

# PROBABILITY THEORY

## COURSE FORMALITIES

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# OVERVIEW TODAY

- ▶ Course outline
- ▶ Introduction, recap of some background
- ▶ What is probability?
- ▶ Functions of random variables
- ▶ Multivariate random variables

# COURSE OUTLINE

- ▶ **6 Lectures:** theory interleaved with illustrative solved examples. (Krzysztof)
- ▶ **6 Seminars:** problem solving sessions + open discussions. (Sarah)
- ▶ **1 Recap session:** Recap of the course. (Sarah)

# COURSE LITERATURE

- ▶ Gut, A. *An intermediate course in probability*. 2nd ed. Springer-Verlag, New York, 2009. ISBN 978-1-4419-0161-3
- ▶ Slides from last year
- ▶ Chapter 1: Multivariate random variables
- ▶ Chapter 2: Conditioning
- ▶ Chapter 3: Transforms
- ▶ Chapter 4: Order statistics
- ▶ Chapter 5: The multivariate normal distribution
- ▶ Chapter 6: Convergence

# EXAMINATION

- ▶ The examination consists of a written exam with max score 20 points and grade limits:  
**A: 19p, B: 17p, C: 14p, D: 12p, E: 10p.**
- ▶ You are **allowed to bring** a pocket calculator to the exam, but no books or notes.
- ▶ The following will be **distributed with the exam**:
  - ▶ Table with common formulas and moment generating functions (available on the course homepage).
  - ▶ Table of integrals (available on the course homepage).
  - ▶ Table with distributions from Appendix B in the course book.
- ▶ Active participation in the seminars gives **2 bonus points** to the exam.

## BONUS POINTS

- ▶ To earn the bonus points a student must be present and active in at least 5 of the 6 seminars, so maximally one seminar can be missed regardless of reasons.
- ▶ Active participation means that the student has made an attempt to solve every exercise indicated in the timetable before respective seminar and is able to present his/her solutions on the board during the seminar. Active participation also means that the student gives help and comments to the classmates' presented solutions.
- ▶ In the seminars, for each exercise a student will be selected, using Sarah's method, to present her/his solution.
- ▶ Exercises marked with \* are a bit harder and it is ok if you are not able to solve these.
- ▶ Exercises marked with self-study relate directly to the lecture. Depending on Sarah's decision they might or might not be solved at the seminar sessions.

# COURSE HOMEPAGE (ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES)

- ▶ GitHub: STIMALiU/ProbTheoryCourse

XOR

- ▶ <https://www.ida.liu.se/~732A63/> (select English)

XOR

- ▶ LISAM