

MAT 651 : Probability and Statistics I (Fall 2010)

Course Description:

A review of basic probability theory, transformations and moments, common families of distributions, multiple random variables, sampling from the normal distribution, convergence concepts

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Text : *Statistical Inference*, by George Casella and Roger L. Berger, 2nd edition, Duxbury

Grading Policy

Two exams: 60%
Homework: 40%

Prerequisite: Calculus I and II

Course Schedule : Chapters 1-5 and a part of Chapter 6 if time permits.

References

Bickel and Doksum (2001) *Mathematical Statistics*, Vol. 1, 2nd edition, Prentice Hall
Cox and Hinkley (1974) *Theoretical Statistics*, Chapman and Hall
Dudewicz and Mishra (1988) *Modern Mathematical Statistics*, Wiley
Gnedenko (1989) *Theory of Probability*
DeGroot and Schervish (2002) *Probability and Statistics*

Learning Goals

Students will be expected to

- 1) use and understand basic mathematical notation;
- 2) select and apply an appropriate mathematical model for certain elementary probabilistic problems;
- 3) do basic hand calculations with accuracy;
- 4) use appropriate hardware and/or software related to certain probability distributions.

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