

# Probability and Stochastic Processes

## 1. Basic Probability

- Introduction to sample spaces, classical definition of probability
- Countable probability space
- Counting methods using combinatorial tools
- Conditional probability, Independence of events, Bayes theorem

## 2. Discrete Random Variables

- Probability mass function
- Expectation
- Examples including Binomial, Poisson, Geometric etc.

## 3. Continuous random variables

- Probability density function
- Cumulative distribution function
- Expectation
- Examples including Uniform, Exponential, Normal etc.

## 4. Joint distribution

- Joint PMF for discrete random variables
- Joint density and CDF
- Independence of random variables
- Conditional distribution and expectation
- Covariance and correlation

## 5. Limit theorems

- Characteristic function
- Lévy continuity theorem (at least the statement)
- Central limit theorem
- Weak law of large numbers for finite variance
- Borel-Cantelli lemma
- Strong law of large numbers for finite fourth moment

6. Random walks

- Reflection principle
- Distribution of the maximum
- Ballot theorem
- Arc sine law

7. Markov chains

- Definition and examples
- Decomposition of states into communicating classes
- Recurrence and transience as class properties
- Invariant distributions for finite irreducible chains
- Expected return time
- Convergence of finite irreducible aperiodic chains to equilibrium

8. Poisson processes

- Definition and basic properties
- Conditional distribution of arrival times given the number of arrivals
- Inhomogeneous Poisson processes