



RELIABILITY MODEL ASSORTMENT AND FAILURE PARAMETER GROUPING FOR MAINTENANCE ANALYSIS OF HYDRO POWER PLANTS: A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Hydro power generation is one of the most successful renewable energy resources for the production electrical energy without any environmental hazard and presently it providing more than 86% of all electricity generated by renewable sources worldwide and accounts for about 20% of world electricity. Maintenance and operation of a hydro power plant is very complicated and the process to calculate and analyzing its compatibility and reliability is very important. The availability and reliability of power plant can be evaluated by taking into account different failure parameter, namely failure rate (λ), repair rate (μ), MTTR, MTTF, MTBF. Reliable and durable operation of any power plant or system depends upon maintenance. The error in any a single sub unit can affect the annual performance and efficiency of power generation. Proper selection of reliability model and various failure parameter help to decrease repair cost, identifying sensitive equipment's to be replaced and probable errors can be removed that improve availability of power at low cost as per given input, and allow a fair step towards energy independence of local community. Reliability model selection plays a key role in the cost-effectiveness of systems. Therefore the sole purpose of this study is intended to provide improved criteria for future proposal and serves as a basis for generation expansion planning of hydro power plants.

Keywords: *hydro power plant, Reliability models, Reliability/failure parameters, Reliability approach*

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's technological world nearly everyone depends upon the continued functioning of a wide arrangement of complex machinery and equipment for our everyday safety, security, mobility and economic welfare. We expect our electric appliances, lights, hospital monitoring control, next-generation aircraft, nuclear, hydro power plants, data exchange systems, and aerospace applications, to function whenever we need them. When they fail, the results can be terrible, injury or even loss of life of machineries and human hazard also. As our society grows in complexity, so do the critical reliability challenges and problems that must be solved. The area of reliability engineering currently received a remarkable attention from numerous researchers and practitioners as well. The reliability parameter evaluation is very important for every power plant because it provides the information about the running and failure condition of the each equipment, machineries and overall plants failure. This information will be very helpful for the pre planning & scheduling of the required some maintenance action which will increase the productive life of the whole plant and so that can produce the

continuous power supply to consumer without failure. If once the any one of the plants machinery/equipment fails even for few days the generation of power will shut down and it directly involves capital (loss of huge capital) and no power supply to consumer which also involves the loss of money from the consumers. The failure of individual machinery/equipment or whole plants again and again required some maintenance action which directly influenced on the cost of power generation and power supply to the customers per unit. Therefore our intention must be to increase the performance, efficiency and the system must be reliable. Let us discuss some model which describes the nature of probability of failure, probability of survival (Reliability) of the system.

II. RELIABILITY MODELS

The following are the model which is helpful to evaluate the reliability distribution function.

2.1 Time to Failure Models

(a)The Exponential Model: - The exponential distribution, the most basic and widely used as reliability prediction formula, models machines with the constant failure rate. The Exponential Model is used during the ‘Useful Life’ period of an item’s life, i.e., after the ‘Infant Mortality ‘phase before Wear out begins. The probability distribution function is written as:

$$f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$R(t) = 1 - \int_0^t f(t)dt = e^{-\lambda t}$$

