

RELIABILITY FORECAST FOR PEEL REMOVER PLANT OF RICE BY EMPLOYING ALGEBRA OF LOGICS

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Abstract

In this paper, the authors have considered a peel remover plant of Rice by employing algebra of logic. Several processes occur in manufacturing the area, e.g., synthesis, decomposition, crystallization, and recovery. This paper discusses the peel remover process with some redundant (parallel and standby) arrangements. The system configuration is shown in figure 1. The authors have used the algebra of logic and Boolean function technique for the mathematical model and its solution. Reliability and mean time to failure, i.e., M.T.T.F. for the considered system, have been evaluated by using Mathematica. Some particular cases have also been given to improve the practical utility of the model. Graphical illustration followed by numerical example has appended in last to highlight the significant results.

Introduction

India has the second position in the production of rice and first position in exporter of rice. In the financial year 1980, rice production was 53.6 million tons while now it has been increased up to 120 million tons in the financial year 2020-21. Rice is also a prominent grain of this country. This is the subject of pride that the largest area of India is used for rice cultivation

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because this is the principal food crop. It is that rice is the dominant crop of India. Rice is the principal food crop, and being a tropical plant, it grows pleasantly in hot and humid weather. Rice is mainly flourished in rain-fed areas that experienced heavy annual rainfall. So that it is fundamentally known as the Kharif crop in India. The temperature required for the flourished rice crop is around 25 degrees Celsius and above 100 cm average rainfall. Irrigation is the other technique for Rice grown in those areas that comparatively less rainfall. Rice leading have is the food of eastern and southern parts of India.

Most rice varieties are roughly 20% rice husk, 11% bran layers, and 69% starchy endosperm, also referred to as the total milled rice.

An ideal milling process will outcome in the following fractions: About 20% husk, about 8-12% bran founding on the milling process, and about 68-72% milled Rice or white Rice counting on the variety. Total milled Rice carries whole grains or head rice and is broken. The by-products in rice milling are rice husk, rice germ and bran layers, and fine broken.

There are three types of milling systems used; one-step, two-step, and multistage milling. The main intention of the rice milling systems is to separate the hull and the bran of the rice kernel, which produces the Rice eatable and free from impurities. Depending on the customer's requirements, the Rice should have the minimum number of broken kernels possible (typically 12-15%). Here we are using multistage milling ice milling at the commercial level is generally multistage. This method necessitates a more complex system to minimize grain breakage. This is done by the thermal build-up and reducing stress. There are eight steps in the multistage process listed. Rice kernels are 20% rice husk, 11% rice bran, and 69% starchy endosperm (milled Rice). The endosperm section is generally packaged and sold for either direct consumption or further processing. The other 31% of the rice kernel becomes waste by-products. The by-products of the milling process are fine broken Rice, rice germ, husks, and bran. These products were discarded as waste. However, rice bran, rice husk, and broken Rice have industrial and bioactive applications for humans and animals.

System Descriptions.

The peel remover plant consists of seven sub-systems. The whole process

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of peel removal has been divided into seven sub-processes: A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. The sub-system A is an elevator with five units connected in series for inputting the paddy transporting other materials. Sub-system B is Cleaner which has two parallel units connected by a switching device. Sub-systems C and D are husking and Separator, respectively connected in series. Sub-system E is a whitener having two parallel units connected by a switching device. Sub-system F and G are polishing and grading units, respectively connected in series. All these sub-systems are connected in series, and output comes through the sub-system G. This process of decomposition of urea is of 1-out-of-7. F nature.



1.Feed hopper 2.Paddy conveyor 3.De-stone machine 4.Rice huller/husking machine 5.Brown rice conveyor 6.Gravity sieve 7.Distribution cabinet 8.Rice polisher 9.Broken rice separator 10.The chaff crusher

Elevator. An elevator is an inclination transport vehicle that brings people and goods to different building floors. With the help of the elevator, things can now be moved very quickly and efficiently. These elevators or elevators are generally powered by electric motors that either drive traction cables and counterweight systems or pump hydraulic fluid to the elevator a cylindrical piston. These are five identical units working in series and cause complete failure of the system if they fail.

Cleaning. The function of the cleaner is to remove all impurities and unfilled grains from the paddy. These are two identical units working in parallel connected by a switching device on the failure of one unit second will be online.

