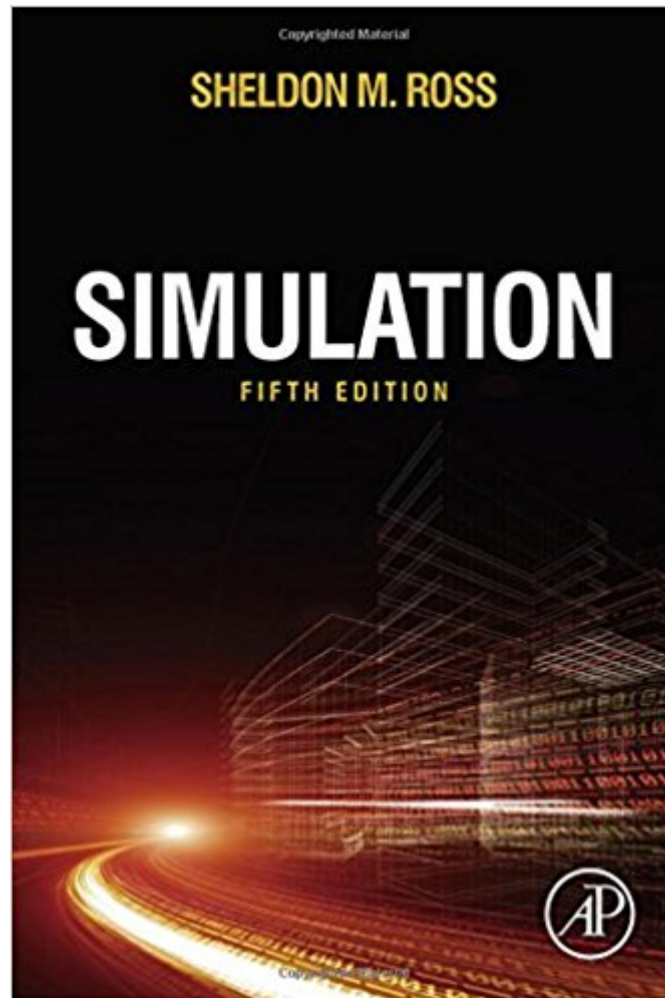




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Excellent!

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It was exactly what I was in need of. This book provides you with the essential knowledge for simulation studies.

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Arrived in good condition.

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