

1. Prove that if  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and for  $A \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $A + \lambda = \{a + \lambda : a \in A\}$  then  $m^*(A) = m^*(A + \lambda)$

**proof**

First we notice that because  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $A + \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now using the definition of the outer measure we have

$$m^*(A + \lambda) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i - a_i : A + \lambda \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i) \right\}$$

Now we can rewrite this a little bit based on the definition of  $A + \lambda$  to get

$$m^*(A + \lambda) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (b_i + \lambda) - (a_i + \lambda) : A \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i) \right\}$$

Our lambdas cancel, so we are just left with

$$m^*(A + \lambda) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i - a_i : A \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i) \right\}$$

But  $m^*(A)$  is defined to be

$$m^*(A) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i - a_i : A \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i) \right\}$$

And so we have  $m^*(A) = m^*(A + \lambda)$  as desired.  $\square$

2. Prove that if  $m^*(A) = 0$  then  $m^*(A \cup B) = m^*(B)$  for any set  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

**proof**

In class we showed that  $m^*\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} m^*(A_i)$  which means that  $m^*(A \cup B) \leq m^*(A) + m^*(B) = 0 + m^*(B) = m^*(B)$ . Obviously  $B \subseteq A \cup B$  and so we know from lecture that  $m^*(B) \leq m^*(A \cup B)$ . Put them together and we have  $m^*(B) \leq m^*(A \cup B) \leq m^*(B)$  which means  $m^*(B) = m^*(A \cup B)$   $\square$