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President's Message

Stepping into a position such as the Presidency of the College is always a daunting task, but is made especially difficult for me in view of the act I have to follow.

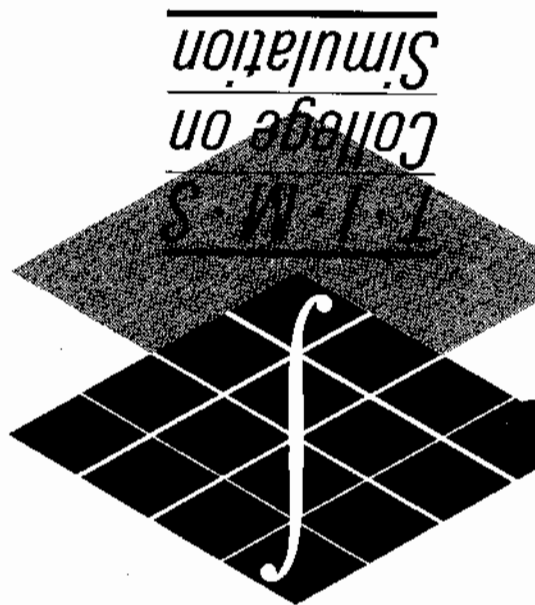
Jim Wilson's two-year service in this position saw his applying his usual vigor to College activities, including solidifying our two awards, seeing through the development of a new logo, fostering a dramatic improvement in the Newsletter's content and appearance, and doing the fundamental work for a possible monograph series to be published by the College. In addition to all of that, he has worked tirelessly as Simulation Department Editor for *Management Science*; there is currently no better place for high-quality simulation research anywhere. And as though this were not enough for one person to do for the simulation community, Jim's own research defines the very best in what simulation work ought to be, and his many excellent Ph.D. students are themselves now major contributors. As I recently found out, you have to work very hard to find an area in simulation where Jim has not made several fundamental contributions. So we're all quite fortunate to have Jim in the simulation area, and expect a lot of him in the golden years of his ex-Presidency.

The College appears to be in very good condition right now. Thanks primarily to a string of major successes of the Winter Simulation Conferences, our financial condition has never been better. Membership is growing, and the Newsletter is now seeing much wider distribution outside the College membership, giving us enhanced visibility. As mentioned above, our awards are by now established institutions, and the student-paper sessions we sponsor at the WSCs have been quite popular.

During the next two years, I hope to continue the excellent traditions of the College. Some specifics are expanding support for the WSC student-session participants and bringing to fruition the monograph series. Oddly, perhaps, a challenge we face is how best to use some of the funds that are now available to us. My hope is that we can find creative ways to use these funds in support of simulation activities at large.

I'm looking forward to working with the new College officers over the next two years. Barry Nelson is Vice-President and President-Elect, and has primary responsibility for organizing the invited-paper sessions we sponsor at each national TMS/ORSA conference. Dave Goldsman, the new Secretary-Treasurer, will look after the treasury and keep the business of the College running smoothly. Jim Swain, Newsletter Editor, will continue his upgrading of this much-enhanced publication. —*David Kelson, President*

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Editor's Corner

The Newsletter is intended to provide members of the College with news of the College in advance of the business meetings, the Fall and Spring TMS/ORSA meetings, and the Winter Simulation Conference. In addition, we hope to be a general source of information about simulation and those involved with simulation. Thus, in addition to minutes of business meetings, we publish information about conferences, awards of the College, sessions sponsored by the College, and abstracts of papers not yet in the published literature. Starting with the last issue we also provide advertisements, which both help to underwrite the expenses of the Newsletter and inform our audience about products in simulation.

The Newsletter is being distributed to attendees of several conferences in hopes of reaching those who do not know about us and wish to join. To date, this has induced some to finally become official members (\$2 or \$3, depending upon whether you are a TMS member), and over a dozen have done so. All members are reminded that the Fall TMS/ORSA business meeting of the College will be held Tuesday, 30 October, from 5:30 until 6:30 in Salon 6. As usual, refreshments will be served. This is always a good opportunity to meet and interact with members of the College.

As editor, I would like to see the Newsletter to begin to include short articles of interest to our general audience which address either topical or survey issues. We might also consider short book reviews (e.g., the "telegraphic reviews" published by the American Mathematical Society). As always, I encourage you to send meeting announcements, paper abstracts, and so forth for inclusion in the Newsletter. The editorial deadline for the Spring 1991 issue will be 29 March, 1991.

