

On Direct Sum Decomposition of Integers and Y. Ito's Conjecture

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Let $\mathbf{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Every element $a \in \mathbf{N}$ can be expressed as

$$a = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i 2^i \quad \text{for some } n$$

where $\alpha_i \in \{0, 1\}$ for all i 's.

We can identify a with $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, 0, 0, \dots) \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbf{N}}$. We also identify $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbf{N}}$ in the usual way with \mathbf{Z}_2 , the completion of \mathbf{Z} in the 2-adic valuation norm.

Thus \mathbf{N} is imbedded in \mathbf{Z}_2 as the 0-1-sequences with only finitely many 1's, while the negative integers are imbedded as those with finitely many 0's. For example, if a is a positive integer corresponding to the 0-1-sequence as above with $\alpha_i = 0$ for any $i > n$, then $-a$ is identified with $(0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{1, \alpha_{m+1}, \alpha_{m+2}, \dots}_{m+1})$, where m is the smallest i with

$a_i = 1$ and we denote $\bar{0} = 1, \bar{1} = 0$.

We denote by \bar{E} the closure of a subset E of \mathbf{Z}_2 .

Let us denote

$$A = \left\{ \sum_i \varepsilon_i 2^{2i+1} ; \varepsilon_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } \varepsilon_i = 1 \text{ for finitely many } i \text{'s} \right\}.$$

For $\omega = (\omega_0, \omega_1, \dots) \in \{-1, 1\}^{\mathbf{N}}$ with $\omega_i = -1$ for infinitely many times, denote

$$B_\omega = \left\{ \sum_i \varepsilon_i \omega_i 2^{2i} ; \varepsilon_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } \varepsilon_i = 1 \text{ for finitely many } i \text{'s} \right\}.$$

Let us denote

$$\mathcal{C}(A) = \{C \subset \mathbf{Z}; 0 \in C \text{ and } A \oplus C = \mathbf{Z}\},$$

where $A \oplus C = \mathbf{Z}$ implies that any element in \mathbf{Z} can be written uniquely as a sum of elements in A and C .