

MATH 4423 Nonparametric Statistics

Course Outline - Fall 2025

1. Course Home Page

Available on Canvas.

2. Instructor

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4. Meeting Time and Venue

Lectures: MoWe 12:00PM - 01:20PM Rm 1410, Lift 25-26

5. Course Description

Duration: one semester. Credits: 3 units.

Prerequisites: Math2411 or Math3423 or equivalents.

Key topics: The sign test; Wilcoxon signed rank test; Wilcoxon rank-sum test;
Kruskal-Wallis test; rank correlation; order statistics; robust estimates;
Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

6. Assessment Scheme

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Assessing Course ILOs</u>
Homework: 15 %.	1,2
Midterm Exams: 35 %.	1
Final Exam: 50 %.	1,2

7. Student Learning Resources

Lecture Notes:

Lecture notes (All exams and homework problems will be based on the contents covered in lectures.)

Textbooks/ References:

- 1). Chapter 9 of ``Mathematical statistics: basic ideas and selected topics'', 1st edition, by Bickel and Doksum; Publisher: Prentice-Hall.
- 2). ``Applied nonparametric statistics'', 2nd edition, by Wayne W. Daniel; Publisher: Duxbury Classic Series.
- 3). ``Nonparametrics: statistical methods based on ranks'', by E.L. Lehmann; Publisher: Holden-Day series in probability and statistics.

8. Teaching Approach

Lectures: focus on illustrating the concepts of the course content.

Tutorials: focus on examples and problem solving skills.

9. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to understand:

- 1).the nonparametric estimation method
- 2).the rank-based hypothesis test

10. Course Schedule

Week	Content	Remarks
1	Introduction	
2-4	Rank methods for one-sample problem	
4-6	Rank methods for two-sample problem	
7	Rank test for one-way layout	
8-9	Nonparametric methods for linear regression and association	
10	Goodness-of-fit tests. (Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests	
11-12	Order statistics and related statistics	
12-13	Robust estimation and related topics	