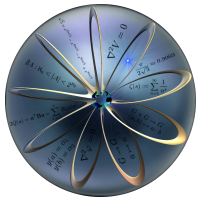

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Let $(X, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$ be a measure space. A set $A \in \mathcal{B}$ is called an **atom** if A has positive measure and contains no measurable subsets $B \subset A$ such that $0 < \mu(B) < \mu(A)$.

An equivalent definition can be: A has positive measure and for every measurable subset $B \subset A$, either $\mu(B) = 0$ or $\mu(A - B) = 0$.