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Exercise session: Fault Trees and Event Trees

Course: Resilience and Security of Critical Infrastructures

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Agenda

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- Emergency cooling system
 - Electrical pump
 - Simple network system
 - Power distribution system
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- A computational tool useful for FTA

1. Emergency cooling system

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Emergency cooling system

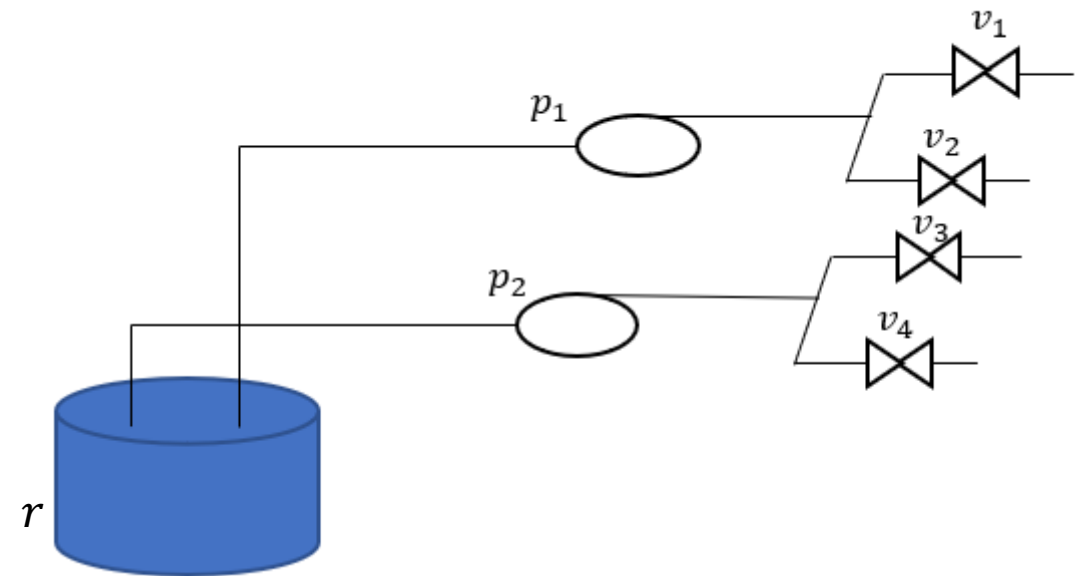
The following system is designed to deliver emergency cooling to a nuclear reactor.

In the event of an accident, *the protection system delivers an actuation signal* to two identical pumps and four identical valves.

The pumps then start, the valves open, and liquid coolant is delivered to the reactor.

The following failure probabilities are found to be significant:

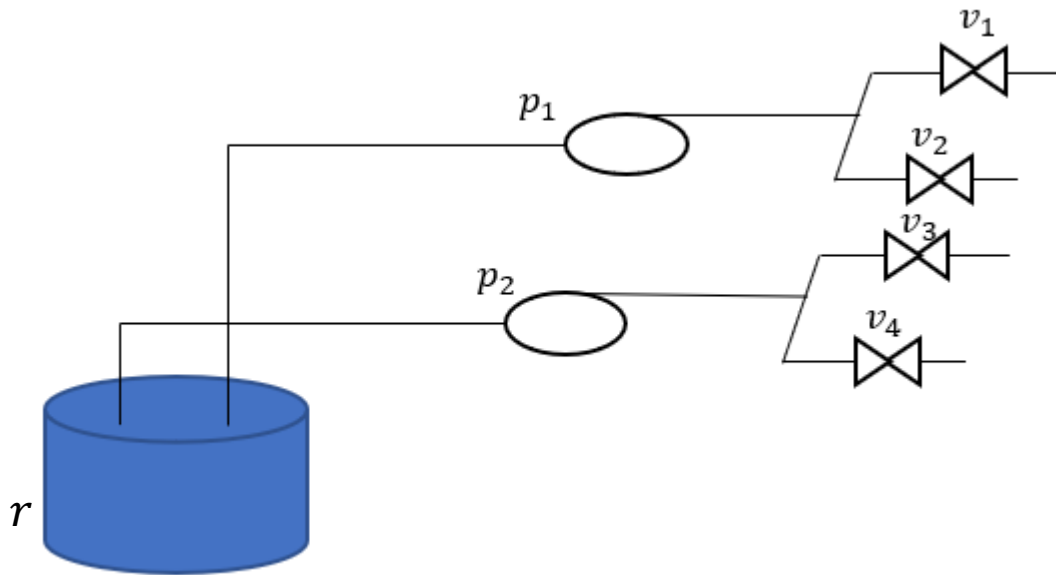
- Probability that the protection system (ps) *will not deliver signal*: $P_{ps}=0.05$
- Probability that a pump (p) *fails*: $P_p=0.1$
- Probability that a valve (p) *fails*: $P_v=0.02$
- Probability that the reservoir (r) *is empty*: $P_r=0.08$



1. Emergency cooling system

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- Draw a Fault Tree (FT) for *the failure of the system to deliver cooling to the nuclear reactor*.
- Identify the *minimal cut-sets* of the system.
- Compute *the probability of the top event*.



