

# CS5239 Computer System Performance Evaluation

2021/22 – Semester I

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# Zoom Online Class\*

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3. Mute yourself when not speaking
4. Use chat function so that I can see your questions later and response to them

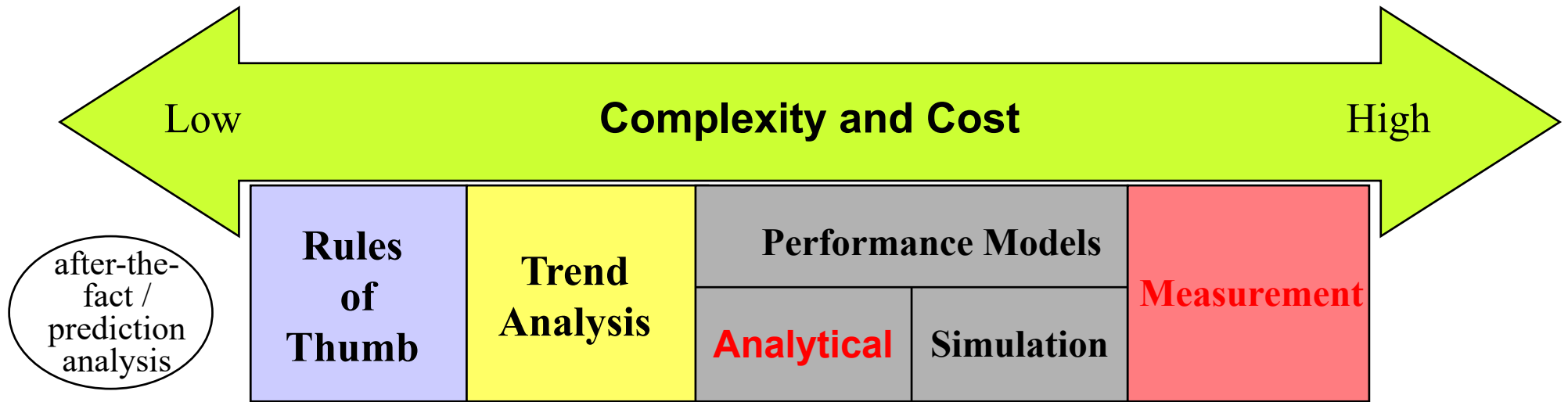
\*when Covid-19 situation permits, class may change to face-to-face and assessments may not be conducted online

performance

**faster** is better

**Time**, cost, energy, ...

# Performance Evaluation



**CS5239 Computer System Performance Evaluation** – this module

CS6211 Analytical Performance Modelling for Computer Systems

CS5233 Simulation and Modelling Techniques

## Course Catalogue

# CS5239 Computer System Performance Analysis

Modular Credits: 4

Workload: 2-1-0-3-4

Prerequisite(s): ((CS1020 or its equivalent) or CS2020 or (CS2030 or its equivalent) or CS2113/T) and (EE2012/A or ST2132 or ST2334 or ((MA2216 or ST2131) and (ST1131/A or ST1232 or DSC2008)))

The objective of this module is to provide students a working knowledge of computer performance evaluation and capacity planning. Students will be able to identify performance bottlenecks, to predict when performance limits of a system will be exceeded, and to characterize present and future workload to perform capacity planning activities. Topics include: performance analysis overview; measurement techniques and tools including workload characterization, instrumentation, benchmarking, analytical modelling techniques including operational analysis, stochastic queuing network analysis; performance of client-server architectures; capacity planning; case studies.

# Prerequisites

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graduate: knowledge of computer organization/architecture and statistics/probabilities

Module includes some degrees of mathematics formulations & basic proofs and applications of statistics and probabilities in computer systems

# Math, Probabilities & Statistics

- analytical (mathematical) modelling approach
- focus is on application “not deep theory” but important to know how the laws/equations are formulated
  - problem with **known** models: use known equations to solve a given problem
  - problem with **no (or cannot fit) known** models: formulate equations to solve the problem
- probabilities – many known models are build/derive based on probability distributions
- **if you are not comfortable with Math, this module may not be suitable for you**

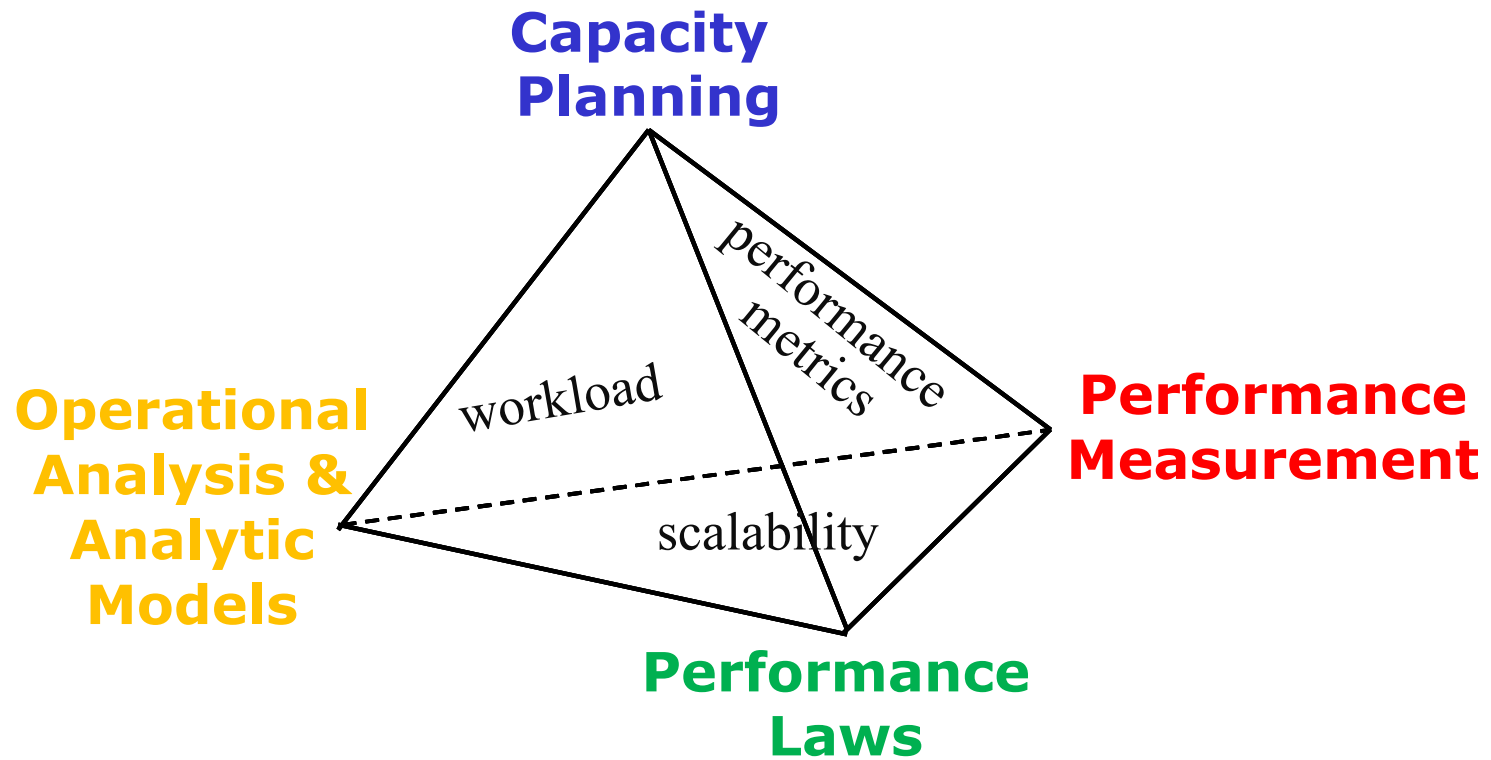
# Learning Objectives

performance analysis of computer systems

1. capacity planning
2. bottleneck and modification analyses using operational analysis
3. measurement and analytic model analyses
4. performance scalability analysis



# What we cover



# OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS & ANALYTIC MODELS

L#03: Review  
of Probabilities  
& Statistics

L#04: Queuing  
Introduction &  
Notation

L#05-08:  
Techniques

L#12:  
Performance Laws  
& Scalability

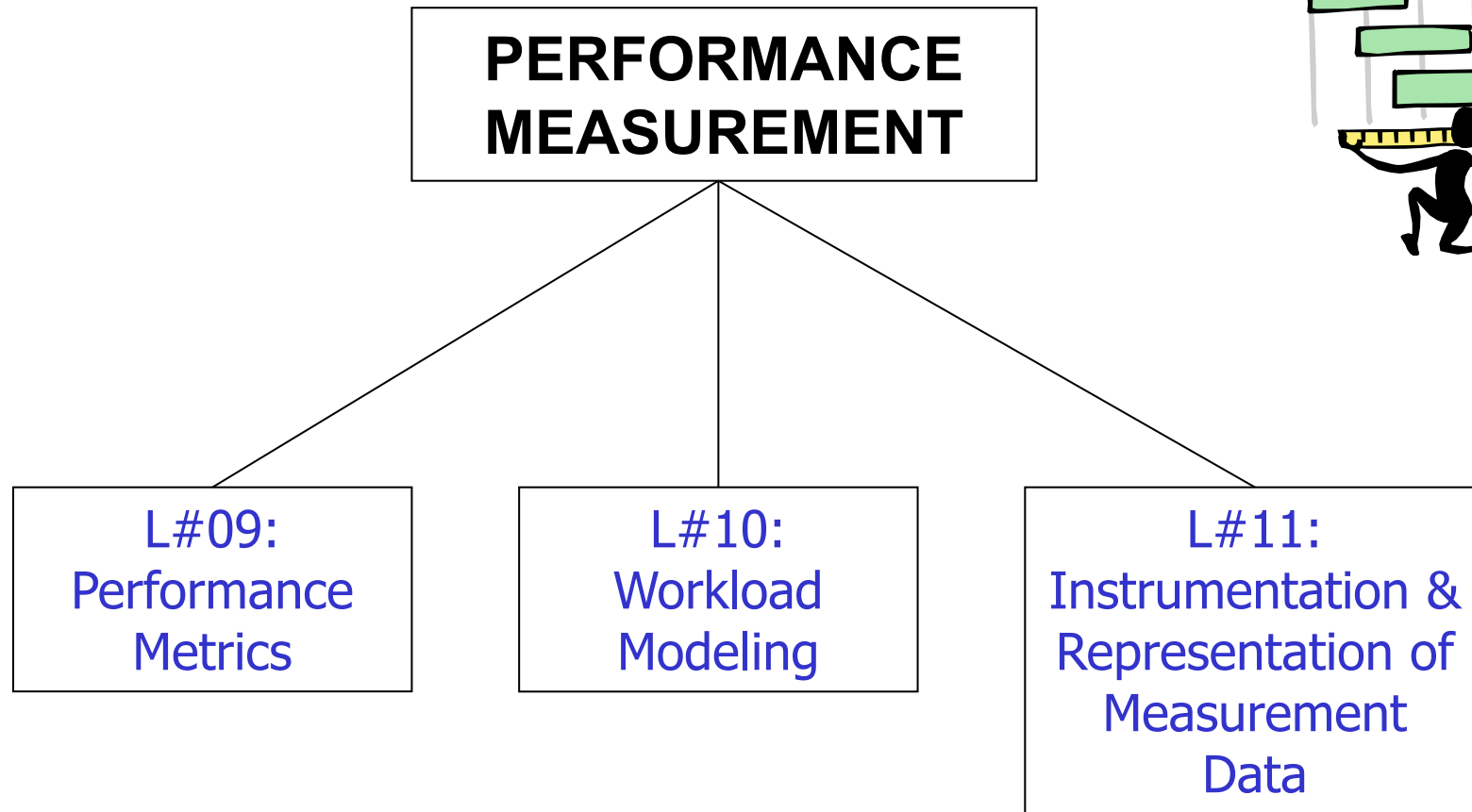
L#05:  
Operational  
Analysis

- bottleneck analysis
- performance bounds

L#06/L#07:  
Markovian  
Queuing Models  
& Examples

- System - open, closed, hybrid
- Component - fixed capacity, delay, load-dependent
- Workload - single, multiple classes

L#08: Analysis  
of Queuing  
Networks



“Measurements are not to provide numbers but insights.”  
*Ingrid Bucher*

# Continuous Assessments

- Assignment 1 (10%)
- Mid-term Test (30%)
- Assignment 2 (20%)
- Open Book Test (40%)

# Course Schedule & Webpage

- Lecture: Mon, 6.30-8.30pm, online synchronous (zoom)
- Tutor: Phichayut Siripis(Com2, #B1-01)
- Consultation: Wed, 10-12am
- Webpage:
  - LumiNUS for course announcement
  - [www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~teoym/cs5239-21](http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~teoym/cs5239-21) for lecture slides, assignments, etc.



