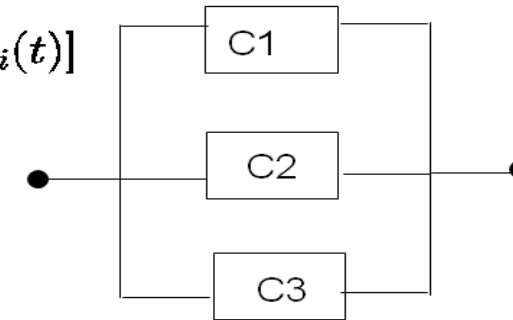
- the system reliability is the product of the component reliability, and it is exponential
- the failure rate of the system is the sum of the failure rates of the individual components

Parallel: at least one of the components must be operational (b)

$$Q_{parallel}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n Q_i(t)$$

$$R_{parallel}(t) = 1 - Q_{parallel}(t) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n Q_i(t) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n [1 - R_i(t)]$$

Note the duality between Q and R in the two cases



(b)

M-of-N systems - a generalisation of parallel model
at least M modules of N are required to function

Assume N identical modules and M of those are required for the system to function properly, the expression for reliability of M-of-N substeams can be written as:

$$R_{M-of-N}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-M} \frac{N!}{(N-i)!i!} R^{N-i}(t) (1 - R(t))^i$$

i number of faulty components

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

Binomial coefficient

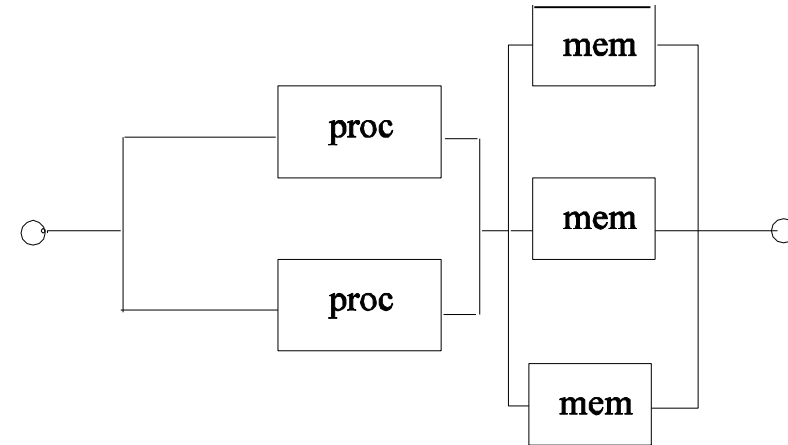
If the system contain redundancy, that is a subset of components must function properly for the system to work, and if component failures are independent, then

- the system reliability is the reliability of a series/parallel combinatorial model

Series/Parallel models

An example:

Multiprocessor with 2 processors and three shared memories



TMR versus Simplex system

Simplex system

λ failure rate of module m

$$R_m = e^{-\lambda t}$$

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

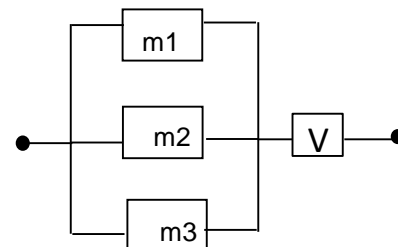
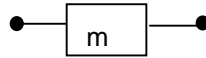
TMR system

$$R_V(t) = 1$$

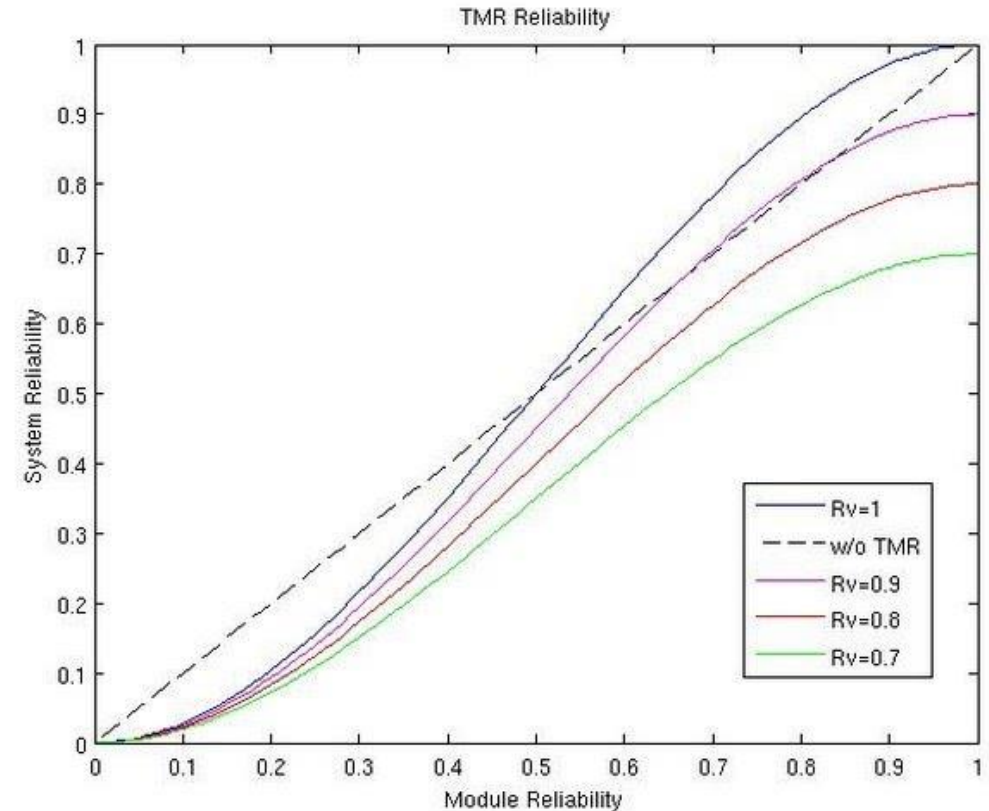
$$R_{\text{TMR}} = \sum_{i=0}^1 \binom{3}{i} (e^{-\lambda t})^{3-i} (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^i$$

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

$$R_{\text{TMR}} > R_m \text{ if } R_m > 0.5$$



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Taken from: [Siewiorek et al.1998]

TMR: reliability function and mission time

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

$$MTTF_{\text{simplex}} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

TMR system

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

$$MTTF_{\text{TMR}} = \frac{3}{2\lambda} - \frac{2}{3\lambda} = \frac{5}{6\lambda} < \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

