

AS-761 – Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)

Engenharia De Sistemas Baseada Em Modelos

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- Quick Background Presentation
 - Born in SJC
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 - Space Engineering and Technology PhD (INPE 2014-2018)
 - Systems Engineering / Aerospace Engineering Professor (ITA – 2018-now)



Let's be friends in Pokémon GO! My Trainer Code is 512244814898!

MBSE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FUNCTIONS BEHAVIOR DESIGN



Course Organization

AS-761 – Model-based Systems Engineering

- Concepts and principles of systems thinking and Systems Engineering. Digitalization of Systems Engineering. Classical language of Systems Engineering. SysML. Reactive Systems. OPM. Arcadia Methodology. Problem Domain: Context Analysis and Systemic Intervention. Solution Domain: Conceptual Modeling, Conceptual Architecture, Verification and Validation and Concrete Architecture. Document Generation. Trends.
- Literature:
 - SEBoK Editorial Board, 2022, The Guide to the Systems Engineering Body of Knowledge (SEBoK), v. 2.7, R.J. Cloutier (Editor in Chief). <u>https://sebokwiki.org/</u>
 - DORI, D. Model-Based Systems Engineering with OPM and SysML. Springer, 2016
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 - FRIEDENTHAL, F., MOORE, A., AND STEINER R., 2015. A Practical Guide to SysML: Systems Modeling Language. 3ª Edição. Elsevier. ISBN: 9780128002025.







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- Level 2 Group Case (Report-Presentation) (50%)
 - Group report with the use of MBSE on a Practical Project. (25%)
 - Presentation (25%)

- Level 1 Final Individual Exam (30%)
 - Final quiz (30 questions)

- Level 0 Quizzes (20%)
 - 6 quizzes w/ 10 questions each.









eVTOL related themes (Use Cases)

Urban Air Taxi Service -Provide short-range passenger flights within a city. Emergency Medical Evacuation (eMED) - Rapid extraction of patients from accident sites to hospitals. Last-Mile Package Delivery - Deliver packages from urban hubs to customer rooftops or delivery stations.

Military Reconnaissance eVTOL - Deployable unmanned eVTOL for battlefield surveillance.

Offshore Oil Platform Transport - Carry workers and cargo between mainland and oil rigs. Airborne Firefighting Support - Use eVTOLs to monitor and support firefighting operations in forested areas.

Luxury eVTOL Charter Flights - On-demand air travel for VIP clients in urban and regional areas. Rural Medical Supply Drops - Deliver essential medicines to remote clinics.

Police Surveillance and Crowd Monitoring - Use eVTOLs to support public safety during large events. eVTOL for Infrastructure Inspection - Inspect bridges, power lines, or pipelines autonomously.



Some thoughts before start...



Share of employers expecting increasing skills in use by 2030 (%)







Engineer that is responsible for the whole, that understands how the parts/ people/ organizations, through the lifecycle, will deliver the intended emergent properties.

Asked the chatGPT: "create an illustration of Systems Engineer at work"





https://historyofeducation.net/2024/03/10/the-sevenliberal-arts-part-1-tools-for-learning/





Systems Engineering is (should be) the Engineering lingua-franca



Model-Based Systems Engineering for Aircraft Design with Dynamic Landing Constraints Using Object-Process Methodology , AIAA Scitech 2019 Forum



Super Basic SE Review



A system is a

<set, combination, group, collection, configuration, arrangement, organization, assemblage, assembly, ensemble [10]>

of

<parts, components, elements, objects, subsystems, entities [6]> <combined, integrated, organised, configured, arranged [5]>

in a way that

<creates, enables, motivates [3]>

<properties, functions, processes, capabilities, behaviors, dimensions [6]>

not

<possessed, exhibited, presented [3]>

by the

<separate, individual, single [3]>

<parts, components, elements, objects,
subsystems, entities [6]>



Defining "System": a Comprehensive Approach. 27th Annual INCOSE International Symposium. 2017

What is Systems Engineering?

Systems Engineering is a transdisciplinary approach and means, based on systems principles and concepts, to enable the successful realization, use and retiral of engineered systems.

It focuses on

- establishing stakeholders' purpose and success criteria, and defining actual or anticipated customer needs and required functionality early in the development cycle,
- establishing an appropriate lifecycle model and process approach considering the levels of complexity, uncertainty and change
- documenting and modelling requirements and solution architecture for each phase of the endeavour
- proceeding with design synthesis and system validation
- while considering the complete problem and all necessary enabling systems and services.

