

# Part III Advanced Probability

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# 1 Conditional Expectation

## Lecture 1 1.1 Basic definitions

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space. Remember the following definitions

**Definition 1.1 (Sigma algebra).**  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sigma algebra if and only if:  $(\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}\Omega)$

1.  $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$
2.  $A \in \mathcal{F} \implies A^c \in \mathcal{F}$
3.  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{F} \implies \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$

**Definition 1.2 (Probability measure).**  $\mathbb{P}$  is a probability measure if

1.  $\mathbb{P} : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  (i.e. a set function)
2.  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$ , and  $\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$
3.  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  pairwise disjoint  $\implies \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n)$ .

**Definition 1.3 (Random Variable).**  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a random variable if for all  $B$  open in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $X^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$ .

**Remark.** Observe that the sigma algebra  $\mathcal{G} = \{B \subseteq \mathbb{R} : X(B) \in \mathcal{F}\} \supseteq \mathcal{O} \implies \mathcal{G} \supseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ , the former being the collection of open sets in  $\mathbb{R}$  and the latter the Borel sigma algebra on  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual topology, namely,  $\sigma(\mathcal{O})$  (see below for the notation).

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a collection of subsets of  $\Omega$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\mathcal{A}) &= \text{smallest sigma algebra containing } \mathcal{A} \\ &= \bigcap \{ \mathcal{T} : \mathcal{T} \text{ sigma algebra containing } \mathcal{A} \}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.4 (Borel sigma algebra on  $\mathbb{R}$ ).** Let  $\mathcal{O} = \{\text{open sets in } \mathbb{R}\}$ . Then, the Borel sigma algebra  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  ( $:= \mathcal{B}$ ) is defined as above, namely,

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) := \sigma(\mathcal{O}).$$

Let  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of random variables, then  $\sigma(X_i : i \in I)$  = the smallest sigma algebra that makes them all measurable. We also have the characterisation  $\sigma(X_i : i \in I) = \sigma(\underbrace{\{\{\omega \in \Omega : X_i(\omega) \in B\}, i \in I, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})\}}_{X_i^{-1}(B)})$ .

## 1.2 Expectation

Note we use the following for the indicator function on some event  $A$

$$\mathbf{1}(A)(x) = \mathbf{1}(x \in A) := \begin{cases} 1, & x \in A \\ 0, & x \notin A \end{cases}, \quad A \in \mathcal{F}.$$

We now begin the construction of the expectation of generic random variables.

Positive simple random variables:  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(A_i), c_i \geq 0, A_i \in \mathcal{F}.$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] := \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbb{P}(A_i).$$

Non-negative random variables: ( $X \geq 0$ ). We proceed by approximation. Namely, let  $X_n(\omega) := 2^{-n} \lfloor 2^n \cdot X(\omega) \rfloor \wedge n \uparrow X(\omega), n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now, by monotone convergence,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] := \uparrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n] = \sup \mathbb{E}[X].$$

General random variables: Have the decomposition  $X = X^+ - X^-$ , where  $X^+ = X \vee 0$ ,  $X^- = -X \wedge 0$ . If one of  $\mathbb{E}[X^+], \mathbb{E}[X^-] < \infty$  then set

$$\mathbb{E}[X] := \mathbb{E}[X^+] - \mathbb{E}[X^-].$$

**Definition 1.5.**  $X$  is called integrable if  $\mathbb{E}[|X|] < \infty$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $B \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$ . Then for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , set

$$\mathbb{P}(A|B) := \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$$

Now for an integer-valued random variable  $X$ , we set:

$$\mathbb{E}[X|B] := \frac{\mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}_B]}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$$

### 1.3 Conditional expectation with respect to countably generated sigma algebras

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We now extend the definition of the conditional expectation for a countably generated sigma algebra. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space. We call the sigma algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  countably generated if there exists a collection  $(B_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of pairwise disjoint events such that  $\bigcup_{n \in I} B_n = \Omega$  with  $(I$  countable) and  $\mathcal{G} = \sigma(B_i : i \in I)$ .

Let  $X$  be an integrable random variable. We want to define  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$ .