Husking. Paddy is put in the husking machine, which works to remove

the top shell. Failure of this sub-system cause complete failure of the system.

Separation. After husking, Rice is separated, and paddy is separated by paddy separator machine. Failure of this sub-system cause complete failure of the system.

Whitening. The whitening machine is then used to separate the brown rice layer and part of the microbes from the Rice. These are two identical units working in parallel connected by a switching device on the failure of one unit second will be online.

Polishing. Then, the Rice is polished with a polishing machine. These are two identical units working in series on the failure of one unit cause complete failure of the system.

Grading. After this, small pieces of Rice are separated by a grading machine. Then it is packed and sent to the market. Failure of this sub-system cause complete failure of the system.

Assumptions. The following assumptions have been associated with this model: -

At time t = 0, all the units of the system are good.

(1) The reliability of every unit of the system is known in advance.

(2) The system used is non-repairable.

(3) The transition from one unit to another is a hundred percent reliable and takes no time.

(4) The state of every unit of the system is either good or bad.

(5) This system is 1-out-of-7: F system.

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Nomenclature.

 $x_1/x_5/x_7/x_9/x_{13}$: State of sub-system A.

 x_2/x_3 : States of sub-system *B*.

 x_6 : States of sub-system *C*.

 x_8 : States of sub-system *D*.

 x_{10}, x_{12} : State of sub-system E

 x_{14}, x_{16} : State of sub-system *F*

 x_{17} : State of sub-system G

 x_3 , x_{11} , x_{15} : State of switching device.

 $x_i(i = 1, 2, ..., 17): 0$, in a bad state; 1, in a good state.

 x'_i : Negation of $x_i, \forall i = 1, 2, ..., 17$.

 \wedge/\vee : Conjunction / Disjunction.

| |: Logical Matrix.

 $R_i(i = 1, 2, ..., 17)$: Reliability of i^{th} unit of the system.

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 $Q_i(i = 1, 2, ..., 17)$: Unreliability of i^{th} unit of the system and, $= 1 - R_i$. $a_i(i = 1, 2, ..., 17)$: The failure rate of the i^{th} unit of the system.

Formulation of Mathematical Problem

By employing the Boolean function technique, the conditions of capability for the successful operation of the considered system in terms of the logical matrix are expressed as:

 $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{17}) =$

x_2	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}	x_{13}	x_{14}	x_{17}				
x_2	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}	x_{13}	x_{15}	x_{16}	x_{17}			
x_2	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{11}	x_{12}	x_{13}	x_{14}	x_{17}			
x_2	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{11}	x_{12}	x_{13}	x_{15}	x_{16}	x_{17}		(1)
x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}	x_{13}	x_{14}	x_{17}			~ /
x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}	x_{13}	x_{15}	x_{16}	x_{17}		
x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{11}	x_{12}	x_{13}	x_{14}	x_{17}		
x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{11}	x_{12}	x_{13}	x_{15}	x_{16}	x_{17}	
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Solution of the Problem

Applying algebra of logics, equation (1) may be rewritten as:

 $F(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{17}) =$

 $|x_1x_5x_6x_7x_8x_9x_{13}x_{17} \wedge f(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16})|$ (2)

where,

$$f(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}) = \begin{vmatrix} x_2 & x_{10} & x_{14} & & \\ x_2 & x_{10} & x_{15} & x_{16} & & \\ x_2 & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{14} & & \\ x_2 & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{15} & x_{16} & & \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_{10} & x_{14} & & \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_{10} & x_{15} & x_{16} & & \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{14} & & \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{14} & & \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{15} & x_{16} & & \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{14} & & \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{15} & x_{16} & & \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_5 & x_{16} & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_{16} & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_{16} & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & & \\ x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 & x_5 &$$

(3)

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Now substituting

 $A_{1} = | x_{2} x_{10} x_{14} |$ $A_{2} = | x_{2} x_{10} x_{15} x_{16} |$ $A_{3} = | x_{2} x_{11} x_{12} x_{14} |$ $A_{4} = | x_{2} x_{11} x_{12} x_{15} x_{16} |$ $A_{5} = | x_{3} x_{4} x_{10} x_{14} |$ $A_{6} = | x_{3} x_{4} x_{10} x_{15} x_{16} |$ $A_{7} = | x_{3} x_{4} x_{11} x_{12} x_{14} |$ and $A_{8} = | x_{3} x_{4} x_{11} x_{12} x_{15} x_{16} |$

in equation (3), it can be written as:

$$f(x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}) \begin{vmatrix} A_{1} \\ A_{2} \\ A_{3} \\ A_{4} \\ A_{5} \\ A_{6} \\ A_{7} \\ A_{8} \end{vmatrix}$$
(4)

