Introduction & Syllabus

ECE 341 Random Processes

Please visit Bison Academy for corresponding
lecture notes, homework sets, and solutions

What is a Random Process?

- A repeatable event
- The outcome changes each time

Not a Random Process	Random Process
Can I write a program to play poker? • Either yes or no Did it rain last April? • past event: yes or no Will the Vikings beat the Packers? • not a repeatable event	How long will it take me to write a program similar to playing poker? • varies: 10 to 1000 minutes How much will it rain in April? • varies each year

Why is this a required course?

The biggest reason is data analaysis

- Anytime you design a circuit or write a program, you want to test it.
- Each time you test your circuit, you'll get different results
- Random Processes gives you tools to analyze such data

Before we get to data analysis, some background on statistics is needed

- First part of the couse

Course Content: Combinatorics

- First section
- How can you calculate the odds of an event?

Monte-Carlo Simulations

- Write a program to play a game one time
- The play the game one million times

Enumeration

- List out all possible outcomes
- Count how many times the event happens

Combinatorics

- Calculate the total number of possible outcomes
- Calculate the total number of ways an event can happen
  - example: draw a full-house in poker

Content: Discrete Probability

- Second section

Types of discrete distributions

- Bernoulli Trial
  - Coin toss
- Binomial Distribution
  - N coin tosses
- Uniform Distribution
  - Rolling a die
- Geometric Distribution
  - Roll a die until you get a one
- Pascal Distribution
  - Roll a die until you get N ones

Mathematics for analyzing discrete probabilities

- z-transform

Content: Continuous Distributions

- Third topic

Types of continuous distributions

- Uniform
  - Resistor is 1k +/- 5%
- Exponential
  - Time until a customer arrives
- Gamma
  - Time until r customers arrive
- Weibull
  - Ad-hoc distribution that fits many distributions
- Normal
  - Bell-shaped curve

Mathematics for analyzing continuous distributions

- z-transform

Content: Data Analysis

- Last topic

Student t-Test

- Test of a mean
- What range will the data take with p=0.9?

t-Test with Two Populations

- Which population has the higher mean?

Chi-Squared Test

- Is a die fair or loaded?
- Does X have a uniform distribution?

ANOVA

- Do N populations have the same mean?
- Can you lump N populations together?

Course Information

Instructor:	Jake Glower
Lecture:	Tuesdays
	also live streamed on Zoom
	also available on YouTube
Recitation:	Thursdays
Office:	ECE 101
Office Hours	t.b.d.

Bulletin Description:

Discrete and continuous probability functions. Hypothesis testing. Prereq: Math 166 Calculus II.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the semester, students should:

- Be able to compute probabilities using enumeration and combinatorics
- Be able to compute probabilities for discrete probability events
- Be able to compute probabilities for continuous probability events, and
- Be able to analyze data using various statistical techniques.

