

STA 371G Outline

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Topics:

- Introduction
- Probability
- Random variables
- Probability distributions
- Mean, variance and standard deviation of a random variable
- Add a constant to a random variable
- Multiply a random variable by a constant
- Conditional, joint and marginal probabilities
- Independent random variables
- Sum of independent random variables
- If we have time, we will also discuss
 - Bayes rule
 - Simpson's paradox

Reading Assignments:

If you are not familiar with the topics discussed in class, you are recommended to read:

pp. 156-168, 189-195, of Data analysis and decision making, 4th edition

or

pp. 196-206, 225-231 of Data analysis and decision making, 3rd edition

To learn more about these topics, you may further read:

Chapters 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, and 2.5 of OpenIntro Statistics, 2nd edition