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# Extremal A-statistical limit points via ideals $^{\stackrel{\wedge}{\sim}}$

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Density of sets; Ideal of sets; Statistical convergence;  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistical convergence;  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistical cluster point **Abstract** In this paper, following the line of recent work of Savaş et al. [20] we apply the notion of ideals to A-statistical limit superior and inferior for a sequence of real numbers.

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#### 1. Introduction and background

In [8] Fridy and Orhan introduced the concepts of statistical limit superior and inferior. In [1] Connor and Kline extended the concept of a statistical limit (cluster) point of a number sequence to a A-statistical limit (cluster) point where A is a nonnegative regular summability matrix. In [3] Demirci extended the concepts of statistical limit superior and inferior to A-statistical limit superior and inferior and given some A-statistical analogue of properties of statistical limit superior and inferior for a sequence of real numbers. More works on matrix summability can be seen from [4] where many references can be found.

On the other hand, the notion of ideal convergence was introduced first by Kostyrko et al. [12] as an interesting gener-

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alization of statistical convergence [5,22]. More recent applications of ideals can be seen from [2,9–11,13,15–19,23] where more references can be found.

Naturally the purpose of this paper is to unify the above approaches and present the idea of *A*-summability with respect to ideal concept and make certain observations.

First we introduce some notation. Let  $A = (a_{nk})$  denote a summability matrix which transforms a number sequence  $x = (x_k)$  into the sequence Ax whose nth term is given by  $(Ax)_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{nk} x_k$ .

The notion of a statistically convergent sequence can be defined using the asymptotic density of subsets of the set of positive integers  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \ldots\}$ . For any  $K \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we denote

$$K(n) := cardK \cap \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

and we define lower and upper asymptotic density of the set K by the formulas

$$\underline{\delta}(K) := \lim \inf_{n \to \infty} \frac{K(n)}{n}; \quad \bar{\delta}(K) := \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \frac{K(n)}{n}.$$

If  $\underline{\delta}(K) = \overline{\delta}(K) =: \delta(K)$ , then the common value  $\delta(K)$  is called the asymptotic density of the set K and

$$\delta(K) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{K(n)}{n}.$$

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Obviously all three densities  $\underline{\delta}(K)$ ,  $\bar{\delta}(K)$  and  $\delta(K)$  (if they exist) lie in the unit interval [0,1].

$$\delta(K) = \lim_{n} \frac{1}{n} |K_n| = \lim_{n} (C_1 \chi_K)_n = \lim_{n} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \chi_K(k),$$

if it exists, where  $C_1$  is the Cesaro mean of order one and  $\chi_K$  is the characteristic function of the set K [6].

The notion of statistical convergence was originally defined for sequences of numbers in the paper [5] and also in [21]. We say that a number sequence  $x = (x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  statistically converges to a point L if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have

$$\delta(K(\varepsilon)) = 0,$$

where

$$K(\varepsilon) = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \geqslant \varepsilon\}$$

and in such situation we will write L = st-lim  $x_k$ .

Statistical convergence can be generalized by using a regular nonnegative summability matrix A in place of  $C_1$ . Following Freedman and Sember [6], we say that a set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  has A-density if

$$\delta_A(K) = \lim_n \sum_{k \in K} a_{nk} = \lim_n \sum_{k=1} a_{nk} \chi_K(k) = \lim_n (A \chi_K)_n$$

exists where A is a nonnegative regular summability matrix.

The number sequence  $x=(x_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is said to be A-statistically convergent to L if for every  $\varepsilon>0,\ \delta_A(\{k\in\mathbb{N}:|x_k-L|\geqslant\varepsilon\})=0$ . In this case it is denoted as  $st_A$ -lim  $x_k=L$  [1,14].

