

# Probabilistic Modelling and Reasoning

## — Exam Info —

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# The online exam

- ▶ How this is implemented is out of my “sphere of influence”.
- ▶ I currently (9am, April 3, 2020) only know what has been communicated to you by the Director of Teaching in his emails, see  
<http://web.inf.ed.ac.uk/infweb/student-services/ito/students/updates-and-faqs/updates-relating-to-covid-19>
- ▶ In his email, he announced a FAQ which will hopefully be helpful when available.
- ▶ Please contact him for administrative questions, keeping in mind that the School of Informatics is not all powerful either but has to follow the framework set at uni-level.

# The online exam

Highlighting two points in his emails:

- ▶ *“The examinations will be similar to on-campus examinations.”*

This means that the past exam papers are relevant for your preparations.

- ▶ *“In the case of courses where there is not significant coursework, a poor performance in the examination will result in the course being discounted from your year average which is used to determine your degree classification.”*

PMR is exam-only, which means that this point applies. What “poor performance” exactly means, however, remains to be clarified. Note that even if discounted from the year average, the obtained grade may still appear on the transcript.

# 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

# 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 since academic year 2017/18. Lecture slides and tutorials were mostly newly developed. There are thus differences to the course from previous years.

# Past exams

- ▶ Questions in past papers that are on topics not covered in this year's PMR are not relevant. Questions 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 years' exams:
  - ▶ 2018/19: [https://exampapers.ed.ac.uk/record/110509/1/2019728\\_INFR11134.pdf](https://exampapers.ed.ac.uk/record/110509/1/2019728_INFR11134.pdf)
  - ▶ 2017/18: [https://exampapers.ed.ac.uk/record/101504/1/2018753\\_INFR11134.pdf](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 and diagrams, make sure that all quantities are well defined (if not already defined in the question, or standard notation that we used in the lecture)