







Risk Management

Risk Assessment Techniques #1 Fault Tree Analysis

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- What is a fault?
- What is a tree?

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Faults

Failure = Fault
 Loss of functionality
 Bad performance
 Undesired event

"my car doesn't start"

"my car stops right after it starts"

"my car doesn't reach 60 km/h"

"my car burns too much oil"

"my car is stolen"

"I got lost on the way to CuriousU"







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FT building blocks



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FT building

- Describe how component failures interact:
 - 1. Define top undesired event **(TLE)**
 - 2. List all causes that could lead to it (1st level IE)
 - Think of everything needed to keep the system operating normally
 - 3. What could cause each branch to fail?
 - → Repeat on each IE as in item 1.
 - 4. Stop when root causes reached (**BE**)

FT building



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So what?

Who cares?

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- 1962: FTs developed in Bell Labs
 - Evaluate ICMB launch control system
 (Inter<u>Continental Ballistic Missile</u>)
- FTs were originally designed for killing **lots** of people



- 1966: Boeing starts to use FTs
 - Civil aircraft design, e.g. Boeing 747

 FTs start to help keeping people safe



- 1975: FT analysis standardised
 - "Fault Tree Handbook" (1981 by Vesely et al.)
 - Nuclear power plants regulations

FTs help to keep
 lots of people safe



- 2000: FTs in government and industry standards
 - "Fault Tree Handbook with Aerospace applications" (2002 by Vesely et al.)
 - Dynamic FTs and more

• FTs to the moon and back



Are FTs any good *today*?



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Are FTs any good *today*?



" Today FTA is widely used in system safety and reliability engineering, and in all major fields of engineering."

FTs are (graphical) models



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models



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(Minimal) cut sets

- Cut set
 - Set 'C' of Basic Events that cause the Top Level Event
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 - Cut set that is minimal: no proper subset of C is a cut set
- Use of minimal cut sets
 - Identify weak points
 - Too small cut sets
 - Interpretation by experts: is this acceptable?
 - Validation of Fault Trees
 - If all BEs in C fail, should the system fail?

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Validating our road trip FT



Validating our road trip FT



Static Fault Trees + dynamic gates



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Priority AND gate (PAND)



Fails when children fail from left to right

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Fail-dependency gate (FDEP)





When trigger event fails, all dependent events fail

Dependent Events (usually Basic Events)

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Spare gate (SPARE)

To model dormant components ("cold/warm spares") that fail less often while they are not in use



When primary fails, **Spares Elements replace it**

Primary SE 1 SE n

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Repairable Fault Trees

Static Fault Trees + repair boxes



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Repairable Fault Trees

Basic Event vs. Basic Element

Basic Models an event: it happens once ("CPU fried")
Event Typically maps to a unique component, but not mandatory:

bicycle wheel skewed –
bicycle wheel dented –

Basic Models a basic failure point ("no AC")
Element Can fail, and get repaired, and fail, etc. Element won't be further refined.

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Repairable Fault Trees

Repair-person box (RBOX)



When dependent elements fail, the RBOX repairs one at a time

Dependent Elements (usually Basic Elements)

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Dynamic Fault Trees + RBOX + IBOX + RDEP



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Extended Basic Element







Inspection box (IBOX)

DE 1 DE 2



When dependent elements go beyond an inspection threshold, early repairs can be triggered

Dependent Elements (usually Extended Basic Elements)

DE n

Rate-dependency gate (RDEP)

To model common-cause performance degradators. An oil leak (a) speeds-up bearings degradation (b) speeds-up transmission chains degradation



When trigger happens, the failure rate of all dependent elements increases

Dependent Elements (usually Extended Basic Elements)

FTs in **TECHNICOLOR**

- Static FT
- Dynamic FT
- Repairable FT
- Maintenance FT

... what for ? what do we want to know?

FTs in **TECHNICOLOR**



Reliability

How likely is my PC to die, like, ever? What about in the first year? And after 20 years?

Availability

How often is my PC dead? Say in a month, how many hours?

Mean Time To Failure

How long until the next incident?

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How to play with FTs: semantics



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Semantics model of FTs

Structure function $\Phi: \{0,1\}^{\#_{BEs}} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

0 = operational ; **1** = failed Given values $e_1, \dots e_n$, does the tree fail?

 $\pi_{\rm F}: P(BE) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

If BEs e_1 , ... e_n fail, does the tree (**F**) fail?

 $\pi_{F}: P(BE) \times Elt \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

If BEs e_1 , ... e_n fail, does e fail?

Recursive characterization

• AND-case: $\pi_F(E,e) = 1$ iff $\pi_F(E,e') = 1$ for all children e' of e

• ... etc.

Cut set: set of Basic Events **C** that cause FT to fail: $\pi_F(C) = 1$

FTs are coherent:

- If $S \leq S'$ and $\pi_F(S) = 1$ then $\pi_F(S') = 1$
- Non-coherent extensions exist (DFTs)



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Qualitative queries



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Quantitative queries

- How many hours a week is my PC dead?
- After a flat tire, how likely is my road trip to fail?











Speeding up computations

- 1. Disregard higher order products
- 2. Use minimal cut sets (yes, for reliability also!)
- 3. = 1. + 2. (do the math)
- 4. Binary Decision Diagrams

1. Disregard high order products



2. Use minimal cut sets



Minimal cut set	Probability		
connection, engine	p ₁ p ₃		
battery, engine	p ₂ p ₃		
connection, t1, t2	$p_1 p_4^2$		
connection, t1, t3	$p_1 p_4^2$		
connection t1, t4	$p_1 p_4^2$		
connection t1, spare	$p_1 p_4^2$		
connection t2, t3	$p_1 p_4^2$		
connection t2, t4	$p_1 p_4^2$		
connection t2, spare	$p_1 p_4^2$		
connection t3, t4	$p_1 p_4^2$		
connection t3, spare	$p_1 p_4^2$		
connection t4, spare	$p_1 p_4^2$		
TOTAL	$p_1 p_3 + p_2 p_3 + 10 p_1 p_4^2$		
life 4 spare			
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2. Use minimal cut sets

	Under- or over-approximation? Why?					?	
	$(p_1 + p_2 - p_1p_2)p_3 + p_1(1 - ((1-p_4)^5 + 5p_4(1-p_4)^4)(1-p_3))$						
	$P[C_1 v C_2 v C_3] =$						
	$P[C_1] + P[C_2] + P[C_3]$						
	- $P[C_1]P[C_2] - P[C_1]P[C_2] - P[C_2]P[C_2]$						
	+ P [C ₁] P [C ₂] P [C ₃]						
	$\leq \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_1] + \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_2] + \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_3]$						
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connection, t1, t3	p ₁ p ₄ ²			
connection t1, t4	p ₁ p ₄ ²			
connection t1, spare	p ₁ p ₄ ²			
connection t2, t3	p ₁ p ₄ ²			
connection t2, t4	$p_{1} p_{4}^{2}$			
connection t2, spare	p ₁ p ₄ ²			
connection t3, t4	p ₁ p ₄ ²			
connection t3, spare	p ₁ p ₄ ²			
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$P[C_1 \vee C_2 \vee C_3] =$ $P[C_1] + P[C_2] + P[C_2]$	connection t2, t3	P ₁ P ₄ ²	
$- \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_1]\mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_2] - \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_1]\mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_2] - \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_2]\mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_2]$	connection t2, t4	$P_1 P_4^2$	
+ $P[C_1] P[C_2] P[C_3]$	connection t2, spare	$p_{1} p_{4}^{2}$	
$\geq \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_1] + \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_2] + \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{C}_3]$	connection t3, t4	$\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2^2$	
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4. Binary Decision Diagrams

BDDs

- Compact representation for Boolean functions $f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$
 - e.g. the structure function $\mathcal{D}:\{0,1\}^{\#BEs} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ of a Fault Tree
- Heavily used in model checking
- Based on Shannon expansion / pivotal decomposition
 - $f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = \underline{x_1} f(\mathbf{0}, x_2, ..., x_n) + x_1 f(\mathbf{1}, x_2, ..., x_n)$
 - works with a fixed variable ordering
 - supports (and works well with) shared subtrees

4. Binary Decision Diagrams

Boolean function: $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 OR x_2) AND x_3$

Truth Table

Decision Tree

X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	$f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$	
0	0	0	0	
0	0	1	0	
0	1	0	0	
0	1	1	1	
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1)
1	1	0	0	
1	1	1	1	



A vertex represents a decision:
 follow dashed line for value 0
 follow solid line for value 1
 Function value in leaves



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Continuous probability distributions

- Uniform
- Gaussian
- Exponential
 - realistic model for degradation

F (X)

- mathematically tractable
- approximation via composed exponentials

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- Weibull
 - generalized exponential
 - often used, but not discussed here







The exponential distribution



Components fail with fixed rate ' λ ' $\lambda = (Mean time to failure)^{-1}$

If we know (on average) when does a component fail, we can use an exponential distribution

The exponential distribution



For continuous distributions P[X = x] = 0for any time point $x \in R$

Cumulative Density Function: $F(x) = \mathbf{P}[X \le x]$

 $\mathbf{P}[x \le X \le y] = \mathbf{P}[X \le y] - \mathbf{P}[X > x]$

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Components fail with fixed rate ' λ ' $\lambda = (Mean time to failure)^{-1}$

Unreliability / CDF P[fail before x] = $P[X \le x] = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$

Reliability P[fail after x] = $P[X > x] = e^{-\lambda x}$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = F'(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

DDE

The exponential distribution



(on average)

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The exponential distribution

You are waiting in front of your professor's office. There is a note on the door: Back in Exp(1/15) minutes

Questions

- 1. What is the probability that you wait
 - A. less than 5 minutes?
 - B. more than 10 minutes?
 - C. exactly 10 minutes?
 - D. between 10 and 25 minutes?
- 2. What is the expected amount of time you have to wait?
- 3. You have been waiting for 15 minutes
 - What is the probability that you still have to wait less than 5 minutes?
 - What is the probability that you still have to wait more than 10 minutes?
 - exactly 10 minutes?
 - between 10 and 25 minutes?

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Reminder: $P[X \le x] = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$

The exponential distribution

You are waiting in front of your professor's office. There is a note on the door Back in Exp(1/15) minutes

X denotes your waiting time. Then X ~ Exp(1/15)

Questions

- 1. What is the probability that you wait
 - A. less than 5 minutes? $P[X < 5] = 1 e^{-5/15}$
 - B. more than 10 minutes? $P[X > 10] = e^{-10/15}$
 - C. exactly 10 minutes? P[X = 10] = 0
 - D. between 10 and 25 minutes? $P[10 < X < 25] = P[X < 25] P[X < 10] = e^{-10/15} e^{-25/15}$
- 2. What is the expected amount of time you have to wait?E[X] = 15

 $1 - e^{-25/15} - (1 - e^{-10/15})$

The exponential distribution

You are waiting in front of your professor's office. There is a note on the door Back in Exp(1/15) minutes

X denotes your waiting time. Then $X \sim Exp(1/15)$

Questions

- 3. You have been waiting for 15 minutes
 - What is the probability that you have to wait more than 10 minutes?
 P[X > 25 | X > 15]
 - = **P**[X > 25 **&** X > 15] / **P**[X > 15]
 - = **P**[X > 25] / **P**[X > 15]
 - $= e^{-25/15} / e^{-15/15}$
 - $= e^{-25/15 + 15/15}$
 - $= e^{-10/15}$
 - $= \mathbf{P}[X > 10]$

The exponential distribution has the **memoryless property**: past waiting time has not influence on future waiting time

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Reliability with continuous time



Reliability with continuous time



Reliability with continuous time



Original method: Markov chains



Draw the Markov chain for this simplified DFT.





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DFTCalc

Developed in the University of Twente



• Context-dependent state space generation

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"B1" lambda=1.23e-2;



- Developed in RWTH Aachen University (Germany)
- General purpose model checker
 - Very efficient (for "general" analyses)
- Supports a subset of Galileo
- Computes reliability and availability (not MTTF)



- Developed in Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (Argentina)
- Statistical model checker
 - Specialises in Rare Event Simulation
- Supports an extended subset of Galileo
- Computes reliability and availability (not MTTF)

Commercial tools

- Fault Tree +
- isograph Fault Tree Analysis Software
- OpenFTA (defunct?)
- SCRAM

Most offer support for Static Fault Trees alone, e.g. via cut set analysis + optimisations 1. & 2.

