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1. Let X and Y be independent random variables. Random variable X has mean μ_X and variance σ_X^2 , and random variable Y has mean μ_Y and variance σ_Y^2 . Let $Z = 2X - 3Y$. Find the mean and variance of Z in terms of the means and variances of X and Y .

2. The joint PMF of the random variables X and Y is given by the following table:

$y = 3$	c	c	$2c$
$y = 2$	$2c$	0	$4c$
$y = 1$	$3c$	c	$6c$
	$x = 1$	$x = 2$	$x = 3$

- (a) Find the value of the constant c .
- (b) Find $p_Y(2)$.
- (c) Consider the random variable $Z = YX^2$. Find $\mathbf{E}[Z \mid Y = 2]$.
- (d) Conditioned on the event that $X \neq 2$, are X and Y independent? Give a one-line justification.
- (e) Find the conditional variance of Y given that $X = 2$.
3. Consider 10 independent tosses of a biased coin with a probability of heads of p .
- (a) Let A be the event that there are 6 heads in the first 8 tosses. Let B be the event that the 9th toss results in heads. Show that events A and B are independent.
- (b) Find the probability that there are 3 heads in the first 4 tosses and 2 heads in the last 3 tosses.
- (c) Given that there were 4 heads in the first 7 tosses, find the probability that the 2nd head occurred during the 4th trial.
- (d) Find the probability that there are 5 heads in the first 8 tosses and 3 heads in the last 5 tosses.