

$$X \quad \underline{\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)}$$

$$(i) \quad \phi, X \in \mathcal{C}.$$

$$(ii) \quad A, B \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{C}$$

$$(iii) \quad A \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow A^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n C_i, \\ \underline{C_i \in \mathcal{C}}, \quad \underline{C_i \cap C_j = \phi} \text{ for } i \neq j \\ \text{pairwise disjoint}$$

\mathcal{C} is called a semi-algebra
of subsets of X

Examples

$$(1) \quad X \neq \emptyset,$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{P}(X)}$$



Power set of X

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All subsets of X

$$\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$A \cap B \in \mathcal{L} \quad \forall \quad A, B \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$A \in \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$A^c \subseteq X, A^c \in \mathcal{P}(X) = \mathcal{L}$$

(ii)

$$X = \mathbb{R}$$

$\mathcal{C} =$ All intervals in \mathbb{R}

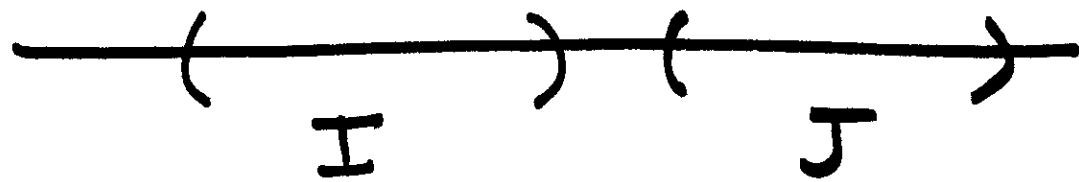
(i)

$$\phi \in \mathcal{C}, \quad \phi = \underline{(a, a)} \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\in \mathcal{C}$

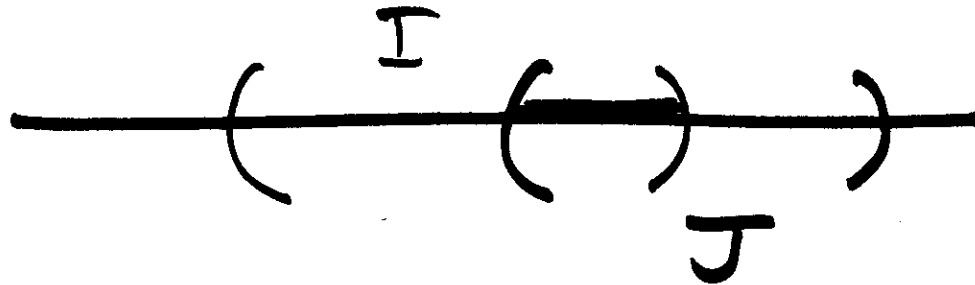
(ii)

$$I, J \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow I \cap J \in \mathcal{C}?$$



$$I \cap J = \phi$$

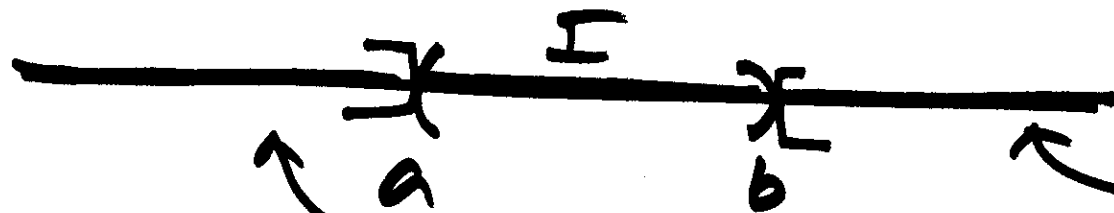
$\in \mathcal{C}$



$$I \cap J \in \mathcal{C}$$

$$(iii) \quad I \in \mathcal{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow I^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i, \quad C_i \in \mathcal{C} \\ C_i \cap C_j = \emptyset \text{ for } i \neq j$$



$$I^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus (a, b) = \underbrace{(-\infty, a]} \cup \underbrace{[b, +\infty)}$$

