# Middle East Technical University Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering

# EE 230 Spring 2011

# PROBABILITY AND RANDOM VARIABLES

#### **Instructors and Schedule**

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2	Fatih Kamışlı	C 108		Fri. 12: <sup>40</sup> -13: <sup>30</sup> EA 312
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4	Tolga Çiloğlu		Mon 15: <sup>40</sup> -16: <sup>30</sup> EA 312	
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#### **Textbook**

• Introduction to Probability, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Dimitri Bertsekas, John N. Tsitsiklis, Athena Scientific, 2008.

#### References

- A First Course in Probability, S.Ross, MacMillan Publishing Co
- Probability and Random Processes with Applications to Signal Processing. 3rd Edition, H. Stark, J.W.Woods, Prentice Hall, 2002.
- Probability Random Variables and Stochastic Processes, A.Papoulis, McGraw Hill
- Probability Random Variables and Random Signal Principles, P.Z. Peebles, McGraw Hill
- Introduction to Probability and Statistical Applications, P.L.Meyer, Addison-Wesley.

### **Course Outline**

1. Sample Space and Probab	bility (~9 lectures)	
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- a. Sets
- b. Probabilistic Models
- c. Conditional Probability
- d. Total Probability and Bayes's Theorem
- e. Independence
- f. Counting
- 2. <u>Discrete Random Variables</u> (~9 lectures)
  - a. Basic Concepts
  - b. Probability Mass Function
  - c. Functions of Random Variables
  - d. Expectation, Mean and Variance
  - e. Joint PMFs of multiple random variables
  - f. Conditioning
  - g. Independence
- 3. General Random Variables (~9 lectures)
  - a. Continuous Random Variables and PDFs
  - b. Cumulative Distribution Functions

- c. Normal Random Variables
- d. Joint PDFs of Multiple Random Variables
- e. Conditioning
- f. The continuous Bayes's Rule
- 4. Further Topics on Random Variables (~9 lectures)
  - a. Derived Distributions
  - b. Covariance and Correlation
  - c. Conditional Expectation and Variance
  - d. Transforms
  - e. Sums of Independent Random Variables
  - f. Sum of a Random Number of Independent Random Variables
- 5. <u>Limit Theorems</u> (~3 lectures)
  - a. The Markov and Chebychev Inequalities
  - b. The Weak Law of Large Numbers
  - c. Convergence in Probability
  - d. The Central Limit Theorem
- 6. The Bernoulli and Poisson Processes (~3 lectures)
  - a. The Bernoulli Process
  - o. Poisson Process

# Homeworks and Project

10 homework assignments with 3 questions on each. 1 Project

## **Grading Policy**

Midterm Examinations: TBD% ( TBD % + TBD %)

Final Examination: TBD %

Homework +Project+ Attendance: TBD%