

# Math 118C HW5

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**Question 1** Let  $R_1 \subset R_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be finite rectangles. Using the definition of volume, prove that the set  $R_2 \setminus R_1$  is Riemann-Measurable and  $\text{Vol}(R_2 \setminus R_1) = \text{Vol}(R_2) - \text{Vol}(R_1)$ .

**Pf:**

First, since  $R_1, R_2, (R_2 \setminus R_1) \subseteq R_2$ , let  $\chi_{R_1}, \chi_{R_2}, \chi : R_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the characteristic functions of  $R_1, R_2, R_2 \setminus R_1$  respectively. Then, they take the following form:

$$\chi_{R_1}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in R_1 \\ 0 & x \notin R_1 \end{cases}, \quad \chi_{R_2}(x) = 1, \quad \chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in R_2 \setminus R_1 \\ 0 & x \in R_2 \setminus (R_2 \setminus R_1) = R_1 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Which, if consider the function  $\chi_{R_2} - \chi_{R_1}$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} x \in R_2 \setminus R_1 &\implies \chi_{R_2}(x) - \chi_{R_1}(x) = 1 - 0 = 1 = \chi(x) \\ x \in R_1 \subseteq R_2 &\implies \chi_{R_2}(x) - \chi_{R_1}(x) = 1 - 1 = 0 = \chi(x) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Hence,  $\chi_{R_2} - \chi_{R_1} = \chi$  (the characteristic function of  $R_2 \setminus R_1$ ), so since  $R_2, R_1$  are rectangles, then  $\chi_{R_2}, \chi_{R_1}$  are both Riemann-Integrable over  $R_2$ , then  $\chi = \chi_{R_2} - \chi_{R_1}$  is also Riemann-Integrable over  $R_2$ .

Because  $\chi$  is the characteristic function of  $R_2 \setminus R_1$ , then being Riemann-Integrable implies  $R_2 \setminus R_1$  is Riemann-Measurable. Furthermore, its volume is given as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Vol}(R_2 \setminus R_1) &= \int_{R_2} \chi(x) dx = \int_{R_2} (\chi_{R_2}(x) - \chi_{R_1}(x)) dx \\ &= \int_{R_2} \chi_{R_2}(x) dx - \int_{R_2} \chi_{R_1}(x) dx = \text{Vol}(R_2) - \text{Vol}(R_1) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

**Question 2**

1. Let  $R, R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be finite rectangles such that  $R \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^m R_i$ . Without using characteristic functions and integration, prove that  $\text{Vol}(R) \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \text{Vol}(R_i)$ .
2. Let  $\tilde{R}_1, \tilde{R}_2, \dots, \tilde{R}_k \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be finite rectangles and let  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be nonoverlapping finite rectangles such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^m R_i \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^k \tilde{R}_j$ . Without using characteristic functions and integration, prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^m \text{Vol}(R_i) \leq \sum_{j=1}^k \text{Vol}(\tilde{R}_j)$ .

**Pf:**

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**Question 3** Prove that a bounded set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  has zero volume, if and only if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist cubes  $Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_m \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^m Q_i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m \text{Vol}(Q_i) < \epsilon$ .

**Pf:**

**Question 4** Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $r > 0$ . Prove that the disc  $D_r(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x - a| < r\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is Riemann-Measurable and  $\text{Vol}(D_r(a)) = \pi r^2$ .

**Pf:**

Let  $a = (a_x, a_y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

### 1. $D_r(a)$ is Riemann-Measurable:

Given  $D_r(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x - a| < r\}$ , then its boundary  $\partial D_r(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x - a| = r\}$ . Which, if consider the map  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined as follow:

$$\varphi(\rho, \theta) = (a_x + \rho \cos(\theta), a_y + \rho \sin(\theta)) \quad (4)$$

Then,  $\varphi$  is continuously differentiable. If we take a straight line segment  $I = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = r, 0 \leq y \leq 2\pi\}$ , then since this line segment is bounded,  $D\varphi$  as a continuous function is bounded on any compact subset containing  $I$ , hence  $\varphi$  is in fact Lipschitz on some compact subset containing  $I$ .

