

Week of term	Session	Lecture number	Content
1	0	1 online	Preliminaries
2	1	2	Definition of Markov chains and Chapman Kolmogorov equations
	2	3	Dynamics of Markov chains
	3	4	First passage/hitting times; Recurrence and Transience
3	1	5	Recurrence and Transience cont'd; Mean recurrence times, null and positive recurrence
	2	6	Aperiodicity and ergodicity; Communicating classes; Decomposition Theorem
	3	7	Class properties and Gambler's ruin problem
4	1	PC1	Problem sheet 1
	2	8	Stationarity (part 1)
	3	9	Stationarity (part 2)
5	1	10	Stationarity (part 3)
	2	11	Time reversibility; Exponential distribution (part 1)
	3	PC2	Problem sheet 2
6	1	12	Exponential distribution (part 2)
	2	13	Poisson processes
	3		Midterm exam
7	1	14	Equivalence of definitions
	2	15	Properties of Poisson processes
	3	16	Extensions of Poisson processes
8	1	17	Compound Poisson processes; Applications
	2	PC3	Problem sheet 3
	3	18	Introduction to Continuous-Time Markov Chains
9	1	19	Exponential holding times and generator
	2	20	Forward and Backward equations and properties of CTMCs
	3	21	Jump chain and explosion; birth processes
10	1	22	Properties of birth processes; birth-death processes
	2	23	Brownian motion (part 1)
	3	24	Brownian motion (part 2)
11	1	PC4	Problem sheet 4
	2	PC5	Problem sheet 5
	3	Revision class	

End of term BB quiz will be running in week 11.