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I. BACKGROUND AND RELATED RESEARCH

A. INTRODUCTION

In this technologically advanced age of space and underwater exploration, rapid mass transit, reliable global communications, and expanding research and development into the unknown, computers are having an increasing impact on our every day lives. The role of computers have come to permeate every aspect of human life - the cars that we drive to work, the elevators that we take to our offices, the appliances that we use to cook our food, the entertainment that we enjoy, and the various means that we use to communicate with each other are all heavily influenced by computers.

When IBM unbundled their software in 1969 by producing and selling their hardware and software separately, this contributed to the growth of a software industry which is now flourishing (Shelly and Cashman, 1984, p.17.2). As early as 1976, the expense incurred in producing and maintaining software exceeded ten billion dollars and the joint revenues of software suppliers exceeded one billion dollars (Bahr, 1980, p.1). In a Department of Defense planning document, it was discovered that 80% of current and future DoD programs in the 1985 - 1989 time frame would contain a significant software component, and by 1990, 85% of DoD’s embedded systems would be allocated to software (Cavano, 1985, p.1449). In 1984, the computer industry was comprised of more than 10,000 computer companies with revenues in excess of 75 billion dollars. Shelly and Cashman predicted that between 1984 and 1989 the software industry would grow
at a rate exceeding 25% a year and that software sales would exceed 30 billion dollars (Shelly and Cashman, 1984, p.17.4).

As computers are used increasingly in critical commercial, on-line, and real-time applications, the demand for reliable, fault tolerant software systems becomes more critical. The issues of software testing and fault tolerance are becoming increasingly serious as software systems become larger and more complex, as computer systems become independent of human input, and as safety becomes more software dependent. Blum argues that "developing better computing systems, e.g., safer, more reliable, more secure, is an issue that software engineers must address (if not solve)" (Blum, 1989, p.1).

Computer involvement in our daily lives has reached the point where its impact goes virtually unnoticed until something goes wrong. It is important to point out that safety in computer dependent systems is threatened by common, seemingly simple faults as well as more serious faults. For the purposes of this paper, a fault is defined as an accidental condition that causes a functional unit to fail to perform its required function. An error is a discrepancy between a computed, observed or measured value or condition and the true, specified or theoretically correct value or condition. A failure is the termination of the ability of a functional unit to perform its required function. (Glossary, 1983) The presence of faults in program code determines the failures that software can experience. In their study of fault sensitivity, Voas and Morell show that there is no simple relationship that describes the impact a software fault can have on the failures in a program. (Voas and Morell, Dec 1989, p.1) In its cumulative list of computer failures, the Special Interest Group on Software Engineering (SIGSOFT) details over 500 computer
failures in 22 areas of every day life. An examination of this list also reveals that many of these tragic and expensive failures were caused by 'simple mistakes.' (Neumann, 1989, RISKS, pp. 5 - 21)

Based on the premise that common faults can be as critical as serious faults, an efficient method for finding common faults is imperative. One approach to this problem is to study the occurrence of errors in proximity to other errors. Known as error clustering, Myers describes this phenomenon as the probability of the existence of more errors in a section of a program is proportional to the number of errors already found in that section (Myers, 1979, p.15). In order to develop this fault finding method, it is necessary to understand how test data causes these faults to produce software failures. In other words, it is necessary to determine what regions of the program's input space are mapped by faults in the program source code to failures in the output space. These regions have been called 'failure regions.' (Ammann and Knight, 1988, p. 419)

While there have been several studies which addressed the concept of failure regions, none of these studies analyzed failure regions in light of improving testing efficiency, and none have discussed the derivation of failure regions from faults identified in the program source code. This thesis is an analysis of the process of identifying failure regions, evaluating how this process can be made more efficient.

The ultimate goal of this research is an in-depth understanding of failure regions and their impact on the testing process. Additionally, analysis techniques will be used to examine the conditions bounding the failure regions. Finally, this research will also serve as a foundation for further research efforts in the areas of error clustering and
failure regions. Prior to examining the specifics of failure regions, a brief summary is presented of relevant previous work in the field of software testing.

B. FAILURE REGIONS

As stated, there has been a significant void in the area of failure regions and error clustering, however, the idea of manipulating the input data to refine the testing process is clearly gaining momentum. Shimeall and Griffin define a software failure region as that portion of a program input space that is mapped by a program defect into a failure or erroneous program result. This region is bounded by inequalities deriving the combination of three sources: the reachability conditions for the code with the defect, the conditions under which the calculations in that code produces an erroneous value, and the conditions in which the value isn’t masked by later processing. (Shimeall and Griffin, 1989, p.1)

It is important to note that the failure region is part of the input space and not the fault itself. The failure region is eventually mapped into a program failure. Once the program fault is identified, the program source code can be analyzed to determine the failure region. Once the failure region is isolated, any test cases that fall within that region can be omitted from the testing process until the fault is corrected, while other test cases can proceed. Once the fault is removed by modification of the program source code, the failure region can be used as a guide for testing the correctness of the modification. This process allows for the elimination of redundant test cases and permits detection of multiple faults. Subsequently, this process allows for improvement of the initial testing process as well as any subsequent regression testing that is conducted (Shimeall and Griffin, 1989, pp. 1,2).
The concept of the application of failure regions to the software engineering process was first introduced by Ammann and Knight in their work on data diversity and fault tolerance. Ammann and Knight's work centered on the use of data redundancy as a means of ensuring fault tolerance, a fault tolerant strategy that complements design diversity. The failure domain of the program i.e., the set of input data that causes the program to fail and its geometry, comprise what Ammann and Knight define as the failure region. (Ammann and Knight, 1988, pp.418,419)

The success of the data diversity depends on the ability of a reexpression algorithm to produce data points outside of the failure region, given an initial set of data points inside of the failure region. The reexpression algorithm transforms an original set of input data into a new but equivalent set of input data. An input $x$ is provided to a program $P$ that produces the output $P(x)$. A reexpression algorithm then transforms the original input $x$ to produce a new input $y$ where $y = R(x)$. Either concurrently or otherwise, the program $P$ operates on both $x$ and $y$ to produce the output $P(x)$ and $P(y)$. The reexpression algorithm is considered valid as long as the original information content is preserved. (Ammann and Knight, 1988, p.419)

Although the initial study on data diversity produced a wide margin of performance, and empirical results have not conclusively proven the effectiveness of this method, Ammann and Knight's initial results did show some success and support further research in the area. Additionally, the proven success of design diversity lends further confidence to the idea that since diversity in the design space may provide fault tolerance, diversity in the data space may do the same (Ammann and Knight, 1988, p.418).
While this research will not involve the specific issue of fault tolerance that Anmann and Knight explored, manipulation of the input data and examination of failure regions in the testing process will be the critical aspect of this thesis research.

C. SOFTWARE TESTING

1. General

There has been an extensive amount of research devoted to software testing, and the significance and importance of testing in the overall software development process is being recognized as more and more critical. Once considered only a necessary function testing is now being viewed as more important in reducing future maintenance costs.

In 1976, Alberts estimated that up to 50% of development cost is incurred during the testing phase, and as much as 90% of a product's total life-cycle costs involve maintenance to correct errors and revise the software to meet new requirements (Alberts, 1976). In 1979, Myers estimated that in a typical programming project, approximately 50% of the time and more than 50% of the total costs are devoted to the testing phase (Myers, 1979, p.vii). Cavano, in his work on high confidence software for the DoD in 1985, suggested that a full 40% of the overall development effort should be devoted to testing (Cavano, 1985, p.1454).

While the exact figures are not critical, it should be clear that testing is a vital component of the software development cycle and the product life-cycle. As such, it is imperative that research on software testing be "put on the front burner" as the critical
issue facing software development in the 1990's. In this regard, several DoD sponsored study teams conducted evaluations to determine how the military could improve its management of computer resources. One of their conclusions was a failure on the part of the military "to prescribe and adhere to a disciplined hardware and software development methodology" (Reifer, 1977, p.125). As a result of this study, the DoD issued a directive to all service components to "develop and implement a (sic) approach disciplined to the management of software design, engineering and programming which will ensure the provision of effective software at minimum life-cycle cost" (Reifer, 1977, p.125).

2. The Software Development Cycle

One method of determining program correctness and one that propels much of the software engineering research effort is the concept of program testing. Testing has been defined as the process of executing a program with the specific intent of finding errors or faults (Myers, 1979, p.16). A fault is defined as "an accidental condition that causes a functional unit to fail to perform its required function" (Glossary, 1983). A good test case has been described as one that has a high probability of detecting errors (Myers, 1979, p.16).

The problem is that it is virtually impossible at this point in the evolution of testing to determine what successful testing is and when it has been achieved. The difficulty is that in order to be fully confident that testing is complete and successful, it is necessary to test exhaustively all possible executions of the program with all possible data inputs. This is difficult in a small program and economically and realistically
infeasible, if not impossible, for larger programs. It is this inability to test exhaustively that drives the research in software testing - the analysis of existing testing methods and the search for better methods.

It is almost universally agreed upon that testing must be viewed as the destructive process of finding errors and this must be the approach taken into the testing phase. The testing agency/individual must aggressively approach the testing task with the goal of discovering errors, not with the goal of showing that the program works correctly.

Bahr points out that prior to the establishment of formal testing methods, programmers established test data sets in hopes of discovering errors, thereby ensuring proper program execution for that data considered representative of real system use. This allowed for the fielding of software systems that contained many undiscovered performance errors. This also caused many organizations to formalize more aggressive, multi-dimensional test strategies to test the functional and performance requirements of the system under test prior to release. (Bahr, 1980, p.21) Many studies comparing test strategies continue to support the idea that a thorough test plan must encompass multiple test strategies and not focus on one particular method (Myers, 1979; Bahr, 1980; Shimeall and Leveson, 1989).

Many software engineers also recommend that all testing be conducted by a person or persons other than those involved with the design and/or implementation of the code. It must be an unbiased effort which should not involve egos or personal feelings. Furthermore, testing must be conducted not only to determine if a program does not do
what it is supposed to do, but the program must also be tested to ensure that it does what it is not supposed to do (Myers, 1979, p.7).

The study of failure regions and their application to the testing process is not without precedent or rationale. The concept of boundary value testing provides anecdotal evidence that failure regions do not occur randomly and that the evaluation of these input data sets is critical to the testing process. Boundary value analysis is the evaluation of test cases that explore the boundary conditions of the program - those conditions directly on, above, and beneath the edges of the input equivalence and output equivalence classes. Boundary value analysis is a popular test strategy, applied to both small and large projects, that relies on selection of specific input data and provides for rapid identification of data sets or regions that cause a program to execute either correctly or incorrectly.

3. Testing Methods

a. Test Methods Related to Failure Analysis

In his text on software testing techniques, Beizer points out that program testing comprises half of the development labor required to produce a working program (Beizer, 1983, p.4). It has become clear, however, that a formal, well-defined test plan is absolutely essential to make testing an efficient and even workable effort. One repercussion of a haphazard, undocumented test plan is that it does not allow for precise, repetitious testing. Therefore, ad hoc retesting cannot ensure that errors were in fact corrected. While the value of ad hoc testing cannot be completely dismissed during debugging, it cannot be substituted for formal, well designed test strategies.
Other than the realization that formal methods are necessary, there does not currently exist any single strategy to solve the testing problem. Software testing over the years has seen a number of different approaches, and several different strategies have evolved. It is important to note that manipulation of the input data and application of failure regions to the testing process is not a substitution or replacement for any testing strategy. Rather it is to be used in conjunction with a formal test plan that uses one or more of the established test strategies. The ultimate goal of the application of failure regions is to improve the test plan by eliminating unnecessary test cases and permitting detection of multiple faults during the formal testing process. Several of these strategies and their relevance to the concept of failure regions and manipulation of the input data are discussed below.

