

# 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,  $g_n(x)$  holds the same value on each closed subset of  $C_n$ . Given any  $\xi > 0$ , it is left to find  $N$  s.t.  $g_n(x) < \xi$  when  $n > N$ . As  $g_n(x)$  reaches its extremum  $\frac{1}{6 \cdot 3^n}$  at the  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of each compact subset of  $C_n$ , thus, given any  $\xi$

$$\frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{3^n} < \xi \quad (2.1)$$

which is equivalent to

$$n > \frac{\ln(\frac{1}{6\xi})}{\ln(3)} \triangleq N \quad (2.2)$$

and the target  $N$  is given as above.  $\square$

3. *Proof.* As  $f_c(x)$  is continuous over  $[0, 1]$ , it is left to prove that a continuous function on a compact is uniformly continuous, which can be proved by contradiction.  $\square$

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### 3 TAYLOR'S THEOREM

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### 4 CONVERGENCE OF RATIONALS TO IRRATIONALS

1. *Proof.* As  $e$  can be written as

$$e = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \quad (4.1)$$

Suppose it is rational, then it can be written as below, where  $p, q$  are prime to each other.

$$e = \frac{p}{q} \quad (4.2)$$

Thus

$$p(q-1)! = q! \sum_{i=0}^q \frac{1}{i!} + q! \sum_{i=q+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \quad (4.3)$$

Since both LHS and the first part of RHS are integers, the second part of RHS (denoted as  $RHS_2$ ) should be an integer as well. //  $RHS_2$  can be further expanded as below

$$\begin{aligned} RHS_2 &= \frac{1}{q+1} + \frac{1}{(q+1)(q+2)} + \frac{1}{(q+1)(q+2)(q+3)} + \dots \\ &< \frac{1}{q+1} + \frac{1}{(q+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(q+1)^3} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{q} \\ &< 1 \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Therefore  $RHS_2$  is not an integer as  $RHS_2 > 0$ . Thus the assumption fails, and  $e$  is irrational.  $\square$

2. *Proof.* It's clear that  $u_n$  is increasing, and the limit is  $e$ , so the maximum distance between 2 element can be denoted as

$$d_{max} < e - (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n \quad (4.5)$$

For any  $\xi > 0$ , let  $d_{max} < \xi$ , it is satisfied when  $n > N$ , where  $N$  is the index of the first element s.t.  $u_N > e - \xi$ .

Thus  $u_n$  is a cauchy sequence converging to  $e$ .  $\square$

3. No, as the limit of a rational sequence may not converging to a rational.