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:

- 1. (10 points) Consider an Ito's process $I_t = 2022 + W_t t^2 + \int_0^t W_u^3 dW_u + \int_0^t W_u^2 du$.
 - (a) Find dI_t and check whether I_t is a martingale.
 - (b) Check whether $J_t = I_t \mathbb{E}(I_t)$ is a martingale.
- 2. (10 points) The random variables (Z_t) are independent identically distributed with moment generating function given by $M_Z(u) = 1/(1-5u)^3$.

We define
$$X_t$$
 as $X_t = \exp(Z_1 + 2Z_2 + 3Z_3 + ... + tZ_t)$ with $X_0 = 0$.

If possible find a martingale of the form $Y_t = h(t)X_t$ where h(t) is a non-random function.

3. (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.

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

- (a) If possible provide an example of a martingale that is not stationary.
- (b) If possible provide an example of a stationary process that is not a martingale.
- 4. (10 points) Find $\mathbb{E}(W_1W_2W_3)$ and $\mathbb{E}(W_2W_3 \mid W_1)$.
- 5. (10 points) Ded Moroz would like to receive $X_T = S_T^{-1}$ 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?

6. (20 points) Martingales are everywhere:)

Consider the process $Y_t = \exp(-uW_t)$.

- (a) Find a multiplier h(u,t) such that $M_t = h(u,t) \cdot Y_t$ is a martingale.
- (b) Find dY_t , $\mathbb{E}(Y_t)$ and $\mathbb{V}ar(Y_t)$.
- (c) 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 .
- (d) Consider the coefficient before u^4 in the Taylor expansion of $M_t(u)$. Is it a martingale?
- 7. Bonus point. Guess your exam result (out of 70 possible points).