

# Simulation

Example: airplane boarding

What is simulation?

— using programming to do  
completely as the problem asks to  
and get the result of a specific case

Features of simulation

{ discrete — constantly associated with time  
usually complicated

Pros & Cons

pros

{ relatively accurate  
always gives an exact solution

cons

{ no specific explanation for the result — makes the model less logical  
optimization becomes time-consuming (impossible in most cases)  
sometimes restricted to individual cases (can use plane boarding as an example)  
time wasted on debugging

More and more simulations, what can we do?

The real usages of simulations

{ aid, or mainly assist and verify your math calculations  
If you want to give the accurate answer after you've already provided a clear 'way', simulation is recommended.