The notion of statistical convergence was further generalized in the paper [12,13] using the notion of an ideal of subsets of the set  $\mathbb{N}$ . We say that a non-empty family of sets  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  is an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  if  $\mathcal{I}$  is hereditary (i.e.  $B \subseteq A \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{I}$ ) and additive (i.e.  $A, B \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$ ). An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  for which  $\mathcal{I} \neq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  is called a proper ideal. A proper ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is called admissible if  $\mathcal{I}$  contains all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . If not otherwise stated in the sequel  $\mathcal{I}$  will denote an admissible ideal.

Recall the generalization of statistical convergence from [12,13].

Let  $\mathcal I$  be an admissible ideal on  $\mathbb N$  and  $x=(x_k)_{k\in\mathbb N}$  be a sequence of points in a metric space  $(X,\ \rho)$ . We say that the sequence x is  $\mathcal I$ -convergent (or  $\mathcal I$ -converges) to a point  $\xi\in X$ , and we denote it by  $\mathcal I-\lim x=\xi$ , if for each  $\varepsilon>0$  we have

$$A(\varepsilon) = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : \rho(x_k, \xi) \geqslant \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

This generalizes the notion of usual convergence, which can be obtained when we take for  $\mathcal{I}$  the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_f$  of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . A sequence is statistically convergent if and only if it is  $\mathcal{I}_{\delta}$ -convergent, where  $\mathcal{I}_{\delta} := \{K \subset \mathbb{N} : \delta(K) = 0\}$  is the admissible ideal of the sets of zero asymptotic density.

The concept of  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically convergent was studied in [20] and the following definition was given:

**Definition 1.** Let  $A = (a_{nk})$  be a non-negative regular matrix. A sequence  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to be  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically convergent to L if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ 

$$\left\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \sum_{k \in K(\varepsilon)} a_{nk} \geqslant \delta\right\} \in \mathcal{I}$$

where  $K(\varepsilon) = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \ge \varepsilon\}$ . In this case we write  $L = \mathcal{I}\text{-st}_A$ -  $\lim x_k$ . We denote the class of all  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically convergent sequences by  $S_A(\mathcal{I})$ .

We say that a set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  has  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -density if

$$\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(K) := \mathcal{I} - \lim_{n} \sum_{k \in K} a_{nk} = \mathcal{I} - \lim_{n} \sum_{k=1} a_{nk} \chi_{K}(k) = \mathcal{I} - \lim_{n} (A \chi_{K})_{n},$$

exists where A is a nonnegative regular summability matrix. Then a sequence  $x = (x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to be  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically convergent to L if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  the set  $K(\varepsilon)$  has  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -density zero, where  $K(\varepsilon) = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \ge \varepsilon\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{I}_f$  be the family of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\mathcal{I}_f$  is an admissible ideal in  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically convergent is the A-statistical convergence introduced by [1,14]. Also  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -density coincides with usual A-density in [6].

#### 2. Main results

In this section we study the concepts of extremal  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ - statistical limit points ( $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistical liminf x,  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistical lim supx). The result are analogues to those given by Fridy [7], Fridy and Orhan [8] and Kostyrko et al. [13]. These notions generalize the notions of A-statistical limit point and A-statistical cluster point.

Following the line of Savaş et al. [20] we now introduce the following definition using ideals.

**Definition 2.** Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ . A number  $\zeta$  is said to be an  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistical cluster point of the number sequence  $x = (x_k)$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(K_{\varepsilon}) \neq 0$  where  $K_{\varepsilon} = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - \zeta| < \varepsilon\}$ . We denote the set of all  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically cluster points of x by  $\Gamma_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(x)$ .

Note that the statement  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(K_{\varepsilon}) \neq 0$  means that either  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(K_{\varepsilon}) > 0$  or  $K_{\varepsilon}$  fails to have  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -density.

