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## Cantor-Bendixson theorem

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Any closed subset X of the reals can be written as a disjoint union

$$X = C \cup P,$$

where C is countable and P is a perfect set (hence this theorem is also known as the  $CUP\ theorem$ ).