Using the process of orthogonalization, we can write equation (4) as:

 $f(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16})$

A_1								
A'_1	A_2							
A'_1	A_2'	A_3						
A'_1	A_2'	A_3'	A_4					(5)
A'_1	A_2'	A_3'	A_4'	A_5				(5)
A'_1	A_2'	A_3'	A_4'	A_5'	A_6			
A'_1	A_2'	A_3'	A_4'	A_5'	A_6'	A_7		
A'_1	A_2'	A_3'	A_4'	A_5'	A_6'	A'_7	A_8	

Using algebra of logics, we may obtain the following:

$$A_{1}' = \begin{vmatrix} x_{2}' & x_{10} \\ x_{2} & x_{10} & x_{14}' \end{vmatrix}$$
(6)
$$A_{2}' = \begin{vmatrix} x_{2}' & x_{10} & x_{15} \\ x_{2} & x_{10} & x_{15} & x_{16}' \end{vmatrix}$$
(7)
$$A_{3}' = \begin{vmatrix} x_{2}' & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{16}' \\ x_{2} & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{14}' \end{vmatrix}$$
(8)
$$A_{4}' = \begin{vmatrix} x_{2}' & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{16}' \\ x_{2} & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{16}' \\ x_{3} & x_{4} & x_{10} & x_{15}' \\ x_{3} & x_{4} & x_{11} & x_{12}' \\ x_{1} & x_{1} & x_{1} & x_{12}' \\ x_{1} & x_{1} & x_{1} & x_{1}' \\ x_{1} & x_{1} & x_{1$$

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$$A_{8}' = \begin{vmatrix} x_{3}' & & & \\ x_{3} & x_{4}' & & \\ x_{3} & x_{4} & x_{11}' & & \\ x_{3} & x_{4} & x_{11} & x_{12}' & \\ x_{3} & x_{4} & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{15}' & \\ x_{3} & x_{4} & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{15} & x_{16}' \end{vmatrix}$$
(13)

Now, we have

$$A_{1}' A_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} x_{2}' & & \\ x_{2} & x_{10}' & \\ x_{2} & x_{10} & x_{14}' \end{vmatrix} \land |x_{2} x_{10} x_{15} x_{16}| = |x_{2} x_{10} x_{14}' x_{15} x_{16}| \quad (14)$$

Similarly,

$$A_1' A_2' A_3' = | x_2 x_{10}' x_{11} x_{12} x_{14} |$$
(15)

$$A_1' A_2' A_3' A_4 = | x_2 x_{10}' x_{11} x_{12} x_{14}' x_{15} x_{16} |$$
(16)

 $A_1' A_2' A_3' A_4' A_5 = | x_2' x_3 x_4 x_{10} x_{14} |$ (17)

$$A_1' A_2' A_3' A_4' A_5' A_6 = | x_2' x_3 x_4 x_{10} x_{14}' x_{15} x_{16} |$$
(18)

$$A_{1}' A_{2}' A_{3}' A_{4}' A_{5}' A_{6}' A_{7} = |x_{2}' x_{3} x_{4} x_{10}' x_{11} x_{12} x_{15} x_{16}|$$

$$\tag{19}$$

$$A'_{1} A'_{2} A'_{3} A'_{4} A'_{5} A'_{6} A'_{7} A_{8} = |x'_{2} x_{3} x_{4} x'_{10} x_{11} x_{12} x_{14} x_{15} x_{16}|$$
(20)

By making use of equation (14) through (20) in equation (5) and then in equation (2), we get:

