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Let  $A_n = \cup_{k=n}^{\infty} f^{-k}E$ . Clearly,  $E \subset A_0$  and  $A_i \subset A_j$  when  $j \leq i$ . Also,  $A_i = f^{j-i}A_j$ , so that  $\mu(A_i) = \mu(A_j)$  for all  $i, j \geq 0$ , by the  $f$ -invariance of  $\mu$ . Now for any  $n > 0$  we have  $E - A_n \subset A_0 - A_n$ , so that

$$\mu(E - A_n) \leq \mu(A_0 - A_n) = \mu(A_0) - \mu(A_n) = 0.$$

Hence  $\mu(E - A_n) = 0$  for all  $n > 0$ , so that  $\mu(E - \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = \mu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E - A_n) = 0$ . But  $E - \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  is precisely the set of those  $x \in E$  such that for some  $n$  and for all  $k > n$  we have  $f^k(x) \notin E$ .  $\square$