

Thought Process For Choosing $\{F_n\}$ when A is countable

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1 Motivation

Let f be a measurable function and let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a measurable set.

Now let \mathcal{M} be a collection of measurable sets and let \mathcal{M}^+ be the collection of all measurable sets with positive Lebesgue Measure. If λ is the Lebesgue Measure, the average of f is already defined for every $A \in \mathcal{M}^+$ with the formula.

$$m_f(A) = \frac{1}{\lambda(A)} \int_A f d\lambda$$

However, I wish to extend $m_f : \mathcal{M}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ to the function $\hat{m}_f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which gives sensible results for sets with zero Lebesgue Measure that lie between the infimum and supremum of f .

There are several ways to do this but I wish to briefly focus on countable A with infinite points. What would an intuitive average look like?

2 Defining Density

Suppose A is an arbitrary, countable set with infinite points.

Moreover, suppose F_1, F_2, \dots is a infinite sequence of finite sets denoted $\{F_n\}$ such that $F_1 \subseteq F_2 \subseteq \dots$ and $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n = A$.

If S is a subset of A , the density of S is defined as

$$d(S, \{F_n\}) = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|S \cap F_\omega|}{|F_\omega|}$$

We can use d to find the average of f when A is countable.

Unfortunately, there are multiple $\{F_n\}$ we can define which prevents us from getting a unique average.

While I believe there is a way we can find one, I'm not sure it will give a unique $\{F_n\}$

3 Question

If $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n = A$, $1 \leq \omega \leq \infty$, the arithmetic mean of F_ω is

$$\bar{F}_\omega = \frac{1}{|F_\omega|} \sum_{x \in F_\omega} x$$

And standard Deviation of F_ω is

$$\sigma \{F_\omega\} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{|F_\omega| - 1} \sum_{x \in F_\omega} (x - \bar{F}_\omega)^2}$$

Does there exist a group of F_ω with a cardinality less than ω , and close to ω as possible, such that their standard deviation has the smallest value for the most $\omega \leq t$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$; and their density of S or $d(S, \{F_n\})$ is the same?

For example if

$$A = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{m}}{\sqrt{n}} : m, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{\ln(n)} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Which F_ω would give the smallest standard deviation with a cardinality less than ω for the most $\omega \leq t$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ such that $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n = A$? Would they give the same $d(S, \{F_n\})$?

4 Example:

If $A = \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$, an F_ω that gives the smallest standard deviation with a cardinality greater than ω and closest to ω as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ is

$$F_\omega = \left\{ \frac{r}{s!} : r, s \in \mathbb{Z}, r \leq s! \leq \left[e \exp \left(\text{W} \left(\frac{1}{e} \log \left(\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \right) + 1 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right\}$$

Note if the cardinality of F_ω is less than ω as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$, $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n = \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ and all F_ω have a standard deviation of zero.

I believe this is the only F_ω with the smallest standard deviation of zero.