

Last time:

↳ Model for stock prices:  $dS = \alpha S dt + \underbrace{\sigma S dW}_{\text{random fluctuations}}$ .

$dW \rightarrow$  ~~an~~ infinitesimally small increment of BM.

Prob:  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$

sample space  $\uparrow$   $\mathcal{G}$   $\uparrow$  prob measure.

$\sigma$ -alg  
(events whose prob  
are known.)

$A \in \mathcal{G} \rightarrow A \subseteq \Omega$ .  
(called an event).

$P(A) \in [0, 1]$  rep  
prob that A occurs.

## Random Variables:

Discrete probab: A random variable is a function

$$X: \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

(ie  $X$  is a fu, domain  $\Omega$ , target  $\mathbb{R}$ .)

Q: "Is  $X$  +ve"

Q: What is the prob  $X$  is +ve?

Event that  $X$  is +ve:  $\{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) > 0\}$

Notation:  $\{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) > 0\} = \{X > 0\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A$ .

Prob  $X$  is +ve is  $P(A)$ .

Only makes sense if  $A \in \mathcal{G}$

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Def: A random variable is a function.

$X: \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that.

for every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , the event  $\{X \leq \alpha\} \in \mathcal{G}$ .

(aka a  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable R.V.)

$(\Rightarrow)$  events of the form  $\{X > \alpha\}$ ,  $\{X > \alpha \& X \leq \beta\}$ ,  $\{X \geq \alpha\}$ , etc are all events of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Remark: If  $X, Y$  are two RV's,

then  $X+Y, X \vee Y, X \wedge Y, Y e^X$  -- etc  
are all also  $\mathcal{G}$ -meas RV's.

Eg: Suppose  $A \in \mathcal{G}$  is some event. ( $A \subseteq \Omega$ ).

$$\text{Define } X(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \omega \in A \\ 0 & \omega \notin A. \end{cases}$$

(Called the indicator function of  $A$ . Notation  $\mathbb{1}_A =$ )

Check.  $X$  is a RV:

$$\text{Pick } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \{X \leq \alpha\} = \begin{cases} \Omega & \alpha \geq 1 \\ A^c & \alpha \in [0, 1) \\ \emptyset & \alpha < 0 \end{cases}$$

Note  $\Omega, \phi$  &  $A^c \in \mathcal{G} \Rightarrow X$  is  $\mathcal{G}$  meas R.V.

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Expectations:  $X \rightarrow$  R.V.

$EX =$  Expectation of  $X$ .

$=$  Lebesgue integral of  $X$  wrt  $P$

$$= \int_{\Omega} X \, dP = \int_{\Omega} X(\omega) \, dP(\omega).$$

Suppose  $X$  only takes on finitely many values  $a_1, \dots, a_N$ .

Let  $A_i = \{X = a_i\}$ . ( $\Omega = \bigcup A_i$ )

(Such R.V.'s are called simple).

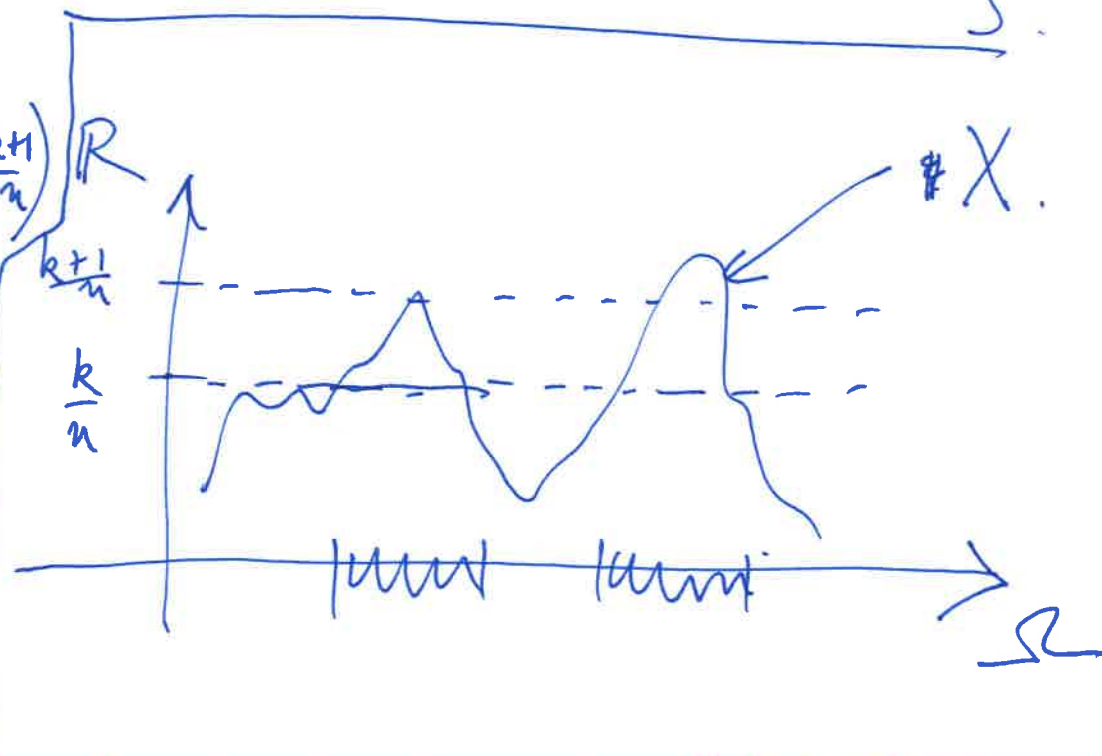
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$$EX = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \cdot P(X = a_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \cdot P(A_i).$$

