

# Time Series and Stochastic Processes exams

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## Description

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## Greetings to the contributors

Здесь перечислены стилевые особенности коллекции и самые популярные ошибки. Узнать технические подробности по теху можно, например, [в учебнике](#) К.В. Воронцова.

1. Дробную часть числа отделяй от целой точкой: 3.14 — хорошо, 3,14 — плохо. Это нарушает русскую традицию, но облегчает копирование-вставку в любой программный пакет.
2. Существует длинное тире, —, которое отличается от просто дефиса - и нужно, чтобы разделять части предложения, [Инструкция в картинках по набору тире](#) :)
3. Выключные формулы следует окружать `\[...]`. Никаких `$$...$$`!
4. Про остальные окружения: для системы уравнений подойдёт `cases`, для формул на несколько строк — `align*`, для нумерации — `enumerate`.
5. Inside formulas use `\text{...}` to write text.
6. Для многоточий существует команда `\ldots`.
7. You can find useful macros in the preamble, like `\P`, `\E`, `\Var`, `\Cov`, `\Corr`, `\cN`.
8. Названия функций тоже идут со слэшем: `\ln`, `\exp`, `\cos`...
9. Таблицы нужно оформлять по стандарту booktabs. Самый удобный способ сделать это — зайти на [tablesgenerator](#) и выбрать там опцию booktabs table style вместо default table style.
10. Уважай букву ё — ставь над ней точки! :)
11. Начинай каждое предложение внутри теховского файла с новой строки. В готовом pdf предложения будут идти без разрыва, а читабельность теха повысится.
12. В перечислениях после «Найдите» используй в качестве знаков препинания точки с запятой и точку в конце.
13. For multiplication use `\cdot`. Please never use `*` :)

# 1 October exam

## 1.1 2021-2022

Short rules: 120 minutes, online without proctoring. You may use any source you want but don't cheat.

Date: 2021-10-28

1. (10 points) Consider the Markov chain with the transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.2 & 0 & 0.6 \\ 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.1 & 0.9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.8 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) (3 points) Split the chain in classes and classify them into closed or not closed.
- б) (2 points) Classify the states into recurrent or transient.
- в) (5 points) A Hedgehog starts in the state one and moves randomly between states according to the transition matrix.

What is the approximate probability that the Hedgehog will be in the state four after  $10^{2021}$  moves?

Note: state number is the row (or column) number.

2. (10 points) Gleb Zheglov catches one criminal every day. With probability 0.2 the caught criminal is replaced by  $w$  new criminals. Initially there are  $n$  criminals in the town.

What is the expected time to the ultimate crime eradication in the town?

- a) (4 points) Solve the problem for  $w = 1$  and  $n = 1$ .
  - б) (6 points) Solve the problem for arbitrary  $w$  and  $n$ .
3. (10 points) The random variables  $X_i$  are independent and uniformly distributed on  $[0; 1]$ . Find the probability limit

$$\text{plim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}, \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}{n} \right\}.$$

4. (10 points) Taxis arrive to the station according to the Poisson process with rate 1 per 5 minutes.

Let  $Y_t$  be the number of taxis that will arrive between 0 and  $t$  minutes.

- a) (2 points) Sketch the expected value of  $Y_t$  as a function of  $t$ .
- б) (8 points) Sketch the probability  $\mathbb{P}(Y_t = Y_{60})$  as a function of  $t$ .

Note: special points like intercepts or extrema should be explicitly marked.

5. (10 points) Prince Myshkin throws a fair coin until two consecutive heads appear. Let  $N$  be the number of throws.

Find the moment generating function of  $N$ .

Hint: you may use the first step approach.

6. (20 points) Vincenzo Peruggia makes attempts to steal the Mona Lisa painting until the first success. Each attempt is successful with probability 0.1.

Let  $X$  be the number of attempts and  $Z = \min\{X, 5\}$ .

- a) (5 points) How many events are in sigma-algebras  $\sigma(Z)$  and  $\sigma(X)$ ?
- б) (5 points) If possible provide an example of events  $A$  and  $B$  such that:  $A \in \sigma(Z)$  but  $A \notin \sigma(X)$ ;  $B \in \sigma(X)$  but  $B \notin \sigma(Z)$ .
- в) (10 points) Find  $\mathbb{E}(Z | X)$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X | Z)$ .

## 1.2 2020-2021

Here  $(W_t)$  denotes the standard Wiener process.

