

Maintenance Replacement And Reliability

Many serious accidents have happened in the world where systems have been large-scale and complex, and have caused heavy damage and a social sense of instability. Furthermore, advanced nations have almost finished public infrastructure and rushed into a maintenance period. Maintenance will be more important than production, manufacture, and construction, that is, more maintenance for environmental considerations and for the protection of natural resources. From now on, the importance of maintenance will increase more and more. In the past four decades, valuable contributions to maintenance policies in reliability theory have been made. This book is intended to summarize the research results studied mainly by the author in the past three decades. The book deals primarily with standard to advanced problems of maintenance policies for system reliability models. System reliability can be mainly improved by repair and preventive maintenance, and replacement, and reliability properties can be investigated by using stochastic process techniques. The optimum maintenance policies for systems that minimize or maximize appropriate objective functions under suitable conditions are discussed both analytically and practically. The book is composed of nine chapters. Chapter 1 is devoted to an introduction to reliability theory, and briefly reviews stochastic processes needed for reliability and maintenance theory. Chapter 2 summarizes the results of repair maintenance, which is the most basic maintenance in reliability. The repair maintenance of systems such as the one-unit system and multiple-unit redundant systems is treated. Chapters 3 through 5 summarize the results of three typical maintenance policies of age, periodic, and block replacements.

Consider a Viable and Cost-Effective Platform for the Industries of the Future (IOF) Benefit from improved safety, performance, and product deliveries to your customers. Achieve a higher rate of equipment availability, performance, product quality, and reliability. Integrated Reliability: Condition Monitoring and Maintenance of Equipment incorporate

Integrating development processes, policies, and reliability predictions from the beginning of the product development lifecycle to ensure high levels of product performance and safety, this book helps companies overcome the challenges posed by increasingly complex systems in today's competitive marketplace. Examining both research on and practical aspects of product quality and reliability management with an emphasis on applications, the book features contributions written by active researchers and/or experienced practitioners in the field, so as to effectively bridge the gap between theory and practice and address new research challenges in reliability and quality management in practice. Postgraduates, researchers and practitioners in the areas of reliability engineering and management, amongst others, will find the book to offer a state-of-the-art survey of quality and reliability management and practices. Reliability and Maintenance: Networks and Systems gives an up-to-date presentation of system and network reliability analysis as well as maintenance planning with a focus on applicable models. Balancing theory and practice, it presents state-of-the-art research in key areas of reliability and maintenance theory and includes numerous examples and exercises. Every chapter starts with theoretical foundations and basic models and leads to more sophisticated models and ongoing research. The first part of the book introduces structural reliability theory for binary coherent systems. Within the framework of these systems, the second part covers network reliability analysis. The third part presents simply structured maintenance policies that may help with the cost-optimal scheduling of preventive maintenance. Each part can be read independently of one another. Suitable for researchers, practitioners, and graduate students in engineering, operations research, computer science, and applied mathematics, this book offers a thorough guide to the mathematical modeling of reliability and maintenance. It supplies the necessary theoretical and practical details for readers to perform reliability analyses and apply maintenance policies in their organizations.

Complex high-technology devices are in growing use in industry, service sectors, and everyday life. Their reliability and maintenance is of utmost importance in view of their cost and critical functions. This book focuses on this theme and is intended to serve as a graduate-level textbook and reference book for scientists and academics in the field. The chapters are grouped into five complementary parts that cover the most important aspects of reliability and maintenance: stochastic models of reliability and maintenance, decision models involving optimal replacement and repair, stochastic methods in software engineering, computational methods and simulation, and maintenance management systems. This wide range of topics provides the reader with a complete picture in a self-contained volume.

To maintain competitiveness in the emerging global economy, U.S. manufacturing must rise to new standards of product quality, responsiveness to customers, and process flexibility. This volume presents a concise and well-organized analysis of new research directions to achieve these goals. Five critical areas receive in-depth analysis of present practices, needed improvement, and research priorities: Advanced engineered materials that offer the prospect of better life-cycle performance and other gains. Equipment reliability and maintenance practices for better returns on capital investment. Rapid product realization techniques to speed delivery to the marketplace. Intelligent manufacturing control for improved reliability and greater precision. Building a workforce with the multidisciplinary skills needed for competitiveness. This sound and accessible analysis will be useful to manufacturing engineers and researchers, business executives, and economic and policy analysts.

