

Introduction to Numerical Analysis

HW3

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1 CANTOR'S SET

1. *Proof.* As C_i is closed and C is the intersection of these closed sets, C is closed.
It's clear that C is bounded. Thus, by Heine-Borel theorem, C is compact. \square
2. *Proof.* Suppose $x \in C_m$, $y \in C_n$ and $x < y$. There are 2^m subsets in C_m and the length of each subset is $\frac{1}{3^m}$. Also, there are 2^n subsets in C_n and the length of each subset is $\frac{1}{3^n}$. As $C \subset C_m \cap C_n$, suppose $m \leq n$, there must exist a subset in C_n s.t. $x \in C_n$.
If x and y lie in the same subset of C_n , with further division of the subset, there will be a gap between x and y , thus, there exists an element z lies in the gap and satisfies $x < z < y$.
If x and y lie in different subsets of C_n , denoted as $C_{n,i}$ and $C_{n,j}$, it's obvious that such a z exists in the gap between $C_{n,i}$ and $C_{n,j}$ and satisfies $x < z < y$. \square
3. a) 0
b) *Proof.* As there are 2^n subsets in C_n and the length of each subset is $\frac{1}{3^n}$, thus the Lebesgue measure of C_n is the sum of the Lebesgue measure of each closed subset. Thus $\lambda(C_n) = (\frac{2}{3})^n$.
As $C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$, then $\lambda(C) \leq \lambda(C_n) = (\frac{2}{3})^n$, thus $\lambda(C) = 0$. \square
4. a) *Proof.* As the end points of each subset in C_n is not removed in any subdivision, thus C is not empty. \square

b)

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{3^i}, \text{ with } a_i \in \{0, 2\} \quad (1.1)$$

c) Consider the $i - th$ digit in element s_i , it will be possible to construct such an element that the $i - th$ digit is different from that in s_i , thus s is not included in the original list.

d) *Proof.* Suppose C is countable, express each $x \in C$ in ternary form, then each digit in x is either 0 or 2. Thus, the choice of each digit appears to be binary. Consider the $i - th$ digit in element x_i , it will be possible to construct such an element t , whose $i - th$ digit is different from that in x_i (complementary). Thus t is not included in the original list, which implies the assumption fails. \square

5. Although C is uncountable, but the measure of its complement is 1, which is illustrated below, thus the measure of C is 0.

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(C^c) &= \frac{1}{3} + 2 * \frac{1}{9} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^i \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - (2/3)^{n+1}}{1 - (2/3)} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

2 CANTOR'S FUNCTION

1. *Proof.* It's easy to verify that f_0, f_1 are monotonically increasing continuous functions. Suppose f_n are still monotonically increasing continuous functions for $n = k$.

For $n = k + 1$, as f_{k+1} is only different from f_k on each closed subset of C_k , whose length is $\frac{1}{3^n}$ and is denoted as $I_{k,p}$ ($1 \leq p \leq 2^k$) here, it is left to prove that f_{k+1} remains monotonically increasing continuous on each $I_{k,p}$ after the construction process.

Since f_k is linear on each $I_{k,p}$, and the recursive construction process doesn't change the values on each ending points, on which the values of f_k is denoted as a, b recursively, the subset of $I_{k,p}$ is valid and the value of f_{k+1} on the central part, whose length is $\frac{1}{3^{k+1}}$, is $\frac{a+b}{2}$. As the measure of the remaining parts of $I_{k,p}$ is not 0, the linear function connecting each ending points is obviously valid. Thus, the new function f_{k+1} is still monotonically increasing continuous. \square

2. *Proof.* Let $g_n(x) = |f_n(x) - f(x)|$, then $g_n(x)$ is positive on C_n and 0 on other places. Further, $g_n(x)$ is symmetric around $x = 1/2$, thus, only $[0, 1/2]$ is considered for simplicity. Given any $\xi > 0$, it is left to find N s.t. $g_n(x) < \xi$ when $n > N$. \square

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3 TAYLOR'S THEOREM

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4 CONVERGENCE OF RATIONALS TO IRRATIONALS

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