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SOME CONSIDERATIONS ON SOFTWARE RELIABILITY AND SOFTWARE CYBERNETICS

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Abstract The reliability problem is extremely important for safety critical software. This paper addresses the three basic issues of software reliability engineering and reviews the current status of software reliability research, including the major problems that should be tackled in this area. This paper then describes the motivating backgrounds of software cybernetics, which is aimed to explore the interplay between software and control. One of the major themes in software cybernetics is how to apply existing principles and theories of control engineering to software engineering to make software processes more rigorous and repeatable and thus to achieve the reliability benefits. This paper concludes with identifying a few research directions in the newly emerging area of software cybernetics.

Key words software reliability, software cybernetics, software testing, control theory

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