

Question

Let \mathcal{M} be any σ -algebra of sets. Show that

$$\text{i) } E \in \mathcal{M}, F \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow E \cup F \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{ii) } E \in \mathcal{M}, F \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow E \cap F \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{iii) } E \in \mathcal{M}, F \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow E - F \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{iv) } \phi \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{v) } E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n, \dots \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \in \mathcal{M}$$

Answer

\mathcal{M} is a σ -algebra of sets. i.e.

$$\text{a) } E \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow E^C \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{b) } E_1, E_2, \dots \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{i) } \text{Suppose } E, F \in \mathcal{M}. \text{ Let } E_1 = E, E_2 = E_3 = \dots = F.$$

$$\text{Then } \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i = E \cup F \in \mathcal{M}.$$

$$\text{ii) } E \cap F = (E^C \cup F^C)^C \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{iii) } E, F \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow E \cap F^C = E - F \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{iv) } E \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow E^C \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow E \cap E^C = \phi \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{v) } E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n, \dots \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow E_1^C, E_2^C, \dots, E_n^C, \dots \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (E_i)^C \right)^C \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \in \mathcal{M}$$