

1. Let X, Y be random variables. We proved in class that if we want to predict Y by $h(X)$, then $h(X) = \mathbb{E}(Y|X)$ minimizes the mean square error $\mathbb{E}[(Y - h(X))^2]$ over all functions h . Note that we can always write $Y = \mathbb{E}(Y|X) + Z$, where $Z = Y - \mathbb{E}(Y|X)$ is called the residual. Prove that $\text{Cov}(Z, g(X)) = 0$ for any function g . In words, X does not contain any more information about the residual.
2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. random variables with $\mathbb{P}(X_i = 1) = p$ and $\mathbb{P}(X_i = -1) = 1 - p$. Let $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$. For each integer k , find $\mathbb{P}(S_n = k)$ in terms of n, k and p .
3. A bag contains 6 red marbles, 3 blue marbles, and 4 green marbles. You pull out a marble, record the color, and replace it in the bag 6 times. You may leave your answers unsimplified.
 - (i) What is the probability of getting 4 red, 1 blue and 1 green?
 - (ii) What is the probability of getting exactly 4 red marbles?
 - (iii) What are the probabilities in (i) and (ii) if you reach in the bag and pull out 6 marbles at once?
4. Let $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$. Find $\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{1+X} \right]$.