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Reliability engineering has traditionally focused on predicting the failure rates of individual components and systems. This approach has been successful in many applications, such as the design of aircraft and nuclear power plants. However, it has become increasingly clear that traditional reliability engineering approaches are not sufficient to address the challenges of complex systems.

Complex systems are characterized by their high degree of interconnectedness, nonlinearity, and uncertainty. This makes it difficult to predict their behavior using traditional methods. Furthermore, complex systems are often subject to sudden and unexpected failures, which can have catastrophic consequences.

The traditional reliability engineering approach is based on the assumption that systems are predictable and that their failures can be prevented by following a set of prescribed procedures. However, this assumption is often not valid for complex systems. Complex systems are inherently unpredictable, and their failures cannot always be prevented.

A new paradigm is needed for reliability engineering that emphasizes resilience and adaptability. Resilience is the ability of a system to withstand and recover from failures. Adaptability is the ability of a system to change its behavior in response to changing conditions.

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#### The Myth of Predictability

The myth of predictability is the belief that systems can be perfectly predicted and controlled. This belief is based on the assumption that systems are linear and that their behavior can be described by a set of deterministic equations. However, this assumption is not valid for complex systems.

Complex systems are nonlinear and their behavior is often unpredictable. This is because complex systems are composed of many interacting components, and the interactions between these components can lead to unexpected and emergent behavior.

The myth of predictability has led to a number of problems in reliability engineering. For example, the traditional approach to reliability engineering has focused on predicting the failure rates of individual components. However, this approach has not been successful in preventing failures in complex systems.

#### **Resilience and Adaptability**

Resilience and adaptability are two key concepts in the new paradigm of reliability engineering. Resilience is the ability of a system to withstand and recover from failures. Adaptability is the ability of a system to change its behavior in response to changing conditions.

Resilient systems are able to tolerate failures without catastrophic consequences. This is because resilient systems have multiple layers of redundancy and backup systems. Resilient systems are also able to learn from their failures and improve their performance over time.

Adaptable systems are able to change their behavior in response to changing conditions. This is because adaptable systems have the ability to sense their environment and make decisions based on that information. Adaptable systems are also able to learn from their experiences and improve their performance over time.

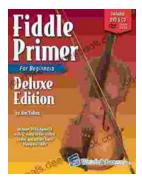
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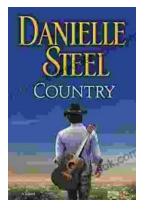
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