This book introduces a new notion of replacement in maintenance and reliability theory. Replacement Overtime, where replacement is done at the first completion of a working cycle over a planned time, is a new research topic in maintenance theory and also serves to provide a fresh optimization technique in reliability engineering. In comparing replacement overtime with standard and random replacement techniques theoretically and numerically, 'Maintenance Overtime Policies in Reliability Theory' highlights the key improvements to be gained by adopting this new approach and shows how they can be applied to inspection policies, parallel systems and cumulative damage models. Utilizing the latest research in replacement overtime by internationally recognized experts, the reader will be introduced to new topics and methods, and learn how to apply this knowledge practically to actual reliability models. This book will serve as an essential guide to a new subject of study for graduate students and researchers and also provides a useful guide for reliability engineers and managers who have difficulties in maintenance of computer and production systems with random working cycles.

The popular RCMII methodology has been around since the late '90s, but it was what professionals call a consequence-based approach. This work represents a revision to that bestselling work, by John Moubray, with more modern thinking, an emphasis on a risk-based methodology, and alignment with International ISO standards (55000 and 31000). The result is a more holistic, integrated, and rigorous way for developing asset care and risk-mitigating strategies for physical assets. Since the release of the ISO 31000 and ISO 55000 Standards for Risk Management and Asset Management respectively, Aladon developed RCM3, a risk-based RCM methodology that places managing the risk and reliability of physical assets mainstream with other business management systems in an organization. RCM3 fully complies and exceeds the requirements of the SAEJA 1011 Standard and fully aligns with the frameworks of the ISO Standards. The new risk-based focus of RCM3 features the following principles: * The proactive management of physical and economic risks. * Updated approach for testing and managing of protective systems. * Based on the requirements of the fourth industrial revolution (Industry 4.0) and its challenges. * Covers new expectations and new maintenance techniques for fourth-generation maintenance. * Places reliability & risk management mainstream with organizational objectives and management systems. * Aligned and integrated with International ISO Standards for Physical Asset Management and Risk

Management (ISO 55000 & ISO 31000). * Now part of an integrated asset strategy for full life-cycle management of physical assets.

Written by a pioneer of reliability methods, this text applies statistical mathematics to analysis of electrical, mechanical, and other systems employed in airborne, missile, and ground equipment. 1961 edition.

Written specifically for the oil and gas industry, *Reliable Maintenance Planning, Estimating, and Scheduling* provides maintenance managers and engineers with the tools and techniques to create a manageable maintenance program that will save money and prevent costly facility shutdowns. The ABCs of work identification, planning, prioritization, scheduling, and execution are explained. The objective is to provide the capacity to identify, select and apply maintenance interventions that assure an effective maintenance management, while maximizing equipment performance, value creation and opportune and effective decision making. The book provides a pre- and post- self-assessment that will allow for measure competency improvement. Maintenance Managers and Engineers receive an expert guide for developing detailed actions including repairs, alterations, and preventative maintenance. The nuts and bolts of the planning, estimating, and scheduling process for oil and gas facilities Step-by-step maintenance guide will provide long-term, results-based operational services Case studies based on the oil and gas industry

This book explores the domain of reliability engineering in the context of machine tools. Failures of machine tools not only jeopardize users' ability to meet their due date commitments but also lead to poor quality of products, slower production, down time losses etc. Poor reliability and improper maintenance of a machine tool greatly increases the life cycle cost to the user. Thus, the application area of the present book, i.e. machine tools, will be equally appealing to machine tool designers, production engineers and maintenance managers. The book will serve as a consolidated volume on various dimensions of machine tool reliability and its implications from manufacturers and users point of view. From the manufacturers' point of view, it discusses various approaches for reliability and maintenance based design of machine tools. In specific, it discusses simultaneous selection of optimal reliability configuration and maintenance schedules, maintenance optimization under various maintenance scenarios and cost based FMEA. From the users' point of view, it explores the role of machine tool reliability in shop floor level decision- making. In specific, it shows how to model the interactions of machine tool reliability with production scheduling, maintenance scheduling and process quality control.

