

STA 261 LM5101 – Probability & Statistics II

Course Outline (Winter 2015)

Course Information

Course description

A sequel to STA257H1, providing a rigorous introduction to the logical foundations of statistical inference and the practical methodology engendered. Topics include: statistical models, parameters, samples and estimates; the general concept of statistical confidence with applications to the discrete case and the construction of confidence intervals and more general regions in both the univariate and vector-valued cases; hypothesis testing; the likelihood function and its applications; the basics of data analysis, unbiasedness, sufficiency, linear models and regression.

Course Instructor

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Instructor office hours

Wednesdays 2-4pm
Or by appointment (via e-mail)

TA office hours

Mondays 3-5pm
Statistics Aid Centre (SS 1091)

Course webpage

Blackboard (<http://portal.utoronto.ca>)

Check frequently for announcements and updates. Lecture slides will be posted by Monday before each week.

Lectures

Sidney Smith room 2117
Wednesday 7pm – 10pm

Tutorials

Wednesday 6pm – 7pm (starting second week of classes)
Check Blackboard for section and location of tutorials.

Text

Rice, John (2007), *Mathematical Statistics and Data Analysis, Third Edition*.
Brooks/Cole, ISBN 0-534-39942-8.

Academic Integrity

You are expected to follow the University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. See <http://www.utoronto.ca/academicintegrity/>.

Evaluation

Grading scheme

- 20% quizzes (best 4 quizzes, 5% each)
- 30% midterm
- 50% final exam

Quizzes

There will be 5 short quizzes worth 5% each during tutorials (see course schedule). There are **no** make-up quizzes. The lowest quiz will be dropped to accommodate a missed quiz due to illness or other reasons.

Midterm and final exam

There will be one midterm (2-hour) and one final (3-hour) exam. Both will be closed book exams. The midterm will be held during the lecture time on
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 7pm – 9pm.
Location to be announced.

There will be **no** make-up midterm. If missed due to a legitimate reason, proper documentation must be provided to the instructor and the weight will be transferred to the final exam.

The final exam date will be scheduled by the registrar during the final exam period and will be announced mid February. The final exam will be a cumulative exam covering material from the entire course.

Grading questions

Grading questions for tests should be brought in person to the instructor within one week of the test being returned.

Extra Help

Questions should primarily be addressed to your TAs during tutorials or office hours. The teaching assistants for this course are:

- Eric Bai, hawkingbai@gmail.com
- Jun Yang, yangjun.ee@gmail.com

E-mail

Emails about course administration should be sent to the instructor. Questions about course content should be sent to STA261_L5101@utstat.toronto.edu which is monitored by the instructor and the TAs. You should expect a response to emails within 48 hours Monday-Friday.

E-mail should be used only to provide non-personal information or to ask a question that requires a brief response. For more lengthy discussions, you should raise the question during tutorial or visit during office hours.

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Lecture/Date	Topic	Readings	Tutorial notes
Lecture 1 Jan 7	Course Introduction Review	Chapters 1-6	No tutorial
Lecture 2 Jan 14	Sampling distribution, method of moments, consistency, bootstrap	8.1 – 8.4	
Lecture 3 Jan 21	Maximum likelihood estimation, log likelihood	8.5-8.5.1	Quiz #1 (Lectures 1 & 2)
Lecture 4 Jan 28	Newton-Raphson, confidence intervals, efficiency	8.5.2-8.5.3, 8.7	
Lecture 5 Feb 4	Sufficiency, exponential family, Rao-Blackwell theorem	8.8	Quiz #2 (Lectures 3 & 4)
Feb 11 – Midterm (7-9pm), No tutorial (Lectures 1 to 5)			
Reading Week			
Lecture 6 Feb 25	Hypothesis testing	9.1 – 9.3	Midterm returned
Lecture 7 Mar 4	Likelihood ratio test and Generalized likelihood ratio tests	9.4	Quiz #3 (Lectures 5 & 6)
Lecture 8 Mar 11	Likelihood ratio tests for multinomial, Pearson's chi-square test, probability plots	9.5-9.6 9.8	
Lecture 9 Mar 18	Fisher's exact test, Chi-squared tests	13.1-13.4	Quiz #4 (Lectures 7 & 8)
Lecture 10 Mar 25	Matched-pair designs, McNemar's test, odds ratio	13.5-13.8	
Lecture 11 Apr 1	Linear least squares, simple linear regression	14.1-14.3	Quiz #5 (Lectures 9 & 10)
Apr 8-30	Final exam (cumulative)		