

①a) Note that if  $x \in C$  is an endpoint of a removed interval, then  $x = k/3^n$  for some integers  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq k \leq 3^n$ . So we just need a real number  $x \in (0, 1)$  satisfying

a)  $x$  has some ternary expansion

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i 3^{-i} \quad \text{where } a_i \neq 1 \text{ for any } i, \text{ and}$$

b)  $x \neq k/3^n$  for any  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}^{>0}$ ,

then we will have  $x \in C$  by (a) and  $x$  not an endpoint by (b).

Claim:  $x = (0.\overline{02})_3 = (0.020202\cdots)_3$  works.




Pf: By construction,  $x$  satisfies

(a) 
$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i 3^{-i}, \quad a_i \in \{0, 2\}$$

So no  $a_i = 1$  and thus  $x \in C$ .

(b) To see that  $x$  satisfies (b), we can compute

$$\begin{aligned}x &= (0.020202 \dots)_3 \\&= 0 \cdot 3^{-1} + 2 \cdot 3^{-2} + 0 \cdot 3^{-3} + 2 \cdot 3^{-4} + \dots \\&= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2 \cdot 3^{-2i} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 3^{-2i} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^i \\&= 2 \left(-1 + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^i\right) \\&= 2 \left(-1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{9}}\right) = 1/4,\end{aligned}$$

where  $4 \nmid 3^n$  for any integer  $n$ . 

(1b) If a set  $X$  is nowhere dense in a topological space, it equivalently satisfies

$$(\overline{X})^\circ = \emptyset$$

(i.e., the interior of the closure is empty.)

It then suffices to show that

a)  $C$  is closed, so  $\overline{C} = C$ , and

b)  $C$  has no interior points, so  $C^\circ = \emptyset$ .

(a) To see that  $C$  is closed, we will show  $C^c := [0, 1] \setminus C$  is open. An arbitrary union of open sets is open, so the claim is that  $C^c = \bigcup_{j \in J} A_j$  for some collection of open sets  $\{A_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

Consider  $C_n$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  stage of the process used to construct the Cantor set, so  $C = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} C_n$ .

But by induction,  $C_n^c$  is a union of open sets.

In particular,  $C_1^c = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ , and

$$C_n^c = \underbrace{\left( \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} C_i^c \right)}_{\text{Open by hypothesis}} \cup \underbrace{\left( \text{Exactly } n \text{ open intervals that were deleted} \right)}_{\text{open by construction}},$$

So  $C_n^c$  is open for each  $n$ . But then

$$C^c = \left( \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \right)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_n^c$$

is a union of open sets and thus open. So  $C$  is closed.

(b) To see that  $C^\circ = \emptyset$ , suppose towards a contradiction that  $x \in C^\circ$ , so there exists some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $N_\varepsilon(x) := (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \not\subseteq C$ . Letting  $\mu(I)$  denote the length of an interval, we have  $\mu(N_\varepsilon(x)) = 2\varepsilon > 0$ .

Claim: Let  $L_n := \mu(C_n)$ , then  $L_n = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$ .

This follows immediately by noting that  $L_n$  satisfies the recurrence relation

$$L_{n+1} = \frac{2}{3}L_n, \quad L_0 = 1$$

Since an interval of length  $\frac{1}{3}L_{n-1}$  is removed at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  stage, which has the unique claimed solution.

But if  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$  are real intervals, we must have

$$\mu(I_1) \leq \mu(I_2), \text{ whereas if we choose } n \text{ large}$$

Uses subadditivity  
of measure

enough such that  $(\frac{2}{3})^n < 2\varepsilon$ , we have

$$(x-\varepsilon, x+\varepsilon) \not\subseteq C = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i \Rightarrow \underline{(x-\varepsilon, x+\varepsilon) \subseteq C_n}, \text{ but}$$

$$\mu((x-\varepsilon, x+\varepsilon)) = \underline{2\varepsilon} > \underline{(\frac{2}{3})^n} = \mu(C_n), \text{ a contradiction.}$$

So such an  $x \in C^\circ$  can't exist, and  $C^\circ = \emptyset$ .

