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dimension

study + play

## SYSTEMS SIMULATION

Systems Analysis & Design

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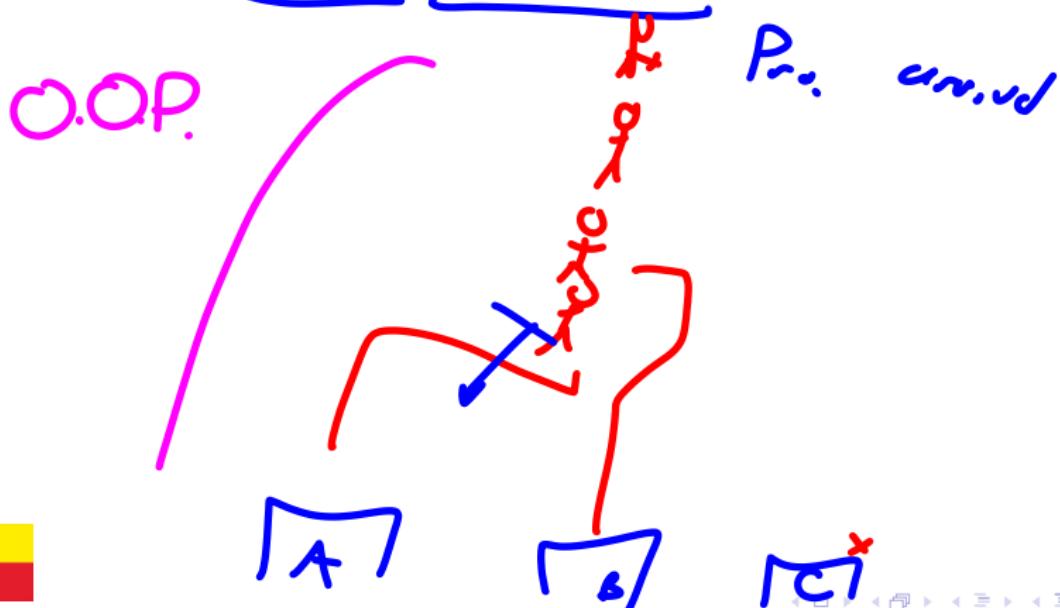
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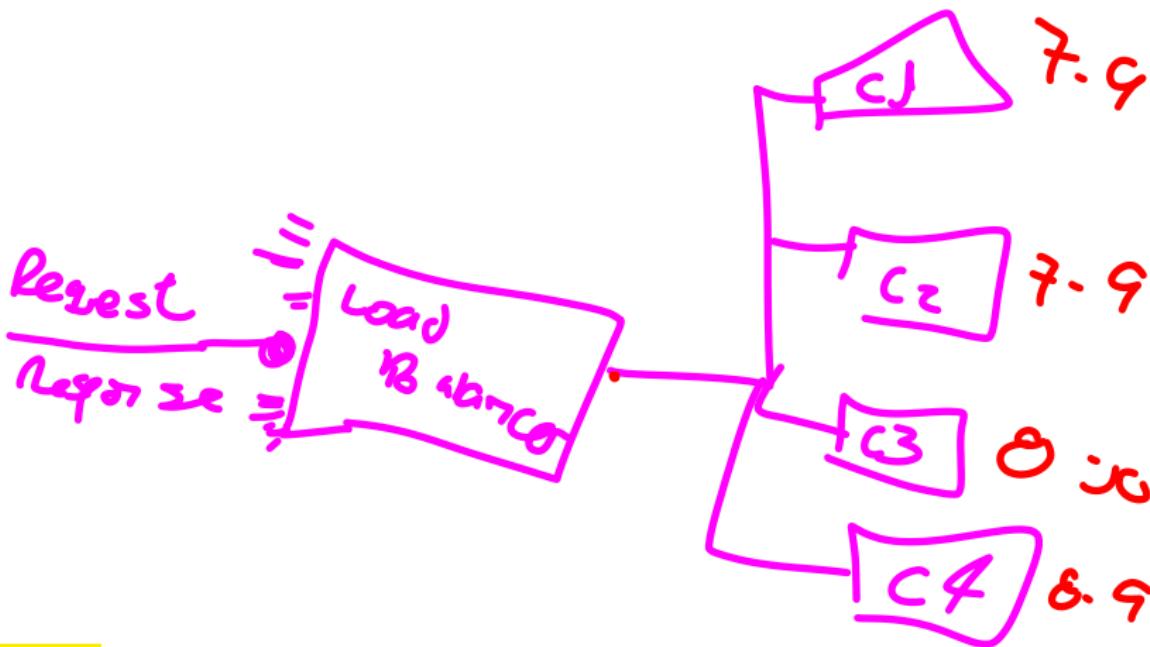