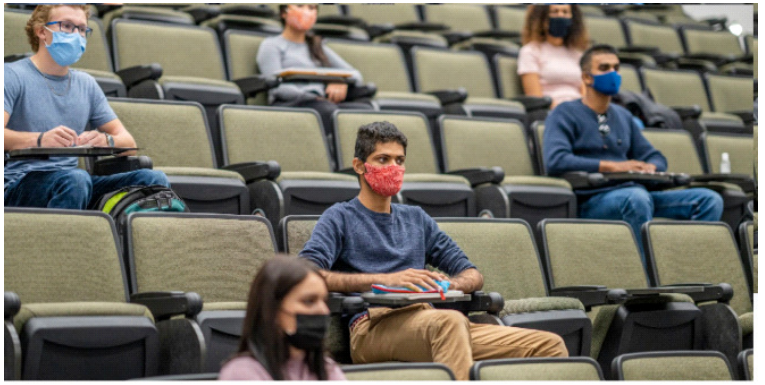
Hy-Flex Model for ECE 341

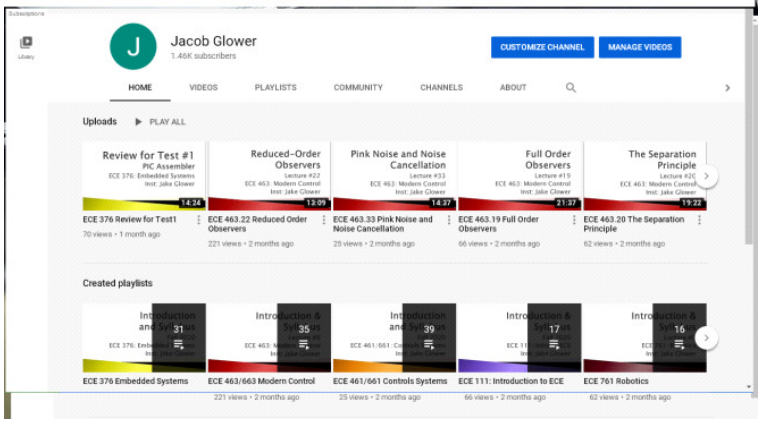
Students are welcome to take this course however they like:

- In-Person: Students are welcome to addend class at the designated class time and location.
- Live-Stream: Students are also welcome to live-steam the class. A link with how to connect will be sent out at the start of the semester on BlackBoard and to your NDSU email address.
- On-Line: Students are also welcome to take the class on-line and fit lectures into their own schedule.

It doesn't matter which section you signed up for

- You can attend however you like
- There's plenty of room



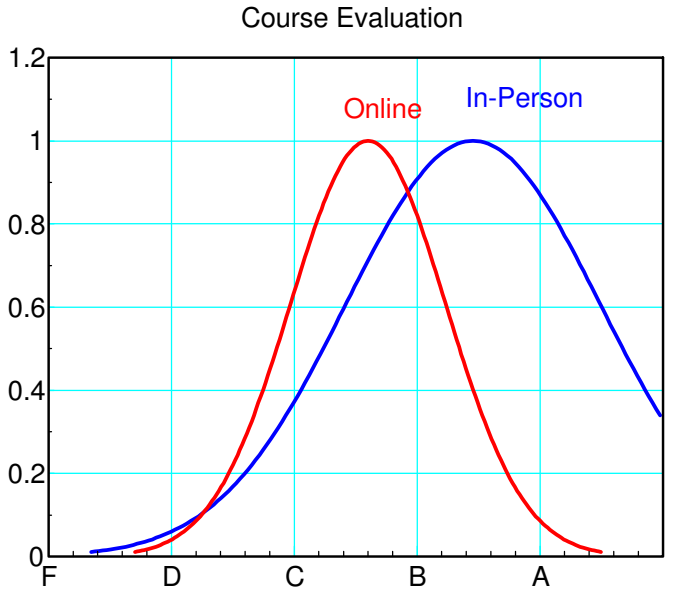


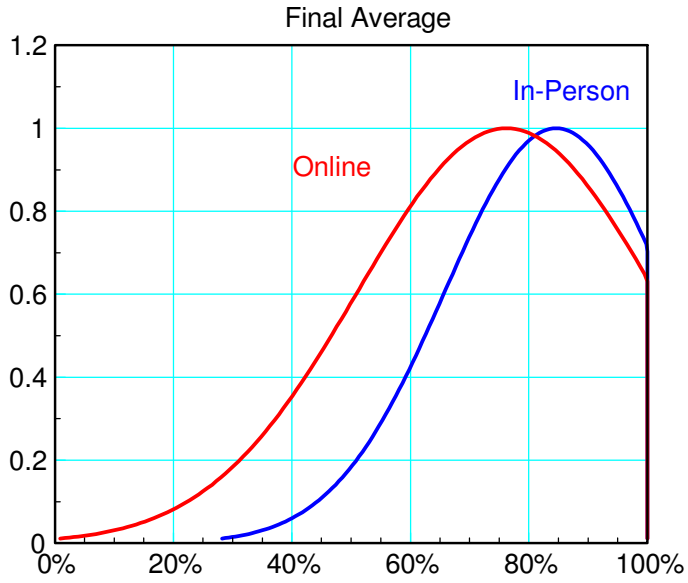
However....

In-Person is better than online

- Coure evaluations were a letter grade higher for people who took the course in-person vs. live-stream or online.
- Student's overall average was 7% higher for students who signed up for the in-person version of the class than the online version.

Given a choice, I'd take the class in-person





Required Student Resources:

Matlab (free!)