Also, since for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose the rectangle  $R = [r, r + \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi}] \times [0, 2\pi]$ , then it's clear that  $I \subseteq R$ , and since  $\text{Vol}(R) = \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi} \cdot 2\pi = \epsilon$ , then  $I$  can be covered by rectangle with arbitrary volume, showing that  $\text{Vol}(I) = 0$ .

Which, if consider the image  $\varphi(I)$ , since any  $(x, y) \in I$  has  $(x, y) = (r, \theta)$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ , hence  $\varphi(x, y) = (a_x + r \cos(\theta), a_y + r \sin(\theta))$ , which  $|\varphi(x, y) - a| = |(r \cos(\theta), r \sin(\theta))| = r$ , showing that  $\varphi(x, y) \in \partial D_r(a)$ , or  $\varphi(I) \subseteq \partial D_r(a)$ ;

on the other hand, for any  $x \in \partial D_r(a)$ , since  $|x - a| = r$ , then there exists  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ , such that  $x - a = (r \cos(\theta), r \sin(\theta))$ , hence  $(r, \theta) \in I$  satisfies  $\varphi(r, \theta) = (a_x + r \cos(\theta), a_y + r \sin(\theta)) = a + (x - a) = x$ , showing that  $\partial D_r(a) \subseteq \varphi(I)$ , or  $\partial D_r(a) = \varphi(I)$ .

As a conclusion, since  $\varphi$  is Lipschitz on some compact subset containing  $I$ ,  $\text{Vol}(I) = 0$ , and  $\partial D_r(a) = \varphi(I)$ , this shows that  $\text{Vol}(\partial D_r(a)) = 0$ , which is equivalent to  $D_r(a)$  is Riemann-Measurable.

### 2. Volume of $D_r(a)$ :

For this part, we'll utilize Change of Variable.

Let  $I = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y = a_y, a_x \leq x < (a_x + r)\}$  (a straight line segment cutting through the disk  $D_r(a)$  containing the center), and open set  $D' = D_r(a) \setminus I$  (which  $D'$  defines a disk cutting out a line). Which, using similar proof from section 1, we know that  $\text{Vol}(I) = 0$  (volume of a bounded straight line always has volume 0); also, since  $\partial D' = \partial D_r(a) \cup I$ , with both having volume 0, then  $\text{Vol}(D') = 0$ , showing that  $D'$  is Riemann-Measurable. Then, because  $D_r(a) = D' \sqcup I$ , then we get the following equation:

$$\text{Vol}(D_r(a)) = \text{Vol}(D') + \text{Vol}(I) = \text{Vol}(D') \quad (5)$$

Now, to find  $\text{Vol}(D')$ , we'll utilize the function  $\varphi$  defined in Section 1: Define rectangle  $R = [0, r] \times [0, 2\pi] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ , and consider the interior  $R^\circ = (0, r) \times (0, 2\pi)$ : For any  $(\rho, \theta) \in R^\circ$ ,  $\varphi(\rho, \theta) = (a_x + \rho \cos(\theta), a_y + \rho \sin(\theta))$ , hence  $|\varphi(\rho, \theta) - a| = |(\rho \cos(\theta), \rho \sin(\theta))| = \rho < r$ , so  $\varphi(\rho, \theta) \in D_r(a)$ .

On the other hand, if  $a_y + \rho \sin(\theta) = a_y$ , then  $\rho \sin(\theta) = 0$ , which enforces  $\theta = \pi$ ; but, this implies  $a_x + \rho \cos(\theta) = a_x + \rho \cos(\pi) = a_x - \rho < a_x$ , this shows that  $\varphi(\rho, \theta) \notin I$  (since it doesn't satisfy the set axiom of  $I$ ), hence  $\varphi(\rho, \theta) \in D_r(a) \setminus I = D'$ , showing that  $\varphi : R^\circ \rightarrow D'$  is a well-defined  $C^1$  continuous map.

