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Subject name and code	Probabilistic Methods for Informatics, PG_00047664						
Field of study	Informatics						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	first-cycle studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	Full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		4.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		assessment		
Conducting unit	Department Of Computer Communications -> Faculty Of Electronics Telecommunications And Informatics -> Wydziały Politechniki Gdańskiej						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. inż. Jerzy Konorski				
	Teachers		dr hab. inż. Jerzy Konorski				
Lesson types and methods of instruction	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	60
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	60		5.0		35.0	100
Subject objectives	Building the knowledge and skills necessary for application of probability and mathematical statistics to selected problems arising in informatics.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[K6_W01] knows and understands, to an advanced extent, mathematics necessary to formulate and solve simple issues related to the field of study		Student understands probabilities of random events and distributions of random variables, understands the importance of randomness in the models of contemporary IT systems, as well as suitable analytical methods		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		
	[K6_U01] can apply mathematical knowledge to formulate and solve complex and non-typical problems related to the field of study and perform tasks, in an innovative way, in not entirely predictable conditions, by:n- appropriate selection of sources and information obtained from them, assessment, critical analysis and synthesis of this information,n- selection and application of appropriate methods and toolsn		Student can apply probabilistic methods to moderately complex problems of modeling and analysis of IT systems		[SU4] Assessment of ability to use methods and tools		
	[K6_U09] can carry out a critical analysis of the functioning of existing technical solutions and assess these solutions, as well as apply experience related to the maintenance of technical systems, devices and facilities typical for the field of studies, gained in the professional engineering environment		Student can evaluate the impact of selected parameters of stochastic systems on their expected functionality.		[SU4] Assessment of ability to use methods and tools		

Subject contents	<div>1. Introduction, probabilistic paradoxes; probabilistic methods as an instrument of cognitive processes; review of basic notions and results of probability theory</div> <div>2. Probabilistic modeling of content replication in networked structures, coding systems, multiple access, Bloom filters, data fusion, distributed algorithms: applications of event calculus, conditional and total probability, maximum likelihood, Bayes' rule.</div> <div>3. Probabilistic modeling of social networks, concurrent processes, sorting mechanisms, system lifetimes, defense mechanisms against network attacks: applications of random variables, popular probability distributions, moments and quantiles.</div> <div>4. Probabilistic analysis of complex decision mechanisms in IT systems: termination policy, software testing, risk analysis, reputation systems.</div> <div>5. Applications of transformed random variables: pseudorandom number generation with arbitrary probability distributions, elements of data analysis.</div> <div>6. Practice of sums of iid random variables, convolution of distributions, application of characteristic and generating functions, random sums: access arbitration in multicore architectures, load balancing, population dynamics analysis applied to stack queueing.</div> <div>7. Weak law of large numbers and central limit theorem, application to prediction of web server workload, anomaly detection, fitting probability distribution to empirical data.</div> <div>8. Analysis of distribution tails, elements of large deviations theory: assessment of noisy signal deviation, reliability of networked elements, risk of violation of real-time constraints.</div> <div>9. Application of Markov chains to modeling of text sources, error bursts, queue state evolution, PageRank workings, speech recognition.</div> <div>10. Random vectors, correlation and regression models: applications to variance reduction in Monte Carlo simulation, lossy image compression, optimal linear prediction.</div> <div>11. Elements of statistical data analysis and validation of experimental data, estimators, construction of confidence and tolerance intervals.</div> <div>12. Selected problems of statistical inference, properties and examples of significance tests, evaluation of non-functional requirements in computer systems.</div>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	none		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Lab exercises	50.0%	30.0%
	Final test covering lecture material	50.0%	40.0%
	Midterm colloquia	50.0%	30.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	W. Sobczak, J. Konorski, J. Kozłowska: Probabilistyka stosowana, Wyd. PG 2004 W. Kryszewski i in.: Rachunek prawdopodobieństwa i statystyka matematyczna w zadaniach, PWN Warszawa 1997	
	Supplementary literature	W. Feller: Wstęp do rachunku prawdopodobieństwa, t. I, tłum. pol. PWN Warszawa 1980	
	eResources addresses	Adresy na platformie eNauczanie:	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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