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Other News

Quiz:

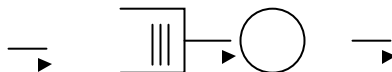
Next class... (tentative)

- Needed: Student computer lab account
 - Sign up at www.uky.edu/scs

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Queuing Theory: Basic Terms

- Queuing Theory: Study of lines, waiting in lines



- Buffer or Queue
- “Server” -- service rate = m
- “Customers” --- arrival rate = λ
- Utilization is $r = \lambda/m$ --- required to be less than 1.

Questions we can answer:

- What is avg. number of “customers” in the queue?
- What is avg. number of “customers” in the system?
- What is avg. wait of “customers” in the system?
- What percentage of time does queue exceed some number?

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Summary of results for M/M/1 queues

M/M/1 queue (for $r < 1$):

- $P_0 = 1 - 1/m = 1 - r$
- $P_n = (1/m)^n (1 - 1/m) = r^n (1 - r) = r^n P_0$ (for $n > 0$)

- L : = mean number of customers *in the system*

$$L = E[n] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n P_n = \frac{1}{(m-1)} = \frac{r}{1-r}$$

- W : = mean wait time in the system

$$W = \frac{L}{1} = \frac{1}{(m-1)} = \frac{1}{m(1-r)}$$

- W_Q : = mean waiting time in just the queue

$$W_Q = W - 1/m$$

- L_Q : = mean number of customers in the queue

$$L_Q = 1 W_Q$$

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Multiple servers: M/M/c

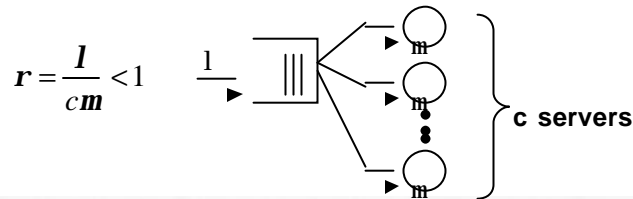


Table 11.1 M/M/c Queuing Results

	M/M/1	M/M/c
$p(0)$	$1 - \rho$	$\left[\frac{(c\rho)^c}{c!(1-\rho)} + \sum_{n=0}^{c-1} \frac{(c\rho)^n}{n!} \right]^{-1}$
L_q	$\frac{\rho^2}{1-\rho}$	$\frac{\rho(c\rho)^c p(0)}{c!(1-\rho)^2}$
L	$\frac{\rho}{1-\rho}$	$L_q + \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$
W_q	$\frac{\rho}{\mu(1-\rho)}$	$\frac{(c\rho)^c p(0)}{c!c\mu(1-\rho)^2}$
W	$\frac{1}{\mu(1-\rho)}$	$W_q + \mu^{-1}$

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Example: comparison of M/M/1 vs. M/M/2

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Values of L for M/M/c model

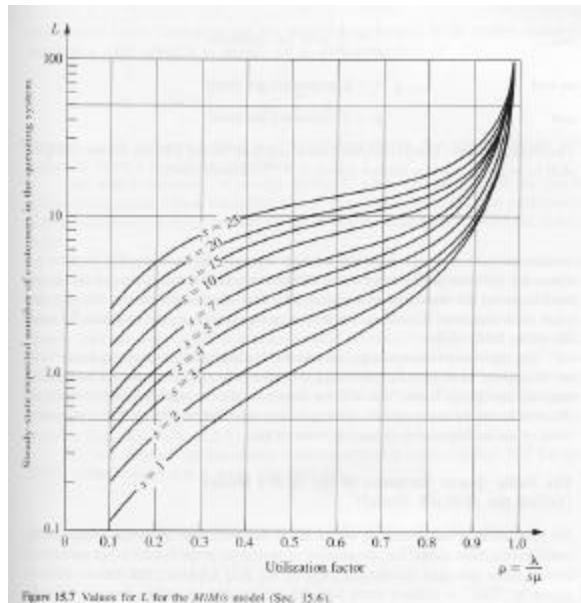


Figure 15.7 Values for L for the M/M/c model (Sec. 15.6).

