

MATHEMATICS 321
“MATHEMATICAL PROBABILITY”
Spring 2004
SYLLABUS

NOTE: All quizzes will be written in the lab. No formula sheets permitted for the quizzes.

Midterm will be written in class on June 11th.

Final will be arranged by the registrar's office. One standard sized formula sheet permitted.

Schedule for quizzes and midterm

Quiz 1 May 26th
Quiz 2 June 2nd
Quiz 3 June 9th
Midterm June 11th
Quiz 4 June 16th
Quiz 5 June 23rd

No classes on Monday, May 24th and Friday, June 4th. Classes end on Friday, June 25th.

Topics Covered

- (1) **Chapter 1:** populations, parameters, samples, histograms, distributions, mean, variance...
- (2) **Chapter 2:** sample spaces, events, counting techniques, probability measure, conditional probability, independence, Bayes' Rule...
- (3) **Chapter 3, omit 3.10:** discrete random variables, probability distribution function of the geometric, binomial, negative binomial, hypergeometric, poisson random variables, expected value and variance for discrete random variables; moments and moment generating function; Chebyshev's inequality and its proof. The multinomial distribution.
- (4) **Chapter 4, omit 4.7 and 4.11** Continuous random variables, probability distribution functions and cumulative distribution functions of continuous random variables; uniform, normal distributions, gamma distribution and its special cases, the exponential and chi-square distributions, expected values, variance, and moment generating functions of continuous random variables; Chebyshev's inequality.
- (5) **Chapter 7 (7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5):** The Central Limit Theorem and its application, including the sampling distribution of the sample mean and the Normal approximation to the Binomial Distribution.
- (6) **Chapter 8 (8.5 – 8.7):** Introduction to estimation and statistics inference, point estimation and unbiasedness. Using pivotal quantities to construct confidence interval estimates, confidence interval estimation of the population mean and proportion...
- (7) **Chapter 10 (10.1-10.4, 10.6, 10.8):** Hypothesis testing of the population mean and proportion. Type I and Type II error, power of a test, p-values.