

Stochastic Processes

MH 3512

Introduction

This lecture

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Background

- **Since 09.2025:** Tenured Associate Professor at NTU
- **01.2019-08.2024:** Nanyang Assistant Professor at NTU
- **06.2015-12.2018:** Postdoc in Financial and Insurance Mathematics at ETH Zurich
- **02.2012-05.2015:** PhD in Mathematics, ETH Zurich (Columbia U.)
Supervisors: Prof. Marcel Nutz (Columbia University),
Prof. Martin Schweizer (ETH Zurich)
Thesis title: Knightian Uncertainty in Mathematical Finance
- **10.2006-10.2011:** Bachelor and Master in Mathematics at ETH

Research interests:

- Machine Learning Algorithms in Finance and Insurance
- Model Uncertainty in Financial Markets and Operations Research
- Financial and Insurance Mathematics
- Stochastic Analysis & Stochastic Optimal Control
- Stochastic Optimization and Applied Probability Theory

Schedule & Teaching Method & Teaching material

- **Lecture-Videos:** Recorded videos on NTULearn available
- **Lecture notes:** available on NTULearn and on my webpage
www.ntu.edu.sg/home/ariel.neufeld
- We shall have **lectures** followed by **exercises** after each chapter, whose **solutions are available** in the lecture notes
- **Physical Lecture ("Summary of the week's topic") & Tutorial:**
 - **Friday 10:30-12:30 at SPMS-LT1** (recorded)
 - voluntary to attend (but recommended)
 - 45-60 min summary & discussion of this week's topic, followed by
 - 30-45 min of discussion of the homework/exercise, followed by
 - 15-30 min of question times

Remark: If there is an exercise you would like me to explain more in detail, please send me an email and I can explain it to you and/or make a video for everyone available

Knowledge requirement: MH2500 (Introduction course to probability)

Help (repetition of MH2500): Chapter 1 of lecture notes

Recommendation: Solve as many exercises as possible

Learning subjects

- Part I: Gambling Problems (1 week; Week 1)
- Part II: Random Walks (1 week; Week 2)
- Part III: Discrete-time Markov Chains (1 week; Week 3)
- Part IV: First Step Analysis (1 week; Week 4)
- Part V: Classification of States (1 week; Week 5)
- Part VI: Long-Run Behavior of Markov Chains (1 week; Week 6)
- Repetition week (1 week; Week 7)
- Mid term exam (1 week; Week 8)
- Part VII: Discrete-Time Martingales (1 week; Week 9)
- Part VIII: Branching Processes (1 week; Week 10)
- Part IX: Continuous-time Markov Chains (2 weeks; Week 11-12)
- Repetition week (1 week; Week 13)

Semester Dates



ACADEMIC CALENDAR (SEMESTER): AY2026-27

SEMESTER 1

2026

JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							
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LEGEND

- University Orientation Week
- Teaching Week
- Recess Week
- Revision and Examination Week

UNIVERSITY KEY EVENTS

Convocation	21 - 31 Jul 2026
Orientation Activities	20 Jul - 6 Aug 2026 4 - 8 Jan 2027 (For PG Only)
UG Qualifying English Test	31 Jul 2026
University Welcome	4 - 5 Aug 2026
State of the University Address	TBA

Indicative assessment

- 1 Midterm Exam: 25% • 2 hours
• Closed book (= **no notes**)

Date & time: Friday 09. October, 10:30-12:30

Location: **SPMS LT-1 & SPMS LT-5**

Remark: Everyone is required to attend

- 2 Homework: 25% **Date :** **TBA** (after midterm exam)

Remark: Everyone is required to solve it him/herself

- 3 Final exam: 50% • 2 hours
• Closed book (= **no notes**)

Date & time: **TBA** **Location:** **TBA**

Questions

- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me per email or in person during tutorial class on Friday

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