(1) **Walkthrough Testing**

Walkthrough testing is a human testing method which has found to be effective in detecting logic design and coding errors. In walkthrough testing the test participants act like computers and mentally execute the program with a small set of test cases. This small data set allows the testing individuals to implement failure region analysis on a limited basis while mentally executing the program, especially by applying boundary value analysis. When faults are discovered with an initial set of data, the tester can change the input data and determine if the new data set produces the same fault. This can provide the tester a hasty look at a part of the failure region and may give an indication of where the program fault is. This simple application of failure region analysis
during walkthrough testing can make implementation of this human testing process more efficient.

In 1978, a study conducted by Myers found that from 30% - 70% of the total faults found in a program were detected by code inspections and walkthroughs (Myers, 1979, p.19). However, it was recognized early that human testing was not nearly effective enough to be used in isolation. Although the human testing methods are still employed, they are usually utilized in conjunction with the more traditional computer based testing techniques (Myers, 1979, p.17).

(2) Mutation Testing

In mutation testing, DeMillo, Lipton, and Sayward utilized a method known as program mutation in conjunction with the concept of coupling. Coupling involves the idea that simple errors are coupled to complex errors. The authors describe it as "the use of test data that distinguishes all programs differing from a correct one by only simple errors is so sensitive that it also implicitly distinguishes more complex errors." (DeMillo, Lipton, and Sayward, 1978, p.286) Program mutation is an interactive testing method that uses a measurement of the number and kinds of errors it is capable of uncovering as a determinant of the effectiveness of the test data selected.

While this approach was found to be effective in small programs, as with many other approaches, its utility in a large program is questionable other than in possibly identifying appropriate test data. It also suffers from the problem of infinity. The possible number of mutant programs in combination with a variable number of data
sets can be infinite and will therefore cause the same problem which was encountered with exhaustive testing - an infinite set of test cases.

Failure regions are just as applicable to mutation testing as they are to other test strategies. Mutation testing involves manipulation of both the program source code as well as the input data to evaluate the completeness of the test data. The use of failure regions affords the opportunity to skip redundant mutations or mutants that will always produce correct results.

(3) Module Testing

Myers describes module testing as the process of testing the individual subroutines, packages or procedures in a program rather than testing the program as a whole. The purpose is to compare the function of a module to the specification of that module with the intent of showing that the module contradicts the specification. In module testing, the focus is on testing small blocks of the program. (Myers, 1979, p.77)

Again, module testing is only one aspect of the overall testing process and must be used in conjunction with other methods. Even if it were possible to exhaustively test each module, the program cannot be considered completely tested until it is tested as a whole entity, so that all modules are tested to ensure that all module interfaces work correctly.

Module testing makes use of failure region due to its white box nature. The tester initially derives test data after a review of a module's logic. The test is then executed on the module as it normally would be. The application of failure regions then allows the tester to refine the test data and conduct further testing of the
module's internal structure. This same process can be applied to each module as well as the interface between the modules.

(4) Functional and Structural Testing

Functional testing refers to the generation of test data to evaluate each specified function of the software. It assumes a black box approach in which implementation details are not important. On the other hand, structural testing is dominated by details. It refers to the generation of test data to evaluate each part of the structure of the software. While the two strategies differ in both outlook and purpose, there is no disagreement as to their use. While functional tests can, in theory, detect all errors in infinite time, structural tests are finite but cannot detect all errors (Beizer, 1983, p.5).

The fact that both strategies have recognized limitations and advantages allows a tester to incorporate the best of both strategies. Although there have been numerous studies which support a high error detection rate utilizing structural testing, there have been no definitive studies that show one method is better than the other in all situations. In 1976, Hetzel compared the fault detection capabilities of code reading, structural analysis, and functional testing. In this case the structural testing criterion used was statement coverage. His results showed that functional testing discovered the most faults, code reading discovered the least, and structural testing fell in between the other two. (Hetzel, 1976) Another study by Basili and Selby compared code reading by stepwise abstraction with functional and structural testing. The structural testing criterion used was again statement coverage. While code reading by stepwise
abstraction detected the most faults, structural testing detected the least number of faults. (Basili and Selby, 1987)

The key point here is that both of these strategies are relevant to the study of failure regions in that they both involve the analysis and manipulation of the input data. The major difference between these two testing strategies is the manner in which the input data is applied to the programs being tested. The analysis and identification of failure regions and their application in either of these strategies should greatly assist in refining the input data and making the testing more efficient - regardless of whether the structure of the program is being tested or whether the specified function is being tested.

(5) Regression Testing

Regression testing is the practice of repeating old tests after a change in code has been made to correct a fault. The purpose is to determine the effect of the old data on the corrected code. Additionally, repeated testing with the same data ensures that new faults have not been added during fault correction. Regression testing is a process that requires considerable resources. (Lamb, 1988, pp.116, 117)

The application of failure regions are particularly appropriate to regression testing. The failure region can be used as a guide in testing the correctness of the modified code. It also ensures that previous input data is available to conduct regression testing under the same conditions that the initial testing was performed.
Fault sensitivity analysis is "the study of the propensity for a
program to fail in the presence of faults." (Voas and Morell, 1989, p.1) In their work in
the area of fault sensitivity, Voas and Morell formalize the idea that a program has a high
probability of failure upon encountering a fault, that is, if it is difficult to hide a fault in
the code, then the program is fault sensitive (Voas and Morell, 1989, p.1).

This concept of fault sensitivity parallels the study of failure regions. In their modeling of the process where execution of a fault leads to a failure, Voas and
Morell describe three necessary preconditions: 1) a fault must be reached; 2) the fault
must adversely affect the succeeding data state; 3) that effect must persist to the output
(Voas and Morell, 1989, p.1). These preconditions correspond to the inequalities that
bound the failure region being studied in this research.

Additionally, Voas and Morell assert that infection analysis suggests
that certain locations in the program are fault-sensitive while others are fault-insensitive.
They conclude that a fault-sensitive program requires more test data to ensure program
correctness than a fault-insensitive program. (Voas and Morell, 1989, p.11) This idea
parallels the idea of error clustering discussed earlier. The difference between fault
sensitivity analysis and failure region analysis is that fault sensitivity analysis analyzes
the program location and the distribution of faults in the code. This thesis analyzes the
conditions for input to reveal faults in the code. While there is some duality in these two
concepts, each application may be of separate usefulness.
Finally, while it is applicable to several other areas of software engineering, Voas and Morell's work is also applicable to the area of software testing. Specifically, they see infection analysis as appropriate to evaluating various test strategies. Although the infection analysis parallels the failure region analysis, failure region analysis is designed towards enhancing current testing strategies. Infection analysis can give an estimate of a program's complexity and, therefore, provide an indication of the test data adequacy.

b. Benefits of failure region application

The key issue in the previous discussion of the various testing strategies is that the incorporation of failure regions into those strategies can be highly profitable to the testing process. The proper application of failure regions allows the tester to avoid duplicate test cases while proceeding with other more appropriate test cases. This offers the additional benefit of detection of multiple errors prior to sending the program back for correction. Another key application is that failure regions can be incorporated with other conventional test strategies and is not intended to be used in isolation.

D. OVERVIEW

While there has been extensive research in the area of software testing, no testing methodology exists that ensures program correctness, especially correctness of large programs. There is a significant amount of current research aimed at examining the input data and its function in program testing, however, there has been very little research in the measurement and analysis of failure regions. This first chapter has provided an
introduction to the concept of failure regions and a summary of the ongoing research.
The remainder of this thesis research will deal with manipulation of the input data and
measurement and analysis of the shape and geometry of the failure regions.

Chapter II is a detailed description of the thesis methodology. It includes a
description of the programs utilized in this thesis as well as a description of the
specification from which the source programs were derived. Additionally, all assumptions
and preconditions utilized during this research will be explained. The chapter describes
in extreme detail the exact methodology used in manually defining the failure regions.
This will be accomplished through a detailed analysis of the three conditions that define
the failure region and the application of these three conditions to examples from the
source code.

Chapter III is a presentation of the analytic results and a discussion and evaluation
of these results. All observations made in the development of the failure regions will be
presented as well as a discussion of all special cases. These observations are presented
in light of their effect on the software testing process.

This is the focus of Chapter IV - a discussion of areas of potential research and all
other conclusions and recommendations that have been derived from this research effort.
And like previous research on program testing, that is the goal of this research - the
improvement of the software testing process as well as the software development cycle
and a foundation for further research.
II. METHODOLOGY FOR ANALYZING THE FAILURE REGION

A. SPECIFICATION AND PROGRAM SOURCE CODE DESCRIPTION

The source code programs analyzed during the course of this research are from a group of eight programs designed and written by eight pairs of undergraduate students from the University of California, Irvine. All student groups were provided the specification of a program called Conflict that simulated combat interaction between two armies. The specification required each program to accept global data describing the position, size, and attributes of each army, plus a description of the terrain in which the armies conduct operations. A detailed list of the global declarations is depicted in Appendix A for reference purposes. The programs return a description of the encounters between the armies, plus the final condition of each army. (Shimeall, PhD Dissertation, 1989)

Each army is composed of one or more battalions, which are made up of one or more squadrons. The programs are given global data concerning information on the initial location and attributes of each battalion. Encounters between the opposing armies are based on the description of their individual battalions as well as the environmental conditions of weather and terrain. Battalions are able to perform five distinct functions: attrition, restoration, movement, communication and observation. The conflicts that occur

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1 In the text of this thesis, bold text refers to the conditions of a failure region, and italicized text refers to procedures, variables or statements from the source code.
in this combat simulation result from the interactions each battalion has with every other battalion in a given number of time intervals based on those five combat operations. The programs perform input and output only through global data structures. (Shimeall, PhD Dissertation, 1989)

Although the specification provided more detail than that indicated above, it was flexible enough so that the eight different versions of the program were varied in length, organization, structure and linearity. All programs were written in the PASCAL programming language and compiled using the UNIX Berkeley compiler. The number of lines of code in the programs varied from approximately 1,200 to 4,000. A major requirement was that each program had to compile, accept input, execute 15 sets of test data, and produce output for each input data set before it was accepted. After meeting these requirements, the number of faults discovered in each program varied from a low of 25 faults to a high of 50 faults. The variety of the programs in length, structure, and linearity provided an excellent data base from which to conduct a detailed analysis of failure regions, although only two of the eight available programs were used in this thesis. These particular programs were selected because one program had the most source code faults and the other had the least source code faults of the eight available programs. The intent was to obtain a somewhat divergent sampling of program quality.

B. ASSUMPTIONS AND PRECONDITIONS

As with any research effort, there were certain assumptions made during the course of the development of the methodology of defining failure regions. This section points
out both the general assumptions allowed by this process as well as the more specific assumptions made concerning the particular programs used. The reader should be aware that all of the programs described above and utilized in this research meet these assumptions. The initial assumption regarding failure region analysis is that the programmers have conducted some low level testing and that the program can compile and execute. As stated above, each program in this research was required to compile and execute 15 input data sets. This ensured that the programs were at least marginally debugged by the program team and that the most obvious faults were removed. This is a realistic assumption since, in a real world software development process, the coding team would not send a program to the test team until the program compiled and executed at a minimum. This assumption, however, does not imply any degree of software reliability, either in a research or real world scenario.

