

(1) **Conditional expectations**

(a) Prove Proposition 3.1.8(i).

Hint: Define $h := \lambda \mathbb{E}(f|\mathcal{G}) + \mu \mathbb{E}(g|\mathcal{G})$ and check that h is \mathcal{G} -measurable and that

$$\int_A h d\mathbb{P} = \int_A (\lambda f + \mu g) d\mathbb{P} \quad \text{for } A \in \mathcal{G}.$$

(b) Prove Proposition 3.1.8(viii) by the definition of the conditional expectation.

(2) **Stopping times?**

Let $M_0 := 0$ and $M_n := \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_n$, $n \geq 1$, where $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots : \Omega \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ are independent Bernoulli random variables. Let $\mathcal{F}_0 := \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ and $\mathcal{F}_n := \sigma(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$. Which of the following maps are stopping times ($\inf \emptyset := \infty$)?

- (a) $\sigma(\omega) := \inf \{n \geq 0 : M_n(\omega) \in (10, 12)\}$
- (b) $\sigma(\omega) := \inf \{n \geq 0 : M_n(\omega) \in (10, 12)\} - 1$
- (c) $\sigma(\omega) := \inf \{n \geq 0 : M_n(\omega) \in (10, 12)\} + 1$
- (d) $\sigma(\omega) := \inf \{n \geq 0 : M_{n+1}(\omega) \in (10, 12)\}$
- (e) $\sigma(\omega) := \inf \{n \geq 0 : M_{n+1}(\omega) \in (10, 11)\}$
- (f) $\sigma(\omega) := \inf \{n \geq 1 : M_{n-1}(\omega) = 10\}$
- (g) $\sigma(\omega) := \inf \{n \geq 1 : M_{n-1}(\omega) = 10\} - 1$

(3) **Stopping times and their σ -algebras**

Let $(\mathcal{F}_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ be a filtration and $\sigma, \tau : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ stopping times.

- (a) Show that $\sigma + \tau$ is a stopping time.
- (b) Show that $\mathcal{F}_\sigma \subseteq \mathcal{F}_\tau$ if $0 \leq \sigma \leq \tau$.

(4) **Stopped processes**

Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}) be a measurable space equipped with a filtration $(\mathcal{F}_n)_{n=0}^\infty$. Assume that $(X_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ is an adapted process, i.e. $X_n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is \mathcal{F}_n -measurable for all $n \geq 0$. Assume a stopping time $\tau : \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Prove that that the map

$$X_\tau : \omega \mapsto X_{\tau(\omega)}(\omega)$$

is an \mathcal{F}_τ -measurable map from Ω into \mathbb{R} .

(5) **Martingales**

Let $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots : \Omega \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ be independent Bernoulli random variables, i.e. $\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_n = 1) = \mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_n = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$. Define the natural filtration $\mathcal{F}_0 := \{\Omega, \emptyset\}$ and $\mathcal{F}_n := \sigma(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$ for $n \geq 1$. Let $M_0 := 1$ and

$$M_n := \frac{e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \varepsilon_k}}{\alpha^n}, \quad n \geq 1,$$

where $\alpha > 0$. For which $\alpha > 0$ the process $(M_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ is a martingale?

(*) What happens if one considers the complex valued process

$$M_n := \frac{e^{i \sum_{k=1}^n \varepsilon_k}}{\alpha^n}, \quad n \geq 1?$$