# MOCUS Algorithm For Obtaining Minimal Cut Sets (MCS) of a Random Computer Network System

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#### **Abstract**

In this paper, the Fault Tree Analysis technique is used in processing a computer network system to: 1) identify basic events or causes of an event: 2) identify common-cause (Minimal cut sets) failures; 3) display causes and consequence of undesired event; 4) evaluate design; and 5) investigate process incidents. The main purpose of fault-tree algorithm is to compute the minimal cut sets as quickly as possible to the calculation of network reliability. A cut set can be defined as a collection of component failure modes that may lead to a system failure. For critical systems, Cut Set Analysis (CSA) is applied to identify and rank system vulnerabilities at design time.

**Keywords:** Reliability Network, Fault Tree Analysis, MOCUS Algorithm for obtaining minimal cut sets, Minimal Cut set.

### I.Introduction

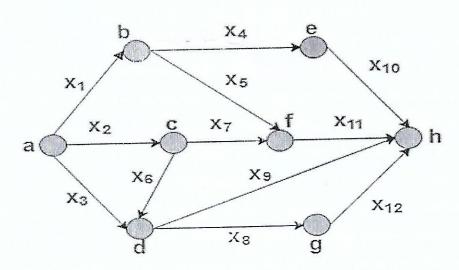


Figure 1: a random of computer network system

The complexity in the design and variation in operating conditions in system require the uncertainty and randomness of fault connected to them [4]. [5] reiterates that the failure of a Computer Network

system can lead to environmental detriment and fatal injury to people and economical loss. Analysis of safety computer network system boasts of several techniques which include Fault Tree Analysis (FTA), Failure Mode and Effects (FMEA), Hazard and Operability Analysis (HAZOP) and State Machine Hazard Analysis (SMHA) [6]. Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) has been widely used to determine the reliabilities of complex systems [7]. It has a reputation of being an effective technique to predict probability of hazards caused by a sequence and integration of faults and failure events. It is the most important process for system reliability assessment [8]. It has become a benchmark for safety and reliability of systems. Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) is an important method for the evaluation of complex system's safety and reliability. FTA describes a top-down approach to failure analysis. Basically, being an analytical method, it is used for identifying and classifying hazards and computing reliability of systems [9]. The reliability engineer indicates a top event (failure or accident) and then builds the series of faults leading to the top event. It is mostly a logical process for getting combinations of component failures and human errors that could lead to a specified undesired system failure mode [8]. The process starts with an undesirable event known as top-level event and it determines the scenarios which the event may take place in the system. The basic concept in fault tree analysis is the conversion of a physical system into a structured logic diagram (fault tree) in which certain causes lead to one specified TOP event of interest [10]. A Fault Tree depicts a logic diagram that represents certain events that must occur in order for other events to occur. A central focus of fault tree analysis is to find Minimal Cut Sets (MCSs) [11,12]. However, an essential question in fault tree analysis is how many levels of events should be considered. [13] emphasized that obtaining the Minimal cut sets is a necessary step for analyzing a fault tree. The main problem in fault tree analysis is the computation of the minimal cut sets of the fault tree [14] and FTA [15]. [15] argued that the computation of Minimal cut set is NP-hard. [11] described the Minimal Cut Set (MCS) as a substantial concept in fault tree assessment and proposed that they represent a minimal scenario of failure. According to the Fault Tree Handbook, Minimal cut set described the smallest combination of basic events that cause a top event. Likewise, Fault Tree Handbook stated that successful computation of Minimal Cut Set (MCS) simplified the process of quantifying the process of Fault trees[16]. The process involved in computing the Minimal cut sets for smaller Fault tree is less boring. However, the task becomes complex when a larger Fault tree is involved as algorithm and codes are required to determine the minimal cut sets, making effective use of fault trees that resolve causes of system failure relies on the fault tree algorithm that provides optimal cut sets. This paper provides understanding on how of the fault tree algorithm carries out the computation of minimal cut sets of complex fault trees.