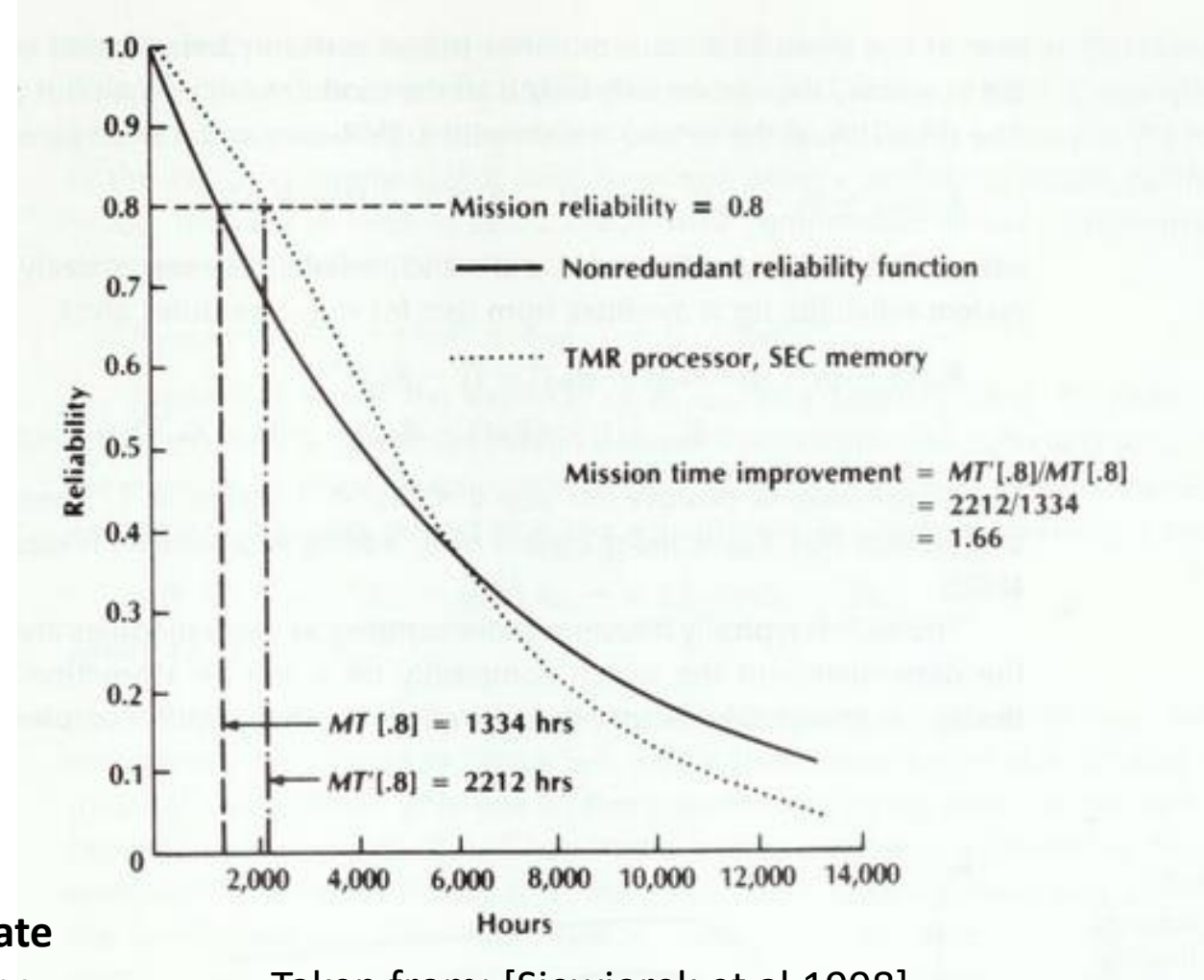
**TMR worse than a simplex system
but**

TMR has a higher reliability for the first 6.000 hours

TMR operates at or above 0.8 reliability

66 percent longer than the simplex system

S shape curve is typical of redundant systems: above the knee the redundant system has components that tolerate failures; after the knee the system has exhausted redundancy



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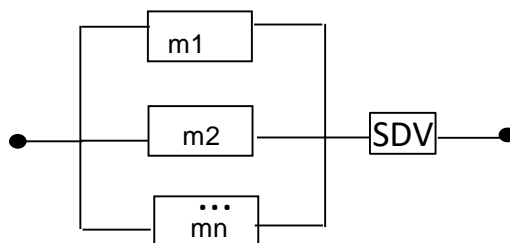
Hybrid redundancy with TMR

Symplex system

λ failure rate m

$$R_m = e^{-\lambda t}$$

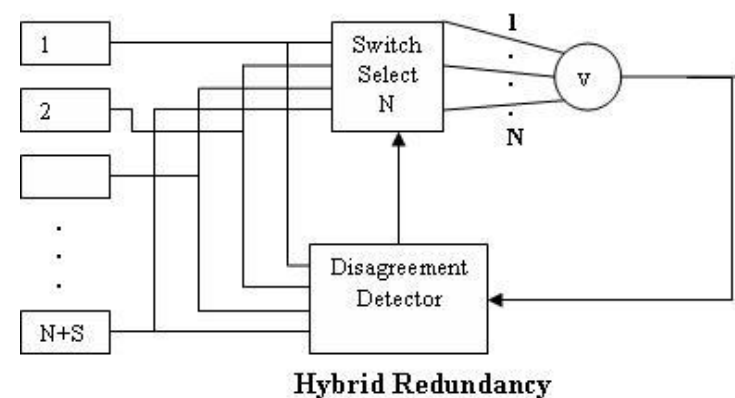
$$R_{sys} = e^{-\lambda t}$$



Hybrid system

$n=N+S$ total number of components

S number of spares



Taken from: [Siewiorek et al.1998]

Let $N = 3$ $R_{SDV}(t) = 1$

λ failure rate of on line comp

λ failure rate of spare comp

The first system failure occurs if 1) all the modules fail; 2) all but one modules fail

$$R_{Hybrid} = R_{SDV}(1 - Q_{Hybrid})$$

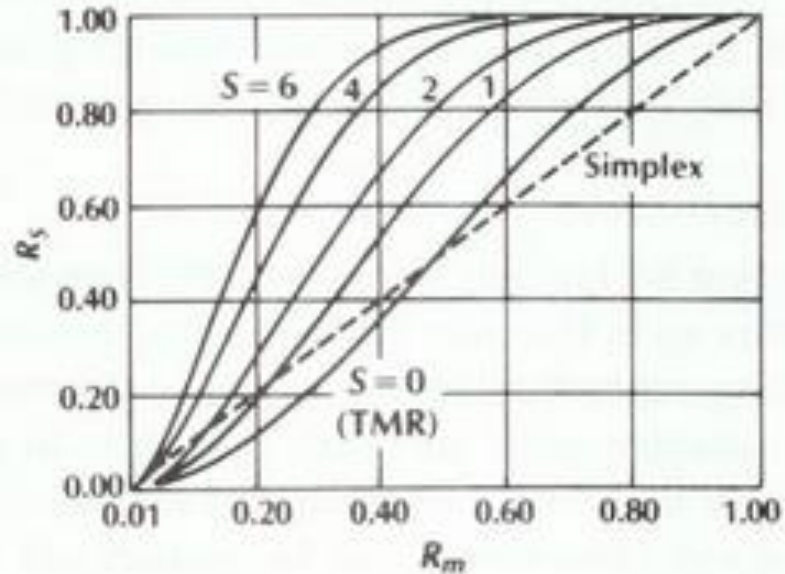
$$R_{Hybrid} = (1 - ((1 - R_m)^n + n(R_m)(1 - R_m)^{n-1}))$$

$$R_{Hybrid(n+1)} - R_{Hybrid(n)} > 0$$

adding modules increases the system reliability under the assumption R_{SDV} independent of n

Hybrid redundancy with TMR

Hybrid TMR system reliability R_s vs individual module reliability R_m

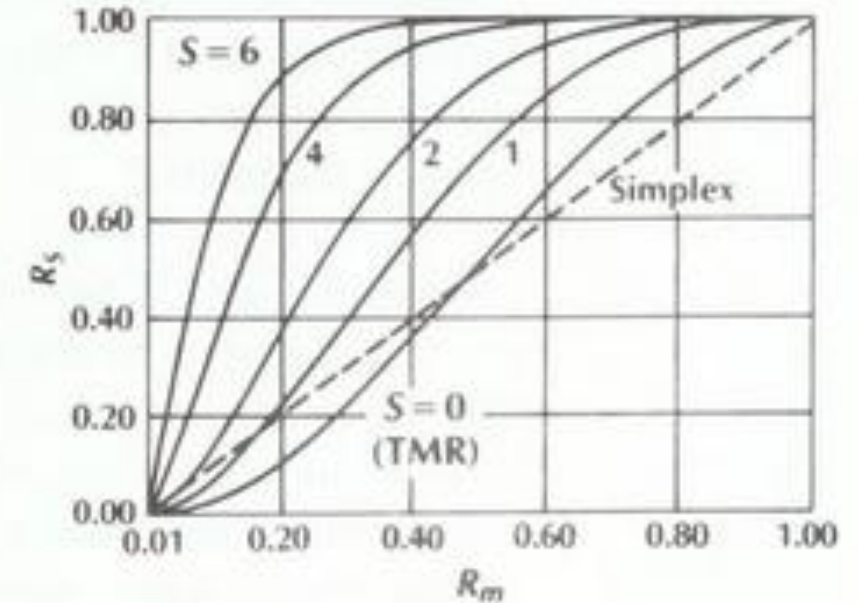


S is the number of spares
 $R_{SDV} = 1$

System with standby failure rate equal to on-line failure rate

TMR with one spare is more reliable than simplex system if $R_m > 0.23$

Taken from: [Siewiorek et al.1998]



System with standby failure rate equal to 10% of on line failure rate

TMR with one spare is more reliable than simplex system if $R_m > 0.17$

Consider the combination of events that may lead to an undesirable situation of the system

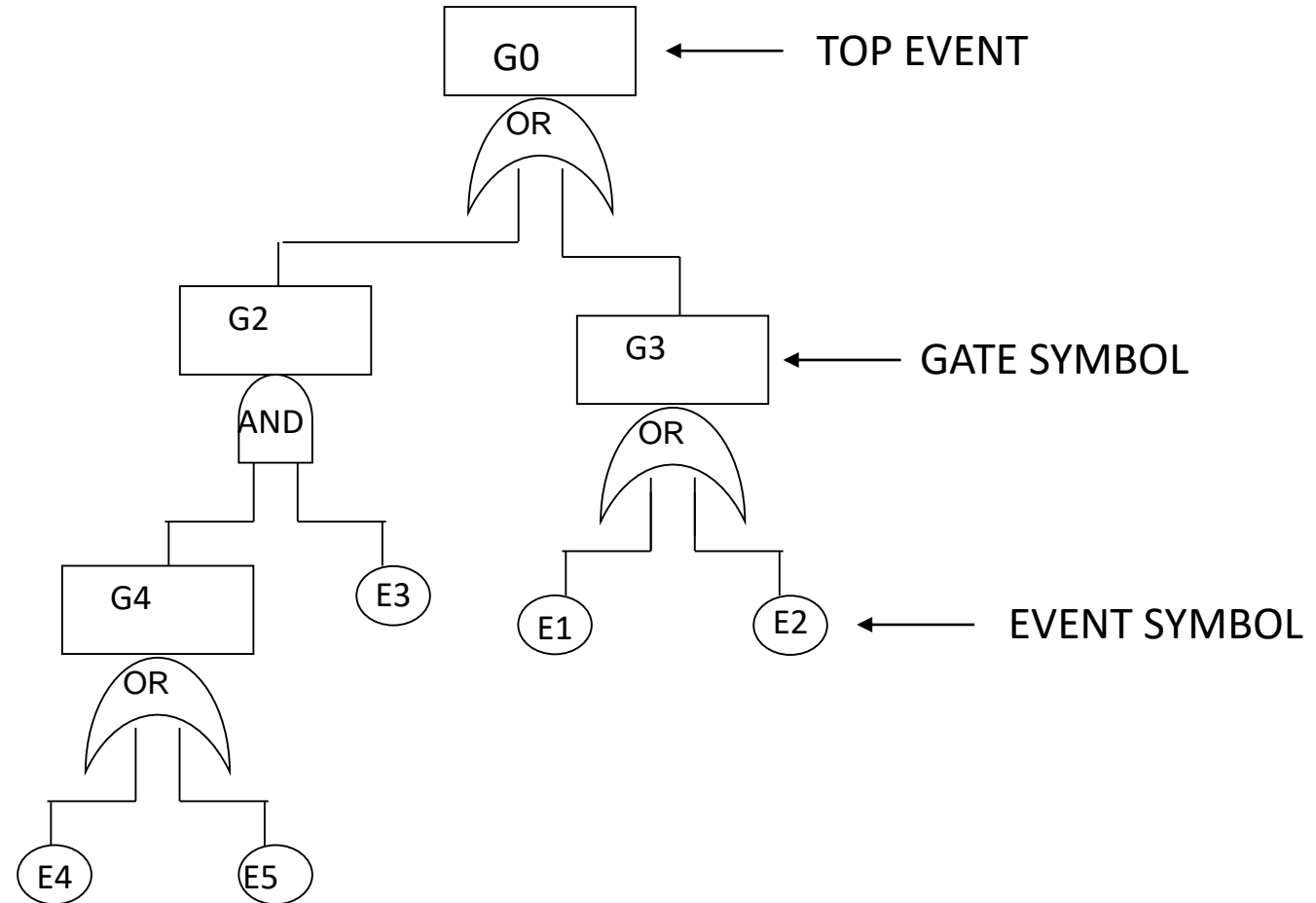
Describe the scenarios of occurrence of events at abstract level

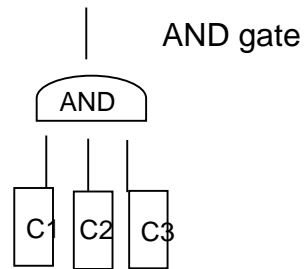
Hierarchy of levels of events linked by logical operators

The analysis of the fault tree evaluates the probability of occurrence of the root event, in terms of the status of the leaves (faulty/non faulty)

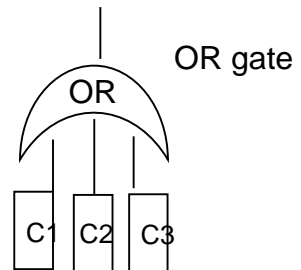
Applicable both at design phase and operational phase

Describes the Top Event
(status of the system)
in terms of the status
(faulty/non faulty) of the Basic
events (system's components)

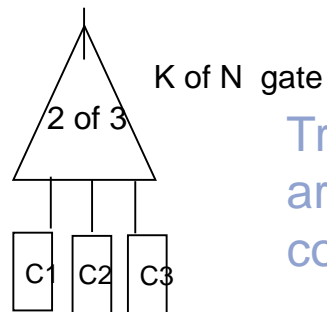




True if all the components
are true (faulty)



True if at least one
of the components is true (faulty)



True if at least k of the components
are true (two or three
components) (faulty)

Components are leaves in the tree

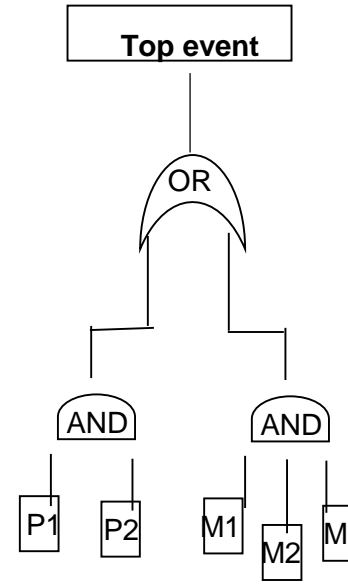
Component faulty corresponds to logical
value **true**, otherwise **false**

Nodes in the tree are boolean AND, OR
and k of N gates

The system fails if the root is true

Example

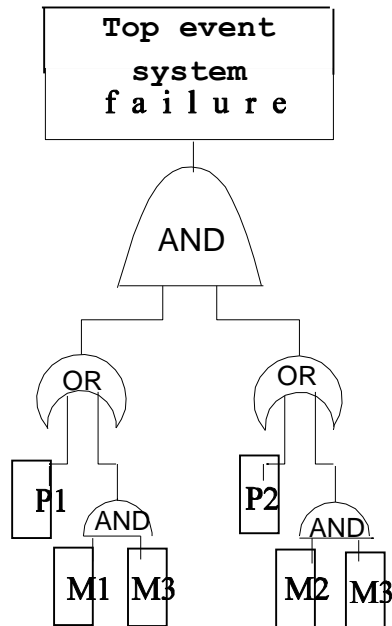
Multiprocessor with 2
processors and three shared
memories
-> the computer fails if all the
memories fail or all the
processors fail



Example

Multiprocessor with 2 processors and three memories:

M1 private memory of P1, M2 private memory of P2, M3 shared memory.



- Assume every process has its own private memory plus a shared memory
- Operational condition: at least one processor is active and can access to its private or shared memory

repeat instruction: given a component C whether or not the component is input to more than one gate, the component is unique

If the same component appears more than once in a fault tree, the independent failure assumption. We use conditioned fault tree is violated

If a component C appears multiple times in the FT

$$Q_s(t) = Q_{S|C \text{ Fails}}(t) Q_C(t) + Q_{S|C \text{ not Fails}}(t) (1-Q_C(t))$$

where

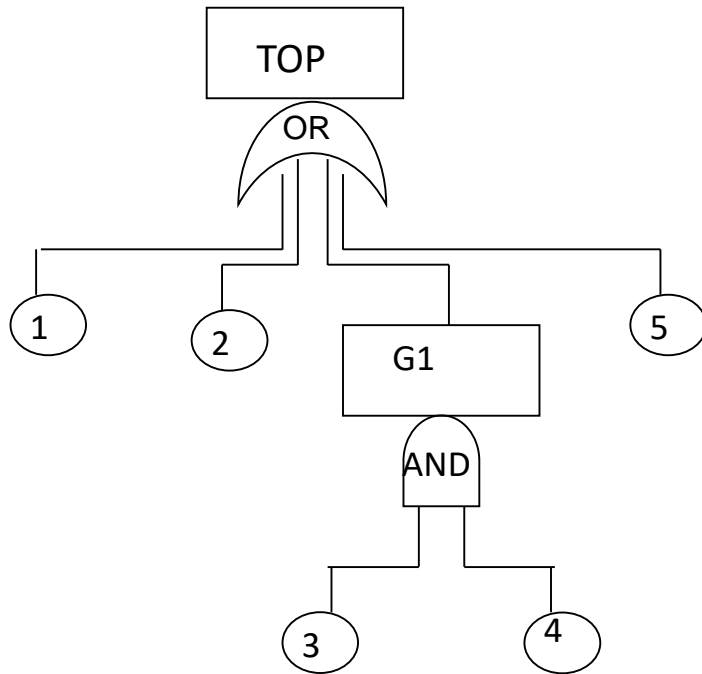
S|C Fails is the system given that C fails

and

S|C not Fails is the system given that C has not failed

Minimal cut sets

1. A cut is defined as a set of elementary events that, according to the logic expressed by the FT, leads to the occurrence of the root event.



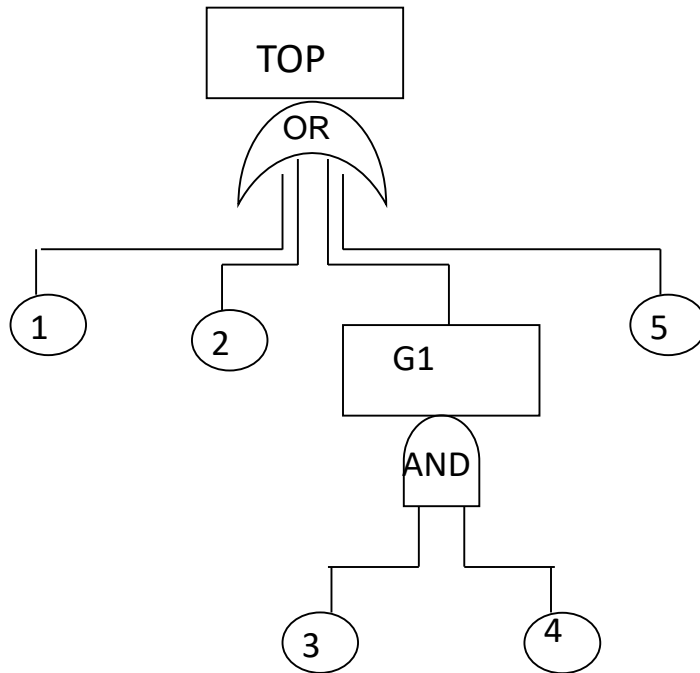
2. To estimate the probability of the root event, compute the probability of occurrence for each of the cuts and combine these probabilities

Cut Sets

Top = {1}, {2}, {G1}, {5} = {1}, {2}, {3, 4}, {5}

Minimal Cut Sets

Top = {1}, {2}, {3, 4}, {5}



$Q_{Si}(t)$ = probability that all components in the minimal cut set S_i are faulty

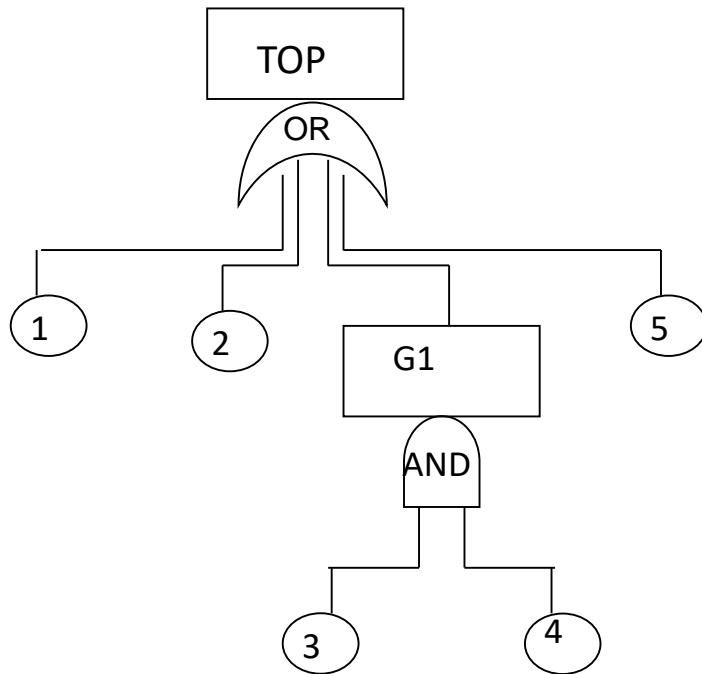
$$Q_{Si}(t) = q_1(t) q_2(t) \dots q_{ni}(t) \text{ with } S_i = \{1, 2, \dots, ni\}$$

The numerical solution of the FT is performed by computing the probability of occurrence for each of the cuts, and by combining those probabilities to estimate the probability of the root event

Minimal Cut Sets

Top = {1}, {2}, {3, 4}, {5}

Assumption: independent faults of the components



Minimal Cut Sets

Top = {1}, {2}, {3, 4}, {5}

$S_1 = \{1\}$ $S_2 = \{2\}$ $S_3 = \{3, 4\}$ $S_4 = \{5\}$

$$Q_{\text{Top}}(t) = Q_{S_1}(t) + \dots + Q_{S_n}(t)$$

n number of minimal cut sets

Identification of critical path of the system

- Definition of the Top event
- Minimal cut set (minimal set of events that leads to the top event)

Analysis:

- Failure probability of Basic events
- Failure probability of minimal cut sets
- Failure probability of Top event
- Single point of failure of the system: minimal cuts with a single event

State-based models

Characterize the state of the system at time t :

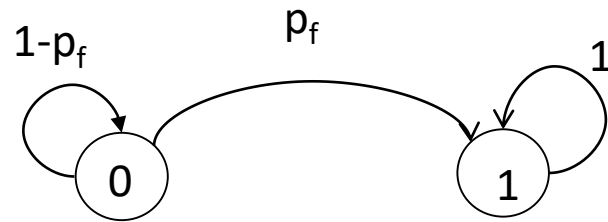
- identification of system states
- identification of transitions that govern the changes of state within a system

Each state represents a distinct combination of failed and working modules

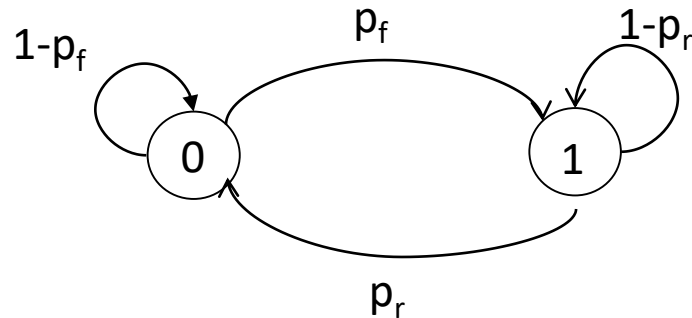
The system goes from state to state as modules fail and repair

The state transitions are characterized by the probability of failure and the probability of repair

graph where nodes are all the possible states and arcs are the possible transitions between states (labeled with a probability function)



Reliability model



Availability model

Markov models (a special type of random process) :

Basic assumption: the system behavior at any time instant depends only on the current state (independent of past values)

Main points:

- systems with arbitrary structures and complex dependencies
- assumption of independent failures no longer necessary
- can be used for both reliability and availability modeling

In a general random process $\{X_t\}$, the value of the random variable X_{t+1} may depend on the values of the previous random variables

$$X_{t0} X_{t1} \dots\dots\dots X_t$$

Markov process

the state of a process at time $t+1$ depends only on the state at time t , and is independent on any state before t

$$\mathcal{P}\{X_{t+1} = j | X_0 = k_0, \dots, X_{t-1} = k_{t-1}, X_t = i\} = \mathcal{P}\{X_{t+1} = j | X_t = i\}$$

