

# Common cause failure with no observation

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# CCF parametric models: Basic parametric model

- Observations:  $n_k$  number of failure of  $k$  component.
- Each component contributes uniformly to the failure
- CCF events : the failure of  $k$  components among the  $m$ -components set,

$$Q_k = \Pr(\text{failure of } k \text{ specific components}), \quad 1 \leq k \leq m.$$

- The global probability of failure of any component of the CCF-set :

$$Q_p = \sum_{k=1}^m \binom{m}{k} Q_k.$$

# $\alpha$ factor model

- Observations:  $n_k$ .
- The parameters of this model are :

$$Q_p = \Pr(\text{failure of at least one component})$$

$$\alpha_k = \Pr(k \text{ components are failed/failure has occurred})$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq k \leq m$$

- The parameters  $(\alpha_k)_{1 \leq k \leq m}$  satisfy the relation

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k = 1.$$

- The  $\alpha$  factor model is equivalent to the BP model :

$$\alpha_k = \frac{Q_k^*}{Q_P}$$

# Multiple Greek Letter model

- The parameters are

$$Q_t = \Pr(\text{failure of at least 1 specified component})$$

$$\rho_k^{(m)} = \Pr(\text{failure is shared by at least } k \text{ including the specific one / a common cause})$$

- For a group of three components the parameters are :

$$\beta = \Pr(\text{failure is shared by at least two components including the specific one / a common cause failure has affected at least a specific component})$$

$$\gamma = \Pr(\text{failure is shared by all the three components / a common cause failure has affected at least two components including a specific one})$$

$$Q_t = \Pr(\text{failure of at least one specific component}).$$

# Multiple Greek Letter model

- The expression of the likelihood complicated and not a known distribution
- Study the case: a group of three components
- Bijective relation between MGL parameters and  $\alpha$  factor model parameters

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta = \frac{2\alpha_2 + 3\alpha_3}{\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 3\alpha_3} \\ \gamma = \frac{3\alpha_3}{2\alpha_2 + 3\alpha_3} \\ Q_t = \frac{(\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 3\alpha_3)Q_P}{3} \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 = \frac{6(1-\beta)}{6-\beta(3+\gamma)} \\ \alpha_2 = \frac{3\beta(1-\gamma)}{6-\beta(3+\gamma)} \\ \alpha_3 = \frac{2\beta\gamma}{6-\beta(3+\gamma)} \\ Q_P = Q_t \left( 3 - \frac{\beta}{2}(3+\gamma) \right) \end{array} \right.$$

# Likelihood function

- Basic Model:
  - The likelihood function of  $(n_1, \dots, n_m)$  defined by  $L(n_0, n_1, \dots, n_m / Q_P, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$  is a  $Multi(n_0, n_1, \dots, n_m)$
- $\alpha$  model:
  - $N_D = \sum_{i=0}^m n_i$  number of solicitations of the system
  - The likelihood function of  $(n_0, n_1, \dots, n_m)$  with respect to  $(Q_k)_{1 \leq k \leq m} : Multi(n_0, n_1, \dots, n_m)$
  - each number  $n_k$  follows a binomial distribution
- MGL model:
  - Replacing the parameters  $\alpha_i$ , using the one to one transformation: likelihood unknown
  - Directly  $\Rightarrow$  complicated and unknown

# Point Estimation

- To maximise the likelihood function of the observed data  $(n_0, n_1, \dots, n_m)$ .
- In the basic model

$$\widehat{Q}_k^{*MV} = \frac{n_k}{N_D} \quad 1 \leq k \leq m.$$

- In the  $\alpha$  factor model:

$$\widehat{\alpha}_k^{MV} = \frac{n_k}{n_P}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq m.$$

- In the MGL model ( Likelihood obtained by the  $\alpha$  factor model) :

$$\widehat{\varrho}_k^{(m)MV} = \frac{\sum_{i=k}^m i n_i}{\sum_{i=k-1}^m i n_i}, \quad 2 \leq k \leq m.$$



# Point Estimation and No Observation

- When no observation available ( $n_k = 0$ , for  $k = 0, \dots, m$ ).
- In the basic model

$$\widehat{Q}_k^{*MV} = 0 \quad 1 \leq k \leq m.$$

- In the  $\alpha$  factor model:

$$\widehat{\alpha}_k^{MV} = 0, \quad 1 \leq k \leq m.$$

- In the MGL model:

$$\widehat{\varrho}_k^{(m)MV} = \frac{\sum_{i=k, n_i \neq 0}^m i n_i}{\sum_{i=k-1}^m i n_i}, \quad 2 \leq k \leq m, \quad \widehat{\varrho}_k^{(m)MV} = 0, \quad \text{if } \forall k, n_k = 0.$$