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2. Electrical pump

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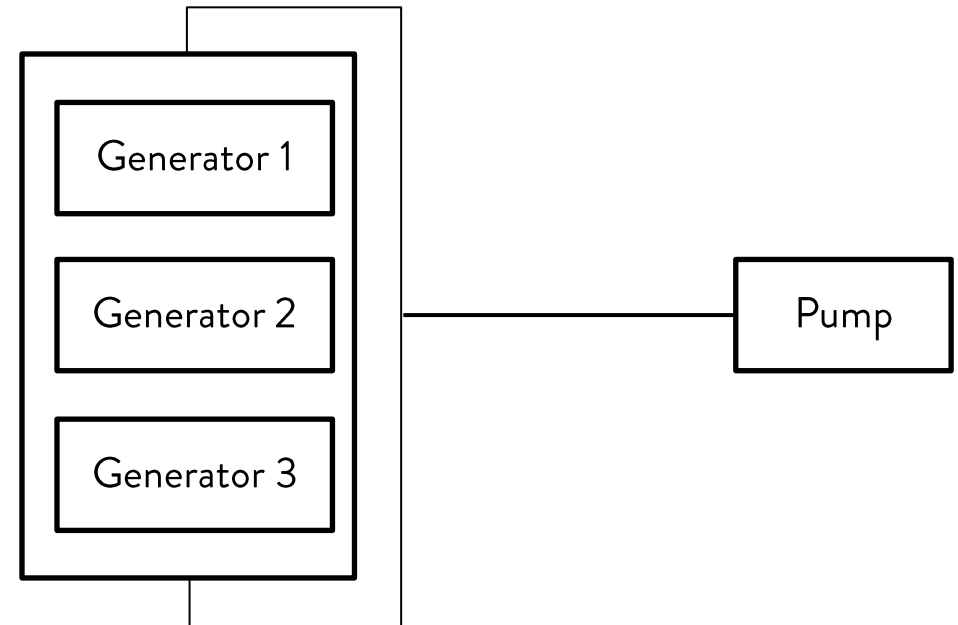
Electrical pump system

An electrical pump (P) is powered by a group of three electric generators (G). Due to the high-power demand of the pump, at least two of the generators must be in operation.

Design the ET to calculate the probability of system operation, following the structure in the header event table. Use the given reliability data for quantification:

$$R_P = 0.9, \quad R_{G1} = R_{G2} = R_{G3} = 0.85$$

P	G1	G2	G3
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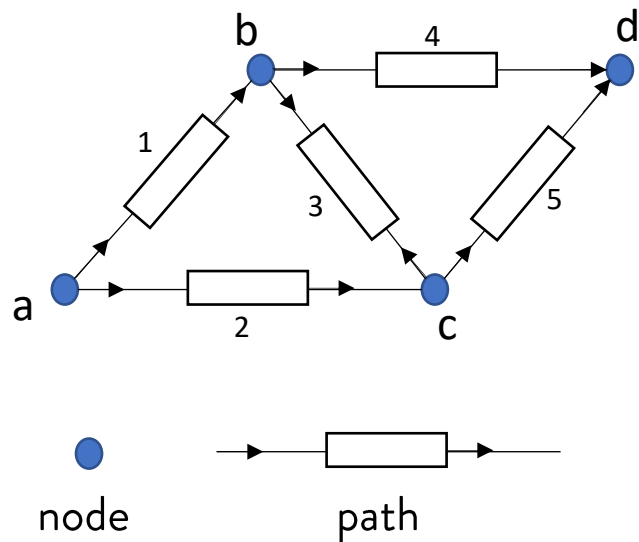