Throughout the paper  $A = (a_{nk})$  will be a nonnegative regular matrix summability method. For a number sequence  $x = (x_k)$ , we write

$$M_t = \{k : x_k > t\}$$
 and  $M^t = \{k : x_k < t\}$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $A=(a_{nk})$  be a nonnegative regular matrix summability method and x be a number sequence. Then if there is a  $t\in\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t)\neq 0$ , we define

 $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ -  $\limsup x = \sup\{t \in \mathbb{R} : \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t) \neq 0\}.$ 

If  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t) = 0$  holds for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , then we define  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ -  $\limsup x = -\infty$ .

Also, if there is a  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M^t) \neq 0$ , we define

 $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ -  $\liminf x = \inf\{t \in \mathbb{R} : \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M^t) \neq 0\}.$ 

If  $\delta_{A^T}(M^t) = 0$  holds for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  then we define  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\liminf x = +\infty$ .

**Remark 1.** If  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_f$ , then the above Definition 3 yields the usual definition of *st*-lim  $\sup_{k\to\infty} x_k$  and *st*-lim  $\inf_{k\to\infty} x_k$  introduced by [8].

**Definition 4.** The real number sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically bounded if there is a number K such that  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k| > K\}) = 0$ .

Note that if we take  $A = C_1$  (the Cesaro matrix of order 1) and  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_f$  in Definitions 1 and 2, then we get Definitions 1 and 2 of [8].

The next statement is an analogue of Theorems 1 and 2 of [3].

**Theorem 1.**  $\beta = \mathcal{I}\text{-st}_A\text{-}\limsup x_k \text{ if and only if for each } \varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k > \beta - \varepsilon\}) \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k > \beta + \varepsilon\}) = 0.$$
 (2.1)

**Proof.** We prove the necessity first. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Since  $\beta + \varepsilon > \beta$ , we have  $(\beta + \varepsilon) \notin \{t : \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t) \neq 0\}$  and  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k > \beta + \varepsilon\}) = 0$ . Similarly, since  $\beta - \varepsilon < \beta$ , there exists some t' such that  $\beta - \varepsilon < t' < \beta$  and  $t' \in \{t : \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t) \neq 0\}$ . Thus  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k > t'\}) \neq 0$  and  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k > \beta - \varepsilon\}) \neq 0$ .

Now let us prove the sufficiency. If  $\varepsilon > 0$  then  $(\beta + \varepsilon) \notin \{t : \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t) \neq 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\limsup x \leqslant \beta + \varepsilon$ . On the other hand, we already have  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\limsup x \geqslant \beta - \varepsilon$ , and this means that  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\limsup x = \beta$ , as desired.  $\square$ 

The dual statement for  $\mathcal{I}$ -st<sub>A</sub>-  $\liminf x$  is as follows.

**Theorem 2.**  $\alpha = \mathcal{I}\text{-st}_A\text{-}\liminf x \text{ if and only if for each } \epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{split} \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k\in\mathbb{N}:x_{k}<\alpha+\varepsilon\}) &\neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k\in\mathbb{N}:x_{k}\\ &<\alpha-\varepsilon\}) = 0. \end{split} \tag{2.2}$$

**Proof.** Similarly as in Theorem 1.  $\square$ 

By Definition 2 we see that Theorem 1 can be interpreted by saying that  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ -  $\limsup x$  and  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ -  $\liminf x$  are the greatest and the least  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically cluster points of  $(x_k)$ . The next theorem reinforces this observation.

**Theorem 3.** For every real sequence x,

 $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ -  $\lim \inf x \leq \mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ -  $\lim \sup x$ .

**Proof.** If  $x_k$  is any real number sequence then we have three possibilities:

- (1)  $\mathcal{I}$ -st<sub>A</sub>-  $\limsup x_k = +\infty$ . In this case there is nothing to prove
- (2)  $\mathcal{I}$ -st<sub>A</sub>-  $\limsup x_k = -\infty$ . If this is the case, then we have  $t \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t) = 0$

and

$$t \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M^t) \neq 0.$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\liminf x_k = \inf\{t : \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M^t) \neq 0\} = \inf \mathbb{R} = -\infty$  and  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\liminf x_k \leq \mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\limsup x_k$ .

