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# Plausibility

$A, B$

$$A \succ B$$

$$A \sim B$$

$$A \prec B$$

- Universal Comparability

Exactly one holds

- Transitivity

if  $A \succeq B$  and  $B \succeq C$  then  $A \succeq C$

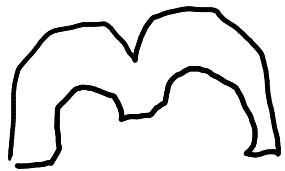
$$P(A) \succcurlyeq P(B) \quad \text{iff} \quad A \succeq B$$

$$P(A) = P(B) \quad \text{iff} \quad A \sim B$$

# What is a Random Variable?

R.V.  $X$  ← Today only!  
Capital Letter = R.V.

Happy Meal

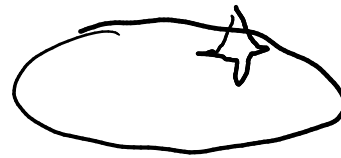


Variable

- finite set of vals
- Probability for each val

$$P(X=1)=0.5$$

Chipotle



Variable

- continuous/discrete
- related to other R.V.s

$$P(X|Y)$$

Filet Mignon



$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$

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

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Next, Answer Question:

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  - $C \in \{0, 1\}$ : Pass Clear
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  - The pass is clear 8 in 10 days
  - If it is a powder day, there is a 50% chance the pass is blocked
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- What is the probability that there is a powder day and the pass is clear?
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