Define  $X'(\omega) = \mathbb{E}[X|B_i]$ , whenever  $\omega \in B_i$ , i.e.

$$X' = \sum_{i \in I} \mathbf{1}(B_i) \cdot \mathbb{E}[X|B_i].$$

We make the convention that  $\mathbb{E}[X|B_i] = 0$  if  $\mathbb{P}(B_i) = 0$ . It is easy to check that  $X'$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable. We also have that

$$\mathcal{G} = \left\{ \bigcup_{j \in J} B_j : J \subseteq I \right\}$$

and  $X'$  satisfies for all  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ :  $\mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}_G] = \mathbb{E}[X' \cdot \mathbf{1}_G]$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[|X'|] &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in I} |\mathbb{E}[X|B_i]| \mathbf{1}(B_i) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i \in I} \mathbb{P}(B_i) \cdot |\mathbb{E}[X|B_i]| \\ &\leq \sum_{i \in I} \mathbb{P}(B_i) \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}(B_i)]}_{\mathbb{P}(B_i)} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[|X|] < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

### 1.4 General case

We say  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  happens a.s. if  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1$ . Recall (from measure theory and basic functional analysis):

**Theorem 1.1 (Monotone Convergence Theorem (MCT)).** Let  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be such that  $X_n \geq 0, X$  be random variables such that  $X_n \uparrow X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then,  $\mathbb{E}[X_n] \uparrow \mathbb{E}[X]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 1.2 (Dominated Convergence Theorem (DCT)).** Let  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be random variables such that  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s. as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $|X_n| \leq Y$  a.s. for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $Y$  is integrable, then  $\mathbb{E}[X_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X]$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $f$  a measurable function, then set  $\|f\|_p := (\mathbb{E}[\|f\|^p])^{\frac{1}{p}}$ . If  $p = \infty$ , then set  $\|f\|_\infty := \inf\{\lambda : |f| \leq \lambda \text{ a.s.}\}$ . Recall for all  $p$ , the Lebesgue spaces,  $\mathcal{L}^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) = \{f : \|f\|_p < \infty\}$ .

**Theorem 1.3.**  $\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is a Hilbert space, with inner product  $\langle u, v \rangle_2 = \mathbb{E}[u \cdot v]$ . Furthermore, for any closed subspace  $\mathcal{H}$ , if  $f \in \mathcal{L}^2$ , there exists a unique  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  s.t.  $\|f - g\|_{\mathcal{L}^2} = \inf_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \|f - h\|_{\mathcal{L}^2}$  and  $\langle f - g, h \rangle = 0$ , for all  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ . We say that  $g$  is the orthogonal projection of  $f$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

We now construct the conditional expectation in the general case, for any integrably random variable with respect to an arbitrary sigma algebras.

**Theorem 1.4 (Conditional Expectation).** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space,  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  a sub-sigma algebra,  $X \in \mathcal{L}^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then there exists an integrable random variable  $Y$  satisfying:

1.  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable
2. for all  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}(G)] = \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(G)]$ .

Moreover,  $Y$  unique in the sense that if  $Y'$  also satisfies the above 1), 2), then  $Y = Y'$  a.s.. We call  $Y$  a version of the conditional expectation of  $X$  given  $\mathcal{G}$ . We write  $Y = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$  a.s. If  $\mathcal{G} = \sigma(Z)$ , where  $Z$  is a random variable, then we write  $\mathbb{E}[Z] = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$ .

**Remark.** 2) could be replaced by  $\mathbb{E}[X \cdot Z] = \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot Z]$  for all  $Z$  bounded  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable random variables.

We now state and prove the main theorem of this section:

*Proof.* (Theorem 1.4) Uniqueness: Let  $Y, Y'$  satisfy 1), 2). Let  $A = \{Y > Y'\} \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then 2)

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] &= \mathbb{E}[Y' \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] \\ \implies \mathbb{E}[(Y - Y') \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] &= 0 \\ \implies \mathbb{P}(A) &= \mathbb{P}(Y > Y') = 0 \\ \implies Y &\leq Y' \text{ a.s..} \end{aligned}$$

We similarly obtain  $Y \geq Y'$  a.s., hence we deduce that  $Y = Y'$  a.s.

