# Utility

### **Ordinal Utility Scales**

- Outcome as objects
- Find a preference regarding to an object (a more generalized concept)
- Pairwise generally means "occurring in pairs" or "two at a time"
  - Mathematically, it refers to taking **all unordered 2-subsets** of a given set.
- indifference, choose one of those randomly

### Properties of binary relations

- Irreflexive does not mean that it is not reflexive
  - Not reflexive means reflexivity does not hold but it does not imply that it is irreflexive.
- Reflexive does not mean that it is not irreflexive
  - Reflexivity and Irreflexivity have their own definition
  - Relation: like. It does not apply that every one like himself or no one like himself
- The above also apply to symmetry and asymmetry
  - Not symmetric does not imply it is asymmetry
- Some relation hold in some cases and does not hold in some other cases (like Symmetry and Asymmetry).

### **Required Properties**

• Completeness, when compare two objects, the outcome must be one of following  $: x \succ y \text{ or } x \sim y \text{ or } y \succ x$ 

## **Interval Utility Scales**

- Assume an agent is rational enough to follow the principle of maximizing expected utility.
  - Modelling this based on the preference given by the agent
- All numbers used in "Mr Simpson" example are chosen up to the point that this person agree that two options are equally attractive.
  - Number playing
- *Lotteries* includes those are with 100%