

**78-5**

Suppose  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ , and  $0 < \alpha < m(E)$ . Prove that there exists a compact subset  $F \subset E$  such that  $m(F) = \alpha$ .  
 Proof: Take  $\varepsilon \in (0, m(E) - \alpha)$ , then there exists a closed set  $F \subset E$  such that  $m(E \setminus F) < \varepsilon$ , so  $m(F) > \alpha$ .  
 Let  $f(x) = m(F \cap [-x, x])$  for all  $x \geq 0$ , then since  $F \cap [-x, x]$  is compact,  $f$  is well-defined, monotonic, and

$$f(x + \varepsilon) - f(x) = m(F \cap [-x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon]) - m(F \cap [-x, x]) \leq 2\varepsilon$$

so  $f$  is continuous. Since  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = m(F)$ , and  $\alpha \in (0, m(F))$ , there exists  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  such that  $m(F \cap [-x, x]) = \alpha$ . Hence  $F \cap [-x, x] \subset E$  is bounded and has measure  $\alpha$ .

**84-1**

Suppose  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $m^*(E) < \infty$ . If

$$m^*(E) = \sup\{m(F) : F \subset E \text{ is compact}\}.$$

Prove that  $E$  is measurable.

Proof: For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $F \subset E$  compact such that  $m^*(E) \leq m(F) + \varepsilon$ , so  $m^*(E \setminus F) \leq \varepsilon$ , hence  $E$  is measurable.

**86-2**

Suppose  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  is measurable,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\delta > 0$ . If for any  $|x| < \delta$ , either  $a + x \in E$  or  $a - x \in E$ , prove that  $m(E) \geq \delta$ .

Proof: Let  $E' = -E + 2a$ , then  $(a - \delta, a + \delta) \subset E \cup E'$ , so

$$2\delta = m((a - \delta, a + \delta)) \leq m(E \cup E') \leq 2m(E), \text{ hence } m(E) \geq \delta.$$

**94-1**

Suppose  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ , and there exists  $q \in (0, 1)$  such that for any  $(a, b)$  there exists a sequence  $\{I_n\}$  of open intervals,

$$E \cap (a, b) \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(I_n) < (b - a)q,$$

prove that  $m(E) = 0$ .

Proof: We can suppose  $E$  is bounded by considering  $E \cap [-M, M]$ . If  $m^*(E) > 0$ , take  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{m^*(E)}{q^{-1}-1}$ , then there exists open intervals  $C_k$  such that  $E \subset \bigcup_{k \geq 1} C_k$ , and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k| \leq m^*(E) + \varepsilon$ . For any  $k \geq 1$ , take open intervals  $I_n^{(k)}$  such that  $E \cap C_k \subset \bigcup_{n \geq 1} I_n^{(k)}$  and  $\sum_{n \geq 1} |I_n^{(k)}| < q|C_k|$ . Then

$$E \subset \bigcup_{k \geq 1} C_k \cap E \subset \bigcup_{k \geq 1} \bigcup_{n \geq 1} I_n^{(k)},$$

so  $m^*(E) \leq \sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{n \geq 1} |I_n^{(k)}| < q \sum_{k \geq 1} |C_k| < q(m^*(E) + \varepsilon) < m^*(E)$ , leading to contradiction.

## 94-8

Suppose  $\{E_k\}$  are measurable sets in  $[0, 1]$ , and  $m(E_k) = 1$ . Prove that

$$m\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = 1.$$

Proof: Note that  $m(E_k) < \infty$ , so

$$m\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^n E_k\right).$$

We only need to show that  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n E_k$  has measure 1. Clearly

$$m\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^n E_k\right) \geq m([0, 1]) - \sum_{k=1}^n m(E_k^C) = 1.$$

So  $m\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = 1$ . (Or use the fact that the countable union of null sets are still null sets.)

## 94-9

Suppose  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  are measurable sets in  $[0, 1]$ , and

$$\sum_{i=1}^k m(E_i) > k - 1.$$

Prove that  $m\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^k E_i\right) > 0$ .

Proof: Suppose  $F_i = E_i^C$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^k m(F_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k 1 - m(E_i) < 1$ , so  $m\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k F_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k m(F_i) < 1$ . Hence  $m\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^k E_i\right) = m([0, 1]) - m\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k F_i\right) > 0$ .

## 95-15

Suppose  $E \subset [0, 1]$  is measurable, and

$$m(E) \geq \varepsilon > 0, \quad x_i \in [0, 1], i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

where  $n > 2/\varepsilon$ . Prove that  $E$  contains a pair of points whose distance is equal to the distance of a pair of points in  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .

Proof: Otherwise, the sets  $E + x_1, E + x_2, \dots, E + x_n$  are disjoint subsets of  $[0, 2]$ , hence

$$m([0, 2]) \geq m\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n (E + x_k)\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n m(E + x_k) = n \cdot m(E),$$

which contradicts with  $m(E) \geq \varepsilon > 2/n$ .

## 95-16

Suppose  $W$  is an unmeasurable subset of  $[0, 1]$ . Prove that there exists  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  such that for any measurable set  $E \subset [0, 1]$  with  $m(E) \geq \varepsilon$ ,  $W \cap E$  is unmeasurable.

Proof: Otherwise suppose for any  $\varepsilon = 1 - 1/n$ , there exists  $E_n \subset [0, 1]$  measurable such that  $m(E_n) \geq \varepsilon$  and  $W \cap E_n$  is measurable.

Let  $E = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} E_n$ , then  $E \subset [0, 1]$  is measurable and  $m(E) \geq m(E_n) \geq 1 - 1/n$  so  $m(E) = 1$ . Note that  $W \cap E = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} (W \cap E_n)$  is the countable union of measurable sets, so  $W \cap E$  is measurable. Also  $m^*(W \cap E^C) = 0$  since  $E^C$  is a null set, so  $W = (W \cap E) \cup (W \cap E^C)$  is measurable, leading to contradiction.