Event-based Fault Diagnosis under Different Levels of Uncertainty

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Fault - a malfunction in system component(s) (actuators, sensors,...etc.) that results in unacceptable system performance, and/or system instability





Facts:

- Despite all our efforts, faults in a system cannot be avoided.
- Faults may occur every where in a system.



F-35 crashes for the first time in the jet's 17-year history

There is a need for **automatically diagnosing faults** so that if a fault occurs, the system can be recovered to accomplish the originally assigned task or at least can be brought to a safe mode!



Traditional fault diagnosis



Automatic fault diagnosis



Failure to properly diagnose faults, leads to incorrect recovery actions



"Wow, pulled back the wrong side throttle"..... (captain of TransAsia Flight GE235)



American Airlines Flight 191 (1979)

- Left Engine separated from wing
- Pilot only 15s to react
- Subsequent analysis shows consequence of faults avoidable



Antares Failure during Orb-3 Launch (Oct 28, 2014)

- On October 28, 2014, 6:22 p.m. (EST), Orbital ATK launched its Orb-3 cargo from NASA's Flight Facility in Virginia.
- Just over 15 seconds into flight, an explosion in the Main Engine System (MES) occurred, causing the vehicle to lose thrust and fall back toward the ground.





Orb–3 Accident Investigation Report (October 9, 2015)

Techni	cal	Finding	is		
TF-1	T St O	Technical Recommendations		Finding(s) Addressed by Recommendation	
TF-2	G te b	TR-1	NASA should not rely on the AJ26 for further missions without undertaking a more thorough inspection, qualification and acceptance test, and certification program.	TF-1, TF-2, TF-4, and TF-6	
TF-3 TF-4	T a A	TR-2	For the new RD-181 engine that Orbital ATK has identified as a replacement to the AJ26 engine, Orbital ATK should ensure a thorough qualification program and acceptance test program is implemented specific to planned Antares operations.	TF-2 and TF-4 (Also, PF-7, PF-8)	
TF-5	a: A	TR-3	For future Antares missions, additional MES sensors and sensor filtering should be provided by Orbital ATK.	TF-3	
TF-1R		TR-4	For future engine ATPs, sensors more suitable to the test environment should be utilized, and sensors should be better placed to understand and characterize engine performance.	TF-3	
		Que	estion:		
The Reco	IR m	Are	we able to place sensor for every possi	ble fault?	







Figure 4. Antares First-Stage Core with Two AJ26 Engines Installed

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). "Nasa Independent Review Team Orb – 3 Accident Investigation Report (Executive Summary)." http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/orb3_irt_execsumm_0.pdf.



Problem: In case of occurring a fault in the system, how to automatically diagnose the occurred fault from the external observations of the systems? Is a failure happened in the • **Failure detection:** system? • What is the type of failure? **Failure identification:** • Where is the place of failure **Failure location:** in the system?

Challenges



Faults may happen **any time** and **any where** in the system causing despondent situations.

Though we may use sensors for important possible failures, but practically **we cannot have a dedicated sensor for every possible failure** as failures may happen everywhere anytime.

Usually systems are partially or completely unknown. So, we might **not always have access to the model of the system and its failures.**

Faults should **be diagnosed in the shortest possible time** to make it possible to be accommodated.

DES Framework





Behavior Model

The arbitrary nature of unobservable fault occurrences leads to the non-deterministic, nonlinear behavior of highly complex systems; inherently making a discrete-event modelled system representation quite suitable for diagnosing fault occurrences.



Cause & Effect

The common structure of DES consists of various sequences of events/actions leading to various system states. This structure matches a human's instinctive perception of cause and effect, thus providing for more natural intuitive system analytics.



Topology

The topology of a DES, represents a system's behavior as sequences of discrete events. This allows for the capturing of disruptive changes in a system's operation; in turn highlighting faulty behaviors of the system.

