



## DETERMINATION OF RELIABILITY AND M.T.T.F BY USING THE BOOLEAN FUNCTION TECHNIQUE

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### Abstract

The Boolean function technique has been utilized in this paper to calculate the reliability of a considered electrical circuit. The failure rates of each part of the circuit correspond to either a Weibull time distribution or an exponential time distribution. The reliability and mean time to circuit failure have also been calculated. The paper also includes numerical examples, reliability graphs vs. time, and M.T.T.F vs. failure rates.

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### Introduction

Many researchers have contributed their work to determine the Reliability and M.T.T.F of the system which is considered by utilizing the Boolean Function Technique. Shiksha Bansal along with S.C. Agarwal [1] used the Boolean function technique to figure out the reliability of the milk powder manufacturing plant. Pervaiz Iqbal, P.S. Sheik Uduman [2] used the Boolean function as well as the fuzzy logic techniques in a paper plant to evaluate the reliability parameters. Dr. Reena Garg [3] has looked at a refinery unit and evaluated various parameters of reliability. Anil Chandra, Surbhi Gupta, and Anjali Naithani [4] looked at a chocolate manufacturing plant and assessed reliability factors by using the Boolean function technique and neural network. Pooja Dhiman and Amit Kumar [5] assessed the reliability and sensitivity of the thermal plant. Vikas Kumar and Ashish Kumar Arora considered a power plant and calculated the profit of the plant.

In this paper, the author examined a circuit composed of four subsystems which consists of nine units in series and parallel configuration. As illustrated in Fig.1. the four subsystems are as follows: subsystem A composed of three input units  $U_1, U_2, U_3$ . Subsystem B has a single unit  $U_4$ . Subsystem C is composed of four units  $U_5, U_6, U_7, U_8$  arranged in a series-parallel configuration, Subsystem D has an output unit  $U_9$ .

### Assumptions

1. The reliabilities of all units of the circuit are priorly known.
2. All the components have independent states.
3. Each unit state and the whole circuit is either bad or good.
4. The time of failure for all the units is arbitrary.
5. No facility of repair.

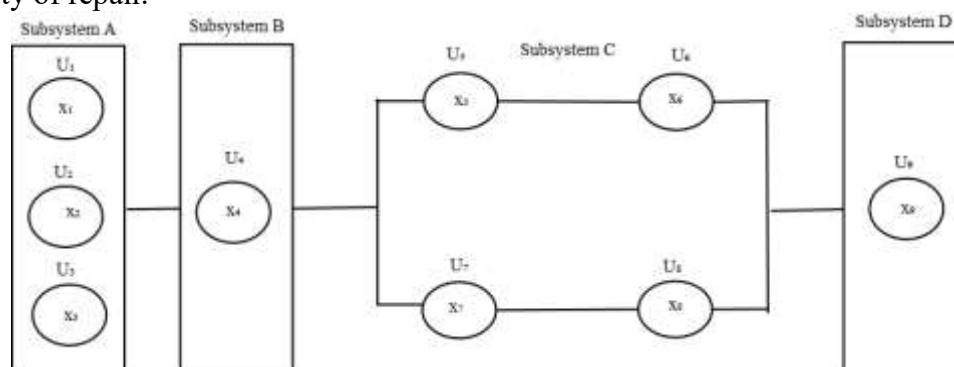


Fig.1 System Configuration



**Notations:**

- $x_1, x_2, x_3$  States of the input units  $U_1, U_2, U_3$ .
- $x_4$  State of the unit  $U_4$ .
- $x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8$  States of the units  $U_5, U_6, U_7, U_8$ .
- $x_9$  State of the output unit  $U_9$ .
- $x_k^1$  Negation of  $x_k$ .
- $\wedge$  Conjunction
- $\vee$  Disjunction

**Formation of the mathematical model:**

With the help of Boolean function technique, logical matrix expression for considered successful circuit operation “is

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9) = \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 & x_9 \\ x_1 & x_4 & x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \\ x_2 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 & x_9 \\ x_2 & x_4 & x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 & x_9 \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{vmatrix} \tag{1}$$

**Solution of the model:**

Equation (1) may be expressed as the following while using the logic algebra.

