

Suppose that A_1, \dots, A_n are Borel sets, that is they belong to \mathfrak{B} . Define the following sets: $B_1 = A_1$, and $B_n = A_n \cap (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_{n-1})^c$, And let S be the universal set.

Show $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i$.

Obviously $\bigcup_{i=1}^1 A_i = A_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^1 B_i = B_1$. Now assume the statement is true for $n = k$, so that we have $\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^k B_i$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then } \bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} B_i &= \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k B_i \right) \cup B_{k+1} = \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i \right) \cup B_{k+1} \\
 &= \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i \right) \cup (A_{k+1} \cap (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k)^c) \\
 &= \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i \right) \cup (A_{k+1} \cap A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap \dots \cap A_k^c) \\
 &= \left(\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i \right) \cup (A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap \dots \cap A_k^c) \right) \cap \left(\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i \right) \cup A_{k+1} \right) \\
 &= S \cap \left(\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i \right) \cup A_{k+1} \right) \\
 &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} A_i
 \end{aligned}$$