

Expectation of a Sum

$$\begin{aligned} E(X + Y) &= \sum_{i,j} (x_i + y_j) P(X = x_i \text{ and } Y = y_j) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} x_i P(X = x_i \mid Y = y_j) P(Y = y_j) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i,j} y_j P(Y = y_j \mid X = x_i) P(X = x_i) \\ &= \sum_i x_i (\sum_j P(X = x_i \mid Y = y_j) P(Y = y_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_j y_j (\sum_i P(Y = y_j \mid X = x_i) P(X = x_i)) \\ &= \sum_i x_i P(X = x_i) \\ &\quad + \sum_j y_j P(Y = y_j) \\ &= E(X) + E(Y). \end{aligned}$$