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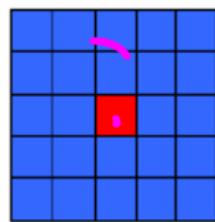
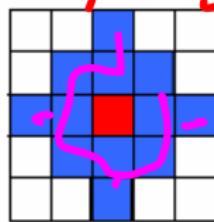
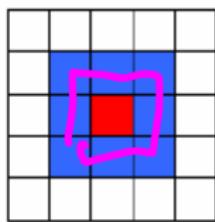
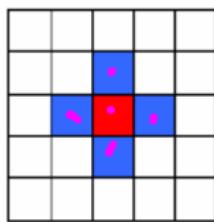
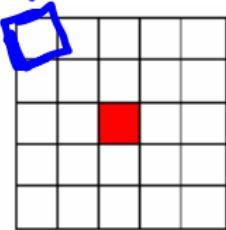


# Cellular Automata

*state changes*

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

cells



info time list object → Video games ATARI

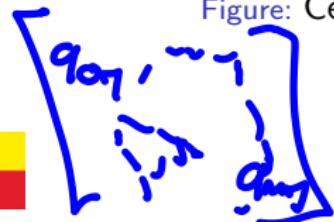


Figure: Cellular Automata Typical Neighborhoods

flow



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  - Any live cell with two or three live neighbors lives on to the next generation.
  - Any live cell with more than three live neighbors dies, as if by overpopulation.
  - Any dead cell with exactly three live neighbors becomes a live cell, as if by reproduction.

$i-1, j-1$

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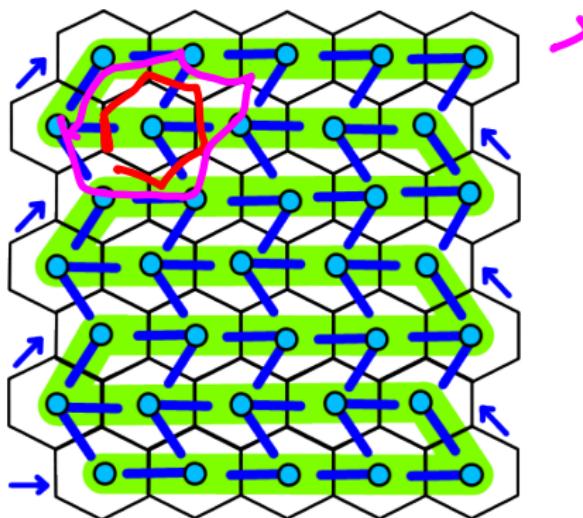


$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{for } i \\
 & \quad \text{for } j \\
 & \quad \quad \text{sum} = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} L_{i+k, j+k} \\
 & \quad \quad M_{i,j} = 
 \end{aligned}$$



# HoneyComb Cellular Automata

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



→ Sparse Matrix



## SIR Model

(2001)

