Problem Set 1
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1. Let X be a non-empty finite set, and let $\mathcal{A}$ be a σ-algebra on X. Consider a relation on X:

$$x \sim y \iff [x \in A \Leftrightarrow y \in A, \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{A}] .$$

(i) Show that the above is an equivalence relation on X.

(ii) Show that, for every $x \in X$, its equivalence class satisfies $[x]_\sim = \bigcap\{A \in \mathcal{A} : x \in A\}$ and $[x]_\sim \in \mathcal{A}$.

(iii) Let $E_1, \dots, E_k$ be all the distinct equivalence classes in X modulo $\sim$. Show that $\mathcal{A}$ consists precisely of the empty set and unions of all sub-collections of $\{E_1, \dots, E_k\}$ (i.e., $A \in \mathcal{A}$ iff $A = \varnothing$ or there exist $1 \le l \le k$ and $\{i_1, \dots, i_l\} \subset \{1, \dots, k\}$ such that $A = E_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup E_{i_l}$).

2. Exercises 2.1 and 2.3–2.8 from the text.

3. Exercises 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4–3.7 from the text.