

From Ronald Meester, *A natural introduction to Probability theory*, page 110.

**Definition** A function  $g$  is said to be *regular* if there exist numbers  $\dots < a_{-1} < a_0 < a_1 < \dots$  with  $a_i \rightarrow \infty$  and  $a_{-i} \rightarrow -\infty$  when  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , so that  $g$  is continuous and monotone on each interval  $(a_i, a_{i+1})$ .

**Theorem** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent continuous random variables, and let  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$  be regular functions. Then  $g_1(X_1), g_2(X_2), \dots, g_n(X_n)$  are independent random variables.

**Proof** Assume for simplicity that  $n = 2$ . It follows from regularity that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we can write

$$A_1 \equiv \{y : g_1(y) \leq x\} = \bigcup_i A_{1,i}(x)$$

and

$$A_2 \equiv \{y : g_2(y) \leq x\} = \bigcup_i A_{2,i}(x),$$

as unions of pairwise disjoint intervals. Therefore, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} P(g_1(X_1) \leq x, g_2(X_2) \leq y) &= \sum_i \sum_j P(X_1 \in A_{1,i}(x), X_2 \in A_{2,j}(y)) \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j P(X_1 \in A_{1,i}(x)) P(X_2 \in A_{2,j}(y)) \\ &= \sum_i P(X_1 \in A_{1,i}(x)) \sum_j P(X_2 \in A_{2,j}(y)) \\ &= P(g_1(X_1) \leq x) P(g_2(X_2) \leq y) \end{aligned}$$