

Mathematical Statistics II

Chapter 1: Probability

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Course Overview


- This course is the first part of a two semester introductory course on Mathematical Statistics.
- Our goal is to cover Chapters 1-10 of “Mathematical Statistics and Data Analysis”, by John A. Rice (Rice, 2007).
- Topics include: Probability, Random Variables, Discrete and Continuous distributions, Order Statistics, Limit Theorems, Point and Interval Estimation, Uniformly most powerful tests, likelihood ratio tests, chi-square and F tests, and nonparametric tests.
- Roughly speaking, 4450 and 4451 can be broken into two parts:
 - Math 4450: Probability (mathematics of randomness)
 - Math 4451: Statistics (procedures for analyzing data)

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- [About Me](#)
- Course Website: https://jeswheel.github.io/4451_f25/.
- Canvas: Canvas will be used to submit assignments, view grades, and for course announcements.
- [Course Syllabus](#)
- [Homework grading rubric](#).

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References

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