Date: 2020-10-30

1. For  $r < s < t < u$  find the following expected values

- a)  $\mathbb{E}((W_u - W_t)^2(W_s - W_r)^2);$
- б)  $\mathbb{E}((W_u - W_s)(W_t - W_r));$
- в)  $\mathbb{E}((W_t - W_r)(W_s - W_r)^2);$
- г)  $\mathbb{E}(W_r W_s W_t);$
- д)  $\mathbb{E}(W_r W_s W_t \mid W_s);$

2. Consider Ito process  $X_t$

$$dX_t = \exp(t)W_t dt + \exp(2W_t) dW_t, \quad X_0 = 1.$$

Consider two processes,  $A_t = 1 + t^2 + X_t^3$  and  $B_t = 1 + t^2 + X_t^3 W_t^4$ .

- a) Find  $dA_t$  and  $dB_t$ .
- б) Write the corresponding explicit expressions for  $A_t$  and  $B_t$ :

$$const + \int_0^t \dots dW_u + \int_0^t \dots du$$

- в) Check whether  $X_t$  is a martingale.

3. Let  $S_0 = 0$ ,  $S_t = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_t$ . The increments  $X_t$  are independent and identically distributed:

$x$	-1	0	1
$\mathbb{P}(X_t = x)$	0.2	0.2	0.6

- a) If possible find all constants  $a$  such that  $M_t = S_t + at$  is a martingale.
- б) If possible find all constants  $b$  such that  $R_t = b^{S_t}$  is a martingale.

4. Consider the process  $X_t$

$$X_t = tW_t + \int_0^t uW_u^2 dW_u.$$

- a) Find  $\mathbb{E}(X_t)$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_t)$ .
- б) Find  $dX_t$ .
- в) Check whether  $X_t$  is a martingale.

5. A Hedgehog in the fog starts in  $(0, 0)$  at  $t = 0$  and moves randomly with equal probabilities in four directions (north, south, east, west) by one unit every minute.

Let  $X_t$  and  $Y_t$  be his coordinates after  $t$  minutes and  $S_t = X_t + Y_t$ .

- a) Find  $\mathbb{E}(X_2 \mid S_2)$ ;
- б) Find  $\text{Var}(X_2 \mid S_2)$ .

Hint:  $\text{Var}(Y \mid X) = \mathbb{E}(Y^2 \mid X) - (\mathbb{E}(Y \mid X))^2$ .

## 6. Vampire Petr and Markov Chains.

Vampire Petr drinks blood of a new victim every day. Unfortunately 20% of the population are vaccinated against vampires. If more than one victim of the last three victims are vaccinated then Petr will be instantaneously cured and will return to the normal life.

For simplicity let's assume that the last three victims were not vaccinated.

- a) What is the probability that vampire Petr will be cured in the next three days?
- б) How many victims will be bitten by vampire Petr on average?

## 7. Vampire Boris and Martingales.

To survive vampire Boris needs to bite 70 talented students.

These 70 talented students have formed a secret group. They have written their emails on small pieces of paper and have randomly distributed these pieces among them. Each student has exactly one piece of paper with an email<sup>1</sup>.

Initially vampire Boris knows contacts of just two persons from the group. Today he will contact them, drink their blood and get the emails they have. Then vampire Boris will contact new victims and so on.

- a) For  $t \geq 1$  consider the process  $M_t$ , the proportion of non bitten students after the day  $t$ .  
Is this process a martingale?
- б) Using martingale stopping theorem or otherwise find the probability that vampire Boris will bite all 70 students.

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<sup>1</sup>The group is so secret that it is possible that a student has his own email on his piece of paper

## 2 December exam

### 2.1 2021-2022

Short rules: 120 minutes, online without proctoring,  $(W_t)$  is a standard Wiener process.

Date: 2021-12-25

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.
  - б) 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  $X_t = \exp(Z_1 + 2Z_2 + 3Z_3 + \dots + tZ_t)$  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.
3. (10 points) The process  $(Z_t)$  in discrete time is called *stationary* if it has constant expected value and constant covariances  $\gamma_k$  that do not depend on  $t$ .

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

- a) If possible provide an example of a martingale that is not stationary.
  - б) If possible provide an example of a stationary process that is not a martingale.
4. (10 points) Find  $\mathbb{E}(W_1 W_2 W_3)$  and  $\mathbb{E}(W_2 W_3 \mid W_1)$ .
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,  $\sigma$  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.
  - б) Find  $dY_t$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(Y_t)$  and  $\text{Var}(Y_t)$ .
  - в) Consider  $M_t$  that you have found as a function of  $u$ . Find the Taylor approximation of the function  $M_t(u)$  up to  $u^4$ .
  - г) 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).