From Hillier and Lieberman, 6th edition

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Effect of many small (many queue) vs. single machine

- (example done last class ---- *not an M/M/2*)

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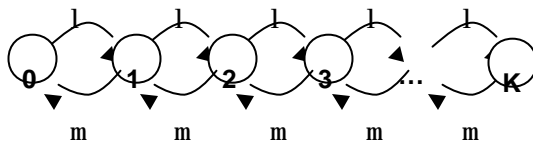
M/M/1/K

- Finite capacity queues: State probabilities and # in system



System capacity of K

- Birth-death model



$$P_i = r^i P_0$$

$$1 = \sum_{i=0}^K P_i = \sum_{i=0}^K r^i P_0 \longrightarrow P_0 = \frac{1-r}{1-r^{K+1}}$$

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1 server -- Finite Capacity Queues: M/M/1/K

$$L = E[n] = \sum_{n=0}^K nP_n = \begin{cases} \frac{r}{1-r} - \frac{(K+1)r^{K+1}}{1-r^{K+1}} & \text{for } r \neq 1 \\ \frac{K}{2} & \text{for } r = 1 \end{cases}$$

- **M/M/1/K queues: mean wait in system:** $P_i = r^i \left(\frac{1-r}{1-r^{K+1}} \right)$
 - Note some customers get turned away.
 - For Little's Law, we need **effective arrival rate**

offered load is measure of demand on system: λ/μ

carried load is actual demand met by system: λ_a/μ

$$I_a = \text{effective arrival rate} = I(1 - P_K)$$

$$W = \frac{L}{I_a}$$

$$W_Q = W - \frac{1}{m}$$

$$L_Q = W_Q I_a \quad \text{note it can be shown this is } L_Q = L - (1 - P_0)$$

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G/G/1 Queues

- An approximation (From Kingman 1961, as given in Hopp and Spearman 1996) for the expected wait time in the queue in a G/G/1 system is given by the following:

$$W_{q(G/G/1)} = \left(\frac{c_a^2 + c_e^2}{2} \right) \left(\frac{r}{1-r} \right) \frac{1}{m}$$

where c_a is the coefficient of variation of the arrival time distribution and c_e is the coefficient of variation of the processing times distribution.

- Approx. is exact for M/M/1 and M/G/1
- Variability term, Utilization term, Capacity term
- → variability in arrival times or in processing time give congestion.
- → increasing variability increases congestion
- → increasing utilization increases congestion ("blow up")

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Example for G/G/1 approx.

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Summary

- **M/M/1, M/M/c, M/M/k** represent “practical worst case” situations with “maximum randomness” (memoryless property).
- **Use the results as bounds.**
 - M/M/1 results are very simple
 - M/M/c results:
 - Multiple servers with shared queues
- **Queues explode as utilization approaches 1**
- **G/G/1 results: reducing variability reduces congestion**
 - Variability term, utilization term, capability term

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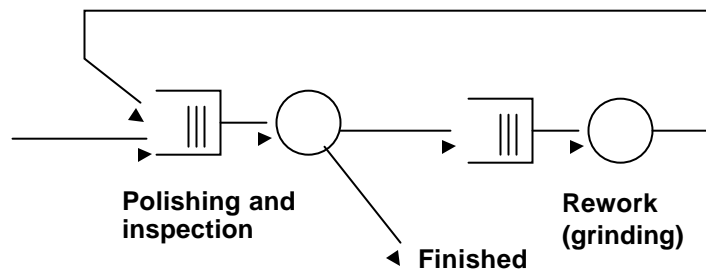
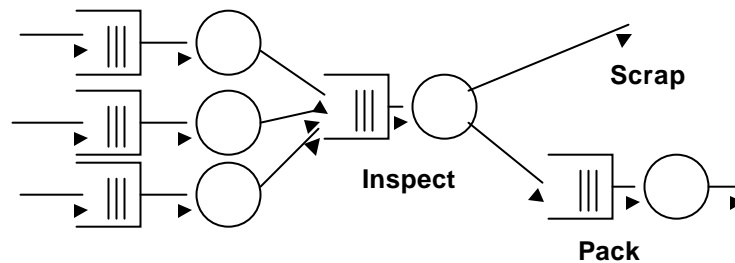
Systems with multiple queues

- Open networks vs. closed networks

- open Jackson networks:
 - open network
 - Poisson external arrivals
 - exponential service times (possibly $c > 1$) at each node
 - unlimited buffers at each node
 - probabilistic routing
 - First come – First Serve
 - one type of customer

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Examples



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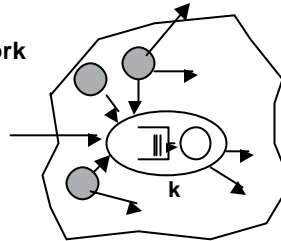
Open Jackson Networks

- Why Jackson networks?
 - Probability of system state can be calculated from looking at the individual queues in the system.

