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## **Exercise: Conditional expectation**

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Let  $oldsymbol{X}$  and  $oldsymbol{Y}$  be zero-mean independent random variables. Which one of the following statements is correct? Hint: You can take for granted the intuitive fact that  $\mathbf{E}[X \,|\, X=x]=x$ .

- $\bullet$  **E**[*X* + *Y* | *X*] = 0.
- $\mathbf{E}[X + Y \mid X] = X$ .
- $\mathbf{E}[X + Y \mid X] = X + Y$ .

## Answer:

Using linearity of expectations, and then the independence assumption, we have

$$\mathbf{E}[X+Y\,|\,X=x] = \mathbf{E}[X\,|\,X=x] + \mathbf{E}[Y\,|\,X=x] = x + \mathbf{E}[Y] = x.$$

Translating this statement into abstract notation, we obtain  $\mathbf{E}[X+Y\,|\,X]=X.$ 

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