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800 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh, WI 54901-8631, and **Kenneth Kunen**. *Arcs in the plane*.

Every Cantor set  $E$  in the plane is contained in an arc. But the arc need not be smooth or have finite length. Must every Cantor set  $E$  at least *meet* a “nice” arc in an uncountable set? Yes, if “nice” means the arc is the image of a path  $g$  with  $g'$  nowhere 0 and continuous (that is, the arc is  $C^1$ ). No, if “nice” also means  $g''$  is continuous (so, the arc is  $C^2$ ). This talk looks at recent results that use derivatives, Taylor’s Theorem, and other ideas from calculus and elementary analysis to show there is a Cantor set  $E$  that meets each  $C^2$  arc in a finite set. For arbitrary uncountable  $E$ , the results are independent of the usual axioms of set theory. For these more general  $E$ , some results are old, but we note recent partial results for  $C^1$  arcs, as well as “nice” questions that remain open. (Received July 16, 2009)