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Preliminaries and Background

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- * Definition: a non-deterministic finite-state Discrete-Event System (DES) can be represented by a four-tuple: $G = (X, \Sigma, \delta, x_0)$
 - **State space (X): a discrete set of system states** $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
 - ***** Event set $(\Sigma = \Sigma_o \cup \Sigma_u)$: notable occurrences of asynchronous discrete changes in a system $\Sigma = \{c, e, s, r, d, n, i\}$
 - ***** Observable events (Σ₀): events observed by a sensor (e.g., flowing of water) $\Sigma_0 = \{c, e, s, r\}$
 - Unobservable events (Σ_u): events that are unable to be detected by sensors; possibly due to sensor absence/damage (e.g., failure event)
 Σ_u = {d, n, i}
 - ★ State-transition relation ($\delta: X \times \Sigma \to 2^X$): a partial relation that determines all feasible system state transitions caused by system events (2^X is the set of all possible combinations of states)

 $\delta(1,c) = 2, \ \delta(2,e) = 3, \ \delta(3,i) = 3$

Initial state (x₀): indicated by an input arrow connected to a single state x₀ = {1}





The system language is a discrete representation of the system's behaviors (normal and faulty) in the form of sequences of events

★ Trace (string): a sequence of one or more events, allowable by the system's behavior
★ e.g., s = e₁e₂ ... e_n where e_i ∈ Σ

★ Language (L_G(x₀)): the set of all system <u>traces</u> which originate at the system's initial state x₀
 ★ L_G(x₀) = {s ∈ Σ* |δ(x₀, s) is defined} (Σ* is the Kleene Closure of Σ)



 $\bigstar \mathcal{L}_{G}(x_{0}) = \{\varepsilon, d^{*}, ce, cesdd, cei^{*}s, ...\}$





- ✤ Our purpose is to diagnose unobservable faults from the observable behavior of the system.
- The system's observable behavior can be described by the natural projection (P) of the system's language to the observable language set of the system.

$$P: \Sigma^* \to \Sigma_0^*$$

$$\begin{cases}
P(e) = e & \text{if } e \in \Sigma_0 \\
P(e) = \varepsilon & \text{if } e \notin \Sigma_0 \\
P(se) = P(s)P(e) & \text{for } s \in \Sigma^* \text{ and } e \in \Sigma
\end{cases}$$

Extension of the natural projection to the languages: $P(\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{x_0})) = \{P(s) \mid s \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{x_0})\}$

Inverse of Natural Projection $P_{\mathcal{L}_{\boldsymbol{G}}(\boldsymbol{x_0})}^{-1}(w) = \{s \in \mathcal{L}_{\boldsymbol{g}}(\boldsymbol{x_0}) \mid P(s) = w\}$



- $\mathcal{L}_{G}(x_{0}) = \{\varepsilon, ce, cesdd, cei^{*}s, ...\}$
 - $\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{L}_{G}(x_{0})) = \{\varepsilon, ce, ces, ces, \dots\}$

$$P_{\mathcal{L}_{G}(x_{0})}^{-1}(c) = \{d^{*}cn^{*}\}$$



Proposed Framework

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Fault Diagnosis





- Fault diagnostics is provided by the diagnoser.
- The diagnoser extracts information from the original system's observable behaviors, in order to estimate the original system's current state and current condition (faulty or non-faulty).
- The diagnoser's transitions are only defined over the original system's observable event occurrences.
- Upon observance of the original system's behavior, the diagnoser updates its estimation of the original system's state and condition.

Scope of Work



We consider different levels of uncertainties:

- 1- Diagnosis of an Unknown System
- 2- Diagnosis under unknown initial condition of the system and with unknown past history

3- Diagnosis under partially unknown initial condition of the system and with partially unknown past history .

Developed approaches:

1- Active-learning for knowing the system and diagnosing the occurred failures at the same time.

