# Images of Wavelet Transforms 

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(c) There is a null set $N \subseteq \widehat{\mathbb{R}^{k}}$ with $\widehat{\mathbb{R}^{k}}=N \bigcup\left(\cup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \Omega A^{n}\right)$.

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