

A System with Stochastically Dependent Failure Modes with Shock-Accumulation Effect

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SUMMARY

In this work, a stochastic failure model for a system with two dependent failures is proposed. The system can fail due to two causes of failure: the failure due to accumulated wear and that due to the catastrophic failure. We analyze the dependence structure of the two competing failure modes. Based on these properties, we develop a maintenance strategy for such system and study the optimal maintenance policy which minimizes the long-run average cost rate.

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