



Formal Dependability Modeling and Analysis: A Survey

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W. Ahmed and O. Hasan (NUST) Formal Dependability Modeling and Analysis

Safety-critical Systems





- More stringent dependability requirements
 - Main motivation for Formal Dependabiltiy Modeling and Analysis







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Availability is typically derived from reliability and maintainability measures

•
$$A(t) = \frac{MTBF}{MTBF + MTTR}$$

where MTBF = MTTF + MTTR

- MTBF = Mean time between failures (Reliability Metric)
- MTTF = Mean time to failure (Reliability Metric)
- MTTR = Mean time to repair (Maintainability Metric)









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- Some widely used modeling techniques are:
 - Reliability Block Diagram
 - Fault Tree
 - Markov Chain

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• The overall system failure happens if all the paths for successful execution fail

• Add more parallelism to meet the dependability goals



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Example: Power Supply System



• Waqar requires continuous supply of power for his Lab PC

- The UPS can support the load during a switch from the main supply to the generator
- Wants to determine the reliability of power supply system

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Step 2

Identify the RBD type

Step 3

Use the corresponding mathematical expression to evaluate the overall reliability based on the sub-components reliability

 $\mathbb{P}((\mathbb{M}\cap T)\cup G\cup U)=1-(1-\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{M})*\mathbb{P}(T))*(1-\mathbb{P}(G))*(1-\mathbb{P}(U))$

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Fault Tree

- A graphical method used to identify potential causes of system failure
- A fault tree is constructed having
 - Events: describing the failure of system components
 - Logic Gates: representing logical relationship between events
 - AND, OR, NOR, NAND, NOR etc.



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Types of FT Gates



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• Determine the overall failure probability?



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Evaluate probability of failure using the Probabilistic Inclusion-Exclusion principle

$$\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}) = \sum_{J \neq \emptyset, J \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}} (-1)^{|J|-1} \mathbb{P}(\bigcap_{j \in J} A_{j})$$
$$\mathbb{P}(pow_sys_fail) = \mathbb{P}((M \cup T) \cap G \cap U)$$
$$= \mathbb{P}(M \cap G \cap U) + \mathbb{P}(T \cap G \cap U) - \mathbb{P}(M \cap T \cap G \cap U)$$

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Using Mutual Independence property

$$\mathbb{P}(pow_sys_fail) = \mathbb{P}(M) * \mathbb{P}(G) * \mathbb{P}(U) + \mathbb{P}(T) * \mathbb{P}(G) * \mathbb{P}(U) - \mathbb{P}(M) * \mathbb{P}(T) * \mathbb{P}(G) * \mathbb{P}(U)$$

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Markov Property

• The probability of the next state is only dependent on the current state

$$\mathcal{P}r\{X_{t_{n+1}} = f_{n+1} | X_{t_n} = f_n, \dots, X_{t_0} = f_0\} = \mathcal{P}r\{X_{t_{n+1}} = f_{n+1} | X_{t_n} = f_n\}$$

Markov Chains - Types



Discrete-time Markov Chain

Continuous-time Markov Chain

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 Based on this collected data he wants to obtain the probability of a specific weather pattern
• Solution: Discrete Time Markov Chains

- Set of States = {Sunny, Rainy}
- State Transition Probabilities can be obtained from the observed data
 - Example: $P\{$ "Tomorrow is sunny" given that "Today is sunny" $\}$



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Large and Complex Systems	\checkmark	\checkmark	

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Dependability models have been analyzed extensively using the following formal techniques:

- Petri Nets
- Model Checking
- Higher-order-Logic Theorem Proving

• A Petri Net is a bipartite graph consisiting of:



 Transitions consume tokens from the input places and produce tokens in the output places

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- Analyzing Markov chains with PNs
 - Client Server Queuing system (lbe et al. TPDS-1993)
 - Fibre Distributed Data Interface (FDDI) (Christodoulou et al. ETFA-1994)
 - Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite (Zeng et al. JMLC-2011)



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- Probabilities associated with the validity of Temporal logic properties can be verified

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• Analysis of Real-world systems

- Aerospace systems (Bozanno et al. SAFECOMP-2009)
- RAID disk protocol (Gopinath et al. Tech report 2009)
- Herschel-Planck satellite system (Pend et al. Modeling Symp. 2013)
- Airbag system (Pend et al. Modeling Symp. 2013)
- e-health systems used in hospitals (Pervez et al. e-HEALTHCOMM-2014)

Higher-order-Logic Theorem Proving



HOL Theorem Proving - Example: Series RBD

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Theorem: Series RBD Reliability

Dependability Analysis using HOL Theorem Proving

Probability Theory

- J. Hurd (2002), PhD Thesis, University of Cambridge Formal Verification of Probabilistic Algorithms.
- O. Hasan (2008), PhD Thesis, Concordia University Formal Probabilistic Analysis using Theorem Proving.
- T. Mhamdi (2011), PhD Thesis, Concorida University Information-Theoretic Analysis using Theorem Proving.
- J. Hölzl (2012), PhD thesis, Technical University of Munich Construction and Stochastic Applications of Measure Spaces in Higher-Order Logic.

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 - Oil and Gas Pipelines (Waqar et al. CICM-2014)
 - WSN Transport Protocols (Waqar et al. WiMob-2015)
 - Logistic Supply Chain (Waqar et al. IWIL-2015)
 - Satellite Solar Array (Waqar et al. CICM-2015)

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Future Directions:

- Analysis of Dynamic RBDs and FTs
- Using Theorem Proving to conduct Markov Chains based dependability analysis
 - Foundational Support is available in HOL4 (L. Liu et al., ATVA-2011) and Isabelle/HOL (J. Hölzl et al., TACAS 2012)

Thanks!





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