

BOTTLENECKS IN GENERAL TYPE LOGICAL SYSTEMS WITH UNRELIABLE ELEMENTS

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In this paper a model of general type logical system with unreliable elements [1], [2] is considered. An asymptotic analysis of its work (failure) probability is made in appropriate conditions on work (failure) probabilities of the system elements. A concept of bottlenecks of this system is constructed on a suggestion that an increase (a decrease) of elements reliabilities lead to an increase (a decrease) of the system reliability.

A construction of general type logical system is founded on concepts of disjunctive and conjunctive normal forms (DNF and CNF) of a logical function. This approach allows obtaining main results in maximal general and convenient for engineering calculations form comparatively with recursive definitions of logical functions used in [3].

Denote Z the set which consists of $|Z|$ independent random logical variables z , $I \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, 2^{|Z|}\}$. Consider the logical function A represented in DNF

$$A = \bigvee_{i \in I} \left[\left(\bigwedge_{z \in Z_i} z \right) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{z \in \bar{Z}_i} \bar{z} \right) \right]. \quad (1)$$

Here the family $\{(Z_i, \bar{Z}_i), i \in I\}$ consists of the sets pairs $Z_i, \bar{Z}_i \subseteq Z$, $Z_i \cap \bar{Z}_i = \emptyset$, and for $i \neq j$ $(Z_i, \bar{Z}_i) \neq (Z_j, \bar{Z}_j)$. Suppose that $p_z = P(z=1)$, $q_z = P(z=0)$, $p_z + q_z = 1$, and random variables $z \in Z$ are independent. The logical function A with random arguments $z \in Z$ is denoted by $\mathbf{A}$ and called the logical system.

Low reliable elements

Suppose that for $\forall z \in Z$

$$\exists c(z), c(z) > 0: p_z = p_z(h) \sim \exp(-h^{-c(z)}), h \rightarrow 0. \quad (2)$$

Denote $C = \min_{i \in I} \max_{z \in Z_i} c(z)$,

$$I' = \left\{ i \in I : \max_{z \in Z_i} c(z) = C \right\}, S_i = \{z \in Z_i : c(z) = C\}, i \in I', \mathcal{S} = \{S_i, i \in I'\},$$

$$N(\mathcal{S}) = \min(|S_i| : S_i \in \mathcal{S}), \mathcal{T} = \left\{ \left\{ z_i \in S_i, i \in I' \right\} \right\}, N(\mathcal{T}) = \min(|T| : T \in \mathcal{T})$$

and let $\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{T}'$ are families of minimal by an inclusion sets from the families $\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}$,

$$\mathcal{S}'' = \{S_i \in \mathcal{S}' : |S_i| = N(\mathcal{S})\}, \quad \mathcal{T}'' = \{T \in \mathcal{T}' : |T| = N(\mathcal{T})\}.$$

Theorem 1. *If the formulas (1), (2) are true then*

$$-\ln P(\mathbf{A}=1) \sim N(\mathcal{S})h^{-C}, \quad h \rightarrow 0. \quad (3)$$

Proof. Rewrite the logical function A as follows

$$A = \bigvee_{i \in I} \left[\left(\bigwedge_{z \in Z_i} z \right) \wedge A_i \right], \quad A_i = \bigvee_{k \in J_i} \left(\bigwedge_{z \in \bar{Z}_i} \bar{z} \right), \quad J_i = \{k : Z_k = Z_i\}.$$

The formula (2) leads to $p_z = P(z=1) \rightarrow 0, \quad h \rightarrow 0$, so

$$P(\mathbf{A}_i=0) = \prod_{z \in \bar{Z}_k : Z_k=Z_i} p_z \rightarrow 0, \quad h \rightarrow 0.$$

If the obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in I} \prod_{z \in Z_i} p_z P(\mathbf{A}_i=1) - \sum_{i, j \in I, i \neq j} P \left(\left(\bigwedge_{z \in Z_i} z = 1 \right) \cap \left(\bigwedge_{z \in Z_j} z = 1 \right) \right) &\leq \\ &\leq P(\mathbf{A}=1) \leq \sum_{i \in I} \prod_{z \in Z_i} p_z P(\mathbf{A}_i=1) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

As for $i \neq j$

$$P(\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{A}_j=1) = P \left(\sum_{k \in J_i, n \in J_j} \left(\bigwedge_{z \in \bar{Z}_k \cup \bar{Z}_n} \bar{z} \right) = 1 \right) \geq \prod_{z \in \bar{Z}_k \cup \bar{Z}_n} q_z \rightarrow 1, \quad h \rightarrow 0,$$

and

$$\sum_{i, j \in I, i \neq j} P \left(\left(\bigwedge_{z \in Z_i} z = 1 \right) \cap \left(\bigwedge_{z \in Z_j} z = 1 \right) \right) = P(\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{A}_j=1) \prod_{z \in Z_i \cup Z_j} p_z,$$

