

Binary refⁿ. of nos. in $(0,1)$

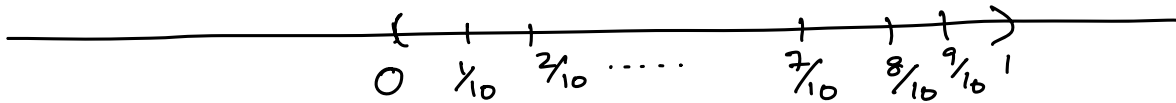
Motivation from Decimal refⁿ:

Suppose $x = 0.879\dots$

question is how do we recover 8, 7, 9...
from x .

We assume every pt in the a line corresponds
to a real number.

Draw $(0,1)$



Divide the interval into 10 parts.

$$(0, \frac{1}{10}), [\frac{1}{10}, \frac{2}{10}) \dots, [\frac{8}{10}, \frac{9}{10}), [\frac{9}{10}, 1)$$

$(0, 1)$ — disjoint union of these intervals.

Any $x \in (0, 1)$ must lie in one of these.

$$\text{note } x = 0.879\dots \in [\frac{8}{10}, \frac{9}{10})$$

$$\text{So } 8 := \max \{k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : \frac{k}{10} \leq x\}.$$

$$\text{since } x < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{k}{10} < 1 \Rightarrow k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 9.$$

In general then we define

$$a_1 := \max \{k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : \frac{k}{10} \leq x\}.$$

We then ask $x = \frac{a_1}{10}$? if yes, then $x = 0.a_1$.

if not, $x \in (\frac{a_1}{10}, \frac{a_1+1}{10})$.

So $x - \frac{a_1}{10} \in (0, \frac{1}{10})$.

now we divide $(0, \frac{1}{10})$ into 10 disjoint part:

$$(0, \frac{1}{100}), [\frac{1}{100}, \frac{2}{100}), [\frac{2}{100}, \frac{3}{100}), \dots, [\frac{7}{100}, \frac{8}{100}), [\frac{8}{100}, \frac{9}{100}), [\frac{9}{100}, \frac{1}{10})$$

we ask in which interval $x - \frac{a_1}{10}$ lies?



in the example $x - \frac{8}{10}$ lies in $[\frac{7}{100}, \frac{8}{100})$.

Then $7 := \max \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : \frac{k}{100} \leq x - \frac{8}{10} \right\}$.

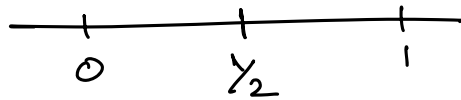
Thus in general,

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &:= \max \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : \frac{k}{100} \leq x - \frac{a_1}{10} \right\} \\ &:= \max \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : \frac{a_1}{10} + \frac{k}{10^2} \leq x \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Inductive step: $a_n := \max \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_i}{10^i} + \frac{k}{10^n} \leq x \right\}$.

Note on each step we are getting closer to x .

Construction of a_i 's in binary representation:



divide in two parts -

$$(0, 1/2), [1/2, 1).$$

$$a_1 := \{k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : \frac{a_1}{2} \leq x\}.$$

$$\text{since } x < 1, \quad a_1 \leq 2x < 2 \Rightarrow a_1 \in \{0, 1\}.$$

Inductive step:

$$a_n := \{k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_i}{2^i} + \frac{k}{2^n} \leq x\}.$$

claim: $a_n \in \{0, 1\}$.

This follows from induction.

The base case: $a_1 \in \{0, 1\}$ - we have already seen.

Induction hypothesis: $a_n \in \{0, 1\}$.

RTP: $a_{n+1} \in \{0, 1\}$

if not $a_{n+1} \geq 2$.