### **II. Basic Concepts**

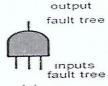
- **1.Definition**. A graph G = (V, E) consists of set V of vertices (nodes) and set E of edges (links).
- **2.Definition.** Terminal Reliability The two terminal reliability is the probability that a communication path must exist between a specific pair of nodes of a network under a predefined working environment.

3. **Definition**. A cut set in a fault tree is a set of basic events whose occurrence (at the same time) ensures that the TOP event occurs.

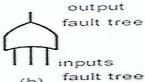
4. **Definition.** A cut set is said to be minimal if the set cannot be reduced without loosing its status **as** a cut set.

5. Definition. Fault Tree Analysis (FTA)

The fault tree is a logic diagram based on the principle of multi-causality, which traces all branches of events which could contribute to an accident or failure. It uses sets of symbols, labels and identifiers. But for our purposes, we only use a handful of these, shown below:



the AND gate denotes that an output fault event occurs only if all the input fault events occur.



The OR gate denotes that an output fault occurs if one or more of the input fault events occur.



The rectangle denotes a fault event that results from the combination of fault events through the input of a logic gate.



The circle denotes a basic fault event or the failure of a basic component. The event's occurrence probability and failure and repair rates are normally obtained from empirical data.

## III.MOCUS Algorithm For Obtaining Minimal Cut Sets (MCS)

One of the challenging problems confronting the fault tree method is obtaining minimal cut sets or eliminating repeated events of a fault tree. This section presents one algorithm to obtain minimal cut sets of a fault tree [12,17-20]. A cut set may be described as a collection of basic events that will cause the top fault tree event to occur. Additionally, a cut set is said to be minimal if it cannot be further minimized or reduced but it can still ensure the occurrence of the top fault tree event. The algorithm in question can either be used manually for simple fault trees or computerized for complex fault trees with hundreds of gates and basic fault events. In this algorithm, the AND gate increases the size of a cut set and the OR gate increases the number of cut sets. The algorithm is demonstrated by solving the following example

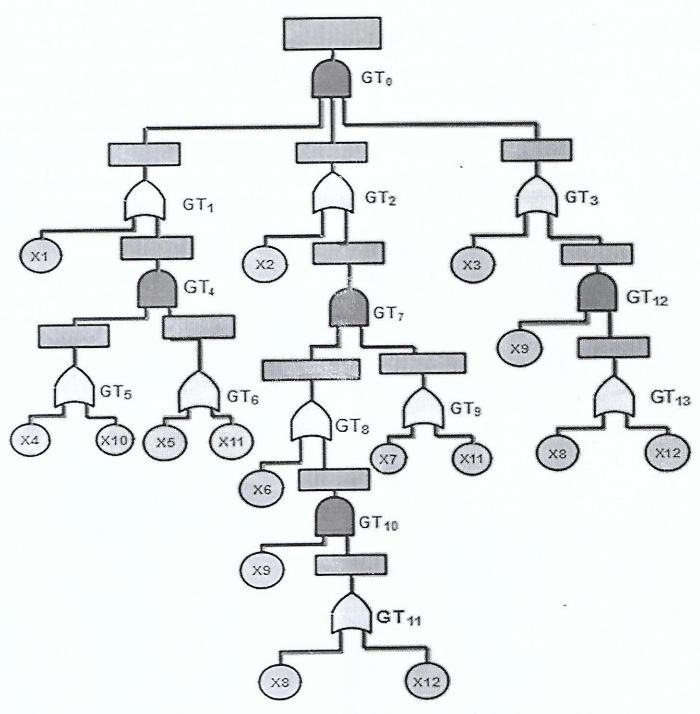


Figure2: An event tree with a repeated event.

Example

Obtain a repeated event free fault tree of the fault tree shown in Figure 2. In this figure, the basic fault events are identified by the numerals and the logic gates are labeled as  $GT_0$ ,  $GT_1$ ,  $GT_2$ , ...,  $GT_{13}$ .

The algorithm begins from the gate,  $GT_0$ , just below the top event of the fault tree shown in Figure 2. Normally, in a fault tree this gate is either OR or AND. If this gate is an AND gate, then each of its inputs dentes an entry for each column of the list matrix. On the other hand, if this gate is an OR, then each of its inputs represents an entry for each row of the list matrix.

