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We want to guess random variables. Sometimes we have other random variables which we can use to make our guess.

Definition

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P})$ be a probability space. Let V a set. Let $x : \Omega \rightarrow V$. An *estimate* or *prediction* or *guess* for x is a value $v \in V$. Now let U be a set and let $y : \Omega \rightarrow U$. An *estimator* or *predictor* for x given y is a function from U to V .

