

Re: Peano's space-filling curve

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In <2iqissFpemt0U1@uni-berlin.de>, on 06/10/2004
at 09:28 AM, "John Morgan" <john.morgan@REMOVECAPSataraxie.fr>
said:

>These are very good points, all absolutely true, and all very
>regrettable. Why? Because we are entering a new dark age, where young
>people distrust and show disdain for
>boffins,mathies and their ilk, whom they call "nerds". And they do
>this because of exactly what you have observed. The technical
>language has subtle meanings that are hidden from them. They would
>see this in the same light as we see our forefathers being kept in
>the dark about what was going on by using e.g. Latin, for the
>liturgy. I keep banging on to you all about using plain language
>because I see our failure to do so as being a problem.

I have the same problem with the sports fans. They use all of these
obscure terms instead of simple English. They're all a bunch of effete
snobs, right? The fact is that as a field becomes more complicated,
jargon becomes necessary, because without it we would have to resort
to complicated sentences in order to communicate even the simplest of
thoughts.

>I'm a willing pupil,

ITYM recalcitrant.

>Also no criticism of the results
>intended. It's the scientific method at work.

No. The scientific method requires precision, which you have lacked.
What you have done was the equivalent of taking a volume expressed in
ml and treating it as though it were pints. The details matter, and
you have been ignoring them, despite repetition.

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