In our case,  $GT_0$  is an AND gate; therfore, we start the formulation of the list matrix by listing the gate inputs:  $GT_1$ ,  $GT_2$ , and  $GT_3$  (output events) in a single row but in separate columns as shown in Figure 3 (i). As any one input of the  $GT_0$  could cause the occurrence of the top event, these inputs are the members of distinct cut sets.

One simple rule linked to this algorithm is to replace each gate by its inputs until all the gates in a given fault tree are replaced with the basic event entries. The inputs of a gate could be the basic events or the outputs of other gates. Accordingly, in our case, in order to get a wholly developed list matrix, we use the following steps:

- step1 replace the OR gate  $GT_1$  of list matrix of Figure 3 (i) by its input events  $X_1$  and  $GT_4$  as separate rows, as idicated in Figure 3 (ii).
- step2 replace the OR gate  $GT_2$  of the list matrix in Figure 3 (ii) by its input events  $X_2$  and  $GT_7$ , as indicated in Figure 3 (iii).
- step3 replace the OR gate  $GT_3$  of the list matrix in Figure 3 (iii) by its input events  $X_3$  and  $GT_{12}$  as indicated in Figure 3 (iv).

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 $X_1X_2X_3$  $X_1X_2X_9GT_{13}$  $X_{1}X_{6}X_{7}X_{3}$  $X_1X_6X_{11}X_3$  $X_1X_7X_3X_9X_8$  $X_1X_7X_3X_9X_{12}$  $X_1X_{11}X_3X_9X_8$  $X_1X_{11}X_3X_9X_{12}$  $X_1X_6X_7X_9GT_{13}$  $X_1X_6X_{11}X_9GT_{13}$  $X_1X_7X_8X_9GT_{13}$ X1X7X9X12GT13  $X_1X_{11}X_9GT_{13}X_8$  $X_1X_{11}X_9GT_{13}X_{12}$  $X_4X_5X_2X_3$  $X_4X_{11}X_2X_3$  $X_{10}X_5X_2X_3$  $X_{10}X_{11}X_2X_3$ X4X5X2X9GT13  $X_4X_{11}X_2X_9GT_{13}$ X10X5X2 X9GT13  $X_{10}X_{11}X_2 X_9GT_{13}$ X4X5X6X7X3  $X_4X_5X_6X_{11}X_3$  $X_4X_5X_7X_3X_9X_8$  $X_4X_5X_7X_3X_9X_{12}$  $X_4X_5X_{11}X_3X_9X_8$  $X_4X_5X_{11}X_3X_9X_{12}$ X4X11X6X7X3  $X_4X_{11}X_6X_3$  $X_4X_{11}X_7X_3X_9X_8$  $X_4X_{11}X_7X_3X_9X_{12}$  $X_4X_{11}X_3X_9X_8$  $X_4X_{11}X_3X_9X_{12}$  $X_{10}X_5X_6X_7X_3$  $X_{10}X_5X_6X_{11}X_3$  $X_{10}X_5X_7X_3X_9X_8$  $X_{10}X_5X_7X_3X_9X_{12}$  $X_{10}X_5X_{11}X_3X_9X_8$  $X_{10}X_5X_{11}X_3X_9X_{12}$  $X_{10}X_{11}X_6X_7X_3$  $X_{10}X_{11}X_6X_3$  $X_{10}X_{11}X_{8}X_{7}X_{3}X_{9}$  $X_{10}X_{11}X_{12}X_{7}X_{3}X_{9}$  $X_{10}X_{11}X_{8}X_{3}X_{9}$ X10X11X12X3X9  $X_4X_5X_6X_7X_9GT_{13}$  $X_4X_5X_6X_{11}X_9GT_{13}$  $X_4X_5X_8X_7X_9GT_{13}$ X4X5X12X7X9GT13  $X_4X_5X_8X_{11}X_9GT_{13}$ X4X5X12X11X9GT13 X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub> X<sub>9</sub>GT<sub>13</sub> X4X11X6 X9GT13  $X_4X_{11}X_8X_7X_9GT_{13}$ X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub>X<sub>7</sub> X<sub>9</sub>GT<sub>13</sub>  $X_4X_{11}X_8 X_9GT_{13}$ X4X11X12 X9GT13  $X_{10}X_5X_6X_7X_9GT_{13}$  $X_{10}X_5X_6X_{11}X_9GT_{13}$  $X_{10}X_5X_8X_7X_9GT_{13}$  $X_{10}X_5X_{12}X_7X_9GT_{13}$  $X_{10}X_5X_8X_{11}X_9GT_{13}$  $X_{10}X_5X_{12}X_{11}X_9GT_{13}\\$  $X_{10}X_{11}X_6X_7X_9GT_{13}$ 