### 2.2 2020-2021

Today we celebrate Christmas Eve and 78 years of the Narkompros (People's Commissariat for Education) order governing the compulsory use of the letter «ë» in education process.

Date: 2020-12-24

1. Ded Moroz would like to receive  $S_1^3$  roubles at time  $T = 2$ , where  $S_t$  is the share price. Assume Black-Schöles model is valid, the risk-free rate is  $r = 0.1$  and current share price is  $S_0 = 100$ .  
How much Ded Moroz should pay now at  $t = 0$ ?

2. Consider stationary  $AR(2)$  model,  $y_t = 2 + 0.3y_{t-1} - 0.02y_{t-2} + u_t$ , where  $(u_t)$  is a white noise with  $\text{Var}(u_t) = 4$ . The last two observations are  $y_{100} = 2$ ,  $y_{99} = 1$ .
- Find 95% predictive interval for  $y_{102}$ .
  - Find the first two values of the autocorrelation function,  $\rho_1, \rho_2$ .
  - Find the first two values of the partial autocorrelation function,  $\phi_{11}, \phi_{22}$ .

Hint: you need no more than 10 seconds to find both partial autocorrelations provided (b) is solved.

3. The process  $y_t$  is described by a simple  $GARCH(1, 1)$  model:

$$\begin{cases} y_t = \sigma_t \nu_t \\ \sigma_t^2 = 1 + 0.2y_{t-1}^2 + 0.3\sigma_{t-1}^2 \\ \nu_t \sim N(0; 1) \end{cases}$$

The variables  $\nu_t$  are independent of past variables  $y_{t-k}, \nu_{t-k}, \sigma_{t-k}$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . The processes  $y_t, \sigma_t^2$  are stationary.

Given  $\sigma_{100} = 1$  and  $\nu_{100} = 0.5$  find 95% predictive interval for  $y_{102}$ .

4. Snegurochka studies a stochastic analog of the Fibonacci sequence

$$y_t = y_{t-1} + y_{t-2} + u_t,$$

where  $(u_t)$  is a white noise process.

- How many non-stationary solutions are there?
- What can you say about the number and the structure of the stationary solutions?
- Can Snegurochka find two starting constants  $y_0 = c_0$  and  $y_1 = c_1$  in such a way to make a solution stationary?

Be brave! There are two more exercises!

5. The semi-annual  $y_t$  is modelled by  $ETS(AAA)$  process:

$$\begin{cases} u_t \sim N(0; 4) \\ s_t = s_{t-2} + 0.1u_t \\ b_t = b_{t-1} + 0.2u_t \\ \ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + 0.3u_t \\ y_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-2} + u_t \end{cases}$$

- a) Given that  $s_{100} = 2$ ,  $s_{99} = -1.9$ ,  $b_{100} = 0.5$ ,  $\ell_{100} = 4$  find 95% predictive interval for  $y_{102}$ .
- 6) In this problem particular values of parameters are specified. And how many parameters are estimated in semi-annual  $ETS(AAA)$  model before real forecasting?
6. The variables  $x_t$  take values 0 or 1 with equal probabilities. The variables  $u_t$  are normal  $N(0; 1)$ . All variables are independent.

Consider the process  $z_t = x_t(1 - x_{t-2})u_t$ .

- a) Find the covariance  $\text{Cov}(z_t, z_s)$ . Is the process  $z_t$  stationary?
- 6) Given that  $z_{100} = 2.3$  find shortest predictive intervals for  $z_{101}$  and  $z_{102}$  with probability of coverage at least 95%.

Bënus: How many letters «ë» have you spotted?



### 3 April exam

#### 3.1 2021-2022

Short rules: 120 minutes, one A4 cheat sheet allowed.

Date: 2022-04-04

1. Consider  $ETS(AAN)$  model, 
$$\begin{cases} y_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + u_t \\ \ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha u_t \\ b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta u_t \\ u_t \sim N(0; \sigma^2). \end{cases}$$

Let  $\ell_{100} = 50$ ,  $b_{100} = 2$ ,  $\alpha = 0.4$ ,  $\beta = 0.5$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 16$ .

Calculate one step and two steps ahead 95% predictive intervals.

