

**variable,  $x$**

The quantity or characteristic measured or computed. The corresponding numerical value may be taken for statistical handling; it may, for example, be a measured value or result.

Comment:

Note that statistical usage employs capital letters for random variables, and lower case for particular or observed values. In circumstances where the choice of ' $x$ ' as the symbol may cause confusion, another symbol may be used.

See also dependent and independent variables  
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