In ~~great~~ general  $\rightarrow$  approximate.

$$EX \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \left( \sum_{k=-n^2}^{n^2-1} \frac{k}{n} \mathbb{1}_{\left\{ \frac{k}{n} \leq X < \frac{k+1}{n} \right\}} \right).$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=-n^2}^{n^2-1} \frac{k}{n} P \left( \frac{k}{n} \leq X < \frac{k+1}{n} \right) R$$



## Properties of Expectations.

① ~~Let~~  $X, Y$  r.v.'s.  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$E(X + \alpha Y) = EX + \alpha EY.$$

② Positivity: If  $X \geq 0$  almost surely,

then  $EX \geq 0$

(G. Here if  $X \leq Y$  almost surely  $\Rightarrow EX \leq EY$ .)

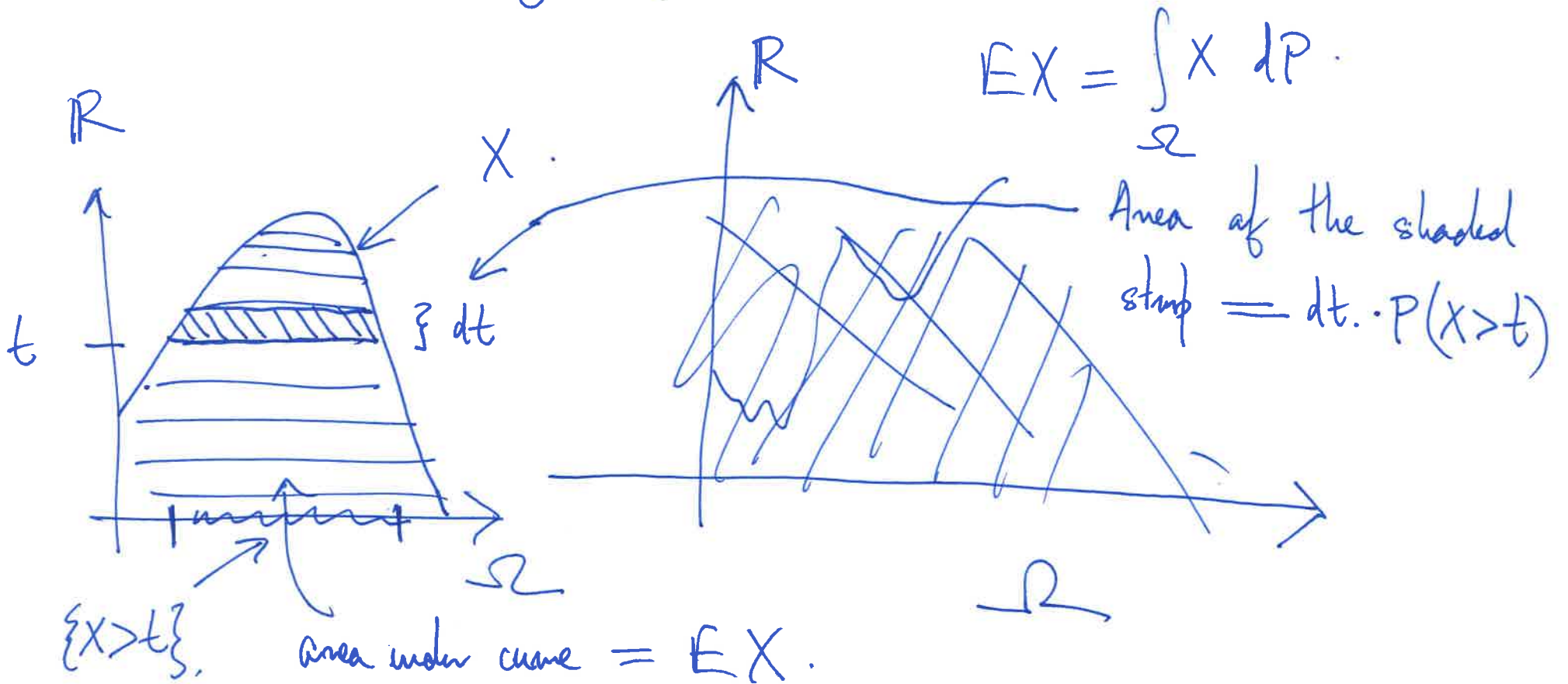
Note:  $X \geq 0$  almost surely

means  $P(X \geq 0) = 1$ .