Markov property: “the current state is enough to determine the future state”

A Markov chain is a Markov process X with discrete state space S

A Markov chain is homogeneous if it has *steady-state transition probabilities*

$$\mathcal{P}\{X_{t+1} = j | X_t = i\} = \mathcal{P}\{X_1 = j | X_0 = i\} \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

The probability of transition from state i to state j does not depend by the time. This probability is called p_{ij}

$$p_{ij} = \mathcal{P}\{X_1 = j | X_0 = i\}$$

We consider only *homogeneous* Markov chains

- discrete-time Markov chains (DTMC) / Continuous-time Markov chains (CTMC)

Transition probability matrix



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If a Markov process is finite-state, we can define the transition probability matrix P ($n \times n$)

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & \cdots & p_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{n1} & \cdots & p_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad p_{ij} = \mathcal{P}\{X_1 = j | X_0 = i\}$$

p_{ij} = probability of moving from state i to state j in one step

row i of matrix P :

probability of make a transition starting from state i

column j of matrix P :

probability of making a transition from any state to state j

State space distribution

State occupancy vector at time t $\pi(t) = [\pi_0(t), \pi_1(t), \pi_2(t), \dots]$

Probability that the Markov process
is in state i at time-step t

$$\pi_i(t) = P\{X_t = i\}$$

Initial state space distribution

$$\pi(0) = (\pi_1(0), \dots, \pi_n(0))$$

A single step forward

$$\pi(1) = \pi(0) P$$

State occupancy vector at time t $\pi(t) = \pi(0) P^t$

System evolution in a finite number of steps computed starting from the initial state distribution and the transition probability matrix

A Markov process can be specified in terms of the state occupancy probability vector \mathbf{p} and a transition probability matrix \mathbf{P}

$$\pi(t) = \pi(0) \mathbf{P}^t$$

The limiting behaviour of a DTMC (steady-state behaviour)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \pi(t)$$

The limiting behaviour of a DTMC depends on the characteristics of its states. Sometimes the solution is simple

Time-average state space distribution



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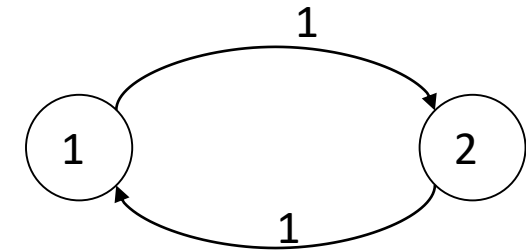
For periodic Markov chains $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \pi(t)$

doesn't exist (caused by the probability of the periodic state)

Compute the time-average state space distribution, called π^*

$$\pi^* = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^t \pi(i)}{t}$$

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



$$\pi(0) = (1, 0)$$

state i is periodic with period $d=2$

$$\pi(0) = (1, 0)$$

$$\pi(1) = \pi(0) P \quad \pi(1) = (0, 1)$$

$$\pi(2) = \pi(1) P \quad \pi(2) = (1, 0)$$

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Simplex system

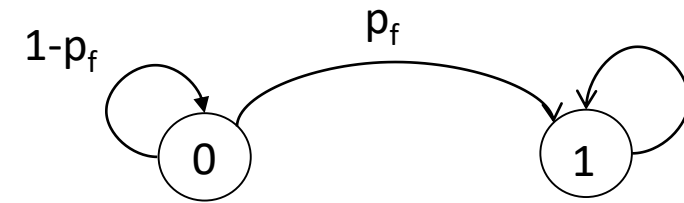
$\{X_t\}$ $t=0, 1, 2, \dots$ $S=\{0, 1\}$

- all state transitions occur at fixed intervals
- probabilities assigned to each transition
- The probability of state transition depends only on the current state

State 0 : working

State 1: failed

p_f Failure probability



$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 \\ \text{next state} \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \text{current state} \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1-p_f & p_f \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- p_{ij} = probability of a transition from state i to state j
- $p_{ij} \geq 0$
- the sum of each row must be one

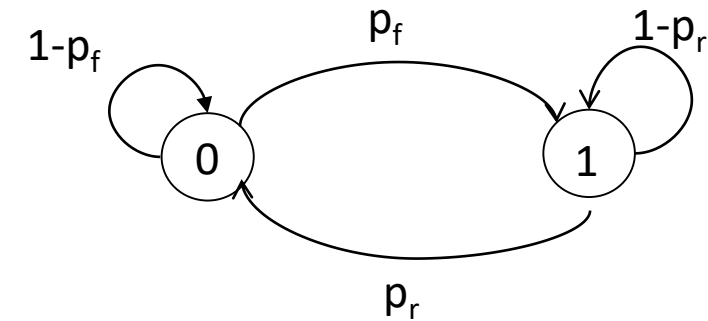
Simplex system with repair

State 0 : working

State 1: failed

p_f Failure probability

p_r Repair probability



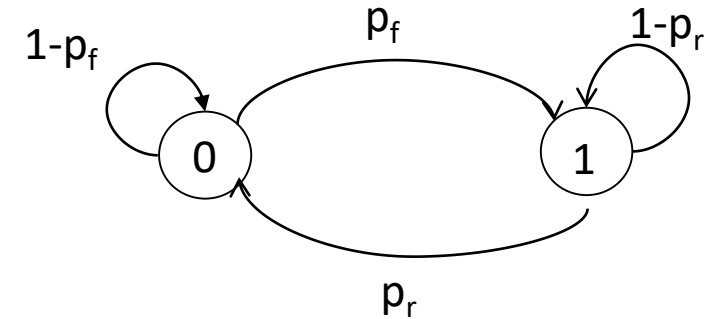
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1-p_f & p_f \\ p_r & 1-p_r \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

current state next state

Simplex system with repair

initial state: working

$$[p_0(0), p_1(0)] = [1, 0]$$



$$[p_0(1), p_1(1)] = [1, 0] \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.1 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = [0.9, 0.1]$$

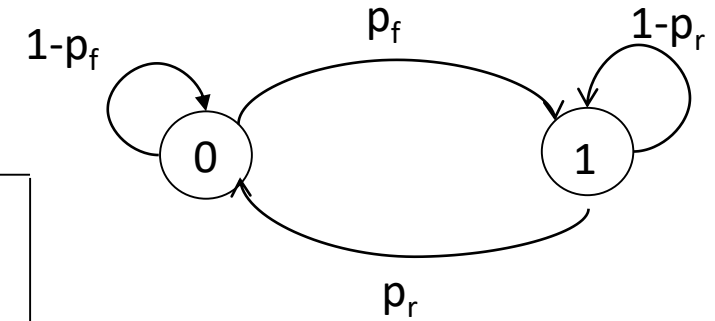
State j can be made an trapping state with $p_{jj} = 1$

Simplex system with repair



probability of being in a state after 1 time-step

$$[p_0(n), p_1(n)] = [p_0(n-1), p_1(n-1)] \begin{bmatrix} 1-p_f & p_f \\ p_r & 1-p_r \end{bmatrix}$$



probability of being in a state after n time-steps

$$[p_0(n), p_1(n)] = [p_0(0), p_1(0)] \begin{bmatrix} 1-p_f & p_f \\ p_r & 1-p_r \end{bmatrix}^n$$

- state transitions occur at random intervals
- transition rates assigned to each transition

Markov property assumption

the length of time already spent in a state does not influence either the probability distribution of the next state or the probability distribution of remaining time in the same state before the next transition

These assumptions imply that the waiting time spent in any one state is exponentially distributed

Thus the Markov model naturally fits with the standard assumptions that failure rates are constant, leading to exponential distribution of interarrivals of failures

