

1.

(a) Special case of (b).

(b)

Consider the hyperplane

$$H = x + \langle v_1, \dots, v_{n-1} \rangle$$

where $x, v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and v_i are linearly independent.

(The angle brackets denote “subspace generated by”.)

To determine $m^*(H)$, we let $x = 0$ WLOG since outer measure is translation invariant.

Let \hat{x}_i be the i^{th} standard basis vector of \mathbb{R}^n .

Since $\dim H = n - 1$ (as a vector space), there’s an i such that

$$\hat{x}_i \notin H$$

WLOG $i = n$.

Now consider the linear map T such that

$$v_i \mapsto \hat{x}_i$$

$$\hat{x}_n \mapsto \hat{x}_n$$

This maps a basis to a basis, so it’s invertible, an isomorphism, an affine motion, and has nonzero determinant d . Furthermore, it maps $H = \langle v_1, \dots, v_{n-1} \rangle$ as follows:

$$T_* : \langle v_1, \dots, v_{n-1} \rangle \mapsto \langle \hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_{n-1} \rangle$$

i.e. $T_*H = \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \times \{0\}$. Since T is a homeomorphism and $\mathbb{R}^{n-1} \times \{0\}$ is measurable, this shows that H is measurable. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} d \cdot m(H) &= m(T_*H) \\ &= m(\mathbb{R}^{n-1} \times \{0\}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$m(H) = 0$$

The set $\{x = y\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$.

Let $S = \{x = y\}$. We will prove that $m(S) = 0$ using boxes.

Pick an injection

$$\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$$

$$n_i \mapsto i$$

This gives

$$S = \bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} (S \cap [n_i, n_i + 1) \times \mathbb{R})$$

For each $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$, form the set

$$\mathcal{B}_i = \{B_{ij} \mid 0 \leq j < 2^i\}$$

$$B_{ij} = [n_i + \frac{j}{2^i}, n_i + \frac{j+1}{2^i}) \times \mathbb{R}$$

Lemma 1. $\bigsqcup_i \bigsqcup_{j < 2^i} B_{ij}$ covers S .

Let $p = (x, x) \in S$. Then for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$:

$$n \leq x < n + 1$$

Using the function $n_j \mapsto j$, we find an $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that

$$n = n_i$$

Now let

$$y = (x - n) \cdot 2^i$$

There is some $j < 2^i$ such that

$$j \leq y < j + 1$$

This now gives

$$n_i + \frac{j}{2^i} \leq x < n_i + \frac{j+1}{2^i}$$

$$p = (x, x) \in [n_i + \frac{j}{2^i}, n_i + \frac{j+1}{2^i})^2 = B_{ij}$$

Since $p \in S$ was arbitrary, Lemma 1 is proven.

Now note that

$$|B_{ij}| = 2^{-2i}$$

$$\sum_{j < 2^i} |B_{ij}| = 2^{-i}$$

Thus, letting the image of $n_i \mapsto i$ be contained in

$$\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$$

for some m , we find

$$\sum_i \sum_{j < 2^i} |B_{ij}| = \sum_i 2^{-i}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} 2^{-i}$$

$$= 2^{-(m-1)}$$

Hence, by picking a sufficiently large $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, we cover $S = \{x = y\}$ with boxes having an arbitrarily small sum of volumes.

$$m(\{x = y\}) = 0$$

2.

Theorem 11.

Bounded \implies unbounded.

Measurable \implies regularity sandwich.

Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be measurable. Partitioning E as

$$E = \sqcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} E_i$$

with E_i bounded, we may take an F_σ $F_i \subseteq E_i$ for each i , with

$$m(E_i \setminus F_i) = 0$$

Letting $F = \sqcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_i \subseteq E$, we find that F is also an F_σ and

$$\begin{aligned} m(E \setminus F) &= m\left(\bigsqcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (E_i \setminus F_i)\right) \\ &= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} m(E_i \setminus F_i) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now let $(a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of positive numbers with infimum 0. For each i , let $G_i \supseteq E_i$ be a G_δ with

$$\begin{aligned} G_i &= \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} G_{ij} \\ m(G_i \setminus E_i) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, choose the open sets G_{ij} so that

$$m(G_{ij} \setminus E) < \frac{a_j}{2^i}$$

Now let

$$G_j = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} G_{ij}$$

G_j is open and

$$G_j \supseteq E$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_j \setminus E &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} G_{ij} \setminus E \\ &\subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} G_{ij} \setminus E_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(G_j \setminus E) &\leq m\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} G_{ij} \setminus E_i\right) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} m(G_{ij} \setminus E_i) \\ &< \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_j}{2^i} \\ &= a_j \end{aligned}$$

Now, considering the G_δ

$$G = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} G_j$$

and recalling that the infimum of the a_j is 0, we find by monotonicity that

$$m(G \setminus E) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(G \setminus F) &= m(G \setminus E) + m(E \setminus F) \\ &= 0 + 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Regularity sandwich \implies measurable.

Trivial.

Unbounded \implies bounded.

Measurable \implies regularity sandwich.

Let E be a bounded measurable set. Letting

$$M = \sup \{|e| \mid e \in E\}$$

we form

$$E' = \{k\hat{x}_1 \mid k \in \mathbb{N}, k > M\}$$

E' is an unbounded nullset disconnected from E .

Since $E \sqcup E'$ is unbounded, there is a regularity sandwich

$$F \subseteq E \sqcup E' \subseteq G$$

We will now prove that

$$F \cap E \subseteq E \subseteq G$$

is also a regularity sandwich.

Part 1. $m(G \setminus E) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} m(G \setminus E) &= m(G \setminus (E \sqcup E')) + m((E \sqcup E') \setminus E) \\ &= m(G \setminus (E \sqcup E')) + mE' \\ &= m(G \setminus (E \sqcup E')) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Part 2. $(F \cap E)$ is an F_σ .

Lemma. *If A, B are disconnected subsets of a topological space, and $A \sqcup B$ is closed, then A is closed.*

Let $x \in \bar{A}$.

Then x is in every closed set containing A , including $A \sqcup B$.

Hence $x \in A$ or $x \in B$.

But since A, B are disconnected, \bar{A} is disjoint from B , so $x \in A$.

Since x was arbitrary, $\bar{A} \subseteq A$ and A is closed.

Write

$$F = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$$

with F_i closed. Then

$$F \cap E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i \cap E$$

In the above lemma, let

$$A = F_i \cap E$$

$$B = F_i \cap E'$$

A is closed, so F is an F_σ .

Part 3. $m(E \setminus (F \cap E)) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} m(E \setminus (F \cap E)) &= m(E \setminus F) \\ &= m(E \setminus F) + 0 \\ &= m(E \setminus F) + m(E' \setminus F) \\ &= m((E \sqcup E') \setminus F) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Regularity sandwich \implies measurable.

Trivial.

Theorem 21.

Bounded \implies unbounded.

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Disjointize:

$$A = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

A_i bounded

and similar for B . Now

$$A \times B = \bigsqcup_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2} A_i \times B_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{m+n}(A \times B) &= m_{m+n} \left(\bigsqcup_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2} A_i \times B_j \right) \\ &= \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2} m_{m+n}(A_i \times B_j) \\ &\stackrel{21}{=} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2} m_m(A_i) m_n(B_j) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} m_m(A_i) \right) \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} m_n(B_j) \right) \\ &= m_{m+n} A \cdot m_{m+n} B \end{aligned}$$

Unbounded \implies bounded.

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

If A is bounded, let A' be an unbounded nullset disjoint from A (e.g. a countable set of increasingly and sufficiently far-away points). Otherwise, define $A' = \emptyset$. Similar for B .