Based on the authors' research, *Reliability and Optimal Maintenance* presents the latest theories and methods of reliability and maintenance with an emphasis on multi-component systems, while also considering current hot topics in reliability and maintenance including: imperfect repair, economic dependence and opportunistic maintenance, and correlated failure and repair. Software reliability and maintenance cost, and warranty cost considerations are also

considered.

Without proper reliability and maintenance planning, even the most efficient and seemingly cost-effective designs can incur enormous expenses due to repeated or catastrophic failure and subsequent search for the cause. Today's engineering students face increasing pressure from employers, customers, and regulators to produce cost-efficient designs that are less prone to failure and that are safe and easy to use. The second edition of Reliability Engineering aims to provide an understanding of reliability principles and maintenance planning to help accomplish these goals. This edition expands the treatment of several topics while maintaining an integrated introductory resource for the study of reliability evaluation and maintenance planning. The focus across all of the topics treated is the use of analytical methods to support the design of dependable and efficient equipment and the planning for the servicing of that equipment. The argument is made that probability models provide an effective vehicle for portraying and evaluating the variability that is inherent in the performance and longevity of equipment. With a blend of mathematical rigor and readability, this book is the ideal introductory textbook for graduate students and a useful resource for practising engineers.

Since the publication of the second edition in 2013, there has been an increasing interest in asset management globally, as evidenced by a series of international standards on asset management systems, to achieve excellence in asset management. This cannot be achieved without high-quality data and the tools for data interpretation. The importance of such requirements is widely recognized by industry. The third edition of this textbook focuses on tools for physical asset management decisions that are data driven. It also uses a theoretical foundation to the tools (mathematical models) that can be used to optimize a variety of key maintenance/replacement/reliability decisions. Problem sets with answers are provided at the end of each chapter. Also available is an extensive set of PowerPoint slides and a solutions manual upon request with qualified textbook adoptions. This new edition can be used in undergraduate or post-graduate courses on physical asset management.

The Theory and Applications of Reliability: With Emphasis on Bayesian and Nonparametric Methods, Volume I covers the proceedings of the conference on "The Theory and Applications of Reliability with Emphasis on Bayesian and Nonparametric Methods." The conference is organized so as to have technical presentations, a clinical session, and round table discussions. This volume is a 29-chapter text that specifically deals with the theoretical aspects of reliability estimation. Considerable chapters on the technical sessions are devoted to initial findings on the theory and applications of reliability estimation, with special emphasis on Bayesian and nonparametric methods. A Bayesian analysis implies the use of suitable prior information in association with Bayes theorem while the nonparametric approach analyzes the reliability components and systems under the assumption of a time-to-failure distribution with a wide defining property

rather than a specific parametric class of probability distributions. The clinical session chapters discuss the actual problems encountered in reliability estimation. The remaining chapters deal with the status of the subject areas and the empirical Bayes developments. These chapters also present various probabilistic and statistic methods for reliability estimation. Theoreticians and reliability engineers will find this book invaluable.

Introducing a groundbreaking companion book to a bestselling reliability text Reliability is one of the most important characteristics defining the quality of a product or system, both for the manufacturer and the purchaser. One achieves high reliability through careful monitoring of design, materials and other input, production, quality assurance efforts, ongoing maintenance, and a variety of related decisions and activities. All of these factors must be considered in determining the costs of production, purchase, and ownership of a product. Case Studies in Reliability and Maintenance serves as a valuable addition to the current literature on the subject of reliability by bridging the gap between theory and application. Conceived during the preparation of the editors' earlier work, Reliability: Modeling, Prediction, and Optimization (Wiley, 2000), this new volume features twenty-six actual case studies written by top experts in their fields, each illustrating exactly how reliability models are applied. A valuable companion book to Reliability: Modeling, Prediction, and Optimization, or any other textbook on the subject, the book features: Case studies from fields such as aerospace, automotive, mining, electronics, power plants, dikes, computer software, weapons, photocopiers, industrial furnaces, granite building cladding, chemistry, and aircraft engines A logical organization according to the life cycle of a product or system A unified format of discussion enhanced by tools, techniques, and models for drawing one's own conclusions Pertinent exercises for reinforcement of ideas Of equal value to both students of reliability theory as well as professionals in industry, Case Studies in Reliability and Maintenance should be required reading for anyone seeking to understand how reliability and maintenance issues can be addressed and resolved in the real world.