X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub> X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>9</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>1</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub> X<sub>1</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>9</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>1</sub>1 X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>5</sub> X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>1</sub>1 X2X3 X5X1 X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub> X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>10</sub> X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub> X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>1</sub> X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>6</sub> X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>4</sub> X<sub>8</sub> X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>4</sub> X<sub>8</sub> X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>4</sub> X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>8</sub> X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>16</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>1</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>7</sub> X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>9</sub> X<sub>1</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X1X7X8X9X1 X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>7</sub> X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub> X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X,X,X,X,X X,X,X,X,X,X X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X,X,X,X,10X12 X,X,X,X,X, X2X9X10X11 X2X9X10X11X12 X3X4X5X6X7 X3X4X5X6X11 X4X4X5X7X8X9 X1X1X5X7X9X12 X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>10</sub> X1X5X6X10X1 X3X5X6X10X11 X10X5X7X3X9X8 X10X5X7X3 X9X12 X18X5X11X3X9X8 X10X5X11X3X9X12 X10X5X11X6X7X3 X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>3</sub> X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>3</sub> X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>3</sub> X<sub>9</sub> X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>3</sub> X<sub>9</sub> X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub>X<sub>3</sub> X<sub>9</sub> XAXAXAX7 XOX X4X5X6X7 X9X8 X4X5X6X17 X9X12 X4X5X6X11X9X8 X4X5X6X11X9X12 X4X5X7 X4X9 X4X4X4X7 X9X11 X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>12</sub>X<sub>7</sub> X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub> X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>5</sub> X<sub>7</sub> X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>9</sub> X<sub>11</sub> X4X5X8X11X9X X4X5X12X11X9X8 X4X5X9 X11 X12 X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub>  $X_4X_{11}X_6X_7X_9X_{12}$ X4X11X6 X9X8 X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>6</sub> X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub>  $X_4X_{11}X_8X_7X_9$ X4X11X8X7X9X12 X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub>  $X_4X_{11}X_{12}X_7X_9 \\ X_4X_{11}X_8X_9X_{12}$ X4X11X12X9X8 X10X5X6X7X9X8 X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub> X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X5X7 X8X9X10  $X_{10}X_5X_8X_7X_9X_{12} \\ X_{10}X_5X_{12}X_7X_9X_8$  $X_{10}X_5X_{12}X_7X_9$ X10X5X8X11X X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>8</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>12</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub>  $X_{10}X_5X_{12}X_{11}X_9$   $X_{10}X_{11}X_6X_7X_9X_8$ X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>6</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>12</sub> X10X11X6X9X8 X10X11X6 X9X12  $X_{10}X_{11}X_{8}X_{7}X_{9}$ X10X11X8X7X9X12 X<sub>10</sub>X<sub>11</sub>X<sub>12</sub>X<sub>7</sub>X<sub>9</sub>X<sub>8</sub>  $X_{10}X_{11}X_{12}X_{7}X_{9}$ X10X11X8X9X12  $X_{10}X_{11}X_{12}X_{9}X_{8}$ 

