

Thoughts on Density Points

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Definition

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$. We say that x is a density point of S if

$$\liminf_{n < \omega} \frac{\lambda(S \cap U_{x,1/n})}{\lambda(U_{x,1/n})} = 1.$$

Theorem (Henri Lebesgue (1904))

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ be Lebesgue-measurable. Then almost all points of S are density points of X .

Definition

- ① Suppose that A is a Borel subset of ${}^{\omega}2$. Suppose that $x \in {}^{\omega}2$. Then x is a *weak \mathbb{B} -density point* of A if for every $T \in \mathbb{B}$ and $s = \text{stem}_T$, there is some n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$,

$$f_{x \upharpoonright n} \circ f_s^{-1}[T] \cap A \notin I_{\mathbb{B}}^*.$$

- ② Let $D_{\mathbb{B}}^{\text{weak}}(A)$ denote the set of weak \mathbb{B} -density points of A .
- ③ We say that \mathbb{B} has the *weak density property* if for every Borel subset A of ${}^{\omega}2$, $A \Delta D_{\mathbb{B}}^{\text{weak}}(A) \in I_{\mathbb{B}}^*$.

Lemma

Suppose that A is a Borel subset of ${}^\omega 2$, where as before \mathbb{B} denotes random forcing.

- ① If $\liminf_n \mu_n(x, A) = 1$, then x is a weak \mathbb{B} -density point of A .
- ② If $\liminf_n \mu_n(x, A) = 0$, then x is not a weak \mathbb{B} -density point of A .

Corollary

For every Borel subset A of ${}^\omega 2$,

$$D_L(A) = I_{\mathbb{B}}^* D_{\mathbb{B}}^{\text{weak}}(A).$$

In particular, the weak \mathbb{B} -density property holds.

Lemma

Let \mathbb{B} denote random forcing.

- 1 There is a Borel subset A of ${}^\omega 2$ and an $x \in A$ such that $\liminf_n \mu_n(x, A) \in (0, 1)$ and x is a weak \mathbb{B} -density point of A .
- 2 There is a Borel A of ${}^\omega 2$ and an $x \in A$ such that $\liminf_n \mu_n(x, A) \in (0, 1)$ and x is not a weak \mathbb{B} -density point of A .

Definition (Elżbieta Wagner (1981))

Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on a space X . The sequence $\langle f_n | n < \omega \rangle$ of functions with domain X converges with respect to I to the function f with domain X if for every sequence $\langle n_\ell | \ell < \omega \rangle$ there is a sequence $\langle \ell_j | j < \omega \rangle$ such that the sequence $\langle f_{\ell_j} | j < \omega \rangle$ converges to I -almost everywhere to f on X .

Observation ([009Wo])

If \mathcal{I} is either the meagre sets or the null sets, TFAE:

- ① x is an \mathcal{I} -density point of an \mathcal{I} -regular set A ,
- ② For any decreasing to zero sequence of real numbers $\{t_n\}_{n \in \omega}$, there is $\{n_m\}_{m \in \omega}$ such that the sequence $\{\chi_{(A-x)/t_{n_m} \cap [1,1]}\}_{m \in \omega}$ of characteristic functions converges \mathcal{I} -almost everywhere on $[1, 1]$ to $\chi_{[1,1]}$,
- ③ Given $\{t_n\}_{n \in \omega}$, a decreasing to zero sequence of real numbers fulfilling condition $\sup_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n/t_{n+1} < \infty$, for every $\{n_m\}_{m \in \omega}$ there is $\{m_p\}_{p \in \omega}$ such that

$$\{\chi_{(A-x)/t_{n_{m_p}} \cap [-1,1]}\}_{p \in \omega}$$

converges to $\chi_{[1,1]}$ \mathcal{I} -almost everywhere on $[1, 1]$.

Definition (Wiesława Poreda, Elżbieta Wagner-Bojakowska, Władysław Wilczyński (1981))

Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on \mathbb{R} and $A \subset \mathbb{R}$. A real x is an \mathcal{I} -density point of A if $\langle \chi_{n(A-x) \cap [-1, +1]} \mid n < \omega \rangle$ converges with respect to \mathcal{I} to the function which has the constant value 1.

