

## **EVALUATION OF THE AVAILABILITY AND M.T.T.F. OF TWO UNIT STANDBY REDUNDANT COMPLEX SYSTEMS**

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### **Abstract**

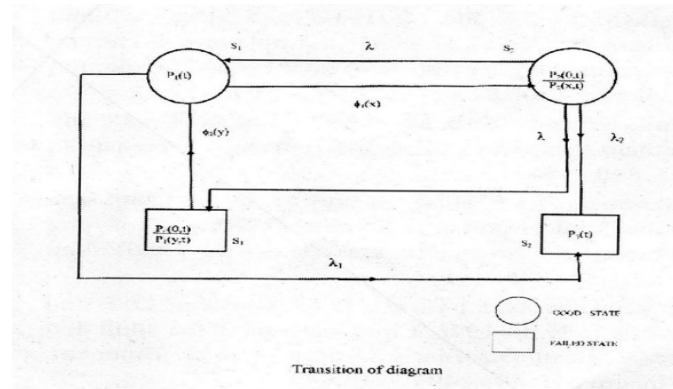
The authors have considered a complex system composed of two units in parallel redundancy which has been studied to evaluate M.T.T.F. and availability. Supplementary variable technique has been utilised to derive various state probabilities and the operational availability. The repair facility is available in either one unit or the whole system fails. After failure of one unit, the system is undertaken for repair, of course, the other unit is in operative mode. If during the repair of the first unit, the second unit also fails then the system is assumed to go to down state.

**Keywords:** M.T.T.F., Supplementary variable, Repairable system, Redundancy, Availability.

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The authors have developed a model consisting of two units in parallel redundancy which has been studied to evaluate availability and M.T.T.F. under logical failures. It has been assumed that the system remains in four states during the operation stage. Initially both the units are good, while in state 2, only one unit is good, whereas, on the other hand states 3 and 4 are failed states. Logical failure can occur in states 1 and 2, which cause the system to go into the state 3 which is a failed state. Using the supplementary variable and Laplace transform technique, the time dependent probabilities with the help of Abel's theorem and MTTF of the complex system being in various states have been computed. The operator unit may fail partially or totally. In case of total failure of the first unit, stand by unit causes the operational system to work with full efficiency. It is assumed that whenever there is a hardware failure system goes to partial failure mode first and then to total failure while, due to common cause failure, the system fails totally. In case of partial failure of both units and common cause failure. The failure time distributions are exponential whereas repairs are general. Any unit may fail either

partially or completely. The failure and repair follow exponential and general distributions, respectively. The repair facility is available when either one unit or whole system fails. After failure of one unit, when the system is undertaken for repairing, the other unit is in operational mode. If during the repair of the first unit the second unit also fails then the system is assumed to go to down state.



## 2. ASSUMPTIONS

- At time  $t = 0$ , the system is in good state.
- The system has two states: good and failed.
- Repair facility is available only when the system is either in position  $S_2$  or in position  $S_4$ .
- The failure and repair times for the system follow exponential and general distributions respectively.
- System is in failed state of all the units are failed.

## 3. NOTATIONS AND STATES

- $S_1$  : good state and main unit is working
- $S_2$  : good state and standby unit is working and under repair
- $S_3$  : Failed State
- $S_4$  : Failed State under repair

$D / Dt / Dx / Dy / Dz / Dw :$

$$\frac{d}{dt} / \frac{\partial}{\partial t} / \frac{\partial}{\partial x} / \frac{\partial}{\partial y} / \frac{\partial}{\partial z} / \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$$

$\lambda$  : exponential constant failure rate for one unit from state 1 to 2 and state 2 to 4

1 : Constant failure from states 1 to 3

2 : Constant failure from states 2 to 4

$\phi_1(x)$  : transition rate of repair for one unit from states 2 to 1

$\phi_2(y)$  : transition rate of repair for one unit from states 4 to 1

$P(s)$  : Laplace transform of the function  $F(t)$

$P_1(t)$  : P (at time t the system in state  $S_1$ )

$P_3(t)$  : P (at time t the system in state  $S_3$ )

$P_2(x, t)$  : P (the system is in state  $S_2$  at time t due to minor failure and elapsed repair time lies in the interval  $(x, x^+)$ )

$P_4(y, t)$  : P (the system is in state  $S_4$  at time t and elapsed repair time lies in the interval  $(y, y^+)$ ).