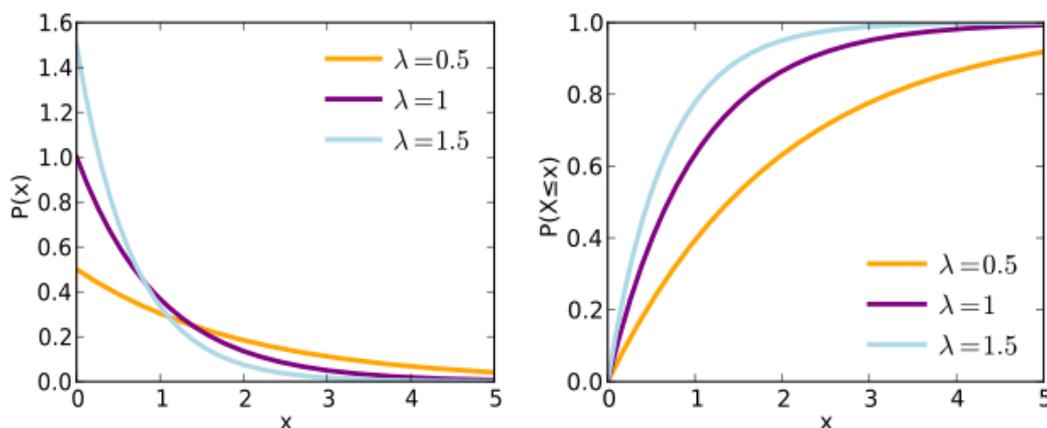


Fig. 1 Reliability exponential distribution function model

(b)The Weibull Model: - The exponential distribution is often limited in applicability due to the memory less property. The Weibull distribution (Weibull 1951) is a generalization of the exponential distribution and is commonly used to represent fatigue life, ball bearing life, and vacuum tube life. The Weibull distribution is exceptionally flexible and suitable for modeling component lifetimes with unpredictable hazard rate functions and for representing various types of engineering applications. The Weibull distribution has the great advantage in reliability work that by adjusting the distribution parameter. It can make to fit many life distributions. The Weibull reliability function is:

$$R(t) = e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\eta}\right)^\beta}$$

The hazard rate is

$$h(t) = \frac{\beta}{\eta^\beta} t^{\beta-1}$$

Where β is shape parameter and α is scale parameter or characteristic life. It is the life at which 63.2% of the population will have failed.

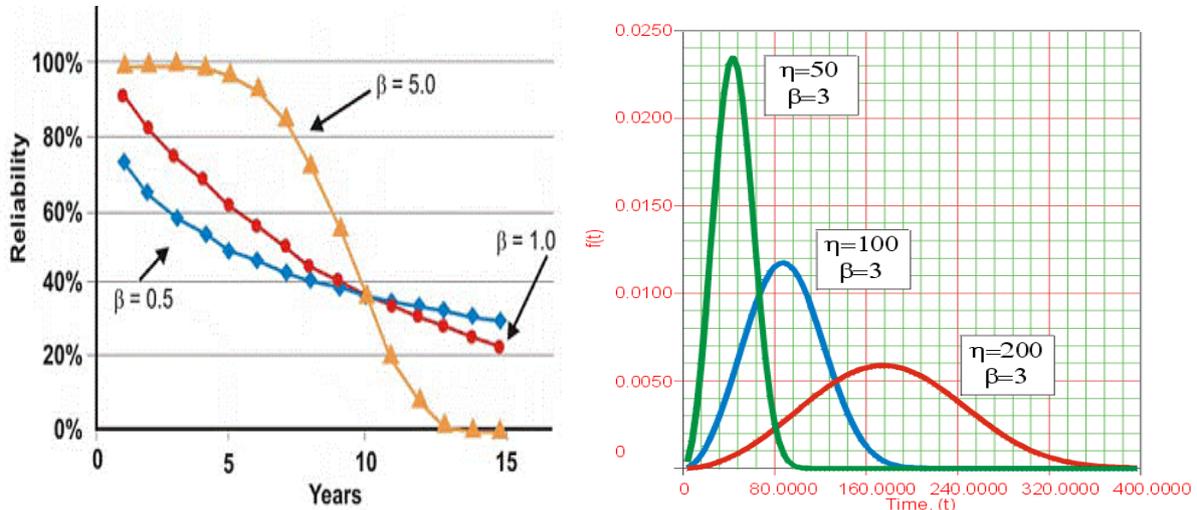


Fig.2 Reliability Weibull distribution function model

(c)The Normal (or Gaussian) Model: - Normal distribution plays an important role in classical statistics owing to the Central Limit Theorem. In reliability engineering, the normal distribution primarily applies to measurements of product susceptibility and external stress. This two- parameter distribution is used to describe systems in which a failure results due to some wear out effect for many mechanical systems. The normal distribution function is:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{(2\pi)}} e^{-\left[\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]}$$

$$R(t) = \int_t^\infty f(t)dt$$

Where μ is the location parameter equal to the mean. The mode and median are coincide with the mean as the probability distribution function is symmetrical, and σ is the scale parameter equal to the standard deviation.

