## 556: MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS I

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Textbook : Evaluation :	Statistical Inference (2nd Ed) by G. Casella and R. L. Berger. Bi-Weekly Coursework Assignments (25 %) Mid Term (25 %) Final (50 %)

## TARGET SYLLABUS

- 1 Preliminaries
  - 1.1 Probability
  - 1.2 Random Variables
- 2 Univariate and Multivariate Distributions
- 3 Transformations and Expectations
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  - 3.2 Expectations
- 4 Families of distributions
  - 4.1 Location-Scale Families
  - 4.2 Exponential Families
  - 4.3 Convolution Families and Exponential Dispersion Models
  - 4.4 Hierarchical Models
- 5 Some Inequalities
  - 5.1 Concentration inequalities
    - 5.1.1 Markov's inequality
    - 5.1.2 Chebyshev's inequality
  - 5.1.3 Chernoff bounds
  - 5.2 Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality
  - 5.3 Jensen's Inequality
- 6 Sampling Distributions
  - 6.1 Definitions
  - 6.2 Sampling from Families
    - 6.2.1 Sampling from a Location-Scale Family
    - 6.2.2 Sampling from an Exponential Family
    - 6.2.3 Sampling from a Normal Family
- 7 Convergence concepts
  - 7.1 Convergence in Probability: The Weak Law of Large Numbers
  - 7.2 Convergence Almost Surely: The Strong Law of Large Numbers
  - 7.3 Weak Convergence
  - 7.4 A Central Limit Theorem
- 8 The Delta Method
- 9 Pseudo-Random Generation

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