# Simulating Data

## What is Data Simulation?

Using existing data or formulas to project the future

Not as accurate as machine learning or modeling

Useful for trialing risky scenarios

#### Normal Distribution Generation

=NORMINV()

- Probability
- Mean
- Standard deviation

 If you don't know the probability, you can do rand() instead

### Discrete Distribution Generation

- Start with a random number between 0 and 1
  =RAND()
- Use nested =if() statements to handle

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=if(cell < (value), "true value", "false value")
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#### Uniform Distribution Generation

• =RAND()

To get it between a range
 =RAND()\*range + minimum