# Simulation Models in Industrial Engineering

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### **Outline**

Lecture 1: Introduction to Simulation Lecture 2: Simulation Examples Lecture 3: General Principles of Simulation Modelling Lecture 4: Review Statistics Lecture 5: Random Numbers Lecture 6: Random Variate

## Introduction to Simulation Lecture 1



### Introduction to Simulation

### **Review questions:**

- 1. What is a Simulation?
- 2. When to and NOT to use Simulation?
- 3. What are advantages and disadvantages of Simulation?
- 4. What are some areas for applications of Simulation?
- 5. What are systems, system environment, and components of a system? Example?
- 6. Distinguish discrete and continuous systems! Example?
- 7. What are models and some model types of a system?
- **8. What are some methods to study systems?**
- **9. What are steps in a simulation study?**

### Introduction to Simulation

**8. What are some methods to study systems?**



### Introduction to Simulation

- **9. What are steps in a simulation study?**
	- ⚫ Four phases:
		- Problem formulation, setting objective and overall design (step 1 to 2).
		- Modeling building and data collection (step 3 to 7)
		- Running of the model (step 8 to 10).
		- Implementation (step 11 to 12).
	- An iterative process.

#### **Bonus questions!**

What is the most important step? Why?



## Simulation Examples Lecture 2



### **Simulation of queueing system**

#### Single-channel queue



Figure 2.2 Service-just-completed flow diagram.

Figure 2.3 Unit-entering-system flow diagram.

#### **Simulation of queueing system**

#### Single-channel queue

#### Table 2.10 Simulation Table for Queueing Problem



#### **Simulation of queueing system**

Single-channel queue



**Or** 

Average time customer spends in the system = average waiting time + average service time =  $2.8 + 3.4 = 6.2$  minutes

#### **Simulation of queueing system**

- Single-channel queue
- Simulation of a two-server queuing system

### **Simulation of inventory system**

Other examples of simulation

### General Principles of Simulation Modelling

#### **Major concepts in simulation**

- **System** A collection of entities (e.g., people and machines) that interact together over time to accom-
- plish one or more goals.<br>Model An abstract representation of a system, usually containing structural, logical, or mathematical relationships that describe a system in terms of state, entities and their attributes, sets, pr events, activities, and delays.<br>System state A collection of variables that contain all the information necessary to describe the sys-
- tem at any time.<br> **Entity** Any object or component in the system that requires explicit representation in the model
- (e.g., a server, a customer, a machine).<br> **Attributes** The properties of a given entity (e.g., the priority of a waiting customer, the routing of a
- job through a job shop).<br> **List** A collection of (permanently or temporarily) associated entities, ordered in some logical fashion
- (such as all customers currently in a waiting line, ordered by "first come, first served," or by priority).<br> **Event** An instantaneous occurrence that changes the state of a system (such as an arrival of a new cus-
- tomer).<br> **Event notice** A record of an event to occur at the current or some future time, along with any associ-
- ated data necessary to execute the event; at a minimum, the record includes the event type and the event time.
- Event list A list of event notices for future events, ordered by time of occurrence; also known as the future event list (FEL).
- Activity A duration of time of specified length (e.g., a service time or interarrival time), which is<br>known when it begins (although it may be defined in terms of a statistical distribution).<br>Delay A duration of time of un
- customer's delay in a last-in-first-out waiting line which, when it begins, depends on future arrivals).<br>Clock A variable representing simulated time, called CLOCK in the examples to follow.
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### General Principles of Simulation Modelling

### **World views for developing a model**

### **Event-scheduling world view**

- Allow us to control everything; have complete flexibility; know the state of everything anytime
- Easily to be coded up in any programming language or with macros in a spreadsheet
- Become very complicated for large models with lots of different kinds of events, entities and resources

#### **Process-interaction world view**

- Focus on the processes that entities undergo
- Analogous to flowcharting
- Employed when using a processoriented simulation language or a simulation software (e.g., ARENA)
- Most discrete-event simulation are executed in the event orientation even though we cannot see it.