# Existing Alternative Methods

- Point Estimate with Expert judgement:
  - preserving the expression of the ML estimator and replacing the number of failures by a value  $q$  between 0 and 1.
  - For a component with an exponential lifetime with parameter  $\lambda$ , if  $n$  failures are observed in  $[0, T]$ ,  $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{n}{T}$
  - If no failure observed,  $n = 0$ :

$$\hat{\lambda}_e = \frac{q}{T}, \quad 0 \leq q \leq 1$$

- IEC 605-4 standard recommends to set  $q$  equal to 1/3,
- Non parametric Inference
  - Failure if  $U_i \geq S$  where  $U_i$  is a random variable
  - If  $(U_{(1)}, \dots, U_{(n)})$  ordered r.v  $U_i$  after  $n$  tests then

$$\Pr(U_{(j)} \leq U_{n+1} \leq U_{(j+1)}) = \frac{1}{n+1}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq n$$

# Uncertainties

- uncertainties resulting from the estimation procedures on small sized samples
- uncertainties related to the model assumptions
  - uncertainty about the test procedure for gathering data,
  - assumption of homogeneity of the data
  - calculations of mean impact vectors
- uncertainties due to the data-gathering and the constitution of the data bases
  - absence or insufficiency of information on the procedure of collection
- Solution: to treat the uncertainty on the CCF events frequency is to determine the probability distribution (nureg5485)

# Bayesian Estimation

- Let be  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m$  parameters
- prior law  $\pi_0(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m)$
- $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m$  observations
- $L(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m / \delta_1, \dots, \delta_m)$  likelihood
- Posterior law:

$$\frac{L(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m / \delta_1, \dots, \delta_m) \pi_0(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m)}{\int L(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m / \delta_1, \dots, \delta_m) \pi_0(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m) d\delta_1 \dots d\delta_m}$$

- Bayesian estimator: mean of the a posterior law

$$\hat{\delta}_k = \mathbb{E}(\delta_k / C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m)$$

# Bayesian estimation and basic model

- $1 - Q_p + \sum_{k=1}^m Q_k^* = 1$
- The prior law on  $Q_k^*$  such that  $(1 - Q_p, Q_1^*, \dots, Q_m^*)$  follows a Dirichlet distribution  $\mathcal{D}(A_0, \dots, A_m)$
- $Q_k^* \sim \beta(A_0, \sum_{i \neq k} A_i)$
- Posterior distribution is a Dirichlet distribution  $\mathcal{D}(B_0, \dots, B_m)$  where  $B_k = A_k + n_k$ .
- The Bayesian estimates of  $Q_k^*$  :

$$\hat{Q}_k^* = \frac{A_k + n_k}{\sum_{k=0}^m A_k + N_D}.$$

- If no observation  $\hat{Q}_k^* = \frac{A_k}{\sum_{k=0}^m A_k + N_D}$ .

# Bayesian estimation and $\alpha$ Factor model

- Dirichlet prior on  $\alpha_k$  with parameters  $A_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$ ,

$$\hat{\alpha}_k = \frac{A_k + n_k}{\sum_{k=1}^m (A_k + n_k)} = \frac{A_k + n_k}{\sum_{k=1}^m (A_k) + n_P}.$$

$$\alpha_{k,mode} = \frac{A_k + n_k - 1}{\sum_{k=1}^m (A_k) + n_P - m}.$$

- If for a fixed  $k$ ,  $n_k = n_P$  then:

$$\hat{\alpha}_k = \frac{n_P + 1}{m + n_P} \simeq 1 \quad \text{if } n_P \gg m, \quad \hat{\alpha}_{k,mode} = 1.$$

- If no observation

$$\hat{\alpha}_k = \frac{A_k}{\sum_{k=1}^m (A_k)}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_{k,mode} = \frac{A_k - 1}{\sum_{k=1}^m (A_k) - m}.$$

# Bayesian estimation and MGL model

Problem : Choice of the prior and the calculation of the posterior law  
Two methods :

- Use the likelihood of  $\alpha$  model parameters / change of variable
- approximate method :
  - Consider  $kn_k$  as independent observations
  - Suppose  $kn_k$  failure of  $k$  components occurred independently (false hypothesis)
  - Associate multinomial distribution to  $(n_1, \dots, mn_m)$

# Bayesian estimation of MGL model parameters

- Use the  $\alpha$  model priors .
  - $\varrho_k^{(m)} = f_k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \Leftrightarrow \alpha_k = g_k(\varrho_1^{(m)}, \dots, \varrho_m^{(m)})$
  - $\hat{\varrho}_k^{(m)} = f_k(\hat{\alpha}_1, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_m) = \frac{\sum_{i=k}^m i A_i + i n_i}{\sum_{i=k-1}^m i A_i + i n_i}$
- Approximate method
  - Multinomial likelihood for  $(n_1, 2n_2, 3n_3, \dots)$
  - The prior on  $Z_1 = 1 - \beta$ ,  $Z_2 = \beta(1 - \gamma)$  et  $Z_3 = \beta\gamma$  is a Dirichlet  $\mathcal{D}(A_1, A_2, A_3) A_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq 3$
  - Dirichlet Posterior with parameters  $A_k + kn_k - k$

$$\hat{\varrho}_k^{(m)} = \frac{\sum_{i=k}^m A_i + i n_i}{\sum_{i=k-1}^m A_i + i n_i}$$

$$\hat{\varrho}_{k,mode}^{(m)} = \frac{\sum_{i=k}^m A_i + i n_i - i}{\sum_{i=k-1}^m A_i + i n_i - i}$$



# Bayesian estimation of MGL model parameters

If no information available

- Use the  $\alpha$  model priors .

$$\hat{\varrho}_k^{(m)} = \frac{\sum_{i=k}^m i A_i}{\sum_{i=k-1}^m i A_i}$$

- Approximate method

$$\hat{\varrho}_k^{(m)} = \frac{\sum_{i=k}^m A_i}{\sum_{i=k-1}^m A_i}$$

$$\hat{\varrho}_{k,mode}^{(m)} = \frac{\sum_{i=k}^m A_i - i}{\sum_{i=k-1}^m A_i - i}$$

# Bayesian estimates of the MGL model parameters

Dirichlet prior with parameters equal to 0.5 (non-informative) :

	$\beta$	$\gamma$
Maximum likelihood	$\frac{2n_2+3n_3}{n_1+2n_2+3n_3}$	$\frac{3n_3}{2n_2+3n_3}$
posterior mean approx	$\frac{2n_2+3n_3+1}{n_1+2n_2+3n_3+1.5}$	$\frac{3n_3+0.5}{2n_2+3n_3+1}$
posterior mean/ alpha model	$\frac{2n_2+3n_3+2.5}{n_1+2n_2+3n_3+3}$	$\frac{3n_3+1.5}{2n_2+3n_3+2.5}$

# Example: Case of 3-components set

$n_1 \neq 0, n_2 = n_3 = 0$  with 5000 tests.

$n_3 = 0$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$Q_t$
prior	$3.6010^{-2}$	$1.6410^{-3}$	$2.1010^{-5}$
Estimate	$3.3310^{-2}$	$\gamma$	$2.0710^{-5}$
Empirical var	$2.4710^{-5}$	0	
Estimate2	$3.0310^{-2}$	$\gamma$	$2.0410^{-5}$
Empirical var	$2.3810^{-5}$	0	

# Example: Case of 3-components set

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$n_3 = 0$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$Q_t$
prior	$3.3310^{-2}$	$1.6410^{-3}$	$2.0710^{-5}$
Estimate	$3.3610^{-2}$	$1.6310^{-3}$	$2.0710^{-5}$
Empirical var	$1.3510^{-5}$	$1.8310^{-8}$	

$n_3 \neq 0$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
real	0.08	0.25
MV	0.0628	0.4286
approximate	0.0730	0.4545
alpha	0.0629	0.4333

# Example: Case of 4-components set

$n_1 \neq 0$ ,  $n_2 = n_3 = n_4 = 0$  with 5000 tests.

$n_3 = 0$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\delta$	$Q_t$
parameters	$5.4910^{-2}$	$3.2410^{-3}$	$7.9410^{-3}$	$2.1010^{-5}$
Estimate	$5.4810^{-2}$	$3.2410^{-3}$	$7.9410^{-3}$	$2.0110^{-5}$
Empirical var	$1.4310^{-8}$	0	0	

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