



# Outcome Variables

## 1 Why

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## 2 Definition

An **outcome variable** is a function from a set of outcomes to a second set. We call the second set the set of **values** of the random variable.

## 3 Notation

Let  $p$  be a probability mass function over the set of outcomes  $A$ . Let  $V$  be a non-empty set. Let  $f : A \rightarrow V$ . Then  $f$  is an outcome variable.