

(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 $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |g(x)| > c\}$. In the case that $m(E) = \infty$, we will consider $E_k = \{E \cap [k, k+1] : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. 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 $\int_E |g| \leq m(E)$.

$$\text{OTOH, } \int_E |g| = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_E |g| \geq \underbrace{c}_{\text{Chebyshev's inequality}} \underbrace{m(E)}_{> 0 \text{ and } m(E) > 0} > m(E)$$

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