Existence: three steps.

1. Assume that  $X \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Observe that  $\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{P})$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Hence, Theorem 1.3, we have the decomposition  $\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) = \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{P}) \oplus \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{P})^\perp$ . Then, we have the corresponding decomposition  $X = Y + Z$ , where  $Y \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $Z \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{P})^\perp$  respectively. Define  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] := Y$ ,  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable and for all  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)]$  since  $Z \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{P})^\perp$ .

Claim: If  $X \geq 0$ , a.s. then  $Y \geq 0$  a.s. Indeed, let  $A = \{Y < 0\} \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then observe that  $0 \leq \mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] \leq 0$ . Hence  $\mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = 0$  and so  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0$ , giving  $Y = 0$  a.s.

2. Assume  $X \geq 0$ .

Define  $X_n = X \wedge n \leq n$ , meaning  $X_n$  is bounded for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $X_n \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Let  $Y_n = \mathbb{E}[X_n]$  a.s..  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an increasing sequence. By the claim above, so is  $(Y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  a.s. Define  $Y = \limsup_n Y_n$  meaning  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable and  $Y = \uparrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n$  a.s. Now, we have that for all  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X_n \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \mathbb{E}[Y_n \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)]$ . Thus, by theorem 1.1 (MCT),  $\mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[Y_n \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)]$ .

3.  $X$  general in  $\mathcal{L}^1$ .

Decompose as before  $X = X^+ - X^-$ . Define,  $\mathbb{E}[X\mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}[X^+|\mathcal{G}] - \mathbb{E}[X^-|\mathcal{G}]$ .

□

### Lecture 3

**Remark.** From the second step of the proof of Theorem 1.4 we see that we can define  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$  for all  $X \geq 0$ , not necessarily integrable. It satisfies all conditions 1), 2) except for the integrability one.

**Definition 1.7.**  $\underbrace{\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2, \dots}_{\text{sigma algebras}} \subset \mathcal{F}$ . We call them independent if whenever  $G_i \in \mathcal{G}_i$  and

$$i_1 < \dots < i_k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then } \mathbb{P}(G_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap G_{i_k}) = \prod_{j=1}^k \mathbb{P}(G_{i_j}).$$

Moreover, let  $X$  be a random variable and  $\mathcal{G}$  a sigma algebra, then they are said to be int if  $\sigma(X)$  is independent of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Properties of conditional expectations: Fix  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}^1$ ,  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .

1.  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]] = \mathbb{E}[X]$  (take  $A = \Omega$ )
2. If  $X$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable, then  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] = X$  a.s.
3. If  $X$  is independent of  $\mathcal{G}$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}[X]$
4. If  $X \geq 0$  a.s., then  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] \geq 0$  a.s.
5. For  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$   $\mathbb{E}[\alpha X + \beta Y|\mathcal{G}] = \alpha \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] + \beta \mathbb{E}[Y|\mathcal{G}]$
6.  $\mathbb{E}[|X|\mathcal{G}] \leq \mathbb{E}[|X|]$  a.s.

Below we provide expansions of useful measure theoretic results for the expectation to their corresponding conditional counterparts. First recall:

**Lemma 1.1 (Fatou's Lemma).** Let  $X_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[\liminf_n X_n] \leq \liminf_n \mathbb{E}[X_n] \quad \text{a.s.}$$

**Theorem 1.5 (Jensen's Inequality).** If  $X$  is integrable and  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function, then

$$\phi(\mathbb{E}[X]) \leq \mathbb{E}[\phi(X)] \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Now the results themselves:

**Theorem 1.6 (Conditional Monotone Convergence theorem (MCT)).** Let  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$  be sigma algebras,  $X_n \geq 0$  a.a. and  $X_n \uparrow X$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  a.s. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{G}] \uparrow \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] \quad \text{a.s.}$$

*Proof.* Theorem 1.6 Set  $Y_n = \mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{G}]$  a.s. Observe that  $Y_n$  is a.s. increasing. Set  $Y = \limsup_n Y_n$ .  $Y_n$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable, hence, so is  $Y$  (as a limsup of  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable random variables) is also  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable. Also,  $Y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n$  a.s.

