

# A PROOF THAT $\mathcal{C}^2$ AND $\mathcal{J}^2$ ARE DISTINCT MEASURES<sup>(1)</sup>

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**ABSTRACT.** We prove that there exists a nonempty family  $X$  of subsets of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  such that the two-dimensional Carathéodory measure of each member of  $X$  is less than its two-dimensional  $\mathcal{J}$  measure. Every member of  $X$  is the Cartesian product of 3 copies of a suitable Cantor type subset of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

**1. Introduction.** To any positive integers  $m, n$  with  $m \leq n$  there correspond several  $m$ -dimensional measures over  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . These measures are studied extensively in [3]. We consider two of them, the  $m$ -dimensional Carathéodory measure, denoted by  $\mathcal{C}^m$ , and the  $m$ -dimensional  $\mathcal{J}$  measure, denoted by  $\mathcal{J}^m$ . It is known that  $\mathcal{C}^m(S) \leq \mathcal{J}^m(S)$  for all  $S \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  [3, 2.10.34], and  $\mathcal{C}^m(S) = \mathcal{J}^m(S)$  if  $m = 1$ ,  $m = n$ , or  $S$  is  $m$  rectifiable [3, 2.10.35, 3.2.26].

In this paper we prove (Theorem 3.4) that there exists a nonempty family  $X$  of subsets of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  such that  $\mathcal{C}^2(S) < \mathcal{J}^2(S)$  for all  $S \in X$ . A precise definition of  $X$  is given in §2, using the method of [3, 2.10.28], but roughly each member of  $X$  is the Cartesian product of 3 copies of a suitable Cantor type subset of  $\mathbf{R}$ . We obtain Theorem 3.4 directly from Theorems 3.2, 3.3. A key step in the proof of Theorem 3.2 depends in turn on Lemma 3.1.

**2. Preliminaries.** In general we adopt in this paper the notation and terminology of [3]. Presented in this section are modifications and additional definitions that we use.

For  $S \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  let  $S - S = \{x - y: x, y \in S\}$ .

For  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}^n$  define  $[a, b]$  to be the closed line segment with endpoints  $a, b$ .

For  $\emptyset \neq S \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  let

$$\begin{aligned} c^2(S) &= \sup \{ \mathcal{Q}^2[p(S)]: p \in O^*(n, 2) \}, \\ i^2(S) &= (\pi/4) \sup \{ |(a_1 - b_1) \wedge (a_2 - b_2)|: a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 \in S \}. \end{aligned}$$

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These are the gauge functions used in defining  $\mathcal{C}^2$  and  $\mathcal{J}^2$  respectively [3, 2.10.1, 2.10.3, 2.10.4].

The following series of definitions culminate in the definition of  $X$  and  $E$ . For any sequence  $\nu = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \dots)$  of integers greater than 1 we denote

$$H_0(\nu) = \{[0, 1]\},$$

$$H_k(\nu) = \bigcup \{\Phi(J, \nu_k): J \in H_{k-1}(\nu)\} \quad \text{for } k \geq 1,$$

where

$$\Phi(J, \nu_k) = \{[\inf J + (i-1)p, \inf J + (i-1)p + q]: i = 1, \dots, \nu_k\}$$

with  $p = (1 - \nu_k^{-3/2})(\nu_k - 1)^{-1} \text{diam } J$ ,  $q = \nu_k^{-3/2} \text{diam } J$ ; then we define

$$A(\nu) = \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} \bigcup H_k(\nu).$$

Finally, we let  $X = \{A(\nu) \times A(\nu) \times A(\nu): \nu \text{ is a bounded sequence}\}$  and  $E = A(\nu) \times A(\nu) \times A(\nu)$  be any fixed element of  $X$ .