 $F(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{17}) =$

x_1	x_2	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}	x_{13}	x_{14}	x_{17}							
x_1	x_2	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}	x_{13}	x_{14}'	x_{15}	x_{16}	x_{17}					
x_1	x_2	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}'	x_{11}	x_{12}	x_{13}	x_{14}	x_{17}					
x_1	x_2	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}'	x_{11}	x_{12}	x_{13}	x_{14}'	x_{15}	x_{16}	x_{17}			(21)
x_1	x_2'	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}	x_{13}	x_{14}	x_{17}					~ /
x_1	x'_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}	x_{13}	x_{14}'	x_{15}	x_{16}	x_{17}			
x_1	x_2'	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}'	x_{11}	x_{12}	x_{13}	x_{15}	x_{16}	x_{17}		
$ x_1 $	x'_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	x_9	x_{10}'	x_{11}	x_{12}	x_{13}	x'_{14}	x_{15}	x_{16}	x_{17}	

Finally, the probability of profitable operation, i.e., reliability of the system as a whole, is given by

$$R_S = P_r \{ F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{17}) = 1 \}$$

 $= R_1 R_5 R_6 R_7 R_8 R_9 R_{13} R_{17} \left[R_2 R_{10} R_{14} + R_2 R_{10} Q_{14} R_{15} R_{16} + R_2 Q_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{14} + R_2 Q_{10} R_{11} R_{12} Q_{14} R_{15} R_{16} + Q_2 R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{14} + Q_2 R_3 R_4 R_{10} Q_{14} R_{15} R_{16} + Q_2 R_3 R_4 Q_{10} R_{11} R_{12} Q_{14} Q_{15} R_{16} + Q_2 R_3 R_4 Q_{10} R_{11} R_{12} Q_{14} Q_{15} R_{16} \right]$

$$= R_1 R_5 R_6 R_7 R_8 R_9 R_{13} R_{17} [R_2 R_{10} R_{14} + R_2 R_{10} R_{15} R_{16} + R_2 R_{11} R_{12} R_{14} + R_3 R_4 \\ R_{10} R_{14} + R_2 R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} + R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{15} R_{16} + R_3 R_4 R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} + R_3 R_4 \\ R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} + R_2 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{14} R_{15} R_{16} + R_2 R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{14} R_{15} R_{16} + R_2 R_3 R_4 \\ R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} + R_2 R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} + R_2 R_3 R_4 R_{11} R_{12} R_{14} R_{15} R_{16} \\ + R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{14} R_{15} R_{16} - R_2 R_{10} R_{14} R_{15} R_{16} - R_2 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{14} R_{15} R_{16} \\ - R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{14} - R_2 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} - R_2 R_{11} R_{12} R_{14} R_{15} R_{16} - R_2 R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{15} R_{16} \\ - R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{14} R_{15} R_{16} - R_2 R_3 R_4 R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} - R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} - R_2 R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} - R_2 R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} - R_2 R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} - R_2 R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} R_{15} R_{16} - R_3 R_4 R_{10} R_{1$$

(22)

Some Particular Cases

Case i. If reliability of each component of the system is R

In this case, equation (22) yields:

$$R_S = R^{11} + 3R^{12} - R^{13} - 2R^{14} - 3R^{15} + 4R^{16} - R^{17}$$
(23)

Case ii. When all failures follow Weibull time distribution

Let $a_i(i = 1, 2, ..., 17)$ be the failure rate of i^{th} component of the complex system and α be a positive parameter than; in this case, reliability of the whole system, at instant *t*, can be obtained from equation (22) as:

(1)
$$R_{SW}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{14} \exp \left\{ -\lambda_i t^{\alpha} \right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \exp \left\{ -\mu_j t^{\alpha} \right\}$$
 (24)

where λ_i 's and μ_j 's are given as under:

$$\lambda_1 = c + a_2 + a_{10} + a_{14}$$
$$\lambda_2 = c + a_2 + a_{10} + a_{15} + a_{16}$$

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$$\begin{split} \lambda_3 &= c + a_2 + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{14} \\ \lambda_4 &= c + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{14} \\ \lambda_5 &= c + a_2 + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \lambda_6 &= c + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \lambda_7 &= c + a_3 + a_4 + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \lambda_8 &= c + a_3 + a_4 + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \lambda_9 &= c + a_2 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{14} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \lambda_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \lambda_{11} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \lambda_{12} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \lambda_{13} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{14} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \lambda_{14} &= c + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{14} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_1 &= c + a_2 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{14} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_2 &= c + a_2 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{14} \\ \mu_4 &= c + a_2 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_5 &= c + a_2 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_6 &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{14} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_7 &= c + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{14} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_8 &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{14} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_9 &= c + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_{16} \\ \mu_{10} &= c + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_{10} + a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{15} + a_$$

