

23. Wiman's Theorem on Integral Functions of Order $< \frac{1}{2}$.

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1. Density of sets.

Let E be a measurable set on the positive x -axis and $E(a, b)$ be its part contained in $[a, b]$. We put

$$\bar{\delta}(E) = \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r} \int_{E(0, r)} dr, \quad \underline{\delta}(E) = \underline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r} \int_{E(0, r)} dr, \quad (1)$$

$$\bar{\lambda}(E) = \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\log r} \int_{E(1, r)} \frac{dr}{r}, \quad \underline{\lambda}(E) = \underline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\log r} \int_{E(1, r)} \frac{dr}{r}, \quad (2)$$

$$\bar{\lambda}^*(E) = \overline{\lim}_{r/a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\log(r/a)} \int_{E(a, r)} \frac{dr}{r}, \quad \underline{\lambda}^*(E) = \underline{\lim}_{r/a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\log(r/a)} \int_{E(a, r)} \frac{dr}{r} \quad (a \geq 1). \quad (3)$$

We call (1) the upper (lower) density, (2) the upper (lower) logarithmic density and (3) the upper (lower) strong logarithmic density. Evidently

$$0 \leq \underline{\delta}(E) \leq \bar{\delta}(E) \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq \underline{\lambda}^*(E) \leq \underline{\lambda}(E) \leq \bar{\lambda}(E) \leq \bar{\lambda}^*(E) \leq 1$$

and

$$\underline{\delta}(E) + \bar{\delta}(C(E)) = 1, \quad \underline{\lambda}(E) + \bar{\lambda}(C(E)) = 1, \quad \underline{\lambda}^*(E) + \bar{\lambda}^*(C(E)) = 1,$$

where $C(E)$ is the complementary set of E . We shall prove:

Lemma 1. $0 \leq \underline{\delta}(E) \leq \underline{\lambda}^*(E) \leq \underline{\lambda}(E) \leq \bar{\lambda}(E) \leq \bar{\lambda}^*(E) \leq \bar{\delta}(E) \leq 1.$

Proof. Let $\bar{\delta}(E) = a$, then for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\mu(r) = \int_{E(0, r)} dr \leq r(a + \epsilon) \quad (r \geq r_0(\epsilon) > 1),$$

so that if $1 \leq a < r_0 < r$, since $\mu(r) \leq r$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{E(a, r)} \frac{dr}{r} &\leq \int_1^{r_0} \frac{dr}{r} + \int_{r_0}^r \frac{d\mu(r)}{r} \\ &\leq r_0 + \left[\frac{\mu(r)}{r} \right]_{r_0}^r + \int_{r_0}^r \frac{\mu(r)}{r^2} dr \leq r_0 + 1 + (a + \epsilon) \int_{r_0}^r \frac{dr}{r} \\ &\leq r_0 + 1 + (a + \epsilon) \log \frac{r}{a}. \end{aligned}$$

If $r_0 \leq a < r$, then similarly

$$\int_{E(a, r)} \frac{dr}{r} \leq 1 + (a + \epsilon) \log \frac{r}{a}.$$