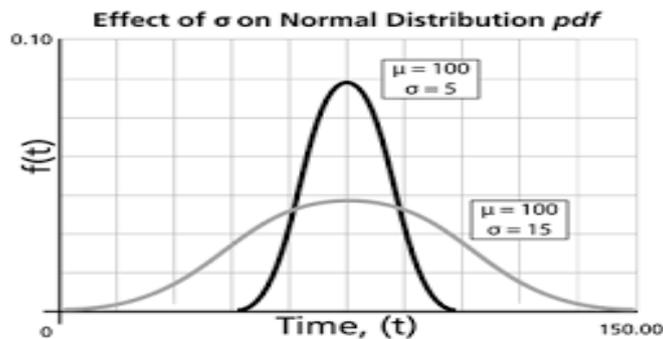


Fig.3 Reliability Normal distribution function model

(d)The Lognormal Model: - The log normal lifetime distribution is a very flexible and more versatile model that can empirically fit many types of failure data such as population with wear out characteristic. This distribution,

with its applications in maintainability engineering, is able to model failure probabilities of repairable systems and to model the uncertainty in failure rate information. The log normal density function is given by

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\sigma x \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\left[\frac{(\ln x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]}$$

$$R(t) = \int_t^{\infty} f(t) dt$$

Where μ & σ = the mean and standard deviation of the ln data.

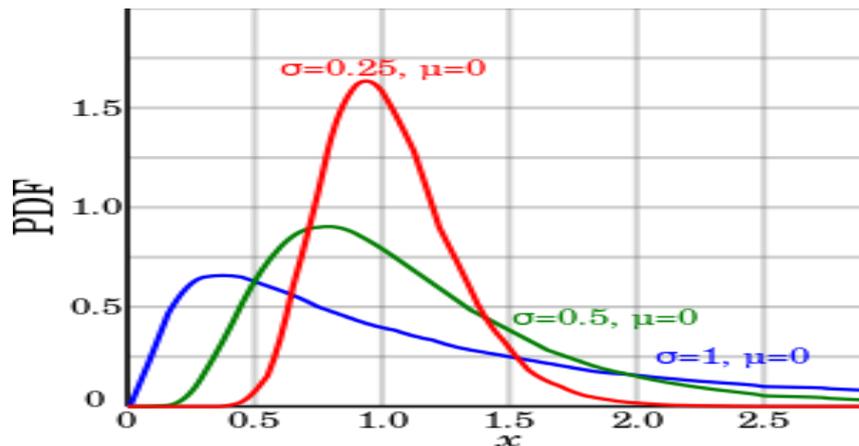


Fig.4 Reliability Log-Normal distribution function model

2.2 Discrete Event Models

(a) The Binomial Model: - The binomial distribution is one of the most extensively used discrete random variable distributions in reliability and quality assessment. It has applications in reliability engineering, e.g., when one is dealing with a situation in which an event is either a success or a failure. The pdf of the distribution is given by.

$$P(X = x) = \left\{ \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \right\} P^x (1 - P)^{n-x} \quad \text{for } x = 0,1,2,3 \dots n$$

Where n = number of trials.

x= number of successes.

p= single trial probability of success.

The reliability function, R(x), (i.e., at least x out of n items are good) is given by

$$R(x) = \sum_x^n \left\{ \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \right\} P^x (1 - P)^{n-x}$$

(b)The Poisson Model: - Although the Poisson distribution is used in a similar manner to the binomial distribution, it is used to deal with events in which the sample size is not known. This is also a discrete random variable distribution whose pdf is given by

$$P(X = x) = \frac{(\lambda t)^x e^{-\lambda t}}{x!} \quad \text{for } x = 0,1,2,3 \dots n$$

Where λ = constant failure rate

x is the number of events. In other words, $P(X=x)$ is the probability of exactly x failures occurring in time t .