Under steady state conditions, each facility in a Jackson network behaves as if it were an independent M/M/c queuing system with effective arrival rate:

- $\lambda_k = a_k + \sum_{i=1 \dots m} \lambda_i p_{ik}$

- p_{ik} probability of routing from i to k
- a_k arrival rate in from outside
- λ_k arrival rate at node k
- m number of nodes in network



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Key facts leading to Jackson networks

- Sum of independent Poisson random vars. is Poisson.
- Poisson arrival process means exponential distribution of inter-arrival times
- Inter-departure times from M/M/c system (infinite queue capacity) is exponential

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Jackson Network Solution Procedure

1. Solve for arrival rates using

$$l_k = a_k + \sum_{i=1..m} l_i p_{ik}$$

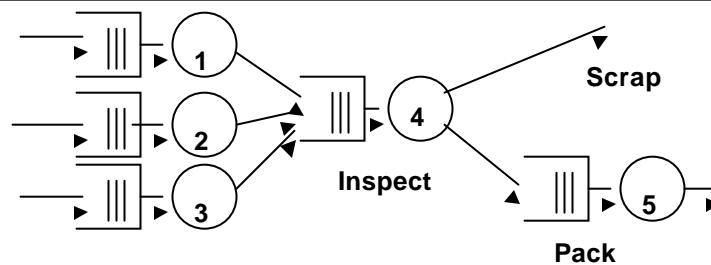
2. Analyze each workstation as a M/M/1 or M/M/c queue

Use standard table of L, W, L_Q, W_Q formulas

3. Combine results across workstations to get performance measures of the entire system.

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Queueing Network example 1



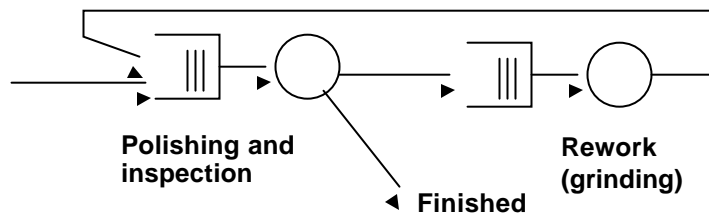
$a_1 = 20/\text{day}$
 $a_2 = 10/\text{day}$
 $a_3 = 10/\text{day}$
 $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = 25/\text{day}$
 $\mu_4 = 60/\text{day}$
 $\mu_5 = 45/\text{day}$
Scrap rate₄ = 5%

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Example 1 -- continued

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Queueing Network example 2



$a_1 = 2$ parts/hr.
 $\mu_1 = 0.5$ parts/hr.
 $\mu_2 = 2$ parts/hr.
Rejection rate = 1.0%

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Example 2: continued

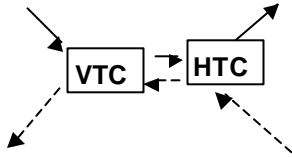
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Aggregate Parts

- Jackson Networks assume one part type
 - What if we actually have more types?
 - → create an aggregate part type
- Aggregate arrival rates are sum of individual arrival rates
 - 5 parts/hr for part A and 8 parts/hr for part B gives 13 parts/hr aggregate
- Average processing times found by averaging the *times* (*not averaging the rates!*)
 - Example: 20% are part A which are 5/hr, and 80% are part B which has rate 2 per hr.
 - → average time = $0.20(12 \text{ min}) + 0.80(30 \text{ min}) = 26.4 \text{ min.}$
so rate is $(1/26.4 \text{ min}) = 2.27 \text{ per hour.}$
- (*this is not same as $.2*5 + .8*2 = 2.6/\text{hr.}$)*

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Queuing network example 3



	<i>Part A</i>	<i>Part B</i>
Path	VTC-HTC-exit	HTC-VTC-exit
Demand	Poisson 30/day	Poisson 60/day
VTC time (min.)	uniform(8,12)	uniform(8,12)
HTC time(min.)	uniform(10,14)	uniform(6,10)

Assume 960 min/day (2 shifts@8hrs.)

