

Probabilistic Modelling and Reasoning

— Exam Info —

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Examinable material

(see course website)

- ▶ the material on the slides
- ▶ the material in the tutorials
- ▶ the reading material listed as “required”

unless marked as not examinable

When and where

Search for *probabilistic modelling and reasoning* in the web timetable accessible from

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/timetabling-examinations/exams/exam-diets>

Info on April 2:

- ▶ Day: Thursday, 2nd May 2019
- ▶ Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ Duration: 2 hours
- ▶ Location: McEwan Hall

Format

Change to previous year:

- ▶ Calculators are not allowed (they won't be needed).
- ▶ All exam questions will be compulsory
- ▶ No cheat sheet (many students were not used to the concept of having a cheat sheet and were confused by it). No need to learn complicated formula by heart (in last year's exam, for example, we provided the formula for the cost function optimised in score matching)
- ▶ Consider writing your own summary of the PMR material even if you can't take it with you into the exam. Extremely useful to help you condense and understand the material.

Past exams

- ▶ Past exam copies are available at <https://exampapers.ed.ac.uk/>
- ▶ Search for *probabilistic modelling and reasoning*
- ▶ Collection goes back to 2004/2005
- ▶ I have only been teaching PMR this year and previous year. Lecture slides and tutorials were mostly newly developed. There are thus differences to the course from previous years.
- ▶ Questions on topics not covered in this year's PMR are not relevant. Question on topics that are covered in this year's PMR may help you to prepare for the exam.
- ▶ Notation may be different in past exams.
- ▶ Direct link to last year's exam:
https://exampapers.ed.ac.uk/record/101504/1/2018753_INFR11134.pdf

How to answer exam questions

- ▶ Read the questions carefully.
- ▶ If in doubt, better give more detailed answers.
- ▶ Don't provide several conflicting answers and expect the marker to choose the correct one.
- ▶ For math formulae, make sure that all quantities are well defined (if not already defined in the question, or standard notation that we used in the lecture)

Note

- ▶ From April 10 to May 1, I will only be able to partially monitor Piazza.
- ▶ But TA monitors.