

# Stochastic Processes, Long Quiz, 2025 Fall

## Solution and Grading

- Duration: 60 minutes
  - Weight: 10% of final grade
  - Closed material, No calculator
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- Write legibly.
  - Justification is necessary unless stated otherwise.

#1. State the definition of memoryless property by providing a mathematical expression. [5pts]

For a random variable  $X$ ,  $X$  is memoryless if  $P(X > s + t | X > t) = P(X > s)$  for all  $s, t \geq 0$ .

**Difficulty: Medium**

**Amount of work: 50%**

#2. Let  $X \sim \exp(\lambda)$ . Find  $\mathbb{E}X^2$ . [5pts]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}X^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \lambda \left( x^2 \cdot \frac{-1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} 2x \cdot \frac{-1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} dx \right) \\
 &= \lambda \left( (0 - 0) + \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda x} dx \right) \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= 2 \left[ x \cdot \frac{-1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{-1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} dx \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[ \infty \cdot \frac{-1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda \infty} - \left( 0 \cdot \frac{-1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda \cdot 0} \right) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ \frac{-1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} \right]_0^{\infty} \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[ 0 - 0 + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ \frac{-1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda \infty} + \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda \cdot 0} \right] \right] \\
 &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda} \left( 0 + \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

**Difficulty: Medium**

**Amount of work: 50%**