Dave Goldsman has been elected Secretary/Treasurer of the College and will no longer be co-editing the Newsletter, though his "by-line" will be appearing regularly with the minutes and treasurer's report. The Newsletter has changed a great deal under his leadership and we will certainly miss his energetic work. Finally, please note that I have moved to the University of Miami; send material for inclusion in the Newsletter to Miami.

—jjs

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Minutes of College Meeting at TMS/ORSA Las Vegas

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Members attending: Paul Sanchez, Andy Sella, Dave Goldsman, Barry Nelson, Diane Bischak, Dean Hartley, Jim Swain, David Kelton, Osman Bald, Sheldon Jacobson, Keedom Kang, Ron Dattero, Bill Cosgrove, Paul Sanchez and Christos Alexopoulos. Nonmembers attending: Chuck Reilly and John Charnes.

1. The meeting was called to order by David Kelton at 6:10 p.m. on May 8, 1990.

2. The Treasurer's report and the minutes of the business meeting at the WSC '89 meeting were read and approved.

3. Kelton discussed the role of the College in organizing sponsored sessions for TMS/ORSA meetings: We select session chairs who invite speakers. We typically have nothing to do with contributed paper sessions. The primary benefit to speakers in invited sessions is that they do not have to pay an abstract fee in advance, and there are usually fewer speakers in invited sessions.

The next international TMS meeting will be in Rio de Janeiro, June 15-17, 1991.

4. Newsletter co-editor Jim Swain reported on the new format for the college newsletter, which is now published by Lionheart. One thousand copies of volume 14, number 1 were produced and mailed to WSC '89 registrants in addition to College members to stimulate interest in the College. Swain plans to give copies to WSC '90 and 1990 Summer Simulation Conference registrants, also. The newsletter cost approximately \$2400 to produce and mail, with ad revenues offsetting \$1300 of that cost. Additional ad revenues are anticipated for future newsletters. Since the newsletter has been expanded from 10 to 15 pages, more material is needed for future newsletters. The editorial deadline for volume 14, number 2 is September 1, 1990.

5. Kelton read reports from the following College representatives:

(a) Steve Roberts, College representative to the WSC Board: Everything is fine.
(b) Peter Glyn, College representative to the SIAM Conference on "Simulation in the 1990s": Peter will report further when SIAM finishes its review of the conference.

6. September 1, 1990 is the deadline for nominations for the Service Award. Nominations should be sent to Bob Sargent.

7. The following motion, introduced by Kelton for Bob Sargent and modified by the members present, was passed:

The TMS College on Simulation will reimburse speakers at the Ph.D. Colloquium session of the Winter Simulation Conference \$50. To be eligible, the speaker must be a Ph.D. student or recent graduate, have a dissertation topic that is consistent with the mission of the Winter Simulation Conference, and must present their research at the Colloquium. The student's advisor must certify the student's eligibility in writing, with final approval given by the President of the College. A student may receive this award only once.

8. The possibility of a College-sponsored monograph series was discussed. The goal of the series would be to publish high quality work that might be difficult to publish in standard outlets. A committee of Dean Hartley and Osman Bald was formed to investigate.

9. Problems with the organization and execution of the TMS/ORSA Las Vegas meeting were discussed. These problems included late notification of session times and composition, shortened session length, room changes for sessions, and having College-sponsored sessions scattered throughout the program. Kelton will draft a letter to TMS, on behalf of the College, that expresses our concern.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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The Simulation Area of the *ORSA Journal on Computing* seeks to publish high-quality papers consistent with the aims of the journal. We are interested in traditional research in simulation, as well as new and innovative directions.

A paper must make a new and substantial contribution to the literature in at least one of the following areas: Simulation as applied to a computer-science problem. For example, using simulation to:

- Design an operating system
- Analyze communications protocols
- Evaluate neural networks

Computer science as applied to a simulation problem. For instance, using computer-science approaches for:

- Data structures and sorting/searching algorithms to manage event lists
- Object-oriented simulation
- Cognitive simulation model building

Results drawn from both simulation and computer science. Examples here might include:

- Parallel and distributed simulation
- Efficient algorithms for statistical methodology in simulation
- Expert systems for generating simulation code

Results enter uncharted areas that have the potential of advancing simulation and/or computer science and lie in their interface.