Scale much better than academic tools!

Benchmarks

FFORT [https://dftbenchmarks.utwente.nl/]

- Over 200 fault trees, and growing
- All types (static, dynamic, etc.)



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Benchmarks

FFORT [https://dftbenchmarks.utwente.nl/]

- Over 200 fault trees, and growing
- All types (static, dynamic, etc.)
- FTs from research and real world cases
- Published + reference analysis results

Examples: real FTs in action

Featuring:

- Railways
- Rockets
- Colossal gates

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A SpaceX Falcon 9 v1.1 encountered an anomaly about two minutes into the mission - resulting in the complete loss of the booster and Dragon spacecraft Haworth / SpaceFlight Insider

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UPDATE: IN-FLIGHT ABORT STATIC FIRE TEST ANOMALY INVESTIGATION

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fault tree

On Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 18:13 UTC, SpaceX conducted a series of static fire engine tests of the Crew Dragon In-Flight Abort test vehicle on a test stand at SpaceX's Landing Zone 1, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

Crew Dragon's design includes two distinct propulsion systems – a low-pressure bipropellant propulsion system with sixteen Draco thrusters for on-orbit maneuvering, and a high-pressure bi-propellant propulsion system with eight SuperDraco thrusters for use only in the event of a launch escape. After the vehicle's successful demonstration mission to and from the International Space Station in March 2019, SpaceX performed additional tests of the vehicle's propulsion systems to ensure functionality and detect any system-level issues prior to a planned In-Flight Abort test.

The initial tests of twelve Draco thrusters on the vehicle completed successfully, but the initiation of the final test of eight SuperDraco thrusters resulted in destruction of the vehicle. In accordance with pre-established safety protocols, the test area was clear and the team monitored winds and other factors to ensure public health and safety.

Following the anomaly, SpaceX convened an Accident Investigation Team that included officials from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and observers from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National mensportation Safety Board (NTSB), and began the systematic work on a comprehencive fault tree to determine probable cause. SpaceX also worked closely with the U.S. Air Force (USAF) to secure the test site, and collect and clean debris as part of the investigation. The site was operational prior to SpaceX's Falcon

https://www.spaceflightinsider.com/organizations/space-exploration-technologies/ongoing-coverage-spacex-falcon-9-crs-7-accident/

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NASA Releases Summary of SpaceX Cargo Mission Accident *a year ago*

NASA Invites Media to Upcoming Space Station Cargo Launch *a year ago*

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With SpaceX scheduled to launch the Jason-3 satellite on a Falcon 9 rocket under a NASA launch services contract after the accident, the agency had the right to accept/reject any finding, root cause, and corrective action from SpaceX's board. In addition to observing the SpaceX-led investigation, NASA stood up its own independent review team Aug. 3, 2015, to evaluate the launch events.

As part of its review, the NASA team performed an independent analysis of the rocket's to construct and developed a detailed timeline to the millisecond level of the launch events. Among their research, the team analyzed various Falcon 9 systems, the SpaceX fault tree, and conducted multiple engineering boards.

Based on their detailed review and analysis of telemetry data, photos and video capturing the launch and failure, the NASA review team determined the direct or proximate cause of the Falcon 9 launch vehicle failure was the rupture of the stage 2 liquid oxygen tank. The primary failure scenario was likely a composite overwrapped pressure vessel within the stage 2 liquid oxygen tank became liberated, hitting the tank dome, causing it to rupture. The public summary includes additional details about the team's findings and recommendations.

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Example #2: Electrically Insulated Joint



ProRail

Electrically separates tracks, to measure train distance

In total: 45.000 EIJs in the Netherlands

Important cause of train disruptions

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Example #2: Electrically Insulated Joint



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Example #2: Electrically Insulated Joint



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Example #3: Pneumatic Compressor





Powers the breaks of a train, its doors, etc.

Failures can strand a train on a rail, causing disruptions

Normal operation requires regular maintenance

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Example #3: Pneumatic Compressor



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Example #4: Oosterscheldekering



The existing FT has several thousands of gates

The leaves include SPARE handling (hot & cold)

One of the largest formally verified systems in the world

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