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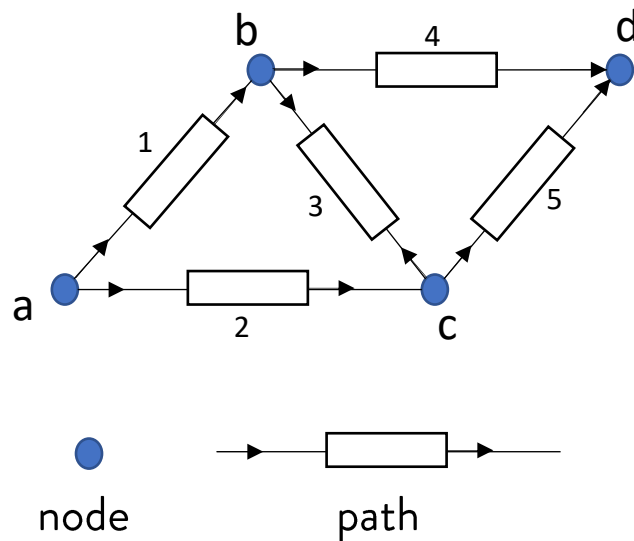
Consider the following network system. All components have an equal failure rate of $\lambda = 10^{-4} \text{days}^{-1}$. The system fails when there is no connection between node a and node d .



3.A. Simple network system

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- Assuming the nodes are perfect (i.e., they cannot fail), develop a Fault Tree (FT) for the event ‘*No signal at D given a signal at A*’.
- Identify the *minimal cut-sets* of the network system.
- Evaluate *the system unreliability for a mission time of 1 year*.



3.B. Simple network system

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- Assuming the nodes are perfect (i.e., they cannot fail), build *the ET to calculate the probability of network operation*, starting from an initiating event and following the given header events.

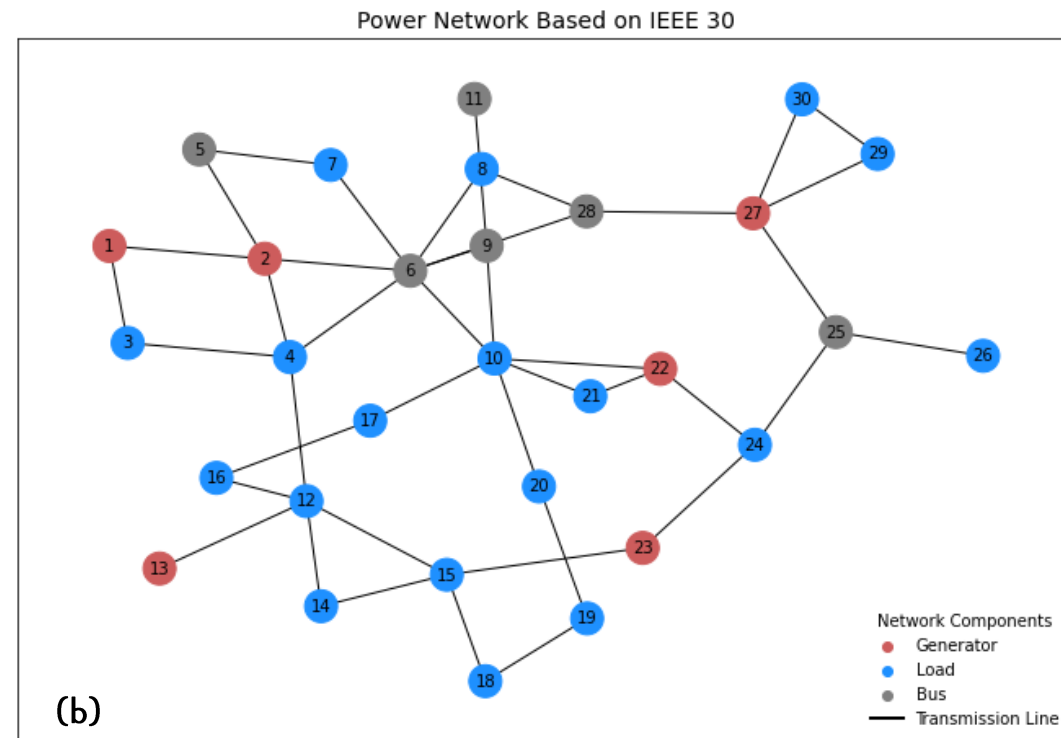
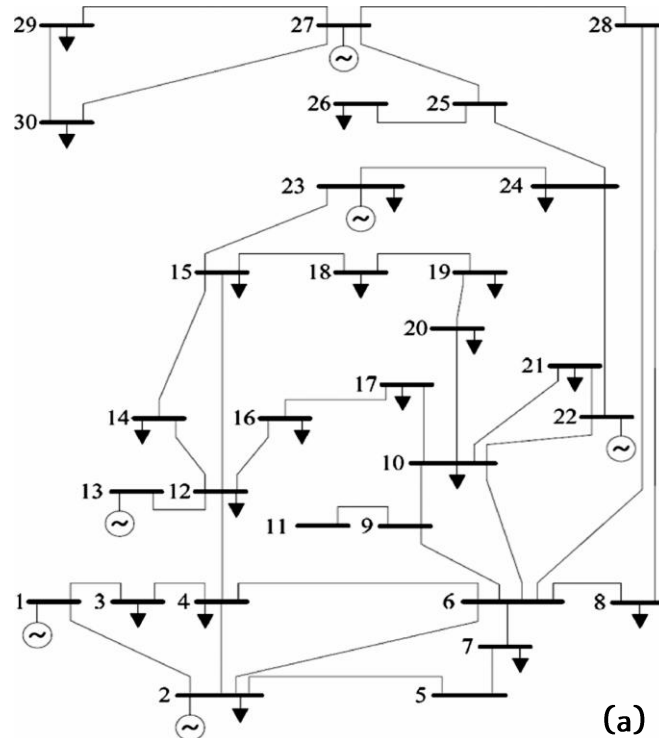
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Power distribution system