Physical asset management is the management of fixed or non-current assets such as equipment and plant. Physical Asset Management presents a systematic approach to the management of these assets from concept to disposal. The general principles of physical asset management are discussed in a manner which makes them accessible to a wide audience, and covers all stages of the asset management process, including: initial business appraisal; identification of fixed asset needs; financial evaluation; logistic support analysis; life cycle costing; maintenance strategy; outsourcing; cost-benefit analysis; disposal; and renewal. Physical Asset Management addresses the needs of existing and potential asset managers, and provides an introduction to asset management for professionals in related disciplines, such as finance. The book provides both an introduction and a convenient reference work, covering all the main areas of physical asset management.

Plant Maintenance and Reliability Engineering provides both theoretical and practical knowledge together with the latest technological concepts and research in the field. The topics covered in this book are an integral part of the syllabi in most of the universities in India and meet the requirements of the course plant maintenance and reliability engineering taught in mechanical engineering and all allied branches. This book aims at providing the readers an insight into the working and maintenance of plant equipment and machinery. The text substantially deals with the emerging issues faced by plant engineers on a day-to-day basis and discusses the measures to address such issues. This book emphasises on the safety of workplace and workers and discusses the increasing role of plant managers in the corporate management. This text is precise, systematic, and uses an easy-to-understand language and is enriched with several illustrative examples.

Reliability theory is a major concern for engineers and managers engaged in making high quality products and designing highly reliable systems. "Advanced Reliability Models and Maintenance Policies" is a survey of new research topics in reliability theory and optimization techniques in reliability engineering. The book introduces partition and redundant problems within reliability models, and provides optimization techniques. The book also indicates how to perform maintenance in a finite time span and at failure detection, and to apply recovery techniques for computer systems. New themes such as reliability complexity and service reliability in reliability theory are theoretically proposed, and optimization problems in management science using reliability techniques are presented. The book is an essential guide for graduate students and researchers in reliability theory, and a valuable reference for reliability engineers engaged both in maintenance work and in management and computer systems.

Gas and Oil Reliability Engineering: Modeling and Analysis, Second Edition, provides the latest tactics and processes that can be used in oil and gas markets to improve reliability knowledge and reduce costs to stay competitive, especially while oil prices are low. Updated with relevant analysis and case studies covering equipment for both onshore and offshore operations, this reference provides the engineer and manager with more information on lifetime data analysis (LDA), safety integrity levels (SILs), and asset management. New chapters on safety, more coverage on the latest software, and techniques such as ReBi (Reliability-Based Inspection), ReGBI (Reliability Growth-Based Inspection), RCM (Reliability Centered Maintenance), and LDA (Lifetime Data Analysis), and asset integrity management, make the book a critical resource that will arm engineers and managers with the basic reliability principles and standard concepts that are necessary to explain their use for reliability assurance for the oil and gas industry. Provides the latest tactics and processes that can be used in oil and gas markets to improve reliability knowledge and reduce costs Presents practical knowledge with over 20 new internationally-based case studies covering BOPs, offshore platforms, pipelines, valves, and subsea equipment from various locations, such

as Australia, the Middle East, and Asia Contains expanded explanations of reliability skills with a new chapter on asset integrity management, relevant software, and techniques training, such as THERP, ASEP, RBI, FMEA, and RAMS

A completely revised and updated edition of a bestseller, *Maintenance, Replacement, and Reliability: Theory and Applications, Second Edition* supplies the tools needed for making data-driven physical asset management decisions. The well-received first edition quickly became a mainstay for professors, students, and professionals, with its clear presentation of concepts immediately applicable to real-life situations. However, research is ongoing and relentless—in only a few short years, much has changed. See What's New in the Second Edition: New Topics

- The role of maintenance in sustainability issues
- PAS 55, a framework for optimizing management assets
- Data management issues, including cases where data are unavailable or sparse
- How candidates for component replacement can be prioritized using the Jack-knife diagram
- New Appendices
 - Maximum Likelihood Estimated (MLE) Markov chains and knowledge elicitation procedures based on a Bayesian approach to parameter estimation
 - E-learning materials now supplement two previous appendices (Statistics Primer and Weibull Analysis)
- Updated the appendix List of Applications of Maintenance Decision Optimization Models

