

For random variables X and Y (which may be dependent),

$$E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y].$$

More generally, for random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n and constants c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n ,

$$E \left[\sum_{i=1}^n c_i X_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i \cdot E[X_i]).$$

$$E[X+Y] = \sum_x \sum_y [(x+y) \cdot P(X=x, Y=y)] = \sum_x \sum_y [x \cdot P(X=x, Y=y)] + \sum_x \sum_y [y \cdot P(X=x, Y=y)]$$