

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN MATHEMATICS
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

Title of the Course		PROBABILITY THEORY					
Paper Number							
Category	Elective	Year	I	Credits	3	Course Code	428E2B
		Semester	II				
Pre-requisite		Probability at UG level					
Course Outline		<p>UNIT – I Random Events and Random Variables: Random events – Probability axioms – Combinatorial formulae – Conditional probability – Bayes theorem – Independent events – Random variables – Distribution function – Joint distribution – Marginal distribution – Conditional distribution – Independent random variables – Functions of random variables . Chapter 1 : Sections 1.1 to 1.7 Chapter 2: Sections 2.1 to 2.9</p> <p>UNIT – II : Parameters of the Distribution : Expectation – Moments – The Chebyshev Inequality – Absolute moments – Order parameters – Moments of random vectors – Regression of the first and second types. Chapter 3 : Sections 3.1 to 3.8</p> <p>UNIT – III Characteristic Functions : Properties of characteristic functions - Characteristic functions and moments – Semi invariants – Characteristic function of the sum of the independent random variables – Determination of distribution function by the Characteristic function – Characteristic function of multidimensional random vectors – Probability generating functions Chapter 4 : Sections 4.1 to 4.7</p> <p>UNIT – IV Some Probability distribution : One point, two point, Binomial – Polya – Hypergeometric – Poisson (discrete) distributions – Uniform – Normal gamma – Beta – Cauchy and Laplace (continuous) distribution. Chapter 5 : Section 5.1 to 5.10</p> <p>UNIT – V Limit Theorems: Stochastic convergence – Bernoulli law of large numbers – Convergence of sequence of distribution functions – Levy – Cramer theorems – de Moivre – Laplace theorem – Poisson, Chebyshev, Khintchine weak law of large numbers – Lindberg theorem – Lapunov theorem – Borel – Cantelli lemma - Kolmogorov inequality and Kolmogorov strong law of large numbers.</p>					

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	Chapter 6 : Sections 6.1 to 6.4, 6.6 to 6.9, 6.11 and 6.12
RecommendedText	M.Fisz, Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics, Third edition –John Wiley and Sons, New York ,1963.
ReferenceBooks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. R.B.Ash,Real Analysisand Probability,AcademicPress, NewYork ,1972 2. R.Durrett, Probability: Theoryand Examples, [2ndEdition] , DuxpuryPress,NewYork, 1996 3. V.K.Rohatgi,AnIntroductiontoProbability:TheoryandMathematicalStatistics,WeileyEasternLtd.,NewDelhi, 1988[3rdPrint]. 4. S.I.Resnick,AProbabilityPath,Birhauser,Berlin,1999. 5. B.R.Bhat , Modern Probability Theory ,[3rd Edition] , New Age International (P) Ltd, New Delhi ,1999. 6. M.Fisz,ProbabilityTheoryandMathematicalStatistics,JohnWileyandSons,NewYork,1963.