

Q3a: First, WLOG suppose that $y = \alpha x$, that is assume that the line goes through 0. This clearly does not change the measure of the set, since measure is invariant under translation. Define the set $A_\alpha = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in [0, 1], y = \alpha x\}$. Since any line through 0 is a countable union of sets similar for to A_α , except with different ranges for the value of x , it will be sufficient to show that A is the zero set. Let $\varepsilon > 0$, choose N sufficiently large so that $N > \frac{\alpha}{\varepsilon}$. We now take $\{R_i\}_{i=1}^N$ to be the collection of rectangles R_i where each $R_i = [\frac{i-1}{N}, \frac{i}{N}] \times [\frac{\alpha(i-1)}{N}, \frac{\alpha(i)}{N}]$. This will be a cover of A_α , and we can compute its measure as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} m^* A &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N |R_i| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{i}{N} - \frac{i-1}{N}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha i}{N} - \frac{\alpha(i-1)}{N}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\alpha}{N^2} \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{N} \\ &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence this set is the zero set, and so any line is the zero set.

Q3b: Let $P_i(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i = a\}$ be an $n - 1$ hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^n . For the same reasoning as above, it is sufficient to consider when $a = 0$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$, we define $I_k = [\frac{-\varepsilon}{k^{n-1}2^{k+n}}, \frac{\varepsilon}{k^{n-1}2^{k+n}}]$, and $J_k = [-k, k]$. Then consider the set of boxes $\{B_k\}$ where B_k is the product of $n - 1$ copies of J_k , and one I_k in the i 'th spot. We compute the volume of this covering as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k |B_k| &= \sum_k 2^{n-1} k^{n-1} \cdot \frac{2\varepsilon}{k^{n-1} \cdot 2^{k+n}} \\ &= \sum_k \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k} \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence this is the zero set. The same is true for any arbitrary $n - 1$ hyperplane, since we can map any $P_i(0)$ to it by an isometry, which is linear and has a determinant of 1, so by Pugh Theorem 16 (page 397) any plane will also be the zero set.