#### **Hypothesis testing**

For population mean (large sample)



#### **Hypothesis testing**

For population mean (small sample), s unknown, population is normally distributed



#### **Hypothesis testing**

For population proportion



#### **Hypothesis testing**

For population variance, population is normally distributed



#### **Confidence interval**



\n- Population is not normal\n
	\n- Large sample size
	\n- $$
	\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}
	$$
	\n\n
\n- (CL Theorem)\n
	\n- Small sample size?
	\n\nUsing Non-parametric techniques

### **Properties of RNs**

- Uniformity
- Independence

### **Generation of pseudo-random numbers**

- Linear Congruential Method
- Combined Linear Congruential Method
- Random-Number Streams

#### **Test for RNs Test for uniformity (Frequency test)**

Kolmogorov-Smirnov test



#### **Test for RNs Test for uniformity (Frequency test)**

Chi-square test (N>=50)

⚫ Chi-square test uses the sample statistic:



- Approximately the chi-square distribution with *n-1* degrees of freedom (where the critical values are tabulated in Table A.6)
- For the uniform distribution, *E<sup>i</sup>* , the expected number in each class is:

$$
E_i = \frac{N}{n}
$$
, where N is the total# of observation

 $\bullet$  Valid only for large samples, e.g.,  $N \ge 50$ 

### **Test for RNs Test for independence (Test for autocorrelation)**

- ⚫ Testing the autocorrelation between every l numbers (l is as known as. the lag), starting with the *i th* number
	- The autocorrelation  $\rho_{_{jl}}$  between numbers:  $R_{_{\it l}}$   $R_{_{\it l+l}}$   $R_{_{\it l+2l}}$   $R_{_{\it l+(M+1)l}}$
	- M is the largest integer such that  $i + (M + 1)l \leq N$
- ⚫ Hypothesis:

- If the values are uncorrelated:
- For large values of M, the distribution of the estimator of  $\rho_{il}$ , denoted is approximately normal.  $M$  is the largest integer such that  $i + (M + 1)l \le N$ <br>
bothesis:<br>  $H_0: \rho_{il} = 0, \quad \text{if numbers are independent}$ <br>  $H_1: \rho_{il} \ne 0, \quad \text{if numbers are dependent}$ <br>
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### **Test for RNs Test for independence (Test for autocorrelation)**

• Test statistics is: 
$$
Z_0 = \frac{1}{2}
$$

$$
Z^{}_0=\frac{\hat{\rho}^{}_{il}}{\hat{\sigma}^{}_{\hat{\rho}^{}_{il}}}
$$

– *Z<sup>0</sup>* is distributed normally with mean = *0* and variance = *1*, and:

$$
\hat{\rho}_{il} = \frac{1}{M+1} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{M} R_{i+kl} R_{i+(k+1)l} \right] - 0.25
$$

$$
\hat{\sigma}_{\rho_{il}} = \frac{\sqrt{13M+7}}{12(M+1)}
$$

- If  $\rho_{il}$  > 0, the subsequence has positive autocorrelation
	- High random numbers tend to be followed by high ones, and vice versa.
- If  $\rho_{ii}$  < 0, the subsequence has negative autocorrelation
	- Low random numbers tend to be followed by high ones, and vice versa.

**Inverse-transform technique**

$$
X = F^{-1}(R)
$$

**Continuous distribution**: exponential distribution, uniform distribution, triangular distribution, empirical continuous distribution, etc.

**Discrete distribution**: discrete uniform distribution, geometric distribution, etc.

#### Inverse-transform technique:  $X = F^{-1}(R)$

#### **Exponential distribution**

Pdf:

Cdf: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \ge 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$  $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(t) dt = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, & x \ge 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$ 

$$
1 - e^{-\lambda X} = R
$$
  
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$$
e^{-\lambda X} = 1 - R
$$
  
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$$
-\lambda X = \ln(1 - R)
$$
  
\n
$$
X = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(1 - R)
$$

#### Inverse-transform technique:  $X = F^{-1}(R)$

**Uniform distribution**

Pdf:  
\n
$$
f(x) = \begin{cases}\n\frac{1}{b-a}, & a \le x \le b \\
0, & \text{otherwise}\n\end{cases}
$$
\nCdf:  
\n
$$
F(x) = \begin{cases}\n0, & x < a \\
\frac{x-a}{b-a}, & a \le x \le b \\
1, & x > b\n\end{cases}
$$

$$
X = a + (b - a)R
$$

### Inverse-transform technique:  $X = F^{-1}(R)$

#### **Triangular distribution**

Consider a random variable X that has pdf:

$$
f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 2 - x, & 1 < x \le 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
$$