It is assumed that acceptable and unacceptable output has been established prior to program testing. The establishment of acceptable output is necessary so that correct program behavior can be determined upon program execution. Additionally, when determining the conditions under which bad data is not masked (Condition III), it is necessary to know what is acceptable/unacceptable output so that it can be determined if output from the test runs is contaminated. This will have a significant impact on Condition III of the failure region. Furthermore, programs can be of any size and structure, although it will be shown later that structure has a significant impact on the level of difficulty of this process.
It is assumed that prior to the failure region analysis, the program has been tested using some formal test strategy. This supports a basic tenet of this research - failure region analysis is not designed to circumvent or replace testing efforts. Rather, it is designed to enhance the testing process through the refinement of test data. Once this test strategy has been implemented and faults have been identified and located, although not necessarily corrected, the failure region analysis can proceed. In this research, all programs were tested and faults were located using a variety of test techniques such as inspection, static analysis, code reading, etc. This also points out that the specific test technique used is not vital to the failure region analysis. The only consideration is that faults are identified.

It is assumed that uninitialized values are contaminated and, therefore, coincidental correctness does not occur. While this is in general difficult to support, as there are published accounts of correct behavior of uninitialized variables, this assumption obviates the need for very complex probabilistic arguments in the construction of failure regions. (Shimeall and Leveson, 1989, pp. 35, 37). This will be critical in establishing the conditions under which bad data values are not masked when defining the failure region. A further assumption is that uninitialized, improperly assigned, or improperly referenced pointers will be categorized and treated like uninitialized values - they are contaminated and are not assumed coincidentally correct.

It is assumed that during the process of developing the conditions that define the failure region, faults must be examined in isolation. This means that the conditions for each fault are developed without regard to other faults. This assumes that faulty code
does not have any affect on the conditions that define the failure region for another fault. This assumption exists strictly to simplify the analysis presented in this thesis and future work may involve setting it aside.

Finally, the failure regions presented throughout the course of this paper represent the unsimplified failure region. That is, the failure regions are not simplified to a reduced state. In an actual scenario, conditions AND'ed and OR'ed together would be logically simplified to their simplest state. Logical reduction or simplification is not done in this paper so that the failure region can be seen in its most complete state.

C. MANUAL METHODOLOGY FOR ANALYZING FAILURE REGIONS

1. General

The process of manually analyzing failure regions is not a particularly complex one, but it is labor intensive and time consuming, and it requires an in-depth knowledge of the source code. The goal of the failure region analysis is to make testing a more efficient process. At this early stage in the development of this manual process, the failure region analysis can improve the testing process but the advantage gained is offset by the time required to perform the analysis. To do this will require further refinement of the manual process and/or the automation of this process (Shimeall, FALTER, September 1989 and Shimeall, REACHER, September 1989).

Failure regions are bounded by the inequalities deriving the combination of three sources the reachability conditions for the code with the defect (Condition I); the conditions under which the calculations in that code produce an erroneous value.
(Condition II); and the conditions under which the bad data isn't masked by later processing (Condition III) (Shimeall and Griffin, 1989, p.1). The logical AND of these three conditions derives the failure region. The absence of any or all of the three conditions implies a TRUE condition. This means that there is nothing in that condition that puts a limit on the failure region or nothing that precludes identification of the failure region. If any of these conditions prove impossible, the fault being analyzed will not cause a failure unless there is a change in the source code. The remainder of this chapter will be devoted to a detailed development of each of the three conditions that combine to form a failure region.

2. Development of the Reachability Conditions (Condition I)

The reachability conditions for a fault refer to the set of conditions that allow the error producing code to be executed. The development of the reachability conditions for a particular fault is a matter of code reading. By necessity this step must begin at the start of the program. The goal is to identify all of those conditions that must be satisfied in order for the code with the defect to be reached. In order to accomplish this, the problem can be attacked in two phases. These two phases can be identified as the external reachability conditions and the internal reachability conditions. In the first or external phase, those conditions that are external to the procedure/function in which the fault occurs are established. In the second or internal phase, those conditions that are internal to the procedure/function in which the fault occurs are identified. Therefore, a failure region can have both external and internal reachability conditions, and the logical AND of these two sets forms the complete reachability condition.
To establish the external conditions, it is necessary to start at the beginning of the program. Appendix B is a segment of source code, the main procedure and two internal procedures taken from test program six to illustrate this process. This particular code has three identified faults, all in procedure *InitBattalion*: the first is located in the highlighted area between lines 30 and 31; the second fault is in the highlighted area between lines 52 and 53; and the third fault is located in the highlighted area between lines 54 and 55.

In this section of code, the main procedure, *Conflict*, first calls procedure *Initialize* which initializes the values of the *OldArmy*. The first line in this procedure does a check on the value of *Duration*. If the value of *Duration* is either negative or zero (*Duration <= 0*), the program will abort and produce an error message. Therefore, a reachability condition for any faults occurring later in the program and specifically for the three faults that occur in procedure *InitBattalion* is (*Duration > 0*). Additionally, lines 099 through 110, depicted in Figure 2.1, are a series of checks to ensure that initialized variables are within acceptable ranges. If any of these variables fall outside of their acceptable ranges, the program will produce an error message and terminate. Therefore, the following reachability conditions are established by the checks in Figure 2.1:
if (NumWTypes < 0) or (NumWTypes > MaxWType) then
TellError ('NumWTypes is out of possible range');
if XDelta <= 0 then
TellError ('XDelta is not greater than zero');
if YDelta <= 0 then
TellError ('YDelta is not greater than zero');
if (NumWEvents < 0) or (NumWEvents > MaxWeather) then
TellError ('NumWEvents is out of possible range');
if SampleRate < 0 then
TellError ('SampleRate is negative');
if IMeanAlt <= 0 then
TellError ('IMeanAlt is not positive');

Figure 2.1 Range Checks on Initialized Variables

((NumWTypes >= 0) AND (NumWTypes <= MaxWType))
AND
(XDelta > 0)
AND
(YDelta > 0)
AND
(NumWEvents >= 0) AND (NumWEvents <= MaxWeather))
AND
(SampleRate > 0)
AND
(IMeanAlt > 0)

Lines 112 through 120 depicted in Figure 2.2 also establish a distinct set of reachability conditions that must be satisfied before the program can proceed. These conditions may be expressed in the following terms:
((WEvent \in [1..\text{Params.NumWEvents}])
  \land
  (\text{Params.NumWEvents} > 0))
\land
(T\text{Start} \leq T\text{End})
\land
(W\text{Radius} > 0)
\land
(W\text{Severity} \leq \text{Params.WMaxSeverity})

112 \text{ for } \text{WEvent} := 1 \text{ to } \text{Params.NumWEvents} \text{ do}
113 \quad \text{with Weather}[\text{WEvent}] \text{ do}
114 \quad \begin{align*}
115 & \quad \text{if } T\text{Start} > T\text{End} \text{ then} \\
116 & \quad \text{TellError ('Bad starting and ending time for weather event');} \\
117 & \quad \text{if } W\text{Radius} \leq 0 \text{ then} \\
118 & \quad \text{TellError ('Bad radius for weather event');} \\
119 & \quad \text{if } W\text{Severity} > \text{Params.WMaxSeverity} \text{ then} \\
120 & \quad \text{TellError ('WEvent Severity > Params.WMaxSeverity');}
\end{align*}

Figure 2.2 Requirements Defining the Reachability Conditions

Finally, lines 122 and 123 shown below also establish yet another set of reachability conditions that must be satisfied.

\begin{align*}
122 & \text{for Side := false to true do} \\
123 & \quad \text{for Batt := 1 to NArmy[Side] do}
\end{align*}

These conditions can be expressed in the following terms:
\[(\text{Side } e [\text{false}] \mid \text{NArmy[false]} > 0) \quad \text{AND} \quad (\text{Batt } e [1..\text{NArmy[false]}]) \quad \text{AND} \quad ((\text{Side } e \ [\text{true}] \mid \text{NArmy[true]} > 0) \quad \text{AND} \quad (\text{Batt } e [1..\text{NArmy[true]}]))\]

The logical AND of the above conditions are summarized in Figure 2.3 and establish the external reachability conditions for the three faults in Appendix B.

Now that all external conditions have been satisfied, the conditions internal to the function/procedure in which the fault occurs must be checked. In this case, the three faults are located in procedure Initialize, the procedure which checks for input correctness. Again, it is necessary to identify all of those conditions that must occur in order for the program to reach line 30, the last line of code prior to the location of the first fault. The first check is at line 21 and involves the line of code:

\[021 \quad \text{for WeaponType} := 1 \text{ to Params.NumWTypes do}\]

Obviously, \text{WeaponType} must be greater than 0 and less than or equal to \text{Params.NumWTypes}. Therefore, the reachability condition for fault number one also includes the internal conditions:

\[((\text{WeaponType } e [1 \ldots \text{Params.NumWTypes}]) \text{ and (Params.NumWTypes } > 0))\]

Since there are no other internal conditions that must be established in order to reach the faulty code, these conditions must be logically AND'ed with the external conditional requirements established earlier. As a result, the complete reachability conditions for the first fault are shown in Figure 2.4.
(Duration > 0)

AND

(((NumWTypes >= 0) AND (NumWTypes <= MaxWType))
  AND
  (XDelta > 0)
  AND
  (YDelta > 0)
  AND
  (NumWEIents >= 0) AND (NumWEIents <= MaxWeather))
  AND
  (SampleRate > 0)
  AND
  (IMeanAlt > 0))

AND

(((WEIent ∈ [1..Params.NumWEIents])
  AND
  (Params.NumWEIents > 0))
  AND
  (TStart <= TEnd)
  AND
  (WRadius > 0)
  AND
  (WSeverity <= Params.WMaxSeverity))

AND

(((Side ∈ [false] | NArmy[false] > 0)
  AND
  (Batt ∈ [1..NArmy[false]]))
  AND
  ((Side ∈ [true] | NArmy[true] > 0)
  AND
  (Batt ∈ [1..NArmy[true]])))

Figure 2.3 External Reachability Conditions
(Duration > 0)

AND

(((NumWTypes >= 0) AND (NumWTypes <= MaxWType))
AND
(XDelta > 0)
AND
(YDelta > 0)
AND
(NumWEvents >= 0) AND (NumWEvents <= MaxWeather))
AND
(SampleRate > 0)
AND
(IMeanAlt > 0))

AND

(((WEvent ε [1..Params.NumWEvents])
AND
(Params.NumWEvents > 0))
AND
(TStart <= TEnd)
AND
(WRadius > 0)
AND
(WSeverity <= Params.WMaxSeverity))

AND

(((WeaponType ε [1..Params.NumWTTypes])
AND
(Params.NumWTTypes > 0))

Figure 2.4 Reachability Conditions (Condition I)
The next fault, located immediately after line 52, presents a different situation. The external requirements exist just as they did for the first fault. Obviously, this must hold true in order for the procedure \textit{InitBattalion} to be executed. However, in this case, there are no other conditional statements that affect the execution of the faulty code. As a result, the only conditions that must be established and the complete reachability conditions for fault number two are again depicted in Figure 2.3.

The same situation exists for fault number three. The external requirements still exist, but there are no other conditions that must be met in order for the faulty code to be reached. Therefore, the internal reachability condition is \textbf{TRUE}, and once again, the only reachability conditions for fault number three are the external reachability conditions depicted in Figure 2.3.

This same process will establish the reachability conditions for any faults located and identified in the source code. Again, the key point in this stage of the process is to identify those conditions in the source code prior to the faulty code that must be met in order for the faulty code to be executed. The logical AND of these conditions is the reachability condition (Condition I) for the failure region for that particular fault.

