consider a counter example to the statement that we only need a collection of subsets of  $\Omega$  to form a sigma-field:

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

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$$\mathcal{F} := \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \Omega\}$$

 $\mathcal{F} := \{ \neq 1, 2, \emptyset \}$ 

$$\{1\} \cup \{2\} = \{1, 2\} \notin \mathcal{F}$$

 $\{1\} \subset \{2\} = \{1, 2\} \setminus F$ 

Clearly,  $\mathcal{F}$  cannot be a sigma-field.

The point here is that you cannot take any arbitrary collection of subsets of  $\Omega$  to form a sigma-field, but you need to take a collection of subsets of  $\Omega$  that satisfies 3 conditions for the set  $\mathcal F$  to be a sigma-field: For these 3 conditions, see Xiu 2010 p.10, definition of sigma-field.

If you take ALL possible subsets of  $\Omega$ , then you have a sigma-field, which is the largest sigma-field possible.

| a-field is $\mathcal{F} \coloneqq \{\emptyset\}$ |  | \mathcal F := \{ \emptyset , \Omega \ |  |
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