 $X_1, X_2, X_3$  $X_1, X_2, X_8, X_9$  $X_1, X_2, X_9, X_2$  $X_1, X_3, X_6, X_7$  $X_1, X_3, X_6, X_1$  $X_1, X_7, X_8, X_9$  $X_1, X_7, X_9, X_{12}$  $X_1X_8X_9X_{11}$  $X_1, X_9, X_{11}, X_{12}$  $X_{2}, X_{3}, X_{4}, X_{5}$  $X_2, X_3, X_4, X_{11}$  $X_{2}, X_{3}, X_{5}, X_{10}$  $X_2, X_3, X_{10}, X_{11}$  $X_{3}$ ,  $X_{4}$ ,  $X_{6}$ ,  $X_{11}$  $X_{3}, X_{6}, X_{10}, X_{11}$  $X_4, X_8, X_9, X_{11}$  $X_4, X_9, X_{11}, X_{12}$  $X_8, X_9, X_{10}, X_{11}$  $X_9, X_{10}, X_{11}, X_{12}$  $X_2X_4X_5X_8X_9$  $X_2, X_4, X_5, X_9, X_{12}$  $X_2, X_5, X_8, X_9, X_{10}$  $X_{2}, X_{5}, X_{9}, X_{10}, X_{12}$  $X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7$  $X_3, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_{10}$  $X_4, X_5, X_7, X_8, X_9$  $X_4, X_5, X_7, X_9, X_{12}$  $X_{4}, X_{5}, X_{8}, X_{9}, X_{11}$  $X_5, X_7, X_8, X_9, X_{10}$ 

(xv)

(xi)

(xii)

(xiii)

 $X_{10}X_{11}X_6 X_9GT_{13}$ 

 $X_{10}X_{11}X_8X_9GT_{13}$ 

 $X_{10}X_{11}X_{12}X_{9}GT_{13}$ 

 $X_{10}X_{11}X_8X_7X_9GT_{13}$ 

 $X_{10}X_{11}X_{12}X_{7}X_{9}GT_{13}$ 

(xiv)

- step4 replace the AND gate  $GT_4$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(iv) by its input events  $GT_5$  and  $GT_6$ , as indicated in Figure 3(v).
- step5 replace the OR gate  $GT_5$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(v) by its input events  $X_4$  and  $X_{10}$ , as indicated in Figure 3(vi).
- step6 replace the OR gate  $GT_6$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(vi) by its input events  $X_5$  and  $X_{11}$ , as indicated in Figure 3(vii).
- $\diamond$  step7 replace the AND gate  $GT_7$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(vii) by its input events  $GT_8$  and  $GT_9$ , as indicated in Figure 3(viii).
- step8 replace the OR gate  $GT_8$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(viii) by its input events  $X_6$  and  $GT_{10}$ , as indicated in Figure 3(ix).
- step9 replace the OR gate  $GT_9$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(ix) by its input events  $X_7$  and  $X_{11}$ , as indicated in Figure 3(x).
- step10 replace the AND gate  $GT_{10}$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(x) by its input events  $X_9$  and  $GT_{11}$ , as indicated in Figure 3(xi).
- **step11** replace the OR gate  $GT_{11}$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(xi) by its input events  $X_8$  and  $X_{12}$ , as indicated in Figure 3(xii).
- step12 replace the AND gate  $GT_{12}$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(xii) by its input events  $X_9$  and  $GT_{13}$ , as indicated in Figure 3(xiii).
- step13 replace the OR gate  $GT_{13}$  of the list matrix in Figure 3(xiii) by its input events  $X_8$  and  $X_{12}$ , as indicated in Figure 3(xiv).

As shown in the list matrix of Figure 3(xiv),the cut sets  $\{X_1,X_7,X_8,X_9\},\{X_1,X_7,X_9,X_{12}\},\{X_1X_8X_9X_{11}\},\{X_1,X_9,X_{11},X_{12}\},...$  events cut sets. As only its occurrence will result in the occurrence of the top event, we eliminate cut sets  $\{X_1,X_6,X_7,X_8,X_9\},\{X_1,X_7,X_8,X_9,X_{12}\},\{X_1,X_6,X_7,X_9,X_{12}\},\{X_1,X_6,X_8,X_9,X_{11}\},\{X_1,X_6,X_9,X_{11},X_{12}\},...$  from the list matrix of Figure 3(xiv), because the occurrence of this cut set requires all events  $X_1,X_6,X_7,X_8$  and  $X_9$  to occur, Similarly for the list cut sets. Consequently, the list matrix shown in Figure3 (xv) represents the minimal cut sets of the fault tree given in Figure 2. The fault tree of the Figure 3 (xv) list matrix is shown in Figure 4. Now this fault tree can be used to obtain the quantitative measures of the top or undesirable event.