(3)  $-\infty < \mathcal{I}\text{-}st_A\text{-}\limsup x_k < +\infty$ . For this case there exists a  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\beta = \mathcal{I}\text{-}st_A\text{-}\limsup x_k = \sup\{t : \delta_{A^\mathcal{I}}(M_t) \neq 0\}$ . For any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\beta < t \Rightarrow \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t) = 0$$
 and  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M^t) \neq 0$ .

But this means that  $\mathcal{I}$ -st<sub>A</sub>- $\liminf x_k = \inf\{t : \delta_{\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{I}}}(M^t) \neq 0\} \leq \beta$ .  $\square$ 

**Remark 2.** If  $\mathcal{I}$ -st<sub>A</sub>-  $\lim x_k$  exists, then a sequence  $x_k$  is  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically bounded.

**Remark 3.** Note that ideal boundedness of real number sequences implies that  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\limsup$  and  $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\liminf$  are finite.

**Theorem 4.** A real number sequence  $x_k$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -st\_A-convergent if and only if  $\mathcal{I}$ -st\_A-  $\lim \inf x = \mathcal{I}$ -st\_A-  $\lim \sup x$ .

**Proof.** We prove the necessity first. Let  $L = \mathcal{I}$ -st<sub>A</sub>-  $\lim x_k$ . Then

$$\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k > L + \varepsilon\}) = 0$$
 and  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k < L - \varepsilon\}) = 0$ .

Then for any  $t \geqslant L + \varepsilon$  and  $t' < L - \varepsilon$ , the sets  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t) = 0$  and  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M') = 0$ . We conclude  $\sup\{t : \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M_t) \neq 0\} \leqslant L + \varepsilon$  and  $\inf\{t' : \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(M') \neq 0\} \geqslant L - \varepsilon$ . Combining with Theorem 3, we conclude that  $L = \mathcal{I}\text{-st}_A\text{-}\liminf x_k = \mathcal{I}\text{-st}_A\text{-}\limsup x_k$ .

To prove sufficiency, let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $L = \mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\lim \inf x_k = \mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ - $\lim \sup x_k$ . Since

$$\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \geqslant \varepsilon\} \subseteq \{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k > L + \varepsilon\} \cup \{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k < L - \varepsilon\}$$

and the property of additivity of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ , the union of these sets on the righ-hand side also belongs to  $\mathcal{I}$ . We conclude that  $L = \mathcal{I}$ -st<sub>4</sub>-  $\lim x_k$ .  $\square$ 

We have for bounded sequences the following result.

**Theorem 5.** Suppose that  $x = (x_k)$  is a bounded real sequence. Then

$$\mathcal{I}$$
- $st_A$ -  $\limsup x_k = \max \Gamma_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(x)$ 

and

 $\mathcal{I}$ - $st_A$ -  $\lim \inf x_k = \min \Gamma_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(x)$ .

#### **Proof.** Let

 $\mathcal{I}$ -st<sub>A</sub>-  $\limsup x = L = \sup\{t: \delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N}: x_k > t\}) \neq 0\}.$  If L' > L, then there exists some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N}: x_k > L' - \varepsilon\}) = 0$ . This means that there exists some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N}: |x_k - L'| < \varepsilon\}) = 0$ , that is,  $L' \notin \Gamma_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(x)$ .

Now, we show that L is in fact an  $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ -statistically cluster point of x. Clearly, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists some  $t \in (L - \varepsilon, L + \varepsilon)$  such that  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k > t\}) \neq 0$ , and this means  $\delta_{A^{\mathcal{I}}}(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| < \varepsilon\}) \neq 0$ .  $\square$ 

Let  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_f$ . Then all these results imply the similar theorems for A-statistical of a sequence and extremal  $\mathcal{I}$ -limit points which are investigated in [3,13].

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