#### 4. FORMULATION OF MATHEMATICAL MODELS

The set of difference differential equations associated with the mathematical model are as follows:

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 2\lambda + \lambda_1\right)P_1(t) = \int_0^\infty P_2(x, t)\phi_1(x)dx + \int_0^\infty P_4(y, t)\phi_2(y)dy \quad (1)$$

$$\left[\frac{d}{dx} + \frac{d}{dt} + \lambda_2 + \phi_1(x) + \lambda\right]P_2(x, t) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}P_3(t) = \lambda_1P_1(t) + \lambda_2P_2(t) \quad (3)$$

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt} + \frac{d}{dy} + \phi_2(y) + \lambda\right]P_4(y, t) = 0 \quad (4)$$

The boundary conditions are as follows :

$$P_2(0, t) = \lambda P_1(t) \quad (5)$$

$$P_4(0, t) = \lambda P_2(t) \quad (6)$$

Initial conditions are as follows:

$$\text{We assume that system is initially in a normal state } S_1 \text{ i.e., } P_1(0) = 1, \text{ otherwise zero.} \quad (7)$$

##### Solution of the Model

Taking the Laplace-transform of the equations (1) to (6) then we get

$$[s + \lambda + \lambda_1]\ddot{P}_1(s) = \int_0^\infty \ddot{P}_1(x, s)\phi_1(x)dx + \int_0^\infty \ddot{P}_2(x, s)\phi_2(x)dx \quad (8)$$

$$\left[s + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \lambda_2 + \phi_1(x) + \lambda\right]\ddot{P}_2(x, s) = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$s\ddot{P}_3(s) = \lambda_1\ddot{P}_1(s) + \lambda_2\ddot{P}_2(s) \quad (10)$$

$$\left[s + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \phi_2(y) + \lambda\right]\ddot{P}_4(y, s) = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\ddot{P}_2(0, s) - \lambda\ddot{P}_1(s) + \lambda_2\ddot{P}_1(s) \quad (12)$$

$$\ddot{P}_4(0, s) = \lambda\ddot{P}_2(s) \quad (13)$$

After solving the above equations (5) to (13), we get

$$\ddot{P}_2(s) = \lambda Z_1(s + \lambda + \lambda_2)\ddot{P}_1(s) \quad (14)$$

$$\ddot{P}_4(s) = \lambda^2 Z_1(s + \lambda + \lambda_2)Z_2(s)\ddot{P}_1(s) \quad (15)$$

where

$$Z_i(s) = \frac{1 - S_i(s)}{s} \quad (16)$$

$$\ddot{P}_1(s) = \frac{1}{B(s)} \quad (17)$$

$$\text{and } B(s) = s + \lambda + \lambda_1 - \lambda\ddot{S}_1(s + \lambda + \lambda_2) - \lambda^2 Z_1(s + \lambda + \lambda_2)\ddot{S}_2(s) \quad (18)$$

$$\text{Now, } \ddot{P}_2(s) = \lambda Z_1(s + \lambda + \lambda_2)\frac{1}{B(s)} \quad (19)$$

$$\ddot{P}_3(s) = [\lambda_2 + \lambda Z_1(s + \lambda + \lambda_2) + \lambda_1]\frac{1}{sB(s)} \quad (20)$$

Using above equations, we have

$$\ddot{\bar{P}}_4(s) = \lambda^2 Z_1(s + \lambda + \lambda_2) Z_2(s) \frac{1}{B(s)} \quad (21)$$

$$P_1(s) + P_2(s) + P_3(s) + P_4(s) = \frac{1}{s} \quad (22)$$

#### Up and Down State Probabilities

The system is in up state and down state at time t, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{P}_{up}(s) &= \bar{P}_1(s) + \bar{P}_2(s) \\ &= \left[ 1 + \lambda Z_1(s + \lambda + \lambda_2) \right] \frac{1}{B(s)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{P}_{down}(s) = 1 - \bar{P}_{up}(s)$$

