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Course Details

- Tutorials
 - Wednesday 1-2
- Lectures
 - Wednesday
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- Exam
 - Mid term
 - * 20%
 - Summer exam
 - * 80%

Course Overview

1. Random Events
 - Counting
 - Events
 - Axioms of probability
 - Bayes
 - Independence
2. Random Variables
 - Discrete RVs
 - Mean and variance
 - Correlation
 - Conditional Expectation

3. Inequalities and laws of large numbers

- Markov
- Chebyshev
- Chernoff bounds
- Sample mean
- Weak law of large numbers
- Central limit theorem
- Confidence intervals
- Bootstrapping

4. Statistical models

- Continuous random variables
- Logistic regression
- Least squares

Probability in Computer Science

- Machine learning, data analytics, “big data”
- Cloud applications, data centres, network design
 - Data centres e.g. load balancing, queues, job arrivals, capacity and reliability
 - Networks e.g. WiFi random access, queues, traffic arrivals, information theory
- Spam, passwords, hash tables, etc.

Probability in Real Life

- Insurance, financial markets, the economy
- Health