Tutorials in the above areas that are comprehensive and integrate from multiple sources will also be considered. All papers are refereed by at least two reviewers and an Associate Editor. Submissions may be sent to the Area Editor (four copies, plus a copy to the Editor). For more information on policies, manuscript style, etc., contact the Area Editor: W. David Kelton

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Revenues:

- Interest earned from \$418.09 in 4.48% checking account 33.32
- Interest earned from \$2400.00 in 7.55% CD 299.00
- WSC '90 reimbursement 4721.50
- Dues 8.00

Total revenues 5061.82

Disbursements: none

Net (revenues - disbursements) 5061.82

Balance Forward (previous balance + net) \$29721.09

In addition to the above funds, the College has on account at TMS Headquarters the sum of \$1110.00 (as of 9/15/90), bringing the College's net worth to \$30831.09.

Respectfully submitted,
 David Goldsman, Secretary-Treasurer
 September 17, 1990

Treasurer's Report

Announcements Outstanding Simulation Awards for 1990 and 1991

To recognize outstanding contributions to the simulation literature, the College on Simulation annually sponsors an Outstanding Simulation Publication Award. The 1990 Award will be presented by Professor Peter Welch, the outgoing Chairperson of the Awards Committee, at the Opening Session of the 1990 Winter Simulation Conference.

Nominations for the 1991 Outstanding Simulation Publication Award should be sent by December 31, 1990 to the incoming Chairperson of the Awards Committee:

Professor Doug Miller
Department of Operations Research & Applied Statistics
School of Information Technology and Engineering
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA 22030
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The complete set of rules governing the Outstanding Simulation Publication Award appeared in Vol. 9, No. 2 of this *Newsletter* (Fall 1985). In summary, anyone is eligible to win the Award. Journal articles, proceedings articles, books, and monographs copyrighted in 1987, 1988, and 1989 are eligible for the Award to be presented in 1991. Technical reports, research memoranda, working papers, theses, and dissertations are not eligible.

Nominations may be made by anyone, including the author(s), but they may not be made anonymously. Nominations should include: (a) a copy of the written work including all bibliographical information (in the case of books, the Awards Committee will obtain copies); (b) a short statement suitable for reading at the award ceremony if the work is chosen; and (c) any other information thought relevant by the nominator.

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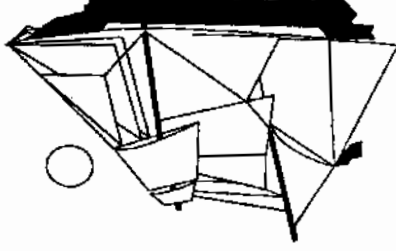
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Original papers which have not been previously published should be submitted. Authors will be expected to register early (at a reduced fee) and to attend the conference at their own expense to present accepted papers. When submitting material, include full names, affiliations, addresses, and phone numbers (and FAX numbers when available) for every participant. Extended abstracts and proposals for tutorials or panel sessions could be mailed to:

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Abstracts of Papers

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John M. Charney and W. David Kelton, "Multivariate Autoregressive Techniques for Constructing Confidence Regions on the Mean Vector," Technical Report, Department of Management Science, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.

We develop an asymptotically valid method for constructing confidence regions on the mean vectors of multivariate processes that is based on a multivariate autoregressive representation of the data-generating process. The confidence-region construction algorithm for a general autoregressive model of order p is given, as well as the algorithm for the special case of first-order autoregressive model. The performance of the new method compares favorably with that of several competing methods used with simulated data.

George S. Fishman, "Confidence Intervals for the Mean in the Bounded Case," Technical Report UNC/OR/TR-89/8, Department of Operations Research, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

This paper describes a $100(1-\alpha)$ percent confidence interval for the mean of a bounded random variable that holds for every sample size n and avoids the error of approximation that assuming normality induces.

George S. Fishman, "Exploiting Special Structure to Improve Future Event Set Management in Simulation," Technical Report UNC/OR/TR-90/8, Department of Operations Research, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Every discrete event simulation programming language or package has a built-in procedure for managing the scheduling and execution of events. Most rely on linear search, either to schedule an event or to select an event for execution. This paper describes alternative procedures that exploit special structure to reduce management time substantially, especially as the size of the problem grows.