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and $c = a_1 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7 + a_8 + a_9 + a_{13} + a_{17}$

(2) Mean time to failure (M.T.T.F)

The expression for MTTF is given by

$$MTTF = \int_{0}^{\infty} R_{SW}(t)dt$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\overline{(1/\alpha)}}{(\lambda_{i})^{1/\alpha}} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\overline{(1/\alpha)}}{(\mu_{j})^{1/\alpha}}$$
(25)

(3) System's life time distribution P.D.F:

The system life time p.d.f. is given by

$$f(t) = -\frac{d}{dt} R_{SW}(t)$$
$$= \alpha t^{\alpha - 1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{14} \lambda_i \exp \left\{ -\lambda_i t^{\alpha} \right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \mu_j \exp \left\{ -\mu_j t^{\alpha} \right\} \right]$$
(26)

(4) System's Hazard rate:

The system's hazard rate can be obtained by using the formula

$$r(t) = \frac{f(t)}{R_{SW}(t)} = \frac{\alpha t^{\alpha - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{14} \lambda_i \exp \left\{-\lambda_i t^{\alpha}\right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \mu_j \exp \left\{-\mu_j t^{\alpha}\right\}}{\sum_{i=1}^{14} \exp \left\{-\lambda_i t^{\alpha}\right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \exp \left\{-\mu_j t^{\alpha}\right\}}$$
(27)

(5) Moments:

$$E(T) = \int_0^\infty t f(t) dt$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} t\alpha t^{\alpha-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{14} \lambda_{i} \exp \left\{ -\lambda_{i} t^{\alpha} \right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \mu_{j} \exp \left\{ -\mu_{j} t^{\alpha} \right\} \right] dt$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{|(1/\alpha)|}{(\lambda_{i})^{1/\alpha}} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{|(1/\alpha)|}{(\mu_{j})^{1/\alpha}}$$
(28)

Also,
$$E(T^2) = \sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{2}{\alpha} \frac{\overline{|(2/\alpha)|}}{(\lambda_i)^{2/\alpha}} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{2}{\alpha} \frac{\overline{|(2/\alpha)|}}{(\mu_j)^{2/\alpha}}$$
 (29)

In general

$$E(T^{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{r}{\alpha} \frac{\overline{\left(r/\alpha\right)}}{\left(\lambda_{i}\right)^{r/\alpha}} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{r}{\alpha} \frac{\overline{\left(r/\alpha\right)}}{\left(\mu_{j}\right)^{r/\alpha}}$$
(30)

(6) Variance of time to failure:

The variance of time to failure is given by

$$V(t) = E(T^{2}) - [E(T^{2})]^{2}$$
$$= \frac{2}{\alpha} \left[\frac{2}{\alpha} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{1}{(\lambda_{i})^{2/\alpha}} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{1}{(\mu_{j})^{2/\alpha}} \right] - \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \right]^{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{1}{(\lambda_{i})^{1/\alpha}} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{1}{(\mu_{j})^{1/\alpha}} \right]^{2} (31)$$

Case iii. When all failures follow exponential time distribution.

As we know, the exponential distribution is a specific case of Weibull distribution $\alpha = 1$. Hence, the reliability of the whole system at an instant's, in this case, is given by:

(1)
$$R_{SE}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{14} \exp \left\{ -\lambda_i t \right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \exp \left\{ -\mu_j t \right\}$$
 (32)

Also, the expression for M.T.T.F., in this case, is

(2) M.T.T.F. =
$$\int_0^\infty R_{SE}(t)dt$$

$$=\sum_{i=1}^{14} \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \left\{ \frac{1}{\mu_j} \right\}$$
(33)

(3) System's life time distribution:

$$f(t) = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{14} \lambda_i \exp \left\{-\lambda_i t\right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \mu_j \exp \left\{-\mu_j t\right\}\right]$$
(34)

(4) System's Hazard rate:

$$r(t) = \frac{f(t)}{R_{SE}(t)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{14} \lambda_i \exp \left\{-\lambda_i t\right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \mu_j \exp \left\{-\mu_j t\right\}}{\sum_{i=1}^{14} \exp \left\{-\lambda_i t\right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \exp \left\{-\mu_j t\right\}}$$
(35)

