

**PROOF:**

i)  $R$  is reflexive because  $\forall a \in X, \exists i \in I: a \in A_i \Rightarrow aRa$ .

ii)  $R$  is symmetric because  $aRb \Rightarrow \exists i \in I: a, b \in A_i \Rightarrow b, a \in A_i \Rightarrow bRa$ .

iii)  $aRb \wedge bRc \Rightarrow \exists i, j \in I: a, b \in A_i \wedge b, c \in A_j$ . Then,  $b \in A_i \cap A_j \neq \emptyset$ . Since the family  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a partition of  $X$ , it is pairwise disjoint. Then, it is obtained  $A_i = A_j$  and  $i = j$ . Consequently, it holds  $aRc$  from  $a, c \in A_i$ .

It has been proved  $R$  is an equivalence relation. Now, let's prove that the equivalence classes of  $R$  is the family  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ :

Firstly, for  $i \in I$ , we will show that the set  $A_i$  is an equivalence class of  $R$ . We know from the hypothesis that  $A_i \neq \emptyset$ . Then,  $\exists a_i \in X: a_i \in A_i$ .

Since  $x \in A_i \Leftrightarrow a_i R x \Leftrightarrow x \in \overline{a_i}$ , then  $A_i$  is an equivalence class of  $R$ .

Secondly, assume  $\overline{a}$  is an equivalence class of  $R$ . Then,  $\exists i \in I: a \in A_i$ . Since  $x \in A_i \Leftrightarrow a R x \Leftrightarrow x \in \overline{a}$ , then  $\overline{a} = A_i$ .