Firmly based on the results of real-world research in physical asset management, the book focuses on data-driven tools for asset management decisions. It provides a solid theoretical foundation for various tools (mathematical models) that, in turn, can be used to optimize a variety of key maintenance/replacement/reliability decisions. It presents cases that illustrate the application of these tools in a variety of settings, such as food processing, petrochemical, steel and pharmaceutical industries, as well as the military, mining, and transportation (land and air) sectors. Based on the authors' experience, the second edition maintains the format that made the previous edition so popular. It covers theories and methodologies grounded in the real world. Simply stated, no other book available addresses the range of methodologies associated with, or focusing on, tools to ensure that asset management decisions are optimized over the product's life cycle. And then presents them in an easily digestible and immediately applicable way.

Maintenance, Replacement, and Reliability: Theory and Applications, Second Edition CRC Press

Reliability Based Aircraft Maintenance Optimization and Applications presents flexible and cost-effective maintenance schedules for aircraft structures, particular in composite airframes. By applying an intelligent rating system, and the back-propagation network (BPN) method and FTA technique, a new approach was created to assist users in determining inspection intervals for new aircraft structures, especially in composite structures. This book also discusses the influence of Structure Health Monitoring (SHM) on scheduled maintenance.

An integrated logic diagram establishes how to incorporate SHM into the current MSG-3 structural analysis that is based on four maintenance scenarios with gradual increasing maturity levels of SHM. The inspection intervals and the repair thresholds are adjusted according to different combinations of SHM tasks and scheduled maintenance. This book provides a practical means for aircraft manufacturers and operators to consider the feasibility of SHM by examining labor work reduction, structural reliability variation, and maintenance cost savings. Presents the first resource available on airframe maintenance optimization Includes the most advanced methods and technologies of maintenance engineering analysis, including first application of composite structure maintenance engineering analysis integrated with SHM Provides the latest research results of composite structure maintenance and health monitoring systems

Our daily lives can be maintained by the high-technology systems. Computer systems are typical examples of such systems. We can enjoy our modern lives by using many computer systems. Much more importantly, we have to maintain such systems without failure, but cannot predict when such systems will fail and how to fix such systems without delay. A stochastic process is a set of outcomes of a random experiment indexed by time, and is one of the key tools needed to analyze the future behavior quantitatively. Reliability and maintainability technologies are of great interest and importance to the maintenance of such systems. Many mathematical models have been and will be proposed to describe reliability and maintainability systems by using the stochastic processes. The theme of this book is "Stochastic Models in Reliability and Maintainability." This book consists of 12 chapters on the theme above from the different viewpoints of stochastic modeling. Chapter 1 is devoted to "Renewal Processes," under which classical renewal theory is surveyed and computational methods are described. Chapter 2 discusses "Stochastic Orders," and in it some definitions and concepts on stochastic orders are described and aging properties can be characterized by stochastic orders. Chapter 3 is devoted to "Classical Maintenance Models," under which the so-called age, block and other replacement models are surveyed. Chapter 4 discusses "Modeling Plant Maintenance," describing how maintenance practice can be carried out for plant maintenance.

Reliability is one of the fundamental criteria in engineering systems. Design and maintenance serve to support it throughout the systems life. As such, maintenance acts in parallel to production and can have a great impact on the availability and capacity of production and the quality of the products. The authors describe current and innovative methods useful to industry and society.

Rules of Thumb for Maintenance and Reliability Engineers will give the engineer the "have to have" information. It will help instill knowledge on a daily basis, to do his or her job and to maintain and assure reliable equipment to help reduce costs. This book will be an easy reference for engineers and managers needing immediate solutions to everyday problems. Most civil, mechanical, and electrical engineers will face issues relating to maintenance and reliability, at some point in their jobs. This will become their

“go to” book. Not an oversized handbook or a theoretical treatise, but a handy collection of graphs, charts, calculations, tables, curves, and explanations, basic “rules of thumb” that any engineer working with equipment will need for basic maintenance and reliability of that equipment. • Access to quick information which will help in day to day and long term engineering solutions in reliability and maintenance • Listing of short articles to help assist engineers in resolving problems they face • Written by two of the top experts in the country

Get a firm handle on the engineering reliability process with this insightful and complete resource The newly and thoroughly revised 3rd Edition of Reliability Engineering delivers a comprehensive and insightful analysis of this crucial field. Accomplished author, professor, and engineer, Elsayed. A. Elsayed includes new examples and end-of-chapter problems to illustrate concepts, new chapters on resilience and the physics of failure, revised chapters on reliability and hazard functions, and more case studies illustrating the approaches and methodologies described within. The book combines analyses of system reliability estimation for time independent and time dependent models with the construction of the likelihood function and its use in estimating the parameters of failure time distribution. It concludes by addressing the physics of failures, mechanical reliability, and system resilience, along with an explanation of how to ensure reliability objectives by providing preventive and scheduled maintenance and warranty policies. This new edition of Reliability Engineering covers a wide range of topics, including: Reliability and hazard functions, like the Weibull Model, the Exponential Model, the Gamma Model, and the Log-Logistic Model, among others System reliability evaluations, including parallel-series, series-parallel, and mixed parallel systems The concepts of time- and failure-dependent reliability within both repairable and non-repairable systems Parametric reliability models, including types of censoring, and the Exponential, Weibull, Lognormal, Gamma, Extreme Value, Half-Logistic, and Rayleigh Distributions Perfect for first-year graduate students in industrial and systems engineering, Reliability Engineering, 3rd Edition also belongs on the bookshelves of practicing professionals in research laboratories and defense industries. The book offers a practical and approachable treatment of a complex area, combining the most crucial foundational knowledge with necessary and advanced topics.

The development of Reliability and Maintenance theory and applications has become major concerns of engineers and managers engaged in order to design and product systems that are highly reliable. This book aims to cover the ongoing research topics in computer system, reliability analysis, reliability applications and maintenance policies, so as to provide awareness for those who engage systems design, being students, technicians, or research engineers, as a reference guidebook.

Introduction Vision, Mission and Strategy Maintenance Basics Planning and Scheduling Parts, Materials and Tools Management Reliability Operational Reliability M&R Tools Performance Measure - Metrics Human Side of M&R Best Practices/Benchmarking Maintenance Excellence Appendices

Completely reorganised and comprehensively rewritten for its second edition, this guide to reliability-centred maintenance develops techniques which are practised by over 250 affiliated organisations worldwide.

This book presents the state-of-the-art in quality and reliability engineering from a product life-cycle standpoint. Topics in reliability include reliability models, life data

analysis and modeling, design for reliability as well as accelerated life testing and reliability growth analysis, while topics in quality include design for quality, acceptance sampling and supplier selection, statistical process control, production tests such as environmental stress screening and burn-in, warranty and maintenance. The book provides comprehensive insights into two closely related subjects, and includes a wealth of examples and problems to enhance readers' comprehension and link theory and practice. All numerical examples can be easily solved using Microsoft Excel. The book is intended for senior undergraduate and postgraduate students in related engineering and management programs such as mechanical engineering, manufacturing engineering, industrial engineering and engineering management programs, as well as for researchers and engineers in the quality and reliability fields. Dr. Renyan Jiang is a professor at the Faculty of Automotive and Mechanical Engineering, Changsha University of Science and Technology, China.

Based on the results of research in physical asset management, *Maintenance, Replacement, and Reliability: Theory and Applications* introduces students to the tools for making data-driven decisions and how to use them. The book offers a solid theoretical foundation for these tools, demonstrating applications through various case studies. Firmly rooted in reality, the applications covered relate to areas such as food processing, the military, mining, transportation, steel, and petrochemical and pharmaceutical industries. Ideal for classroom use, this text features supplementary software that can be downloaded from the CRC Web site. The downloadable educational versions of software packages include: OREST, SMS, EXAKT for CBM optimization, PERDEC, Workshop Simulator, Crew Size Optimizer, and WiebullSoft. This book can be used as a textbook for a one-semester senior undergraduate or postgraduate course on maintenance decision analysis. It provides problem sets with answers at the end of each chapter, an extensive set of PowerPoint slides covering the various chapters and appendices, a solutions manual for the problems in the book, and a bank of more than 100 examination questions. Instructors who adopt the book can obtain these resources at www.crcpress.com. The authors approach the topic with the ideology that mathematical modeling is not a spectator sport. Their examination of the underpinning theories for formulating models and exploration of real-world applications make the book both informative and practical. It provides professors with the tools they need to easily teach their students how to transform data into information.