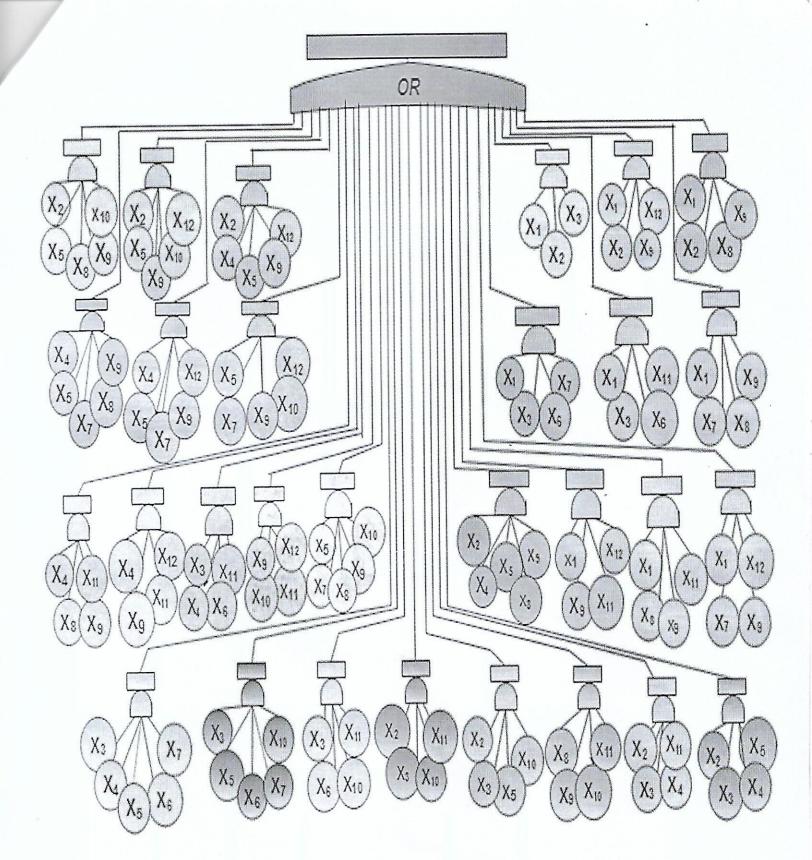


Figure 4: A fault tree for the minimal cut sets of Figure 3(xv).

 $\begin{array}{l} [21,22] \ \text{The minimal cut sets are } \{X_1,X_2,X_3\}, \{X_1,X_2,X_8,X_9\}, \{X_1,X_2,X_9,X_2\}, \{X_1,X_3,X_6,X_7\}, \\ \{X_1,X_3,X_6,X_{11}\}, \{X_1,X_7,X_8,X_9\}, \{X_1,X_7,X_9,X_{12}\}, \{X_1X_8X_9X_{11}\}, \{X_1,X_9,X_{11},X_{12}\}, \{X_2,X_3,X_4,X_5\}, \{X_2,X_3,X_4,X_{11}\}, \\ \{X_2,X_3,X_5,X_{10}\}, \{X_2,X_3,X_{10},X_{11}\}, \{X_3,X_4,X_6,X_{11}\}, \{X_3,X_6,X_{10},X_{11}\}, \{X_4,X_8,X_9,X_{11}\}, \{X_4,X_9,X_{11},X_{12}\}, \{X_8,X_9,X_{10},X_{11}\}, \\ \{X_9,X_{10},X_{11},X_{12}\}, \{X_2X_4X_5X_8X_9\}, \{X_2,X_4,X_5,X_9,X_{12}\}, \{X_2,X_5,X_8,X_9,X_{10}\}, \{X_2,X_5,X_9,X_{10},X_{12}\}, \{X_3,X_4,X_5,X_6,X_7\}, \\ \{X_3,X_5,X_6,X_7,X_{10}\}, \{X_4,X_5,X_7,X_8,X_9\}, \{X_4,X_5,X_7,X_9,X_{12}\}, \{X_4,X_5,X_8,X_9,X_{11}\}, \{X_5,X_7,X_8,X_9,X_{10}\} \end{array}$ 

