

X = random variable

$E(X)$ = nonzeroness of X

$\mathcal{L}(X)$ = constant nearest to X

$\mathcal{D}(X)$ = nonconstancy of X

$\mathcal{R}(X)$ = the risk in X

$\mathcal{V}(X)$ = regret in X

risk is unavoidable!

Compromises are essential
preferences?

decision: now
observation: later

→ "costs"



choice of x "shapes" the density!

Ω

prob. space

or $\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_r)$

r.v.'s

 $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $X(\omega) = \text{outcome in future state } \omega$ $X \in \text{function space, } X \in \mathcal{L}^2(\text{prob space})$ 