Therefore, the reliability Poisson distribution, $R(k)$ (the probability of k or fewer failures) is given by

$$R(x) = \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{(\lambda t)^x e^{-\lambda t}}{x!}$$

This distribution can be used to determine the number of spares required for the reliability of standby redundant systems during a given mission.

2.3 Reliability Technique or Method

Method of evaluation of reliability techniques they are categories by two approach 1)Analytical 2)Simulation. Analytical approaches gives information about mathematical modeling & evaluate reliability indices by mathematical solution. Whereas simulation technique gives information about to estimates the reliability indices by simulating the actual process & random behavior of the system (like Monte Carlo). Many tasks, techniques and analyses are specific to particular industries and applications. Commonly these include:-

- Failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA)
- Reliability Hazard analysis
- Reliability Block Diagram analysis
- Fault tree analysis
- Root cause analysis
- Sneak circuit analysis
- Accelerated Testing
- Reliability Growth analysis
- Weibull analysis
- Thermal analysis by Finite Element Analysis (FEA) and / or Measurement
- Thermal induced, shock and vibration fatigue analysis by FEA and / or Measurement
- Electromagnetic analysis
- Statistical interference
- Boolean algebra
- Avoidance of Single Point of Failure
- Functional Analysis (like Function FMEA) and functional Failure Analysis (FHA or FFA)
- Markovian analysis approach
- Predictive and preventive maintenance: Reliability Centered Maintenance (RCM) analysis
- Testability analysis
- Failure diagnostics analysis (normally also incorporated in FMEA)
- Human error analysis
- Operational Hazard analysis /
- Manual screening
- Integrated Logistics Support

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

Adam Baharum, Faris Mahdi Alwan, and Saad Talib Hasson et al. [1] In this work he is presenting an algorithm for estimating the performance of high-power station connected in series, parallel, and mixed series –parallel with collective factor failures caused by any part of the system equipment. The objective of this work are to increase the life lifetime of the station and reduce sudden station failures. In this work data analysis was performed using the most valid distribution of the Weibull distribution with scale parameter $\alpha=1.3137$ and shape parameter $\beta=94.618$. This analysis revealed that the reliability value decreased by 2.82% in 30 days. The result of this work can be used for the maintenance of power system models and preventive maintenance model for power systems.

Ungji Kwon, Trungtin Tran, Sangheon Jeong, Bo Shi, Jaeseok Choi et al. [2] In this paper he is presenting a practical method of probabilistic reliability evaluation of KOREA Power system by using the Probabilistic Reliability Assessment (PRA) program and Physical and Operational Margins (POM). this work is case study to compute the Probabilistic Reliability Indices (PRI) by applying the above method. PRA & POM take large number of contingency in load stimulations and combines them with practical method of characterizing the effect of the availabilities & effectiveness of generators, line & transformers. In this paper he is simulating to above analyze the condition of the system under these constraints that are voltage violation, overload violation and voltage stability violation. The result shows of reliability indices are different type with other method.

Farshad Khosravi, Naziha Ahmad Azli, Ebrahim Babaei et al. [3] Some paper have introduced the modeling methods for reliability production of transferring distribution parts at the power system but in this work for the first time he is presenting the analysis of reliability indices for all parts of generation unit (Thermal power plants) by using the new method of modeling. In this work he is calculating the unit indices in different states of power limitations and power not supplied can be calculated. It can be also calculated the total average of annual not supplied energy on the basis of occurred different errors.

Manjit verma, Amit Kumar, Yaduvir Singh et al. [4] In this paper he describes a fault tree technique based on generalized fuzzy numbers to a possibility distribution of reliability indices for power system are used. In this paper, the fault-tree incorporated with the generalized trapezoidal fuzzy number and minimal cut sets approach is used for reliability assessment of power systems and us by using this approach fuzzy system reliability can be analyzed in a more flexible and intelligent manner. In this work he has been constructed fault for gas power plant and due to uncertainty all the collected data are represented by generalized trapezoidal fuzzy number.