Then, notice that  $\varphi$  is bijective after the restriction:

Suppose  $(\rho_1, \theta_1)$  and  $(\rho_2, \theta_2)$  have the same output, then we know since  $|\varphi(\rho, \theta) - a| = \rho$  based on some calculations above, then  $\varphi(\rho_1, \theta_1) = \varphi(\rho_2, \theta_2)$  enforces  $\rho_1 = \rho_2 = \rho$ . Then, this implies that  $\varphi(\rho, \theta_1) = (a_x + \rho \cos(\theta_1), a_y + \rho \sin(\theta_1)) = \varphi(\rho, \theta_2) = (a_x + \rho \cos(\theta_2), a_y + \rho \sin(\theta_2))$ , or  $\rho \cos(\theta_1) = \rho \cos(\theta_2)$  and  $\rho \sin(\theta_1) = \rho \sin(\theta_2)$ . Which, since  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in (0, 2\pi)$ , we must have  $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ , which proves the injectivity.

Now, for each  $(x, y) \in D'$ , since  $(x, y) \notin I$ , which implies that  $(x, y) - a$  is not on the positive  $x$ -axis ( $I$  is a horizontal straight line going to the right of the disk from the center); together with the fact that  $|(x, y) - a| < r$ , then  $(x, y) - a$  can be represented with some  $(\rho, \theta) \in R^\circ = (0, r) \times (0, 2\pi)$  under polar coordinates, or  $(x, y) - a = (\rho \cos(\theta), \rho \sin(\theta))$ . This shows that  $(x, y) = (a_x + \rho \cos(\theta), a_y + \rho \sin(\theta)) = \varphi(\rho, \theta)$ , which proves the surjectivity.

Moreover,  $\varphi$  is in fact a diffeomorphism on  $R^\circ$ : For all  $(\rho, \theta) \in R^\circ$ , we have  $\rho > 0$ . Which,  $\varphi$  has its differential and determinant given as follow:

$$\varphi(\rho, \theta) = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2) = (a_x + \rho \cos(\theta), a_y + \rho \sin(\theta)) \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D\varphi(\rho, \theta) &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\rho \sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \rho \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \\ \implies |\det(D\varphi(\rho, \theta))| &= |\rho \cos^2(\theta) + \rho \sin^2(\theta)| = |\rho| = \rho > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Since at each  $(\rho, \theta)$ , the differential has nonzero determinant, then the differential is invertible. Since  $\varphi : R^\circ \rightarrow D'$  is bijective, with the differential being invertible at all point of  $R^\circ$ , then  $\varphi$  forms a diffeomorphism.

With all the tools established above, using **Change of Variable**, we get the following:

$$\text{Vol}(D') = \int_{\varphi(R^\circ)=D'} 1 dy = \int_{R^\circ} 1 \circ \varphi(x) \cdot |\det(D\varphi(x))| dx = \int_{R^\circ} \rho dx \quad (8)$$

Our final goal is to do this estimation.

First, we'll prove that  $\text{Vol}(D') \leq \pi r^2$ : Let  $\chi_{R^\circ}$  be the characteristic function of  $R^\circ$ , then for any  $x = (\rho, \theta) \in R$ ,  $\chi_{R^\circ}(x) = 1$  if  $x \in R^\circ$ , and 0 elsewhere. So, notice that the function  $\rho \cdot \chi_{R^\circ}(x) \leq \rho$  for all  $x \in R$ . Hence, we get the following based on the definition of characteristic function:

$$\text{Vol}(D') = \int_{R^\circ} \rho dx = \int_R \rho \cdot \chi_{R^\circ}(x) dx \leq \int_R \rho dx \quad (9)$$

Which, the last integral above can be explicitly written as follow using **Fubini's Theorem**:

$$\int_R \rho dx = \int_{\rho=0}^r \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \rho d\theta d\rho = 2\pi \int_{\rho=0}^r \rho d\rho = 2\pi \cdot \frac{\rho^2}{2} \Big|_0^r = \pi r^2 \quad (10)$$

Hence, combining the above two expressions, we get:

$$\text{Vol}(D') = \int_{R^\circ} \rho dx \leq \int_R \rho dx = \pi r^2 \quad (11)$$

Now, we'll prove that  $\text{Vol}(D') \geq \pi r^2$ : Assume for suitable  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ , any integer  $k \geq K$  satisfies  $\frac{1}{2k}, (r - \frac{1}{2k}) \in (0, r)$ , and  $\frac{1}{2k}, (2\pi - \frac{1}{2k}) \in (0, 2\pi)$ , and the second value is greater than the first one. Then, the following rectangle  $R_k = [\frac{1}{2k}, r - \frac{1}{2k}] \times [\frac{1}{2k}, 2\pi - \frac{1}{2k}] \subset R^\circ$ . Which, because  $R_k$  is Riemann-Measurable and  $\varphi$  is a diffeomorphism, then  $\varphi(R_k) \subseteq \varphi(R^\circ) = D'$  is also Riemann-Measurable, with  $\text{Vol}(\varphi(R_k)) \leq \text{Vol}(D')$ . Again,

apply **Change of Variable** and **Fubini's Theorem**, we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Vol}(\varphi(R_k)) &= \int_{\varphi(R_k)} 1 dy = \int_{R_k} 1 \circ \varphi(x) |\det(D\varphi)(x)| dx = \int_{R_k} \rho dx \\
&= \int_{\rho=\frac{1}{2k}}^{r-\frac{1}{2k}} \int_{\theta=\frac{1}{2k}}^{2\pi-\frac{1}{2k}} \rho d\theta d\rho = \left(2\pi - \frac{1}{k}\right) \int_{\rho=\frac{1}{2k}}^{r-\frac{1}{2k}} \rho d\rho = \left(2\pi - \frac{1}{k}\right) \frac{\rho^2}{2} \Big|_{\frac{1}{2k}}^{r-\frac{1}{2k}} \\
&= \left(\pi - \frac{1}{2k}\right) r \left(r - \frac{1}{k}\right) = \pi r^2 - \frac{\pi r}{k} - \frac{r^2}{2k} + \frac{r}{2k^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

With the previous inequality, we get the following:

$$\text{Vol}(\varphi(R_k)) = \pi r^2 - \frac{\pi r}{k} - \frac{r^2}{2k} + \frac{r}{2k^2} \leq \text{Vol}(D') \tag{13}$$

Then, if take the limit, we get that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{Vol}(\varphi(R_k)) = \pi r^2$ , shiwh with the above inequality, we know that the limit  $\pi r^2 \leq \text{Vol}(D')$ .

Which, combining both inequalities about  $\pi r^2$  and  $\text{Vol}(D')$ , we get that  $\text{Vol}(D') = \pi r^2$ .

**Question 5** Let  $R \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a finite rectangle and let  $f : R \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be Riemann-integrable. Prove that if  $\int_R f(x)dx = 0$ , then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , the set  $\{x \in R \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$  can be covered by an infinite sequence of rectangles  $\{R_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset R$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \text{Vol}(R_k) < \epsilon$ .

**Pf:**

Given all the stated conditions, let  $S = \{x \in R \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$ . WLOG, assume  $S \neq \emptyset$ . We'll break the proof down into multiple steps with the following order:

### 1. Separate $S$ as infinite subsets, and generate associated functions:

First, let  $S_1 = \{x \in S \mid f(x) \in (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)\}$ , and for each integer  $n \geq 2$ , let  $S_n = \{x \in S \mid f(x) \in (\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}]\}$ . Then, it is clear that  $\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty S_n \subseteq S$ ; also, for each  $x \in S$ , since  $f(x) \neq 0$  and the codomain of  $f$  is  $[0, \infty)$ , hence  $f(x) > 0$ , which there exists smallest  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\frac{1}{2^k} < f(x)$ , so  $\frac{1}{2^k} < f(x) \leq \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$ , or  $s \in S_k \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty S_n$ . Hence, we can claim that  $S = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty S_n$ .

Now, for each  $S_n$ , define  $f_n : R \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by the following definition:

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & x \in S_n \\ 0 & x \notin S_n \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Notice that for all  $x \in R$ , if  $x \in S_n$ , then  $f_n(x) = f(x)$ , otherwise  $f_n(x) \leq f(x)$  (since if  $x \notin S$ , then  $f_n(x) = f(x) = 0$ ; else if  $s \in S \setminus S_n$ , then  $f_n(x) = 0$ , while  $f(x) > 0$ ). So, on the domain  $R$ ,  $f_n(x) \leq f(x)$ . Also, notice that  $f_n(x)$  is Riemann-Integrable: Since  $f$  is Riemann-Integrable with  $\int_R f(x)dx = 0$ , then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists partition  $P$  of  $R$ , such that the following holds:

$$U(f, P) - \int_R f(x)dx = U(f, P) = \sum_{R_i \in P} \sup_{x \in R_i} (f(x)) \cdot \text{Vol}(R_i) < \epsilon \quad (15)$$

Then, since  $0 \leq f_n(x) \leq f(x)$  on  $R$ , for any  $R_i \in P$ , we get  $\sup_{x \in R_i} (f_n(x)) \leq \sup_{x \in R_i} (f(x))$ , hence:

$$\int_R f_n(x)dx \leq U(f_n, P) = \sum_{R_i \in P} \sup_{x \in R_i} (f_n(x)) \cdot \text{Vol}(R_i) \leq \sum_{R_i \in P} \sup_{x \in R_i} (f(x)) \cdot \text{Vol}(R_i) < \epsilon \quad (16)$$

On the other hand, since  $f_n(x)$  is nonnegative, then for every  $R_i \in P$ ,  $\inf_{x \in R_i} (f_n(x)) \geq 0$ , hence:

$$0 \leq \sum_{R_i \in P} \inf_{x \in R_i} (f_n(x)) = L(f_n, P) \leq \int_R f_n(x)dx \leq \int_R f(x)dx < \epsilon \quad (17)$$

Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, the above inequality shows that the lower and upper integral of  $f_n(x)$  are both equal to 0, hence  $f_n(x)$  is Riemann-Integrable, and  $\int_R f_n(x)dx = 0$ .

### 2. Finite covers for each $S_n$ :

Fix an arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$  for universal purpose.

Now, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $\frac{\epsilon}{2^{2n}} > 0$ , then based on the Riemann Integral of  $f_n(x)$ , there exists partition  $P^{(n)}$  of  $R$ , such that the following holds true:

$$0 \leq U(f_n, P^{(n)}) - \int_R f_n(x)dx = U(f_n, P) = \sum_{R_i^{(n)} \in P} \sup_{x \in R_i^{(n)}} (f_n(x)) \cdot \text{Vol}(R_i^{(n)}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2n}} \quad (18)$$

Since  $f_n(x) > 0$  iff  $x \in S_n$ , the above can be rewrite as:

$$0 \leq \sum_{R_i^{(n)} \in P} \sup_{x \in R_i^{(n)}} (f_n(x)) \cdot \text{Vol}(R_i^{(n)}) = \sum_{\substack{R_i^{(n)} \in P \\ R_i^{(n)} \cap S_n \neq \emptyset}} \sup_{x \in R_i^{(n)}} (f_n(x)) \cdot \text{Vol}(R_i^{(n)}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2n}}$$