For a simulation with r types of resources, M resources per type and exponentially distributed event times, the paper describes an event management plan that for M finite, can reduce work from $O(Mr)$ to $O(1)$ mean number of comparisons and to $O(\log r)$ mean number of comparisons, more generally, for any M . For r types of events each with a distinct deterministic event time, the paper describes another event management procedure which has $O(r)$ worst-case number of comparisons. All proposals made here lead to scheduling and selection times independent of the number of events in the system and, at most, a function of the number of types of events. The procedures for exponentially distributed and deterministic times can be integrated

Soren Asmussen and Reuven Y. Rubinfeld, "The Efficiency and Heavy Traffic Properties of the Score Function Method in Sensitivity Analysis of Queuing Models," Technical Report, Chalmers Institute of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden.

This paper studies computer simulation methods for estimating the sensitivities (gradient, Hessian, etc.) of the expected steady-state performance of a queuing model with respect to the vector of parameters of the underlying distribution (an example is the gradient of the expected steady-state waiting time of a customer at a particular node in a queuing network with respect to its service rate). It is shown that such a sensitivity can be represented as the covariance between two processes, the standard output process (say, the waiting time process) and what we call the score function process, which is based on the score function. Simulation procedures based upon such representations are discussed, and in particular, a control variate method is presented. The estimators and the score function process are then studied under heavy traffic conditions.

Soren Asmussen and Reuven Y. Rubinfeld, "The Performance of the 'What If' Estimators via the Score Function Method," Technical Report, Chalmers Institute of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Estimating systems performance and the associated sensitivities (gradient, Hessian, etc.) for several scenarios via simulation generally requires a separate simulation for each scenario. Here we show how the score function (SF) method handles this problem by using a single simulation run and then discuss the efficiency of the SF estimators for performance evaluation of simple queuing models. In particular, we consider the following problems:

1. Given a stable queuing model, that is assuming that the traffic intensity ρ is less than unity, what is a 'good' reference system (if any) to simulate in order to obtain reasonably good SF estimators? What is the optimal reference intensity ρ_0 of such a system?
2. For a given reference value ρ_0 , how does the SF estimator perform in various ranges of ρ ? How to choose ρ_0 in order to increase the variation range of ρ without affecting substantially the performance of the SF estimator?

Here we give explicit solutions for the above problems and some the associated ones while considering the $M/M/1$ queue. We show that our $M/M/1$ studies provide some insight and give basic guidance on how to deal with the problems (1)-(2) for more complicated queuing models. As a result, one of our main recommendations is to choose the reference traffic intensity ρ_0 moderately larger than the underlying one ρ . Numerical examples supporting our theory are presented, as well.

with a more general-purpose event management procedure for handling other random, but not exponentially, distributed event times.

A large-scale telecommunication network simulation with a set of deterministic flow capacity rates applied to standardized packets and exponential interdemand, failure and repair times can reduce the rate of growth of its event management time as the network grows by implementing the techniques described here. A like benefit would accrue to a large-scale manufacturing simulation with many classes of machines with identical deterministic task times.

1990 Winter Simulation Conference December 9-12, 1990 The Fairmont Hotel New Orleans, LA

Topics in all aspects of discrete event and combined (discrete/continuous) simulation will be covered in sessions following several formats: contributed and invited papers, tutorials, reviews and panel discussions. A special feature is the focus sessions: centering on highly topical problems and issues.

Contributions are solicited in the following categories:

- Papers treating applications and methodology. Application papers should emphasize positive and negative lessons to be learned in modeling, analysis, and implementation.
- Both broad and in-depth reviews designed for practitioners and researchers.
- Proposals to organize panel discussions or regular paper sessions, present state-of-the-art reviews, present tutorials, or serve as a discussant.
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In recent years, there has been a surge of research into methods for estimating derivatives of performance measures from sample paths of stochastic systems. In the case of queueing systems, typical performance measures are mean queue lengths, throughputs, etc., and the derivatives estimated are with respect to system parameters such as parameters of service and interarrival distributions. Derivative estimates potentially offer a general means of optimizing performance, and are also useful in sensitivity analysis. This paper is concerned with one approach to derivative estimation, known as *infinitesimal perturbation analysis*. We first develop a general framework for these types of estimates, then give simple sufficient conditions for them to be unbiased. The key to our results is identifying conditions under which certain finite-horizon performance measures are almost surely continuous functions of the parameter of differentiation throughout an interval. The sufficient conditions we introduce are formulated in the setting of general-

Paul Glasserman, "Structural Conditions for Perturbation Analysis Derivative Estimation: Finite-Time Performance Indices," AT&T Bell Laboratories, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733.

