Assignment 3 MAT 457

Q1: Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Define $A_{\varepsilon} = \{x : |f(x)| < \varepsilon\}$. Choose $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon}$. We cover [0,1] with intervals of the form $(x - \frac{\delta}{2}, x + \frac{\delta}{2})$. By compactness, there exists finitely many x_i corresponding to sets of the form $(x_i - \frac{\delta}{2}, x_i + \frac{\delta}{2})$ which cover [0,1]. It is sufficient to check that each set $(x_i - \frac{\delta}{2}, x_i + \frac{\delta}{2}) \cap A_{\varepsilon}$ is of measure 0 when mapped under f, since

$$f(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_{\varepsilon} \cap (x_i - \frac{\delta}{2}, x_i + \frac{\delta}{2})) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} f(A_{\varepsilon} \cap (x_i - \frac{\delta}{2}, x_i + \frac{\delta}{2}))$$

We have that f is differentiable on $(x_i - \frac{\delta}{2}, x_i + \frac{\delta}{2}) \cap [0, 1]$ and continuous on $[x_i - \frac{\delta}{2}, x_i + \frac{\delta}{2}] \cap [0, 1]$. Hence we can apply the mean value theorem and get that

$$\frac{|f(x_i + \frac{\delta}{2}) - f(x_i - \frac{\delta}{2})|}{\delta} \le \varepsilon$$

For convinience we let $a=f(x_i+\frac{\delta}{2})$ and $b=f(x_i-\frac{\delta}{2})$. Consider the interval $X=(\min(a,b)-\frac{\delta}{2},\max(a,b)+\frac{\delta}{2})$. We have that $X\supset f(A_\varepsilon\cap(x_i-\frac{\delta}{2},x_i+\frac{\delta}{2}))$, since the image of connected intervals is a connected interval. We therefore get that

$$m^*(f(A_{\varepsilon} \cap (x_i - \frac{\delta}{2}, x_i + \frac{\delta}{2}))) \le m^*(X) < \delta + \delta \cdot \varepsilon = \varepsilon$$

Therefore we have that $m^*(f(A_{\varepsilon} \cap (x_i - \frac{\delta}{2}, x_i + \frac{\delta}{2})))$ is of measure 0, and hence A_{ε} is measure 0. We conclude that $f(\{x : |f'(x)| = 0\})$ is measure 0.