3. Development of the Error Generation Conditions (Condition II)

The error generation conditions (Condition II) are those specific conditions that cause the fault to be executed in a way that an erroneous intermediate result or error is produced. If the error is generated under all conditions, or rather, the error will be generated every time the code is reached, then the error generation condition is \textbf{TRUE}.
If the error cannot be generated, the error generation condition is FALSE and the failure region analysis ceases.

The source code in Appendix C will be used to demonstrate the development of the error generation condition. In this particular code, the first fault, located immediately after line four, is a missing check on the value of OldArmy[DestArmy, Dest].Squadrons, i.e. a piece of missing code. In this case, as long as OldArmy[DestArmy, Dest].Squadrons > 0, there is no fault. However, if this value is less than or equal to 0, incorrect operations may be performed on destroyed battalions. Therefore, the error generation condition for this fault is:

\[(\text{OldArmy}[\text{DestArmy}, \text{Dest}].\text{Squadrons} \leq 0)\]

The next fault is located immediately after line five and involves the incorrect use of the variable CommandsFinished\(^{\wedge}\).msg. The correct code and incorrect code are shown in Figure 2.5. In this example, the fault will not generate an error as long as CommandsFinished\(^{\wedge}\).msg = Cmsgs[DestArmy, msg].msg. Conversely, the fault will generate an error whenever CommandsFinished\(^{\wedge}\).msg <> Cmsgs[DestArmy, msg].msg. Therefore, the error generation condition for this fault is:

\[(\text{Cmsgs}[\text{DestArmy}, \text{msg}].\text{msg} <> \text{CommandsFinished}^{\wedge}.\text{msg})\]

The final fault in this code segment is located immediately after line 14. The fault in this case is that NewArmy is not updated to match OldArmy after command messages are implemented. This fault is similar to the first fault explained for the error generation conditions, that is, it involves a missing piece of code:

\[\text{NewArmy}[\text{DestArmy}, \text{Dest}] := \text{OldArmy}[\text{DestArmy}, \text{Dest}]\]
CheckBattalionConstants (Cmsgs[DestArmy, msg].msg, 
Params.NumWTypes);
Army[DestArmy, Dest] := Cmsgs [DestArmy, msg].msg;

a) Correct code

CheckBattalionConstants (msg, Params.NumWTypes);
Army[DestArmy, Dest] := msg;

b) Incorrect code

Figure 2.5 Source Code Example

This fault will occur every time that it is reached, therefore, the error generation condition 
for this fault will again be TRUE.

The three examples presented above represent the error generation conditions 
(Condition II) for three distinct faults. To define their respective failure regions, these 
conditions must be logically AND’ed with their respective reachability conditions 
(Condition I) and the conditions under which the errors are not masked by later 
processing (Condition III).

4. Development of the Conditions Under Which the Fault Is Not Masked  
(Condition III)

The conditions under which a bad value or values are not masked by later 
processing define the third boundary of the failure region (Condition III). Again in this 
case, it is necessary to know the exact location of the fault in the source code. Once the
fault is identified and located and the two previous conditions are established, the next step is to determine the conditions under which the bad data cannot be masked by further processing. This is done by determining what the contaminated data is and determining where and how the bad data is next used. This must be done until the data is used to generate output to determine whether or not the bad data is masked prior to program output. In the example programs utilized in this research, the only output occurs at the completion of program execution. It appears the easiest way to do this is to determine all of the conditions that may cause the bad data to be masked and then negate these conditions. The two ways in which a bad value is masked by further processing are: a) the bad data can be overwritten by an acceptable data value; or b) the bad data never contributes to the final result.

The source code in Appendix D will be used to demonstrate the development of Condition III. Again, when establishing the failure region, Condition I and Condition II should be resolved prior to determining Condition III. Also, as in developing the reachability conditions, there are both internal and external conditions that must be satisfied. The main task in developing Condition III is to trace the program from the fault and determine what variables become contaminated and how these variables affect the output. In the case of the fault in Appendix D, the result of the fault is the contamination of the variable \textit{Restoration[Sqd, 0]} in line ten. This condition is also internal to the procedure in which the error occurs. Examining the source code we observe that the variable \textit{Restoration[Sqd, 0]} is assigned inside of the for loop starting at line seven:

\begin{verbatim}
for Sqd := 1 to Army[Armynum][Batt].Squadrons do
\end{verbatim}
Since the assignment statement is inside of a loop, this should be a flag indicating that it is possible that either a good or bad value of Restoration[Sqd, 0] could be overwritten by another value during later processing. Therefore, the internal conditions under which a bad value of Restoration[Sqd, 0] could be overwritten and masked are:

\[
(( \exists (s) \mid (s > sqd) \quad \text{AND} \quad (s <= \text{Army[Armynum][Batt],Squadrons})) \quad \text{AND} \quad (\min (\min (\text{FixRate} \times \text{NumFixers/Casualties, FixSuppl/Casualties}), \text{Endurance0[Sqd] - Endurance[Sqd]})) <= \text{Restoration[Sqd, 0]})
\]

This equation translates into some later value of \( s \) which allows a good value of Restoration[Sqd, 0] to overwrite and mask a bad value. This condition must then be negated to arrive at the true conditions that do not allow a value to be masked by later processing (Condition III).

5. Example of Defining the Entire Failure Region

The preceding sections have provided the details as how to specifically define each individual condition of the failure region. The following example is a summary of those examples and will provide an example of defining all three failure region conditions for a single fault. The source code in Appendix E will be used for this example.

This particular code segment involves the main procedure of Conflict and one sub procedure (InitVals). The fault occurs immediately after line 32. The fault is that the initial Velocity is assigned incorrectly in line 33 if Endurance <= 0. Since InitVals is the first procedure called and it is also the first line in the main procedure, there are no external conditions that must be satisfied before InitVals is reached. The next step is to
determine the internal reachability conditions. The conditionals in the statements below include the code where the fault occurs and are good candidates for reachability conditions.

\begin{align*}
003 & \text{ for } \text{ArmyNum} := \text{false to true do} \\
004 & \text{ for } \text{Batt} := 1 \text{ to } \text{NArmy[ArmyNum]} \text{ do} \\
\cdots \\
031 & \text{ for } \text{Sqd} := 1 \text{ to } \text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons do}
\end{align*}

After further analysis, these 'for' statements produce the internal reachability conditions depicted in Figure 2.6 which must be satisfied before the faulty code is reached. Since there are no external conditions, Figure 2.6 also represents the complete reachability conditions for the fault.

\begin{align*}
((\text{ArmyNum} \in [\text{true}] \mid \text{NArmy[true]} > 0) & \text{ AND} \\
(\text{Batt} \in [1..\text{NArmy[true]}]) & \\
\text{AND} & \\
((\text{ArmyNum} \in [\text{false}] \mid \text{NArmy[false]} > 0) & \text{ AND} \\
(\text{Batt} \in [1..\text{NArmy[false]}]) & \\
\text{AND} & \\
((\text{Sqd} \in [1..\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons}]) & \text{ AND} \\
(\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons > 0}) &)
\end{align*}

Figure 2.6 Internal Reachability Conditions
The error generation conditions (Condition II) for this fault occur when
\[ \text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Endurance[Sqd]} \leq 0 \] and when this velocity (VO) is less than the previous value of Velocity. This can be expressed by the following error generation conditions:

\[
(\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Endurance[Sqd]} \leq 0) \quad \text{AND} \\
(\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[Sqd]} < \text{y})
\]

where \( y \in [x] \mid x = 9999 \) OR

\[(\exists (s) \mid 1 \leq s \leq \text{Sqd - 1}), \quad x = \text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[s]}\]

The final conditions of the failure region are established by determining the conditions under which a bad value for Velocity cannot be masked. This happens internally in InitVals when a subsequently good value of VO[Sqd] overwrites a bad value in lines 30 - 32. This derives the following internal conditions under which a bad value cannot be masked by further processing (Condition III):

\[
((\exists s \mid s > \text{Sqd}) \\
\text{AND} \\
(s \leq \text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons}) \\
\text{AND} \\
(\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[s]} \Rightarrow \text{Velocity}))
\]

The external conditions are those non-masking conditions external to the procedure that contains the fault. In this case, although the contamination of the variable Velocity in line 33 causes the contamination of several other variables in external procedures, there are no further external conditions under which the value of Velocity is not masked by later
processing. Thus, the failure region is defined by the logical AND of the three sets of conditions (Condition I, II, and III) just specified and is shown in Figure 2.7.

D. CONCLUSION

This chapter has provided a detailed look at the process of manually developing and the three conditions that define software failure regions. Additionally, Appendix F contains a list of the failure regions analyzed in this study. While this chapter has provided an examination of how the process works, the next chapter is an analysis of that process - the advantages, the disadvantages, and its application to the overall software engineering process.
(Condition I)

\[
\begin{align*}
((\text{ArmyNum} \in \text{true}) & \mid N\text{Army[true]} > 0) \\
\text{AND} & \\
(\text{Batt} \in [1..N\text{Army[true]}])) & \\
\text{AND} & \\
((\text{ArmyNum} \in \text{false}) & \mid N\text{Army[false]} > 0) \\
\text{AND} & \\
(\text{Batt} \in [1..N\text{Army[false]}])) & \\
\text{AND} & \\
((\text{Sqd} \in [1..\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons}]) & \\
\text{AND} & \\
(\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons} > 0))
\end{align*}
\]

(Condition II)

\[
\begin{align*}
(\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Endurance[Sqd]} & \leq 0) \\
\text{AND} & \\
(\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[Sqd]} < y) \\
\text{where } y & \in [x] \mid x = 9999 \text{ OR} \\
\exists (s) & \mid 1 \leq s \leq \text{Sqd - 1}, \\
x & = \text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[s]}
\end{align*}
\]

(Condition III)

\[
\begin{align*}
(\exists s \mid (s > \text{Sqd}) & \\
\text{AND} & \\
(s & \leq \text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons}) \\
\text{AND} & \\
(\text{Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[s]} \geq \text{Velocity}))
\end{align*}
\]

Figure 2.7 The Complete Failure Region
III. OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS

A. INTRODUCTION

The goal of identifying the failure region for a detected fault is to determine which further input data test cases fall within the failure region. Those recognizably redundant test cases may be set aside and testing may proceed with the remaining test cases. After fault correction the failure regions can be used as a guide in testing the corrections to the code (Shimeall and Griffin, 1989, pp. 1,2). This chapter presents observations about the failure region analysis process and about the individual failure regions. It is quite possible that some of these ideas may be profitable in the automation of this process or in other testing research.

This research is explorative in that it is the first in-depth look at the manual analysis for software failure regions. This study was primarily devoted to the development and understanding of the failure region analysis process itself. It is anticipated that future work will empirically explore characteristics of the regions and the information they yield about faults in computer software. While satisfying the primary goal some interesting factors of the failure regions were observed, and these factors are also described in this chapter. However, most of the observations will focus on the process of failure region analysis. To focus the development of failure region analysis, this research was conducted using a single application. That is, the research data base was a single program specification and a set of two programs built according to that single
specification. While it is believed that these observations are applicable in a larger context, that belief is not yet supported empirically. As such, the reader is urged to use caution in applying the results below to different applications.

