

**Question**

In  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , show that if  $S = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_r = a\}$  then  $m^*(S) = 0$ .

**Answer**

Let  $R_n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : |x_i| \leq n, i \neq r, a - \epsilon_n \leq x_r \leq a + \epsilon_n\}$

where  $\epsilon_n = \epsilon \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} \frac{1}{(2n)^{n-1}}$

Then  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} R_n \supseteq S$

$|R_n| = (2n)^{n-1} 2\epsilon_n = \frac{\epsilon}{2^n}$     Therefore  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |R_n| = \epsilon$

Thus  $m^*(S) = 0$