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**Head of the Phystech School of
Applied Mathematics and
Informatics**

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Work program of the course (training module)

course:	Probability Theory in Practical Problems/Теория вероятностей в практических задачах
major:	Applied Mathematics and Informatics
specialization:	Advanced Methods of Modern Combinatorics/Продвинутые методы современной комбинаторики Phystech School of Applied Mathematics and Informatics Chair of Discrete Mathematics
term:	1
qualification:	Master

Semester, form of interim assessment: 2 (spring) - Grading test

Academic hours: 45 AH in total, including:

lectures: 15 AH.

seminars: 30 AH.

laboratory practical: 0 AH.

Independent work: 45 AH.

In total: 90 AH, credits in total: 2

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Annotation

The aim of this course is to provide MSc students with the necessary knowledge in probability theory, so that they are able to successfully complete their course in Random Graphs. In this course, we will cover the most important topics of modern probability theory and we will solve classical problem of this field. This course covers the most important topics of modern probability theories and solutions to classical problems in this area.

In the course, students become familiar with modern methods of probability theory. In addition, students master basic definitions (concepts, concepts, methods and models) of probability theories. With the help of practical examples, they will take a new look at such probabilistic terms as probability space, random elements, independence of criteria and others.

1. Study objective

Purpose of the course

- mastering the basic modern methods of probability theory.

Tasks of the course

- Students mastering basic knowledge (concepts, concepts, methods and models) in probability theory;
- acquisition of theoretical knowledge and practical skills in probability theory;
- providing advice and assistance to students in conducting their own theoretical research in probability theory.

2. List of the planned results of the course (training module), correlated with the planned results of the mastering the educational program

Mastering the discipline is aimed at the formation of the following competencies:

Code and the name of the competence	Competency indicators
Gen.Pro.C-1 Address current challenges in fundamental and applied mathematics	Gen.Pro.C-1.1 Apply fundamental scientific knowledge, new scientific principles, and research methods in applied mathematics and computer science
	Gen.Pro.C-1.2 Consolidate and critically assess professional experience and research findings
Gen.Pro.C-2 Improve upon and implement new mathematical methods in applied problem solving	Gen.Pro.C-2.1 Assess the current state of mathematical research within professional settings
Pro.C-3 Participate in scholarly discussions, make speeches and presentations (oral, written, and online) on scientific topics, present research materials, proofread, edit, reference scientific works	Pro.C-3.3 Participate in student science conferences, hold discussions on IT topics in various formats (face-to-face, online, by correspondence)

3. List of the planned results of the course (training module)

As a result of studying the course the student should:

know:

- Fundamental concepts, laws of probability theory;
- modern problems of the corresponding sections of probability theory;
- concepts, axioms, methods of proof and proof of the main theorems in the sections included in the basic part of the cycle;
- basic properties of the corresponding mathematical objects;
- analytical and numerical approaches and methods for solving typical applied problems of probability theory.

be able to:

- Understand the task;
- use your knowledge to solve fundamental and applied problems;
- evaluate the correctness of the problem statements;
- strictly prove or disprove the statement;
- independently find algorithms for solving problems, including non-standard ones, and conduct their analysis;
- independently see the consequences of the results;
- accurately represent mathematical knowledge in probability theory in oral and written form.

master:

- Skills of mastering a large amount of information and solving problems (including complex ones);
- skills of independent work and mastering new disciplines;
- the culture of the formulation, analysis and solution of mathematical and applied problems that require the use of mathematical approaches and methods for their solution;
- the subject language of probability theory and the skills of competent description of problem solving and presentation of the results.

4. Content of the course (training module), structured by topics (sections), indicating the number of allocated academic hours and types of training sessions

4.1. The sections of the course (training module) and the complexity of the types of training sessions

№	Topic (section) of the course	Types of training sessions, including independent work			
		Lectures	Seminars	Laboratory practical	Independent work
1	Probability space.	2	5		7
2	Distributions in R_n .	2	5		6
3	Random elements.	2	5		8
4	Criteria of Independence.	2	5		8
5	Expected value of a random variable	2	5		8
6	Conditional distribution.	5	5		8
AH in total		15	30		45
Exam preparation		0 AH.			
Total complexity		90 AH., credits in total 2			

4.2. Content of the course (training module), structured by topics (sections)

Semester: 2 (Spring)

1. Probability space.

Properties of probability measure. Probability distribution. CDF and properties. Examples (discrete). Absolutely continuous distributions. PDF. Examples. Uniform, exponential, normal.

2. Distributions in R_n .

CDF and Properties. Independence and marginal distributions. PDF in R_n and Properties.

3. Random elements.

Random vector as a vector of random variables. Independence of random vectors.

4. Criteria of Independence.

Fubini's theorem. Convolution formula.

5. Expected value of a random variable

Properties. Examples. Change variable theorem. Variance and examples. Jensen inequality. Conditional expectation. Properties.

