



Avd. Matematisk statistik

KTH Matematik

EXAM IN SF2937 RELIABILITY THEORY
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Allowed material: Formulas and tables for the basic course. Formulas for Reliability theory. Calculator.

The results will be reported to Ladok at the latest 3 weeks after the exam and will thereafter be available through "Mina sidor". If you want your result by e-mail send an e-mail to gunnare@math.kth.se requesting this.

Notation should be defined. Arguments and calculations should be extensive enough to be understood clearly. Numerical answers should be given with at least 2 decimal accuracy.

The limit for E is 24 points. A follow-up exam (komplettering) can be made if you have 22–23 points.

Uppgift 1

A Markov chain has the states $\{1, 2, 3\}$ and the transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.4 & 0.3 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The chain starts at time 0 in state 1.

- a) Determine the expected number of steps until the chain has visited state 3 twice. (6 p)
- b) Show that the chain has an asymptotic distribution and calculate it. (4 p)

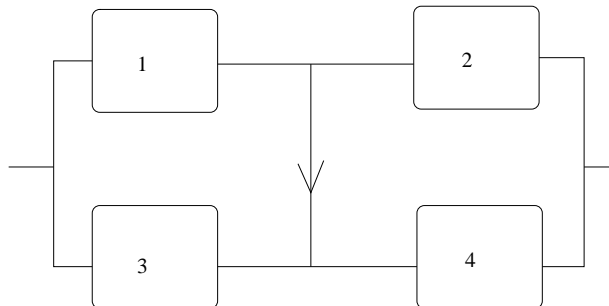
Uppgift 2

a) A certain type of component has an exponentially distributed life lengths with mean m . To estimate m we tested components in 20 sockets until we obtained 10 failures. Failed components were replaced with new ones. After 15 840 hours we obtained the 10th failure. Calculate a 95% two-sided confidence interval for m . (5 p)

b) Calculate a 95% confidence interval for the probability that a component lasts at least 25 000 hours. (5 p)

Uppgift 3

In the system below the components work independently of each other and all have the failure rate $\lambda = 2 \cdot 10^{-3} h^{-1}$.



Calculate

- the structure function in basic form. (2 p)
- the expected life length. (2 p)
- the variance of the life length. (3 p)
- approximately the probability that during 10^5 hours we have had to make more than 250 exchanges when the whole system is exchanged for a new one when it fails. The exchange time can be neglected. (3 p)

Hint: A useful formula is

$$E(X^r) = r \cdot \int_0^\infty x^{r-1} (1 - F_X(x)) dx, \quad r > 0$$

where X is a non-negative random variable with distribution function F_X . Another useful fact is that $\int_0^\infty x^r e^{-x} dx = r!$ if r is integer.

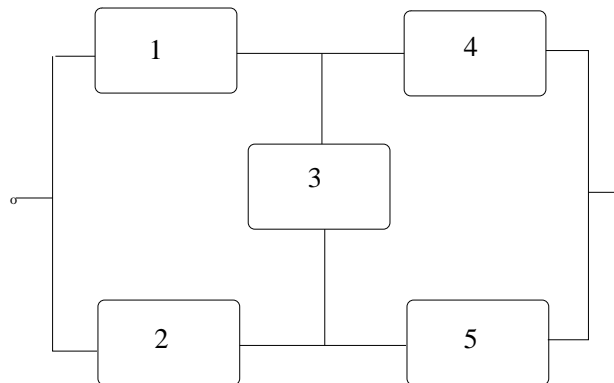
Uppgift 4

A system consists of two components A and B in parallel and they both have failure rate λ . When one of them fails a repair crew is called in. The time until the repair crew arrives is exponentially distributed with expected value $1/\nu$ and then the repair intensity is μ . If another component fails while he is repairing, he starts repairing it when the first repair is completed.

$\lambda = 10^{-3}$, $\mu = 10 \cdot 10^{-3}$ och $\nu = 20 \cdot 10^{-3} (h^{-1})$

Calculate the asymptotic availability. (10 p)

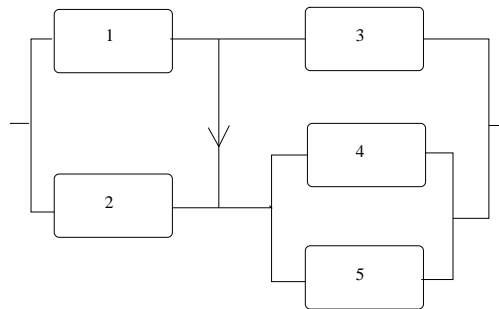
Uppgift 5



In the system above the life lengths of the components are associated and hence their state variables are associated at each time. All components have the failure rate λ .

- Write down the minimal paths and minimal cuts. (2 p)
- Give an upper and a lower limit for the probability that the system works at time t . (5 p)
- Give an upper and a lower limit for the expected life length of the system. (3 p)

Uppgift 6



- In the system above the components work independently of each other and have function probabilities

$$p_1 = 0.95 \quad p_2 = 0.9 \quad p_3 = 0.8 \quad p_4 = 0.7 \quad p_5 = 0.75$$

- Calculate the probability that the system works. (4 p)
- Calculate the Birnbaums measure of component importance for component 1, $I^B(1)$. (3 p)
- Calculate the Vesely-Fussells measure of importance for component 5, $I^{VF}(5)$. (3 p)