

Denote by  $\mathcal{F}_0 = \{\phi, \Omega\}$ . We can verify

$$\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{F}_0) = \mathbb{E}X$$

directly by using our understanding of conditional expectations.

Indeed, we construct a random variable  $1_\Omega : \Omega \rightarrow R$  satisfying

$$1_\Omega(\omega) = 1 \text{ for all } \omega \in \Omega.$$

It is easy to know that

$$\sigma(1_\Omega) = \mathcal{F}_0 = \{\phi, \Omega\}.$$

Thus, we have

$$\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{F}_0) = \mathbb{E}(X|\sigma(1_\Omega)) = \mathbb{E}(X|1_\Omega).$$

In what follows, let us show that

$$\mathbb{E}(X|1_\Omega = y) = \mathbb{E}X, \tag{1}$$

which implies that

$$\mathbb{E}(X|1_\Omega) = \mathbb{E}X.$$

To show (1), it is sufficient to verify that  $X$  and  $1_\Omega$  are independent. We show that for any arbitrary two sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in A, 1_\Omega \in B) = \mathbb{P}(X \in A)\mathbb{P}(1_\Omega \in B). \tag{2}$$

If  $1 \notin B$ , we have  $\{1_\Omega \in B\} = \phi$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X \in A, 1_\Omega \in B) &= \mathbb{P}(X \in A, \phi) = 0, \\ \mathbb{P}(X \in A)\mathbb{P}(1_\Omega \in B) &= \mathbb{P}(X \in A)\mathbb{P}(\phi) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $1 \in B$ , we have  $\{1_\Omega \in B\} = \Omega$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X \in A, 1_\Omega \in B) &= \mathbb{P}(X \in A, \Omega) = \mathbb{P}(X \in A), \\ \mathbb{P}(X \in A)\mathbb{P}(1_\Omega \in B) &= \mathbb{P}(X \in A)\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = \mathbb{P}(X \in A). \end{aligned}$$