

PROBABILITY THEORY II - EXERCISE SET V

**Exercise 1.** Prove the conditional Chebyshev inequality: if  $X$  is a random variable such that  $X \geq 0$  almost surely and  $\mathbb{E}X < \infty$ , then

$$\mathbb{P}(X > a|\mathcal{G}) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{G})}{a} \text{ almost surely.}$$

**Exercise 2.** Let  $(X, Y)$  be a centered Gaussian vector with  $\mathbb{E}Y^2 = 1$ . Prove that almost surely, the conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Y$  is Gaussian with mean  $Y\mathbb{E}(XY)$  and variance  $\mathbb{E}X^2 - (\mathbb{E}(XY))^2$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots$  be independent centered random variables with finite variance, and define  $S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$ . Prove that

$$S_n^2 - \text{Var } S_n$$

is a martingale.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $X_n$  be a submartingale, and let  $\tau$  be a stopping time such that  $\tau \leq n$  almost surely. Prove that

$$\mathbb{E}X_\tau \leq \mathbb{E}X_n.$$

**Exercise 5.** Let  $X_n$  and  $Y_n$  be submartingales (adapted to the same filtration). Prove that  $\max(X_n; Y_n)$  is a submartingale.

**Exercise 6.** Let  $M$  be a separable metric space such that  $d(x, y) < 1$  for all  $x, y \in \Omega'$ . Let  $\{q_1, q_2, \dots\} \subset M$  be a countable dense subset, and define a function  $\varphi : M \mapsto [0; 1]^{\mathbb{N}} = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots) : x_i \in [0; 1]\}$  by

$$\varphi(x) = (d(q_1; x), d(q_2; x), \dots).$$

Prove that  $\varphi$  is injective. Viewing  $[0; 1]^{\mathbb{N}}$  as a metric space with the metric  $d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i - y_i|2^{-i}$ , prove that  $\varphi$  is also continuous.

**Exercise 7.** Consider the map  $\psi : [0; 1]^{\mathbb{N}} \mapsto [0; 1]$ , defined as follows: if  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  and  $x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$  are the binary digits of  $x_i$  (that is,  $x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_{ij}2^{-j}$ , with the convention that infinite tails of 1's are prohibited), define  $\psi(x)$  to be the real number whose binary digits are  $x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{21}, x_{13}, x_{22}, x_{31}, \dots$ , etc. Formally,

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} x_{n, m-n} 2^{-m(m-1)/2-n}.$$

Prove that  $\psi(x)$  is  $\mathcal{B}([0; 1]^{\mathbb{N}})$ -to- $\mathcal{B}([0; 1])$  measurable and injective, that  $A := \psi([0; 1]^{\mathbb{N}})$  is Borel measurable, and that  $\psi^{-1} : A \mapsto [0; 1]^{\mathbb{N}}$  is also measurable.

**Exercise 8.** Let  $M$  be a metric space which is a countable union of compacts. Derive from the previous two exercises that  $(M; \mathcal{B}(M))$  is isomorphic as a measurable space to a Borel subset  $B$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ , that is, there exists a measurable bijection  $\rho : M \mapsto B$  with measurable inverse. Conclude that any random variable with values in  $M$  has regular conditional distributions.