

(10 points) (R-4) Let  $g$  be a Lebesgue measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_1 \quad (\text{for all } f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})).$$

Let  $c > 1$  be a real number. Prove that

$$m(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |g(x)| > c\}) = 0.$$

Let  $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |g(x)| > c\}$ . In the case that  $m(E) = \infty$ , we will consider  $E_k = \{E \cap [k, k+1] \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Assume for contradiction that  $m(E) > 0$  (or  $m(E_k) > 0$ , but we'll stick to the finite case).

Let  $f(x) = \chi_E(x)$ . Then  $f$  is also  $L^1$ , and so

$$\int_E |g| = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_E |g| = \overbrace{\|fg\|_1}^{\text{given}} \leq \|f\|_1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_E = m(E)$$

Therefore  $\int_E |g| \leq m(E)$ . OTOH by Chebyshev's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E |g| &\geq c m(E) \\ &> m(E) \quad (\text{as } c > 1 \text{ and } m(E) > 0) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\int_E |g| > m(E) \nlessgtr$ . We conclude  $m(E) = 0$ .