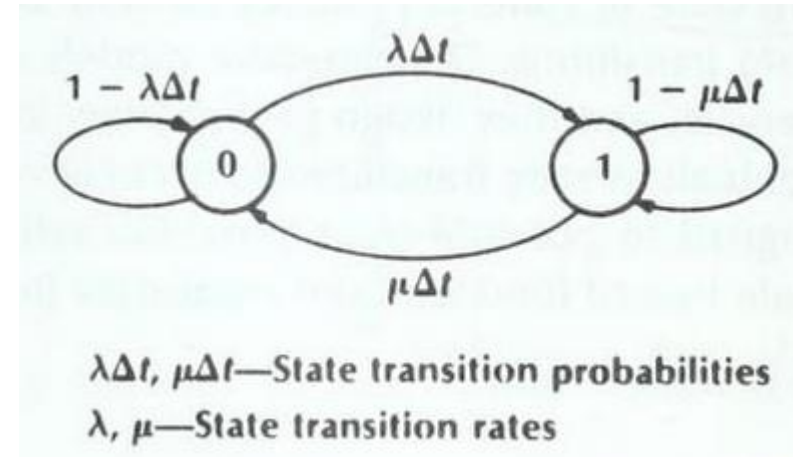
state 0: working
state 1: failed

λ failure rate
 μ repair rate

Continuous time

Transition matrix P: transition rate

Probability of being in state 0 or 1 at time $t+\Delta t$



Taken from: [Siewiorek et al.1998]

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda\Delta t & \lambda\Delta t \\ \mu\Delta t & 1-\mu\Delta t \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$[p_0(t+\Delta t), p_1(t+\Delta t)] = [p_0(t), p_1(t)] \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda\Delta t & \lambda\Delta t \\ \mu\Delta t & 1-\mu\Delta t \end{bmatrix}$$

↑
probability of being in
state 0 at time $t+\Delta t$

Performing multiplication, rearranging and dividing by Δt , taking the limit as Δt approaches to 0:

$$\frac{dp_0(t)}{dt} = -\lambda p_0(t) + \mu p_1(t)$$

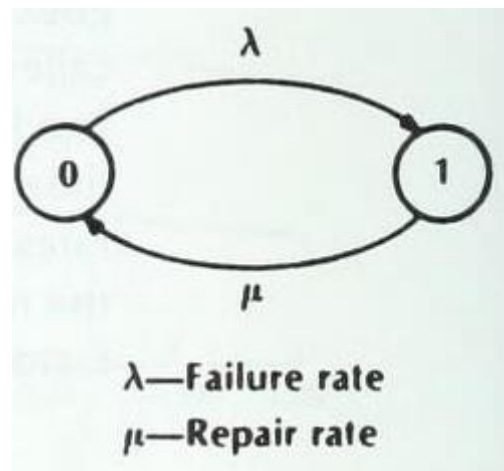
$$\frac{dp_1(t)}{dt} = \lambda p_0(t) - \mu p_1(t)$$

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$$\left[\frac{dp_0(t)}{dt}, \frac{dp_1(t)}{dt} \right] = [p_0(t), p_1(t)] \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & \lambda \\ \mu & -\mu \end{bmatrix}$$

T matrix

Continuous time Markov model graph



The change in state 0 is minus the flow out of state 0 times the probability of being in state 0 at time t, plus the flow into state 0 from state 1 times the probability of being in state 1.

The set of equations can be written by inspection of a transition diagram without self-loops and Δt 's

Taken from: [Siewiorek et al.1998]

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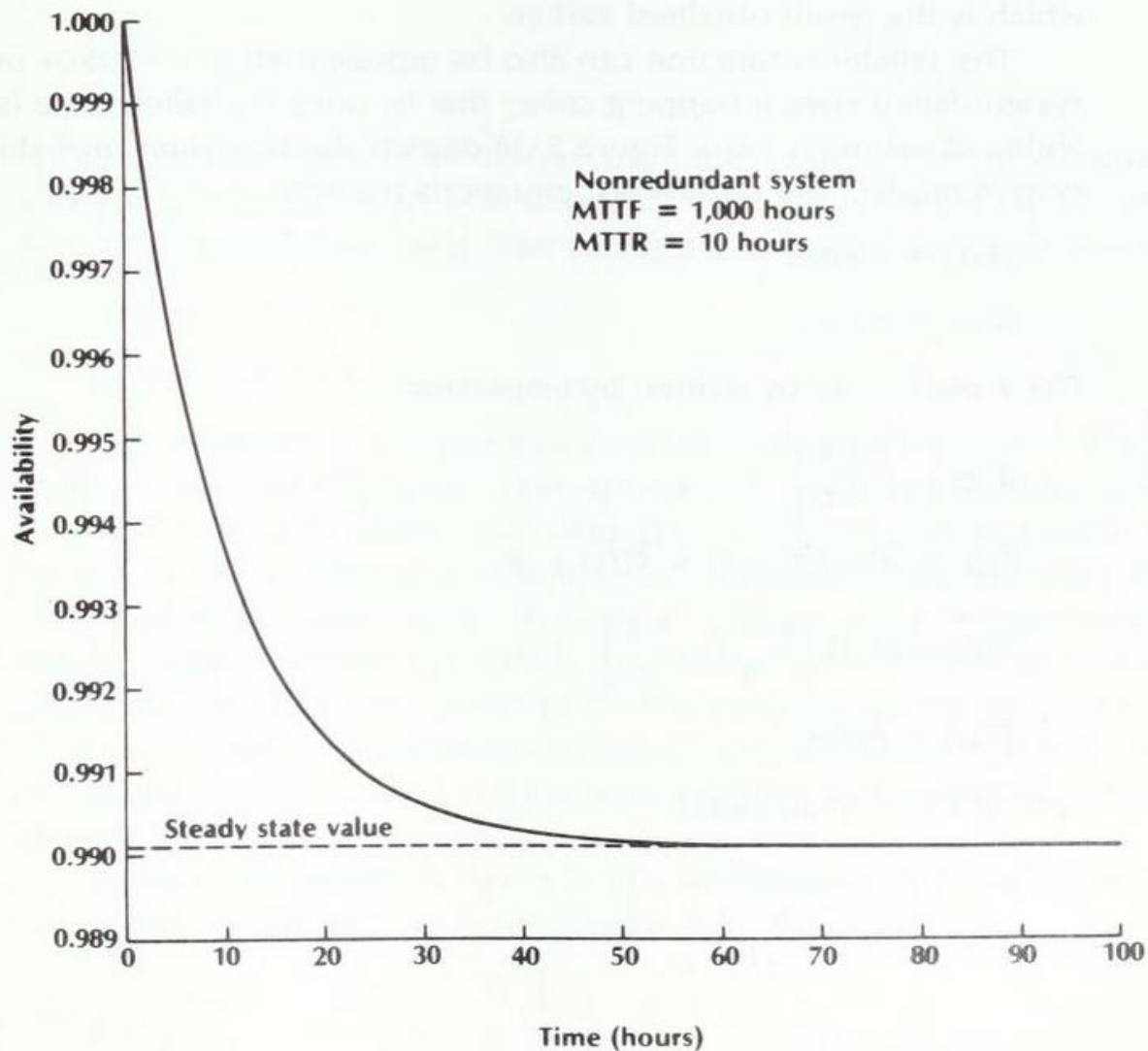
$$\begin{aligned} p_0(t) &= \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} e^{-(\lambda + \mu)t} \\ p_1(t) &= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} e^{-(\lambda + \mu)t} \end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow A(t)$$

Taken from: [Siewiorek et al.1998]

$p_0(t)$ probability that the system is in the operational state at time t , availability at time t

The availability consists of a steady-state term and an exponential decaying transient term

Availability as a function of time



$$\lambda = 0.001$$

$$\mu = 0.1$$

The steady-state value is reached in a very short time

Taken from: [Siewiorek et al.1998]

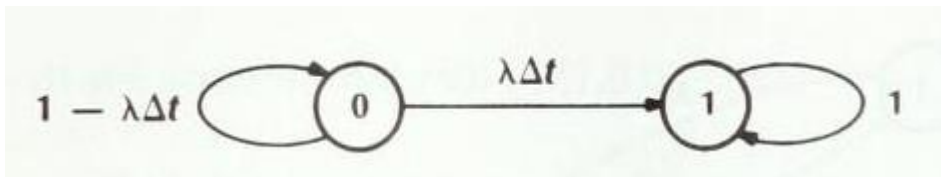
Continuous-time Markov models: Reliability

