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Mean and oscillation of integrable functions

average of L^1_{loc} functions

We have

$$A_r : L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$
$$x \mapsto \frac{1}{m(B_r(x))} \int_{B_r(x)} f$$

and

$$(r, x) \mapsto A_r f(x)$$

is a continuous map.

mean oscillation of L^1_{loc} functions

Definition. Mean oscillation of integrable functions

Let $g \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. The **relative oscillation** of f on E about x is the mean of $|g - g(x)|$ on E

$$\frac{1}{m(E)} \int_E |g - g(x)|$$

The **mean oscillation** of f on E is

$$\frac{1}{m(E)} \int_E \left| g - \left(\frac{1}{m(E)} \int_E g \right) \right|$$

Proposition:

$$|A_r f - f|(x) \leq \frac{1}{m(B_r)} \int_{B_r(x)} |g - g(x)|$$

infinitesimal relative oscillation and infinitesimal averaging on balls

Let $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. The **infinitesimal (lim sup) relative oscillation** of f on balls about x

$$\limsup_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{m(B_\delta(x))} \int_{B_\delta(x)} |g - g(x)|$$

is 0 for almost all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

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conclude that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{m(B_r)} \int_{B_r(x)} |f(y) - c| = |f(x) - c| \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^d \setminus E_c$$

where E_c is a set of Lebesgue measure zero.

—Let D be a countable dense subset of $\mathbb{C}$, and let $E = \bigcup_{c \in D} E_c$. Then $m(E) = 0$,—
and if $x \notin E$, for any $\epsilon > 0$ we can choose $c \in D$ with $|f(x) - c| < \epsilon$, so that
 $|f(y) - f(x)| < |f(y) - c| + \epsilon$, and it follows that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy \leq |f(x) - c| + \epsilon < 2\epsilon.$$

Since ϵ is arbitrary, the desired result follows. ■

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is a full-Lebesgue measure.

for continuous functions

For continuous functions, the average is easily obtained.

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As g may only be defined almost everywhere, so is $\mathcal{O}_g$. Let φ be a continuous function with compact support on $\mathbf{R}^n$. Then φ is uniformly continuous; hence, given $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta_0 > 0$ such that

$$|y - z| < \delta_0 \implies |\varphi(y) - \varphi(z)| \leq \epsilon.$$

This implies that for $\delta' < \delta < \delta_0$ we have

$$\frac{1}{|B(x, \delta')|} \int_{B(x, \delta')} |\varphi(y) - \varphi(x)| dy \leq \epsilon.$$

Taking the supremum over all $\delta' < \delta$ and then the limit as $\delta \downarrow 0$, we obtain that $\mathcal{O}_\varphi(x) \leq \epsilon$. As $\epsilon > 0$ is arbitrary we deduce that $\mathcal{O}_\varphi(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$.

for L^1_{loc}

⚠ Caution

By

☰ **(Lusin)** Let f be measurable function on $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ with $m(E) < \infty$. Then for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $F_\epsilon \subset E$ such that $m(E - F_\epsilon) \leq \epsilon$ so that

$$f|_{F_\epsilon}$$

is continuous.

we have a F_ϵ such that f is continuous on F_ϵ . Then by

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we have

$$\left\{ \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} (A_r f)(x) \neq f(x) \right\} \subseteq \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus F_\epsilon}_{m \leq \epsilon}$$

Therefore for each $\epsilon > 0$, $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} (A_r f)(x) \neq f(x)$ on a set of measure $\leq \epsilon$. Thus $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} (A_r f)(x) = f(x)$ on a full-measure set.

The above argument, however, is incorrect.

The function f when restricted to F_ϵ is continuous $F_\epsilon \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with respect to the subspace topology on F_ϵ . This means it satisfies

$$\forall x \in F_\epsilon, \epsilon > 0 \exists r(x, \delta) > 0 : \forall y \in B_{r(\delta, x)} \cap F_\epsilon, |g(y) - g(x)| < \delta$$

This does not help us in concluding

$$\forall r < r(\delta, x), \frac{1}{m(B_r)} \int_{B_r(x)} |g - g(x)| < \delta$$

as the integral is on the entire ball $B_r(x)$ and not on the subspace ball $B_r(x) \cap F_\epsilon$

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