2. Consider the process  $y_t = 4 + u_t + u_{t-1} + 2u_{t-2}$ , where  $(u_t)$  is a white noise with variance 16.
- a) Is this process stationary? Explain.
  - б) Find the autocorrelation function of this process. Explain the meaning of  $\rho_2$ .
  - в) Consider the process  $d_t = \Delta y_t$ . Is it  $ARIMA(p, d, q)$ ? If yes, then find  $p$ ,  $d$  and  $q$ .
3. Consider the stationary  $AR(2)$  process  $y_t = 5 - 0.9y_{t-1} - 0.2y_{t-2} + u_t$ , where  $(u_t)$  is a white noise.
- a) Find the first value of autocorrelation function  $\rho_1$ .
  - б) Find the partial autocorrelation function of this process. Explain the meaning of  $\phi_{22}$ .
  - в) What is the relationship between values of autocorrelation function  $\rho_{100}$ ,  $\rho_{99}$  and  $\rho_{98}$ .

Hint: values  $\phi_{22}$ ,  $\phi_{33}$  etc may be calculated almost effortlessly :)

4. Consider iid sample from bivariate normal distribution,  $\begin{pmatrix} X_i \\ Y_i \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \theta \\ 2\theta \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 9 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ .

Calculate Fischer information for the following cases:

- a) You observe  $X_1$  only.
- б) You observe  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .
- в) You observe  $X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ .

Hint: the multivariate normal density is  $f(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\Sigma)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(u - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(u - \mu)\right)$ .

5. Random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent with density  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -\ln(a) \cdot a^x, & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- a) Estimate  $a$  using maximum likelihood.
  - б) Check whether the estimator is unbiased and consistent.
  - в) Check whether the corresponding Cramer-Rao lower bound is attained.
6. Consider the  $ARCH(1)$  model,  $u_t = \sigma_t \nu_t$ , where  $\nu_t$  are iid  $N(0; 1)$  and  $\sigma_t^2 = 1 + 0.3u_{t-1}^2$ .
- a) Find 95% predictive interval for  $u_{101}$  if  $u_{100} = -2$ .
  - б) Find the autocorrelation function of  $r_t = u_t^2$ .

### 3.2 2020-2021

Date: 2021-04-13, Rock 'N' Roll day

#### Estimation questions

1. To go to the mountain top I use a gondola lift in the morning. I go back from the top using the same gondola lift in the evening. Cabins are numbered from 1 to  $a$ .

I have noticed that the absolute difference of cabin numbers of my two trips was 10.

- a) Estimate  $a$  using maximum likelihood.
  - б) Estimate  $a$  using method of moments.
2. Random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent identically distributed with density

$$f(x_i | \lambda, a) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \exp(-\lambda|x_i - a|).$$

Observed values for  $n = 3$  are  $-3, 1, 11$ .

- a) Estimate  $\lambda$  using method of moments for fixed  $a = 1$ .
  - б) Estimate  $\lambda$  and  $a$  using maximum likelihood.
3. Random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent and normally distributed  $N(1, 1/b)$ .
- a) Estimate  $b$  using maximum likelihood.
  - б) Does the estimator achieve the Cramer-Rao lower bound?
  - в) Is the estimator consistent?
  - г) Is the estimator unbiased?
4. Random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent identically distributed with density

$$f(x_i | \lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \exp(-\lambda|x_i|).$$

For  $n = 100$  I have 40 negative values with sum equal to  $-300$  and 60 positive values with sum equal to 500.

- a) Test the hypothesis  $\lambda = 1$  using LR approach at significance level  $\alpha = 0.01$ .
- б) Test the hypothesis  $\lambda = 1$  using LM approach at significance level  $\alpha = 0.01$ .

**Distribution questions**

5. I have three problems in the home assignment. Time spent on each problem is modelled by independent exponentially distributed random variables with rate  $\lambda$ :  $X_1, X_2, X_3$ .
- a) Find the moment generating function of  $X_i$  and hence the moment generating function of  $S = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$ .
  - б) Find  $\mathbb{E}(S^3)$ .
  - в) Find the joint density of  $R = X_1/(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)$  and  $S$ .
6. I have 100 numbers written on small sheets of paper:  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{100}$ . The sum of these numbers is 1. Find the possible values of the sum

$$\frac{x_1}{\sqrt{1-x_1}} + \frac{x_2}{\sqrt{1-x_2}} + \dots + \frac{x_{100}}{\sqrt{1-x_{100}}}.$$

Hint: consider a randomly selected number  $X$  and apply the Jensen's inequality.

## 4 Final exam

### 4.1 2021-2022

Short rules: 120 minutes, offline, one A4 cheat sheet allowed.