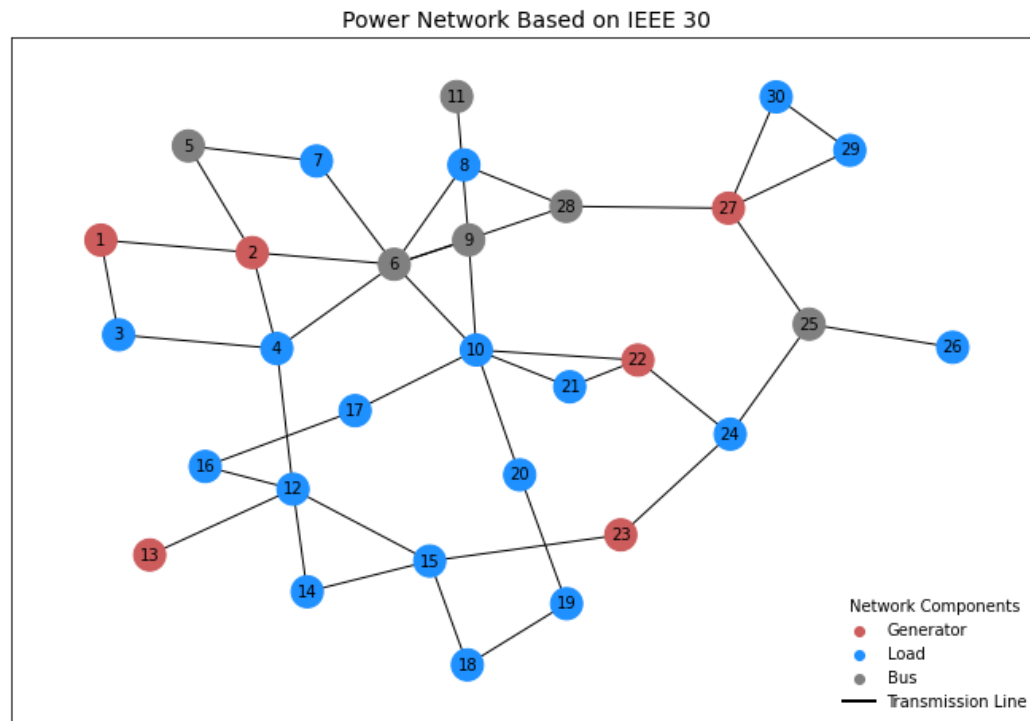
The standard IEEE 30-bus power distribution system is shown in Figure (a). Only the major components are considered: generators (6 generators), loads (20 loads), and power delivery paths consisting of lines (L) and buses (B). The stochastic network is shown in Figure (b)



