

Symbol

X	Any variable.
A	The treatment or, equivalently, the exposure.
Y	The outcome.
$Y(a)$	The potential outcome when $A = a$.
L	Measured confounder(s): typically comprises a set of variables.
U	Unmeasured confounder.
Z	Effect-modifier (or 'moderator') of A on Y .
M	Mediator of A on Y .
\bar{X}	Sequential variables, e.g. $\bar{A} = \{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$; $\bar{L} = \{L_0, L_1, L_2\}$.
\mathcal{R}	Denotes randomisation into treatment event.