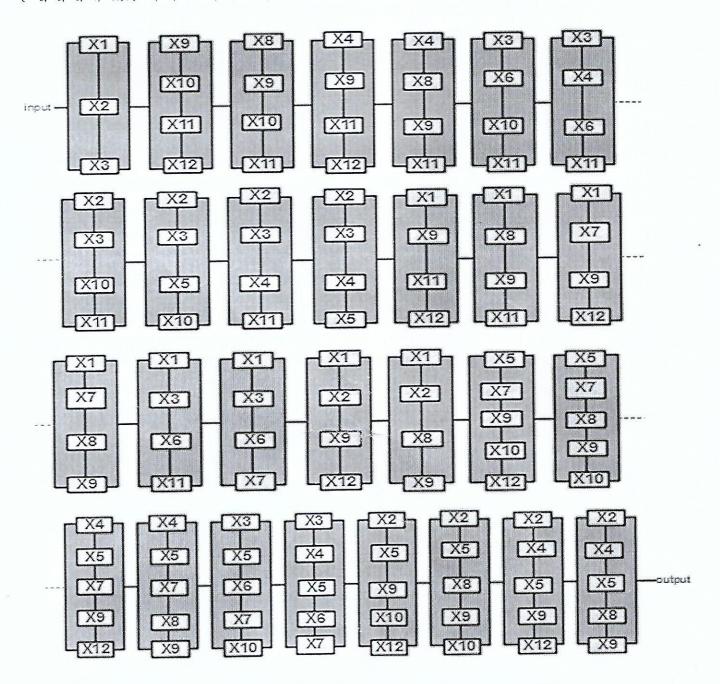


Figure5: Series-parallel system structure

The Reliability of a series - parallel system is  $R_{s} = \prod_{i=1}^{m} (1 - \prod_{j=1}^{n} (1 - P_{j})) \tag{1}$ 

