

Definition 0.0.1 (conditional expectation w.r.t. a partition). For any partition $\mathcal{D} = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$ of Ω , the conditional expectation of a simple random variable X is given by

$$\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{D}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X|D_i) \mathbf{1}_{D_i} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m x_j \mathbb{P}(D_j^X | D_i) \mathbf{1}_{D_i}}_{\text{a simple } \sigma(\mathcal{D})\text{-measurable r.v.}},$$

where $\mathbb{E}(X|D_i) = \mathbb{E}(X \mathbf{1}_{D_i}) \mathbb{P}(D_i)^{-1}$ is the usual conditional expectation, and $\mathcal{D}(X)$ partitions Ω w.r.t. X .

If we have two simple random variables X and Y , then

$$\mathbb{E}(X|Y) := \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{D}(Y)] = g(Y)$$

for some measurable function g , which, clearly, is $\sigma(Y)$ -measurable.