

7) If  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , construct an open set  $E \subset [0,1]$  which is dense in  $[0,1]$ , such that  $m(E) = \varepsilon$ . (To say that  $A$  is dense in  $B$  means that the closure of  $A$  contains  $B$ .) **Proof:** Fix  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ . Construct a sequence closed sets  $\{C_k\}$  as follows: Put  $C_0 = [0,1]$ . To form  $C_{\lambda+1}$ , delete the open middle interval of length  $\varepsilon 3^{-\lambda}$  from each complete segment of  $C_\lambda$ ; there are  $2^{\lambda-1}$  such intervals removed upon each iteration, since removing the middle portion of a segment the leaves two in its place. Define  $C = \bigcap_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} C_\lambda$ , which, being the intersection of closed sets, is closed. Now define  $E = C^C$ , where the complement is taken relative to  $[0,1]$ , so that  $E = \left( \bigcap_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} C_\lambda \right)^C = \left( \bigcup_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} C_\lambda^C \right)$  is an open set being formed by the disjoint union of opens sets, whose measures are  $m(C_0^C) = 0$ , and  $m(C_\lambda^C) = \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^{\lambda-1}$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and hence

$$m(E) = m\left( \bigcup_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} C_\lambda^C \right) = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} m(C_\lambda^C) = \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^{\lambda} = \frac{\frac{\varepsilon}{3}}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \varepsilon ;$$

note that calculation may be made rigorous by applying the limiting process of Theorem 1.19 (d). That  $E$  is dense in  $[0,1]$  is seen by...