Single system without repair

failed state as trapping state

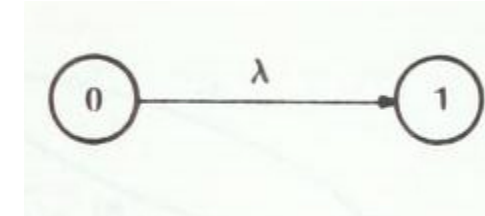
λ = failure rate

$\lambda\Delta t$ = state transition probability



$$T = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & \lambda \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Continuous time Markov model graph



We can prove that:

$$p_0(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

Reliability

$$p_1(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

Unreliability

TMR system with repair

Rates: λ and μ

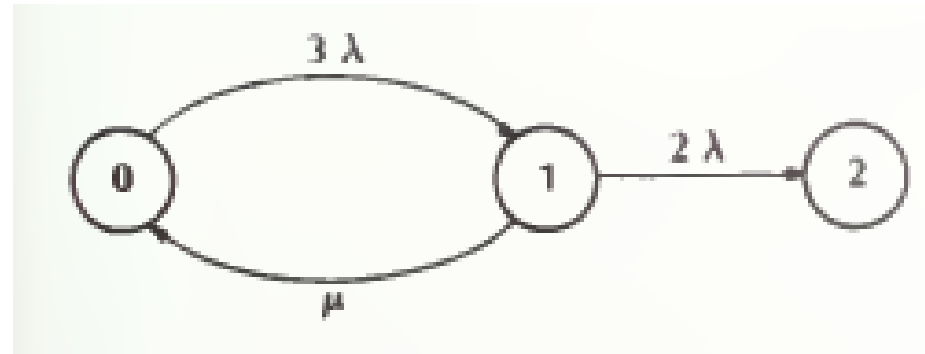
Identification of states:

3 processors working, 0 failed

2 processors working, 1 failed

1 processor working, 2 failed

$$p(0) = [1, 0, 0]$$



Reliability $R(t) = 1 - p_2(t)$

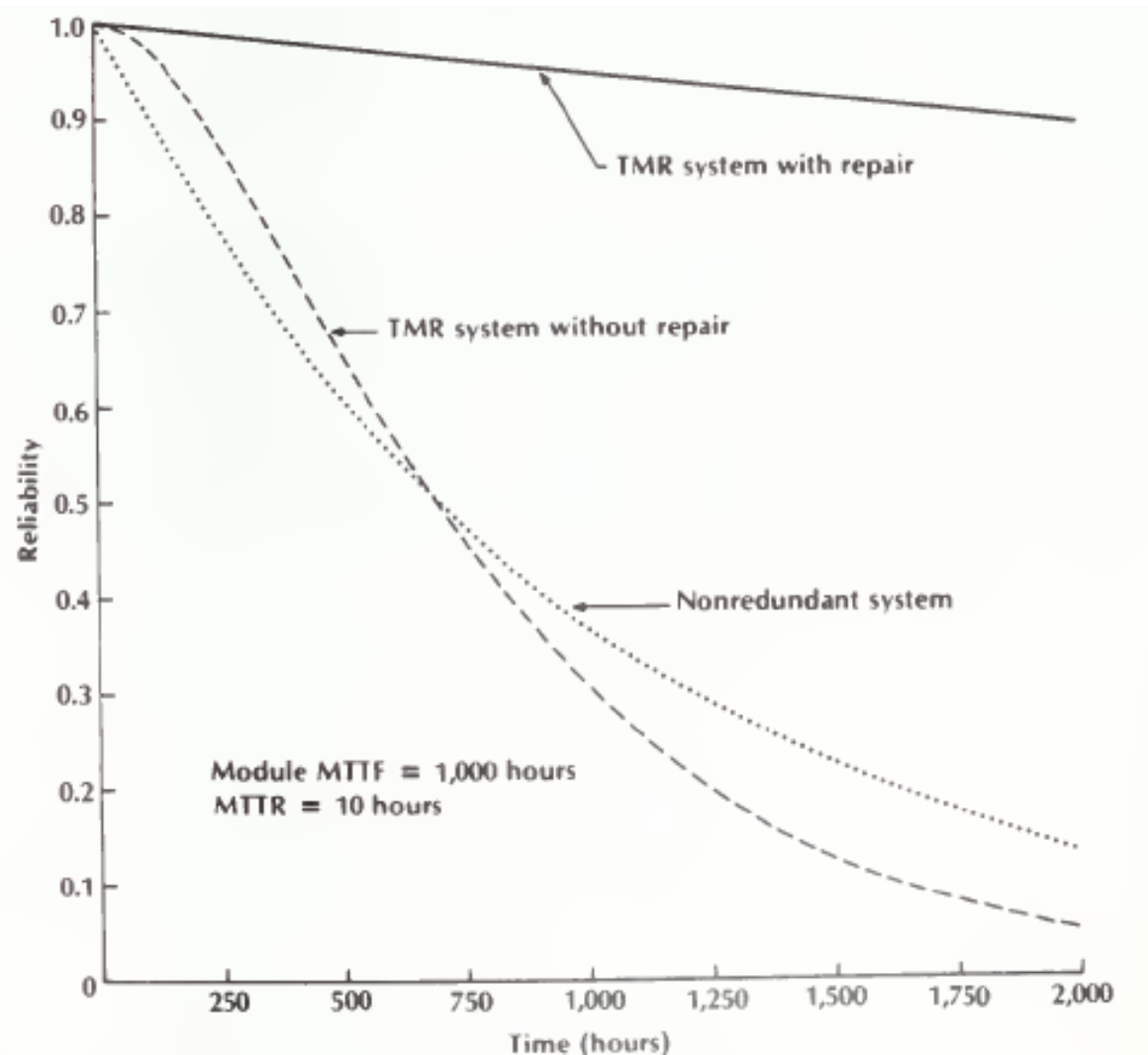
$$T = \begin{bmatrix} -3\lambda & 3\lambda & 0 \\ \mu & -2\lambda - \mu & 2\lambda \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R(t) = \frac{5\lambda + \mu + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 10\lambda\mu + \mu^2}}{2\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 10\lambda\mu + \mu^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(5\lambda + \mu - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 10\lambda\mu + \mu^2})t\right) - \frac{5\lambda + \mu - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 10\lambda\mu + \mu^2}}{2\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 10\lambda\mu + \mu^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(5\lambda + \mu + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 10\lambda\mu + \mu^2})t\right)$$

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Dual processor system with repair

A, B processors Rates: λ_1, λ_2 and μ_1, μ_2

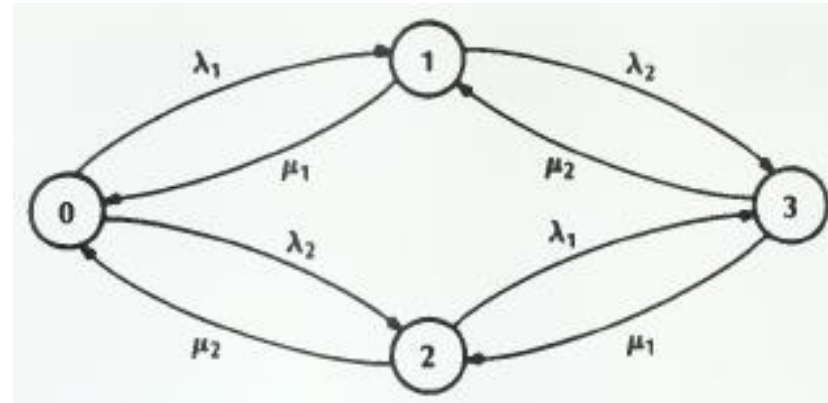
Identification of states:

A, B working

A working, B failed

B working, A failed

A, B failed



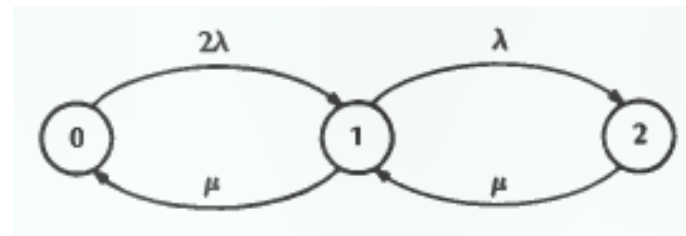
Availability

$$A(t) = p_0(t) + p_1(t) + p_2(t)$$

$$A(t) = 1 - p_3(t)$$

Rates: $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ and $\mu_1 = \mu_2$

$$p(0) = [1, 0, 0]$$



Taken from: [Siewiorek et al.1998]

