

Performance Evaluation and Networks

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Performance Evaluation ?

Studying the performances of computer/communication systems/networks (but not only, e.g. transport networks, supply chains), with three complementary features:

- ▶ observation
- ▶ prediction
- ▶ control/optimisation

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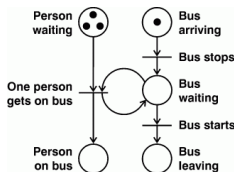
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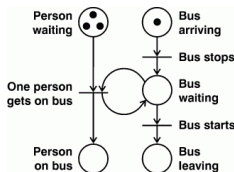
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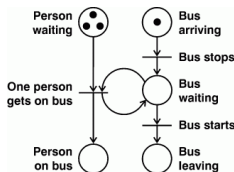
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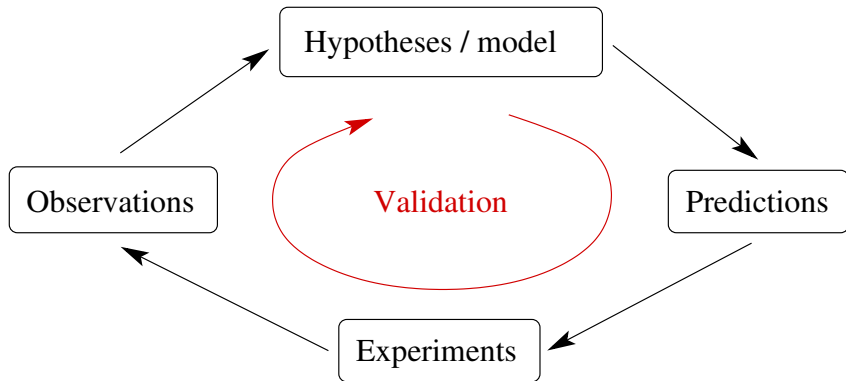
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- ▶ mathematical/numerical analysis of abstract models
- ▶ simulation (math model, scale model) } data analysis (statistics)
- ▶ experiments/measures on real system



Reminder: the scientific method



Course objectives

Objectives:

- ▶ designing and analysing mathematical models, in particular with probabilistic assumptions
- ▶ reinforcing knowledge about probabilistic/statistical tools
- ▶ reinforcing knowledge about communication networks
- ▶ practicing performance evaluation through simulations
- ▶ no direct measures on real system this year (but data analysis of collected measures)

Prerequisites:

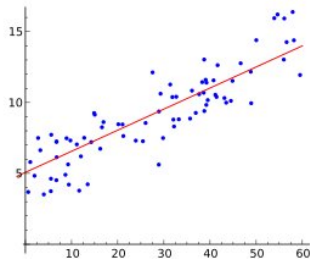
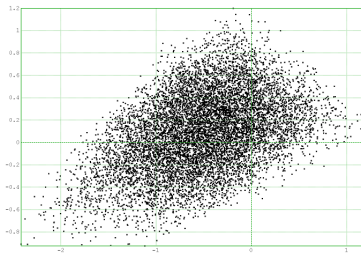
- ▶ basics in Probability and Python (for data analysis)
- ▶ knowledge about networks is good, but not essential

Why so many probabilities ?

- ▶ **Intrinsic randomness:** real systems / math models where randomness is desired or suffered
- ▶ **The art of reasoning “à la louche” / “gross estimation”:** quantifying frequent vs rare, rich bestiary of inequalities, probability in statistics.
- ▶ **Probabilistic/stochastic models:** good in practice



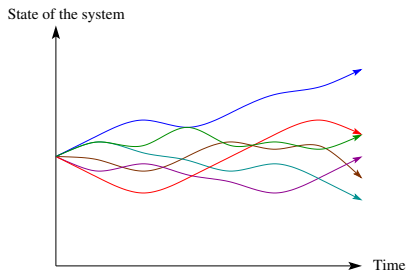
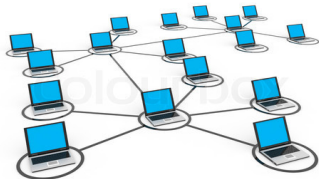
Cloud of n experimental measures



Execution time of a task with regard to its size

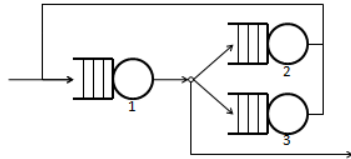
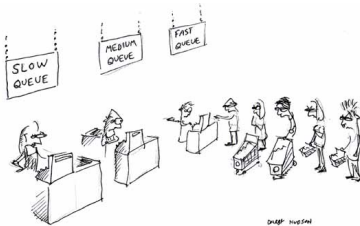
- ▶ Which information can be retrieved ?
- ▶ Should we carry out more measures ?

Trajectories of n simulation runs



- ▶ What can be deduced about the transitory/asymptotic behavior of the system ?
- ▶ Should we make the simulations last longer ?

Analyzing a network of queues



- ▶ Does the system risk overload ?
- ▶ How long will I wait before being served ?

Schedule

For now, online lectures and hybrid tutorials.
Check the M1IF Pad

Grading and ressources

Grading:

- ▶ 3 hours exam in January (coeff = 1/2)
- ▶ continuous assessment including a 2 hours mid-term exam, a couple of homeworks and some assignments during lectures (coeff = 1/2)

⚠ attending lectures & tutorials = good for performances

Ressources:

- ▶ Web site: INFO4104 (PEN) on "Portail des études"
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