- 2. Let  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , with  $\mathcal{F}$  the collection of all subsets of  $\Omega$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  be two probability measures on  $\mathcal{F}$ , such that  $\mathbb{P}\{1\} = \mathbb{P}\{2\} = \mathbb{P}\{3\} = \mathbb{P}\{4\} = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}\{2\} = \mathbb{Q}\{4\} = \frac{1}{2}$  extends to  $\mathcal{F}$  by linearity. Finally, let  $\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, \Omega, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 4\}\}$ .
  - a. Prove that  $\mathbb{P}(A) = \mathbb{Q}(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{J}$ . **Solution :**  $\mathbb{P}\{1\} = \mathbb{P}\{2\} = \mathbb{P}\{3\} = \mathbb{P}\{4\} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } \mathbb{Q}\{2\} = \mathbb{Q}\{4\} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus  $\mathbb{Q}\{2,4\} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$   $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\Omega - \{2,4\}) = 1 - 1 = 0$   $\Rightarrow \{1\} = \mathbb{Q}\{3\} = 0$ .  $\mathcal{J} = \{\phi, \Omega, \{1,2\}, \{2,3\}, \{3,4\}, \{1,4\}\}$   $\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = \mathbb{Q}(\emptyset) = 0 \text{ and } \mathbb{P}(\Omega) = \mathbb{Q}(\Omega) = 1$   $\mathbb{P}\{1,2\} = \mathbb{P}\{1\} + \mathbb{P}\{2\} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \mathbb{Q}\{1,2\} = \mathbb{Q}\{1\} + \mathbb{Q}\{2\} = \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\mathbb{P}\{2,3\} = \mathbb{P}\{2\} + \mathbb{P}\{3\} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \mathbb{Q}\{2,3\} = \mathbb{Q}\{2\} + \mathbb{Q}\{3\} = \frac{1}{2}$   $\mathbb{P}\{3,4\} = \mathbb{P}\{3\} + \mathbb{P}\{4\} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$   $\mathbb{Q}\{3,4\} = \mathbb{Q}\{3\} + \mathbb{Q}\{4\} = 0 + \frac{1}{2} = 0 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ Similarly,  $\mathbb{P}\{1,4\} = Q\{1,4\} = \frac{1}{2}$ Thus,  $\mathbb{P}(A) = Q(A) = \frac{1}{2} \forall A \in \mathcal{J}$ .
  - b. Prove that there is  $A \in \sigma(\mathcal{J})$  with  $\mathbb{P}(A) \neq \mathbb{Q}(A)$ . **Solution :** Obviously,  $\{1, 2, 3\} = \{1, 2\} \cup \{2, 3\} \in \sigma(\mathcal{J})$ But  $\mathbb{P}\{1, 2, 3\} = \frac{3}{4}$  whereas  $\mathbb{Q}(\{1, 2, 3\} = \frac{1}{2})$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{P}\{1, 2, 3\} \neq \mathbb{Q}\{1, 2, 3\}$ .
  - c. Why does this not contradict Proposition 2.5.8?
    Solution : J is not a semi-algebra as it is not closed under finite intersection.
    {2,3} ∈ J and {1,2} ∈ J.
    But, {1,2} ∩ {2,3} = {2} ∉ J.
    So it does not contradict 2.5.8.
- 4. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be the uniform distribution on  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , as in Example 2.2.2. Give an example of a sequence  $A_1, A_2, \ldots \in \mathcal{F}$  such that

$$\mathbb{P}(\liminf_{n} A_{n}) < \liminf_{n} \mathbb{P}(A_{n}) < \lim_{n} \sup_{n} \mathbb{P}(A_{n}) < \mathbb{P}(\lim_{n} \sup_{n} A_{n}).$$

**Solution :** Let  $A_{2k} = \{2,3\}$  and  $A_{\{2k-1\}} = \{1\} \ \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}(\liminf_n A_n = \mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{\substack{n \ k \ge n}} A_k) = \mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$ .  $\mathbb{P}(\limsup_n A_n) = \mathbb{P}(\bigcap_{\substack{n \ k \ge n}} A_k) = \mathbb{P}\{1,2,3\} = 1$ . But,  $\liminf_n \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\limsup_n \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \frac{2}{3}$ . Because,

$$\mathbb{P}(A_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} & \text{if n is odd} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \text{if n is even.} \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $\mathbb{P}(\liminf_{n} A_n) < \liminf_{n} \mathbb{P}(A_n) < \limsup_{n} \mathbb{P}(A_n) < \mathbb{P}(\limsup_{n} A_n).$ 

5. Let X be a random variable with  $\mathbb{P}(X > 0) > 0$ . Prove that there is  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(X \ge \delta) > 0$ .[Hint: Do not forget continuity of probabilities]

**Solution :** Let  $A_n = \{X \in [\frac{1}{n}, \infty)\}$  then  $A_n \subset A_{n+1} \ \forall n \ge 1$  and so

$$\mathbb{P}(\cup_{n\geq 1}A_n) = \lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n)$$
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \mathbb{P}(X>0) > 0.$$

Thus,  $\exists n \text{ with } \mathbb{P}(A_n) > 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(X \ge \frac{1}{n}) > 0.$ Taking  $0 \le \delta \le \frac{1}{n}$  we get  $\mathbb{P}(X \ge \delta) > 0.$ 

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