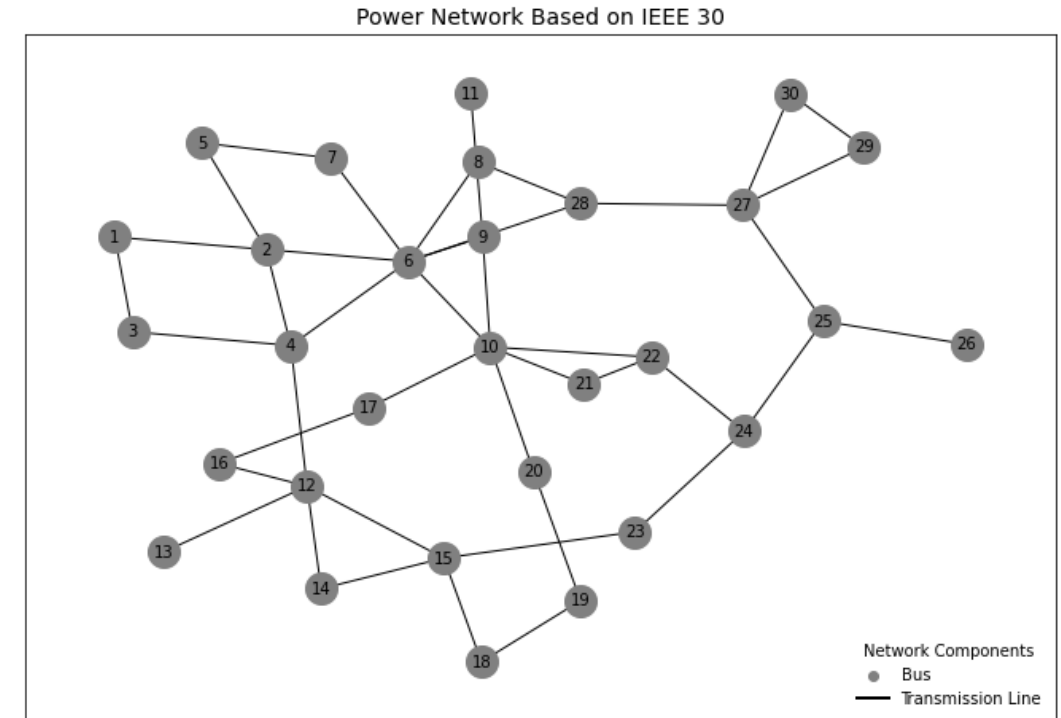
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Power distribution system: IEEE 30-bus power distribution system



A load is a power consumer that does not fail but can be disconnected due to upstream failures

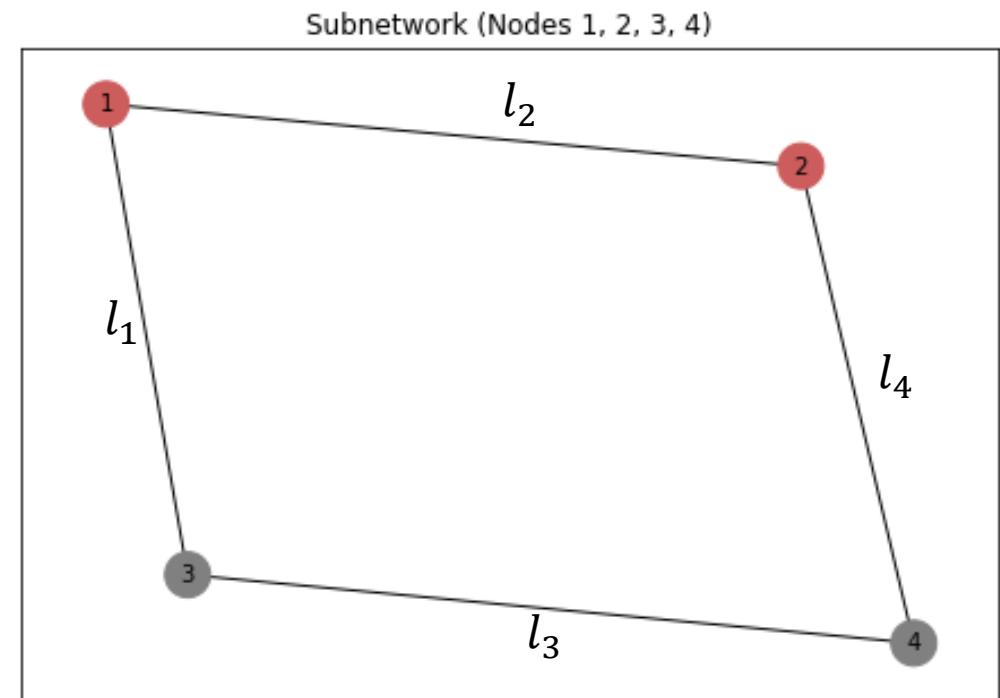
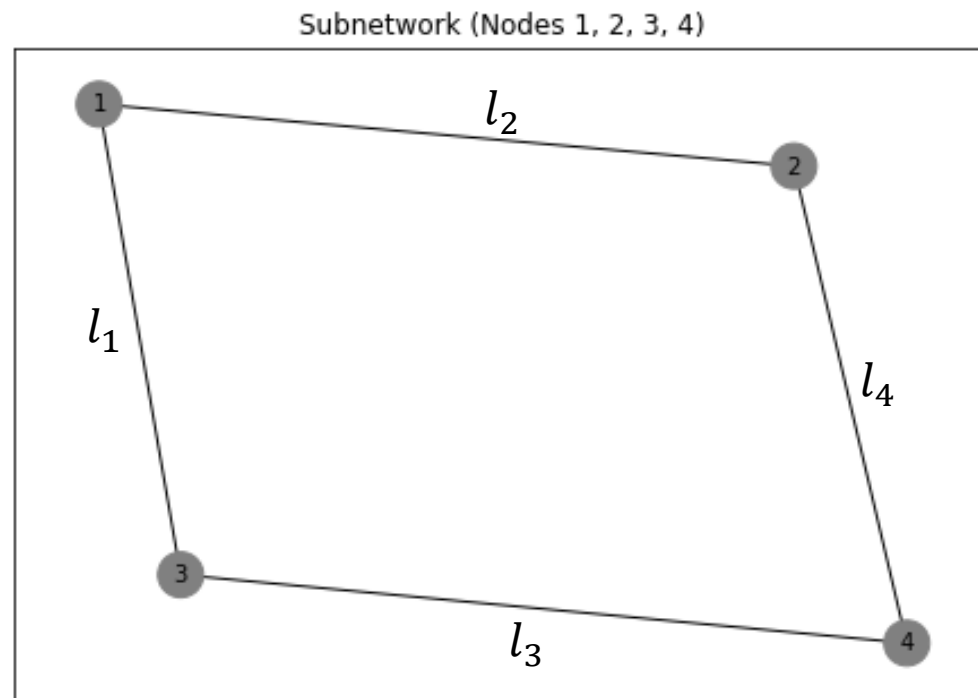