We estimate via simulation the expectation of certain integrals of functionals of continuous-time Markov chains over a finite horizon, fixed or random. By computing conditional expectations given the sequence of states visited (and possibly other information), we reduce variance. This is discrete-time conversion. We further increase efficiency by combining discrete-time conversion with stratification and splitting.

Bennett L. Fox and Peter W. Glynn, "Discrete-Time Conversion for Simulating Finite-Horizon Markov Processes," Department of Mathematics Technical Report TR11089, University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado.

This paper presents an algorithm for generating samples from a discrete k -cell probability distribution whose probabilities may change between successive generations. The algorithm take $O(\log_2 k)$ time in contrast to the inverse transform approach which takes $O(k)$ time. Its data storage requirements are $3k/2 - 1$ for k a power of 2 but no greater than $\lfloor k/2 \rfloor + 2^{h_{\log_2 k} - 1}$ for k an arbitrary integer. Sample path generation of a Markov chain with varying state probabilities provides one example that can benefit from this method. Generating elements with unequal weights from a finite population of N elements without replacement illustrates a second use that takes $O(\log_2 k)$ time compared to the $O(k \log_2 N)$ time that other published proposals would take.

George S. Fishman, "Generating a Sample from a k -Cell Table with Changing Probabilities in $O(\log_2 k)$ Time," Technical Report UNC/OR/TR-90/10, Department of Operations Research, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

highly parallel machines. This nonstandard estimator is a ratio estimator. The experiments also show that use of the ratio estimator is advantageous even on machines with only a moderate degree of parallelism.

Philip Heidelberger, "Monte Carlo Methods for Performance Evaluation, Sensitivity Analysis, and Optimization of Stochastic Systems," IBM Research Division, T. J. Watson Research Center, P. O. Box 704, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598

This paper surveys Monte Carlo methods for performance evaluation, sensitivity analysis, and optimization of discrete-event computer simulation models, with particular emphasis on the score function (SF) method. It is shown that using the SF method, which is based on the change of the probability measure, enables us to estimate *simultaneously*, from a *single* simulation experiment (run): (i) system performance, (ii) all its sensitivities (gradients, Hessians, etc.), and (iii) the optimal solution of an entire optimization problem. In the last case, the SF method constructs a stochastic counterpart to the original deterministic optimization problem, and the optimal solution of this counterpart is taken as an estimator for the optimal solution of the original problem. Numerical examples justifying the efficiency of the proposed method are given.

ized semi-Markov processes, but translate into readily verbalized conditions for queuing systems. These results vastly extend the domain of problems in which infinitesimal perturbation analysis is provably applicable.

Peter W. Glynn and Philip Heidelberger, "Experiments with Initial Transient Deletion for Parallel, Replicated Steady-State Simulations," IBM Research Division, T. J. Watson Research Center, P. O. Box 704, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598

A simple and effective way to exploit parallel processors in discrete even simulations is to run multiple independent replications, in parallel, on multiple processors and to average the results at the end of the runs. We call this the method of parallel replications. This paper is concerned with using the method of parallel replications for estimating steady-state performance measures. We report on the results of queuing network simulation experiments that compare the statistical properties of several possible estimators that can be formed using this method. The theoretical asymptotic properties of these estimators were determined in Glynn and Heidelberger (1989a and 1989b). Both the theory and the experimental results reported here strongly indicate that a nonstandard (in the context of steady-state simulation), yet easy to apply, estimation procedure is required on

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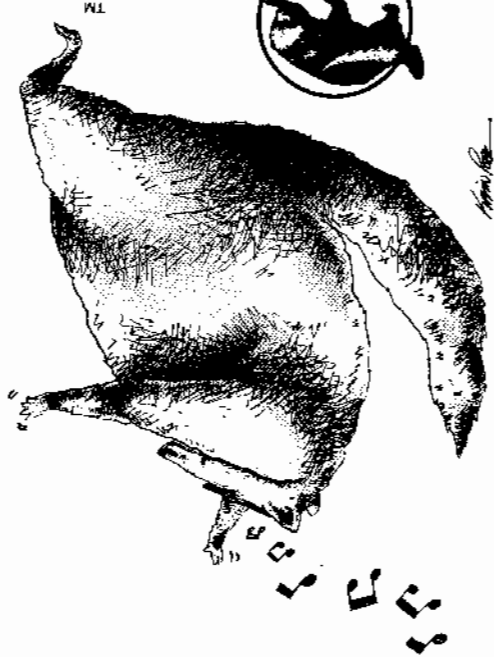
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what-if analysis, optimization, and so on. The analysis uses regression (meta) models and Least Squares. The design uses classical experimental designs such as 2^k factorials, which are efficient and effective. If there are every many inputs, then special techniques such as group screening and sequential bifurcation are useful. Applications are discussed.

