The Cantor set before Cantor

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No, Cantor set counter example. Cantor introduced "connected."

Smith: On the Integration of discontinuous functions (1875)

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Next let us suppose that f(x) in the interval b-a has an infinite number of discontinuities surpassing a given quantity σ ... points are in **loose order** [nowhere dense] when they do not completely fill it or any part of it, however small.

His construction: Generalized Cantor set

Divide the interval from 0 to 1 into m equal parts, exempting the last segment from any further division; let us divide each of the remaining m-1 segments by m^2 , exempting the last segment of each segment; let us again divide each of the remaining $(m-1)(m^2-1)$ segments by m^3 , exempting the last segment of each segment; and so on continually... The points of division Q exist in loose order over the whole interval... But a function having finite discontinuities at the points Q would be incapable of integration."

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