

**Definition 0.0.1** (conditional expectation w.r.t. a  $\sigma$ -algebra). Let  $X$  be a integrable random variable on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Given a arbitrary sub- $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , the **conditional expectation** of  $X$  with respect to  $\mathcal{G}$ , denoted by  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$ , is the unique integrable random variable satisfying the following conditions:

(i) (measurability)  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable, i.e.  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]^{-1}(\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})) \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  or  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{G}$  for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .

(ii) (partial averaging) For any  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}_A X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}_A \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]]$$

or in integral form  $\int_A \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}](\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \int_A X(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ .