

Start exam by writing the following honor **pledge** and **signing it**:

I pledge on my honor that I will not give nor receive any unauthorized assistance on this exam.

Problems:

- (10 points) Consider an Ito's process $I_t = 2022 + W_t^3 t^2 + \int_0^t W_u^4 dW_u + \int_0^t W_u^3 du$.
 - Find dI_t and check whether I_t is a martingale.
 - Check whether $J_t = I_t / \mathbb{E}(I_t)$ is a martingale.
- (10 points) The random variables (Z_t) are independent identically distributed with moment generating function given by $M_Z(u) = 1/(1 - 3u)^5$.
We define X_t as $X_t = \exp(Z_1 + 2Z_2 + 3Z_3 + \dots + tZ_t)$ with $X_0 = 0$.
If possible find a martingale of the form $Y_t = h(t)X_t$ where $h(\cdot)$ is a non-random function.
- (10 points) The process (Z_t) in discrete time is called *stationary* if it has constant expected value and constant covariances γ_k that do not depend on t .

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}(Z_t) = \mu; \\ \text{Cov}(Z_t, Z_t) = \gamma_0; \\ \text{Cov}(Z_t, Z_{t+1}) = \gamma_1; \\ \text{Cov}(Z_t, Z_{t+2}) = \gamma_2; \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

- If possible provide an example of a Markov chain that is not stationary.
 - If possible provide an example of a stationary process that is not a Markov chain.
- (10 points) Find $\mathbb{E}(W_2 W_2 W_3)$ and $\mathbb{E}(W_2 W_2 \mid W_1)$.
 - (10 points) Ded Moroz would like to receive $X_T = S_T^{-2}$ at time T if $S_T > 1$ and nothing otherwise.
Assume the framework of Black and Scholes model, S_t is the share price, r is the risk free rate, σ is the volatility.
How much Ded Moroz should pay now at $t = 0$?
 - (20 points) Martingales are everywhere :)
Consider the process $Y_t = \exp(-uW_t)$.
 - Find a multiplier $h(u, t)$ such that $M_t = h(u, t) \cdot Y_t$ is a martingale.
 - Find dY_t treating u as a parameter, $\mathbb{E}(Y_t)$ and $\text{Var}(Y_t)$.
 - Consider M_t that you have found as a function of u . Find the Taylor approximation of the function $M_t(u)$ up to u^4 .
 - Consider the coefficient before u^4 in the Taylor expansion of $M_t(u)$. Is it a martingale?
 - Bonus point. Guess your exam result (out of 70 possible points).