Probability Theory 2. - Topics for exam

- 1. **Convolution I.** Definition of discrete convolution, properties, examples: BIN*BIN, POI*POI, GEO*GEO, definition of Stielties integral, definition of convolution of distributions, basic properties, GAU*GAU, CAU*CAU.
- 2. **Convolution II.** Smoothening theorem of convolution, Gamma-distribution, connection with the Poissonand Exponential distributions, CLT for exponential distribution, Euler's Gamma-functions, basic properties, Chi^2 distribution.
- 3. **Prob. generating function I.** Definition of probability generating function, basic properties, examples (BIN, POI, GEO). Moments, reconstruction of the distribution from the generator function. Convolution, mixed distribution, prob. generating function of randomly many terms,
- 4. **Prob. generating function II.** Branching (Galton-Watson) processes, probability of extinction, simple random walk on **Z**, hitting times, recurrence, transience.
- 5. **Concentration inequalities I.** Markov's, Chebisev's, Paley-Zigmund's, Cantelli's inequalities, weak law of large numbers (with second moment), Coupon-collector problem.
- 6. **Concentration inequalities II.** Chernoff's, Hoeffding's, Bernstein's inequalities, Cramér's bound, logarithmic moment generating function, Legendre-transform, basic properties.
- 7. Types of convergences. Almost sure (strong) convergence, Convergence in probability (Stochastic conv.), convergence in L^1; L^2; L^p. Relations between them. (strong => in prob., in prob. => strong on subsequence, L^1 ⇔ in prob. + uniformly integrability, counterexamples), bounded convergence theorem, Fatou's lemma, monoton convergence theorem, dominated convergence theorem.
- 8. **Strong Law of Large Numbers I.** Borel-Cantelli lemmas. Strong law of large numbers with fourth moment, Kolmogorov's inequality, Kolmogorov's two series.
- 9. **Strong Law of Large Numbers II.** Kronecker's lemma, Strong law of large numbers with first moment, tail σalgebra, Kolmogorov 0-1 law, Hausdorff's Theorem, Hardy & Littlewood's Theorem.
- 10. **Characteristic function I.** Definition, basic properties (bounds, uniform continuity, positive definite), Bochner's Theorem (without proof), connection with lattice distributed random variables, characteristic function of notable distributiosn (EXP, UNI, normal). Cauchy distribution and its characteristic function.
- 11. Characteristic function II. Moments and the derivatives of the characteristic function, smoothness of distribution function and the decay of the characteristic function at ±∞, Dirichlet's and Riemann-Lebesgue's Lemma.
- 12. Weak convergence of distributions I. reconstruction of the distribution from the characteristic function, definition of weak convergence of probability distributions (with probability measures), Weak convergence of distribution and pointwise convergence of distribution functions.
- 13. Weak convergence of distributions II. Tightness and Prohorov's theorem, Lévy's lemma and continuity theorem, central limit theorem.