

Course Overview

This is only a rough overview of the topics that we plan to cover in the class.

Week 1 (April 3 and 5)

- Dotplot, histogram, time-series plot
- Mean, median, sample variance, sample correlation
- The empirical rule
- Linear function, mean and variance of a linear function
- Linear combinations, portfolios

Week 2 (April 10 and 12)

- Modelling uncertainty, random variables
- Bernoulli distribution
- Joint model for multiple random variables, conditional and marginal distribution
- Independence, IID model, Markov model
- Binomial distribution
- Random walk

Week 3 (April 17 and 19)

- Probability distribution function (pdf), cumulative distribution function (cdf)
- Normal family of distributions, standard normal distribution
- Inverse cdf
- Standardization

Week 4 (April 24 and 26)

- Expected value and variance
- Conditional expected Value
- Model vs. sample means and variances
- Formulas for means and variances
- Covariance and correlation for random variables
- Central limit theorem (clt)

Week 5 (May 1 and 3)

- Estimating a normal mean, distribution of a normal sample mean
- Confidence intervals for normal data
- Confidence interval for p from Bernoulli data
- Approximate confidence intervals based on clt

Week 6 (May 8 and 10)

- Midterm
 - Includes topics from Lecture 1 - 4 and part of Lecture 5
 - Bring one sheet of paper

Week 7 (May 15 and 17)

- hypothesis tests for mean of Bernoulli and normal random variable
- P-values
- Confidence intervals and hypothesis tests

Week 8 (May 22 and 24)

- Introduction to the regression model
- Prediction, fitted values and residuals
- Least squares criterion
- R-squared

Week 9 (May 29 and 31)

- Simple linear regression model
- Predictive intervals
- Sampling distribution of the regression model and confidence intervals
- Hypothesis testing

Week 10 (June 5 and 7)

- Multiple regression model
- Fitted values and residuals revisited
- Prediction, confidence intervals and hypothesis testing

Week 11 (June 12 and 14)

- Final exam
 - Includes all topics
 - Bring two sheets of paper