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Prediction in Policy - Quiz

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Question 1

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True or False: Policy questions of interest are not always causal in nature.

☒ a. True ✓☐ b. False

Explanation

As with the rain example Prof. Mullainathan mentioned in class, sometimes the decisions that we need to make are dependent on prediction, not on causal unknowns. Another example is the decisions of admissions committee to admit a given student, which depends on whether the student would do well or not. If there were an algorithm to predict students' success (measured in whatever way, possibly using machine learning to pre-process available data), that could help reduce the number of students who end up struggling.

Functions of Random Variable

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