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# **Ministry of Higher Education &**

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# 1. Title of PhD research proposal

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Stochastic Processes Modelling and Statistical Analysis with Application

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### 3. Summary (Abstract) of PhD research proposal

This should be no longer than 200 words and not less than 75 words.

ئەبستراكتى توێژينەوەي پێشنيازكراو. لە 200 ووشە زياتر نەبێت و لە 75 ووشە كەمتر نەبێت.

The theory of stochastic processes has developed very rapidly and has found application in a large number of fields such as physical system; finance and economy; information theory of communication and control; operations research; biology; astronomy and so on. Recently, the Markov chain model, which is a discrete time parameter stochastic process in which the future state of the system is dependent only on the present state and is independent of the previous states, has been widely used for predicting parameters indifferent fields of study; this model is used to predict parameters depending on the probability of transition.

In this research proposal, the classic Markov Chain model is introduced and then the approach with random transition matrices will be explored. Such chains are a development on classic Markov chains where the transition matrix is taken to be random. The intuition for this is that it may be interested in modeling phenomena as where the homogeneity assumption of classic Markov chains is invalid. Hence, it is proceeded to explore theoretical properties of such chains with a focus on their asymptotic behavior. Finally the attempt is to predict the oil prices in future and the focus will be on oil prices in Kurdistan Region of Iraq. In addition, various tests will be carried out to confirm the significance of the model.

### 4. Introduction

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To be completed by the primary supervisor: an overview of the proposed research project, focusing on the background of the project and rationale for the research.

لير مدا سمر پمرشتيارى سمر مكى پوختەيەك دەربار مى پرۆژمى تويژينەومكە دەنووسيّت، تيايدا باكگراوندى پرۆژمكە باس دەكات و روونى دەكاتەو كە بۆچى ئاراستەكردنى ئەم تويژينەوميە گرنگە. Markov chains are among the most well known and established probabilistic models. They

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Just as the probability theory is regarded as the study of mathematical models of random phenomena, the theory of stochastic processes plays an important role in the investigation of random phenomena depending on time. A random phenomenon that arises through a process which is developing in time and controlled by some probability law is called a stochastic process. Thus, stochastic processes can be referred to as the dynamic part of the probability theory. Markov chains are among the most well known and established probabilistic models. They have long been developed, studied and applied to real world problems. A finite Markov chain is a discrete time parameter stochastic process in which the future state of the system is dependent only on the present state and is independent of the previous states. The behavior of a Markov chain model largely depends on the transition probabilities which can be represented by the probability matrix which enables the prediction of parameters be easily obtained. [1]; [2]; [3].

The Markov chain was first proposed by Andreyev Markov (1856-1922) [5]. A stochastic process is said to include the Markov chain if it fulfills the properties of Markov (Markovian properties). The properties of Markov stated that the probability of a future event, with known past events and present events, is not dependent on past events and only depends on the present events. The Markov chain is generally classified into two, namely the Markov chain with discrete parameter index and the Markov chain with continuous parameter index. The Markov chain is said to be a discrete parameter index if the shift state occurs with a fixed discrete time interval. Whereas, the Markov chain is said to be a continuous parameter index if the shift state occurs with a continuous time interval [6]. Data which is a time series data that indicates the movement of state in a fixed discrete time interval can be represented by Markov chain model.

## 5. Research objectives

Clarify the research objectives and planned methodology to meet the challenges of the project. Include details of the research plan and relate to the previous work carried out by others.

لێر ددا سەر پەرشتيار دەبێت ئامانجەكانى توێژينەوەكە روونبكاتەوە و باس لەميتۆدەكانى رووبەرووبوونەوەى ئەر تەحەدياتانە دەكات كەلمكاتى توێژينەوەدا دێتە رێگاى، ھەروەھا گرنگە كە پلانى توێژينەوەكە ببەستێتەرە بەر كارانەى كە پېشتر لەر بوارەدا ئەنجام دراون.

The overall aim of this project is to study stochastic processes, specifically the classic Markov Chain and one with random transition matrices to predict the next future state of oil prices in Kurdistan Region (KR) of Iraq. In order to achieve this aim, a data set must be created by recording the current state of the oil prices and its state transitions. This data set can be created with the help of seniors and authorities in KR. This includes collecting data from the Ministry of Natural Resources and then predicting the future state of the oil prices. One of the methods for solving the problem of prediction is to make use of the Markov chain concept. A Markov chain is a memory less system in which the future state does not depend on the past states but only the current state. By implementing the Markov chain concept in the prediction, it becomes possible to predict the next state of the oil prices. Finally, by using different test statistics the aim is to decide on the goodness of fit for the proposed model. The aim is to predict the model of fluctuating these prices and then to produce accurate forecast for future prices based on a description of history patterns in crude oil prices.

### 6. Methodology and data collection

In this section the supervisor should describe the methodology of the proposed research

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To ensure the achievement of the research goal, the workflow is planned with two stages. In the first one, a theoretical approach would be taken, describing the problem of interest. A literature review would follow highlighting the most important background.

The second stage is to provide the short overview of methodology applied to solve the problems covered in the study. The performance evaluation can be carried out by different methods such as;

- mathematical analysis with numerical procedures;
- building the system and then measure its performance;
- using simulation techniques.

#### 7. Scope and limit to the research

Details of anticipated problems and proposed resolutions

لێر مدا باس لمو بمربمستانه دمكرێت كه دمشێت بێنه ڕێگاى ئەنجامدانى توێژينمومكە، ھەرومھا باس له چارمسەرى ئمو بەربەستانەش دەكرێت.

The project will focus on the context data which can be used to predict the future state of oil prices in KR of Iraq in which oil production is new industry and the processing of raw materials my face many problems. Therefore, the basic goals of this project are (1) record the current state of the oil prices and its state transitions and (2) predict the future prices using an appropriate prediction model.

### 8. Duration and timeline

ليْر مدا باس له كاتى بِيْويست بو ئەنجامدانى تويْژينمومكه دەكريت

The duration for this project is expected to be within 2-3 years time in which 3-4 month will

be on introduction and review then the rest will be dedicated for achieving the goal.

#### 9. Conclusions

The project supervisor summaries the research objectives and clarify their expected findings; include why the research has scientific value.

لیر مدا سمر پهر شتیار باس له گرنگی ئامانج و دمر ئەنجامه چاو مړوانکر او مکانی تویزینمو مکه دمکات، همر و ها ړوونی دمکاتموه که بۆچی ئاکاممکانی ئهم تویزینمو میه به های ز انستیی همیه.

The objective of this research is to study Stochastic Processes and the most widely used model Markov chain to develop the forecasting model for oil price. The data of oil prices in KR will be used to develop the model and then to test the significance for the model. For this purpose, different criterions will be used to measure the accuracy of the proposed model. The primary focus of this thesis will be on investigation for the existing prediction models and then to propose a solution based on the best existing model and then test it with an implementation for the proposed model.

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11. General notes :

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