Date: 2022-06-25

1. Consider  $ETS(ANN)$  model, 
$$\begin{cases} y_t = \ell_{t-1} + u_t \\ \ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha u_t \\ u_t \sim N(0; \sigma^2). \end{cases}$$
 Let  $\ell_{99} = 50$ ,  $\alpha = 1/2$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 16$ ,  $y_{98} = 48$ ,  $y_{99} = 52$ ,  $y_{100} = 55$ . Calculate 95% predictive interval for  $y_{101}$ .
2. Young investor Winnie-the-Crypto compares two trading strategies: buying bitcoins from good bees and from bad bees. Let  $d_t$  be the price difference at day  $t$  (bad minus good). Winnie-the-Crypto would like to test  $H_0: \mathbb{E}(d_t) = 0$  against  $H_a: \mathbb{E}(d_t) \neq 0$  at 5% significance level.  
Winnie assumed that  $(d_t)$  can be approximated by a  $MA(1)$  process and estimated the parameters using  $T = 400$  observations,  $\hat{d}_t = 2 + u_t + 0.7u_{t-1}$  with  $\hat{\sigma}_u^2 = 4$ .
  - a) Estimate  $\mathbb{E}(d_t)$ ,  $\text{Var}(d_t)$  and  $\text{Cov}(d_t, d_{t-1})$ .
  - b) Estimate  $\mathbb{E}(\bar{d})$ ,  $\text{Var}(\bar{d})$  and help Winnie by considering  $Z = \frac{\bar{d}-0}{se(\bar{d})}$ .
3. The variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent and uniformly distributed on  $[0; 2a]$  for some positive  $a$ .
  - a) Find any sufficient statistic for  $a$ .
  - b) How the answer will change if  $X_i \sim U[-a; 2a]$ ?
4. Consider an estimator  $\hat{a}$  with  $\mathbb{E}(\hat{a}) = 0.5a + 3$ . For the given sample size the Fisher information is  $I_F(a) = 400/a^2$ .
  - a) What is the theoretical minimal variance of  $\hat{a}$ ?
  - b) Assume that  $\hat{a}$  attains the minimal variance boundary and is asymptotically normal. Given that  $\hat{a} = 2022$  provide 95% CI for  $a$ .
5. You observe  $X_1, \dots, X_{400}$  and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{400}$ ,  $\bar{X} = 5$ ,  $\bar{Y} = 6$ . All variables are independent.  
Consider the null hypothesis that all random variables are exponentially distributed with common parameter  $\lambda$  against alternative that parameter is  $\lambda_X$  for every  $X_i$  and  $\lambda_Y$  for every  $Y_j$ .
  - a) Estimate common  $\lambda$  using maximum likelihood for the restricted model.
  - b) Estimate both  $\lambda_X$  and  $\lambda_Y$  using maximum likelihood in the unrestricted model.
  - b) Use LR-test to test the null hypothesis at 5% significance level.
6. The ultimate goal of this exercise is to prove the good upper bound for tail probability of a normal distribution: if  $X \sim N(0; \sigma^2)$  then  $\mathbb{P}(X > c) \leq \exp(-c^2/2\sigma^2)$ .  
Here are the guiding hints (you free to use not use them):
  - a) State the MGF of  $X$ . You may derive it or simply write it if you remember.
  - b) Consider  $Y = \exp(uX)$ . Using Markov inequality provide the upper bound for  $\mathbb{P}(Y > \exp(uc))$ .
  - b) Prove that  $\mathbb{P}(X > c) \leq MGF_X(u) \exp(-uc)$  for any  $u$ .
  - r) Find the value of  $u$  that makes the upper bound as tight as possible.
7. (bonus) Draw good bees and bad bees selling crypto. Any funny statistics/math joke is also ok!

**4.2 2020-2021**

Today: +31°, World Refrigeration Day :)

You have 100 minutes. You can use A4 cheat sheet and calculator. Be brave!

Date: 2021-06-26

1. I throw a fair die until the sequence 626 appears. Let  $N$  be the number of throws.

- a) What is the expected value  $\mathbb{E}(N)$ ?
- б) Write down the system of linear equations for the moment generating function of  $N$ . You don't need to solve it!

2. Consider the following stationary process

$$y_t = 1 + 0.5y_{t-2} + u_t + u_{t-1},$$

where random variables  $u_t$  are independent  $N(0; 4)$ .

