

Proposition. \mathcal{C} is the Cantor set, $|\mathcal{C}| = |\mathbb{R}|$.

$\forall x \in \mathcal{C}$, the ternary expansion of $x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{3^i}$, where a_i 's $\in \{0, 1, 2\}$.

That is, the ternary representation of $x = 0.a_1a_2a_3 \dots_{base3}$, and the ternary representation ending in infinitely consecutive (repeating) 2's is excluded so that the ternary representation is unique.

For instance, $0.0222 \dots_{base3}$ will be identified as $0.1000 \dots_{base3}$.

Furthermore, I_{kj} denotes the j th interval (from LHS to RHS) in the k th step of the construction of \mathcal{C} , where $k \in \mathbb{N}, j \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^k\}$.

Moreover, x is in some $I_{kj} \wedge$ all of its nonzero digits $\neq 1 \iff x$ is the left endpoint of I_{kj} by induction.

Claim : For the x just mentioned, $\exists i \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $a_i = 1 \Rightarrow a_m \neq 1$ for all $m \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, i-1\} \wedge$

$a_m = 0$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m \geq i+1$.

Proof : Suppose $\exists i \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $a_i = 1, i \in L := \{l \in \mathbb{N} \mid a_l = 1\} \neq \emptyset, n := \min L \in L$ by well-ordering principle,

$n \leq i \wedge a_m \neq 1$ for all $m \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$. If $n \neq i, 0.a_1a_2a_3 \dots a_{n-1}1_{base3} < x < 0.a_1a_2a_3 \dots a_{n-1}2_{base3}$,

note $0.a_1a_2a_3 \dots a_{n-1}1_{base3}$ is the left endpoint of $I_{(n-1)j}$ for some $j \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^{n-1}\}$, then

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$\therefore x \notin \mathcal{C}$ (that is, x is deleted in the procedure of constructing \mathcal{C}), $C!$

$\therefore n = i, a_m \neq 1$ for all $m \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, i-1\}$.

Analogously, if $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m \geq i+1$ s.t. $a_m \neq 0, 0.a_1a_2a_3 \dots a_{i-1}1_{base3} < x < 0.a_1a_2a_3 \dots a_{i-1}2_{base3}$,

$\therefore x \notin \mathcal{C}, C! \therefore a_m = 0$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m \geq i+1$.

Accordingly, by the construction process of \mathcal{C} and induction,

the ternary representation of x only contains a finite quantity of nonzero digits $\iff x$ is an endpoint of some I_{kj} .

Note \mathcal{C} , thus, does not merely contain the endpoints but also points which are not the endpoints of I'_{kj} s.

Particularly, $0.202020 \dots_{base3} = \frac{2/3}{1 - 1/9} = \frac{3}{4}$.

Therefore, $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{A} := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{3^i} \mid a_i \text{'s} \in \{0, 2\} \right\}$. Now $\forall x \in \mathcal{A}, n \in \mathbb{N}, x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{3^i}$ for some a_i 's in $\{0, 2\}$,

$x_n := \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{3^i} \in \mathcal{C}$ is closed, $\therefore x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \in \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$. Consequently, $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{A}$.

Define $f : [0, 1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C} : f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{2b_i}{3^i}$, where $x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_i}{2^i}$ for some b_i 's in $\{0, 1\}$.

Similarly, the binary representation ending in

infinitely consecutive (repeating) 1's is excluded so that the binary representation is unique.

For example, $0.0111 \dots_{base2}$ will be identified as $0.1000 \dots_{base2}$.

\therefore In $\text{Im}(f)$, the ternary representation ending in

infinitely consecutive (repeating) 2's is also excluded s.t. the ternary representation is unique in $\text{Im}(f)$.

It follows that f , obviously, is well-defined.

And suppose $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_i}{2^i} = x \neq t = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_i}{2^i}$ for some b_i 's, v_i 's in $\{0, 1\}$

$\Rightarrow \emptyset \neq P := \{p \in \mathbb{N} \mid b_p \neq v_p\} \wedge q := \min P$ exists in $P \cap \mathbb{N}$ by well – ordering principle

$\Rightarrow b_i = v_i$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1 \wedge b_q \neq v_q$ (w.l.o.g. assume $1 = b_q > v_q = 0$)

$\Rightarrow 2b_i = 2v_i$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1 \wedge 2 = 2b_q > 2v_q = 0$

$\Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0.(2b_1)(2b_2)(2b_3) \dots (2b_{q-1})2 > 0.(2b_1)(2b_2)(2b_3) \dots (2b_{q-1})1 = 0.(2v_1)(2v_2)(2v_3) \dots (2v_{q-1})1$

$> 0.(2v_1)(2v_2)(2v_3) \dots (2v_{q-1})0(2v_{q+1})(2v_{q+2})(2v_{q+3}) \dots = f(t) \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(t) \Rightarrow f$ is injective.

Hence $|\mathbb{N}| < |[0, 1)| \leq |\mathcal{C}| \leq |\mathbb{R}|$, and thus $|\mathcal{C}| = |\mathbb{R}|$ by the Continuum Hypothesis.