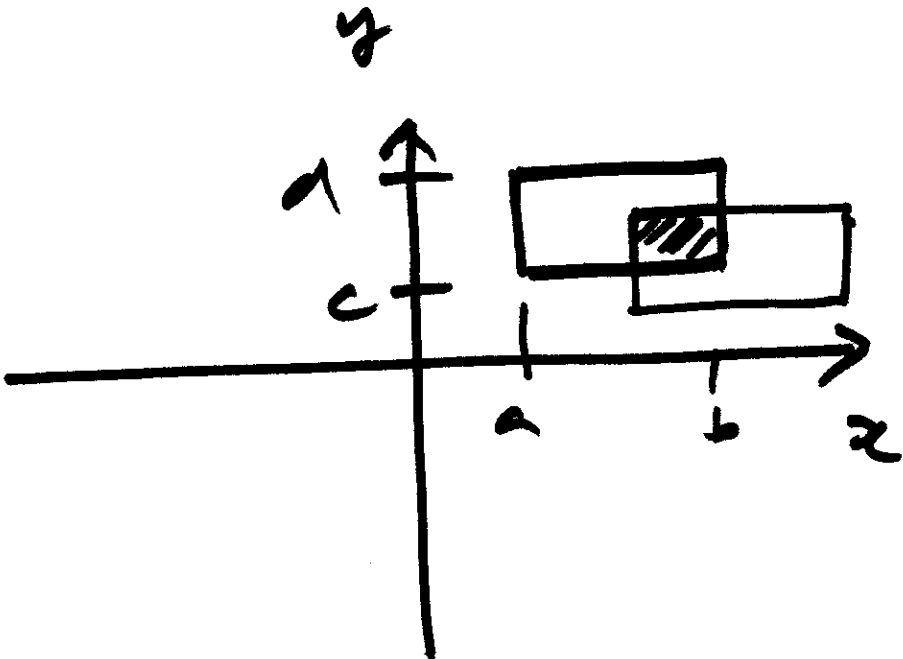
$$\mathbb{R} \setminus [a, b) = (-\infty, a) \cup [b, +\infty)$$

\mathcal{C} the collection of all intervals in \mathbb{R} is a semi-algebra of subsets of \mathbb{R} .

(IV)

$$X = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$\mathcal{C} =$ The collection of all rectangles in \mathbb{R}^2



