

1. (Qual Fall 2007 #3) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  with the property that for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there are Lebesgue measurable sets  $B$  and  $C$  such that  $B \subset A \subset C$  and  $m(C \setminus B) < \epsilon$ . Show that  $A$  is measurable.

$C$  measurable  $\Rightarrow \exists$  open set  $\mathcal{O}$  containing  $C$  such that  $m^*(\mathcal{O} \setminus C) < \epsilon$ .

Note  $\mathcal{O}$  also contains  $A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} m^*(\mathcal{O} \setminus A) &\leq m^*(\mathcal{O} \setminus B) \quad (\text{as } B \subseteq A) \\ &= m^*(\mathcal{O} \setminus C) + m^*(C \setminus B) \\ &< 2\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

So  $\mathcal{O}$  is an open set containing  $A$  such that  $m^*(\mathcal{O} \setminus A) < \epsilon$  (after some  $\epsilon$  shuffling). Thus  $A$  is measurable.