Thus  $(\bar{C})^\circ = C^\circ = \emptyset$ , and  $C$  is nowhere dense,

and since a meager set is a countable union of nowhere dense sets,  $C$  is meager.  $\square$

Claim:  $C$  is measure zero.

Measures are additive over disjoint sets, i.e.

$$A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow \mu(A \sqcup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B),$$

And if  $A \subseteq B$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(B) &= \mu(B \sqcup (B \setminus A)) = \mu(B) + \mu(B \setminus A) \\ &\Rightarrow \mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A). \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $B_n$  be the union of the intervals that are deleted at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  step. We have

$$\mu(B_0) = 0$$

$$\mu(B_1) = 1/3$$

$$\mu(B_2) = 2(1/9) = 2/9$$

$$\mu(B_3) = 4(1/27) = 4/27$$

$\vdots$

$$\mu(B_n) = 2^{n-1}/3^n$$

Moreover, if  $i \neq j$ , then  $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ , and

$$C^c := [0, 1] - C = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i.$$

We thus have

$$\mu(C) = \mu([0, 1]) - \mu(C^c)$$

$$= 1 - \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n\right)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_n)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{n-1}/3^n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 1 - (1/3) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \\
&= 1 - (1/3) (1/1 - 2/3) \\
&= 0. \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

(1c) Let  $y \in [0, 1]$  be arbitrary, we will produce an  $x \in C$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

Write  $y = (a_1 a_2 \dots)_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i 2^{-i}$  where  $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$

Now define

$$x = (2a_1 2a_2 \dots)_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (2a_i) 3^{-i} := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i 3^{-i}$$

Since  $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $b_i = 2a_i \in \{0, 2\}$ , meaning  $x$  has no  $1^s$  in its ternary expansion and so  $x \in C$ .

Moreover, under  $f$  we have

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} b_i \mapsto \frac{1}{2} b_i \\ \parallel \quad \parallel \\ 2a_i \mapsto \frac{1}{2} (2a_i) = a_i \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{So } b_i \mapsto a_i \text{ and} \\ \text{thus } f(x) = y. \end{array}$$

So  $C \twoheadrightarrow [0, 1]$ , which is uncountable, thus so is  $C$ .  $\blacksquare$

(2a)  $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose  $X$  is  $G_\delta$ , so  $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  with each  $A_n$  closed. Then  $A_n^c$  is open by definition, and so

$$X^c = \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \right)^c = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^c$$

is a countable intersection of open sets, and thus  $F_\sigma$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose  $X^c$  is an  $F_\sigma$ , so  $X^c = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$  with each

$B_n$  open. Then each  $B_n^c$  is closed by definition, and

$$X = (X^c)^c = \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \right)^c = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n^c$$

is a countable intersection of closed sets, and thus  $G_\delta$ .

(2b) Suppose  $X$  is closed, we will show  $X = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$  with each  $C_n$  open. For each  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- $B_n(x) = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid d(x, y) < \frac{1}{n} \right\}$

- $C_n = \bigcup_{x \in X} B_n(x)$

- $W = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{x \in X} B_n(x)$

Since each  $B_n(x)$  is open by construction and  $C_n$  is a union of opens, each  $C_n$  is open.



Claim:  $W = X$ .

$X \subseteq W$ : If  $x \in X$ , then  $x \in B_n(x) \subseteq C_n$  for all  $n$ , and so  
$$x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n = W.$$

$W \subseteq X$ : Suppose there is some  $w \in W \setminus X$  (so  $w \neq x$  for any  $x \in X$ ) towards a contradiction.

Since  $w \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} C_n$ ,  $w \in C_n$  for every  $n$ . So  $w \in \bigcup_{x \in X} B_n(x)$  for every  $n$ . But then there is some particular  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $w \in B_n(x_0)$  for every  $n$  (otherwise we could take  $N$  large enough so that  $w \notin B_N(x)$  for any  $x \in X$ , so  $w \notin \bigcup_{x \in X} B_N(x)$  where  $w \neq x_0$ ).

