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MEASURE-THEORETIC PROBABILITY

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Course website: My homepage, link to Measure-Theoretic Probability. This also contains past exam papers + solutions.

This 10-hour course [5 weeks, 2 hours each] can cover only the bare essentials of a vast subject, and of course there is very much more to say. For a 20-hour version see the Stochastic Analysis link on my homepage [10 x 2 hours, LSE]; for a 30-hour version see the Stochastic Processes link on my homepage [30 x 1 hour, Imperial]. For a range of useful books, see the References after the Table of Contents below.

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Week 1. 3.11.2014. Chapter I: Probability background.

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- §2. Integral.
- §3. Probability.
- §4. Equivalent measures and the Radon-Nikodym theorem.

Week 2. 10.11.2014. Chapter II: Conditioning. Stochastic Processes.

- §1. Conditional expectation.
- §2. Properties of conditional expectation.
- §3. Filtrations.
- §4. Discrete-parameter stochastic processes.
- §5. Stochastic processes in continuous time.
- §6. Renewal processes; Poisson process.

Week 3. 17.11.2014. Chapter III: Martingales.

- §1. Discrete-parameter martingales.
- §2. Martingale convergence.
- §3. Uniformly integrable martingales.
- §4. Stopping times and optional stopping.
- §5. Doob decomposition.
- §6. Examples.
- §7. Continuous-parameter martingales.
- §8. Poisson processes; Lévy processes

Week 4. 24.11.2014. Chapter IV: Stochastic processes in continuous time. Brownian motion.

- §1. Markov processes.
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Week 5. 1.12.2014. Chapter V: Itô (stochastic) calculus. Weak convergence.

- §1. Quadratic variation.
- §2. Itô integral.
- §3. Itô's formula.
- §4. Weak convergence.

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