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Teaching Assistant: Yiling Chen.

RESOURCES:
Textbook (optional):
Handouts can be accessed at http://www.stat.ucla.edu/~nchristo/statistics100B/.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:
Statistics 100A or Mathematics 170A.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:
Statistics 100B mainly deals with parameter estimation of various distributions. The problem is stated as follows: Suppose $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ are i.i.d. random variables from a distribution with pdf $f(x; \theta)$, where $\theta$ is unknown. Given this sample we would like to find an estimate of the parameter $\theta$. We will also discuss properties of estimators, confidence intervals, and hypothesis testing. The $t$, $\chi^2$, and $F$ distributions will be discussed at the beginning of the course. They are very important in statistical inference. If time permits we will also discuss simple regression and correlation (this will be an introduction to Statistics 100C).

COURSE TOPICS
1. Exponential families.
2. Moment generating functions for one random variable.
3. Random vectors.
4. Joint moment generating functions for a random vector, multivariate normal distribution.
5. The central limit theorem and the law of large numbers. The distribution of the sample mean and sum of $n$ independent and identically distributed random variables.
6. The $\chi^2$, $t$, and $F$ distributions.
11. Factorization theorem.
12. Minimal sufficiency and MVUE.
13. Lehmann and Scheffé theorem.
15. Confidence intervals.
COURSE POLICIES:
- Be on time and be prepared with your device charged. Make sure all tech works 5-10 minutes before the meeting.
- Mute yourself right away to eliminate background noise.
- Use the chat function only when needed so the instructor can respond to questions promptly.
- All lectures will be delivered live and attendance is highly recommended. The lectures will be recorded and the videos will be posted on CCLE on the same day.

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COURSE GRADES:
There will be two take-home exams (midterm and final) and homework that will be assigned every week. All assignments must be uploaded on CCLE for grading (https://ccle.ucla.edu). Late homework will not be accepted and make-up exams will not be given. Being in class on time and fully participating is important for your understanding of the material and therefore for your success in the course. The tentative dates for the exams are shown below.

The course grade will be based on the calculation:

Final score = 0.30 × Homework + 0.30 × Midterm + 0.40 × Final

COMMUNICATION:
Please keep a current e-mail address with my.ucla.edu in order to receive class announcements and reminders.

IMPORTANT DATES:
First class: 04 August.
Last class: 10 September.
Holidays: Labor Day, Monday, 07 September.

EXAMS:
Midterm exam: Thursday, 20 August, due within 24 hours.
Final exam: Thursday, 10 September, due within 24 hours.

Good Luck !!