6. Conditional distribution.

Convergence of random variables. Connection between different types of convergence. Examples where they doesn't hold. Criteria of convergence. Borel-Cantelli lemma. Law of the iterated logarithm. SLLN 1. SLLN 2. Characteristic functions. CLT. Gaussian vectors.

5. Description of the material and technical facilities that are necessary for the implementation of the educational process of the course (training module)

A standard classroom.

6. List of the main and additional literature, that is necessary for the course (training module) mastering

Main literature

1. Комбинаторика и теория вероятностей [Текст] / А. М. Райгородский - М. МФТИ, 2012
Вероятность [Текст]. В 2 т. Т. 1. Элементарная теория вероятностей. Математические основания. Предельные теоремы : учебник для вузов / А. Н. Ширяев .— 4-е изд., перераб. и доп. — М. : Изд-во МЦНМО, 2007, 2011 .— 552 с. - Библиогр.: с. 527-533. - Предм. указ.: с. 534-547. - ISBN 978-5-94057-752-2 (в пер.) .— Полный текст (Доступ из сети МФТИ / Удаленный доступ).

Additional literature

1. Вероятностные процессы [Текст]. Вып. 2/К. Ито , -М., Изд-во иностранной лит., 1963

7. List of web resources that are necessary for the course (training module) mastering

<http://dm.fizteh.ru/>

8. List of information technologies used for implementation of the educational process, including a list of software and information reference systems (if necessary)

Multimedia technologies can be employed during lectures and practical lessons, including presentations.

9. Guidelines for students to master the course

1. It is recommended to successfully pass the test papers, as this simplifies the final certification in the subject.
2. To prepare for the final certification in the subject, it is best to use the lecture materials.

Assessment funds for course (training module)

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3. List of typical control tasks used to evaluate knowledge and skills

Examples of home tasks

1. A point x is chosen randomly from a rectangle with sides of length 1 and 2. Find the probability that the closest side to x has length 1.
2. $2I(x+y \leq 1, x > 0, y > 0)$ is a density of a random vector (ξ, η) . Let $p_\xi, p_\eta, p_{\xi+\eta}$ be densities (continuous on $(0,1)$) of $\xi, \eta, \xi + \eta$ respectively. Find $p_\xi(1/2)p_\eta(1/2)p_{\xi+\eta}(1/2)$.
3. Let $\xi \sim \text{Bern}(p)$ and F be its distribution function. What distribution does $F(\xi)$ have?
4. Let $S_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ be a symmetric random walk on \mathbb{Z} . Let X be the number of $k \in \{1, \dots, 10\}$ such that $S_k = 0$. Find $\text{Var} X$.
5. Let $(\xi_n - \xi)^2 \xrightarrow{P} 0$. Is it true that a) $\xi_n \xrightarrow{P} \xi$? b) $\xi_n^2 \xrightarrow{P} \xi^2$? c) $\xi_n^3 \xrightarrow{P} \xi^3$?

4. Evaluation criteria

1. The probability space. Axioms of Kolmogorov. The continuity theorem at the “zero” of a probability measure.
2. Discrete probability spaces. The classic definition of probability. Examples.
3. Geometric probabilities. Examples.
4. Conditional probabilities. The formula for total probability. Bayes Formulas Examples.
5. The theorem on monotone classes.
6. Independence of events and systems of events. Bernstein example. A lemma on a sufficient condition for the independence of sigma-algebras.
7. The Caratheodory theorem on the continuation of a probability measure (proof of uniqueness).
8. Random variables in discrete probability spaces. Independence of random variables. The mathematical expectation of a random variable, its basic properties. Dispersion, covariance and their properties.
9. Random elements, random variables and vectors. A sufficient condition for the measurability of the mapping, the corollary for random variables and vectors. Actions on random variables.
10. Independence of an arbitrary set of random variables. Independence criterion, a theorem on the independence of Borel functions from disjoint sets of independent random variables.
11. Mathematical expectation of a random variable (Lebesgue integral in a probabilistic measure): definition for simple, non-negative and arbitrary random variables. Validation of definitions.
12. The main properties of mathematical expectation. The mathematical expectation theorem for the product of independent random variables.
13. Dispersion, covariance and their properties. The Cauchy-Bunyakovsky inequality. Dispersion of the sum of independent random variables. The covariance matrix of a random vector, its non-negative definiteness.
14. Markov inequality, Chebyshev inequality. The law of large numbers in the form of Chebyshev. Jensen's inequality.
15. Types of convergence of random variables, their relationship. Cauchy criterion for convergence with probability 1.
16. The inequality of Kolmogorov. A convergence theorem for an almost certainly series of random variables.
17. The strengthened law of large numbers for independent random variables with limited variances.
18. The passage to the limit under the sign of the Lebesgue integral. Monotone convergence theorem, Fatou lemma, Lebesgue theorem on majorized convergence.
19. Borel Cantelli Lemma. The strengthened law of large numbers for independent identically distributed random variables with limited mathematical expectation.
20. The formula for recalculation of mathematical expectations. Variable replacement theorem in Lebesgue integral.
21. Direct product of probability spaces. Fubini's theorem (b / d). Joint distribution of a finite set of random variables. Convolution of distributions.
22. Weak convergence and convergence of mostly probabilistic measures. Alexandrov's theorem (b / d). A theorem on the equivalence of convergence in the distribution of random variables and the convergence of distribution functions at all continuity points of the limit function.
23. Bernoulli test design and polynomial design. Limit theorems for the Bernoulli scheme: Poisson's theorem and Muavre-Laplace theorem (b / d).
24. Characteristic functions of probability measures. distribution functions, random variables and vectors. Examples. The main properties of the characteristic functions of random variables.
25. The uniqueness theorem for characteristic probability functions. The independence of the components of a random vector in terms of characteristic functions.
26. The continuity theorem for characteristic functions (b / d). Central limit theorem for independent identically distributed random variables.
27. Berry Esseen's theorem on the rate of convergence in the central limit theorem (b / d). Estimates for the constant in Berry Esseen's theorem.