A dispersion point of A is a density point of $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$.

Observation

For all $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ no real is both a density point and a dispersion point of A .

Observation

The density theorem holds for the ideal of meagre sets.

Proposition (Müller, Schlicht, Schrittemser, W. (2018))

There is a $T \in \mathbb{V}$ such that every $x \in {}^\omega 2$ is a (countable)-dispersion point of $[T]$.

Corollary

The analogue of the Lebesgue Density Theorem fails for many forcings, for example Silver-forcing, Sacks-forcing and anything in between, for example E_0 -forcing or willow-tree forcing.

Consider the following tree:

$$T := \{t \in {}^\omega 2 \mid \forall i < \text{dom}(t)(t(i) = 0 \vee \exists n < i : 2^n = i)\}.$$

Now suppose towards a contradiction that there is an $x \in {}^\omega 2$ which is not a dispersion point for the ideal of countable sets. This means that there is an increasing sequence $\langle n_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ of natural numbers such that for all increasing sequences $\langle k_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ the set

$$B := \limsup_{i < \omega} [T / (x \upharpoonright n_{k_i})] \text{ is uncountable.}$$

Let $\langle n_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ be a sequence as above. In particular this statement holds simply for the sequence given by $k_i := i$ for all natural numbers i . Let $C_{\{i,j\}} := [T / (x \upharpoonright n_i)] \cap [T / (x \upharpoonright n_j)]$ for $\{i,j\} \in [\omega]^2$.

We have

$$B \subset \bigcup_{\{i,j\} \in [\omega]^2} C_{\{i,j\}}.$$

By the pigeonhole principle there has to be $\{i, j\} \in [\omega]^2$ such that $C_{\{i,j\}}$ is uncountable. Suppose without loss of generality that $i < j$. In particular $C_{\{i,j\}}$ has to contain at least three elements, call them a, b, c . Recall that for finite sequences x and y we let $x \wedge y$ denote the longest common initial segment. Then $\{a \wedge b, a \wedge c, b \wedge c\}$ is a pair $\{s, t\}$ such that, without loss of generality, $s \subsetneq t$. Both s and t are splitting nodes in both $T/(x \upharpoonright n_i)$ and $T/(x \upharpoonright n_j)$. Let $k_0 := \text{lh}(s)$ and $k_1 := \text{lh}(t)$.

There are natural numbers k_i for $i \in 6 \setminus 2$ such that

$$n_i + k_0 = 2^{k_2},$$

$$n_j + k_0 = 2^{k_3},$$

$$n_i + k_1 = 2^{k_4},$$

$$n_j + k_1 = 2^{k_5}.$$

Therefore $n_j - n_i = 2^{k_3} - 2^{k_2} = 2^{k_5} - 2^{k_4}$, i.e.

$2^{k_3} + 2^{k_4} = 2^{k_2} + 2^{k_5}$. As every natural number has a unique representation in the binary system this implies

$(k_2 = k_3 \wedge k_4 = k_5) \vee (k_2 = k_4 \wedge k_3 = k_5)$. As $i < j$ we have $n_i < n_j$ and therefore $k_2 \neq k_3$. Therefore $(k_2 = k_4 \wedge k_3 = k_5)$ and hence $k_0 = k_1$, a contradiction.

Question

Are there weak density points whose density exists, yet is less than 1?

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Is there a Borel set $A \subset \omega^2$ such that $D_{\text{tr}}^{\mathbb{P}}(A)$ fails to be disjoint from $D_{\text{tr}}^{\mathbb{P}}(\omega^2 \setminus A)$

Question

With $A_x := \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid \langle x, y \rangle \in A\}$, does the Lebesgue density theorem hold for any of the ideals

$$\{A \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid A_x \text{ is not meagre.}\} \text{ is null.}\},$$
$$\{A \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid A_x \text{ is not null.}\} \text{ is meagre.}\}?$$

Question

How can one generalise the Lebesgue density theorem to non-separable spaces?

Thank you for your attention!



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