Example 3 (cont.)

Jackson summary

- Network of systems with exponential service times and probabilistic routings can be decomposed into individual M/M/1 or M/M/c problems
- Requires single part type, Poisson external arrivals
- Relatively fast and simple

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Extensions

Closed Queueing Networks

- Examples:
 - Constant work in process
 - Fixed number of pallets
- Solution method: Mean Value Analysis (MVA)
 - Iterative – computer based
 - P part different part types – each with total N_p in the system
 - Find steady-state solution relating throughput times, throughput rates, and queue lengths
 - Solution done by iterative search

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Modeling Review

- **Queueing models: Considers uncertainty in steady state: single machine and Jackson networks.**
 - How long is the average wait?
 - How many parts on average in the system?
 - **Problem: easy answers require strong assumptions**
 - too much randomness?

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Modeling Review

- **Analysis of unpaced serial lines *with processing time variation***
 - **No Buffers:**
 - Significant capacity lost due to processing time variation
 - **Infinite Buffers:**
 - Long-term: No capacity lost
 - **Finite Buffers:?**
 - Can use the coefficient of variation to characterize the amount of variation.
 - For exponential RV, $cv = 1$.
 - Portions of lost capacity can be recovered using finite buffers
 - For identical distributions for each machine, can recover:
 - 80% capacity recovery if buffer size = $10 \cdot cv$
 - 90% capacity recovery if buffer size = $20 \cdot cv$

**Reductions in variation allows reduction in buffers
(and thus throughput time and WIP)**

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Discrete-Event Simulation

Simulation: running model of system on a computer

Simulation allows specific questions and models

- How is behavior during startup? During steadystate?
- What if we have a new inventory management policy?
- What if we have different kinds of parts circulating?

- Cheaper and faster than prototype
- Less restrictive than deterministic or queueing models

- Disadvantages:
 - more detailed model --> more model-building time
 - no analytical relationships --> “try this and see”
 - potential pitfalls (to cover later)

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Example Process

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Terminology

- **Event:** instantaneous occurrence that changes the state of the system
- **State:** Complete description of the system at a given time.
 - Example: buffer states, machine states, etc.

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- **Key points from example:**
 - *State changes occur at discrete points in time. These are “events”.*
 - *Nothing happens between events*

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- **Great idea of discrete event simulation:**
 - *since nothing happens between events, then just jump between them!*
 - **What we need:**
 - simulation clock
 - system state and tracking variables
 - event list
 - statistical counters

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Example continued

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- **At each event, we:**
 - **update the state variables**
 - **forecast (schedule) new events**
 - **delete events that are no longer relevant**

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Computer “Random” numbers

- **Simulation requires “random” number sequences**
- **Computer is deterministic, so we actually have “psuedo-random” number sequence**
 - **Start with a “random” “seed”**
 - **Perform math function on it to get next random number.**
 - **Use it as your next seed and repeat**
 - **Issues:**
 - reuse of same seed gives same simulation
 - some seeds may wrap around and appear very non-random
 - what is distribution of the resulting sequence?

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Example of random number generation

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Mapping to different distributions

- **Once we have a psuedo-random number generator with uniform distribution, we can map this onto any other distribution (even with experimentally derived distributions)**
- **Inverse Transform method:**

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Classes of Simulations

- **General Purpose languages**

- **Simulation packages**

- **Generic model/GUI methods**

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Review

- **Discrete Event Simulation**
 - run computer model of system instead of prototype
 - “Discrete-Event” because state changes at event occurrences, not every time step

 - **Key idea: since events occur only infrequently, we can skip clock forward in time to next event**
 - maintain event list
 - maintain state variables
 - maintain clock
 - etc.