George C. Runger and Joseph J. Pignatello Jr., "Adaptive Sampling for Process Control," Industrial and Management Engineering, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Statistical process control procedures typically entail monitoring the process by selecting rational subgroups of equal size after equal time intervals. A generalization of this standard paradigm removes the restriction of equal waiting times between subgroups. We consider process control procedures where the time until the next subgroup is shortened when there is evidence that the process is off-target, with a compensating lengthening of the waiting time otherwise. This adapting of the waiting time significantly improves the performance of the process control procedure. Using the Shewhart \bar{X} procedure as an example, the adaptive sampling strategy is introduced. A simple, dual waiting time procedure is described and shown to be optimal and easy to implement in practice. Performance comparisons to classical interval procedures are provided.

P. A. W. Lewis and J. G. Stevens, "Nonlinear Modeling of Time Series using Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines," Technical Report, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

MARS is a new methodology, due to Friedman, for nonlinear regression modeling. MARS can be conceptualized as a generalization of recursive partitioning that uses spline

Jack P. C. Kleijnen, "Super Computers for Monte Carlo Simulation: Cross-Validation Versus Rao's Test in Multivariate Regression," Technical Report FEW 447, Katholieke Universiteit Brabant, Tilburg, Netherlands

Part I covers supercomputers, especially vector computers, which require thinking in vector mode. This mode is examined in the context of Monte Carlo experiments with regression models. The vector mode needs to exploit a specific dimension of the Monte Carlo experiment, namely its replicates. The resulting code computes Ordinary Least Squares estimates on a Cyber 205 in 2% of the time needed on a VAX 8700. For Generalized least Squares estimates, however, the code runs slower on the Cyber 205 than on the VAX, if the regression is small; for large models the Cyber 205 runs much faster.

Part II covers regression models with dependent errors. To test the validity of the specified regression model, Rao (1959) generalized the F statistic for lack-of-fit, whereas Kleijnen (1983) proposed cross-validation using Student's t statistic combined with Bonferroni's inequality. An extensive Monte Carlo experiment compares these two methods. Whereas cross-validation turns out to be conservative, Rao's test realizes its nominal α error and has high power. The MC experiment further compares several confidence interval procedures for individual regression parameters.

Jack P. C. Kleijnen, "Sensitivity Analysis of Simulation Experiments: Regression Analysis and Statistical Design," Technical Report FEW 440, Katholieke Universiteit Brabant, Tilburg, Netherlands.

This tutorial gives a survey of strategic issues in the statistical design and analysis of experiments with deterministic and random simulation models. These issues concern

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number of customers, etc., can be viewed as decomposable functions with respect to the underlying parameters. For such decomposable performance measures we define a new class of sensitivity measures based on the score function (SF) method, called the *decomposable score function* (DSF) estimator. We show that the DSF estimator can handle efficient-ly both the expected performance and the expected sensitivities (gradients, Hessians, etc.) of quasi-reversible queueing networks of moderate and large size (hundreds of parameters) in the sense that their variance is substantially smaller (by a factor of thousands) than that of the standard SF method. Numerical results supporting our theory are given.

Paul Glasserman, "Stochastic Monotonicity, Total Positivity, and Conditional Monte Carlo for Likelihood Ratios," AT&T Bell Laboratories, AT&T Laboratories, Princeton, NJ.

The derivative of an expectation can often be expressed as an expectation involving a differentiated likelihood ratio. This representation is used in Monte Carlo estimation of derivatives. Replacing the differentiated likelihood ratio with its conditional expectation often reduces variance, but not always. Using heavy traffic analysis, Assmusen and Rubinstein have shown that for the waiting time in a GI/G/1 queue conditioning reduces variance in an asymptotic sense. This paper considers other settings and a different approach to showing that conditioning is advantageous. We use stochastic order relations to get positive dependence from which variance reduction follows. Our analysis supports the following rough statement: for increasing functions of monotone processes with (parameterically) TP_2 densities, conditioning reduces variance. Examples are drawn from recursively defined processes, Markov chains in discrete and continuous time, and processes with Poisson input.

Kerry W. Fendick, Vikram K. Sakseena, and Ward Whit, "Investigating Dependence in Packet Queues with the Index of Dispersion for Work," AT&T Bell Laboratories, c/o Room 1F-401, Holmdel, New Jersey.

This paper continues an investigation of the way diverse traffic from different data applications affects the performance of packet queues. This traffic often exhibits significant dependence among successive interarrival times, among successive service times, and between interarrival times and service times, which can cause a significant degradation of performance under heavy loads (and often even under moderate loads). This dependence and its effect on performance (specifically, the mean steady-state workload) is partially characterized here by the cumulative correlations in the total input process of work, which we refer to as the index of dispersion for work (IDW). This paper evaluates approximations for the mean steady-state workload based on the IDW by making comparisons with computer simulations.

fitting in lieu of other simple functions. Given a set of predictor variables, MARS fits a model in the form of an expansion in product spline basis functions of predictors chosen during a forward and backward recursive partitioning strategy. MARS produces continuous models for high dimensional data that can have multiple partitions and predictor variable interactions. Predictor variable contributions and interactions in a MARS model may be analyzed using an ANOVA style decomposition.

By letting the predictor variables in MARS be lagged values of a time series, one obtains a new method for nonlinear autoregressive threshold modeling of time series. A significant feature of this extension of MARS is its ability to produce models with limit cycles when modeling time series data that exhibit periodic behavior. In a physical context, limit cycles represent a stationary state of sustained oscillations, a satisfying behavior for any model of a time series with periodic behavior. Analysis of the Wolf suspect numbers with MARS appears to give an improvement over existing nonlinear threshold and bilinear models.

Peter A. W. Lewis and Richard L. Kessler, "Variance Reduction for Quantile Estimates in Simulations via Nonlinear Controls," Technical Report, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

Linear controls are a well known simple technique for achieving variance reduction in computer simulation. Unfortunately, the effectiveness of a linear control depends upon the correlation between the statistic of interest and the control, which is often low. Since statistics often have a nonlinear relationship with the potential control variables, nonlinear controls offer a means for improvement over linear controls. This paper focuses on the use of nonlinear controls for reducing the variance of the quantile estimate in simulation. It is shown that one can substantially reduce the analytic effort required to develop a nonlinear control from a quantile estimator by using a strictly monotone transformation to create the control. It is also shown that as one increases the sample size for the quantile estimator, the asymptotic multivariate normal distribution of the quantile of interest and the control reduces the effectiveness of the nonlinear control to that of the linear control. However, the data has to be sectioned to obtain an estimate of the variance of the controlled quantile estimate. Graphical methods are suggested for selecting the section size that maximizes the effectiveness of the nonlinear control.

Reuven Y. Rubinfeld, Alexander Shapiro, and Michael Shalmon, "Efficiency of the Score Function Method for Sensitivity Analysis of Queuing Networks with Decomposable Performance Measures," Faculty of Industrial Engineering, Technion, Haifa, Israel.

We show that many typical steady-state performance measures of queueing networks, like the sojourn time, the

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tions related to the shortest path length in networks whose arcs have random dependent lengths. Since the time requirements for exact methods can increase exponentially with the number of arcs, we also propose variance-reducing Monte Carlo methods based on bounds which are very efficient for large-scale networks.

Choosing among Competing System Designs Using Monte-Carlo Simulation

Session Chair: Michael R. Taaffe, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, The University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 20881

Batching Strategies for Multiple Comparison in Steady-State Simulation

Lyme Goldsman and Barry L. Nelson, Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, The Ohio State University, 1971 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210

To use multiple-comparison procedures in steady-state simulation analysis at least two issues must be addressed: the possibility of point estimators with unequal variances, and the problem of assigning appropriate degrees of freedom to the point estimators. We propose batching strategies to handle both problems.

Procedures for Selecting the Simulated Population with the Largest Mean

Dava Goldsman, School of Industrial & Systems Engineering, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332

We present procedures for selecting that one of k competing normal populations having the largest mean under various assumptions about the population variances. We then extend the results for use in computer simulations.

