

Seeking Rare Events in a Simulated System using Risk Distances



OFFIS-Institute for Information Technology



Motivation and Problem Definition

- Accidents are part of the maritime domain
 - Despite high safety standards
- Worldwide insurance losses very high
 - 2014: 783 million US dollars
- Dangers of the maritime domain occur in many forms
- Some dangers of the maritime domain are often neglected - in risk analysis
 - Reason: Appearance very rare
- Investigation too time-consuming and therefore very cost-intensive







Agenda

Motivation and problem definition

Approach

Methodology for determining risk distances in simulations

Validation

Conclusion and outlook



Solution approach for simulative risk analysis Simulation

- Consideration of
- physical connections,
- environmental factors,
- and human behavior



Naive simulation very timeconsuming

- Continuous Space
- Consideration of nondeterministic behavior
- A lot of time can pass before a rare risky situation occurs





Solution approach for simulative risk analysis **Rare Event Simulation**

- Rare Event Simulation
 - Methods for reducing the number of simulation runs
- Import Splitting
 - Iterative approximation of rare events
 - Discarding of less promising trajectories



SHAHABUDDIN, PERWEZ: Rare Event Simulation in Stochastic Models. In: Proceedings of the 27th Conference on Winter Society, 1995 - ISBN 0-7803-3018-8, S. 178-185

JEGOUREL, CYRILLE ; LEGAY, AXEL ; SEDWARDS, SEAN: Importance splitting for statistical model checking rare Simulation, WSC '95. Washington, DC, USA : IEEE Computer properties. In: Computer Aided Verification : Springer, 2013, S. 576-591

JUNEJA, SANDEEP : SHAHABUDDIN, PERWEZ: Rare-event simulation techniques: an introduction and recent advances. In: Handbooks in operations research and management science Bd. 13 (2006), S. 291-350



Solution approach for simulative risk analysis Semi-probabilistic safety concept

- Evaluation of building structures
- Evaluation criteria are used to determine the ultimate limit state of the bearing capacity
- Various actions are evaluated in terms of their relevance
- transfer to risk distance functions:
 - Combination of several partial risks
 - Each sub-risk defines limit states

KLUG, YVETTE: Lastannahmen nach neuen Normen: Grundlagen, Erläuterungen, Praxisbeispiele; Einwirkungen auf Tragwerke aus: Eigen- und Nutzlasten, Wind- und Schneelasten, Erdbebenlasten, 2007 — ISBN 978-3-89932-130-2

DIN EN 1990/NA Nationaler Anhang - National festgelegte Parameter - Eurocode: Grundlagen der Tragwerksplanung. Bd. DIN EN 1990/NA, Ausgabe 2010–12, 2012





Scientific questions

1. How can the distance to high-risk situations in the runs be defined and determined?

2. How can the distances determined be used to speed up risky situations?





Basic conditions and requirements

Requirements for the approach

- Correlated risk occurrence and risk distance
- Use of risk distances as a basis for simulation control
- Support of Black-Box simulators

Requirements for the (co-) simulations

- Observability of the (co-) simulation
- Controllability of the (co-) simulation
- Calculability of the distance to risk



Solution Approach

Methodology for the simulative analysis of risks in simulations

Based on:

Importation Splitting Technique

for conducting black box simulations of critical situations

Information Retrieval Technology

for a quick evaluation of two situations regarding their similarity

Distance functions

to evaluate situations in terms of their proximity to critical situations Semi-probabilistic security concept

to define the risk distance functions





Solution Approach

Preliminary Work



OFFIS-Institute for Information Technology



Solution Approach-

Influences on the risk distance function



Use of the system and behavioral description including annotated hazards and causes to create the risk distance function

OFFIS Transportation

Solution Approach –

Structure of the risk distance function

Relationship between fault tree and structure of a risk distance function

 D^X is a distance function which describes the fault tree element X

 d^{Y} describes the subdistance functions to be added to describe a leaf element Y of the fault tree.



OFFIS Transportation

F

describes

Indicator

Basic-Event

Sub Distance Function

Solution Approach –

Description of sub-risks

$$D^{A} \neq \left(1 - \min\left(1 - \prod_{i \in 1..n} 1 - d_{d_{i}}, 1 - \prod_{i \in 1..n} 1 - d_{e_{i}}\right) \right) * \left(1 - \left(1 - \prod_{i \in 1..n} 1 - d_{c_{i}}\right)\right)$$

Entrance space:

Defines the value range of a property which favors the described cause

Relevance space:

Defines the value range of a property in which the proximity to risk is considered relevant

$$d_{D_{i}} = \begin{cases} 0, if \ X \ge E_{D_{min}}(Y) \land X \le E_{D_{max}}(Y) \\ 1, if \ X \le R_{D_{min}}(Y) \lor X \ge R_{D_{max}}(Y) \\ min\left(\frac{\left(X - E_{D_{min}}(Y)\right)}{\left(R_{D_{min}}(Y) - E_{D_{min}}(Y)\right)}, \frac{\left(X + E_{D_{max}}(Y)\right)}{\left(R_{D_{max}}(Y) - E_{D_{max}}(Y)\right)} \right), else \quad Property of a \\ System Element \quad Sys$$



Solution Approach-

Risk distance evaluation in a co-simulation environment





Validation – Scenario



The two ships involved try to reach their destination. With a very low probability, the ships depart to the left or right of their course.

The event that was investigated in this evaluation was a collision between the two ships, which should be observed within this evaluation 100 times under the respective simulation settings.



Validation –

Simulation Settings

- The simulation settings consisted of a naive and a guided simulation
- Three variants of how to determine the next splitting point
 - an adaptive method, which in each simulation step checks whether a lower risk distance evaluation has been achieved than before
 - and, secondly, a method, which has applied the splitting points at predetermined intervals (0.01 and 0.05)
- In all methods, except for the naive simulation, a new simulation run was started when a state with a new lower risk distance was reached in the case of the adaptive method or a new risk level in the case of the predefined intervals
- All simulation runs in which no collision occurred were counted as well as the real time measured up to the time of the occurrence of a collision. This operation was performed 100 times, with no parallel execution.



Validation-Risk distance function



Simple Fault Tree for a frontal collision between two ships and the corresponding risk distance function



Validation – Results

	Naiv	RDF	RDF (Distance	RDF (Distance
		(Adaptive)	0,01)	0,05)
Total Duration	9176670	92	95	3.153
(Milliseconds)				
Mean	440766,19	531,5	595,51	53.749,3
(Counted Runs)				
Мах	1.929.412	1.074	1.161	149.351
(Counted Runs)				
Min	8.254	4	6	6
(Counted Runs)				
Sum	44.076.619	53.150	59.551	5.374.930
(Counted Runs)				



Thank you for your attention

