

SIMULATIONS

Systems Analysis

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What is a simulation?

- **Simulations** are a sort of real-world representation, **but rarely exactly** the real world.
- Sometimes you need to test or experiment with **expensive use cases**. Simulations let **play** with different inputs, conditions, hyper parameter optimizations.
- Also, there are dangerous or hard to reach **stages** where simulations become the best option.
- You should define the **detail level** good enough to represent the expected behavior, without fail in both **high complexity** or **lazy simplicity**.



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Cellular Automatas

- Cellular Automata are a **discrete model** defined by a **grid** of cells, each one with a **state**.
- The **state** of a cell is updated based on the **state of its neighbors**.



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HoneyComb Cellular Automata

- HoneyComb Cellular Automata is a different topology where a cell has **six neighbors**.
- This representation has different **dispersion properties**, sometimes, more interesting.



SIR Model

- **SIR Model** is a **compartmental model** used to represent the transmission of a contagious disease.
- The model divides the population into three compartments: **S** for the number of **susceptible**, **I** for the number of **infected**, and **R** for the number of **recovered**.
- The model is defined by the following differential equations where β is the transmission rate and γ is the recovery rate:

- $\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta \cdot S \cdot I$
- $\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta \cdot S \cdot I - \gamma \cdot I$
- $\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma \cdot I$



Chaotic Systems

- **Chaotic Systems** are a class of **dynamical systems** that exhibit **sensitive dependence** on initial conditions.
- This means that the **future behavior** of the system is **highly dependent** on the **initial conditions**.
- The **Lorenz System** is a well-known example of a chaotic system.
- Using **cellular automata** to simulate chaotic systems is a common practice. A lot of **fractals** can be created using something called **chaotic rules**.



Turing Morphogenesis

- Turing Morphogenesis is a theory of biological development that explains how patterns form in living organisms.
- The theory is based on the idea that chemical signals can interact to create patterns in a cellular automaton.
- The reaction-diffusion model is a common way to simulate **Turing morphogenesis**.
- The model is defined by a set of reaction and diffusion equations that describe how the chemical signals interact.



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Questions?



Repo: <https://github.com/EngAndres/ud-public/tree/main/courses/systems-analysis>

