

Stat 5005 Homework Assignment #1 (Due 9/22)

1. Let \mathcal{A} be a collection of subsets of Ω . Prove that \mathcal{A} is a λ -system if

(i) $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}$

(ii) If $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ and $A \subset B$, then $B - A \in \mathcal{A}$,

(iii) If $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ for $i \geq 1$ and $A_i \uparrow$, then $\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{A}$.

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2. Prove that for any events A_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where $n \geq 3$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} P(A_i A_j)$$

and

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} P(A_i A_j) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} P(A_i A_j A_k)$$

3. Show that, the so called countable additivity or σ -additivity, is equivalent to finite additivity plus continuity (if $A_n \downarrow \emptyset$, then $P(A_n) \rightarrow 0$).

4. If X_1 and X_2 are random variables, so is $X_1 + X_2$.

• **Textbook:**

1.1.5, 1.2.3, 1.2.5, 1.2.6, 1.2.7, 1.3.1, 1.3.7, 1.3.8