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9) = x_4 \vee x_9 \vee g(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8) \tag{2}$$

Where  $g(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8) = \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_1 & x_7 & x_8 \\ x_2 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_2 & x_7 & x_8 \\ x_3 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_3 & x_7 & x_8 \end{vmatrix} \tag{3}$

Substituting  $G_1 = x_1 \quad x_5 \quad x_6$

- $G_2 = x_1 \quad x_7 \quad x_8$
- $G_3 = x_2 \quad x_5 \quad x_6$
- $G_4 = x_2 \quad x_7 \quad x_8$
- $G_5 = x_3 \quad x_5 \quad x_6$
- $G_6 = x_3 \quad x_7 \quad x_8$

Equation (3) could” be written as

$$g(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8) = \begin{vmatrix} G_1 \\ G_1^1 & G_2 \\ G_1^1 & G_2^1 & G_3 \\ G_1^1 & G_2^1 & G_3^1 & G_4 \\ G_1^1 & G_2^1 & G_3^1 & G_4^1 & G_5 \\ G_1^1 & G_2^1 & G_3^1 & G_4^1 & G_5^1 & G_6 \end{vmatrix} \tag{4}$$

Using the algebra of logic, we get

$$G_1^1 = \begin{vmatrix} x_1^1 \\ x_1 & x_5 \\ x_1 & x_5 & x_6^1 \end{vmatrix} \quad G_2^1 = \begin{vmatrix} x_1^1 \\ x_1 & x_7 \\ x_1 & x_7 & x_8^1 \end{vmatrix} \quad G_3^1 = \begin{vmatrix} x_2^1 \\ x_2 & x_5 \\ x_2 & x_5 & x_6^1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$G_4^1 = \begin{vmatrix} x_2^1 \\ x_2 & x_7 \\ x_2 & x_7 & x_8^1 \end{vmatrix} \quad G_5^1 = \begin{vmatrix} x_3^1 \\ x_3 & x_5 \\ x_3 & x_5 & x_6^1 \end{vmatrix} \quad G_6^1 = \begin{vmatrix} x_3^1 \\ x_3 & x_7 \\ x_3 & x_7 & x_8^1 \end{vmatrix}$$



$$R_S = R^4 + 5R^5 - 6R^6 - R^7 + 3R^8 - R^9 \tag{14}$$

**Case2: When failure rates follow Weibull distribution**

When failure rates exhibit a Weibull distribution, we may calculate the reliability in case of complex system at a given instant defined as (t) by using  $\lambda_i$  which is the failure rate for the component corresponding to state  $x_i$ .

$$R_S^w(t) = \sum_{i \in A} \exp(-a_i t^p) - \sum_{j \in B} \exp(-a_j t^p) \tag{15}$$

Where positive parameter is  $p$  and  $a_i$  's is provided by

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|--|--|--|
| $a_1 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6$  | $a_2 = \lambda_2 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_9$  | $a_3 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_9$  |
| $a_4 = \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_9$  | $a_5 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_9$                            | $a_6 = \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_9$  |
| $a_7 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_9$                | $a_8 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$  | $a_9 = \lambda_2 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$  |
| $a_{10} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$                         | $a_{11} = \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$                                     | $a_{12} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$                                     |
| $a_{13} = \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$                         | $a_{14} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$             | $a_{15} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$                         |
| $a_{16} = \lambda_2 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$             | $a_{17} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$ | $a_{18} = \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$                         |
| $a_{19} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$ | $a_{20} = \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$ | $a_{21} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + \lambda_9$ |

The sets A and B are as follows  $A = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19, 20\}$   $B = \{3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21\}$

**Case3: When failure rates follow an exponential distribution**

A specific kind of Weibull distribution, exponential distribution is highly helpful in a variety of specific issues. The circuit's reliability in this instance at time t is determined "by

$$R_S^E(t) = \sum_{i \in A} \exp(-a_i t) - \sum_{j \in B} \exp(-a_j t) \tag{16}$$

In this case, M.T.T.F is expressed as

$$M.T.T.F. = \int_0^\infty R_S^E(t) dt = \sum_{i \in A} \frac{1}{a_i} - \sum_{j \in B} \frac{1}{a_j} \tag{17}$$

**Numerical Computation:**

Setting  $\lambda_i = \lambda = 0.1$  (for  $i=1-9$ ) and  $p=2$  in equations (15), (16) and (17) one can get

$$R_S^w(t) = \exp(-0.4t^2) + 5\exp(-0.5t^2) - 6\exp(-0.6t^2) - \exp(-0.7t^2) + 3\exp(-0.8t^2) - \exp(-0.9t^2) \tag{18}$$

$$R_S^E(t) = \exp(-0.4t) + 5\exp(-0.5t) - 6\exp(-0.6t) - \exp(-0.7t) + 3\exp(-0.8t) - \exp(-0.9t) \tag{19}$$

$$M.T.T.F = \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} - \frac{1}{a_3} + \frac{1}{a_4} - \frac{1}{a_5} - \frac{1}{a_6} + \frac{1}{a_7} + \frac{1}{a_8} + \frac{1}{a_9} - \frac{1}{a_{10}} + \frac{1}{a_{11}} - \frac{1}{a_{12}} - \frac{1}{a_{13}} + \frac{1}{a_{14}} - \frac{1}{a_{15}} - \frac{1}{a_{16}} + \frac{1}{a_{17}} - \frac{1}{a_{18}} + \frac{1}{a_{19}} + \frac{1}{a_{20}} - \frac{1}{a_{21}} \tag{20}$$