(5) Moments:

$$E(T) = \sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{1}{(\lambda_i)} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{1}{(\mu_j)}$$
(36)

$$E(T^{2}) = 2\left[\sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{1}{(\lambda_{i})^{2}} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{1}{(\mu_{j})^{2}}\right]$$
(37)

$$E(T^{r}) = r \left[r \left[\sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{1}{(\lambda_{i})^{2}} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{1}{(\mu_{j})^{r}} \right]$$
(38)

(6) Variance of time to failure:

$$V(T) = 2\left[\sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{1}{(\lambda_i)^2} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{1}{(\mu_j)^2}\right] - \left[\sum_{i=1}^{14} \frac{1}{(\lambda_i)} - \sum_{j=1}^{13} \frac{1}{(\mu_j)}\right]^2$$
(39)

where, values of λ_i 's and μ_j 's have mentioned earlier.

Numerical Computation

For a numerical computation

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(i) Setting $a_i(i = 1, 2, ..., 17) = 0.003$ and $\alpha \in [0.6, 1.8]$ with the space 0.2 in equation (24), (26) and (27) where time 't' varies between 0 to 10;

(ii) Setting $a_i(i = 1, 2, ..., 17) = a = 0, 0.1, ..., 1.0$ and $\alpha \in [0.6, 1.8]$ in equation (25), one may compute the table of Reliability for Weibull time distribution $R_{SW}(t)$, Density Function f(t) System's Hazard rate r(t) and Mean time to failure M.T.T.F vs a by using Mathematica in the table 1, 2, 3 and 4. Corresponding graphs have shown through respective figures.

Time	Reliability for Weibull Distribution $R_{SW}(t)$										
τ	$\alpha = 0.6$	$\alpha = 0.8$	$\alpha = 1.0$	$\alpha = 1.2$	$\alpha = 1.4$	$\alpha = 1.6$	$\alpha = 1.8$				
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
1	0.973378	0.973378	0.973378	0.973378	0.973378	0.973378	0.973378				
2	0.959939	0.954127	0.947495	0.939936	0.931331	0.921546	0.910438				
3	0.949202	0.937136	0.922326	0.904215	0.882164	0.855464	0.82335				
4	0.939936	0.921546	0.897847	0.867531	0.829122	0.781065	0.721906				
5	0.931644	0.906974	0.874036	0.830587	0.774208	0.702664	0.614578				
6	0.924061	0.893201	0.850871	0.79382	0.718808	0.623543	0.508327				
7	0.917028	0.880087	0.828331	0.757524	0.663925	0.546194	0.40848				
8	0.910438	0.867531	0.806396	0.721906	0.610301	0.472468	0.318757				
9	0.904215	0.855464	0.785048	0.687113	0.558481	0.403688	0.241379				
10	0.898304	0.843827	0.764268	0.65325	0.508862	0.340733	0.17723				

Table 1. Reliability $R_{SW}(t)$ w.r.t Time 't':



Figure 2.

Time	System's life time distribution P.D.F. $f(t)$											
τ	$\alpha = 0.6$	$\alpha = 0.8$	$\alpha = 1.0$	$\alpha = 1.2$	$\alpha = 1.4$	$\alpha = 1.6$	$\alpha = 1.8$					
0	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	0.027	0	0	0	0					
1	0.0157489	0.020999	0.026248	0.031498	0.036748	0.041997	0.0472467					
2	0.0117637	0.017904	0.025522	0.034889	0.046313	0.06014	0.0767509					
3	0.00988617	0.016204	0.02482	0.036352	0.051509	0.071064	0.0957935					
4	0.0087223	0.015035	0.024141	0.036903	0.054249	0.077022	0.105679					
5	0.0079046	0.014144	0.023485	0.036914	0.055351	0.079236	0.107815					
6	0.00728679	0.013425	0.022849	0.036572	0.055284	0.078593	0.103801					
7	0.0067972	0.012821	0.022234	0.035986	0.054359	0.075799	0.0952754					
8	0.00639591	0.012301	0.021638	0.035226	0.0528	0.071434	0.0838029					
9	0.00605861	0.011844	0.021061	0.034343	0.050775	0.065981	0.0708097					
10	0.00576952	0.011436	0.020501	0.033371	0.048415	0.059845	0.0575312					

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Figure 3.