→ SDS

discrete

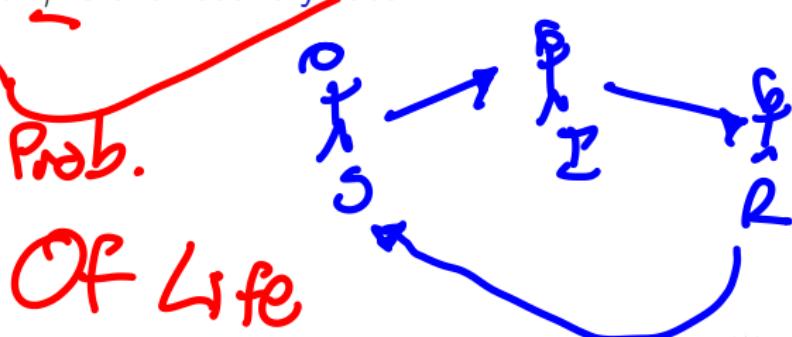
**SIR Model** is a compartmental model used to represent the transmission of a contagious disease.

- The **model** divides the population into three compartments: **S** for the number of susceptible individuals, **I** for the number of infected individuals, and **R** for the number of recovered individuals.
- The model is defined by the following differential equations where  $\beta$  is the transmission rate and  $\gamma$  is the recovery rate:

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

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

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma \cdot I$$

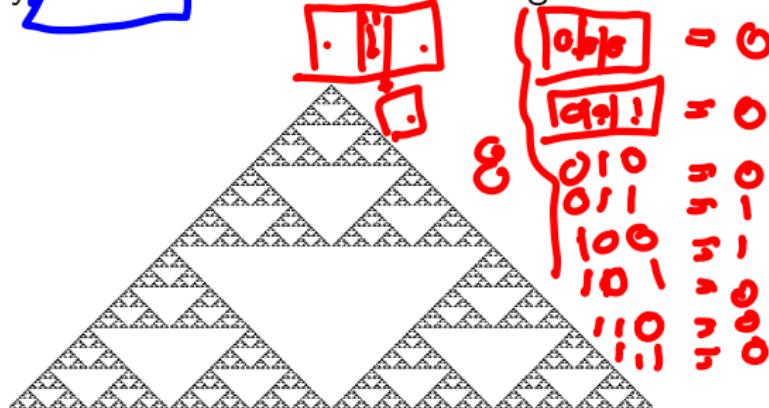


# Chaotic Systems

- **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. Many **fractals** can be created using what are called **chaotic rules**.

$$\begin{array}{l} 00001110000 = 24 \\ 01010000 = 10 \\ \hline 8 \text{ bits} \rightarrow 1 \text{ byte} \end{array}$$

4D ~ 3.7D  
3D 2.1D  
2D 1.9D



Sierpinski



## Turing Morphogenesis

- FSM  
- A.I.

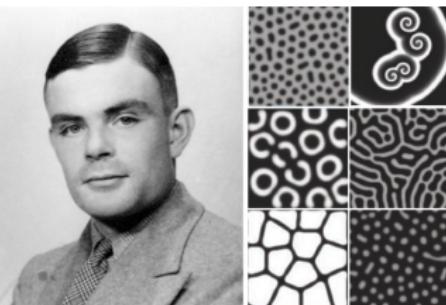
- Cryptography  
- A-life →  $_{\text{math}}$

$\rightarrow$  shapes/gén

- 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 living organisms.
- 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.

$\xrightarrow{\text{r} > d}$  reaction / df. eq.  
disc.

Geofoot  $< d$



- 1953



Alan Turing

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## What are Digital Twins?

very realistic  
simulation

- A **Digital Twin** is a virtual model that accurately reflects a physical object or system.
  - **Digital twins** enable real time monitoring, simulation, and analysis of the physical counterpart.
  - They are widely used in manufacturing, smart cities, healthcare, and energy systems.
  - By integrating sensor data, **digital twins** help in predictive maintenance and process optimization.

A hand-drawn diagram of a spinal cord cross-section. The diagram shows various anatomical structures in pink and blue ink. A bracket labeled 'F1' points to a pink-shaded region at the top left. Another bracket labeled 'D.R.' points to a pink-shaded region on the right side. To the right of 'D.R.', the text ' $< J.M.$  USD' is written in blue. In the bottom left corner, there is a small yellow and red flag-like logo.



