



# PROBABILITY METHODS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

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**TYPE OF COURSE** : Rerun | Core | UG/PG

**COURSE DURATION** : 12 Weeks (24 Jan' 22 - 15 Apr' 22)

**EXAM DATE** : 24 Apr 2022

**PRE-REQUISITES** : Basic Knowledge of Probability and Statistics

**INTENDED AUDIENCE** : Core Course and students of BE/ME/MS/MSc/PhD.

**COURSE OUTLINE :**

Concept of probability and statistics is very important to solve various civil engineering problems. In this course, basic probability concept and different probabilistic models will be discussed. Concept and definition of random variables and different functions of random variables will be covered in the initial part of the course. Afterwards, focus is given to commonly used probability distribution functions in civil engineering. Discussions on statistics and sampling are presented towards the last part of the course. In this part, goodness of fit tests, regression and correlation analyses, estimation of distribution parameters from statistics, hypothesis testing and their significance will be discussed. Each topic is discussed with reference to different application problems and their solutions in different fields of civil engineering, such as Structural Engineering, Transportation Engineering, Water Resources and Environmental Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering etc.

**ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :**

Prof. Rajib Maity is Associate Professor of Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India. His research area includes hydroclimatology, stochastic hydrology, climate impacts on water resources, hydrologic time series analyses and forecasting etc. He has published one book on 'Hydroclimatic Teleconnection: Indian Perspective' and about 60 research articles in different peer reviewed journals and conferences and chapters in books. His research work has been funded by various agencies such as DST, ISRO, MoES, MHRD, AISRF and IBM. Some of his professional recognitions includes Prof. R. J. Garde Research Award, ASCE 2011 Outstanding Reviewer (USA), Emerging Leaders Fellowship (Australia), BOYSCAST Fellowship, IEI Young Engineers Award, DAAD fellowship for IIT faculty (Germany), International ICE WaRM Fellowship (Australia), Prof. N. S. Govinda Rao Memorial Gold Medal, IISc. He is an associate editor of Journal of Earth System Sciences (by Springer), and ISH Journal of Hydraulic Engineering (by Taylor and Francis). For more information please visit <http://www.facweb.iitkgp.ernet.in/~rajibmaity/>.

**COURSE PLAN :**

**Week 1:** Random events, Probability, Set Theory, Assignment

**Week 2:** Axioms of Probability, Assignment

**Week 3:** Random Variables, Probability Distribution Functions

**Week 4:** Cumulative Distribution Functions, Descriptors of random variables, Assignment

**Week 5:** Probability Distribution of discrete and continuous random variables, Assignment

**Week 6:** Probability Distribution of continuous random variables, Assignment

**Week 7:** Functions of Random Variables, Assignment

**Week 8:** Common Probability Models, Normal, Log Normal and exponential distributions

**Week 9:** Gamma and Extreme value distributions, Assignment

**Week 10:** Sampling distribution, Parameter Estimation, Assignment

**Week 11:** Hypothesis testing, Goodness-of-fit tests, Assignment

**Week 12:** Regression Analysis, Assignment