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Stochastic processes 312 (WST 312)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Module credits	18.00
Programmes	BCom Econometrics BCom Statistics BSc(Computer Science) Computer Science BSc Actuarial and Financial Mathematics BSc Applied Mathematics BSc Environmental and Engineering Geology BSc Geology BSc Mathematical Statistics BSc Mathematics
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	WST 211, WST 221, WTW 211 GS and WTW 218 GS
Contact time	1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Statistics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Definition of a stochastic process. Stationarity. Covariance stationary. Markov property. Random walk. Brownian motion. Markov chains. Chapman-Kolmogorov equations. Recurrent and transient states. First passage time. Occupation times. Markov jump processes. Poisson process. Birth and death processes. Structures of processes. Structure of the time-homogeneous Markov jump process. Applications in insurance. Practical statistical modelling, analysis and simulation using statistical computer packages and the interpretation of the output.

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