A Strategy for Designing Robust Systems Using Discrete-Event Simulation

Rosemary H. Wild, Decision Science Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2404 Maile Way, Honolulu, HI 96822, and Joseph J. Pignatello Jr., Department of Industrial Engineering, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242

Simulation Methods for Stochastic Networks

Session Chair: Christos Alexopoulos, School of Industrial & Systems Engineering, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332

A New Class of Perturbation-Analysis Algorithms for Piecewise-Constant Sample Performance Measures

Yoram Wardi, School of Electrical Engineering, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332, Wei-Bo Gong and Christos Cassandras, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003

A class of performance measures, where infinitesimal perturbation analysis (IPA) has not had simple algorithms, involved piecewise-constant sample performance measures. In this talk we present a new, general method of perturbation analysis for such problems. The method is flexible and yields simple algorithms. The proposed technique will be demonstrated for the zero-finding probability in a GI/G/1 queue, and for the threshold-delay probability in a serial network.

Fast Simulation of Dependability Models with General Failure, Repair and Maintenance Processes

Victor Nicola, Phillip Heidelberger, and Ambuj Goyal, IBM Research Division, P.O. Box 704, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, and Marvin K. Nakayama, Department of Operations Research, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305

The evaluations of dependability measures for repairable systems with general failure and maintenance processes are hard problems. Since the system failure is typically a rare event, we present a simulation method based on importance sampling which results in large reduction in run lengths. We illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed technique for a large computing system.

Shortest-Path Problems in Stochastic Networks with Dependent Arc Lengths

Christos Alexopoulos, School of Industrial & Systems Engineering, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332

We present methods for evaluating probability distribu-

We propose an experimental-design strategy for designing robust systems using discrete-event simulation. The proposed strategy is motivated by Genichi Taguchi's strategy for improving product and process quality in manufacturing. Our strategy emphasizes designing for robustness upfront rather than relying on post-optimality sensitivity analysis.

Monte-Carlo Post-Experiment Analysis for Choosing among System Designs

Bruce W. Schmeiser and Wei-Ning Yang, School of Industrial Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907

We consider statistical (including stochastic-simulation) experiments that compare system designs. Given various assumptions and parameters, existing methodologies (e.g., ranking-and-selection or multiple-comparisons-with-the-best) calculate constants (e.g., sample sizes or quantiles) necessary to guarantee some minimal nominal performance (e.g., probability of correct selection or overall confidence). We discuss Monte Carlo methods for a practitioner to estimate actual performance.

Statistical Issues in Simulation

Session Chair: Nabil R. Adam, Graduate School of Management, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ 07102

An Application of Variance-Reduction Techniques to a Naval-Gunfire Simulation Model

Keobom Kang, Michael P. Bailey, Alexander Callahan, and Marcelo Bartoli, Department of Operations Research, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943-5000

In this study, we examine the effects of ammunition component reliability on the performance of a naval gunfire support system. Due to the large number of possible component configurations, we were motivated to explore variance reduction through the use of control variates. In this talk, we share our results, as well as our experiences in applying control variates for a nontechnical client.

A Flexible Method for Estimating Inverse Distribution Functions in Simulation Experiments

Athanasios Avramidis and James R. Wilson, School of Industrial Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907

To generate random variates from an unknown continuous distribution via the inverse-transform method, we present a flexible, computationally tractable procedure for estimating the associated inverse distribution function based on sample data. We present the results of an extensive Monte Carlo study to demonstrate the effectiveness of the method.

Estimating Acceptance-Sampling Plans for Dependent Production Processes

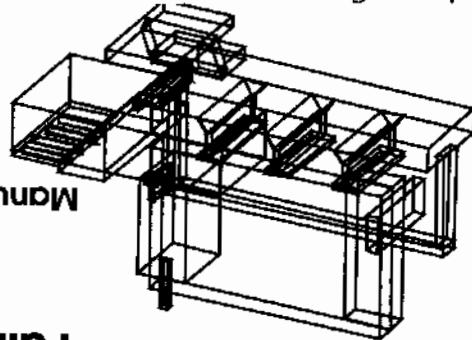
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When acceptance sampling is used to judge the quality of an ongoing production process, the quality of successive items may exhibit statistical dependence that is not accounted for in standard acceptance-sampling plans. This talk presents an efficient method for estimating single-sampling attributes plans for any production process model that can be simulated.

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