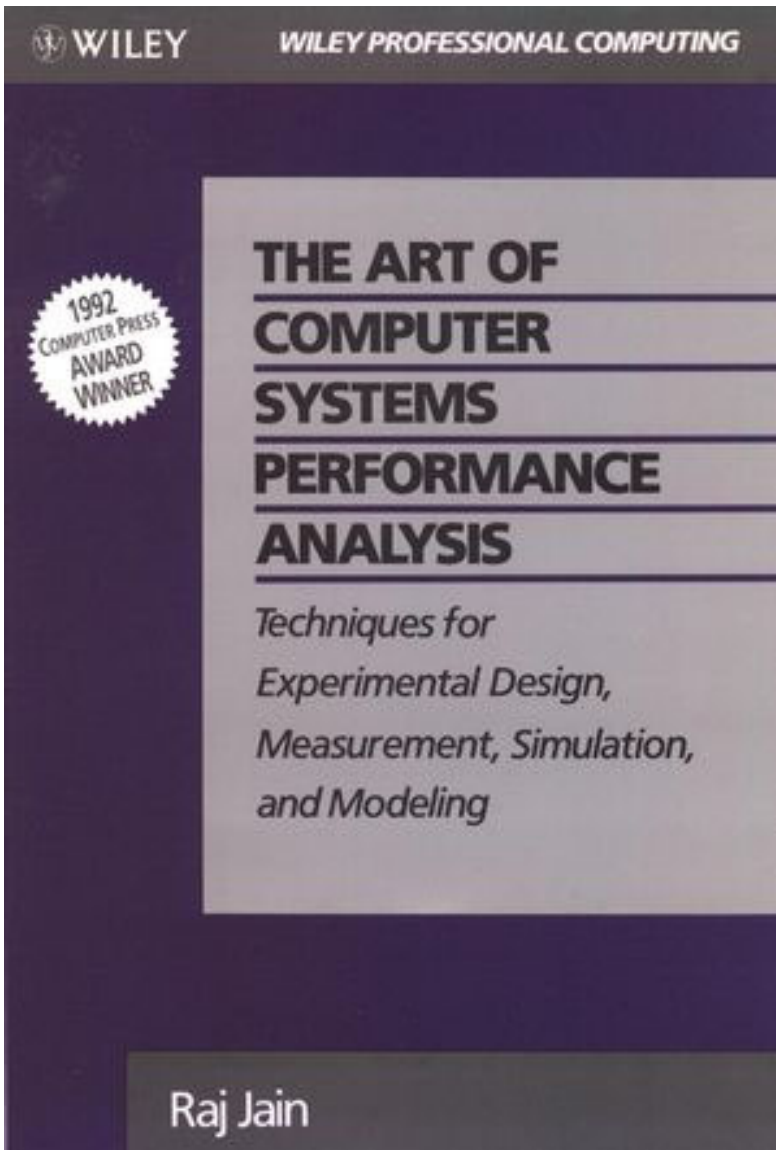
# Resources

## Main Textbooks

- ◆ **The Art of Computer Systems Performance Analysis: Techniques for Experimental Design, Measurement, Simulation and Modeling**, R. Jain, John-Wiley, 1991.
- ◆ Quantitative System Performance, E.D. Lazowska et al., Prentice-Hall, 1984, <http://www.cs.washington.edu/homes/lazowska/qsp/>.
- ◆ Measuring Computer Performance - A Practitioner's Guide, D.J. Lilja, Cambridge University Press, 2000.

## Reference Books

- ◆ Capacity Planning and Performance Modeling - From Mainframes to Client-Server Systems, Daniel A. Menasce, et al., Prentice-Hall, 1994.
- ◆ Capacity Planning for Web Performance – Metrics, Models and Methods, D.A. Menasce, et al., Prentice-Hall, 1998.
- ◆ Simulation Modeling and Analysis, A.M. Law and W.D. Kelton, McGraw Hill, 3rd edition, 2000.
- ◆ Introduction to Parallel Computing, A. Grama, et al., Addison-Wesley, 2nd Edition, 2003.



**The Art of Computer Systems  
Performance Analysis: Techniques for  
Experimental Design, Measurement,  
Simulation, and Modeling**

Raj Jain

ISBN: 978-0-471-50336-1

720 pages

April 1991

# Problems



If you're not sure,  
don't guess... **ASK!**



- consultation hours – Wed, 10-12, catch me after lectures, email ....