2- Asynchronous diagnosis for a system with unknown initial condition and with unknown past history

3- Semi-Asynchronous diagnosis for a system with partially unknown initial condition of the system and with partially unknown past history.

Assumptions



Consider that in the plant G, failures f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n can happen:

1. Faults are unobservable:

We assume that these events are unobservable events in the automaton G, i.e. $\Sigma F = \{f_1, f_2, ..., f_n\} \subseteq \Sigma uo$, otherwise, if failures are observable events, then they can be trivially and immediately diagnosed.

2. We consider those faults that are abrupt changes in the system, and can be modelled as "events" making a distinct change in the system:

These changes (transition $x \xrightarrow{f_i} x'$) can be captured by the transition function $\delta(x, f_i) = x'$ in automaton G

3. Failures do not bring the system to a halt mode:

Therefore, there will be enough time to diagnose failures from the observable behavior of the system $P_{\Sigma o}(\mathcal{L}(G))$.

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In many practical situations, the system under diagnosis is not completely known. Active-learning diagnosis

Proposed Approach





We use the theory of **Discrete Event Systems** to model the failures.

We develop a "diagnoser" as a diagnosis tool.

- The diagnoser extracts information from the original system's observable behaviors, in order to estimate the original system's current state and current condition (faulty or non-faulty).
- The diagnoser's transitions are only defined over the original system's observable event occurrences.
- Upon observance of the original system's behavior, the diagnoser updates its estimation of the original system's state and condition.

In the absence of complete information about the system, we develop an **active** learning technique to adaptively build-up a diagnosis tool for the system.

Approach

Passive Learning vs. Active Learning



Passive Learning

- Teacher provides all available information about the system.
- Learner fits a model for the provided information.
- The learner passively learns the trained information and only can work over the training range.



How about the case that a new situation happens and the learner is not trained for it?



Active Learning

- The learner asks basic questions about missing information about the system.
- The teacher answers the questions about the system.
- The learner actively learns the enquired information and gradually builds a model for the system.

The active learner can **gradually and adaptively** construct a model for a system.

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Contributions



Developed a discrete event system framework for fault diagnosing for a completely unknown system.

Developed a systematic active learning strategy to construct the diagnoser to provide diagnosis for an unknown system.

Actively asking basic minimum queries from an oracle, the proposed algorithm will come up with a labeled deterministic finite state automaton as the system fault diagnoser.

An independent label propagation technique is designed to make the algorithm more efficient to construct the diagnoser.

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General Structure of the Developed Diagnoser



Diagnoser G_d can be described by a labeled automaton using the following tuple: $G_d = (Q_d, \Sigma_d, \Delta, \delta_d, h, q_0)$

Q _d is the set of diagnoser states	δ_d is the transition rule		
$\Sigma_d = \Sigma_o$ is the event set	$h: Q_d \longrightarrow \Delta$ is the output function		
Δ is the output label set	q_0 is the initial state		

$$\Delta = \{N\} \cup \{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_m\}, L_i \in \{F_i, A_i\}$$

N: normal

 F_i : occurrence of the failure f_i

 A_i : ambiguity in the occurrence of the failure f_i



General Overview of the Proposed Algorithm





- 1. The proposed algorithm gradually learns the diagnoser starting with an initialized diagnoser, building up a deterministic label transition system for an unknown DES plant.
- 2. The proposed active-learning mechanism **acquires the required information** through an oracle who answers some basic queries about the system and observable strings.
- 3. A label propagation method is introduced to make the fault diagnosing more efficient.
- 4. With the acquired information, the algorithm completes a series of observation tables, and eventually conjectures a correct diagnoser.



The algorithm constructs the diagnoser G_d by asking minimum queries from an oracle who correctly answers two types of basic queries:

1. Membership queries:

Whether a newly observed strings belongs to $P_{\Sigma o}(\mathcal{L}(G))$, and if it is faulty.

2. Equivalence queries:

- Whether $\mathcal{L}(G_d) = P_{\Sigma o} (\mathcal{L}(G))$
- If not, the oracle returns a counterexample: $cex \in \mathcal{L}(G_d) \setminus P_{\Sigma o} (\mathcal{L}(G)) \cup P_{\Sigma o} (\mathcal{L}(G)) \setminus \mathcal{L}(G_d)$

The Proposed Algorithm





Construction of the Diagnoser: The Observation Table



The acquired information will be used to create a series of observation tables (S,E,T), where

 $S \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is a non-empty, prefix closed, finite set of strings

E is a non-empty, suffix closed, finite set of strings

T is the Condition Map:

 $T(s): (S \cup S, \Sigma_0) \colon E \to \Delta \cup \{0\}$

Т	E	
I ₂	ϵ	
	E	N
S	а	0
	b	<i>A</i> ₁
$S\Sigma_0 - S$	аа	0
	ab	0
	ba	0
	bb	A_1

OTs incrementally record and maintain the information about the observed strings.

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Construction of the Diagnoser: The Condition Map









Make it more efficient: Label Propagation

Using this algorithm, some of the queries are possible to be answered using current information in the table:

If a string s is faulty, so are all its possible extensions:

$$[s \in S \cup S. \Sigma: F_i \in T(s)] \Rightarrow [\forall s' \in ext(s) \cap P_{\Sigma o}(\mathcal{L}(G)): F_i \in T(s')]$$

For any string s that is not defined in the system, so are all its extensions:

$$[s \in S \cup S.\Sigma: T(s) = \{0\}] \Rightarrow [\forall s' \in ext(s): T(s') = \{0\}]$$

The Proposed Algorithm: Initialization 😧

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The Proposed Algorithm: Closeness





$$\forall t \in S. \Sigma_0, \exists s \in S \mid row(t) = row(s)$$

If the observation table is not closed

 $\exists s \in S, \exists t \in S. \Sigma_{o} | row(t) \neq row(s)$

To make the observation table closed, add *t* to S and update the table.



The Proposed Algorithm: Consistency



The Proposed Algorithm: Making Hypotheses

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If the observation table is complete (closed and consistent), then we can hypothesize the diagnoser $G_d(T_i)$ based on the observation table OT:

$$G_d(T_i) = (Q_d, \Sigma_d, \Delta_d, \delta_d, h, q_0)$$

•
$$\Sigma_d = \Sigma_o$$

•
$$\Delta_p = \Delta \cup \{0\}$$

•
$$Q_d = \{row(s) | s \in S\}$$

•
$$q_0 = row(\varepsilon)$$

• $h(row(s)) = T(s.\varepsilon)$

•
$$\delta_d (row(s), \sigma) = row(s, \sigma)$$

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	ab	0	
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The Proposed Algorithm: Check for Counterexamples





Remark: If no counterexample was found. then return the diagnoser.

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 A_1

Ν

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0

0

 A_1A_2

0

 A_1

b

bb

bba

aa

ab

ba

bbb

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The Developed Diagnoser: Online Implementation







Minimality of the Diagnoser

Theorem 1. Let G_d to be the diagnoser constructed by the proposed Algorithm. Then, any other diagnoser, which is consistent with the condition map, T, has more number of states than G_d .

Determinism of the Diagnoser

Theorem 2. The diagnoser G₄, constructed by the proposed Algorithm, is a deterministic finite-state automaton.

Termination of the Algorithm

Theorem 3. The algorithm for constructing the diagnoser G₄, terminates after a finite number of iterations.

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Future Research

Diagnosis for partially known systems



Partially known system



Strategy 1: Ignore the known information and treat the system as an unknown system



Strategy 2: Take advantage of the information about the known part and actively learn the unknown part



Diagnosis under uncertain initial condition





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Semi-asynchronous Diagnosis



Diagnosis of faults in aircraft actuators



Component-level diagnosis



System-level diagnosis



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