ICEF, Stochastic calculus Exam, 2024-12-30

Rules: 120 minutes, one A4 cheat sheet and calculator is ok,  $(W_t)$  denotes a Wiener process. You may use the standard normal cumulative distribution function F() in your answers.

- 1. [10] Let  $(W_t)$  be a standard Wiener process.
  - (a) [3] What is the distribution of  $W_7 + 3W_8$ ?
  - (b) [5] What is the conditional distribution of  $(W_7 + 3W_8 \mid W_1 = 2)$ ?
  - (c) [2] Find the probability  $\mathbb{P}(W_7 + 3W_8 > 1 \mid W_1 = 2)$ .
- 2. [10] Consider the processes  $X_t = t + \int_0^t W_u^3 + W_u dW_u$ .
  - (a) [2+3] Find  $\mathbb{E}(X_t)$  and  $\mathbb{V}ar(X_t)$ .
  - (b) [5] Find  $\mathbb{C}ov(X_t, W_t)$ .
- 3. [10] Let  $X_t = (-W_t + g(t)) \exp(W_t t/2)$  with  $X_0 = 0$ .
  - (a) [4 + 2] Find  $dX_t$  and write  $X_t$  as a sum of two integrals.
  - (b) [4] Find at least one function g(t) such that  $X_t$  is a martingale.
- 4. [10] Consider the Black and Scholes model with riskless rate r, volatility  $\sigma$  and initial share price  $S_0$ .

Measure  $\mathbb{P}^*$  denotes the risk-neutral probability that makes discounted share price process a martingale and measure  $\mathbb{P}$  denotes the probability under which  $(W_t)$  is a Wiener process and  $dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$ .

- (a) [2+2] Find  $\mathbb{P}^*(S_T > 1)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(S_T > 1)$ .
- (b) [6] Find the current price  $X_0$  of an option that pays you  $X_T = \max\{0, \log S_T\}$  at fixed time T.
- 5. [10] It's the final exam. Five students are sitting in the last row. The student in the middle of the last row is the only one who brought a calculator. Let's denote the coordinate of this student by 0.

Every minute his calculator moves one seat to the right (+1) or one seat to the left (-1) with equal probabilities. Let's  $X_n$  be the coordinate of the calculator at time n with  $X_0 = 0$ .

- (a) [4] Check whether  $M_n = X_n^2 n$  is a martingale.
- (b) [6] Find the average time for the calculator to reach the end of the row where  $|X_n|=2$ .
- 6. [10] The random variables  $X_1, X_2, ...$  are independent and exponentially distributed with rate  $\lambda = 1$ . Let  $Y_n = \min\{X_1, X_2, ..., X_n\}$ .
  - (a) [2] Provide an example of event A such that  $A \in \sigma(Y_5)$  but  $A \notin \sigma(X_5)$ .
  - (b) [4 + 4] Find  $\mathbb{E}(Y_{n+1} \mid Y_n)$  and  $\mathbb{V}\operatorname{ar}(Y_{n+1} \mid Y_n)$ .

Note: here  $\sigma(.)$  is a minimal sigma-algebra generated by random variable.