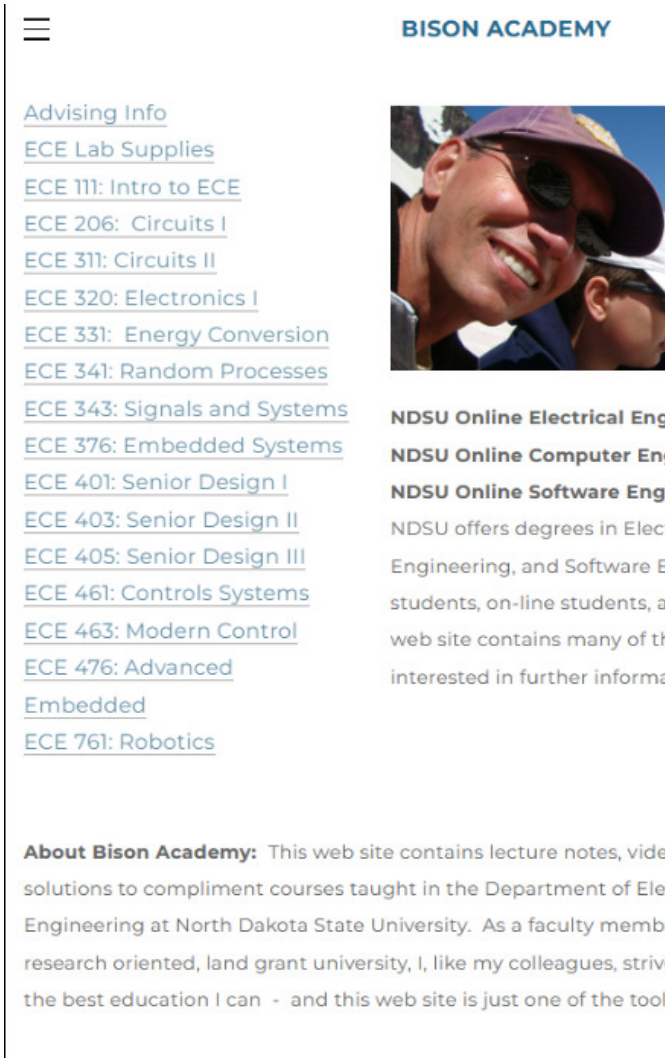
- Available on all computers in Engineering
- Also available for personal use
- Download instruction under ECE 341

Internet Access

- Syllabus is on Bison Academy
- Lectures & Recorded lectures posted on Bison Academy
- Homework sets posted on Bison Academy

Text Book

- www.BisonAcademy.com (free!)
  - Click on ECE 341 Random Processes
- All lectures posted and available
  - pdf file and YouTube video
  - Availble to all students
- Also includes other classes
  - If you want to reference prior material



Other References

- Probability and Stochastic Processes, Yates ($6 used)
- Probability and Statistics, DeGroot, ($6 used)
- Principles of Statistics, Bulmer ($6 used)
- A First Course on Stochastic Processes, Karlin and Taylor ($11 used)
- Introduction to Statistics: (Univ British Columbia)

Homework & Solutions

Posted on Bison Academy

- Due the following class period
- Hardcopy, submit on Blackboard, or email me
- email: Include ECE 341 in the subject line

Homework sets are due by 8am the following day

- That gives me from 8am-noon to grade
- We'll go over the homework the next day
- Solutions will also be posted for online students
  - pdf file & YouTube video

Previous homework sets & solutions are posted on Bison Academy

- Good resource if you get stuck

ECE 341: Random Processes

Old Homework Sets

Summer 2024	Summer 2023
1: Enumeration Solution #1 (pdf) Solution #1 (YouTube)	1: Enumeration Solution #1 (pdf) Solution #1 (YouTube)
2: Card Games Solution #2 (pdf) Solution #2 (YouTube)	2: Card Games Solution #2 (pdf) Solution #2 (YouTube)
3: Dice Games Solution #3 (pdf) Solution #3 (YouTube)	3: Dice Games Solution #3 (pdf) Solution #3 (YouTube)
4: Binomial & Uniform Solution #4 (pdf) Solution #4 (YouTube)	4: Binomial & Uniform Solution #4 (pdf) Solution #4 (YouTube)
5: Geometric & Pascal Solution #5 (pdf) Solution #5 (YouTube)	5: Geometric & Pascal Solution #5 (pdf) Solution #5 (YouTube)
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6: Continuous pdf Solution #6 (pdf) Solution #6 (YouTube)	6: Continuous pdf Solution #6 (pdf) Solution #6 (YouTube)
7: Uniform & Exponential Solution #7 (pdf) Solution #7 (YouTube)	7: Uniform & Exponential Solution #7 (pdf) Solution #7 (YouTube)
8: Gamma & Normal	8: Gamma & Normal