All nodes have buses that act as hubs where electrical power is either injected (from generators), withdrawn (by loads), or transferred across the network. If a bus fails, the corresponding node becomes inoperable

4.A. Power Distribution System

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- Draw a FT for the failure of the system to *supply power to the load demand at Bus 4 (load 4)*.
- Identify the *minimal cut-sets* and calculate the probability of the top event, assuming each element has a failure probability of 0.01



4.B. Power Distribution System

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- Draw an ET for *the failure of the system to supply power to the load demand at bus 4 (load 4)*, starting from an initiating event and following the given header events. Then, calculate the probability of network failure

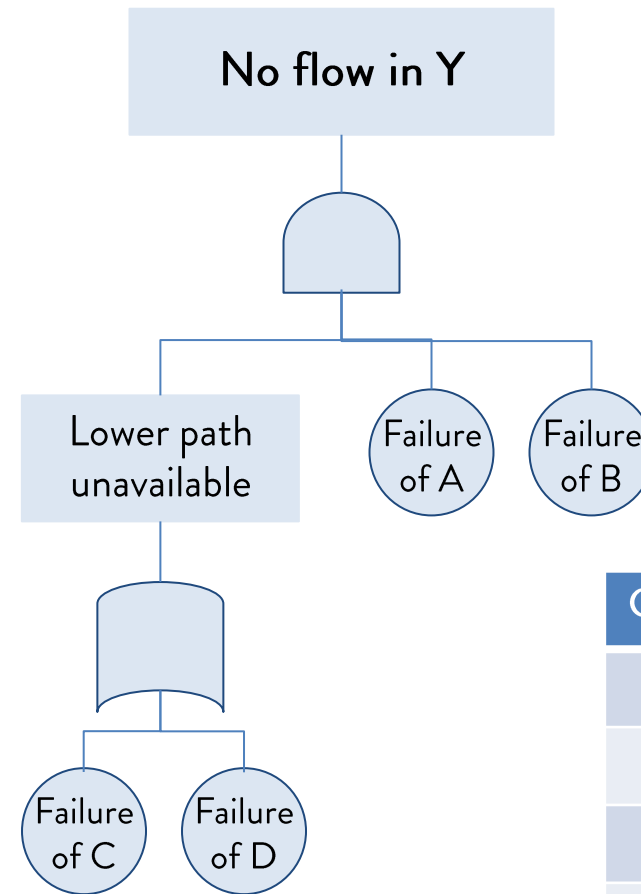
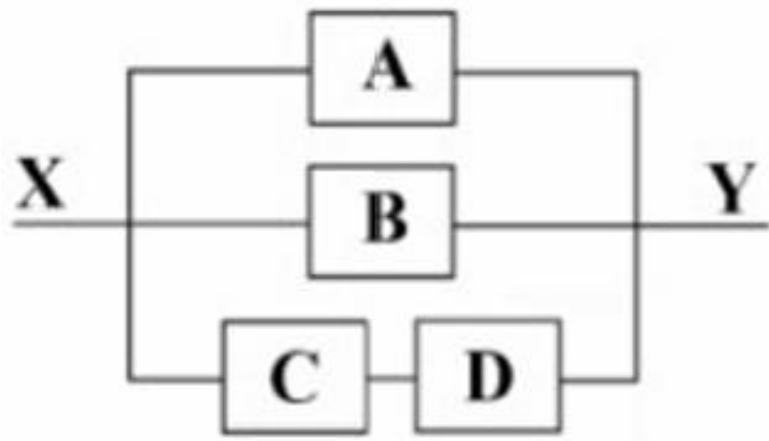
G1	B1	L1	B3	L3	L2	G2	B2	L5	B4
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$$R_i = 0.99$$

$$Q_i = 0.01$$

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Component	Probability of failure
A	0.1
B	0.1
C	0.1
D	0.2

