

Introduction to Random Variables and Random Processes

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Time: M/W 9:30-10:45 AM
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Course description: This course introduces the fundamentals of probability and random processes useful in many areas of electrical engineering. The objective is to equip students with the basic tools in probability required to build and analyze probabilistic models in both discrete and continuous spaces. Topics include sample space, events, probability law, conditional probability, independence, random variables, distribution, density functions, law of large numbers, central limit theorem, random vectors, and random processes. Lectures will be in English.

Textbooks: [Required] John A. Gubner. Probability and Random Processes for Electrical and Computer Engineers. Cambridge University Press, 2006.
[Reference] Leon-Garcia, Probability and Random Processes for Electrical Engineering, Addison Wesley, 2008 (Third Edition).

Grading: Homework and class participation (25%), two midterms (40%), and final (35%). Note that the percentages are approximate and the actual weights used to compute the final grades may be different.

Prerequisites: Engineering Mathematics 1 and 2.

Academic honesty: Same as the academic integrity policy of the university and the school.

Weekly plan (subject to change):

Week 1	Introduction to probability (sample space, events, and axioms of probability)
Week 2	Discrete random variables
Week 3	Conditional probability
Week 4	Continuous random variables
Week 5	Moment generating functions, Expectation
Week 6	Midterm 1, Cumulative distribution functions
Week 7	Laws of large numbers, Central limit theorem
Week 8	Bivariate random variables, Conditional expectation
Week 9	Bivariate Gaussian distribution
Week 10	Random vectors, Minimum mean squared error estimator
Week 11	Midterm 2
Week 12	Multivariate Gaussian distribution
Week 13	Random processes
Week 14	Stationary processes, Power spectral densities
Week 15	Markov chains