

MEADep for system Reliability, Availability - Modeling and Assessment

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Course Syllabus & Objectives

Course objectives:

- The student will understand the use of Reliability Block Diagrams and Markov models.
- The student will know when to use Markov models, their applications, limitations, and benefits.
- The student will know how to use the MEADEP tool for system availability modeling.
- The student will know how to use the MEADEP tool to analyze data for parameter estimation to include in the model.

Course Syllabus:

Introduction:

- Role of Markov Models and Reliability Block Diagrams in the Modeling Spectrum
- Applications
- Limitations
- Benefits
- Input
- Process Flow Chart of Markov Modeling
- Step-by-Step Procedure
- Definitions
- Analogy
- Conceptual understanding of how system behavior can be represented with a set of states and inter-state transitions
- What is involved in constructing a Markov model given a system specification (process flowchart, step-by-step procedure, and examples)

MEADEP Software tool for Markov modeling:

- *MEADEP Overview*
- *Model Generator (MG)*
 - Function
 - Model Hierarchy Example
 - Markov Model Example
 - Block Diagram Example
 - Series and Parallel Blocks
 - Weighted Block Diagram Example
 - K out of N example

- Generate Text Modeling File
- *Model Evaluator (ME)*
 - ME Functions
 - Generating Results from Model Evaluator
 - Loop By Value Set
 - Graph Results
- *Data Editor and Analyzer (DEA)*
 - Major functions
 - Menu Tree
 - DEA Record Structure
 - Consolidate Example
 - Multiple Statistics - Definitions
 - Graphing & Parameter Estimation Capabilities
 - Pie Chart Graphing
 - Time Between Events Histogram
 - Time To Recovery Histogram
 - MTBE Line Graph
 - Major Functions
 - Record Structures
 - Main Form
 - Data Editing Capabilities
 - Selecting Data
 - Query Files
- *Data Pre-Processor (DPP)*
 - Main Form
 - File Types

Examples:

Customer-specific examples to demonstrate the application of the tool (arranged in advance)