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- a) Adequate preparation in mathematics. Applicants should have multivariate calculus. Linear algebra, real analysis and probability theory and/or statistics also looks good.
- b) A good grade record. This is not precise as standards vary widely among schools.
- c) Informative letters of recommendation. It is helpful if these show the applicant is creative and enterprising.
- d) Of the GRE scores we focus mainly on the quantitative score in percentage terms. Anything over 90% is fine; below 85% raises questions.

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