

Designing Highly Reliable Systems Using Random Devices

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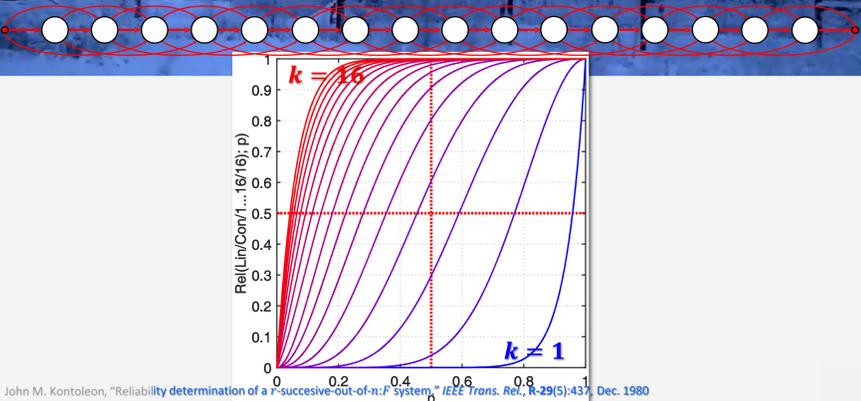
Neurons are prime examples of efficiency, achieving outstanding *communication reliabilities*, although relying on *random ion channels*.

Aiming to *bridge from biology to circuits*, we will show here how:

- statistical results about consecutive systems ...
- combined with a Binet-like formula
- Fibonacci numbers of higher orders lead to trivial reliability calculations for neuron-inspired optimal design schemes for *reliable communication*.

Structure

- Introduction
- Consecutive systems
- Optimal design
- Conclusions



John M. Kontoleon, "Reliability determination of a r-successive-out-of-n:F system," *IEEE Trans. Rel., R-29(5)*:437, Dec. 1980

Abraham de Moivre (1738) – rephrased by James V. Uspensky (1937)

$$\text{If } \beta_{m,k} = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor m/(k+1) \rfloor} (-1)^j C_{m-jk}^k (pq^k)^j \quad (\text{with } p = 1 - q)$$

$$P_{n,k} = 1 - \beta_{n,k} + q^k \beta_{n-k,k} \quad (\text{probability of a run of length } k \text{ in } n \text{ trials})$$

$$\text{Rel}(k, n; q) = \beta_{n,k} - q^k \beta_{n-k,k}$$

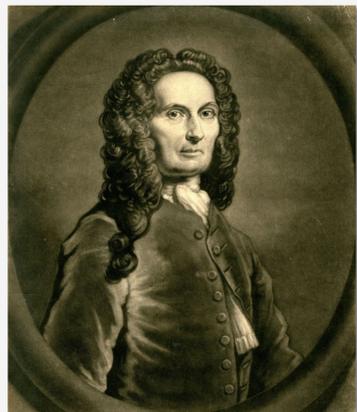
James C. Fu (1986) using the Markov chain method

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} p & q & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ p & 0 & q & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ p & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & q \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{(k+1) \times (k+1)}$$

$$\text{Rel}(k, n; q) = (1, \dots, 1, 0) \times M^n \times (1, \dots, 1, 0)^t$$

James V. Uspensky, *Introduction to Mathematical Probability*, McGraw-Hill: New York, NY, USA, 1937

James C. Fu, "Reliability of consecutive-k-out-of-n:F systems with (k-1)-step Markov dependence," *IEEE Trans. Rel., R-35(5)*:602-606, Dec. 1986



THE DOCTRINE OF CHANCES.
OR,
A METHOD of Calculating the Probabilities of Events in PLAY.

When I was just concluding this Work, the following Problem was mentioned to me as very difficult, for which reason I have confided it with a particular attention.

PROBLEM LXXXVIII.
To find the Probability of throwing a Chance assigned a given number of times without intermission, in any given number of Trials.

