

# Baire Hierarchy

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**Result 1:** `[baire_hierarchy]/`  
`baire_hierarchy_rational_indicator`

Let:

1.  $B(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  be the set of borel functions, i.e.

$$B(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) = \text{closure of } C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) \text{ under sequential pointwise limits} \quad (1)$$

2.  $T(A) : \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  be defined as closing under pointwise limits.

Then:

1.  $\chi_{\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , the indicator function on  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  can be obtained in applying  $T$  2 steps.

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*Proof.* From  $C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  you can get better and better approximations of  $\chi_q$  for every  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ . This means that  $T(C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}))$  contains  $\chi_q$  for any  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Furthermore you could do the same thing for any finite subset, so  $\chi_F$  for any finite  $F \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  exists in  $T(C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}))$ . So by simply building any increasing sequence of  $F$ , this says that  $\chi_{\mathbb{Q}} \in T^2(C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}))$ .  $\square$