 $R_s = R_3 R_9 + R_1 R_4 R_{10} + R_1 R_5 R_{11} + R_2 R_6 R_9 + R_2 R_7 R_{11} + R_3 R_8 R_{12} - R_2 R_3 R_6 R_9 + R_2 R_6 R_8$  $R_{12} - R_3 R_8 R_9 R_{12} - R_1 R_2 R_5 R_7 R_{11} - R_1 R_3 R_4 R_9 R_{10} - R_1 R_3 R_5 R_9 R_{11} - R_1 R_4 R_5 R_{10} R_{11} R_2R_3R_6$   $R_8R_{12}$ - $R_2R_3R_7R_9R_{11}$ - $R_2R_6R_7R_9R_{11}$ - $R_2R_6R_8R_9R_{12}$ - $R_1R_2$   $R_4R_6R_9R_{10}$ - $R_1R_2R_5R_6R_9R_{11}-R_1R_2R_4R_7R_{10}R_{11}-R_1R_3R_4R_8R_{10}R_{12}+R_2R_3R_6R_7R_9R_{11}-R_1R_3$  $R_5R_8R_{11}R_{12}+R_2R_3R_6R_8R_9R_{12}-R_2R_3R_7R_8R_{11}R_{12}-R_2R_6R_7R_8R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_3$  $R_4R_6R_9R_{10}+R_1R_2R_3R_5R_6R_9R_{11}+R_1R_2R_3R_5R_7R_9R_{11}+R_1R_2R_4R_5R_7R_{10}R_{11}+$  $R_1R_2R_5R_6R_7R_9R_{11}-R_1R_2R_4R_6R_8R_{10}R_{12}+R_1R_3R_4R_5R_9R_{10}R_{11}-R_1R_2R_5R_6R_8$  $R_3R_7R_8R_9R_{11}R_{12}+R_2R_6R_7R_8R_9$   $R_{11}R_{12}-R_1R_2R_3R_5R_6R_7R_9R_{11}+R_1R_2R_3R_4R_6$  $R_8R_{10}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_3R_4R_7R_9R_{10}R_{11}+R_1R_2R_3R_5R_6R_8R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_4$  $R_{10}R_{11} + R_1R_2R_3R_5R_7R_8R_{11}R_{12} + R_1R_2R_4R_6R_7R_9R_{10}R_{11} + R_1R_2R_4R_6 - R_8R_9R_{10}$  $R_{12}+R_1R_2R_5R_6R_7R_8R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_5R_6R_8R_9$   $R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_3R_4R_5R_8R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}$  $R_2R_3R_6R_7R_8R_9R_{11}R_{12}-R_1R_2$   $R_3R_4R_5R_6R_9R_{10}R_{11}$   $-R_1R_2R_3R_4R_5R_7R_9R_{10}R_{11}$  $R_1R_2R_3R_4R_6R_7R_9R_{10}R_{11}-R_1R_2R_3R_4R_6R_8R_9R_{10}R_{12}-R_1R_2R_3R_5R_6R_7R_8R_{11}R_{12}$  $-R_1R_2R_4R_5R_6R_7R_9R_{10}R_{11}-R_1R_2R_3R_5R_6R_8R_9R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_3R_4R_7R_8R_{10}R_{11}$  $R_{12}-R_1R_2R_3R_5R_7R_8R_9R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_4R_5R_6R_8R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_4R_6R_7R_8R_{10}$  $R_{11}R_{12}-R_1R_2R_5R_6R_7R_8R_9R_{11}R_{12}-R_1R_3R_4R_5R_8R_9R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_3R_4R_5R_6$  $R_7R_9R_{10}R_{11}-R_1R_2R_3R_4R_5R_6R_8R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}-R_1R_2R_3R_4R_5R_7R_8R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}-R_1R_2$  $R_3R_4R_6R_7R_8R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_3R_5R_6R_7R_8R_9R_{11}R_{12}-R_1R_2R_4R_5R_6R_7R_8$   $R_{10}$  $R_{11}R_{12} - R_1R_2R_3R_4R_7R_8R_9R_{10}R_{11}R_{12} - R_1R_2R_4R_5R_6R_8R_9R_{10}R_{11}R_{12} - R_1R_2R_4R_6$  $R_7 R_8 R_9 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} + R_1 R_2 R_3 R_4 R_5 R_6 R_7 R_8 R_{10} R_{11} R_{12} + R_1 R_2 R_3 R_4 R_5 R_6 R_8 \quad R_9 R_{10}$  $R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_3R_4R_5R_7R_8R_9R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}+R_1R_2R_3R_4R_6R_7R_8R_9R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}+R_1$  $R_{2}R_{4}R_{5}R_{6}R_{7}R_{8}R_{9}R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}-R_{1}R_{2}R_{3}R_{4}R_{5}R_{6}R_{7}R_{8}R_{9}R_{10}R_{11}R_{12}$ 

If  $(R_1, R_2, ..., R_{12})$  are independent identical, get the reliability polynomial.  $R_s = R^2 + 5R^3 - R^4 - 8R^5 - 5R^6 + 9R^7 + 8R^8 - 7R^9 - 5R^{10} + 5R_{11} - R^{12}$  (3)

#### **IV.Conclusions**

Many systems such as computer network, Nuclear power, electric power distribution, transportation, etc. can be modeled as networks or into fault trees first, so engineers can validate and verify their designs and evaluate system performance. Reliability is normally selected as one of the most important indices in many real world systems. Most of network reliability evaluation methods are formulated in terms of MCs. However, both the problems in locating all MCs and computing the network reliability in terms of the known MCs are NP-hard. This study presented another way is A very easy and more efficient MOCUS algorithm for finding all MCs between the source vertex and the sink vertex with time a complexity was developed.

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