Recall that, due to a Tao exercise on hw1,

$$m_{m+n}^*(A' \times B) \leq m_{m+n}^*(A')m_{m+n}^*(B) = 0$$

Now note that

$$(A \sqcup A') \times (B \sqcup B') = (A \times B) \sqcup (A' \times B) \sqcup (A \times B') \sqcup (A' \times B')$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{m+n}(A \times B) &= m_{m+n}(A \times B) + 0 + 0 + 0 \\ &= m_{m+n}(A \times B) + m_{m+n}(A' \times B) + m_{m+n}(A \times B') + m_{m+n}(A' \times B') \\ &= m_{m+n}(A \sqcup A' \times B \sqcup B') \\ &= m_m(A \sqcup A') m_n(B \sqcup B') \\ &= m_m(A) m_n(B) \end{aligned}$$

3.

Part 1. $J^*A = J^*\bar{A}$.

By monotonicity,

$$J^*A \leq J^*\bar{A}$$

Now pick $\varepsilon > 0$ and let $(B_r)_{r \in R}$ be a finite open-box covering of A with

$$\sum_{r \in R} |B_r| < J^*A + \varepsilon$$

Write

$$B_r = \prod_{i=1}^n (a_{ri}, b_{ri})$$

$$l_{ri} = b_{ri} - a_{ri}$$

so that $|B_r| = \prod_{i=1}^n l_{ri}$.

We now pick a $\gamma > 0$ and define

$$B'_r = \prod_{i=1}^n (a_{ri} - \frac{\gamma}{2}, b_{ri} + \frac{\gamma}{2})$$

Fact 1. $(B'_r)_{r \in R}$ covers \bar{A}

This is because

$$\bar{A} \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in A} B_{\gamma/2}(a) \subseteq \bigcup_{r \in R} B'_r$$

The volume of $|B'_r|$ is

$$|B'_r| = \prod_{i=1}^n (l_i + \gamma) = \sum_{I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}} \gamma^{n-|I|} \cdot \prod_{i \in I} l_i$$

The sum is a sum of 2^n products.

Now let M be the maximum of all partial products of the side lengths of B_r :

$$M = \max \left\{ \prod_{i \in I} l_i \mid I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\} \right\}$$

Requiring that $\gamma \leq 1$, this gives

$$\begin{aligned} |B'_r| &= \sum_{I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}} \gamma^{n-|I|} \cdot \prod_{i \in I} l_i \\ &= |B_r| + \sum_{\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}} \gamma^{n-|I|} \cdot \prod_{i \in I} l_i \\ &= |B_r| + \gamma \left(\sum_{\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}} \gamma^{n-|I|-1} \cdot \prod_{i \in I} l_i \right) \\ &\leq |B_r| + \gamma \left(\sum_{\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}} \gamma^{n-|I|-1} M \right) \\ &\leq |B_r| + \gamma \left(\sum_{\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}} M \right) \\ &= |B_r| + \gamma (2^{n-1} M) \end{aligned}$$

This brings us to:

Fact 2. *By choosing a sufficiently small γ , we may bring $|B'_r|$ arbitrarily close to $|B_r|$ for every $r \in R$. In particular, we may obtain*

$$|B'_r| \leq |B_r| + \frac{\varepsilon}{|R|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J^* \bar{A} &\leq \sum_{r \in R} |B'_r| \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{r \in R} |B_r| \right) + \varepsilon \\ &< J^* A + 2\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since ε was arbitrary, we finally have

$$\begin{aligned} J^* \bar{A} &\leq J^* A \\ J^* A &= J^* \bar{A} \end{aligned}$$

Part 2. $J^* \bar{A} = m\bar{A}$.

Immediately, $J^* \bar{A} \geq m\bar{A}$ because finite coverings are countable.

Next, pick $\varepsilon > 0$ and let $(B_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of open boxes covering \bar{A} such that

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |B_i| < m\bar{A} + \varepsilon$$

By the compactness of \bar{A} , there is a finite $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ such that $(B_i)_{i \in I}$ also covers \bar{A} . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} J^* \bar{A} &\leq \sum_{i \in I} |B_i| \\ &\leq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |B_i| \\ &< m\bar{A} + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since ε was arbitrary,

$$\begin{aligned} J^* \bar{A} &\leq m\bar{A} \\ J^* \bar{A} &= m\bar{A} \end{aligned}$$