

Title: Introduction to Probability in Banach Spaces and Applications

Course Description:

This course will cover fundamental probabilistic inequalities/notions that should be of interest to a wide range of students (and that every student in Analysis should know about) in a somewhat organized fashion.

Some real-valued inequalities:

- Khinchine's inequalities (applications to isomorphic embedding of ℓ_2 into L_p)

- Rosenthal's inequalities

- Johnson-Maurey-Schechtman-Tzafriri inequalities (application to quantitative obstruction to isomorphic embeddability between L_p -spaces)
 - stable random variables (application to isometric embeddings between L_p -spaces)

- Concentration of Lipschitz functions (application to dimension reduction via Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma)

Some vector-valued inequalities:

- Basics of Banach space-valued random variables

- Symmetrization

- Kahane's contraction principle

- Khinchine-Kahane inequalities

Type and cotype:

- Basic theory and duality

- Type and cotype of classical Lebesgue spaces (application to quantitative obstruction to isomorphic embeddings)

- Pisier's ℓ_1 -theorem

Some martingale inequalities:

- Pisier's martingale type and martingale cotype (application to uniformly convex/smooth renormings)

- Martingale inequalities in barycentric metric spaces

- Application to metric invariants in the Ribe program (e.g., Markov type, Enflo type, Markov convexity....) and the geometry of graphs (e.g., with large girth, Hamming cubes, trees, diamonds....)

- No dimension reduction in ℓ_1

Pisier's inequality:

- Basics of Harmonic Analysis on the discrete hypercubes

- Basics of Markov semigroups (mostly the case of the heat semigroup on the discrete hypercubes)

- Application of Pisier's inequality to the Enflo problem

- Pisier's inequality in UMD spaces

Talagrand's influence inequality:

- The classical Poincaré inequality

- Bonami-Beckner hypercontractivity inequality

Derivation of the KKL-inequality from Talagrand's influence inequality
Applications to Analysis of Boolean Functions and Social Choice.
KKL-type is equivalent to type 2

If time permits:

Vector-valued versions of Talagrand's influence inequality
Talagrand type and embeddability of quotients of the Hamming cubes