#### Steady State Behaviour of the System

Using Abel's lemma, we get

$$\bar{P}_{up} = \left[ 1 + \lambda Z_1(\lambda + \lambda_2) \right] \frac{1}{B(s)}$$

where  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are constant repair, we get

$$\bar{P}_1(s) = \frac{1}{B_1(s)}$$

where

$$B_1(s) = s + \lambda + \lambda_1 - \frac{\lambda \phi_1}{s + \lambda + \lambda_2 + \phi_1} - \frac{\lambda^2 \phi_2}{(s + \phi_2)(s + \lambda + \lambda_2 + \phi_1)}$$

$$\bar{P}_2(s) = \frac{1}{B_1(s)} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{(s + \lambda + \lambda_3 + \phi_1)}$$

$$\bar{P}_3(s) = \frac{1}{s B_1(s)} \cdot \frac{(\lambda_2 + \lambda + (s + \lambda + \lambda_2 + \phi_1)(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2))}{(s + \lambda + \lambda_2 + \phi_1)}$$

$$\bar{P}_4(s) = \frac{1}{s B_1(s)} \cdot \frac{\lambda^2}{(s + \lambda + \lambda_2 + \phi_1)(s + \phi_2)}$$

$$\bar{P}_{up}(s) = \bar{P}_1(s) + \bar{P}_2(s)$$

$$= \frac{s + \lambda + \lambda_2 + \phi_2}{(s + \lambda + \lambda_2 + \phi_1) B_1(s)}$$

$$\bar{P}_1(s) = \frac{(s+1)(s + \lambda + \lambda_2 + 1)}{s^3 + s^2 \alpha_1 + s \alpha_3 + \alpha_2} \cdot (\phi_1 = \phi_2 = 1)$$

where

$$\alpha_1 = \lambda + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 2$$

$$\alpha_2 = \lambda \lambda + \lambda \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1$$

$$\alpha_3 = \lambda^2 - 1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_2$$

#### 5. NUMERICAL COMPUTATION

Consider an electronic two unit standby redundant system with various parameters as

We take  $\lambda_1 = 0.04, \lambda_2 = 0.05$  and  $\phi_1 = 1$  and  $\phi_2 = 1$

$$P_{up}(t) = 0.989e^{-0.0105t} + 0.256e^{-0.01951t} + 0.237e^{-0.091t} \quad (23)$$

Mean time to system failure is given by

$$M.T.T.F. = \frac{\lambda + \lambda_2}{(\lambda + \lambda_2)(\lambda + \lambda_1)} \quad (24)$$

Now take to constant repair and failure rates then put  $\phi_1 = 1$  and  $\phi_2 = 1$   $\lambda_1 = 0.02$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 0.03$ ,  $\lambda = 0.02, 0.04, 0.06, 0.08, 0.10, 0.12, 0.14, 0.16$  in equation (24) we get table

**Table 1:**

S.NO.	Time	P up(t)	P down(t)
1	0	1	0
2	1	0.9892	0.0108
3	2	0.9884	0.0116
4	3	0.9791	0.0209
5	4	0.9659	0.0341
6	5	0.9431	0.0569
7	6	0.9582	0.0418
8	7	0.8956	0.1044
9	8	0.8756	0.1244

**Table 2:**

S.NO.	$\lambda$	M.T.T.F.
1	0.02	40.52
2	0.04	34.29
3	0.06	30.23
4	0.08	15.45
5	0.1	11.32
6	0.12	7.49
7	0.14	4.67
8	0.16	3.98
9	0.18	3.13

## 6. INTERPRETATION OF THE RESULT

Table-1 computes the availability of the system at an instant t, the availability of the system at any time decreases slowly and tends to zero

Table-2 compute M.T.T.F. for different values of constant failure rate and M.T.T.F. decreases.

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