

Stochastic Calculus: Syllabus

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Stochastic calculus - MA598



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Advertising stochastic calculus

Stochastic differential equations:

- Interesting from a mathematical point of view
 - ▶ Related to martingales, Markov property
 - ▶ Differential equations driven by non differentiable processes
 - ▶ Links to partial differential equations
 - ▶ Analysis on infinite dimensional Gaussian spaces
- Crucial for modeling randomness
 - ▶ Finance
 - ▶ Theoretical and applied physics

Great names related to the field:

- Kolmogorov, Wiener, Itô, Levy, Doob

Recent Fields medallists:

- Werner, Villani, Hairer

Brief outline of the course

Chapters covered:

- 1 Probability preliminaries.
- 2 Brownian motion.
- 3 Itô's formula.
- 4 Stochastic differential equations.
- 5 Analysis on the Wiener space.

Bibliography:

- 1 R. Durrett: Stochastic calculus. A practical introduction.
- 2 I. Karatzas, S. Shreve: Brownian motion and stochastic calculus.
- 3 D. Revuz, M. Yor: Continuous martingales and Brownian motion.

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Course webpage:

<https://www.math.purdue.edu/~stindel/teaching/stoch-calc/stoch-calc.html>

Evaluation

Homework:

- Hand-graded, every two weeks, due on Tuesday

Projects:

- Read some book chapters or articles
- Report and presentation in class

Grades

Total score calculation:

- Homework 200 pts.
- Projects 400 pts.

Attendance and withdrawal

Attendance:

- Class attendance is expected.
- Reading textbooks ahead of time is strongly recommended.

Other topics

Accommodations for students with disabilities:

- Be certified by the Disability Resource Center (DRC) as eligible for academic adjustments on exams or quizzes.
- Contact me.

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