The material in this book was first presented as a one-semester course in Reliability Theory and Preventive Maintenance for M.Sc. students of the Industrial Engineering Department of Ben Gurion University in the 1997/98 and 1998/99 academic years. Engineering students are mainly interested in the applied part of this theory. The value of preventive maintenance theory lies in the possibility of its implementation, which crucially depends on how we handle statistical reliability data. The very nature of the object of reliability theory - system lifetime - makes it extremely difficult to collect large amounts of data. The data available are usually incomplete, e.g. heavily censored. Thus, the desire to make the course material more applicable led me to include in the course topics such as modeling system lifetime distributions (Chaps. 1,2) and the maximum likelihood techniques for lifetime data processing (Chap. 3). A course in the theory of statistics is a prerequisite for these lectures. Standard courses usually pay very little attention to the techniques needed for our purpose. A short summary of them

is given in Chap. 3, including widely used probability plotting. Chapter 4 describes the most useful and popular models of preventive maintenance and replacement. Some practical aspects of applying these models are addressed, such as treating uncertainty in the data, the role of data contamination and the opportunistic scheduling of maintenance activities.

This book provides a holistic, interdisciplinary overview of offshore wind energy, and is a must-read for advanced researchers. Topics, from the design and analysis of future turbines, to the decommissioning of wind farms, are covered. The scope of the work ranges from analytical, numerical and experimental advancements in structural and fluid mechanics, to novel developments in risk, safety & reliability engineering for offshore wind. The core objective of the current work is to make offshore wind energy more competitive, by improving the reliability, and operations and maintenance (O&M) strategies of wind turbines. The research was carried out under the auspices of the EU-funded project, MARE-WINT. The project provided a unique opportunity for a group of researchers to work closely together, undergo multidisciplinary doctoral training, and conduct research in the area of offshore wind energy generation. Contributions from expert, external authors are also included, and the complete work seeks to bridge the gap between research and a rapidly-evolving industry.

This utterly comprehensive work is thought to be the first to integrate the literature on the physics of the failure of complex systems such as hospitals, banks and transport networks. It has chapters on particular aspects of maintenance written by internationally-renowned researchers and practitioners. This book will interest maintenance engineers and managers in industry as well as researchers and graduate students in maintenance, industrial engineering and applied mathematics.

Researchers from the entire world write to figure out their newest results and to contribute new ideas or ways in the field of system reliability and maintenance. Their articles are grouped into four sections: reliability, reliability of electronic devices, power system reliability and feasibility and maintenance. The book is a valuable tool for professors, students and professionals, with its presentation of issues that may be taken as examples applicable to practical situations. Some examples defining the contents can be highlighted: system reliability analysis based on goal-oriented methodology; reliability design of water-dispensing systems; reliability evaluation of drivetrains for off-highway machines; extending the useful life of asset; network reliability for faster feasibility decision; analysis of standard reliability parameters of technical systems' parts; cannibalisation for improving system reliability; mathematical study on the multiple temperature operational life testing procedure, for electronic industry; reliability prediction of smart maximum power point converter in photovoltaic applications; reliability of die interconnections used in plastic discrete power packages; the effects of mechanical and electrical straining on performances of conventional thick-film resistors; software and hardware development in the electric power system; electric interruptions and loss of supply in power systems; feasibility of autonomous hybrid AC/DC microgrid system; predictive modelling of emergency services in electric power distribution systems; web-based decision-support system in the electric power distribution system; preventive maintenance of a repairable equipment operating in severe environment; and others.

A properly implemented and managed RCM program can save millions in unscheduled

maintenance and breakdowns. However, many have found the process daunting. Written by an expert with over 30 years of experience, this book introduces innovative approaches to simplify the RCM process such as: single vs. multiple failure analysis, hidden failures analysis, potentially critical components analysis, run-to-failure and the difference between redundant, standby, and backup functions. Included are real life examples of flawed preventive maintenance programs and how they led to disasters that could have easily been avoided. Also illustrated in detail, with real-life examples, is the step-by-step process for developing, implementing, and maintaining a premier classical RCM program. Senior management, middle management, supervisors, and craftsmen/technicians responsible for plant safety and reliability will find this book to be invaluable as a means for establishing a first class preventive maintenance program.

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