σ-Algebras

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Definition 3.4 (σ-Algebra)**.** A family $\mathscr{A}$ of subsets of X with:

(i) $X \in \mathscr{A}$,

(ii) $A \in \mathscr{A} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathscr{A}$,

(iii) $(A_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \in \mathscr{A} \Rightarrow \bigcup\limits_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$

Theorem 3.5 (and Definition)**.**

(i) The intersection of arbitrarily many σ-algebras in X is againg a σ-algebra in X.

(ii) For every system of sets $p \subset \mathscr{P}(X)$ there exists a smallestσ-algebra containing$p$. This is the σ-algebra generated by p, denoted $\sigma(p)$, and $\sigma(p)$ is called its generator.

Definition 3.6 (Borel)**.** The σ-algebra $\sigma(\mathcal{O})$ generated by the open sets $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ of $\mathbb{R}^n$ is called **Borel σ-algebra**, and its members are called **Borel sets** or **Borel measurable sets**.