Submitting Homework Sets

Homework can be submitted as

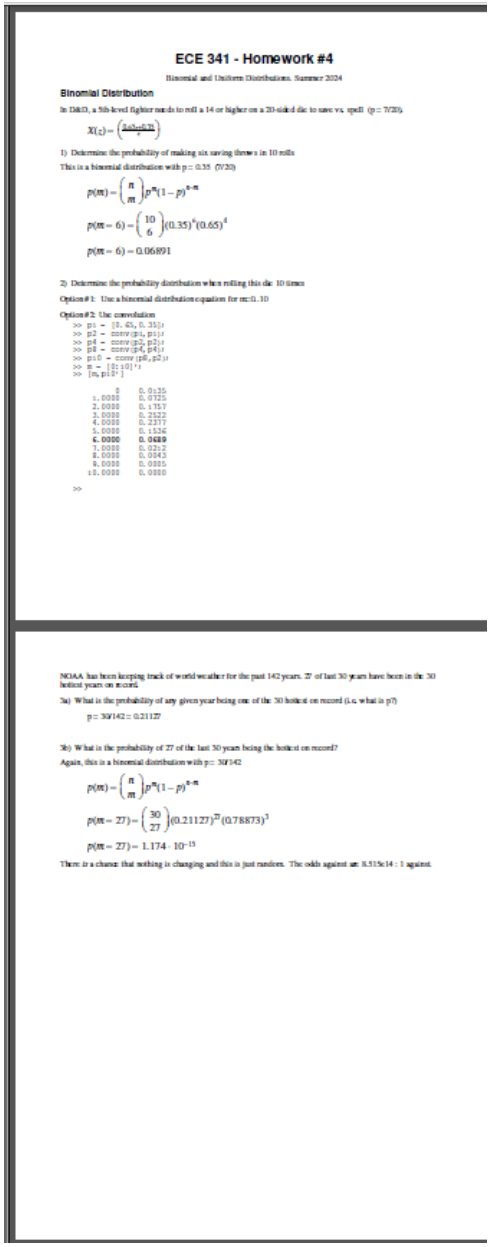
- Hard copy (in-person),
- Uploaded to BlackBoard, or
- Email to the instructor

For electronic submission, MS Word works well

- Copy and paste Matlab code in to MS Word
- Use snipping tool to copy and paste images into Word
- Document that you're using Matlab and got the correct answer

jpg and pdf files are also OK

- As long as I can open and read your file, I'm OK



ECE 341 - Homework #4

Binomial and Uniform Distributions, Summer 2024

Binomial Distribution

In D&D, a 5th-level fighter needs to roll a 14 or higher on a 20-sided die to save vs. spell ($p = 7/20$).

$$X(z) = \left(\frac{1+z^{20}}{2}\right)$$

1) Determine the probability of making six saving throws in 10 rolls

This is a binomial distribution with $p = 0.35$ (7/20)

$$p(m) = \binom{n}{m} p^m (1-p)^{n-m}$$

$$p(m=6) = \binom{10}{6} (0.35)^6 (0.65)^4$$

$$p(m=6) = 0.06891$$

2) Determine the probability distribution when rolling this die 10 times

Option # 1: Use a binomial distribution equation for m=0..10

Option # 2: Use convolution

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>> p1 = [0.65, 0.35];
>> p2 = conv(p1, p1);
>> p4 = conv(p2, p2);
>> p8 = conv(p4, p4);
>> p10 = conv(p8, p2);
>> n = [0:10]';
>> [n, p10']

         0    0.0135
    1.0000    0.0725
    2.0000    0.1757
    3.0000    0.2522
    4.0000    0.2377
    5.0000    0.1536
    6.0000    0.0689
    7.0000    0.0212
    8.0000    0.0043
    9.0000    0.0005
   10.0000    0.0000

>>
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NOAA has been keeping track of world weather for the past 142 years. 27 of last 30 years have been in the 30 hottest years on record.