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Install and load the FaultTree package

```
install.packages("FaultTree", repos="http://cran.us.r-project.org")  
library(FaultTree)
```

Main functions in the FaultTree package

Function	Description
<code>ftree.make()</code>	Initializes a new fault tree with a top event
<code>ftree.calc()</code>	Performs step-by-step calculations from bottom to top
<code>addLogic()</code>	Introduces intermediate events that connect failure causes
<code>addProbability()</code>	Represents a basic component failure with an assigned probability
<code>addDuplicate()</code>	Used to reuse events without redefining them

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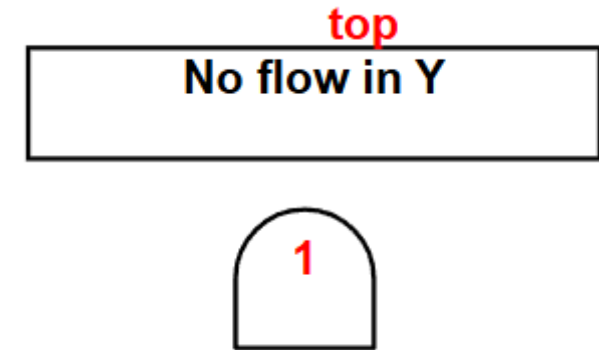
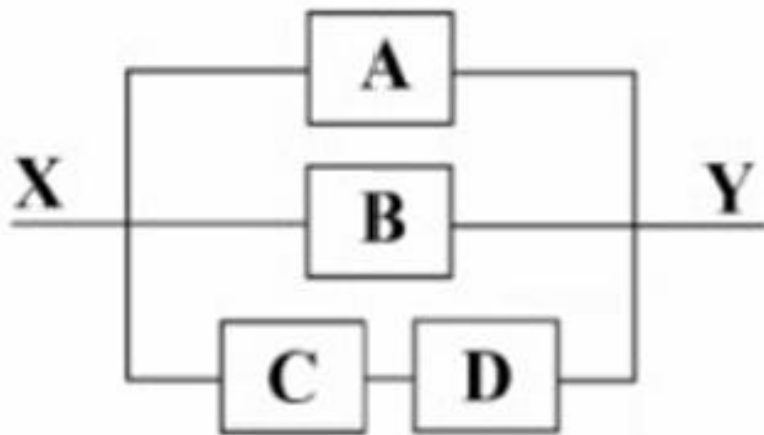
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Create the Fault Tree

```
system <- ftree.make(type="and", name="No flow in Y")
```