Assessment “excellent (10)” is given to a student who has displayed comprehensive, systematic and deep knowledge of the educational program material, has independently performed all the tasks stipulated by the program, has deeply studied the basic and additional literature recommended by the program, has been actively working in the classroom, and understands the basic scientific concepts on studied discipline, who showed creativity and scientific approach in understanding and presenting educational program material, whose answer is characterized by using rich and adequate terms, and by the consistent and logical presentation of the material;

Assessment “excellent (9)” is given to a student who has displayed comprehensive, systematic knowledge of the educational program material, has independently performed all the tasks provided by the program, has deeply mastered the basic literature and is familiar with the additional literature recommended by the program, has been actively working in the classroom, has shown the systematic nature of knowledge on discipline sufficient for further study, as well as the ability to amplify it on one’s own, whose answer is distinguished by the accuracy of the terms used, and the presentation of the material in it is consistent and logical;

Assessment “excellent (8)” is given to a student who has displayed complete knowledge of the educational program material, does not allow significant inaccuracies in his answer, has independently performed all the tasks stipulated by the program, studied the basic literature recommended by the program, worked actively in the classroom, showed systematic character of his knowledge of the discipline, which is sufficient for further study, as well as the ability to amplify it on his own;

Assessment “good (7)” is given to a student who has displayed a sufficiently complete knowledge of the educational program material, does not allow significant inaccuracies in the answer, has independently performed all the tasks provided by the program, studied the basic literature recommended by the program, worked actively in the classroom, showed systematic character of his knowledge of the discipline, which is sufficient for further study, as well as the ability to amplify it on his own;

Assessment “good (6)” is given to a student who has displayed a sufficiently complete knowledge of the educational program material, does not allow significant inaccuracies in his answer, has independently carried out the main tasks stipulated by the program, studied the basic literature recommended by the program, showed systematic character of his knowledge of the discipline, which is sufficient for further study;

Assessment “good (5)” is given to a student who has displayed knowledge of the basic educational program material in the amount necessary for further study and future work in the profession, who while not being sufficiently active in the classroom, has nevertheless independently carried out the main tasks stipulated by the program, mastered the basic literature recommended by the program, made some errors in their implementation and in his answer during the test, but has the necessary knowledge for correcting these errors by himself;

Assessment “satisfactory (4)” is given to a student who has discovered knowledge of the basic educational program material in the amount necessary for further study and future work in the profession, who while not being sufficiently active in the classroom, has nevertheless independently carried out the main tasks stipulated by the program, learned the main literature but allowed some errors in their implementation and in his answer during the test, but has the necessary knowledge for correcting these errors under the guidance of a teacher;

Assessment “satisfactory (3)” is given to a student who has displayed knowledge of the basic educational program material in the amount necessary for further study and future work in the profession, not showed activity in the classroom, independently fulfilled the main tasks envisaged by the program, but allowed errors in their implementation and in the answer during the test, but possessing necessary knowledge for elimination under the guidance of the teacher of the most essential errors;

Assessment “unsatisfactory (2)” is given to a student who showed gaps in knowledge or lack of knowledge on a significant part of the basic educational program material, who has not performed independently the main tasks demanded by the program, made fundamental errors in the fulfillment of the tasks stipulated by the program, who is not able to continue his studies or start professional activities without additional training in the discipline in question;

Assessment “unsatisfactory (1)” is given to a student when there is no answer (refusal to answer), or when the submitted answer does not correspond at all to the essence of the questions contained in the task.

5. Methodological materials defining the procedures for the assessment of knowledge, skills, abilities and/or experience

When conducting a differential test, the student is given at least 60 minutes to prepare. A student's survey on the differential test should not exceed two astronomical hours.

During the differential test, students can use the discipline program.