Abraham de Moivre, *The Doctrine of Chances* (2nd ed.), H. Woodfall: London, UK, 1738

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$$\text{Rel(Lin/Con/k/n; 0.5)} = \frac{F_{n+2}^{(k)}}{2^n} \quad \text{Philippou 1985}$$

$$F_n^{(k)} = F_{n-1}^{(k)} + F_{n-2}^{(k)} + \dots + F_{n-k}^{(k)} \quad \text{d'Ocagne 1884}$$

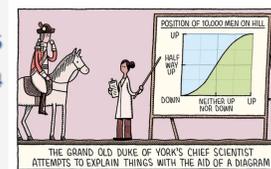
$$x^k - x^{k-1} - x^{k-2} - \dots - x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$\alpha_k = 2 \left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{2^i} \left(\frac{k+1-i-2}{i-1} \right) \frac{1}{2^{(k+1)i}} \right] \quad \text{Wolfram 1998}$$

$$2 - \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} < 2 - \frac{1}{2^k} < \alpha_k < 2 - \frac{1}{2^{k-2}} < 2 - \frac{1}{2^{k-3}}$$

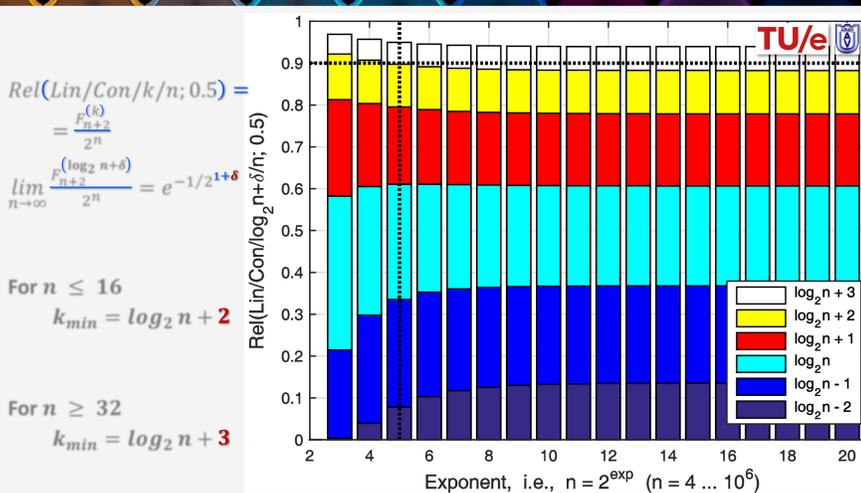
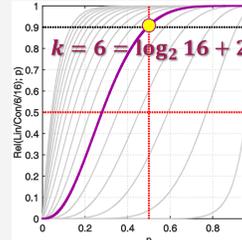
$$F_n^{(k)} = \text{rnd} \left[\frac{\alpha_k - 1}{2 + (k+1)(\alpha_k - 2)} \alpha_k^{n-1} \right] \quad \text{Du 2008, Dresden 2009}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{n+2}^{(k)}}{2^n} = e^{-1/2^{1+\delta}} \quad \text{which gives } k_{\min} = \log_2 n + 2 \lfloor \delta \rfloor$$



THE GRAND OLD DUKE OF YORK'S CHIEF SCIENTIST ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN THINGS WITH THE AID OF A DIAGRAM

TOM GARDNER FOR NEW SCIENTIST



George E. P. Box, "Science and statistics," *J. Amer. Stat. Assoc.*, **71(356)**: 791-799, Dec. 1976

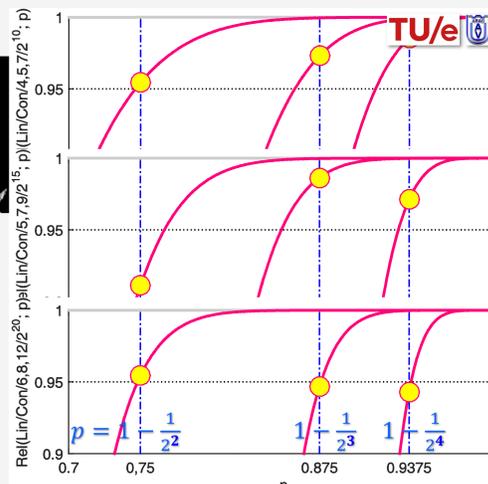
- [...] all models are approximations
- **Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful**
- [...] the approximate nature of the model must always be borne in mind



Axons could be modeled as 2D consecutive:

- (m, k)-out-of-(m, n)
- n = 10² ... 10⁶
- m = 2, 3, 4

$$k_{\min} = \left\lceil \frac{\log_2 n + 3}{m} \right\rceil$$



Our method for optimizing linear consecutive systems:

- avoids computing the reliability polynomial
- relies on a (very) simple Binet-like formula
- Rel > 90% with p = 1/2 (!) for all n > 4
- is being extended to 2D (axons)
- technology evaluations are underway

THANK YOU