R_1, R_2

$R_1 \cap R_2 =$ is a rectangle

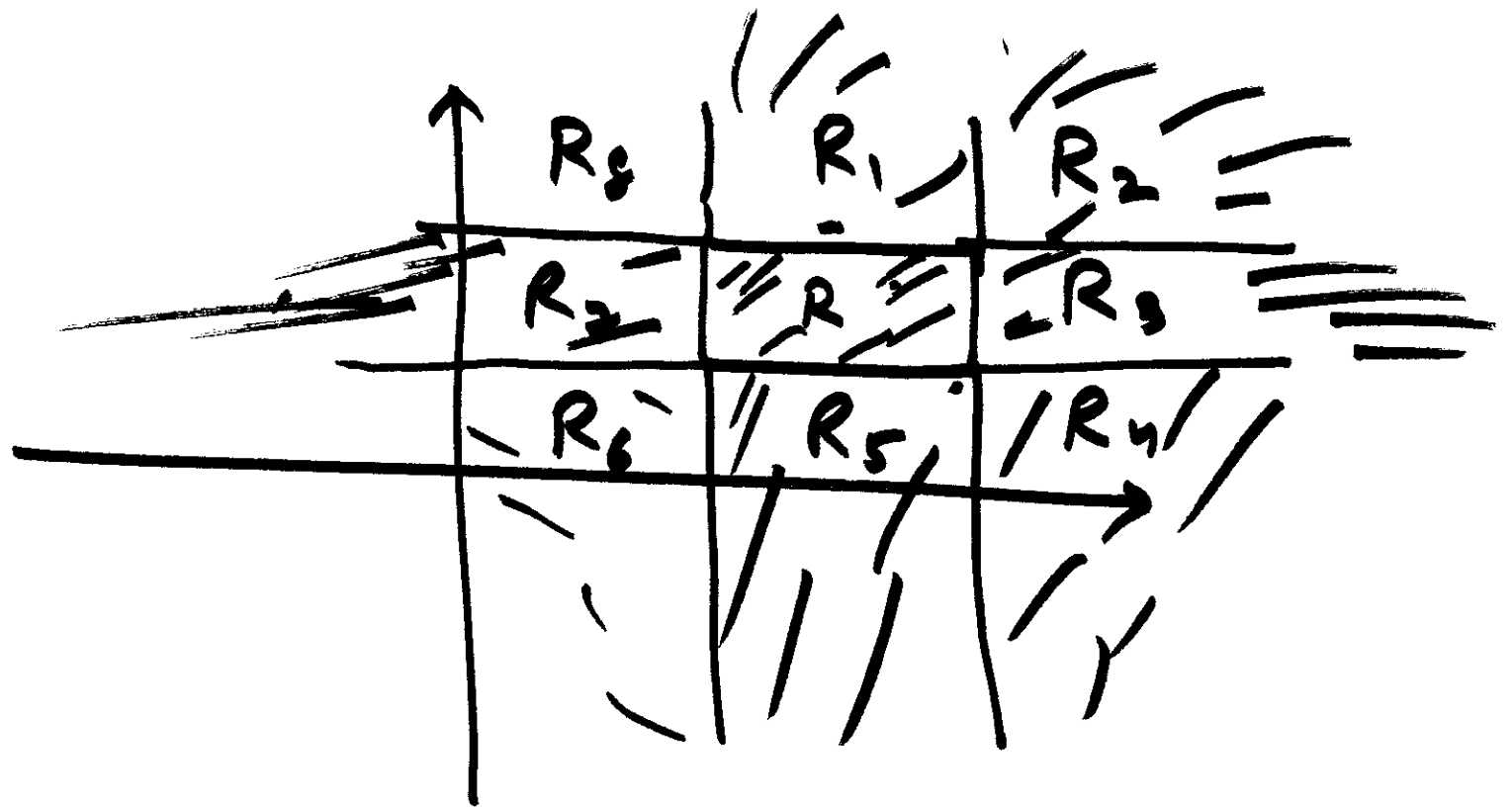
$$\phi = (a, a) \times (a, a)$$

$$= (a, a) \times [c, d]$$

$$\phi \in \mathcal{C}$$

$$\underline{X} = \mathbb{R}^2 = \underline{\mathbb{R}} \times \underline{\mathbb{R}}$$

\mathbb{R} is an interval
 $(-\infty, +\infty)$



$$\mathcal{R}^c = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^8 \underline{R_i}, \quad \underline{R_i \cap R_j = \emptyset}$$

\mathcal{C} of all rectangles in \mathbb{R}^2
is also a semi-algebra

X — a nonempty set
 $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$

(i) $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{F}$ ✓

(ii) $A, B \in \mathcal{F} \implies A \cap B \in \mathcal{F}$ ✓

(iii) $A \in \mathcal{F} \implies A^c \in \mathcal{F}$

\mathcal{F} is an algebra of subsets
of X

(i) Every algebra is also a semi-algebra //

(ii) Note : $X = \mathbb{R}$
 $\mathcal{C} =$ class of all intervals

\mathcal{C} is a semi-algebra

Is \mathcal{C} an algebra?

NOT an algebra

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(\quad)}$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{a \quad b}$
 $\underline{I} \in \mathcal{C}, \quad I^c$ is not an interval
 $I^c = (-\infty, a] \cup [b, +\infty)$

\mathcal{C} is not an algebra

$$E_1, \cap E_2 \in \mathcal{C}?$$

$$(E_1, \cap E_2)^c = E_1^c \cup E_2^c$$

$$= \underbrace{(I_1' \cup I_2')} \cup \underbrace{(J_1' \cup J_2')}$$

(iii)

~~$E \in \mathcal{F}$~~ $E \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\implies E^c \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$E \in \mathcal{F}, E^c = \underbrace{\text{~~IE~~}}_{I \cup J} \checkmark$$

Examples

$$X = \mathbb{R}$$

$\mathcal{C} =$ All intervals

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ E \subset \mathbb{R} \mid E^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i, I_i \cap I_j = \emptyset \right\}$$

Claim

\mathcal{F} is an algebra of subsets of \mathbb{R}

$$(i) \quad \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$$
$$\Rightarrow \emptyset, \mathbb{R} \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$(ii) \quad \underline{E_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{C}}$$

$$\underline{E_1 \cap E_2 \in \mathcal{C}}?$$
$$E_1 \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow E_1^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i' = (I_1' \cup I_2')$$
$$E_2^c = J_1' \cup J_2'$$

$$X = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ E \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid E^c = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} I_j, I_j \in \mathcal{I} \}$$

(i)

$$\emptyset \subseteq \mathcal{F}$$

$$\Rightarrow \emptyset, \mathbb{R} \in \mathcal{F}$$

(ii)

$$E, F \in \mathcal{F}, \quad E_1 \cup E_2 = \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} I_j \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} J_k \right)$$

$$= \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\underline{I_j \cap J_k} \right)$$

~~$$(\quad) =$$~~

$$E, F \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow E \cup F \in \mathcal{F}$$

(iii)

$$E \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow E^c = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} I_j \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E, F \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow E \cup F \in \mathcal{F} \\ E \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow E^c \in \mathcal{F} \end{array} \quad |$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E \cap F &= (E^c)^c \cap (F^c)^c \\ &= \underline{(E^c \cup F^c)^c} \in \mathcal{F} \end{aligned}$$

If \mathcal{F} is an algebra

then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Unions} \\ \text{Complements} \end{array} \right\} \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Intersections} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{Complements} \end{array} \right.$$