Visualize the FT

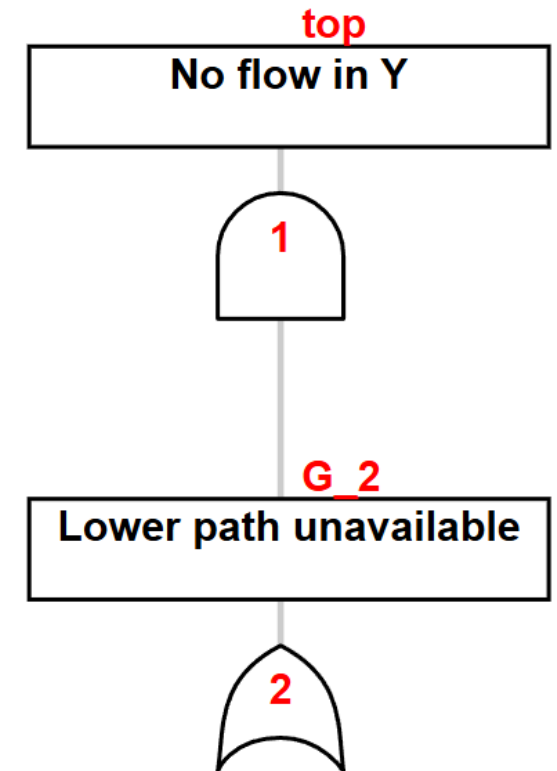
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ftree2html(system, write_file = TRUE)  
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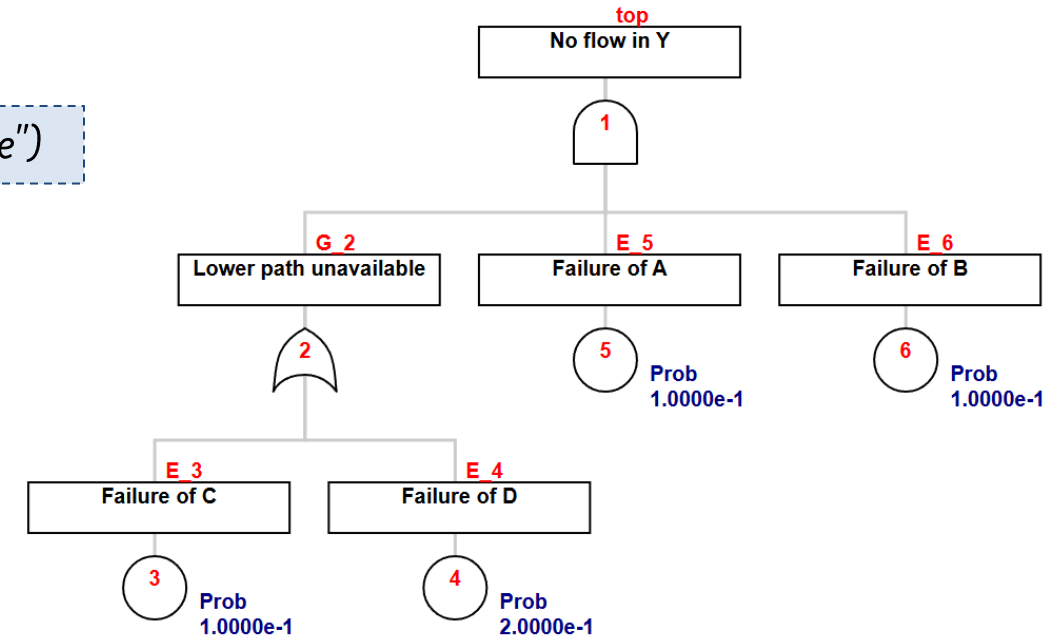
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Add basic failure probabilities

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system <- addProbability(system, at=2, prob=0.2, name="Failure of D")
system <- addProbability(system, at=1, prob=0.1, name="Failure of A")
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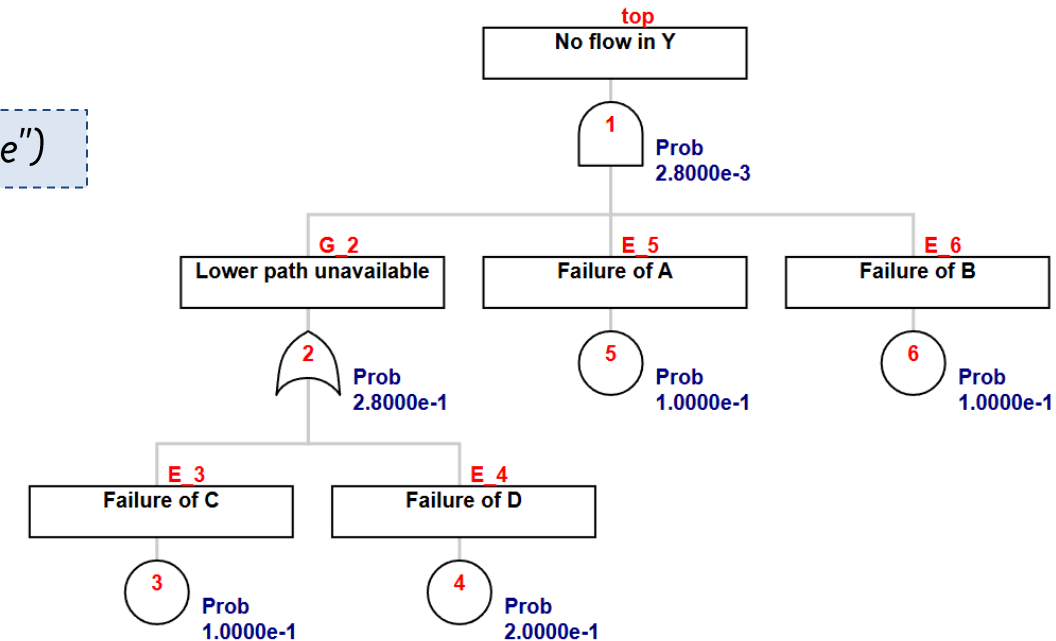
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```

Compute fault tree probabilities

```
system <- ftree.calc(system)
```



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