Introduction

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- Desirable performance characteristics of modern computer and communications systems
 - High throughput
 - Fast response time or transmission delay for users
 - High utilization of components



- Why modeling & performance evaluation?
 - It is hard for a complex system to be understood without proper tools
 - High cost of computing/communication systems
 - Irrevocability of certain design decisions

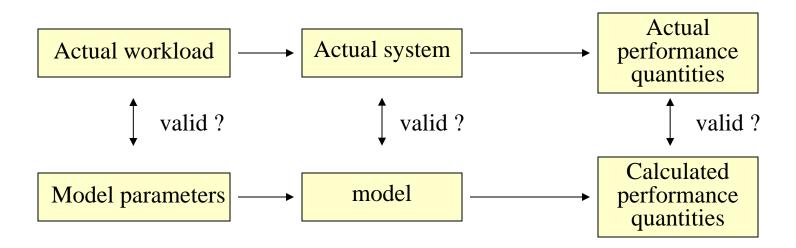


Modeling (3)

- Model of a system
 - A representation of a system which consists of a certain amount of organized information about that system
 - A number of different models can be constructed for a system
 - All of the models represent the same system but either look at it from different standpoints and different purpose or contain different amount of details



- Usage of models
 - Calculation of performance measures
 - Consistency checking of performance measures
 - Prediction of performance measures
- Validation



Performance Measures

- A descriptor to represent some aspects of a system performance
- User-oriented
 - QoS (quality of service)
 - response time, delay, etc.
- System-oriented
 - Utilization
 - Throughput
 - Capacity

Performance Evaluation Techniques (1)

- Measurement technique
 - Performance monitoring: improvement, upgrade
 - Model validation
 - Model parameter specification
 - Job accounting
 - Etc.

Performance Evaluation Techniques (2)

- Analytic technique
 - Solution technique that leads to a functional relation between system parameters and a performance index, in terms of equations that are mathematically solvable.
 - Least expensive method for evaluating performance over a wide range of choices in system parameters
 - Relatively hard to solve

Performance Evaluation Techniques (3)

- Analytic technique
 - Probability model
 - Based on Probability & Queuing theory
 - A most important tool in system-level performance evaluation
 - Unrealistic/untestable assumptions are used
 - The validation of model and parameters is needed

Performance Evaluation Techniques (4)

- Simulation technique
 - when the system is too complex to be solved mathematically
 - when the system does not exist
 - for the validation of an analytic model
 - Event-driven simulation program