

**Definition 0.0.1** (random variable). A **random variable** is a real-valued function  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ . That is, the pre-image  $X^{-1}(B) = \{\omega : X(\omega) \in B\} \in \mathcal{A}$  for all Borel sets  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ . We sometimes simply say  $X$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable.