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ham sandwich theorem

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Let A_1, \dots, A_m be measurable bounded subsets of \mathbb{R}^m . Then there exists an $(m - 1)$ -dimensional hyperplane which cuts each A_i into two subsets of equal measure.

This theorem has such a colorful history because in the case $m = 3$ it can be viewed as cutting a ham sandwich in half. For example, A_1 and A_3 could be two pieces of bread and A_2 a piece of ham. According to this theorem it is possible to make one cut to simultaneously cut all three objects exactly in half.