- a) Find the 95% predictive interval for  $y_{101}$  given that  $y_{100} = 2$ ,  $y_{99} = 3$ ,  $y_{98} = 1$ ,  $u_{99} = -1$ .
- б) Find the point forecast for  $y_{101}$  given that  $y_{100} = 2$ .

3. I have an unfair coin with probability of heads equal to  $h \in (0; 1)$ .

- a) Let  $N$  be the number of tails before the first head. Find the MGF of  $N$ .
- б) Let  $S$  be the number of tails before  $k$  heads (not necessary consecutive). Find the MGF of  $S$ .
- в) What is the limit of  $MGF_S(t)$  when  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $k \times h \rightarrow 0.5$ ? What is the name of the corresponding distribution?

4. Consider the stochastic process  $X_t = f(t) \cos(2021W_t)$ .

- a) Find  $dX_t$ .
- б) Find any  $f(t) \neq 0$  such that  $X_t$  is a martingale.
- в) Using  $f(t)$  from the previous point find  $\mathbb{E}(\cos(2021W_t))$ .

## 5 October exam solutions

### 5.1 2021-2022

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### 5.2 2020-2021

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## 6 December exam solutions

### 6.1 2021-2022

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### 6.2 2020-2021

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## 7 April exam solutions

### 7.1 2021-2022

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### 7.2 2020-2021

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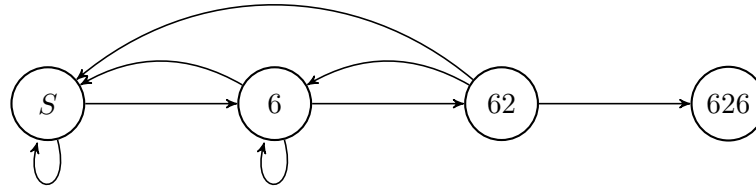
## 8 Final exam solutions

### 8.1 2021-2022

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### 8.2 2020-2021

1. Let's draw the chain



The system of equations for expected values:

$$\begin{cases} x_s = 1 + \frac{1}{6}x_6 + \frac{5}{6}x_s \\ x_6 = 1 + \frac{1}{6}x_6 + \frac{1}{6}x_{62} + \frac{4}{6}x_s \\ x_{62} = 1 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{6}x_6 + \frac{4}{6}x_s \end{cases}$$

The system of equations for moment generating functions:

$$\begin{cases} m_s(t) = \exp(t) \left( \frac{1}{6}m_6(t) + \frac{5}{6}m_s(t) \right) \\ m_6(t) = \exp(t) \left( \frac{1}{6}m_6(t) + \frac{1}{6}m_{62}(t) + \frac{4}{6}m_s(t) \right) \\ m_{62}(t) = \exp(t) \left( \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{6}m_6(t) + \frac{4}{6}m_s(t) \right) \end{cases}$$

2. a) Let's denote by  $x$  all available information,

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} y_{100} \\ y_{99} \\ y_{98} \\ u_{99} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's use  $t = 100$ :

$$y_{100} = 1 + 0.5y_{98} + u_{100} + u_{99}$$

Using all available information we obtain  $u_{100} = 1.5$  and hence

$$y_{101} \mid x \sim N(1 + 0.5y_{99} + u_{100}; 4)$$

6) Here we work with true betas:

$$\mathbb{E}(y_{101} \mid y_{100}) = \mu_y + \frac{\text{Cov}(y_{100}, y_{101})}{\text{Var}(y_{100})}(y_{100} - \mu_y)$$

3. a) Moment generating function

$$m_N(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \exp(tj)(1-h)^j h = h \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\exp(t)(1-h))^j = \frac{h}{1 - \exp(t)(1-h)}$$

6) As  $S = N_1 + N_2 + \dots + N_k$ :

$$m_S(t) = \left( \frac{h}{1 - \exp(t)(1-h)} \right)^k$$

в) Due to my mistake the limit is easy, 0.

In my dream it was  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $k \cdot (1 - h) \rightarrow 0.5$  and that would be fun!

4. a) Let's use Ito's lemma

$$dX_t = f'(t) \cos(2021W_t)dt - 2021f(t) \sin(2021W_t)dW_t + \frac{1}{2}2021^2 f(t) \cos(2021W_t)dt$$

б) To make  $X_t$  a martingale we should kill  $dt$  term.

в) As  $X_t$  is martingale  $\mathbb{E}(X_t) = \mathbb{E}(X_0) = f(0)$ . So  $\mathbb{E}(\cos(2021W_t)) = f(0)/f(t)$ .