So from the formula (4) obtain

$$P(\mathbf{A}=1) \sim \sum_{i \in I} \prod_{z \in Z_i} p_z \sim \sum_{i \in I} \exp \left(- \sum_{z \in Z_i} h^{c(z)} \right), \quad h \rightarrow 0. \quad (5)$$

Denote $C_i = \max_{z \in Z_i} c(z), K_i = \{z \in Z_i : c(z) = C_i\}$. The formulas

$$\sum_{z \in Z_i} h^{-c(z)} \sim h^{-C_i} |K_i|, \quad h \rightarrow 0,$$

and (5) give

$$P(\mathbf{A}=1) \sim \sum_{i \in I} \exp \left(-h^{C_i} (1+o(1)) |K_i| \right), \quad h \rightarrow 0.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{A}=1) &\sim \sum_{i \in I'} \exp \left(-h^{-C} (1+o(1)) |S_i| \right) \sim \sum_{i \in I' : |S_i|=N(\mathcal{S})} \exp \left(-h^{-C} (1+o(1)) |S_i| \right) = \\ &= \exp \left(-h^{-C} (1+o(1)) N(\mathcal{S}) \right) \left| \{i \in I' : |S_i| = N(\mathcal{S})\} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

As

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \left[\exp \left(-h^{-C} (1+o(1)) N(\mathcal{S}) \right) \middle| \left\{ i \in I' : |S_i| = N(\mathcal{S}) \right\} \right] &\sim \ln \exp \left(-h^{-C} (1+o(1)) N(\mathcal{S}) \right) = \\ &= -h^{-C} (1+o(1)) N(\mathcal{S}) \sim -h^{-C} N(\mathcal{S}), \quad h \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

So formula (3) is true.

Remark 1. Suppose that $\tau(z)$ are independent random variables equal to life times of logical elements z , and $h = h(t)$ - is monotonically decreasing and continuous function, $h \rightarrow 0$, $t \rightarrow \infty$. Then the asymptotic

$$P(\tau(z) > t) = p_z(h) \sim \exp \left(-h^{-c(z)} \right), \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Is character for the Weibull distribution which is widely used in life time models of complex systems with old and so low reliable elements [4], [5].

Highly reliable elements

Suppose that for $\forall z \in Z$

$$\exists c(z), \quad c(z) > 0: q_z = q_z(h) \sim \exp \left(-h^{-c(z)} \right), \quad h \rightarrow 0 \quad (6)$$

Consider the logical function A represented in CNF

$$A = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \left[\left(\bigvee_{z \in Z_i} z \right) \bigvee \left(\bigvee_{z \in \bar{Z}_i} \bar{z} \right) \right]. \quad (7)$$

Theorem 2. If the formulas (6), (7) are true then

$$-\ln P(A = 0) \sim N(\mathcal{S}) h^{-C}, \quad h \rightarrow 0. \quad (8)$$

Remark 2. Suppose that $\tau(z)$ are independent random variables equal to life times of logical elements z , and $h = h(t)$ - is monotonically increasing and continuous function, $h \rightarrow 0$, $t \rightarrow 0$. Then the asymptotic

$$P(\tau(z) \leq t) = q_z(h) \sim \exp \left(-h(t)^{-c(z)} \right), \quad t \rightarrow 0$$

Is character for the Weibull distribution which is widely used in life time models of complex systems with young and so high reliable elements.

Mixing case

Suppose that the sets $X_i, V_i, \bar{X}_i, \bar{V}_i \subseteq Z$ are nonintersecting. For $\forall z \in X_i \cup \bar{X}_i$ the formula (2) is true and for $\forall z \in V_i \cup \bar{V}_i$ the formula (6) taking place, $i \in I$. So low reliable and high reliable elements in the system **A** are present simultaneously

Theorem 3. Suppose that

$$A = \bigvee_{i \in I} \left[\left(\bigwedge_{z \in X_i \cup V_i} z \right) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{z \in \bar{X}_i \cup \bar{V}_i} \bar{z} \right) \right] \quad (9)$$

Then for $Z_i = X_i \cup \bar{V}_i \neq \emptyset$, $\bar{Z}_i = V_i \cup \bar{X}_i$, $i \in I$, the formula (3) is true.

Suppose that

$$A = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \left[\left(\bigvee_{z \in X_i \cup V_i} z \right) \vee \left(\bigvee_{z \in \bar{X}_i \cup \bar{V}_i} \bar{z} \right) \right].$$

Then for $Z_i = V_i \cup \bar{X}_i \neq \emptyset$, $\bar{Z}_i = X_i \cup \bar{V}_i$, $i \in I$, the formula (8) is true.

