

1. Let a biased coin with probability of heads being  $p$  be tossed until the  $H, H, T, H, T$  appears in a discrete time setting. Prove that the number of times the coin needs to be tossed before  $H, H, T, H, T$  appears is  $p^3(1 - p)^2$ .
2. Check whether the following functions  $z : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  are Direct Riemann Integrable (d.R.i.) or not, and justify.
  - (a) The map  $z(t) \triangleq \frac{1}{t}$  for  $t \geq 1$ .
  - (b) The map  $z(t) \triangleq e^{-t}$  for  $t \geq 0$ .
3. Suppose that customers arrive at a train dept according to a renewal process having a mean interarrival time  $\mu$ . Whenever there are  $N$  customers waiting in the depot, a train leaves. If the depot incurs a cost at the rate of  $nc$  dollars per unit time whenever there are  $n$  customers waiting, what is the average cost incurred by the depot?
4. Let  $B : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}_+}$  be a standard Brownian motion with  $B_0 = 0$ . We define a random process  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^T$  where  $X_t \triangleq |B_t|$  for any  $t \in T \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . For Brownian motion  $B$ , we define  $\tau : \Omega \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\})^{\mathbb{N}}$  be the sequence of hitting times to 0. That is,  $\tau_n \triangleq \inf\{t > \tau_{n-1} : X_n = 0\}$ . Show  $\tau$  is a renewal sequence and the process  $X$  is regenerative with respect to the renewal sequence  $\tau$ .
5. A truck driver regularly drives round trips from A to B and then back to A. Each time he drives from A to B, he drives at a fixed speed (in kmph) that is uniformly distributed between 40 and 60; each time he drives from B to A, he drives at a fixed speed that is equally likely to be either 40 or 60.
  - (a) In the long run, what proportion of his driving time is spent going to B?
  - (b) In the long run, for what proportion of his driving time is he driving at the rate 40 kmph?
6. The rate a certain insurance company charges its policy holders alternates between  $r_0$  and  $r_1 (> r_0)$ . A new policy holder is initially charged at a rate of  $r_1$  per unit time. If the holder doesn't make any claim for the most recent  $s$  time units, then the rate charged becomes  $r_0$  per unit time. The rate charged remains at  $r_0$  until a claim is made, at which time it reverts to  $r_1$ . Suppose that a given policy-holder lives forever and makes claims at times chosen according to a poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ , and find the proportion of time that the policy holder pays a rate  $r_i, i \in \{0, 1\}$ .