The cdf is then given by:

$$
F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \le 0 \\ \frac{x^2}{2}, & 0 < x \le 1 \\ 1 - \frac{(2-x)^2}{2}, & 1 < x \le 2 \\ 1, & x > 2 \end{cases}
$$

$$
X = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2R}, & 0 \le R \le \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 - \sqrt{2(1 - R)}, & \frac{1}{2} < R \le 1 \end{cases}
$$

### Inverse-transform technique:  $X = F^{-1}(R)$

#### **Weibull distribution**

Pdf:  
\n
$$
f(x) = \begin{cases}\n\frac{\beta}{\alpha^{\beta}} x^{\beta - 1} e^{-(x/\alpha)^{\beta}}, & x \ge 0 \\
0, & \text{otherwise}\n\end{cases}
$$
\nCdf:

$$
F(X) = 1 - e^{-(x/\alpha)^{\beta}}, x \ge 0
$$

$$
X = \alpha [-\ln(1 - R)]^{1/\beta}
$$

#### Inverse-transform technique:  $X = F^{-1}(R)$

#### **Empirical discrete distribution**





$$
F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 \le x < 1 \\ 0.8 & 1 \le x < 2 \\ 1.0 & 2 \le x \end{cases}
$$

$$
X = \begin{cases} 0, & R \le 0.5 \\ 1, & 0.5 < R \le 0.8 \\ 2, & 0.8 < R \le 1.0 \end{cases}
$$

#### **Acceptance-rejection technique**

Suppose that an analyst needed to devise a method for generating random variates, X, uniformly distributed between 1/4 and 1. One way to proceed would be to follow these steps:

**Step 1.** Generate a random number R.

**Step 2a.** If  $R \ge 1/4$ , accept  $X = R$ , then go to Step 3.

**Step 2b.** If  $R < 1/4$ , reject R, and return to Step 1.

**Step 3.** If another uniform random variate on [1/4, 1] is needed, repeat the procedure beginning at Step 1. If not, stop

#### **Acceptance-rejection technique**

**Poisson Distribution**

$$
\prod_{i=1}^n R_i \ge e^{-\alpha} > \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} R_i
$$

**Step 1.** Set  $n = 0, P = 1$ .

**Step 2.** Generate a random number *Rn*+1 and replace *P* by *P* · *Rn*+1.

**Step 3.** If  $P < e^{-\alpha}$ , then accept  $N = n$ . Otherwise, reject the current *n*, increase *n* by one, and return to step 2.

#### **Acceptance-rejection technique**

#### **Poisson Distribution**

Generate three Poisson variates with mean  $\alpha = 0.2$ . First, compute  $e^{-\alpha} = e^{-0.2} = 0.8187$ . Next, get a sequence of random numbers  $R$  from Table A.1 and follow the previously described Steps 1 to 3:

- **Step 1.** Set  $n = 0, P = 1$ .
- **Step 2.**  $R_1 = 0.4357$ ,  $P = 1 \cdot R_1 = 0.4357$ .
- **Step 3.** Since  $P = 0.4357 < e^{-\alpha} = 0.8187$ , accept  $N = 0$ .
- **Step 1-3.**  $(R_1 = 0.4146 \text{ leads to } N = 0.)$
- **Step 1.** Set  $n = 0, P = 1$ .
- **Step 2.**  $R_1 = 0.8353$ ,  $P = 1 \cdot R_1 = 0.8353$ .
- **Step 3.** Since  $P > e^{-\alpha}$ , reject  $n = 0$  and return to Step 2 with  $n = 1$ .
- Step 2.  $R_2 = 0.9952$ ,  $P = R_1 R_2 = 0.8313$ .
- **Step 3.** Since  $P \ge e^{-\alpha}$ , reject  $n = 1$  and return to Step 2 with  $n = 2$ .
- **Step 2.**  $R_3 = 0.8004$ ,  $P = R_1R_2R_3 = 0.6654$ .
- **Step 3.** Since  $P \le e^{-\alpha}$ , accept  $N = 2$ .

### **Special properties**

Some random-variate generation methods are based on features of a particular family of probability distributions. For example:

- Direct transformation for normal and lognormal distributions
- Convolution method
- Beta distribution from gamma distribution

## Best luck!

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