M. VALDMA, M. KEEL, H. TAMMOJA, K. KILK et al. [5] In this work he is evaluating the reliability principle of electric power generation in a power system including thermal and wind power plants. In this work he is recommended uncertain probabilistic models of reliabilities besides of classical probabilistic model. This work is based on reliability studies of oil shale power plants and unit. In this work the power output by wind power plants is treated as non-stationary random process. This case study is done on pakri wind pork and wind power plant of Denmark.

S.O. Oyedepo, R.O. Fagbenle, S.S. Adefila, S.A. Adavbiele et al. [6] In this study he is evaluating the performance and economic analysis of (in terms of power outage cost due to system downtime) of a gas power plant in Nigeria for a period of 2001-2010 in thermal power plant. The thermal power station consists of nine gas turbine units with total capacity of 301MW. This study reveals that 64.3% of the installed capacity was



available in the period. To improve the performance indices of the point he has been suggested such as training of operation and maintenance. Personal regularly improvement in O & M practices proper spare parts inventory etc. This developed performance indicator to evaluate the performance indices and outage cost for the station can also be applicable to other power station elsewhere.

Mr. S. S. Hirve, Dr. Mrs. S. R. Deshmukh et al. [7] Since wind speeds vary from month to month and second to second, the amount of electricity produced by wind can varies constantly so the main objective of this work is to study the concept of capacity availability of wind turbine for maximum utilization of resources. This work shows excellent potential as a form of contribution to conventional power generation systems. In this work he is using wind turbine model and probability theory. Capacity availability for wind power estimation which forms an important input to proper resource utilization along with the probability of wind turbine. I this work the most commonly used analytical method for calculating reliability indices are- Markov process, the capacity outage probability table, loss of load probability (LOLP), loss of load expectancy(LOLE), loss of energy expected(LOEE). Another method used for reliability evaluation is Monte Carlo Simulation.

Shikha Bansal, S.C. Agarwal & Kuldeep Sharma et al. [8] In this work he is computing the terminal reliability of milk powder manufacturer plant based on minimizing Boolean expression technique for system of multistate elements. In this work he is developing Boolean reliability models was considered on the basis of logic, algebra of groups of incompatible events and classical logic and probabilistic method. The milk powder consists of four subsystems A, B, C, D viz. storage, hot plates, evaporator, dryer arranged in series. Sub system A&C has two units in standby with perfect switching, sub system B has two unit in parallel redundancy and sub system D has one unit. The reliability and MTTF have been evaluated for these systems and the failure rate is considered to be exponentially distributed.

Apoorva Kulakarni, Sharada Prasad C.R. et al. [9] The main objective of this project is to develop a method to evaluate the reliability of output power obtained from wind electric conversion system. The approach used for this work involves the simplified reliability model for wind energy conversion system. In this methodology four factors are calculated which are wind availability factor, constant power output factor, variable power output factor and factor for mechanical failure. To determine these factor Weibull distribution are used and to plot the sensitivity graph for the several key parameter MATLAB are used.

Adamu Murtala Zungeru, Adegboye Babatunde Araoye, Bajoga Buba Garegy et al. [10] In this paper (work) his aimed at evaluating the reliability performance of Kainji hydro electric power station of Nigeria. Here the adopted approach are used for reliability evaluation are based on the frequency and duration (F & D). To set the reliability parameters which quantify the generating unit reliability are computed for each unit using the annual outage duration and then overall station reliability is evaluated by the convolution of the generation and load models using the F&D. There are total eight units and Kaplan turbines are using of the installed capacity of 760 MW.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper after studying the related work on reliability evaluation of different power generation plant it is found that the evaluation of reliability parameter, availability, frequency of failure of the system and repair rate are very essential for proper monitoring and to collect the information of the individual or whole system. This gathered data will provide the information regarding the plants system running/functioning performance &



condition which will be very helpful to plan some required maintenance action before the occurrence of systems failure. In this paper I am discussing only the reliability distribution model and the approach/technique listed above which can be frequently employed to evaluate the reliability parameters and can also be used to compare the results. These calculated data base can also be used for further plant expansion. The result of this work will published in the main paper soon.

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