Concept of bottlenecks

Define bottlenecks in logical system **A**

Theorem 4. Suppose that $\varepsilon_0 = \min \left(|C - c(z)| > 0 : z \in Z \right)$.

1. For any $S_i \in \mathcal{S}$ and each ε , $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$, the property **(B)** is true: the replacement $c(z)$ by $c(z) - \varepsilon$ for all $z \in S_i$ leads to the replacement $C \rightarrow C - \varepsilon$.
2. If a set $S \subseteq Z$ and satisfies the condition **(B)**, then $S_* \in \mathcal{S} : S_* \subseteq S$.
3. For any $T \in \mathcal{T}$ and each ε , $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$, the property **(C)** is true: the replacement $c(z)$ by $c(z) + \varepsilon$ for all $z \in T$ leads to the replacement $C \rightarrow C + \varepsilon$.
4. If a set $T \subseteq Z$ and satisfies the condition **(C)**, then $\exists T_* \in \mathcal{T} : T_* \subseteq T$.

Proof. Proof the statements 1, 3, as the statements 2, 4 are trivial.

1. If $c(z)$ is replace by $c(z) - \varepsilon$, $z \in S_i$, then

$$\max_{z \in Z_i} c(z) = C - \varepsilon, \max_{z \in Z_i} c(z) \geq C - \varepsilon, j \neq i \Rightarrow \min_{i \in I} \max_{z \in Z_i} c(z) = C - \varepsilon.$$

2. If $c(z)$ is replace by $c(z) + \varepsilon$, $z \in T$, then

$$\max_{z \in Z_i} c(z) = C + \varepsilon, i \in I', \max_{z \in Z_i} c(z) \geq C + \varepsilon, j \neq I' \Rightarrow \min_{i \in I} \max_{z \in Z_i} c(z) = C + \varepsilon.$$

Corollary 1. The statements 2, 4 of the theorem 4 establish that the families $\mathcal{S}'$, $\mathcal{S}''$, $\mathcal{T}'$, $\mathcal{T}''$ and the numbers C , $N(\mathcal{S})$, $N(\mathcal{T})$ do not depend on a view of DNF (of KNF) of the logical function A .

Proof. Suppose that the theorem 1 condition is true, all other case is considered analogically. Denote by A_1, A_2 - DNF, which define the logical function A , $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2$ are families of subsets Z , created by A_1, A_2 , and $\mathcal{S}'_1, \mathcal{S}'_2$ are families of minimal sets from the families $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2$, correspondingly. If the set $S_1 \in \mathcal{S}'_1$ then it satisfies the property (B) and so $\exists S_2 \in \mathcal{S}'_2 : S_2 \subseteq S_1$. Analogously if $S_2 \in \mathcal{S}'_2$ then there is $S_1^* \in \mathcal{S}'_1 : S_1^* \subseteq S_2$. Consequently $S_1^* \subseteq S_2 \subseteq S_1$ and the families $\mathcal{S}'_1, \mathcal{S}'_2$ definition leads to the equality $S_1^* = S_2 = S_1$ and so $\mathcal{S}'_1 = \mathcal{S}'_2$. Thus, the family $\mathcal{S}'$ does not depend on a view of logical function A DNF. Similar statements may be proved for the families $\mathcal{T}', \mathcal{T}'', \mathcal{S}''$. For the numbers $N(\mathcal{T}), C, N(\mathcal{S})$ the statements of the corollary 1 may be obtain from the formula (3).

Remark 3. The statements 1 (the statements 3) of the theorem 4 establishes that an increase of elements $z \in S$ reliabilities for any set $S \in \mathcal{S}$ (a decrease of elements $z \in T$ reliabilities for any set $T \in \mathcal{T}$) leads to an increase (to a decrease) of system $\mathbf{A}$ reliability. The corollary1 allows to call sets from the families $\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{S}'', \mathcal{T}', \mathcal{T}''$ by bottlenecks in logical system $\mathbf{A}$.

Remark 4. Suppose that $\forall z \in Z$ the condition (2) or the condition (6) are replaced by

$$\exists c(z), d(z), c(z) > 0, d(z) > 0 : p_z = p_z(h) \sim \exp\left(-d(z)h^{-c(z)}\right), h \rightarrow 0,$$

or by

$$\exists c(z), d(z), c(z) > 0, d(z) > 0 : q_z = q_z(h) \sim \exp\left(-d(z)h^{-c(z)}\right), h \rightarrow 0,$$

correspondingly. Then to obtain the formula (3) or the formula (8) correspondingly it is enough to redefine $|S|$, $S \subseteq Z$, and put (besides of number of elements in a set S):

$$|S| = \sum_{z \in S} d(z).$$

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