

$X, Y$  are independent r.v.'s assume they are bounded for simplicity.

Show that  $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$

• Assume first that  $X, Y$  are nonnegative simple functions

$$X = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbb{1}_{A_j}, \quad Y = \sum_{k=1}^m b_k \mathbb{1}_{B_k}$$

$$XY = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbb{1}_{A_j} \sum_{k=1}^m b_k \mathbb{1}_{B_k} = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m a_j b_k \mathbb{1}_{A_j \cap B_k}$$

$$E[XY] = \int \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m a_j b_k \mathbb{1}_{A_j \cap B_k} dP$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m a_j b_k P(A_j \cap B_k) \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j P(A_j) \sum_{k=1}^m b_k P(B_k) \\ &= E[X] E[Y] \end{aligned}$$

• for nonnegative measurable  $X, Y$  exists increasing sequences of measurable functions  $X_n, Y_n \rightarrow X, Y$

$$\begin{aligned} E[XY] &= \int \lim X_n Y_n dP = \lim \int X_n Y_n dP = \lim (E[X_n] E[Y_n]) \\ &= E[X] E[Y] \end{aligned}$$

• for general  $XY$  let  $X^+, X^-, Y^+, Y^-$   
as  $XY = X^+Y^+ + X^-Y^- - X^+Y^- - X^-Y^+$

define as before

$$\begin{aligned}\text{then } E[XY] &= \int X^+Y^+ dP + \int X^-Y^- dP - \int X^+Y^- dP - \int X^-Y^+ dP \\ &= E[X^+]E[Y^+] + E[X^-]E[Y^-] - E[X^+]E[Y^-] \\ &\quad - E[X^-]E[Y^+] = E[X^+](E[Y^+] - E[Y^-]) \\ &\quad + E[X^-](E[Y^-] - E[Y^+]) \\ &= E[X^+](E[Y]) + E[X^-]E[Y] \\ &= E[X]E[Y]\end{aligned}$$