

Def. Let  $\omega: [0, 1] \rightarrow (S, d)$ . Fix some  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .  
Say  $\omega$  is **Hölder- $\alpha$  continuous**,  $\omega \in C^\alpha([0, 1], S)$  if  $\exists K = K(\omega) < \infty$   
s.t.  $\forall s, t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $d(\omega(s), \omega(t)) \leq K(\omega)|s - t|^\alpha$ .

Working with uncountable families of measurable sets is challenging.  
Fortunately, Hölder continuity interacts well with (countable) dense subsets.

Lemma: Let  $D \subset [0, 1]$  be a dense subset. Let  $(S, d)$  be a complete metric space.  
Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . If  $\omega: D \rightarrow S$  is  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous, then  $\exists!$   $\bar{\omega}: [0, 1] \rightarrow S$   
that is  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous (with  $K(\bar{\omega}) = K(\omega)$ ), and s.t.  $\bar{\omega}|_D = \omega$ .

Pf. Fix  $t \in [0, 1]$ ; we know  $\exists (t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $D$  s.t.  $t_n \rightarrow t$ .

Define  $\bar{\omega}(t) :=$

• Existence:

• well-defined:

•  $\bar{\omega}|_D = \omega$ :

- Hölder continuous: fix any sequences  $t_n \rightarrow t$ ,  $s_n \rightarrow s$ .  
 $d(\bar{\omega}(s), \bar{\omega}(t))$

We're going to construct Hölder continuous versions by working on a countable dense subset of  $[0, 1]$ .

**Def:** The **dyadic rational numbers**  $\mathbb{D}$  are those real numbers whose binary expansion is finitely-terminating.

$$[0, \infty) \ni t = b_0(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k(t)}{2^k} \quad \text{for unique } b_0(t) \in \mathbb{N} \\ b_k(t) \in \{0, 1\}, k \geq 1$$

$$t \in \mathbb{D} \text{ iff } b_k(t) = 0 \quad \forall \text{ suff. large } k.$$

Notice:  $\mathbb{D} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{D}_n$ , where  $\mathbb{D}_n = \left\{ \frac{i}{2^n}, i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ .

From this (interlacing) union, we get the following useful refinement of the characterization of  $\mathbb{D}$ :

For any  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , and any  $n$ , there are unique  $a_0 = a_0^{(n)} \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
s.t. 
$$t = \frac{a_0}{2^n} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{2^{n+k}}$$
  $a_k = a_k^{(n)} \in \{0, 1\} \quad (k \geq 1)$

and  $t \in \mathbb{D}_+ = \mathbb{D} \cap [0, \infty)$  iff  $a_k = 0$  for all large  $k$ .

In particular,  $a_0$  is defined by

Notice: if  $w \in C^\gamma$  and  $|s-t| \leq \varepsilon$ , then  $d(w(s), w(t)) \leq |s-t|^\gamma$

In particular, if  $\varepsilon = 2^{-n}$ , then

**Def:** Let  $w: \mathbb{D} \cap [0,1] \rightarrow (S, d)$ . For each  $n$ , define

$$\Delta_n(w) := \max \{ d(w(s), w(t)) : s, t \in \mathbb{D}_n \cap [0,1], |s-t| \leq 2^{-n} \}$$

By the note above, if  $w \in C^\gamma$ , then  $\Delta_n(w) \leq K(w) 2^{-\gamma n}$ .

$\therefore$  for any  $\alpha \in (0, \gamma)$ ,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{n\alpha} \Delta_n(w)$$

**Prop:** For each  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , set  $K_\alpha(w) = 2^{1+\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha n} \Delta_n(w)$ .

If  $w: \mathbb{D} \cap [0,1] \rightarrow (S, d)$  satisfies  $K_\alpha(w) < \infty$ , then

$w \in C^\alpha$ , and

$$d(w(s), w(t)) \leq K_\alpha(w) |s-t|^\alpha \quad \forall s, t \in \mathbb{D} \cap [0,1].$$

Pf. The core of the proof is the following

Claim. If  $s, t \in \mathbb{D} \cap [0, 1]$  with  $2^{-(n+1)} < t-s \leq 2^{-n}$ , then

$$d(w(s), w(t)) \leq 2 \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \Delta_k(w).$$

This will complete the proof, because

$$\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \Delta_k(w) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} 2^{-\alpha k} \cdot 2^{\alpha k} \Delta_k(w)$$

Proof of Claim:

Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Expand  $s = \frac{a_0}{2^n} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{2^{n+k}}$   $t = \frac{b_0}{2^n} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{2^{n+k}}$

where  $a_k, b_k \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $a_k, b_k = 0 \forall$  large  $k$ . Since  $t-s \leq 2^{-n}$ ,  
 $b_0 = a_0$  or  $a_0+1$ .

$$\text{Set } S_m = \frac{a_0}{2^n} + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{a_k}{2^{n+k}}$$

$$\therefore |S_m - S_{m+1}|$$

$$s_m = \frac{a_0}{2^n} + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{a_k}{2^{n+k}} \quad t_m = \frac{b_0}{2^n} + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{b_k}{2^{n+k}} \quad \text{and } 0 \leq b_0 - a_0 \leq 1$$

$$d(w(s_m), w(s_{m+1})) \leq \Delta_{n+m+1}(w)$$

$$d(t_m, t_{m+1}) \leq \Delta_{n+m+1}(w)$$

$$\therefore d(w(s_0), w(s))$$

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$$\leq d(w(s), w(s_0)) + d(w(s_0), w(t_0)) + d(w(t_0), w(t))$$