3a) What is the probability of any given year being one of the 30 hottest on record (i.e, what is p?)

$p = 30/142 = 0.21127$

3b) What is the probability of 27 of the last 30 years being the hottest on record?

Again, this is a binomial distribution with $p = 30/142$

$$p(m) = \binom{n}{m} p^m (1-p)^{n-m}$$

$$p(m=27) = \binom{30}{27} (0.21127)^{27} (0.78873)^3$$

$$p(m=27) = 1.174 \cdot 10^{-15}$$

There *is* a chance that nothing is changing and this is just random. The odds against are 8.515e14 : 1 against.

Evaluation Procedures and Grading Criteria

Grades will be the average of the following:

Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Homework
25%	25%	25%	25%

Grades are rounded to the nearest 1%, with your final grade being

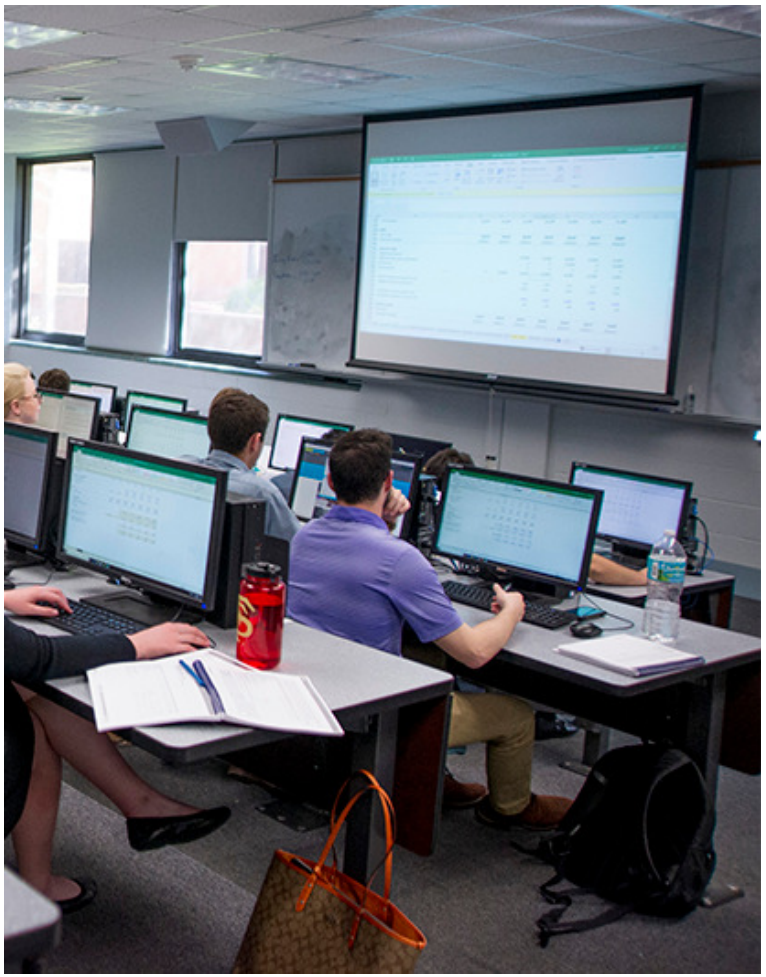
A	B	C	D	F
90% or more	80% - 89%	70% - 79%	60% - 60%	59% or less

Lectures

- Monday - Friday
- Noon - 2:15pm
- Also live streamed on Zoom
- Also recorded and posted on YouTube

Note:

- You're welcome to attend however you like
- You're welcome to change how you attend each day
- Makes no difference to me - as long as you can do the homework problems and pass the tests



Office Hours

- 7-8pm on Zoom
- You can also email me if you have questions

Legal Stuff:

- Attendance: According to NDSU Policy 333 (www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policy/333.pdf), attendance in classes is expected. Students are responsible for the material covered in class and in assignments regardless of their attendance. Note that all lecture notes, homework sets, and solutions are available on-line at www.BisonAcademy.com
- Students with Special Needs: Any students with disabilities or other special needs, who need special accommodations in this course, are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor and contact the Disability Services Office (www.ndsu.edu/disabilityservices) as soon as possible.
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- Veterans and Student Soldiers: Veterans and student soldiers with special circumstances or who are activated are encouraged to notify the instructor in advance.