Systems Engineering provides facilitation, guidance and leadership to integrate all the disciplines and specialty groups into a team effort forming an appropriately structured development process that proceeds from concept to production to operation, evolution and eventual disposal.

Systems Engineering considers both the business and the technical needs of all customers with the goal of providing a quality solution that meets the needs of users and other stakeholders and is fit for the intended purpose in real-world operation, and avoids or minimizes adverse unintended consequences.



FIGURE 2.10 System life cycle processes per ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288. INCOSE SEH original figure created by Roedler and Walden. Usage per the INCOSE Notices page. All other rights reserved.



Level n

Level n+1

Level n+2



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FIGURE 2.12 Concurrency, iteration, and recursion. INCOSE SEH original figure created by Roedler and Walden. Usage per the INCOSE Notices page. All other rights reserved.

We know the basic SE Framework































Classic Representations

Reducing function: we are standard recognizers

feita de tijolos,

https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-athletesway/201311/what-is-the-human-connectome-project-why-shouldyou-care



FUNÇÃO DA GRAMÁTICA

A função fundamental da gramática é estabelecer leis para relacionar símbolos de modo a expressar pensamento. Uma frase expressa um pensamento – uma relação de ideias – numa declaração, numa pergunta, numa ordem, num desejo, numa prece ou numa exclamação. Símbolos categoremáticos são aqueles que são relacionados; símbolos sincategoremáticos são os meios de relacioná-los; a oração é a relação mesma.

As regras para relacionar símbolos regem três operações gramaticais: substituir símbolos equivalentes, combinar símbolos e separar símbolos.





Cognition is "the mental process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, intelligence, and senses". It encompasses processes such as attention, knowledge formation, memory and working memory, judgment and evaluation, reasoning and "computing", problem solving and decision-making, language comprehension and production. Cognitive processes use previous knowledge to generate new knowledge.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cognition

Each engineering has its own language

Thermal Eng.



Electrical Eng.







Mechanical Eng.

Infrastructure Eng.



Control Eng.

Systems Eng ???
What is the language of Systems Engineering?



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- Over the past few years, systems engineers have used some graphical representations to present the functional and flow characteristics of the system.
- The most common are:
 - enhanced Function Flow Block Diagram (eFFBD),
 - N2 (N-Squared) Chart,
 - Block Diagram.



enhanced Functional Flow Block Diagram



- Function is the activity, operation, or transformation that causes or contributes to performance.
- In designed systems, function is the actions for which a system exists, which ultimately lead to the delivery of value.
- Function is executed by form, which is instrumental in function.
- Function emerges from functional interaction between entities. Function is a product/system attribute.
- Function is about activity, in contrast with form, which is about existence.



- Functional modelling in Systems Engineering is a structured representation of functions (i.e. activities, actions, processes, operations) within the modelled system.
- The purpose of the function model is to describe the functions and processes, assist with discovery of information needs, help identify opportunities and establish a basis for determining product and service costs. In Systems Engineering, a function model is created from a functional modelling perspective.



- The functional architecture is (usually) a **top-down decomposition** of system functional and performance requirements.
- The architecture will show not only the functions that have to be performed, but also the logical sequencing of the functions and performance requirements associated with the functions.
- The **functional architecture** produced by the Functional Analysis and Allocation process is the detailed package of documentation developed to analyze the functions and allocate performance requirements.





Autonomous takeoff is integral to Rotomotion's control package, but requires proper calibration of sensor gains.

Autonomous hovering and GPS waypoint navigation is integral to Rotomotion's control package, but requires a collision avoidance system for true safety of flight. The cargo must be lowered at sufficient speed to avoid possible buildup of oscillations. Stable hovering is especially important while unloading the UGV.





possible buildup of oscillations, but less weight during raising means less risk.

(7) Lower Tray

UGV. Servoing of UGV into the tray requires accurate sensors and failsafe tray design.

package, but requires identification of proper landing zone through sensor systems for truly reliable landings.



Planetary Defense Program





Planetary Defense Level 1 Functional Flow Block Diagram For Threat Detection



Planetary Defense Level 1 Functional Flow Block Diagram For Threat Elimination



Planetary Defense Level 1 Functional Flow Block Diagram For Threat Reevaluation



The FFBD – Functional Flow Block Diagram

- The Functional Flow Block Diagram (FFBD) was developed in the 1950s by TRW Inc., a U.S. defense contractor. TRW created the FFBD as a structured method to represent the sequential flow of system functions, particularly for complex aerospace and defense projects.
- In the 1960s, NASA adopted FFBDs to visualize the time sequence of events in space systems and flight missions.

