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– added detailed explanations of fault tree methodologies;

– added quantitative and reliability aspects of Fault Tree Analysis (FTA);

– expanded relationship with other dependability techniques;

– added examples of analyses and methods explained in this standard;

– updated symbols currently in use.

Clause 7, dealing with analysis, has been revised to address traditional logic fault tree analysis separately from the quantitative analysis that has been used for many years already, for reliability improvement of products in their development stage.

Some material included previously in the body of this standard has been transferred to Annexes A and B.

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Publication	Year	Title	EN/HD	Year
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IEC 61165	-[1]	Application of Markov techniques	EN 61165	2006[2]

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition, published in 1990, and constitutes a technical revision.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition are as follows:

– added detailed explanations of fault tree methodologies
– added quantitative and reliability aspects of Fault Tree Analysis (FTA)
– expanded relationship with other dependability techniques
– added examples of analyses and methods explained in this standard
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INTRODUCTION

Fault tree analysis (FTA) is concerned with the identification and analysis of conditions and factors that cause or may potentially cause or contribute to the occurrence of a defined top event. With FTA this event is usually seizure or degradation of system perfomance, safety or other important operational attributes, while with STA (success tree analysis) this event is the attribute describing the success.

FTA is often applied to the safety analysis of systems (such as transportation systems, power plants, or any other systems that might require evaluation of safety of their operation). Fault tree analysis can be also used for availability and maintainability analysis. However, for simplicity, in the rest of this standard the term "reliability" will be used to represent these aspects of system performance.

This standard addresses two approaches to FTA. One is a qualitative approach, where the probability of events and their contributing factors, – input events – or their frequency of occurrence is not addressed. This approach is a detailed analysis of events/faults and is known as a qualitative or traditional FTA. It is largely used in nuclear industry applications and many other instances where the potential causes or faults are sought out, without interest in their likelihood of occurrence. At times, some events in the traditional FTA are investigated quantitatively, but these calculations are disassociated with any overall reliability concepts, in which case, no attempt to calculate overall reliability using FTA is made. The second approach, adopted by many industries, is largely quantitative, where a detailed FTA models an entire product, process or system, and the vast majority of the basic events, whether faults or events, has a probability of occurrence determined by analysis or test. In this case, the final result is the probability of occurrence of a top event representing reliability or probability of fault or a failure.

FAULT TREE ANALYSIS (FTA)

1   Scope

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– identification and description of commonly used symbols.

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IEC 60050(191), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 191: Dependability and quality of service*

IEC 61165, *Application of Markov techniques*

3   Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050(191) apply.

In fault tree methodology and applications, many terms are used to better explain the intent of analysis or the thought process behind such analysis. There are terms used also as synonyms to those that are considered analytically correct by various authors. The following additional terms are used in this standard.

3.1
outcome
result of an action or other input; a consequence of a cause

NOTE 1   An outcome can be an event or a state. Within a fault tree, an outcome from a combination of corresponding input events represented by a gate may be either an intermediate event or a top event.

NOTE 2   Within a fault tree, an outcome may also be an input to an intermediate event, or it can be the top event.

3.2
top event
outcome of combinations of all input events

NOTE 1   It is the event of interest under which a fault tree is developed. The top event is often referred to as the **final event,** or as **the top outcome**.