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1. Define a sigma-algebra. Count the number of distinct sigma-algebras on the set $\Omega = \{1, 2, 5, 9\}$.
2. Let \mathcal{F} denote the Borel sigma algebra on the real line. Show that $\{0\}$ is an element of the sigma algebra.
3. State Kolmogorov's axioms for a probability measure on a sigma algebra.
4. (Very Important Fact) Prove the following property for a probability measure:
If $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq \dots$ is a sequence of events, show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(A_n) = \Pr\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right).$$

In fact, this property is equivalent to Kolmogorov's third axiom given the first two. So this axiom can replace axiom 3.

5. Define a cumulative distribution function. Suppose the sample space of an experiment is the set of all real numbers. Given a probability measure P on the sigma algebra generated by the intervals of type $(-\infty, b)$, define a function

$$F(b) = P[(-\infty, b)]$$

Prove that F is a cdf.

6. Prove or disprove whether the following functions are cdfs

(a) $F(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$

(b) $F(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \tan^{-1} x \right)$

(c) $F(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{3}} \right)}{\left(1 + \frac{t^2}{3} \right)} + \arctan \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right]$

7. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that for all x in domain,

$$f(x) \geq 0$$

Prove that

$$F(b) := \int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx$$

is a differentiable cdf. [Hint: Make Poorna ma'am proud!]