

(1) **conditional expectation**

Let  $f, g$  be independent random variables on the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $\mathcal{G} = \sigma(g)$ , the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra, such that  $g$  is measurable, and  $\mathcal{H} = \sigma(f, g)$ . Assume that  $\mathbb{E}|f|^3 < \infty$ . Use Proposition 3.1.8 to find out

- (a)  $\mathbb{E}[f|\mathcal{G}]$ ,
- (b)  $\mathbb{E}[f|\mathcal{H}]$ .
- (c)  $\mathbb{E}[(f + g)^3|\mathcal{G}]$ , if  $g$  is bounded.

(2) **conditional expectation: the discrete case**

Assume a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and a partition  $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_N$  of  $\Omega$ , (i.e.  $\Omega = \bigcup_{n=1}^N \Omega_n$  and  $\Omega_k \cap \Omega_l = \emptyset$  for  $k \neq l$ ). Assume moreover that for  $n = 1, \dots, N$  it holds  $\Omega_n \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega_n) > 0$ . Put  $\mathcal{G} := \sigma(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_N)$  and assume  $f \in \mathcal{L}_1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Define

$$g(\omega) := \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\mathbb{E}(f \mathbf{1}_{\Omega_n})}{\mathbb{P}(\Omega_n)} \mathbf{1}_{\Omega_n}(\omega).$$

Show that  $g = \mathbb{E}[f|\mathcal{G}]$  a.s.

(3) **sub-martingales and martingales**

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be bounded, i.i.d. random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  such that  $\mathbb{E}X_1 = 0$ . We will use the natural filtration given by  $\mathcal{F}_0 := \{\Omega, \emptyset\}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_n := \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  ( $n \geq 1$ ). Let  $(Y_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  be given by  $Y_0 := 0$  and  $Y_n := (X_1 + \dots + X_n)^2$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

- (a) Show that  $(Y_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  is a sub-martingale.
- (b) Does there exist a constant  $c > 0$  such that the process  $(M_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  given by  $M_n := Y_n - cn$  is a martingale?

(4) **Problem 3 of Demo 2 and Problem 2 of Demo 2**

We interpret

- (a)  $S_1, S_2, \dots$  as waiting times with parameters  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ ,
- (b)  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  as claim arrival times,
- (c)  $X_t$  as the claim amount process, i.e. the number of claims at time  $t$ .

Explosion means that the waiting are such that one has, up to some *finite* time, *infinitely many* claims. In the demo we already checked with  $\mathbb{E}S_n = 1/\lambda_n$  (we assumed this to be known) that, by monotone convergence,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}S_n = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n \right] \in [0, \infty].$$

This gives that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} < \infty$  implies  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n < \infty$  almost surely, i.e.

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \left\{ \omega \in \Omega : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n(\omega) < \infty \right\} \right) = 1.$$

This means, that if the waiting times become too short, then one has an explosion almost surely. The following problem is left:

**Problem:** Deduce by the 3-series Theorem of Kolmogorov that

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \left\{ \omega \in \Omega : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n(\omega) < \infty \right\} \right) = 1$$

implies  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} < \infty$ .

**Hint:** Use and verify part (a) of Problem 3 of Demo 2.