**3. Principal results.** We proceed to prove that  $\mathcal{C}^2(E) < \mathcal{J}^2(E)$ .

**3.1. Lemma.** *If  $B$  is a compact convex subset of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ ,  $Y = \text{Bdry } B$ ,  $d = \text{diam } B$ , and there exists a one-dimensional vector subspace  $L$  of  $\mathbf{R}^2$  and a positive real number  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{H}^1(L \cap Y) \geq kd$ , then*

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{Q}^2(B) \leq t^2(B)/(1 + 2^{-10}k^4).$$

**Proof.** We can assume that  $\mathcal{Q}^2(B) > 0$ , since (1) clearly holds when  $\mathcal{Q}^2(B) = 0$ .

Choose a one-dimensional vector subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbf{R}^2$  perpendicular to  $L$ , and let  $B'$  be the subset of  $\mathbf{R}^2$  obtained by applying Steiner symmetrization [3, 2.10.30] to  $B$  with respect to  $V$ . Let  $Y' = \text{Bdry } B'$ . Then by [3, 2.10.30, proof in 2.10.32]  $B'$  is a compact convex set,  $\mathcal{Q}^2(B') = \mathcal{Q}^2(B)$ ,  $t^2(B') \leq t^2(B)$  and  $\mathcal{H}^1(L \cap Y') \geq kd$ .

We now proceed to prove the existence of  $G \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  satisfying

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{Q}^2(B') \leq \mathcal{Q}^2(G)/(1 + 2^{-10}k^4),$$

$$(3) \quad t^2(G) \leq t^2(B').$$

This will establish the lemma, since (2) and (3) combined with the relations  $\mathcal{Q}^2(B) = \mathcal{Q}^2(B')$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}^2(G) \leq t^2(G)$  [3, 2.10.32], and  $t^2(B') \leq t^2(B)$  yield (1).

Let  $a_1$  be the midpoint of  $L \cap Y'$ . Choose orthonormal basis vectors  $e_1, e_2$  for  $\mathbf{R}^2$  so that  $\text{Re}_2 = L$ , and  $(x - a_1) \cdot e_1 \geq 0$  for all  $x \in B'$ . Let  $m_1, m_2 \in L \cap Y'$  be such that  $m_2 - a_1 = a_1 - m_1 = kde_2/4$ . Choose  $b_1, b_2 \in Y'$  satisfying

$$(a_1 - b_1) \cdot e_2 = (b_2 - a_1) \cdot e_2 = \sup\{(x - a_1) \cdot e_2 : x \in B'\}$$

and  $(b_2 - b_1) \cdot e_1 = 0$ . Let

$$z = \text{diam}(B' \cap \{x : (x - b_1) \cdot e_2 = 2^{-6}k^2d\}).$$

Choose  $m_3 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $a_1 - m_3 = kze_1/4$ . Then let

$$F = B' \cap \{x : (x - b_1) \cdot e_2 \geq 2^{-6}k^2d \text{ and } (b_2 - x) \cdot e^2 \geq 2^{-6}k^2d\}$$

and  $G$  be the convex hull of  $F \cup \{m_3\}$ .

We now verify (2). Since  $B' \sim G$  is contained in the union of two rectangles with dimensions  $z$  and  $2^{-6}k^2d$ ,  $\mathcal{L}^2(B' \sim G) \leq 2^{-5}k^2dz$ , while, since the interior of the convex hull of  $\{m_1, m_2, m_3\}$  is contained in  $G \sim B'$ ,  $\mathcal{L}^2(G \sim B') \geq 2^{-4}k^2dz$ ; hence

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{L}^2(G) - \mathcal{L}^2(B') \geq 2^{-5}k^2dz.$$

Choose  $a_2 \in Y'$  with  $(a_2 - a_1) \cdot e_2 = 0$ ,  $a_2 \neq a_1$ . Then  $B'$  is contained in a rectangle of side lengths  $|a_2 - a_1|$  and  $|b_2 - b_1|$ ; consequently,

$$(5) \quad \mathcal{L}^2(B') \leq |a_2 - a_1| \cdot |b_2 - b_1|.$$

Take  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $w_i = [a_i, b_1] \cap \{x : (x - b_1) \cdot e_2 = 2^{-6}k^2d\}$ ,  $s = (a_i - b_1) \cdot e_2 / [(w_i - b_1) \cdot e_2]$ . We see from our construction that  $|s| \leq 2^5k^{-2}$ , since  $|(a_i - b_1) \cdot e_2| \leq d/2$  and  $(w_i - b_1) \cdot e_2 = 2^{-6}k^2d$ . Furthermore,  $(a_i - b_1) = s(w_i - b_1)$ , and by subtraction  $a_2 - a_1 = s(w_2 - w_1)$ . Therefore,  $|a_2 - a_1| \leq 2^5k^{-2}|w_2 - w_1|$ . We combine this result with the inequalities (4),  $|w_2 - w_1| \leq z$ ,  $|b_2 - b_1| \leq d$  and (5) to obtain

$$\mathcal{L}^2(G) - \mathcal{L}^2(B') \geq 2^{-5}k^2dz \geq 2^{-10}k^4|a_2 - a_1| \cdot |b_2 - b_1| \geq 2^{-10}k^4\mathcal{L}^2(B')$$

and then by addition (2).

To establish (3) we need only show that

$$(6) \quad t^2(F \cup \{m_3\}) \leq t^2(B'),$$

since  $t^2(F \cup \{m_3\}) = t^2(G)$  by [3, 2.10.3]. We now proceed to prove (6) by the following method:

Let

$$\mathcal{Q} = [(F \cup \{m_3\}) - (F \cup \{m_3\})] \times [(F \cup \{m_3\}) - (F \cup \{m_3\})].$$

To each ordered pair  $(v_1, v_2) \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $v_1 = p_1e_1 + p_2e_2$ ,  $v_2 = q_1e_1 + q_2e_2$ , we associate  $(v_1^*, v_2^*) \in \mathcal{Q}$  by means of a map  $f$  such that  $(v_1^*, v_2^*) = f(v_1, v_2)$  satisfies the three conditions,  $v_1^* \in F - F$ ,  $v_2 \in F - F$  implies  $v_2^* \in F - F$ , and  $|v_1^* \wedge v_2^*| \geq |v_1 \wedge v_2|$ . The existence of such a map  $f$  will prove (6), since  $(v_2^{**}, v_1^{**}) =$

$f(v_2^*, v_1^*)$  will then satisfy  $v_2^{**}, v_1^{**} \in F - F \subset B' - B'$  and  $|v_2^{**} \wedge v_1^{**}| \geq |v_1 \wedge v_2|$ . To define  $f$  and show the required conditions are satisfied we will consider the following cases and subcases:

Case I.  $v_1 \in F - F$ .

Let  $v_1^* = v_1$  and  $v_2^* = v_2$ .

Case II.  $v_1 \notin F - F$  and  $p_1 \geq 0$ .

We note that  $v_1 = x - m_3$  for a unique  $x$  in  $F$ . Let  $r = z/d$ ,  $u = kd/4$ . We then consider four subcases:

Case II.A.  $|q_1| \geq r|q_2|$  and  $q_1(p_1q_2 - p_2q_1) \geq 0$ .

Let  $v_1^* = x - m_2$ ,  $v_2^* = v_2$ . Then, since  $x - m_2 = (x - m_3) + (m_3 - m_2) = (p_1 - ru)e_1 + (p_2 - u)e_2$ , we deduce that

$$|v_1^* \wedge v_2^*| = |p_1q_2 - p_2q_1 + uq_1 - ruq_2| \geq |p_1q_2 - p_2q_1| = |v_1 \wedge v_2|.$$

Case II.B.  $|q_1| \geq r|q_2|$  and  $q_1(p_1q_2 - p_2q_1) \leq 0$ .

Let  $v_1^* = x - m_1 = (x - m_3) + (m_3 - m_1)$ ,  $v_2^* = v_2$ , and proceed as in Case

II.A.

Case II.C.  $|q_1| \leq r|q_2|$  and  $p_2 \geq 0$ .

Let  $v_1^* = x - m_1$ ,  $v_2^* = rq_2e_1 - q_2e_2$ . Note that  $v_2^* \in F - F$  by the construction of  $F$  and the definition of  $r$ . Furthermore,

$$|v_1^* \wedge v_2^*| = |p_1q_2 + rp_2q_2| \geq |p_1q_2 - p_2q_1| = |v_1 \wedge v_2|.$$

Case II.D.  $|q_1| \leq r|q_2|$  and  $p_2 \leq 0$ .

Let  $v_1^* = x - m_2$ ,  $v_2^* = rq_2e_1 + q_2e_2$ , and proceed as in Case II.C.

Case III.  $v_1 \notin F - F$  and  $p_1 \leq 0$ .

Let  $f(v_1, v_2) = f(-v_1, v_2)$ .

Thus the existence of the required map  $f$  has been shown, (6) has been established, and the proof of the lemma is complete.

**3.2. Theorem.** *There exists  $s < 1$  such that if  $K$  is a closed subset of  $E$  and  $M$  is the convex hull of  $K$ , then  $c^2(M) \leq st^2(M)$ .*

**Proof.** Choose any  $\theta \in \mathbf{O}^*(3, 2)$ . Let  $\theta(M) = B$ ,  $d = \text{diam } B$ . We can assume by excluding the trivial case when  $B$  is a single point that  $d > 0$ . Denote by  $Y$  the boundary of  $B$  in  $\theta(\mathbf{R}^3)$ . Let  $S = M \cap \theta^{-1}(Y)$ . Note that  $S$  is a continuum.

The first main step in our proof will be to show that there exists a closed line segment  $[a, b] \subset S$  such that  $|a - b| = rd$ , where  $r$  is a number depending only on the sequence  $\nu$ . (The construction involved in establishing this is basically a generalization of a procedure in [4].) Choose  $\alpha, \beta \in S$  with  $|\alpha - \beta| \geq d$ . Let  $i$  be such that  $|\alpha_i - \beta_i| \geq |\alpha_j - \beta_j|$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $\alpha_j$  is the  $j$ th coordinate of  $\alpha$ . Then  $|\alpha_i - \beta_i| \geq d/3^{1/2} > d/2$ .

Let  $Q(k) = \prod_{j=1}^k \nu_j^{-3/2}$ . Then  $H_k(\nu)$  is a disjointed family consisting of  $Q(k)^{-2/3}$  closed intervals of length  $Q(k)$ , and  $[0, 1] \sim \bigcup H_k(\nu)$  is the union of  $Q(k)^{-2/3} - 1$  open intervals of length  $[(1 - \nu_j^{-1/2})/(\nu_j - 1)]Q(j-1)$ , where  $j$  ranges from 1 to  $k$ . Furthermore, since  $1 - \nu_j^{-1/2} \geq 1 - 2^{-1/2} > 1/4$ ,  $\nu_j - 1 < \nu_j^{3/2}$ , it follows that

$$[(1 - \nu_j^{-1/2})/(\nu_j - 1)]Q(j-1) > \nu_j^{-3/2}Q(j-1)/4 = Q(j)/4 \geq Q(k)/4.$$

Therefore, if  $J \subset [0, 1]$  is a closed interval such that  $\text{diam } J > 3Q(k)/2$ , then there exists an open interval  $U \subset J$  with

$$U \subset [0, 1] \sim \bigcup H_k(\nu) \subset [0, 1] \sim A(\nu)$$

and  $\text{diam } U > Q(k)/4$ . Consequently, if we choose  $k$  satisfying  $d > 3Q(k)$  and  $d \leq 3Q(k-1)$ , then, since  $|\alpha_i - \beta_i| > d/2$ , there exists an open interval  $I \subset [\alpha_i, \beta_i]$  such that  $I \subset [0, 1] \sim A(\nu)$  and

$$\text{diam } I > Q(k)/4 = \nu_k^{-3/2}Q(k-1)/4 \geq \nu_k^{-3/2}d/12 \geq \xi^{-3/2}d/12,$$

where  $\xi$  is the least upper bound of the sequence  $\nu$ . Let  $r = \xi^{-3/2}/24$  and let  $G$  be the set of all  $x$  for which  $x_i$  is the midpoint of  $I$ . Observe that  $S \cap G \neq \emptyset$ , since  $\alpha, \beta$  are on opposite sides of  $G$ , and  $S$  is connected. Choose  $a \in S \cap G$ . Then  $\text{distance}(a, K) > rd$ , since  $K \cap \{x: x_i \in I\} = \emptyset$ . Let  $N$  be a supporting line of  $B$  at  $\theta(a)$  and  $D = \theta^{-1}(N)$ . Then  $D$  is a supporting plane of  $M$  at  $a$ . Since  $M$  is the convex hull of  $K$ ,  $D \cap S$  is convex and  $\text{distance}(a, K) > rd$ , it follows that there exists  $b \in D \cap S$  with  $[a, b] \subset D \cap S \subset S$ ,  $|a - b| = rd$ .

At this point we will divide the proof into cases and subcases in each of which it will be shown that there exists a number less than 1, depending only on  $\nu$ , which multiplied by  $t^2(M)$  is greater than or equal to  $\mathcal{L}^2(B)$ . We will then let  $s$  be the largest of these numbers among all cases.

We first divide the remainder of the proof into two cases:

Case I.  $|\theta(a) - \theta(b)| > 2^{-9}r^3d$ .

We use Lemma 3.1 with  $k, L \cap Y$  replaced by  $2^{-9}r^3, [\theta(a), \theta(b)]$  to obtain that  $\mathcal{L}^2(B) \leq t^2(B)/(1 + 2^{-46}r^{12})$ . Furthermore, we note that  $t^2(B) \leq t^2(M)$ , since  $\|\bigwedge_2 \theta\| = 1$ . We then conclude that

$$(7) \quad \text{Case I implies } \mathcal{L}^2(B) \leq t^2(M)/(1 + 2^{-46}r^{12}).$$

Case II.  $|\theta(a) - \theta(b)| \leq 2^{-9}r^3d$ .

Let  $\lambda = b - a$ . Choose orthonormal basis vectors  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  for  $\mathbf{R}^3$  so that  $\text{kernel}(\theta) = \text{Re}_3$  and  $\lambda \cdot e_1 = 0$ . As a result of this choice and the fact that  $r < 1$  it follows that  $\lambda = p_2e_2 + p_3e_3$  with  $p_2, p_3$  satisfying  $|p_2| \leq 2^{-9}r^3d$ ,  $|p_3| > (1 - 2^{-18})^{1/2}rd > rd/2$ ,  $|p_2/p_3| < 2^{-8}$ . Let  $m$  be the midpoint of  $[\theta(a), \theta(b)]$ . Choose  $w \in S - S$ ,  $w = q_1e_1 + q_2e_2 + q_3e_3$ , satisfying  $|\theta(w)| = d$ .

We consider now four subcases of Case II:

Case II.A.  $|q_3| > d$ .

Choose  $z \in S - S$  satisfying  $\theta(z) \cdot \theta(w) = 0$  and

$$|\theta(z)| = \sup\{|\nu|: \nu \in Y - Y \text{ and } \nu \cdot \theta(w) = 0\}.$$

Using [5, 1.15(7)] we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} 4t^2(M)/\pi &\geq |w \wedge z| \geq [|w|/|\theta(w)|]|\theta(w) \wedge \theta(z)| \\ &> 2^{1/2}|\theta(w) \wedge \theta(z)| = 2^{1/2}|\theta(w)| \cdot |\theta(z)| \geq 2^{1/2}\mathfrak{L}^2(B), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(8) \quad \text{Case II.A implies } \mathfrak{L}^2(B) \leq 4t^2(M)/(2^{1/2}\pi).$$

Case II.B.  $|q_3| \leq d$  and  $\mathfrak{L}^2(B) < rd^2/4$ .

We deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} 4t^2(M)/\pi &\geq |\lambda \wedge w| = [(p_2q_1)^2 + (p_3q_1)^2 + (p_2q_3 - p_3q_2)^2]^{1/2} \\ &\geq [(p_3q_1)^2 + (p_3q_2)^2 - 2p_2p_3q_2q_3]^{1/2} = |p_3|[q_1^2 + q_2^2 - 2(p_2/p_3)q_2q_3]^{1/2} \\ &> (rd/2)(d^2 - 2^{-7}d^2)^{1/2} > 3rd^2/8 > 3\mathfrak{L}^2(B)/2, \end{aligned}$$

where the fifth relation in this chain follows from the conditions  $|p_3| > rd/2$ ,  $q_1^2 + q_2^2 = d^2$ ,  $|p_2/p_3| < 2^{-8}$ ,  $|q_2| \leq d$ ,  $|q_3| \leq d$ . Therefore,

$$(9) \quad \text{Case II.B implies } \mathfrak{L}^2(B) \leq 8t^2(M)/(3\pi).$$

Case II.C.  $\mathfrak{L}^2(B) \geq rd^2/4$ , and  $|(x - m) \wedge v| \leq 4(1 - 2^{-8}r^2)t^2(B)/\pi$  for all  $x \in B$ ,  $v \in B - B$ .

Let  $\rho = 2^{-12}r^3d$ ,  $W = B \cup B(m, \rho)$ . We take any  $u_1, u_2 \in W - W$  and consider two possibilities:

First, if  $u_1, u_2 \in B - B$ , then clearly  $(\pi/4)|u_1 \wedge u_2| \leq t^2(B)$ .

On the other hand, suppose at least one of  $u_1, u_2$ , say  $u_1$  for the sake of argument, is not in  $B - B$ . Then  $u_1 = u_3 + u_4$ ,  $u_2 = u_5 + u_6$ , where  $u_3 = x - m$  for some  $x \in B$ ,  $|u_4| \leq \rho$ ,  $u_5 \in B - B$ ,  $|u_6| \leq 2\rho$ . We also note that  $r < 1$ ,  $|u_3 \wedge u_5| \leq 4(1 - 2^{-8}r^2)t^2(B)/\pi$ ,  $rd^2/4 \leq \mathfrak{L}^2(B) \leq t^2(B)$  by [3, 2.10.32], and then obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} |u_1 \wedge u_2| &\leq |u_3 \wedge u_5| + |u_3| \cdot |u_6| + |u_4| \cdot |u_5| + |u_4| \cdot |u_6| \\ &\leq |u_3 \wedge u_5| + 3\rho d + 2\rho^2 < |u_3 \wedge u_5| + 4\rho d < 4t^2(B)/\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $t^2(W) \leq t^2(B)$ . Furthermore,

$$\mathfrak{L}^2(W) \geq \mathfrak{L}^2(B) + \pi\rho^2/2 \geq (1 + 2^{-25}r^6)\mathfrak{L}^2(B),$$

since  $\mathfrak{L}^2(B) \leq \pi d^2$  by [3, 2.10.33]. In addition,  $\mathfrak{L}^2(W) \leq t^2(W)$ ,  $t^2(B) \leq t^2(M)$ .

We combine all these inequalities and conclude that

(10) Case II.C implies  $\mathcal{Q}^2(\mathcal{B}) \leq t^2(M)/(1 + 2^{-25}r^6)$ .

Case II.D.  $\mathcal{Q}^2(B) \geq rd^2/4$ , and there exists  $y \in Y$ ,  $v_1, v_2 \in Y - Y$  with  $v_1 = y - m$ , such that  $|v_1 \wedge v_2| > 4(1 - 2^{-8}r^2)t^2(B)/\pi$ .

Take any  $r \in S \cap \theta^{-1}\{y\}$ . Then choose  $\zeta \in \{a - r, b - r\}$ ,  $\zeta = k_1e_1 + k_2e_2 + k_3e_3$ , satisfying  $|k_3| \geq rd/4$ , and  $\eta \in S - S$  satisfying  $\theta(\eta) = v_2$ . Let  $v_3 = \theta(\zeta)$ . We observe that  $|v_1 - v_3| = |p_2|/2 \leq 2^{-10}r^3d$ ,  $t^2(B) \geq rd^2/4$ , and then deduce

$$\begin{aligned} |v_3 \wedge v_2| &\geq |v_1 \wedge v_2| - |v_1 - v_3| \cdot |v_2| \\ &\geq 4(1 - 2^{-8}r^2)t^2(B)/\pi - 2^{-10}r^3d^2 > 4(1 - 2^{-7}r^2)t^2(B)/\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,  $|\zeta|/|v_3| > 1 + 2^{-6}r^2$ , since  $|k_3| \geq rd/4$ . These last two results combined with [5, 1.15(7)] and the inequalities  $r < 1$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}^2(B) \leq t^2(B)$  yield

$$\begin{aligned} t^2(M) &\geq (\pi/4)|\zeta \wedge \eta| \\ &\geq (\pi/4)(|\zeta|/|v_3|)|v_3 \wedge v_2| > (1 + 2^{-8}r^2)\mathcal{Q}^2(B). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

(11) Case II.D implies  $\mathcal{Q}^2(B) \leq t^2(M)/(1 + 2^{-8}r^2)$ .

We now finish the proof of Theorem 3.2 by letting  $s = 1/(1 + 2^{-46}r^{12})$  and then using (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) to conclude that  $c^2(M) \leq st^2(M)$ .

3.3. Theorem.  $0 < \mathcal{J}^2(E) < \infty$ .

Proof. From [3, 2.10.28] we see that  $\mathcal{H}^{2/3}[A(\nu)] = \alpha(2/3)2^{-2/3}$ ; consequently, repeated application of [3, 2.10.27] yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^2(E) &\geq \alpha(2)[\alpha(4/3)\alpha(2/3)]^{-1}\mathcal{H}^{4/3}[A(\nu) \times A(\nu)]\mathcal{H}^{2/3}[A(\nu)] \\ &\geq \alpha(2)\alpha(2/3)^{-3}\mathcal{H}^{2/3}[A(\nu)] \times \mathcal{H}^{2/3}[A(\nu)] \times \mathcal{H}^{2/3}[A(\nu)] = \pi/4. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,  $\mathcal{J}^2(E) \geq \mathcal{H}^2(E)/6$  by [3, 2.10.39, 2.10.6]. Therefore,  $\mathcal{J}^2(E) \geq \pi/24$ .

Let  $P(j) = \prod_{i=1}^j \nu_i^3$ . Given any  $\delta > 0$  choose  $k$  so that  $3^{1/2}P(k)^{-1/2} < \delta$ .  $H_k(\nu) \times H_k(\nu) \times H_k(\nu)$  covers  $E$  and consists of  $P(k)$  cubes  $D_j$  of diameter  $3^{1/2}P(k)^{-1/2}$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{P(k)} t^2(D_j) \leq (\pi/4) \sum_{j=1}^{P(k)} (\text{diam } D_j)^2 = (\pi/4) \sum_{j=1}^{P(k)} 3P(k)^{-1} = 3\pi/4$$

and hence  $\mathcal{J}^2(E) \leq 3\pi/4$ .

3.4. Main Theorem.  $\mathcal{C}^2(S) < \mathcal{J}^2(S)$  for all  $S$  in  $X$ .

Proof. This follows directly from Theorems 3.2, 3.3 and the definitions of  $\mathcal{C}^2$  and  $\mathcal{J}^2$ .

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