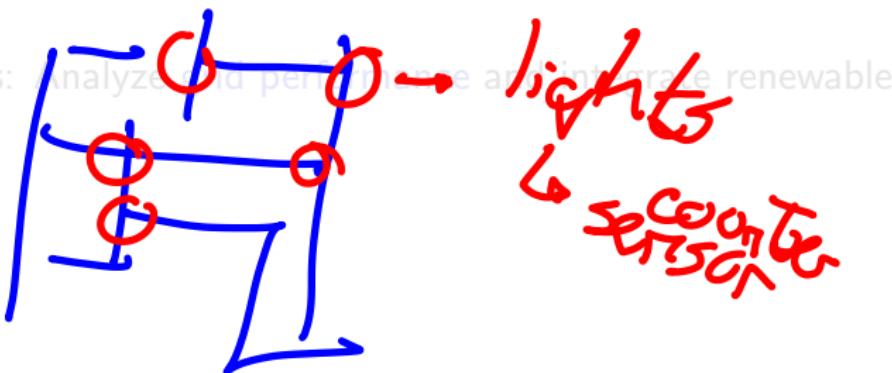
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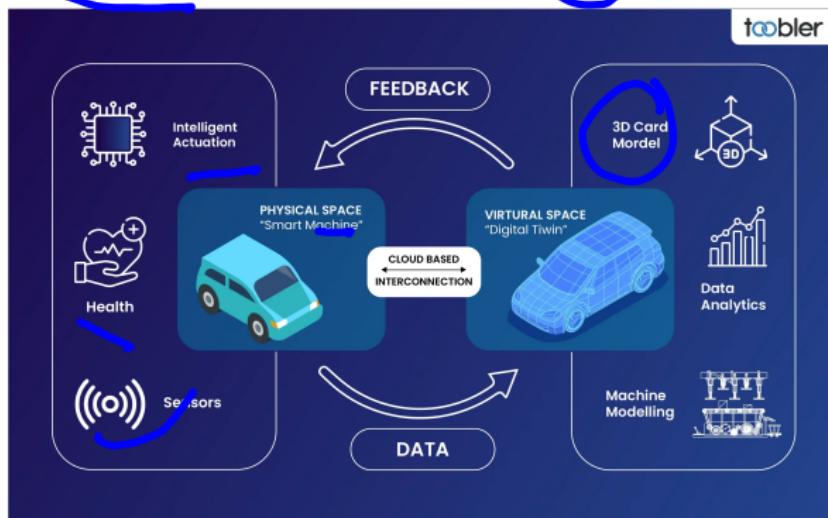
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# Benefits of Digital Twins

- Enhanced **decision-making** through real-time data analysis.
- Improved efficiency and reduced operational costs.
- Better understanding of system behavior and performance.
- Increased collaboration between teams and stakeholders.



# Challenges of Digital Twins

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- source*      *source*      *target*



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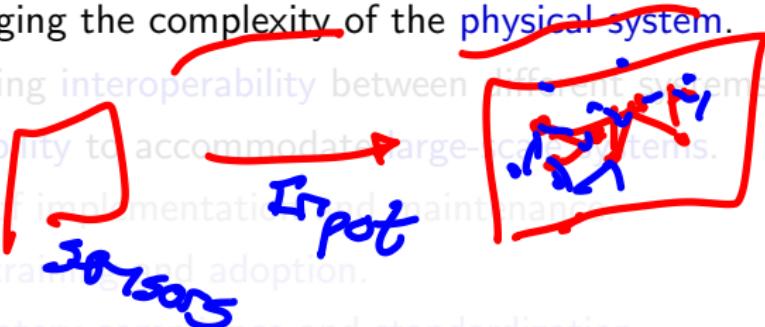


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*Tesla ~ > 100 sensors*



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*new versions* → Cloud



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