During the process of manually developing the failure region, it is necessary to view each fault in isolation. This means that the conditions for each failure region determined from the code in its uncorrected form. The analysis of this process should not attempt to alter any conditions of that region based on a perception of another fault, a fault correction, or another failure region. This is because this effort is not a debugging process - it is a means of reducing test effort by determining redundant test data. Failure region analysis makes no assumptions about how faults may be corrected, and faults do not need to be corrected prior to analyzing for failure regions.

B. OBSERVATIONS

1. FAILURE REGION OBSERVATIONS

By definition, a failure region consists of the logical AND of three distinct subregions, and it is precisely these three conditions that must occur in order for the fault to be reached, the error to be generated, and the bad data to be carried through to the output. If the input data varies from any of the three conditions of the failure region, then the failure region will be negated because one of the following three things will occur: a) the fault will not be reached; b) the error will not be generated; c) the bad data will be masked prior to program output or will not contribute to the final output. Therefore, it is only the three precise conditions of the failure region for a specific fault that will
allow that fault to occur. Any variance of these conditions will either cause a different error to occur or will cause no error.

One observation that can be made about the software failure regions examined in this research is that the failure regions tend to consist of disjoint subregions. That is, individual failure regions generally consist of distinct conditions that delimit disjoint portions of the data input space. While there may be some overlap, this was the exception rather than the rule.

The geometry of failure regions supports the concept that software failure regions may contribute to a more efficient testing process by removing redundant test cases. Since the sub regions tend to be disjoint and often in non-trivial ways, each failure region defined may identify subtly related portions of the input data space that can be eliminated in future test cases until faults are corrected. The size of the failure region and its subregions is not normally a function of program size, but more a function of the number of variables in its boundary conditions.

A significant effort was made in trying to draw some conclusions about the geometry of a failure region based on the type of error, i.e. infinite loops, initialization faults, etc. While it may be possible to draw some conclusions about how a certain type of error affects an individual region boundary condition, the fact that each failure region is delimited by three separate and distinct conditions makes generalizing about the overall failure region virtually impossible at this point. One general observation is that the type of error does seem to have an impact on the error generation condition (Condition II), however, trying to draw more precise conclusions about this idea is premature at this
It is hoped that further research using a broader failure region data base will permit general observations about the overall shape of the regions based simply on error type.

2. PROCESS OBSERVATIONS

a. General

The manual process of defining software failure regions is not particularly difficult to comprehend, however, it is a time-consuming and laborious procedure to implement. The level of difficulty is dependent on both the length of the program and its components as well as the program complexity. This process is much easier to apply to a linear, non-nested program. In the case of a nested program, establishing the three failure region conditions becomes increasingly difficult as the nesting increases. In the case of the Pascal programming language, the conditionals *if...then, if...then...else, for...do, while...do, repeat...until, case...of* establish the program nesting that increases the difficulty of defining the failure regions. Planned automation of the region analysis process should alleviate much of this difficulty.

b. Comparative Difficulty of Determining Failure Region Conditions

Beginning with the most obvious findings, the first result that became clear during the course of analyzing for the failure regions was the comparative difficulty or ease of determining the various conditions of the failure region. It quickly became apparent that establishing the reachability and error generation conditions was the easiest portion of the analysis. As explained in the previous chapter, establishing the reachability conditions is simply a matter of determining what conditional statements contain the
erroneous code and then determining what conditions allow that code to be reached. Those conditional statements that do not affect the erroneous code do not even need to be considered. This code reading approach is quite simple and does not present any unusual problems in the identification of the reachability conditions.

Also, the identification of reachability conditions for one fault will frequently assist in determining the reachability conditions for another fault. This is particularly true when the faults are located in close proximity to each other or lie along the same paths. Figure 3.1, extracted from Appendix D, is the main procedure from source program number three and provides a good example of this situation. Lines 1 and 12 are pieces of code that were missing from the original source code. The original error is an inaccurate assumption that $\text{Duration} = 0$ is an erroneous value. Therefore, the condition $\text{Duration} \geq 0$ becomes a reachability condition for any fault that occurs later in the program and must be included as a reachability condition in all other failure regions.

The error generation condition is also a fairly easy condition to establish in terms of relative difficulty. Once the fault is identified, establishing Condition II conditions is simply a matter of determining the specific conditions that cause the error to occur. Since it doesn't involve tracing through the program source code, it can frequently be easier to determine than the reachability conditions (Condition I). Again, as stated earlier, it is not actually necessary to distinguish between Condition I and II conditions when the distinction is vague. This holds true as long as the condition is addressed in the failure region definition. However, special care must be taken to ensure
begin {Conflict}
InitVals;
if Duration > 0 then
for Mainloop := 0 to Duration do
begin
DoAction (Mainloop);
UpDate (Mainloop);
Output (Mainloop);
end
else
end; (Conflict)

Figure 3.1 Example of Duplication of Reachability Conditions

a complete statement of the conditions that lead to an error being generated by a fault in the program source code.

The establishment of the conditions in which the bad values resulting from a fault aren’t masked by later processing is by far the most difficult to establish. These conditions have both an internal and external dimension. Additionally, the program must be traced through from the occurrence of the error to the point in the program where the contaminated data may be output. While one variable may be contaminated initially,
this variable can contaminate many other variables. These other contaminated variables must be traced through to program output. As the contaminated variables are traced, all masking conditions must be established and then negated to determine the Condition III conditions. In the case of a large program and significant variable contamination, this can be a very time consuming and difficult process.

In the course of this study, for the average failure region, the establishment of Condition I required approximately 35% of the time, Condition II required approximately 15% of the time, and Condition III required approximately 50% of the total time. The reader is cautioned that these figures are both relative and approximate. Also, this study started after all of the faults were identified. The time required to identify and localize a fault in a program may add substantially to the time required to establish Condition II. However, localizing and identifying faults is a required part of normal development and this work assumes that it has been completed prior to starting the failure region analysis process.

c. Common Causes for Generating TRUE Conditions

There are several situations that exist within the program source code that allow general statements to be made about the conditions of a failure region. These are situations that cause a specific condition of the failure region to be TRUE. These special circumstances dictate that: a) a fault will always be reached or; b) an error will always be generated or; c) there are no conditions in which the bad value is not masked by later processing. A short description of each of the situations and how they apply to the failure region conditions is provided below.
(1) Error Reachability Conditions

If there are not any conditionals that affect the erroneous code, i.e. there are no conditions affecting the reachability of the erroneous code, then the reachability condition will always be TRUE. This means that there must not be any if...then, if...then...else, for...do, while...do, repeat...until, CASE...of statements anywhere in the flow of execution prior to the occurrence of the fault that prevent the execution of the erroneous code. This must hold true both internally and externally, that is, in both the procedure/function in which the fault occurs and in the other procedure/functions that were executed previously.

(2) Error Generation Conditions

The situations in which the error generation condition will always be TRUE, i.e. the error will always occur, are more difficult to make general conclusions about. Generally, the error generation conditions will be TRUE under all circumstances except in those cases where the erroneous code involves a decision that allows the source code to behave in more than one way or when there has been an incorrect substitution of one variable or constant for another variable or constant. The first situation usually involves the reserved words AND, OR, if...then, if...then...else, etc that cause a program to do one thing under certain conditions and something else under a different set of conditions. The second situation involves a mistaken substitution of variables or constants. This is particularly true in the case of calculation or assignment statements and equality/inequality statements.
(3) Conditions Under Which a Bad Value Isn’t Masked by Later Processing

The situations that cause Condition III to be TRUE are when there are no specific conditions that do not allow a bad value to be masked by later processing. This occurs whenever there are no conditions that allow a bad value to be masked after the occurrence of the error. While it is difficult to make general statements about the circumstances that always cause Condition III to be TRUE, Condition III will always be TRUE whenever the program terminates prematurely. This is the most common situation under which Condition III will always be TRUE. An example of this situation would be in the case of a divide by zero error that causes the program to terminate. This will generate a TRUE condition in all cases. Another general situation that generates a TRUE condition is when faults occur in the generation of the output. This too will always cause a TRUE condition.

d. Common Ground Between Failure Region Conditions

As explained in Chapter II, both Condition I and Condition III conditions have an internal and external aspect. The internal aspect refers to the procedure/function in which the erroneous code is located while the external aspect refers to those procedures/functions outside of the ones that contain the erroneous code. This can have significant repercussions since the external conditions can and generally will impact on both the size and dimensions of the failure regions.

The fact that Condition I and Condition III conditions have an internal and external aspect offers an interesting sidelight. As has been pointed out earlier, the
development of the Condition III external conditions is the most difficult and time consuming part of this process. It may be possible to speed this process by examining the complete conditions for Conditions I and II and only the internal conditions for Condition III. Prior to this being done, however, more research needs to be done in order to determine the extent of the data input being reduced by each condition. In terms of relative time required to establish Condition I, establishing the external reachability conditions takes approximately 70% of the total effort as opposed to 30% to establish the internal conditions. In regards to Condition III, establishing the external conditions takes approximately 75% of the time while establishing the internal conditions takes only about 25% of the time. These relative times can only be approximations since program length, organization, and complexity can also significantly impact the establishment of the failure region conditions. It is conceivable that significant portions of the input data space can be reduced by looking selectively at parts of the failure region while reducing the time that this manual process actually takes.

During manual analysis, we often found that the distinction between whether a condition is a reachability condition (Condition I) or an error generation condition (Condition II) can be ambiguous. The distinction between an error generation condition (Condition II) and the condition under which a bad value cannot be masked by further processing can be equally vague. In the manual process, it is not crucial to make this distinction as long as the ambiguous condition(s) is addressed in the failure region under one of the conditions. However, this also suggests that the conditions that are being used to define the failure region may not be completely appropriate. Since there
is overlap between Condition I and Condition II and between Condition II and Condition III, it may be possible that we need to reexamine the basic definition of a failure region in terms of the three conditions. In other words, this ambiguity suggests that future research may find other ways of defining a failure region.

e. Variable Contamination

The contamination of variables is another significant aspect of this process. A variable is considered contaminated when it is modified by the erroneous code or uses a result of the erroneous code. While this is certainly source code dependent, variable contamination in the programs utilized during the course of this research propagated rapidly (certainly a relative term that is difficult to define with such a limited empirical base). In one case, a single contaminated variable caused the subsequent contamination of ten other variables in subsequent procedures. This affects the analysis of the conditions in which a bad value isn’t masked by later processing. Since it is necessary to trace the contaminated variables through until either they are overwritten or output, the level of contamination is a considerable factor. However, while variable contamination was considered high during this process, this contamination was generally vertical as opposed to horizontal. That is, variables generally contaminated other variables in a linear fashion one after another as opposed to the contamination of several variables in a tree-like fashion. This is important because it tends to limit the number of variables that need to be traced through the program at exactly the same time. A vertical contamination also tends to produce a failure region that is smaller in size and dimension than a horizontal contamination.
IV. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

In addition to increasing the efficiency of testing, the process of analysis for failure regions provides several advantages during software development. The analysis of failure regions provides some detailed information about the source code. It provides a detailed look at the organization and structure, complexity, and flow of the program.

In particular, the process highlights the connections between various variables in the program and the propagation of their values. This may suggest useful ways that the program may check its internal state during execution. It also offers a closeup view of the program faults - where they occur, along what paths they occur, and possibly some ideas on the clustering of faults in the source code. If rewrites are needed, the localization of faults provides a basis for making intelligent decisions based on where the efforts are best spent.

Furthermore, failure region analysis also gives information about the application requirements. The failure region process requires a closeup analysis of the input data. This analysis allows the user to compare data values to the requirements and analyze consistency between the requirements and the actual code. This is particularly true in the case of data boundary conditions.