But then if  $N_\varepsilon(x)$  is an arbitrary neighborhood of  $x$ , we can take  $\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$  to obtain  $w \in B_n(x) \subseteq N_\varepsilon(x)$ , which makes  $w$  a limit point of  $X$ . But since  $X$  is closed, it contains its limit points, forcing the contradiction  $w \in X$ .

So  $X$  is a countable intersection of open sets, and thus a  $G_\delta$  set.



Now suppose  $X$  is open. Then  $X^c$  is closed, and thus a  $G_\delta$  set. But then  $(X^c)^c = X$  is an  $F_\sigma$  set by problem (2a).  $\blacksquare$

(2c) Using the fact that singletons are closed in metric spaces, we can write  $\mathbb{Q} = \bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{q\}$  as a countable union of closed sets, so  $\mathbb{Q}$  is an  $F_\delta$  set. Suppose  $\mathbb{Q}$  was also a  $G_\delta$  set, so  $\mathbb{Q} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$  with each  $A_i$  open. Then for any fixed  $n$ ,  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq A_n$ , so  $A_n$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$  for every  $n$ .

However, it is also true that  $\{q\}^c := \mathbb{R} \setminus \{q\}$  is an open, dense subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and we can write

$$\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{q\} = \bigcap_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{q\})$$

as an intersection of open dense sets; since  $\mathbb{R}$  is a

Baire space, countable intersections of open dense sets are dense.

$$\text{But then } \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{q\}^c \right) = \mathbb{Q} \cap (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$$

must be dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ , which is absurd.  $\otimes$

Note that this argument also works when  $\mathbb{R}$  is replaced with any open interval  $I$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is replaced with  $\mathbb{Q} \cap I$ .

For a set that is neither  $G_\delta$  nor  $F_\sigma$ , consider

$$A = \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, \infty) \quad , \quad \text{positive rationals}$$

$$B = (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) \cap (-\infty, 0) \quad , \quad \text{negative irrationals}$$

$A$  is  $F_\sigma$  but not  $G_\delta$ , using above argument, and

dually  $B$  is  $G_\delta$  but not  $F_\sigma$ .

Claim:  $X = A \cup B$  is neither  $G_\delta$  nor  $F_\sigma$ .

Suppose  $X$  is  $G_\delta$ . Then  $X \cap \overbrace{(0, \infty)}^{\text{open}} = A$  is  $G_\delta$  as well. #

Suppose  $X$  is  $F_\sigma$ . Then  $X^c$  is  $G_\delta$ , but

$$X^c = (A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c = (\mathbb{Q} \cap (-\infty, 0)) \cup ((\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) \cap (0, \infty))$$

and thus  $X^c \cap \overbrace{(-\infty, 0)}^{\text{open}} = A$  is  $G_\delta$ . #

So  $X$  is neither  $G_\delta$  or  $F_\sigma$ .



3a) Claim:  $c \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0$ .

This holds iff  $\forall c \in I, \forall \varepsilon, \exists \delta$  s.t.  $|x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x)| < \varepsilon$ ,

so let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Consider the set

$S = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \frac{1}{n} \geq \varepsilon\}$ , which is a finite set, and so

$S_q = \{r_n \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \frac{1}{n} \geq \varepsilon\}$  is finite as well.

So choose  $\delta < \min_{r_n \in S_q} d(c, r_n)$  so  $N_\delta(c) \cap S_q = \emptyset$

Then  $|x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \cdot f(x) = 0 \text{ if } x \in I \setminus \mathbb{Q}, \text{ or} \\ \cdot x = r_m \in (\mathbb{Q} \setminus S_q) \cap I \text{ for some } m \text{ such that} \\ \quad \frac{1}{m} < \varepsilon \text{ by construction.} \end{cases}$

But then  $|f(x)| = \frac{1}{m} < \varepsilon$  as desired.  $\square$

So  $\cdot c \in I \setminus \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow f(c) = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ ,

$\cdot c = r_n \in I \cap \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow f(c) = \frac{1}{n} \neq 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$

and  $f$  is discontinuous on  $I \cap \mathbb{Q}$ .  $\blacksquare$