

Special Mathematics Lecture: Stochastic Calculus

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Exercise 1.1.2. Prove this statement: if \mathcal{F} is a collection of subsets of Ω with $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$ and which is closed under complement and countable unions, then it is closed under countable intersections.

For \mathcal{F} closed under complement and countable unions, it has the following properties.

Let $\{A_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{F}$ and A_j^c be the complement of A_j with $A_j^c := \Omega \setminus A_j$.

Now,

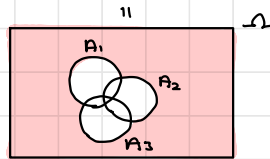
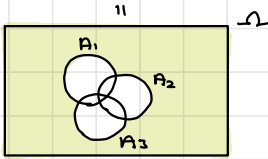
- Closed under complement means that for any $A_j \in \mathcal{F}$, $A_j^c \in \mathcal{F}$

- Closed under countable union means that for any union of A_j , eg. $B = (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_k)$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $B \in \mathcal{F}$

Let us express two combination of sets with diagrams.

1. $A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap A_3^c$

2. $(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3)^c$



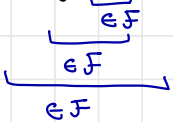
Countable intersections can be expressed using countable unions and taking its complements.

$$\left(\bigcup A_j\right)^c = \bigcap (A_j^c)$$

... De Morgan's law

As \mathcal{F} is closed under countable unions and complements,

$$\left(\underbrace{\bigcup A_j}_{\in \mathcal{F}}\right)^c \in \mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow \bigcap (A_j^c) \in \mathcal{F}$$



Now, instead if we begin with A_j^c -

$$\left(\bigcup (A_j^c)\right)^c \in \mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow \bigcap ((A_j^c)^c) = \bigcap A_j \in \mathcal{F}$$

Thus \mathcal{F} is also closed under countable intersections.