Failure region analysis provides the tester with information about the testing process. In particular, failure region analysis provides a means of differentiating between anomalies and faults detected by previous testing techniques. Anomalies are abnormal
constructs detected by either manual or automated static analysis techniques. These
abnormal constructs may either be faults or constructs that cause either intentional or
unintentional side effects. Failure region analysis may be used to determine if an
anomaly is a fault. As pointed out earlier, this process also provides a means of guiding
regression testing to make regression testing a more efficient process. Finally, failure
region analysis provides the tester feedback on the quality of the input data selected to
be part of the input data test set.

One factor that may reduce the cost of the failure region analysis process is its
cross-application with other testing techniques. The manual failure region process as
defined herein requires a detailed analysis of the source code. As such, it is possible that
it could be used in conjunction with other techniques that require a similar analysis. For
example, reachability analysis is part of structural testing and error generation analysis
is part of code inspections or code reading. It is quite possible that each of these
processes and others not specified here could be used in conjunction with each other,
thereby gaining the benefits of each process while minimizing the costs.

A. CONCLUSIONS

This thesis has been the first in-depth examination of the manual development of
software failure regions. The observations and findings presented in the previous chapters
provide initial basic knowledge about the process. As pointed out in Chapter III, there
are limitations on this research. Despite these limitations, it has provided an excellent
basis from which some guardedly general conclusions can be drawn and it is an ideal source for future research topics.

While this research has identified the difficulty of implementing this process as a manual tool, the automation of this process will significantly enhance the testing process. It will make initial testing more efficient, and it will also improve the process of regression testing. However, even when this process becomes fully automated, the problem of manipulating and statistically analyzing multi-dimensional failure regions must be solved. This involves improvements in theoretical understanding of the relationships between n-dimensional objects and is the subject of ongoing research.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

There are several areas of research that are logical follow-ups to this work. Several of these involve the idea of statistical analysis of the failure regions. The first area that needs to be addressed before this concept can be utilized profitably is the capability to statistically analyze multi-dimensional failure regions. A critical aspect of this idea is the ability to be able to graph these regions and draw conclusions about the shape and geometry of the software failure regions. The ability to do statistical analysis on the failure regions may provide information on the clustering of failure regions. Another aspect of this statistical analysis is the ability to determine the size of the failure regions relative to the total data input space. This will allow the testers to derive a mathematical estimate of the percent of the data input space that can be eliminated from further testing. Another beneficial aspect of the statistical analysis is the ability to be able to determine
how much each condition of the failure region contributes to the overall reduction of test cases.

There are several other areas of potential research that involve software failure region analysis. The idea of applying failure region analysis earlier in the software engineering life cycle process is an open question. It is entirely feasible that failure region analysis can be applied during the development of the requirements and design as a means of reviewing the consistency, sufficiency, feasibility and testability of the system during development.

Another area of potential research is the examination of the estimation of cost of error correction. This is the process of estimating the expense of correcting faults in the source code that result in errors. Empirical data must be developed to determine if the cost of error correction is greater than the benefit derived and how this cost factor is influenced by the number, size and dimensions of the subregions. It may be determined that in some cases the cost of error correction outweighs the benefits of fixing the fault, therefore, the fault is identified and commented but not corrected.

This study was based entirely on a data base that executed numerical data input. Further study is needed to determine the feasibility of applying the failure region analysis to programs that execute non-numeric input data. While it is believed that this process is applicable to this type of program, this has not been established empirically. Additionally, more research is needed to determine the applicability of this process to other applications. One particular example is the application of this process to production-quality code. Empirical data is needed to determine if this process is easier
if applied to well tested code or more difficult. It would be expected that unit tested, non production-quality code would contain more faults and failure regions, while the faults in production-quality code would be more subtle. While the subtlety of the faults will have a greater impact on the fault detection technique used in the testing process, further research is needed to determine if the geometry of a failure region differs between production and non production-quality code.

Finally, further study must be done to establish the limitations of this process. Of particular concern is the derivation of the external conditions of Condition I and Condition III in large programs. As a result of this study, it is recognized that this process certainly becomes more difficult as program size increases. However, the rate of increase of effort still needs to be established empirically.

The analysis of software failure regions is a relatively new field of study, and there are many open questions. This research has established some initial observations, however, it has opened up many more questions to be explored in the near future.
APPENDIX A

This Appendix lists all of the global PASCAL declarations utilized in the source code. These terms are referred to in the thesis text and appendices. (Shimeall, PhD Dissertation, 1989)

CONSTANTS

MaxBattalion  = 5;
MaxMsg        = 10;
MaxTerrain    = 50;
MaxSquadron   = 50;
MaxWeather    = 50;
MaxType       = 50;

TYPES

Results       = (None, Observed, Engaged);

TYPE WRRec    = RECORD
  NumWeapon   : INTEGER;
  UseLimit    : INTEGER;
  Damage      : REAL;
  Range       : REAL;
  Radius      : REAL;
  FireRate    : REAL;
END;

WEvent        = RECORD
  TStart, TEnd  : INTEGER;
  WXO, WYO, dWX, dWY  : REAL;
  WRadius, WSeverity : REAL;
END;

PRec          = RECORD
  ISlopeFactor, IAltFactor, IMeanAlt, IX, IY, IC  : REAL;
  NumWTypes   : INTEGER;
  XDelta, YDelta : REAL;
  WMaxSeverity : REAL;
  NumWEvents  : INTEGER;
  MaxPriority : INTEGER;
  SampleRate  : INTEGER;
END;
Battalion = RECORD
  CommJamEff : REAL;
  CommJamRadius : REAL;
  CommJamPriority : ARRAY [1..MaxBattalion] OF INTEGER;
  Endurance : ARRAY [1..MaxSquadron] OF REAL;
  FixRate : REAL;
  FixSuppl : REAL;
  GRow : INTEGER;
  MaxSlope : REAL;
  MediaDelay : REAL;
  MWEfect : REAL;
  NumFixers : INTEGER;
  NumJammers : INTEGER;
  NumProcess : INTEGER;
  NumReceive : INTEGER;
  NumSend : INTEGER;
  ObsJamRadius : REAL;
  ObsJamEff : REAL;
  ObsMinAngle : ARRAY [1..MaxSquadron] OF REAL;
  ObsMinContrast : ARRAY [1..MaxSquadron] OF REAL;
  ObsXpire : INTEGER;
  ProcDelay : REAL;
  Priority : INTEGER;
  RecRate : REAL;
  Report : INTEGER;
  SendRate : REAL;
  SquadIntensity : ARRAY [1..MaxSquadron] OF INTEGER;
  SquadLength : REAL;
  Squadrons : INTEGER;
  SquadSep, RowSep : REAL;
  SquadWidth : REAL;
  Theta : REAL;
  VO : ARRAY [1..MaxSquadron] OF REAL;
  VWEffect : REAL;
  Weapon : ARRAY [1..MaxWType] OF WRec;
  WeapPriority : ARRAY [1..MaxBattalion] OF ARRAY [1..MaxWType] OF INTEGER;
  WeapSensitivity : ARRAY [1..MaxWType] OF REAL;
  Wear : ARRAY [1..MaxSquadron] OF REAL;
  X, Y : REAL;
END;

ComMsg = RECORD
  Army : BOOLEAN;
  Dest : INTEGER;
  Time : INTEGER;
  msg : Battalion;
  Priority : INTEGER;
END;
VARIABLES

VAR Army : Array [BOOLEAN] OF ARRAY [1..MaxBattalion] OF Battalion;
NArmy : ARRAY [BOOLEAN] OF INTEGER;
Terrain : ARRAY [0..MaxTerrain, 0..MaxTerrain] OF INTEGER;
Weather : ARRAY [1..MaxWeather] of WEvent;
Cmsgs : ARRAY [BOOLEAN] OF ARRAY [1..MaxMsg] OF ComMsg;
NCmsgs : Array [BOOLEAN] OF INTEGER;
Duration : INTEGER;
Params : PRec;
Location : ARRAY [BOOLEAN] OF ARRAY [1..MaxBattalion] OF
  RECORD
    X, Y : REAL;
    W, H : REAL;
  END;

Status : ARRAY [BOOLEAN] OF ARRAY [1..MaxBattalion] OF
  RECORD
    Functional : INTEGER;
    Casualties : INTEGER;
    Destroyed : INTEGER;
  END;

Action : ARRAY [BOOLEAN] OF
  RECORD
    ARRAY [1..MaxBattalion, 1..MaxBattalion] OF
    Results;

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APPENDIX B

The following is an extract of source code from test program six. The original source code lines are numbered. The unnumbered lines within the starred lines are annotated with the appropriate fault number, the fault description, and one possible solution.

procedure InitBattalion

(IArmy : boolean;
IBatt : integer;
Params : PRec);

var Squad, Squad1, WeaponType, Weapon ; integer;
    LocatIntensity : real;

001 begin  {InitBattalion}
002    with Army[IArmy, IBatt] do
003        AlignSquads(IArmy, IBatt, Squadrons, X, Y, OldArmy
004            [IArmy,IBatt].SquadArray);
005    Sqd1 := 1;
006    for Squad := 1 to Army[IArmy, IBatt].Squadrons do
007    begin
008        ArmyIndex := Squad;
009        dKilled := 0;
010        Fixing := 0;
011        if Army[IArmy, IBatt].Endurance[Squad] < 0 then
012            TellError ('Negative endurance when initializing battalion')
013        else
014            if Army[IArmy, IBatt].Endurance[Squad] > 0 then
015            begin
016                Endurance := Army[IArmy, IBatt].Endurance[Sqd];
017                Sqd1 := Sqd1 + 1;
018            end;
019            Status := Functional;
020    end;
021    for WeaponType := 1 to Params.NumWTypes do
022    with OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].Weapons[WeaponType] do

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begin
if Army[IArmy, IBatt].Weapon[WeaponType].NumWeapon < 0 then
TellError('Negative NumWeapons when initializing bn')
else
begin
NumWeapons := Army[IArmy, IBatt].Weapon[WeaponType].NumWeapon;
NumAvail := NumWeapons;
end;

Fault 1: Undefined pointer reference due to no initialization of AttList
One possible fix:
AttList := nil;

begin
begin
OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].NumNewCasualties := 0;
OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].NumCasualties := 0;
OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].NumMsgsProcessing := 0;
OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].dNumRestored := 0;
OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].dSquadrons := 0;
OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].Observations.SomethingSeen := false;
if (X < 0) or (X > (Params.XDelta*MaxTerrain)) then
TellError('Battalion X is out of range during Initialize')
else
OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].X := X;
if (Y < 0) or (Y > (Params.YDelta*MaxTerrain)) then
TellError('Battalion Y is out of range during Initialize')
else
OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].Y := Y;
if (Squadrons > 0) or (Squadrons > MaxSquadron) then

Fault 2 - Destroyed battalions not initialized.

One possible fix:

```
begin
  TellError('Squadrons is negative or too large in initialize');
  if (Squadrons < 0) then
    OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].Squadrons := 0
  else
    OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].Squadrons := MaxSquadron;
end
```

```
else
  TellError('Squadrons is negative or too large in initialize');
```

Fault 3 - Report refers to nonexistent battalions - message superfluous.

One possible fix:

```
for Sqd := 1 to NArmy[notIArmy] do
  OldArmy[IArmy,IBatt].Observations.
    NumObserved[Sqd1]:= 0;
```

```
if (NumJammers < 0) or (NumJammers > Squadrons) then
  TellError('NumJammers in impossible range in initialize')
else
  OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].NumJammers := NumJammers;
if (NumFixers < 0) or (NumFixers > Squadrons) then
  TellError('NumFixers in impossible range in initialize')
else
  OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].NumFixers := NumFixers;
if (NumProcess < 0) or (NumProcess > Squadrons) then
  TellError('NumProcess in impossible range in initialize')
else
```
procedure Initialize
(Params :PRec;
 Duration : integer;
 var Time : integer);

 var Side : boolean;
 Batt, WEvent, EnemyBatt : integer;

 procedure CreateLOSList

 var I : integer;
 NewRecord : CoordPtr;

083 begin {CreateLOSList}
084 LOSLBase := nil;
085 for I := 1 to (Params.Sample Rate - 2) do
086 begin
087 new(NewRecord);
088 NewRecord^.Next := LOSLBase;
089 LOSLBase := NewRecord;
090 end;
091 end; {CreateLOSList}
begin  {Initialize}
if Duration <= 0 then
    TellError('Duration is negative or zero');
Time := 0;
CreateLOSList;
with Params do
begin
    if (NumWTypes < 0) or (NumWTypes > MaxWType) then
        TellError('NumWTypes is out of possible range');
    if XDelta <= 0 then
        TellError('XDelta is not greater than zero');
    if YDelta <= 0 then
        TellError('YDelta is not greater than zero');
    if (NumWEvents < 0) or (NumWEvents > MaxWeather) then
        TellError('NumWEvents is out of possible range');
    if SampleRate < 0 then
        TellError('SampleRate is negative');
    if IMeanAlt <= 0 then
        TellError('IMeanAlt is not positive');
end;
for WEvent := I to Params.NumWEvents do
    with Weather[WEvent] do
begin
    if TStart > TEnd then
        TellError('Bad starting and ending time for weather event');
    if WRadius <= 0 then
        TellError('Bad radius for weather event');
    if WSeverity > Params.WMaxSeverity then
        TellError('WEvent Severity > Params.WMaxSeverity');
end;
for Side := false to true do
    for Batt := 1 to NArmy[Side] do
begin
    CheckBattConstants(Army[Side, Batt], Params.NumWTypes);
    InitBattalion(Side, Batt, Params);
    for EnemyBatt := 1 to NArmy[not Side] do
        Action[Side, Batt, EnemyBatt] := None;
end;
NewArmy := OldArmy;
end;  {Initialize}
begin
  Initialize (Params, Duration, Time);
  PerformSimulation (Params, Duration, Time);
  DetermineOutput;
end;
APPENDIX C

The following is an extract of source code from test program six. The original source code lines are numbered. The unnumbered lines within the starred lines are annotated with the appropriate fault number, the fault description, and one possible solution.

procedure PutInCommands

(CommandsFinished : CommandPtr);

var TempPointer : CommandPtr;
   Observations : BattalionObservations;
   Targets : WeaponArray;
   NumberMsgsProcessing, WeaponType : integer;

001 begin {PutlnCommands}
002   while CommandsFinished <> nil do
003     with CommandsFinished^ do
004     begin

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Fault 1 - Command messages implemented in destroyed battalions.

One possible fix :

   if OldArmy[DestArmy, Dest].Squadrons > 0 then
   begin

*****************************************************************************

005       writeln (Time : 2,' ': Including command sent to
006           'DestArmy,',' ',Dest : 1);
Fault 2 - Incorrect variable used in procedure call and assignment statement.

One possible fix:

```
CheckBattalionConstants (Cmsgs[DestArmy, msg].msg, Params.NumWTypes);
Army[DestArmy, Dest] := Cmsgs [DestArmy, msg].msg;
```

Fault 3 - NewArmy not updated to match OldArmy after command messages.

One possible fix:

```
NewArmy[DestArmy, Dest] := Old Army[DestArmy, Dest];
```
APPENDIX D

The following is an extract of source code from test program three. The original source code lines are numbered. The unnumbered lines within the starred lines are annotated with the appropriate fault number, the fault description, and one possible solution.

procedure Restore

(Armynun : boolean;
Batt : integer);

var Killed, NewKilled, Sqd : integer;
TotRestoration : real;

001 begin {Restore}
002 with ArmyTemp[Armynum][Batt] do

003 begin
004 TotRestoration := 0;
005 if (Army[Armynum][Batt].Squadrons - Killed >= 1 then
006 for sqd := 1 to Army[Armynum][Batt].Squadrons do

007 begin

******************************************************************************

Fault 1 - Restoration allowed when FixSuppl, FixRate, and NumFixers < 0.

One possible fix : 

if SquadStat[Sqd] and (FixSuppl > 0) and (FixRate > 0) and (NumFixers > 0) then

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008 if SquadStat[Sqd] then
009 Restoration[Sqd, 0] := min (min (FixRate *
NumFixers/Casualties, FixSuppl/Casualties),
Endurance0[Sqd] - Endurance[Sqd])
010 else
011 Restoration[Sqd, 0] := 0;
012 TotRestoration := TotRestoration + Restoration[Sqd, 0];
013 end;
014  dFixSupp := -min(TotRestoration, Army[ArmyNum][Batt].FixRate * Army[ArmyNum][Batt].NumFixers);
015  end;
016  end;  [Restore]
APPENDIX E

The following is an extract of source code from test program three. The original source code lines are numbered. The unnumbered lines within the starred lines are annotated with the appropriate fault number, the fault description, and one possible solution.

procedure InitVals

var ArmyNum : boolean;
   Batt, EBatt, Sqd, WeapType, tim : integer;

001 begin (InitVals)
002   HeadQueue := nil;
003   for ArmyNum := false to true do
004     for Batt := 1 to NArmy[ArmyNum] do
005       begin
006         for Sqd := 1 to MaxBattalion do
007           for EBatt := to MaxBattalion do
008             begin
009               ObsLocList[ArmyNum, Sqd, EBatt].NumList := 0;
010               ObsLocList[ArmyNum, Sqd, EBatt].Head := nil;
011             end;
012             with ArmyTemp[ArmyNum][Batt] do
013             begin
014               Casualties := 0;
015               dFixSuppl := 0;
016               dFunctional[0] := 0;
017               dFunctional[1] := 0;
018               dJam := 0;
019               for tim := 0 to 1 do
020                 begin
021                   dNumFixers[tim] := 0;
022                   dNumJammers[tim] := 0;
023                   dNumProcess[tim] := 0;
024                   dNumReceive[tim] := 0;
025                   dNumSend[tim] := 0;
026                 end;
027               dX := 0;
028               dY := 0;
029               Velocity := 9999;

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Killed := 0;
for Sqd := 1 to Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons do
    begin
    
    ******************************************************************************

Fault 1 - Initial velocity counted incorrect if Endurance <= 0.

One possible solution :

    if Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Endurance[Sqd] > 0 then

    ******************************************************************************

    Velocity := min(Velocity, 
                Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[Sqd];
    SquadStat[Sqd] := false;
    dEndurance[Sqd] := 0;
    for tim := 0 to 1 do
        begin
        Restoration[Sqd, tim] := 0;
        end;

    Endurance0[Sqd] := Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Endurance[Sqd];
    end;
    Functional := Army[[ArmyNum]][Batt].Squadrons;
    for WeapType := 1 to Params.NumWTTypes do
        begin
        for EBatt := 1 to NArmy[not ArmyNum] do
            NumWeapUsedOn[EBatt, WeapType] := 0;
            KillersAvail[WeapType] := Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Weapon[WeapType].NumWeapon;
        end;

        NewHurt[0] := 0;
        NewHurt[1] := 0;
        NumJammed := 0;
        for EBatt := 1 to NArmy[not ArmyNum] do
            begin
            Action[ArmyNum][Batt, EBatt] := None;
            end;

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end;
end;
end;  {InitVals}

begin  {Conflict}
InitVals;
if Duration > 0 then
for Mainloop := 0 to Duration do
begin
DoAction (Mainloop);
Update (Mainloop);
Output (Mainloop);
end
else
TellError ('Invalid Duration value');
end;  {Conflict}
APPENDIX F

This appendix is divided into two sections and contains the detailed definition of the software failure regions analyzed during the course of this research. Section A addresses those failure regions that address only the internal conditions. Section B includes those complete failure regions that include both the internal and external conditions. The failure regions are numbered in accordance with the fault numbers originally identified during testing of the source code. Additionally, a brief description of the fault is included.

A. FAILURE REGIONS WITH INTERNAL CONDITIONS

Fault 3.1: Improper count on number of busy processors in procedure ReceiveMessages.

Condition I: \((\text{PTR} \neq \text{NIL}) \land ((\text{PTR}^\text{-}.\text{DestArmy} = B) \land (\text{PTR}^\text{-}.\text{DestBatt} = f))\)

Condition II: \((\text{PTR}^\text{-}.\text{Processed} = \text{recd}) \land (\text{PTR}^\text{-}.\text{TimeRecd} = \text{MainLoop})\)

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.2: Violation of queue structure when messages of equal priority are ready for processing.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.3: Messages implemented by destroyed battalion in procedure FollowCommandMessages.

Condition I: Match \(\neq\) NIL

Condition II: Army\([\text{ArmyIndex}, \text{BattIndex}]\).Squadrons - ArmyTemp\([\text{ArmyIndex}, \text{BattIndex}]\).Killed \(\leq\) 0

Condition III: TRUE
Fault 3.4: Initial Endurance \( \leq 0 \) reported erroneous in command messages.

Condition I: \( (\text{Match} \not< \text{NIL}) \)
\( \land \) (Army[ArmyIndex, BattIndex].Squadrons - ArmyTemp[ArmyIndex, BattIndex].Killed > 0)
\( \land \) ((\( i \in [1..\text{Squadrons}] \)) \( \land \) (Squadrons > 0))

Condition II: \( ( \exists (e) \mid \text{Endurance}[i] (e) < 0) \)

Condition III: \( ( \exists (s) \mid (s > i) \land (s \leq \text{Squadrons}) \land (\text{Endurance}[s] < \text{Endurance}[i]) \)

Fault 3.9: Incorrect variables used in calculation of damage.

Condition I: \( (\text{Army}[\text{ArmyNum}[\text{Batt}].\text{Squadrons} - \text{ArmyTemp}[\text{ArmyNum}][\text{Batt}].\text{Killed} > 0) \)
\( \land \) ((\( \text{EBatt} \in [1..\text{NArmy}[\text{EArmy}]) \) \( \land \) (\( \text{NArmy}[\text{EArmy}] > 0) \))
\( \land \) ((\( \text{WeapType} \in [1..\text{Params}.\text{NumWTypes}] \)) \( \land \) (\( \text{Params}.\text{NumWTypes} > 0) \))
\( \land \) (ArmyTemp[ArmyNum][Batt].NumWeaponsUsedOn[Batt][WeapType] > 0)
\( \land \) ((\( \text{WeapToUse} \in [1..\text{ArmyTemp}[\text{ArmyNum}[\text{Batt}].\text{NumWeaponsUsedOn}[\text{EBatt}][\text{WType}] > 0) \))))
\( \land \) ((\( \text{ESquad} \in [1..\text{Army}[\text{EArmy}][\text{EBatt}].\text{Squadrons}] \))
\( \land \) (Army[Army][EBatt].Squadrons > 0))

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.11: Incorrect check in comparing variable M against MaxTerrain.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: \( ( \exists (x) \mid M(x) = \text{MaxTerrain}) \)

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.12: Variable TM undefined when Dist = 0.

