

Question

If $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^*$ is integrable, show that, for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$m\{x \mid |f(x)| \geq \epsilon\} < +\infty$$

Is it necessarily true that $m(\{x \mid |f(x)| > 0\}) < +\infty$?

Answer

$$\{x \mid |f(x)| \geq \epsilon\} = \{x \mid f(x) \geq \epsilon\} \cup \{x \mid f(x) < -\epsilon\}$$

Suppose $m(\{x \mid |f(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) = +\infty$

Then $\int f_+ > \epsilon_x + \infty = +\infty$ and so f is not integrable.

Let $f(x) = e^{-|x|}$. Then $\int e^{-|x|} = 2 \int_0^\infty e^{-x} = 2[-e^{-x}]_0^\infty = 2 < \infty$

$$\{x \mid e^{-|x|} > 0\} = \mathbf{R}^0 \quad m\mathbf{R} = +\infty$$