③ Layer cake formula:

If  $X \geq 0$  a.s. then

$$EX = \int_0^{\infty} P(X \geq t) dt$$





④ Lazy Stat / Unconscious & stat formula

Say  $p$  is the prob density fn of  $X$ .

if  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a nice fn.

$$\text{Then } E f(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) p(x) dx$$

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last time: B.M. is a cts process with stationary ind inc.

Process with cts traj:

↳ for every  $t \geq 0$ ,  $X(t)$  is a R.V.

Process: ~~X~~ A function  $X: \Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
is a stochastic process.

$X$  is a fu of 2 vars  $\textcircled{1} \omega \in \Omega$ .  
 $\textcircled{2} t \in [0, \infty)$ .

~~X~~ (Fix  $t$ :  $X(\omega, t)$  is a fu of  $\omega$ )

Want for every  $t \geq 0$ ,  $X(\omega, t)$  (viewed as a fu of  $\omega$ )  
to be a R.V.

for every fixed  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $X(\omega, t)$  viewed as a fu of  $t$   
is the trajectory of  $X$ . (Cts process want all traj to be cts).

Independence: (1)  $A, B \in \mathcal{G}$ . ( $A$  &  $B$  are events).

We say  $A$  &  $B$  are independent if  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

$$\parallel$$
$$\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

(2)  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N$  are  $N$  events in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

We say  $\{A_1, \dots, A_N\}$  are ind if.

$$P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^d A_{i_k}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^d P(A_{i_k})$$

$X, Y$  two RV's:  $X$  &  $Y$  are independent.

$$E f(X) g(Y) = (E f(X)) (E g(Y))$$

★ Every event observable through  $X$  is independent  
of every event observable through  $Y$ .

Def: Let  $X$  be a RV.

Define  $\sigma(X) = \sigma$  alg generated by  $X$

$\Rightarrow$  {all events that can be observed through  $X$ }

$= \sigma$  alg generated by  $\{X \leq \alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

i.e.  $\sigma(X)$  is a  $\sigma$ -alg.

$\& \{X \leq \alpha\} \in \sigma(X)$  for every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$(\Rightarrow \{X \in (\alpha, \beta)\}, \{X > \alpha\}, \{\sin(X) > e^{3X}\}$  etc.  
are all elements of  $\sigma(X)$ ).

Eg:  $\Omega = \{1, \dots, 52\}$  (cards).

Game:  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{Win } \$1 & \text{if red card is drawn } \{1, \dots, 26\}. \end{cases}$

$\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{Lose } \$1 & \text{" black " " " } \{27, \dots, 52\}. \end{cases}$

(all cards are drawn with equal probs).

$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega) = \text{all subsets of } \Omega.$

$$A \in \mathcal{F}, \quad P(A) = \frac{\# \text{ of elements in } A}{52}.$$

$$R = \{1, \dots, 26\} \quad B = \{27, \dots, 52\}.$$

$$X = \text{outcome of my game} = \mathbb{1}_R - \mathbb{1}_B$$

Q:  $\sigma(X) = \text{all info obtained by obs'g } X$

Just by observing  $X$ : can deduce

$$P(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$P(R) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$P(\Omega) = 1$$

Note  $\sigma(X)$  =  $\sigma$  alg gen by  $\{X \leq \alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .  
=  $\{\emptyset, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{B}, \Omega\}$ .

Intuition in prob: think of  $\sigma(X)$  = all info that can be obtained by observing  $X$ .

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Def: We say two RV's  $X$  &  $Y$  are ind if every event in  $\sigma(X)$  is ind of every event in  $\sigma(Y)$ .

Tests: Let  $X_1, \dots, X_N$  be  $N$  RV's.

Then (1)  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N$  are independent

$\Leftrightarrow$  (2) For every  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$P\left(\bigcap_{j=1}^N \{X_j \leq \alpha_j\}\right) = \prod P(X_j \leq \alpha_j)$$

(3) For every coll of boundd cts fn's  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N$ ,

$$E\left(\prod_{j=1}^N t_j(X_j)\right) = \prod_{j=1}^N E t_j(X_j).$$

(4) For every  $t_1, \dots, t_N \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

Joint mgf  $\rightarrow E \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^N t_j X_j\right) = \prod_{j=1}^N E \exp(t_j X_j)$   $\leftarrow$  mgf of  $X_j$