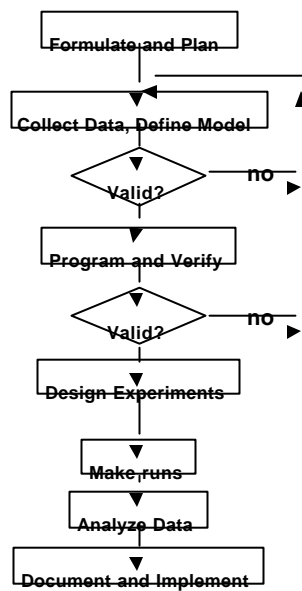
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Classes of simulation tools

- general purpose computer languages (write it yourself in C, etc.)
- simulation languages (SLAM, SIMAN, GPSS, ...)
- graphical simulation modeling tools (Promodel, Arena, ...)

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Steps of Successful Simulation Study



- Formulate the problem and plan the study

- Collect data and model

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Issues in Modeling

- How detailed?
- What is the scope of the model?
- What assumptions will be made?
- What random variables to be modeled?

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How complex a model?

- *Start simple, then add complexity only as needed*
- Complex models:
 - harder to understand, debug, validate, modify, document, explain, etc.
 - may be less accurate due to difficulty to debug and find errors
- Smaller models allow more replications and longer runs
- Judge simplifications in terms of impact on our performance measure: “will they increase or decrease it”?

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Common Modeling Problems

- Selection of inappropriate distributions

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Common Modeling Problems (cont.)

- Removing Randomness by using mean instead of distribution

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How do we choose distributions?

- Use collected data directly as input to the simulation
 - Problems:
- Use data to define empirical distribution
- Fit a theoretical distribution form to the data
 - may smooth out irregularities in an empirical model
 - able to generate extremes that may not be in original samples
 - sometimes physical reason to assume distribution

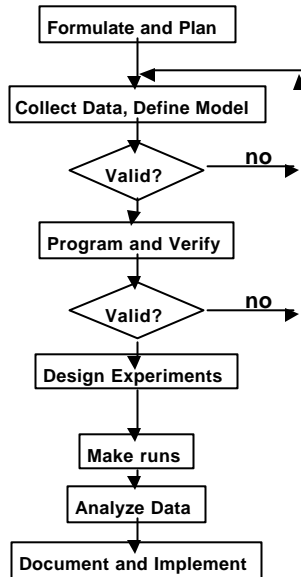
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Example: dangers in modeling

- Single machine, broken 10% of time
 - Model 1: machine breaks on avg of 540 min., then down for 60 minutes
 - Model 2: machine breaks down avg. of 54 minutes, then down for avg. of 6 min.
 - Model 3: Production rate is just decreased by 10% (thus machine breaks down constantly)

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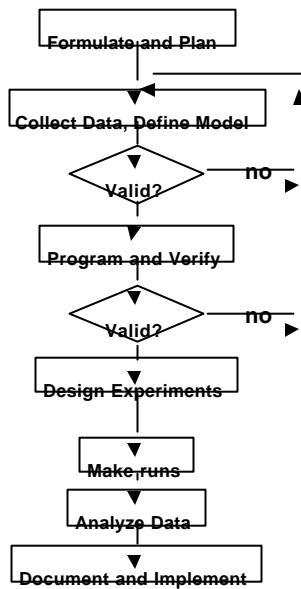


- Validating:
 - Does the model appropriately represent reality??

- Verifying:
 - Is the program faithful to the model??

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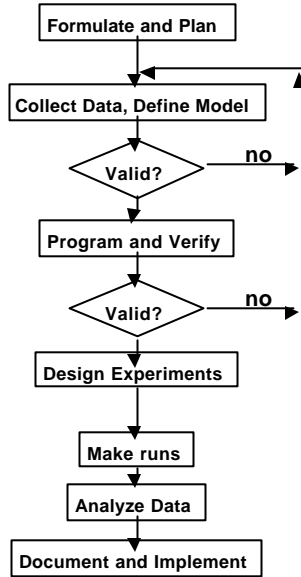
Steps of Successful Simulation Study



- Program and Verify
 - *Programming should only be 30-40% of time for study!*

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Steps of Successful Simulation Study



- Design Experiments
 - How long a run?
 - Initial Conditions?
 - # of runs?
- Keys:
 - Don't consider a single run valid
 - Don't neglect warmup period

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