FFBD – Functional Flow Block Diagram

- The FFBD is a multi-layered, sequenced diagram of the functional flow of a system.
- An FFBD usually defines the sequences and **supports step-by-step detailing** of systems, but it can also be used effectively to define processes when developing and producing systems.
- In the FFBD method, they are organized and represented by their logical order of execution.
- A key concept in modeling is

that for a function to begin, the previous function or functions within the "control" flow must have ended. For example, a "view targets" function would logically not start until a "detect targets" function was completed.







 A function must be represented by a rectangle containing the function title (a verb followed by a noun) and its unique number.





• A line with a single arrowhead should represent the functional flow from left to right.



Logical conditions: and

- A parallel construct consists of an AND node, followed by separate branches that rejoin and terminate at another matching AND node.
- Each branch can contain any number of functions and control constructs.
- When executed, the first entity on each branch will be enabled at the same simulation clock time. The construct cannot be exited (from the second AND node) until all branches have completed their processing.
- Control is then passed to the next function or construct after the parallel construct.



Logical Conditions: Exclusive OR (XOR)

- A select construct consists of an OR node followed by multiple branches that rejoin at a matching OR node. Each branch can contain any number of functions and control constructs.
- In contrast to a parallel construct in which all branches are executed, with a select construct only one branch is executed. Thus, the select construct is an exclusive OR.



Logical conditions: or inclusive

• Inclusive OR: A condition in which one, some, or all of the preceding or successive multiple paths are required.





- A loop construct consists of a pair of LP nodes that enclose a branch and are connected with a loop back line. The branch can contain any number of functions and control constructs. These will be repeatedly executed in sequence.
- The branch will typically contain a loop exit construct to conditionally exit the loop construct. Without a loop exit, the loop construct becomes an endless loop.
- The loop exit construct provides the mechanism for exiting a loop. When the loop exit construct is encountered, the innermost loop is immediately terminated, enabling the construct or function following the loop.











TOP LEVEL







Figure 1. Enhanced functional flow block diagram context for Figure 2.

https://tsapps.nist.gov/publication/get_pdf.cfm?pub_id=822057





Figure 2. Enhanced functional flow block diagram for function 2 in Figure 1.





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oeVh9Gd8F_8

M.M. Hasan et al. / Nuclear Engineering and Technology 50 (2018) 860-868



Fig. 5. EFFBD of the existing earthquake instrumentation. EFFBD, enhanced functional flow block diagram.



Some possible analysis



Figure 6. Example of Enhanced Functional Flow Block Diagram with Swimlanes for Allocations



TOP-LEVEL DIAGRAM Is there a higher level for prep and follow?



SECOND-LEVEL DIAGRAM



THIRD-LEVEL DIAGRAM



Source: DSMC SE Management Guide (Jan 1990).

Figure 13. FFBD Example with Class Discussion Notes



Figure 11. Functional Failure Analysis Example



N2

It is important to identify the interfaces.

- Complex systems have many interfaces
 - Common interfaces reduce complexity
 - System architecture drives the types of interfaces to be utilized in the design process
 - Clear interface identification and definition reduces risk
 - Most of the problems in systems are at the interfaces.
 - Verification of all interfaces is critical for ensuring compatibility and operation.








Data types	Representation	Applications
Component-based (ProdBuct)	Component relationships	System architecting, engineering and design
People-based (Organization)	Organizational unit relationships	Organizational design, interface management, team integration
Activity-based (Process)	Activity input/output relationships	Process improvement, project scheduling, iteration management, information flow management
Parameter-based (low-level Process)	Design parameter relationships	Low level activity sequencing and process construction, sequencing design decisions



https://www.nasa.gov/sites/defau lt/files/atoms/files/nasa_systems_ engineering_handbook.pdf



Figure 4.3-4 Example of an N2 diagram



- N2 Analysis is a tool that uses a nxn matrix to record the interconnections between elements of a system. It has several potential uses:
 - In system design to assess the degree of binding and coupling in a system and thereby determine candidate architectures based on the natural structure of the system.
 - In systems design to record, and thence aid the management of, the interfaces in a system.
 - In systems analysis to identify and document the interconnectivity in a system to help understand observed behavior and to provide guidance for improvement.



- The N2 diagram has been used extensively to develop data interfaces, primarily in the software areas. However, it can also be used to develop hardware interfaces.
- The system functions (or architecture elements) are placed on the diagonal; the remainder of the squares in the N x N matrix represent the interface inputs and outputs. Where a blank appears, there is no interface between the respective functions.
- Data flows in a clockwise direction between functions (e.g., the symbol F1 F2 indicates data flowing from function F1, to function F2).
- The data being transmitted can be defined in the appropriate squares.





Alternatively, the use of circles and numbers permits a separate listing of the data interfaces.

- The clockwise flow of data between functions that have a feedback loop can be illustrated by a larger circle called a control loop.
- The identification of a **critical function**, where function F4 has a number of inputs and outputs to all other functions in the upper module.
- A simple flow of interface data exists between the upper and lower modules at functions F7 and F8.
- The lower module has complex interaction among its functions.
- The N2 chart can be taken down into successively lower levels to the hardware and software component functional levels. In addition to defining the data that must be supplied across the interface, the N2 chart can pinpoint areas where conflicts could arise.





DSM – Design Structure Matrix

https://dsmweb.org

DSM – Design Structure Matrix

- Research on matrix-based complexity management has come a long way. Originating from a process focus with the first published formulation of a Design Structure Matrix (DSM) by Don Steward in 1981, a whole community has developed around this research.
- DSMs can have different qualities:
 - Binary DSMs represent only the existence of a relation,
 - whereas numerical DSMs represent a numerical value (also called "weight") to represent the strength of a relation.
 - DSMs can either be directed or non-directed.

Design Structure Matrix

• Architecture Definition: The embodiment of concept, and the allocation of physical/informational function (process) to elements of form (objects) and definition of structural interfaces among the objects

- DSM captures connectivity of components => architecture
- DSM provides analysis capability not present in a traditional schematic



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An application of the Design Structure Matrix to Integrated Concurrent Engineering

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Fig. 2. Parameter-based DSM for the typical ICE design process. The DSM is organized as an alphabetical sequence of the 16 disciplines involved. The blocks along the diagonal encapsulate the work that is internal to each discipline, and the off-diagonal marks represent information flow across disciplines.

Dependencies among disciplines



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Fig. 4. Clustered team-based DSM for the ICE design process. Each mark indicates that the discipline in the row requires information from the discipline in the column due to one or more of the critical design trades (the loop types shown in Table 2).



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 MDM allows analyzing a system's structure across multiple domains, condensing each single analysis into one DSM that represents multiple domains at a time.





Legend

Negative Correlation



Figure 9.6.2 Layout of the MDM used to analyze the product and its development process.









Block Diagram

- A block diagram is a **specialized flowchart** used in engineering to visualize a **system at a high level**.
- Create your block diagram to identify the most important components of your system so you can focus on rapidly pointing out potential trouble spots.
- A block diagram is especially useful for visualizing the inputs and outputs of your system, while what happens inbetween can remain in a black box.





- Block diagrams use very basic geometric shapes: boxes and circles. The principal parts and functions are represented by blocks connected by straight and segmented lines illustrating relationships.
- When block diagrams are used in electrical engineering, the arrows connecting components represent the direction of signal flow through the system.
- Whatever any specific block represents should be written on the inside of that block.
- A block diagram can also be drawn in increasing detail if analysis requires it. Feel free to add as little or as much detail as you want using more specific symbols.



DI-524 Block Diagram

RF: 2412~2462 MHz



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transfer system. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/308088265_Towards_VV _suitable_Domain_Specific_Modeling_Languages_for_MBSE_A_tool ed_approach

Figure 9. A functional (left) and physical (right) architecture of a liquid transfer system.



Final Considerations



- Self-paced (no due-date just joy)
 - A list of 20 cases to apply the classical diagrams.
- To deliver
 - A list of 10 conceptual questions at the Classroom (each click counts --- click Only if you are sure of the answer)
- To deliver (class leader)
 - Send me a list of the groups w/ selected themes (asap)
 - Place on the collaborative document at the GClass, the names and links for the presentation / report.



- Hope you enjoy these lectures
- Keep in mind that (Model based) Systems Engineering is one of EMBRAER's verticals.
- I'm available through the GClass, and through the Class Leader.
- We will dive into the MBSE it will be useful on the third phase.





starting...

"There is something" (MFS)



... on the journey to uncover the essence of abstraction.

Fast Links:



