

Mathematics Department
Brooklyn College, City University of New York
Math 4501 (Probability and Statistics II)
4 hours, 4 credits

Suggested Textbooks:

- An Introduction to Mathematical Statistics and Its Applications, by Richard Larsen and Morris Marx
- Probability and Statistical Inference, by Robert Hogg, Elliot Tanis and Dale Zimmerman

1. Probability preliminaries

- Overview of multivariate distributions
- Multinomial distribution
- Bivariate Normal distribution
- Order Statistics

2. Point estimators

- Method of moments
- Maximum likelihood estimators
- Unbiased estimators
- Consistent estimators
- Sufficient statistics
- Efficient and asymptotically efficient estimators
- The Cramér-Rao inequality

3. Confidence intervals

- Confidence intervals for means
- Confidence intervals for proportions
- Confidence intervals for differences of means
- Confidence intervals for differences of proportions
- Confidence intervals for standard deviations
- Confidence intervals for ratios of standard deviations

4. Theory of Statistical Tests

- Notion of statistical test and its critical region
- Neyman-Pearson theorem for the best critical region of a given size
- Uniformly most powerful tests
- Likelihood ratio tests
- One sample inference (mean, proportion and standard deviation)
- Two samples inference (equality of means, proportions and standard deviations)
- Chi-square tests (goodness of fit and independence)

5. Regression

- The method of least squares
- The linear model
- Estimating the linear model parameters
- Drawing inferences about the linear model
- Inference for covariance and correlation