Time	System's Hazard rate $r(t)$											
t	$\alpha = 0.6$	$\alpha = 0.8$	$\alpha = 1.0$	α = 1.2	$\alpha = 1.4$	$\alpha = 1.6$	$\alpha = 1.8$					
0	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	0.027	0	0	0	0					
1	0.0161796	0.0215729	0.026966	0.032359	0.037753	0.043146	0.0485389					
2	0.0122546	0.0187646	0.026936	0.037119	0.049728	0.065259	0.0843011					
3	0.0104152	0.0172911	0.02691	0.040202	0.058389	0.083071	0.116346					
4	0.00927967	0.0163149	0.026888	0.042538	0.06543	0.098611	0.146388					
5	0.00848457	0.0155949	0.026869	0.044444	0.071494	0.112765	0.175429					
6	0.00788561	0.0150299	0.026854	0.046071	0.076911	0.126043	0.204201					
7	0.00741221	0.014568	0.026842	0.047504	0.081875	0.138776	0.233244					
8	0.00702509	0.0141793	0.026833	0.048796	0.086515	0.151193	0.262905					
9	0.00670041	0.0138451	0.026828	0.049981	0.090917	0.163446	0.293355					
10	0.00642267	0.013553	0.026825	0.051084	0.095143	0.175637	0.324614					

	Table	3.	System's	Hazard	rate	w.r.t	Time	<i>'t</i> '.
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Figure 4.

Table 4. M.T.T.F w.r.t Failure Rate 'a'.

Time	Mean Time To Failure M.T.T.F.										
ʻa'	$\alpha = 0.6$	$\alpha = 0.8$	$\alpha = 1.0$	$\alpha = 1.2$	$\alpha = 1.4$	$\alpha = 1.6$	$\alpha = 1.8$				
	Complex	Complex	Complex	Complex	Complex	Complex	Complex				
0	Infinity	Infinity	Infinity	Infinity	Infinity	Infinity	Infinity				
0.1	1.69119	1.24915	1.08629	1.01041	0.97054	0.948192	0.935281				
0.2	0.532691	0.525203	0.543144	0.567071	0.591551	0.614827	0.63636				
0.3	0.271013	0.316383	0.362096	0.404478	0.442805	0.477195	0.508013				
0.4	0.167787	0.220821	0.271572	0.318258	0.360554	0.398666	0.432976				
0.5	0.115676	0.167071	0.217258	0.264253	0.307432	0.346769	0.382495				
0.6	0.0853637	0.133023	0.181048	0.227005	0.269893	0.309423	0.345649				
0.7	0.066023	0.109709	0.155184	0.19964	0.241753	0.281003	0.31728				
0.8	0.0528496	0.0928436	0.135786	0.178616	0.21976	0.258503	0.294595				
0.9	0.0434298	0.080133	0.120699	0.161917	0.202028	0.240157	0.275935				



Figure 5.

Conclusion

In this study, the author has considered an industrial problem related to the peel remover plant of rice to evaluate some essential reliability parameters using the algebra of logic and boolean function technique. Some standby and parallel units are arranged in a redundant position to improve the system's performance. Switching device has been used to online standby unit on the failure of main unit. The reliability of the whole system has been computed in three different cases. Also, the M.T.T.F. of the system, in cases failures follow exponential time distribution, has been obtained. A numerical example together with a graphical illustration has been appended in the end to highlight actual results.

A critical examination of table 1 for $R_{SW}(t)$ with t and the corresponding graph which have been shown in figure 2 reveals that the system's reliability decreases rapidly. It is also evident that the reliability tends to zero more rapidly as we increase the value of α .

Table 2 and figure 3 represent the trends for System's life time distribution P.D.F. f(t). For some time, interval the density function increases and after this time interval it decreases also it is observed that from the graphs as we increase the value of α the curve becomes more peaked and its approaches to the curve of normal distribution.

Table 3 and figure 4 provides the trends of Hazard's rate or failure rate to the system and this is clear from the graph. It is also evident that the failure rate increases as we increase the value of α .

The study of M.T.T.F. and corresponding graphs shows that the graph for each value of α is same. The deep observation shows that if $a \in [0, 0.1]$ the M.T.T.F. increases while if $a \in [0.1, 0.2]$ and when $a \in [0.2, 1.0]$ the M.T.T.F. decreases approximately in a uniform way.

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