

Coursework 2026

Deadline: 17/03/2026, 11am.

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1. Estimate the following integral using Monte Carlo simulation by sampling 5,000 points. Give a 95% confidence interval for the value of I .

$$I = \int_{\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin(x^2) dx$$

[35%]

2. An certain internet protocol (Protocol 1) can be modelled as an $D/E_4/3/20/FIFO$ queue, where signals arrive exactly every 2 seconds, there are three parallel servers to process the signals, and processing times can be modelled as an Erlang distribution with parameters $n = 4$ and $\lambda = \frac{7}{10}$. Only 17 waiting signals can be held in the computers' memory at any point.

An alternative internet protocol (Protocol 2) can be modelled in a similar way, as a $D/G/3/20/PQ$ queue, where there are now two different types of signal being processed by the same three parallel servers: Signals of type A arrive exactly every 2.5 seconds, and the time to process them can be modelled as an Exponential distribution with rate $\frac{1}{4}$ per second. Signals of type B arrive exactly every 4 seconds, and the time to process them can be modelled as a Uniform distribution between 3 and 5 seconds. Signals of type B have priority over signals of type A.

Both protocols operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For each scenario, use discrete-event simulation to find the following measures of interest:

- (a) W_q the average amount of time signals spend in the queue.
- (b) W the average amount of time signals spend in the system.
- (c) L the average amount of signals in the system.
- (d) L_q the average amount of signals in the queue.
- (e) The probability of an arriving signal being turned away as the queue is full.

[65%]