

MATH 3011 PROBABILISTIC MODELS AND INFERENCE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 301250

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Description The subject provides students with an understanding of probabilistic models and inference. It covers model-based approaches for complex systems - from constructing these models to applying information to models. The models, which can be created manually and obtained by learning from data, will also be useful to make decisions under uncertainty. A variety of models and techniques will be discussed; examples include Monte Carlo Methods, Decision Theory, Bayesian networks, Markov networks, and the use of information theory.

School Computer, Data & Math Sciences

Discipline Statistics

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) MATH 1033

OR

MATH 1028

AND

COMP 1013

OR

COMP 2023

Assumed Knowledge

Probability, Linear Algebra, Basic Programming.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Manually construct probabilistic models for specific data.
2. Automatically construct probabilistic models by learning from data.
3. Use the models to make decisions under uncertainty.
4. Accurately represent a probabilistic model using a graphical representation.

Subject Content

Network representation and graphical models

Probabilistic models and entropy

Inference in graphical models

Learning graphical models

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Intra-session Exam	2 hours	30	N	Individual	Y
Applied Project	15 pages	40	N	Individual	Y
Quiz	6x40 min	30	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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