Condition I: \( (\text{dist} \leq 0) \)

Condition II: \( (\text{dist} \leq 0) \)

Condition III: TRUE
Fault 3.13: Observation from side uses wrong points in angle calculation.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: 
\[ ((\text{SquadLoc}[\text{EnemyArmy}][e][k].x < \text{TR}.x) \text{ OR } ((\text{SquadLoc}[\text{EnemyArmy}][e][k].y < \text{TR}.y) \text{ AND } (\text{SquadLoc}[\text{EnemyArmy}][e][k].y < \text{BR}.y))) \]
\[ \text{OR } ((\text{SquadLoc}[\text{EnemyArmy}][e][k].x < \text{TL}.x) \text{ OR } ((\text{SquadLoc}[\text{EnemyArmy}][e][k].y < \text{TL}.y) \text{ AND } (\text{SquadLoc}[\text{EnemyArmy}][e][k].y < \text{BL}.y))) \]
\[ \text{OR } ((\text{SquadLoc}[\text{EnemyArmy}][e][k].x < \text{TR}.x) \text{ AND } (\text{SquadLoc}[\text{EnemyArmy}][e][k].x < \text{TL}.x)) \]

Condition III: 
\[ ((\text{Angle} > \text{Army}[B][i].\text{ObsMinAngle}[j]) \text{ AND } (\text{Params}.\text{SampleRate} >= 2)) \]

Fault 3.16: Segmentation violation in Procedure FindA when battalion leaves undefined terrain.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: \[ \exists (x) ( (M(x) >= \text{MaxTerrain}) \text{ OR } (N(x) >= \text{MaxTerrain})) \]

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.18: Variable N undefined in Procedure WeaponsSighting at first occurrence.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE


Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE

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Fault 3.20: Incorrect check in comparing variable N against MaxTerrain.

Condition I: TRUE
Condition II: (∃(x) | N(x) = MaxTerrain)
Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.22: Restoration allowed when FS < 0.

Condition I: (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons - Killed >= 1) AND ((Sqd ∈ [1..Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons) AND (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons > 0))
Condition II: ((FixSuppl <= 0) OR (FixRate <= 0) OR NumFixers <= 0))
Condition III: (∃(s) | (s > Sqd) AND (s <= Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons) AND [min (min (FixRate * NumFixers/Casualties, FixSuppl/Casualties), Endurance[s] > Restoration[s]]

Fault 3.23: Messages lost if NumProcess goes transiently to 0.

Condition II: (Army[B][f].NumProcess <= 0)
Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.24: Positions not initialized when Duration = 0.

Condition I: ((ArmyNum ∈ [true] | NArmy[true] > 0) AND (Batt ∈ [1..NArmy[true]]) AND ((ArmyNum ∈ [false] | NArmy[false] > 0) AND (Batt ∈ [1..NArmy[false]]) AND ((Sqd ∈ [1..Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons) AND (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons > 0))
Condition II: TRUE
Condition III: TRUE
Fault 3.26: Initially destroyed battalions not considered in calculation 'Killed.'

Condition I: ((ArmyNum ∈ [true] \ NArmy[true] > 0) AND (Batt ∈ [1..NArmy[true]]))
AND ((ArmyNum ∈ [false] \ NArmy[false] > 0) AND (Batt ∈ [1..NArmy[false]]))
AND ((Sqd ∈ [1..Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons])
AND (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons > 0))

Condition II: (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Endurance[Sqd] <= 0)

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.28: Procedure FindA returns incorrectly defined value if X < 0.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: ( ∃ (x) (((M(x) < 0) OR (N(x) < 0)))

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.43: Improper observation allowed when SR < 2.

Condition I: (Army[not B][e].Endurance[k] > 0)
AND (k ∈ [1..Army[EnemyArmy][e].Squadrons])
AND (Army[EnemyArmy][e].Squadrons > 0))
AND ((e ∈ [1..NArmy[EnemyArmy]]) AND (NArmy[EnemyArmy] > 0))
AND (Army[B][i].Endurance[j] > 0)
AND ((i ∈ [1..Army[B][i].Squadrons]) AND (Army[B][i].Squadrons > 0))
AND ((B ∈ [true] \ NArmy[true] > 0) AND (i ∈ [1..NArmy[true]]))
AND ((B ∈ [false] \ NArmy[false] > 0) AND (i ∈ [1..NArmy[false]]))

Condition II: ((Params.SampleRate < 2) AND (Angle > Army[B][i].ObsMinAngle[j]))

Condition III: ((Angle > Army[B][i].ObsMinAngle[j]) AND (Params.SampleRate > 2))

Fault 3.44: Improper variable assignment.

Condition I: ((EBatt ∈ [1..NArmy[EArmy] AND (NArmy[EArmy] > 0))
AND ((WearType ∈ [1..Params.NumWTypes] AND (Params.NumWTypes > 0)))

Condition II: (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Weapon[WeapType].FireRate <= 0)

Condition III: TRUE
Fault 3.45: Variables improperly set in destroyed battalions.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons - ArmyTemp[ArmyNum][Batt].Killed <= 0)

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.1: Reversed parameters leads to improper observation results.

Condition I: (AngleSubGreater = TRUE)

Condition II: ((SXe <> SXg) OR (SYe <> SYg))

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.2: No check on send time if commands of equal priority are implemented at same time.

Condition I: (CommandsFinished <> NIL) AND OldArmy[DestArmy, Dest].Squadrons > 0)

Condition II: (Cmsgs[DestArmy, msg].msg <> CommandsFinished^.msg

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.3: Improper calculation of variable due to incorrect denominator.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: [[[SXg <> SXe) OR (SYg <> SYe))

Fault 6.5: Incorrect calculation - change in available weapons used vice running sum.

Condition I: ((IWeap e [1..MaxWType] AND (MaxWType > 0))

Condition II: (OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].Weapons[IWeap].NumAvail > 0)

Condition III: TRUE
Fault 6.6: Divide by zero when NumWeapons = 0 when assigning target coordinates.

Condition I: 
((EBatt ∈ [1..NArmy[not(IArmy)])] AND (NArmy[not(IArmy)] > 0))
AND (OldArmy[not(IArmy), EBatt].Squadrons > 0)
AND (LWeap ∈ [1..Params.NumWTypes]) AND (Params.NumWTypes > 0))
AND ((I ∈ [1..NumWeapons(IArmy, IBatt, EBatt, LWeap)])
AND (NumWeapons(IArmy, IBatt, EBatt, LWeap) > 0))

Condition II: (OldArmy[IArmy, IBatt].Weapons[LWeap].NumWeapons = 0)

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.7: Undefined pointer reference due to no re-initialization of AttList.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.8: Undefined pointer reference due to no initialization of AttList.

Condition I: 
((WeaponType ∈ [1..Params.NumWtypes) AND (Params.NumWTypes > 0))

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.10: Report refers to nonexistent battalion - message superfluous.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE
Fault 6.11: Message improperly deleted if more recently sent message is placed ahead of it.

Condition I: (CommandsFinished <> NIL) AND (WhereFinished <> NIL)
   AND ((WhereInFinished^.Priority <> CommandToCollect.Priority
       AND ((WhereInFinished^.Priority <> CommandToCollect^.Priority)
       OR (CMgs[WhereInFinished^.DestArmy, WhereInFinished^.msg].Time <
           CMgs[CommandToCollect^.msg].Time))

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.12: Improper variable used to calculate jamming.

Condition I: (OldArmy[DestArmy, DestBatt].NumReceive > 0)
   AND ([Batt e [1..NAry[not DestArmy])] AND (NAry[not DestArmy] > 0))
   AND (Army[not DestArmy, Batt].CommJamEff > 0)

Condition II: Army[not DestArmy, Batt].CommJamRadius <> Army[not DestArmy, Batt].CommJamEff
   AND (Army[not DestArmy, Batt].CommJamRadius - Distance(OldArmy
       [not DestArmy, Batt].X, OldArmy[not DestArmy, Batt].Y,
       OldArmy[DestArmy, Batt].X, OldArmy[DestArmy, Batt].Y)

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.13: Command messages implemented in destroyed battalions.

Condition I: (CommandsFinished <> NIL)

Condition II: (OldArmy[DestArmy, Dest].Squadrons > 0)

Condition III: TRUE
Fault 6.14: Variable InOwnObs not initialized.

Condition I: \((\text{ReportsFinished} \not= \text{NIL})\) AND ((\text{EnemyBatt} \in [1..\text{NArmy(not DestArmy)}]) AND (\text{NArmy(not DestArmy)} > 0)) AND (\text{OldArmy(not DestArmy, EnemyBatt).Squadrons} > 0) AND ((\text{SentSquadObs} \in [1..\text{SumofSentObstoOneBn.NumObserved(EnemyBatt)}]) AND (\text{SumofSentObstoOneBn.NumObserved(EnemyBatt)} > 0))

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.15: NewArmy not updated to match OldArmy after command messages.

Condition I: ((\text{CommandsFinished} \not= \text{NIL}) AND (\text{OldArmy(DestArmy, Dest).Squadrons} > 0))

Condition II: TRUE

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.16: Observation improperly implemented.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: (\(P = \text{NIL}\)) AND (\(\text{Params.SampleRate} \not= 2\))

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.17: NumWeapons > 0 when Army.Weapon.FireRate = 0.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: (\(\text{OldArmy(IArmy, IBatt).Weapon[IWeap].FireRate} \leq 0\))

Condition III: (\(\text{OldArmy(IArmy, IBatt).Weapons[IWeap].NumAvail} \not= 0\)) OR ((\(\text{KP} < \text{LL}\)) AND (\(\text{KP} > \text{KAKF}\))) OR ((\(\text{KP} \geq \text{LL}\)) AND (\(\text{LL} > \text{KAKF}\)))
Fault 6.18: Report messages blocked by bad test in procedure IncludeCommObs.

Condition I: (NextReport <> NIL) AND (NextReport^ .Finished = Time)

Condition II: (OldArmy[DestArmy, Dest].Squadrons > 0)
            AND ((Time - Army[DestArmy, Dest].ObsXpire) > TimeSent)

Condition III: TRUE

Fault 6.20: InitBattalion doesn't initialize destroyed battalions.

Condition I: TRUE

Condition II: (Army[IArmy, IBatt].Squadrons < 0)
             OR (Army[IArmy, IBatt].Squadrons > MaxSquadron)

Condition III: TRUE
B. FAILURE REGIONS WITH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONDITIONS

Fault 3.10: Duration = 0 is considered erroneous when it's not.

Condition I: (Duration <= 0)
Condition II: (Duration = 0)
Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.17: Result variables not set if Duration < 0.

Condition I: (Duration <= 0)
Condition II: (Duration < 0)
Condition III: TRUE

Fault 3.5: Initial velocity counted incorrect if Endurance <= 0.

Condition I: ((ArmyNum e [true] | NArmy[true] > 0) AND (Batt e [1..NArmy[true]]))
AND ((ArmyNum e [false] | NArmy[false] > 0) AND (Batt e [1..NArmy[false]])
AND ((Sqd e [1..Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons])
AND (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons > 0))

Condition II: (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Endurance[Sqd] <= 0)
AND ((Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[Sqd] < y
where ((y e [x | x = 9999]) OR ( ∃ (s) | 1 <= s <= (Sqd - 1)
AND x = Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[s]))

Condition III: ((∃ (s) | (s > Sqd)) AND (s <= Army[ArmyNum][Batt].Squadrons))
AND (Army[ArmyNum][Batt].VO[s] < Velocity))

Fault 6.4: Incorrect equality check in repeat...until loop.

Condition I: TRUE
Condition II: (Duration <= 0)
Condition III: TRUE
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