Availability

$$A(t) = 1 - p_2(t)$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} -2\lambda & 2\lambda & 0 \\ \mu & -\lambda - \mu & \lambda \\ 0 & \mu & \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$A(t) = \frac{2\lambda\mu + \mu^2}{2\lambda^2 + 2\lambda\mu + \mu^2} - \frac{4\lambda^2 \exp(-(1/2)[(3\lambda + 2\mu) + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda\mu}]t)}{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda\mu + (3\lambda + 2\mu) \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda\mu}} \\ - \frac{4\lambda^2 \exp(-(1/2)[(3\lambda + 2\mu) - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda\mu}]t)}{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda\mu - (3\lambda + 2\mu) \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda\mu}}$$

$$A_{ss} = \frac{2\lambda\mu + \mu^2}{2\lambda^2 + 2\lambda\mu + \mu^2}$$

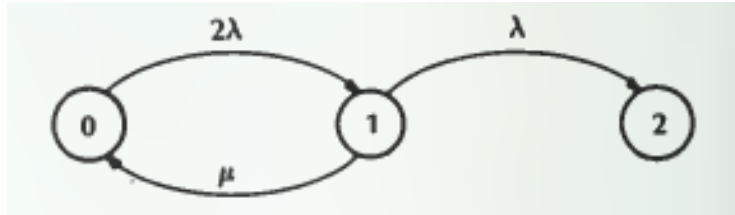
Steady state value

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steady-state availability

Reliability model

making state 2 a trapping state



$$p(0) = [1, 0, 0]$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} -2\lambda & 2\lambda & 0 \\ \mu & -\lambda - \mu & \lambda \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reliability $R(t) = 1 - p_2(t)$ $R(t) = p_0(t) + p_1(t)$

$$R(t) = \frac{4\lambda^2 \exp(-(1/2)(3\lambda + \mu - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda\mu + \mu^2})t)}{(3\lambda + \mu) \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda\mu + \mu^2} - \lambda^2 - 6\lambda\mu - \mu^2} - \frac{4\lambda^2 \exp(-(1/2)(3\lambda + \mu + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda\mu + \mu^2})t)}{(3\lambda + \mu) \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda\mu + \mu^2} + \lambda^2 + 6\lambda\mu + \mu^2}$$

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TMR system with repair

Rates: λ and μ

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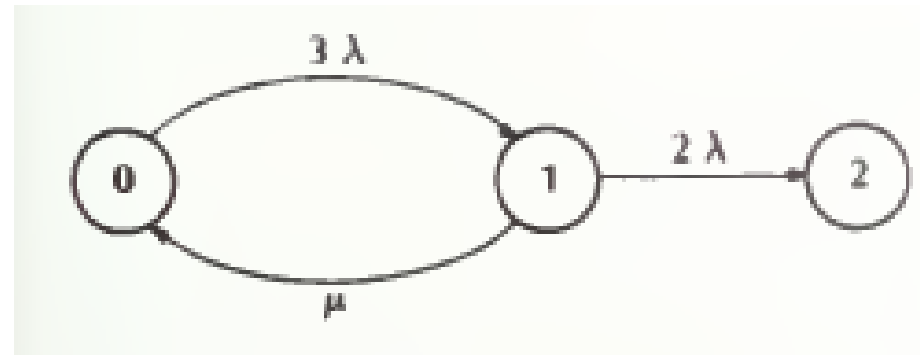
2 processors working, 1 failed

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$$p(0) = [1, 0, 0]$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} -3\lambda & 3\lambda & 0 \\ \mu & -2\lambda - \mu & 2\lambda \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reliability $R(t) = 1 - p_2(t)$



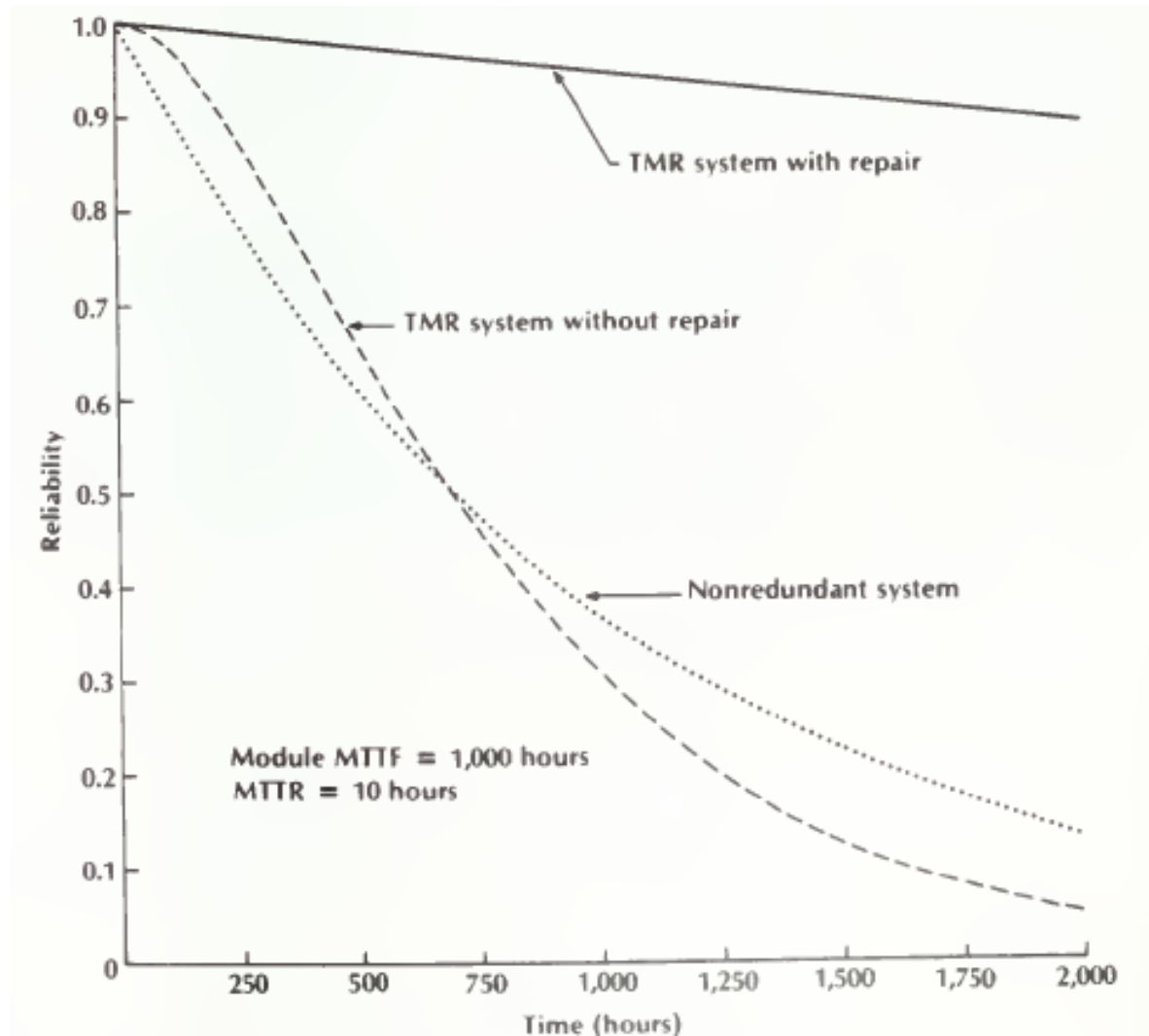
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Quantitative dependability evaluation

- guiding design decisions
- assessing systems as built
- mandatory for safety critical systems

Model construction techniques

- scalability challenge
- decomposition/aggregation approaches

High-level modelling formalisms

Stochastic petri Nets
Stochastic Activity networks

Tools: Sharpe, SPNP, Mobius, etc



The overall model is decoupled in simpler and more tractable submodels, and the measures obtained from the solution of the submodels are then aggregated to compute those concerning the overall model