Need to show:  $\mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)]$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] &= \mathbb{E}[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] \stackrel{\text{MCT}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[Y_n \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)]. \end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof.* Theorem 1.1  $\liminf_n X_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \inf_{k \geq n} X_k \right)$ , the limit of an increasing sequence. By Theorem 1.1, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[\inf_{k \geq n} X_k | \mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}[\liminf_n X_n | \mathcal{G}]$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}[\inf_{k \geq n} X_k | \mathcal{G}] \stackrel{\text{a.s.}}{\leq} \inf_{k \geq n} \mathbb{E}[X_k | \mathcal{G}]^1$$

which gives the result

$$\mathbb{E}[\liminf_n X_n] \leq \liminf_n \mathbb{E}[X_n] \quad \text{a.s.}$$

□

**Theorem 1.7 (Conditional Dominated Convergence Theorem).** Suppose  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s.  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $|X_n| \leq Y$  a.s. for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $Y$  integrable. Then  $\mathbb{E}[X_n | \mathcal{G}] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$  a.s. as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* From  $-Y \leq X_n \leq Y$ , we have  $X_n + Y \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $Y - X_n \geq 0$  a.s. By Theorem 1.1,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X + Y | \mathcal{G}] &= \mathbb{E}[\liminf_n (X_n + Y) | \mathcal{G}] \\ &\leq \liminf_n \mathbb{E}[X_n + Y | \mathcal{G}] = \liminf_n \mathbb{E}[X_n | \mathcal{G}] + \mathbb{E}[Y] \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[|X - Y| | \mathcal{G}] &= \mathbb{E}[Y - \liminf_n X_n | \mathcal{G}] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[Y] + \liminf_n \mathbb{E}[X_n | \mathcal{G}] \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\limsup_n \mathbb{E}[X_n | \mathcal{G}] \leq \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$$

and

$$\liminf_n \mathbb{E}[X_n | \mathcal{G}] \geq \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$$

a.s., concluding the proof.

□

**Theorem 1.8 (Conditional Jensen).** Let  $X \in \mathcal{L}^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ ,  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function s.t.  $\phi(X)$  is integrable or  $\phi(X) \geq 0$

$$\phi(\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]) \leq \mathbb{E}[\phi(X) | \mathcal{G}] \quad \text{a.s.}$$

*Proof.* Claim: (true for any convex function, no proof given)  $\phi(x) = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (a_i x + b_i)$ ,  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus,

$$\mathbb{E}[\phi(X) | \mathcal{G}] \geq a_i \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}] + b_i \quad \text{for all } i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Taking the supremum gives <sup>2</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\phi(X) | \mathcal{G}] &\geq \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (a_i \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}] + b_i) \\ &= \phi(\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]) \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 1.8.1.** For all  $1 \leq p < \infty$   $\|\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]\|_p \leq \|X\|_p$ .

*Proof.* Apply conditional Jensen.

□

<sup>1</sup>can take the infimum due to countability that preserves a.s.

<sup>2</sup>can take the supremum due to countability which again preserves a.s.

**Proposition 1.1 (Tower Property).** Let  $X$  be integrable and  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  sigma algebras. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]|\mathcal{H}] = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{H}] \quad \text{a.s.}$$

*Proof.* (a)  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{H}]$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ –measurable.

(b) For all  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  NTS:

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{H}] \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)]$$

Indeed, both terms above are equal to  $\mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)]$  since  $A \in \mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ . □

**Proposition 1.2.** Let  $X \in \mathcal{L}^1$ ,  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ ,  $Y$  bounded  $\mathcal{G}$ –measurable. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y|\mathcal{G}] = Y \cdot \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}].$$

*Proof.* (a) RHS is clearly  $\mathcal{G}$ –measurable.

(b) For all  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] &= \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] \\ \mathbb{E}[X \cdot \underbrace{(Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A))}_{\mathcal{G}\text{-meas. and bounded}}] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] \cdot Y \cdot \mathbf{1}(A)] = RHS. \end{aligned}$$

(Also observe that by a monotone class argument, we have for any integrable function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X \cdot f] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] \cdot f]$  ) □