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Math 564

Final Exam — Term 211

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Allowed Time: 100 minutes

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**Instructions:**

1. Write clearly and legibly. You may lose points for messy work.
2. **Show all your work.** No points for answers without justifications !

Question #	Grade	Maximum Points
1		10
2		10
3		10
4		10
5		10
6		8
7		12
8		10
<b>Total:</b>		<b>80</b>

**Exercise 1:**(10)

An insurance company believes that people can be divided into two classes: those who are accident prone and those who are not. The company's statistics show that an accident-prone person will have an accident at some time within a fixed 1-year period with probability 0.4, whereas this probability decreases to 0.2 for a person who is not accident prone.

1- If we assume that 30 percent of the population is accident prone, what is the probability that a new policyholder will have an accident within a year of purchasing a policy ?

2- Suppose that a new policyholder has an accident within a year of purchasing a policy. What is the probability that he or she is accident prone ?

**Exercise 2:**(10)

A- Let  $X$  be a random variable with probability density function (pdf):

$$f(x) = x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, \quad 0 < x < \infty. \quad (\text{a})$$

1- Find the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

2- Find the probability density of  $Y = X^2$ .

B- A discrete random variable,  $Y$ , has probability mass function

$$P_Y(y) = c(y - 3)^2, \quad y = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2. \quad (\text{b})$$

1. Find the value of the constant  $c$ .

**Solution:**

2. Give the cumulative distribution function of  $Y$ .

**Solution:**

3. Find the mean (Expected value) and variance of  $Y$ .

**Exercise 3:**(10)

Consider the standard Brownian motion  $\{B_t, t \geq 0\}$ .

A- Explain why the classical integration fails to integrate the Brownian sample paths.

B- Give two major differences between the Riemann and Itô integrals.

C- Let  $f$  be a smooth function and  $a, b$  constants such that  $a < b$ .

Given that  $I = \int_a^b f(t) dB_t$  is the Itô stochastic integral, what represent the quantity:  $\frac{dB_t}{dt}$  ?

**Exercise 4:**(10)

Let  $\{B_t, t \geq 0\}$  be a standard Brownian motion .

1- Use the Itô formula to find an expression of  $B_t^2$ .

2- Find  $\int_0^t B_s^2 dB_s$ .

**Exercise 5:** (10)

Let  $\{B_t, t \geq 0\}$  be a Brownian motion .

A)- i- Let  $f(t, x) = e^{x - \frac{1}{2}t}$ . Use the extended Itô formula to express the function  $f(t, B_t)$  in terms of Itô stochastic integrals .

ii- What is called the function  $f(t, B_t)$  ?

B)- Consider a particular form of the Geometric Brownian motion given by:

$$X_t = e^{(c - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t + \sigma B_t}, \quad c, \sigma > 0. \quad (c)$$

1- Apply the Itô formula to the Geometric Brownian motion given in equation (c) and verify that the stochastic process  $X_t$  satisfies a given equation.

2- What is called the equation obtained in the previous question 1- ?

**Exercise 6:**(8)

Verify that the process  $X_t = \frac{B_t}{1+t}$  solves the stochastic differential equation:

$$dX_t = -\frac{1}{1+t} X_t dt + \frac{1}{1+t} dB_t; \quad X_0 = 0 \quad (\text{d})$$

**Exercise 7:**(12)

A- The mean reverting Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process is the solution  $X_t$  of the stochastic differential equation:

$$dX_t = (m - X_t) dt + \sigma dB_t, \quad (\text{e})$$

where  $m, \sigma$  are real constants and  $B_t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

1- Find the solution  $X_t$  of the stochastic differential equation (e).

**Hint:** You may apply the Itô formula to the function  $f(t, x) = e^t x$ .

2-Find  $\mathbb{E}(X_t)$ .

C.(5) The Black-Scholes-Merton model for growth with uncertain rate of return, is the value of \$1 after time  $t$ , invested in a saving account. It is described by the following stochastic differential equation:

$$dX_t = \mu X_t dt + \sigma X_t dB_t, \quad \mu, \sigma > 0 \quad (\text{f})$$

1- Give the type of the SDE (f).

2- Use the Itô formula to verify that the solution of the SDE (f) is given by a Geometric Brownian motion.



**Exercise 8:**(10)

A- Assume that the value of a **portfolio** (wealth) at time  $t$  is given by:

$$V_t = a_t X_t + b_t A_t$$

(You want to hold certain amounts of shares:  $a_t$  in stock and  $b_t$  in bond).

Describe the following situation:

- $a_t < 0$  :

- $b_t < 0$  :

B- For  $s < t$  we can buy (or sell) shares of the stock at price  $X(s)$  and then sell (or buy) these shares at time  $t$  for the price  $X(t)$ .

Suppose that the option gives us the right to buy one share of the stock at time  $t$  for a price  $K$ .

- 1- Give the expression of the worth of option at time  $t$ .

- 2- Describe the **European** and **American** call option.

C- Let  $X_t = X_0 + c \int_0^t X_s ds + \sigma \int_0^t X_s dB_s$ .

The **Black-Scholes** option pricing formula is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V_0 &= u(T, X_0) \\ &= X_0 \Phi(g(T, X_0)) - K e^{-rT} \Phi(h(T, X_0)), \end{aligned}$$

which is a rational price at time  $t = 0$  for an European option with exercise price  $K$ .

- 1- Find the value of your self-financing portfolio at time  $t \in [0, T]$ .

- 2- The value of the self-financing portfolio is **independent** on which coefficient ?