Problems #1, Math 6737/Econ 6337. Jan 18, 2023. Due Jan 25, 11 am.

- 1. Prove that if  $\mathcal{F}_n \subset \Omega$  are  $\sigma$ -algebras for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{F}_n$  is also a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- 2. Prove Lemma 1.8 from the Lecture Notes.
- 3. Consider a TAPM (trinomial asset pricing model), where in addition to U (going up) and D (going down) there is also a possibility of S (stay). Let N = 2. Find  $\Omega$  and a nontrivial  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- 4. In the TAPM with N = 2, find  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  as well as  $\sigma(S_1)$  and  $\sigma(S_2)$ .
- 5. In the TAPM with N = 2, assume the probability of an upward move is 1/4 and so is the probability of a downward move. Find  $\mathbb{E}(S_2)$ .
- 6. In the TAPM with N = 2, find probabilities that ensure that  $\{UU, UD\}$ and  $\{UD, DU\}$  are independent.
- 7. Let A and B be events with  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 3/4$  and  $\mathbb{P}(B) = 1/3$ . Show that  $1/12 \leq \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) \leq 1/3$  and give corresponding bounds for  $\mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$ .
- 8. Let  $A_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be events and prove that

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{P}(A_{i}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}\right) \geq 1 - n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{P}(A_{i})$$

holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- 9. If two events A and B are independent, prove that  $A^{c}$  and  $B^{c}$  are independent.
- 10. Assume that  $B_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  are disjoint events that have as a union the entire sample space. Prove that

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A|B_n) \mathbb{P}(B_n)$$

holds for any event A.

11. Suppose the random variable X is nonnegative almost surely. Prove that  $\mathbb{E}(X) = 0$  iff X = 0 almost surely.