

This note is to answer several questions concerning about nonmeasurable sets. First of all, I would like to give a construction in Dudley's book. Let  $\alpha$  be an irrational number, say  $\alpha = \sqrt{2}$ . Consider two subgroups of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $G = \{m + n\alpha : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $H = \{2m + n\alpha : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . It is clear that  $G$  is the disjoint union of  $H$  and  $H + 1$ . One can easily show that  $G$ ,  $H$ , and  $H + 1$  are all dense subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , the cosets  $G + y$  are either disjoint or identical. Using the axiom of choice, let  $C$  be the sets consisting exactly one element from each coset  $G + y$ . Let  $X = C + H$ , then  $X^c = C + H + 1$ . Simple computation shows that  $(X - X) \cap (H + 1) = \emptyset$ . Since  $H + 1$  is dense,  $X - X$  can not contain any interval. Using a previous result,  $X$  can not contain any measurable set with positive measure. Thus let  $E = X \cap I$ , then any measurable subset of  $E$  is of measure zero. So let  $F \subset I$  be any measurable set containing  $I \setminus E$ , then  $I \setminus F \subset E$  and  $I \setminus F$  is measurable. Hence  $m(I \setminus F) = 0$ , i.e.,  $m(F) = 1$ . Therefore, we have  $m^*(I \setminus E) = 1$ . Similarly,  $I \setminus E = X^c \cap I$  and  $(X^c - X^c) \cap H + 1 = \emptyset$ .  $X^c$  can not contain any positive measurable set. Thus, we must have  $m^*(E) = 1$ . Thus  $E$  can not be measurable and the outer measure of  $E$  is 1. From the proof, we can also see that  $E$  and  $I \setminus E$  can not contain any measurable set with positive measure. Finally, you can modify the argument to show that given any  $x \in (0, 1]$ , there exists a nonmeasurable set  $E$  of  $I$  such that  $m^*(E) = x$ .