Moreover, since for all  $x \in S_n$ , we have  $f(x) > \frac{1}{2^n}$  based on the set axiom, then for each  $R_i^{(n)}$  with  $R_i^{(n)} \cap S_n \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\sup_{x \in R_i^{(n)}} (f_n(x)) > \frac{1}{2^n}$ . Hence:

$$0 \leq \sum_{\substack{R_i^{(n)} \in P \\ R_i^{(n)} \cap S_n \neq \emptyset}} \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \text{Vol}(R_i^{(n)}) \leq \sum_{\substack{R_i^{(n)} \in P \\ R_i^{(n)} \cap S_n \neq \emptyset}} \sup_{x \in R_i^{(n)}} (f_n(x)) \cdot \text{Vol}(R_i^{(n)}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2n}} \quad (19)$$

$$\implies \sum_{\substack{R_i^{(n)} \in P \\ R_i^{(n)} \cap S_n \neq \emptyset}} \text{Vol}(R_i^{(n)}) < 2^n \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2n}} = \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} \quad (20)$$

WLOG, can assume that the partition  $p^{(n)}$  has indexed such that the first  $j_n$  subrectangles  $R_1^{(n)}, \dots, R_{j_n}^{(n)}$  are all the rectangles with nontrivial intersection with  $S_n$ . Then, based on equation (10), we get:

$$S_n \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{j_n} R_i^{(n)}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{j_n} \text{Vol}(R_i^{(n)}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} \quad (21)$$

### 3. Infinite covers for $S$ :

In the previous section, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get a cover  $C_n = \{R_1^{(n)}, \dots, R_{j_n}^{(n)}\}$  for  $S_n$ , such that the sum of the volume is less than  $\frac{\epsilon}{2^n}$ . Then, let  $\mathcal{F} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_n$ , since each  $C_n$  is finite, then  $\mathcal{F}$  as a collection of rectangles is at most countable. Which, for all  $x \in S$ , since there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $x \in S_k$ , then  $x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{j_n} R_i^{(n)} \subseteq \bigcup_{R_l \in \mathcal{F}} R_l$ , hence  $S \subseteq \bigcup_{R_l \in \mathcal{F}} R_l$ , showing that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a collection of at most countable rectangles that covers  $S$ .

Now, because  $\mathcal{F}$  is at most countable, it can be indexed as  $\{R_l\}_{l \in \mathbb{N}}$ . To calculate the sum of volume, we'll consider the partial sum first: For each  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , since for each index  $l \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , there exists some  $k_l \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $R_l \in C_{k_l}$ . Then, let  $k_N \in \mathbb{N}$  be the largest integer containing some rectangles from  $\{R_1, \dots, R_N\}$ , then  $\{R_1, \dots, R_N\} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{k_N} C_i$ , hence when considering the volume, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \sum_{l=1}^N \text{Vol}(R_l) &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{k_N} \sum_{R_i^{(n)} \in C_n} \text{Vol}(R_i^{(n)}) = \sum_{n=1}^{k_N} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{j_n} \text{Vol}(R_i^{(n)}) \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{k_N} \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} < \epsilon \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Which, for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sum_{l=1}^N \text{Vol}(R_l)$  is bounded by  $\epsilon$ ; also, since  $\text{Vol}(R_l) \geq 0$  for all  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the partial sum of volume is a nondecreasing sequence. Hence, its limit exist, and:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{l=1}^N \text{Vol}(R_l) = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \text{Vol}(R_l) \leq \epsilon \quad (23)$$

Which, we constructed a sequence  $\{R_l\}_{l \in \mathbb{N}}$ , such that  $S \subseteq \bigcup_{l \in \mathbb{N}} R_l$ , and  $\sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \text{Vol}(R_l) \leq \epsilon$ , which finishes the claim.