Then
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{2^i} + \frac{a_{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} \leq x$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_i}{2^i} + \frac{a_n}{2^n} + \overbrace{\frac{a_{n+1}-2}{2^{n+1}}}^{\geq 0} + \frac{\cancel{2}}{\cancel{2^n} 2^n} \leq x$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_i}{2^i} + \frac{a_{n+1}}{2^n} + \underbrace{\frac{a_{n+1}-2}{2^{n+1}}}_{\geq 0} \leq x,$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_i}{2^i} + \frac{a_{n+1}}{2^n} \leq x$$

This contradicts that a_n is the maximum natural number k s.t.
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_i}{2^i} + \frac{k}{2^n} \leq x.$$

This contradiction appears due to the assumption

$$a_{n+1} \geq 2$$

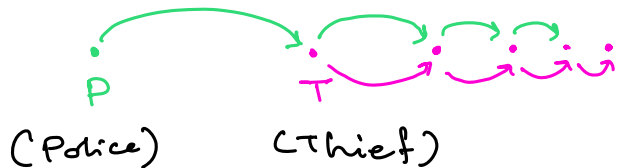
Hence $a_{n+1} \in \{0, 1\}$.

Now we come up with a series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{2^i}$,

if the construction does not stop.

Will we reach to x by this construction.

→ almost similar question like Zeno's paradox.



If every time police reaches the position of thief, then in that time thief advances to another point and by doing this it seems police will never be

able to catch the thief. However, the real computation shows the calculation is basically summing up a series that will give finite time.

We will also reach x , i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{2^i}$ is convergent and cges (cgt) to x .

Black box: Regarding $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{2^i}$ convergence:

Defⁿ: A series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n, c_n \geq 0$, is cgt iff the sequence of partial sum $s_k = \sum_{n=1}^k c_n$ is cgt, and

if $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_k = s$, then s is defined as $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$.

(A sequence $\{s_n\}$ cges to s iff given $\epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|s_n - s| < \epsilon \forall n \geq N$).

Fact: 1. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^{n-1}$, $0 < r < 1$, is cgt and cges to $\frac{1}{1-r}$.

in particular, we use $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{1-1/2} = 2$.

$$\text{and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 = 1$$

2. If $\sum d_n$ is a cgt series and $\sum c_n$ is dominated by $\sum d_n$,
that is, if $s_k = \sum_{n=1}^k c_n$ & $\tilde{s}_k = \sum_{n=1}^k d_n$ and $s_k \leq \tilde{s}_k \forall k$
then, $\sum c_n$ is cgt.

→ One can use Cauchy seqⁿ argument to prove the
fact above.

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A seqⁿ. $\{s_n\}$ is Cauchy iff given $\epsilon > 0$

$$\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } |s_{n+p} - s_n| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N \\ \& p \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Fact. Every Cauchy seqⁿ. is cgt.

We use the above fact to see that

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n}$ is cgt as it is dominated by the cgt series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$.

3. We can say otherway also.

note $s_k = \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{a_n}{2^n}$ - the seqⁿ of partial sum in our case is increasing

and $s_k \leq x$.

We then use the fact that an increasing seqⁿ which is bounded above is cgt, we have the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n}$ is cgt and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n} \leq x$.
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Once we note $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n}$ cges,

We claim: $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n}$

If not, from ① it follows that

$$x - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n} > 0.$$

Black box: Archimedean property

given $\varepsilon > 0$, \exists a natural number n such that $\varepsilon > \frac{1}{n}$.

— From this it follows that

given $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\varepsilon > \frac{1}{2^N}$.

So $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n} > \frac{1}{2^N}$.

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{a_n}{2^n} + \frac{a_N}{2^N} + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^N} < x$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{a_n}{2^n} + \frac{a_{N+1}}{2^N} + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n} < x$$

The inequality above contradicts that a_N is maximum among all $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{a_n}{2^n} + \frac{k}{2^N} \leq x.$$

The contradiction appears due to the assumption

$$x - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n} > 0$$

Hence
$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n}.$$

In notation, x is then written as $0. a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 \dots$

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denotes the no.
w.r. to which we
are considering this
representation