Systems Simulation

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- The state of a cell is updated based on the **states of its neighbors**.

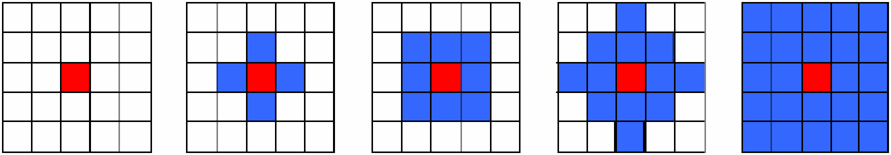

Figure: Cellular Automata Typical Neighborhoods

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HoneyComb Cellular Automata

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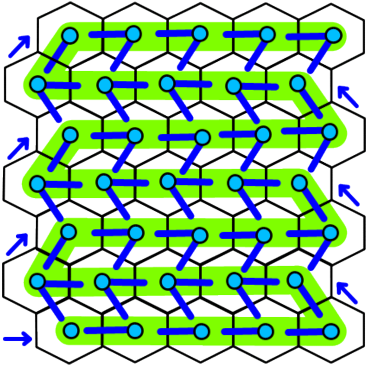
- This representation has different dispersion properties, which can be more interesting.



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 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 β is the transmission rate and γ is the recovery rate:
    - $\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta \cdot S \cdot I$
    - $\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta \cdot S \cdot I - \gamma \cdot I$
    - $\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma \cdot I$

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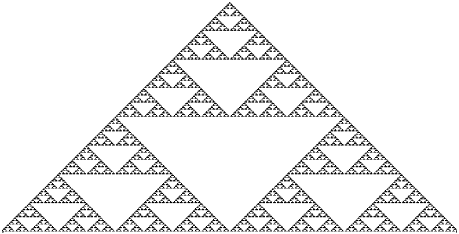
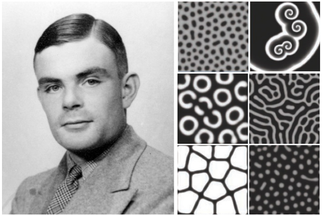
Chaotic Systems

- **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.



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 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.



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What are Digital Twins?

- 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.

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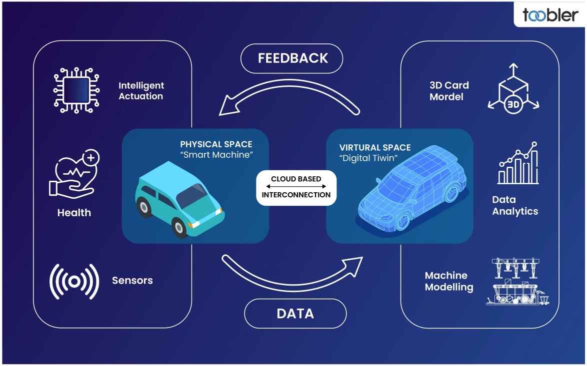
Benefits of Digital Twins

- 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`.



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Challenges of Digital Twins

- Data integration and management.
- Ensuring data security and privacy.
- Maintaining the accuracy of the digital twin.
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- Ensuring interoperability between different systems and platforms.
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Repo: *https://github.com/EngAndres/ud-public/tree/main/courses/systems-analysis*

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