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- Legal puzzles where two actions combined lead to some consequences. Difference: here each action could be completely innocent.

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- infinite case as "approximation from above": Martin-Löf random sequences avoid all effectively null sets, have maximal complexity of prefixes

Shafer – Vovk (inspired) approach

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- why not sell zeros? in general, how customer may check that she gets a real product, not cheap imitation?

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- von Neumann: cost and corresponding probabilistic strategies always exist

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Randomness existence postulate: there are physical sources (e.g., coin tossing) that allow B play this game more or less successfully

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- Caveat: *f* is not computable, and lower bounds for *f* take a long time to establish

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- "if customer is computationally limited, then seller can save some truly random bits using PRNG"