Table 1

| S.No. | Time t | $R_S^w(t)$                    | $R_S^E(t)$   |
|-------|--------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1     | 0      | 1                             | 1            |
| 2     | 1      | 0.8549354553                  | 0.8549354553 |
| 3     | 2      | 0.3684180412                  | 0.6753546009 |
| 4     | 3      | 0.0558691330                  | 0.5075436017 |
| 5     | 4      | 0.0029265487                  | 0.3684180412 |
| 6     | 5      | 0.0000621787                  | 0.2606784029 |
| 7     | 6"     | $6.310329827 \times 10^{-7}$  | 0.1808880439 |
| 8     | 7      | $3.188342338 \times 10^{-9}$  | 0.1236342220 |
| 9     | 8      | $7.685059735 \times 10^{-12}$ | 0.0835021384 |

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| 10 | 9 | $8.501923127 \times 10^{-15}$ | 0.0558691330 |
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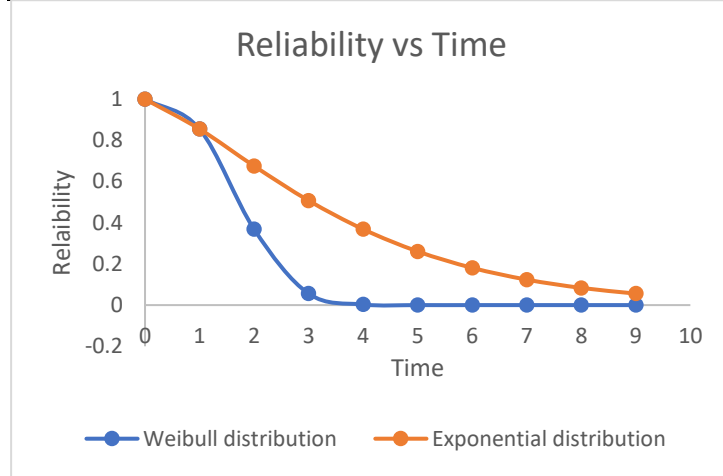


Figure 2: Reliability v/s Time

Table 2

| S.No. | $\lambda$ | M.T.T. F    |
|-------|-----------|-------------|
| 1     | 0         | $\infty$    |
| 2     | 0.1       | 3.710317460 |
| 3     | 0.2       | 1.855158730 |
| 4     | 0.3       | 1.236772487 |
| 5     | 0.4       | 0.927579365 |
| 6     | 0.5       | 0.742063462 |
| 7     | 0.6       | 0.618386244 |
| 8     | 0.7       | 0.530045352 |
| 9     | 0.8       | 0.463789683 |
| 10    | 0.9       | 0.412257496 |
| 11    | 1.0       | 0.371031746 |

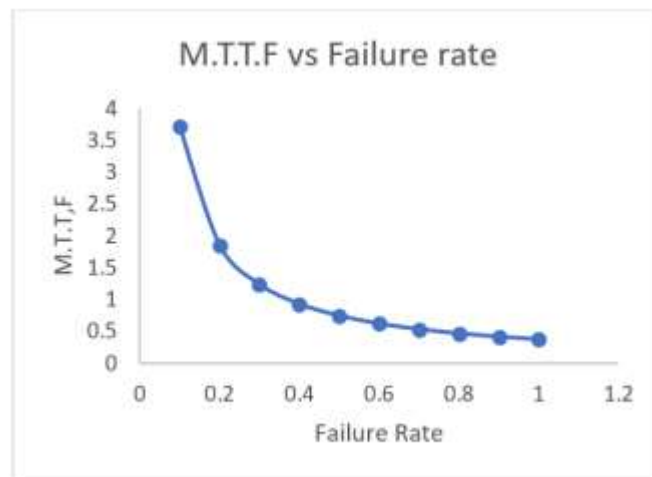


Fig. 3 M.T.T.F v/s Failure rate

**Result Interpretation:**

The reliability of the considered circuit is illustrated in Table 1 at the instant ‘t’, where failure rates follow both the exponential distribution as well as Weibull distribution, as shown in Figure 2. In the event of an exponential distribution, it is not hard to observe that the reliability of a circuit will degrade approximately in the same manner throughout the process. However, it drops by a significant amount very quickly when the failure followed a Weibull distribution: Table 2 displays, for a variety of



different values  $\lambda$ , how long it takes for the circuit to fail. We can see from Fig.3 that the MTTF decreases in a rather uneven manner at first, but that it eventually approaches a more uniform decrease.

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