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# On relation between statistical ideal and ideal generated by a modulus function

Ideal on an arbitrary non-empty set  $\Omega$  it's a non-empty family of subset  $\mathcal{I}$  of the set  $\Omega$  which satisfies the following axioms:  $\Omega \notin \mathcal{I}$ , if  $A, B \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$ , if  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $D \subset A$ , then  $D \in \mathcal{I}$ . The ideal theory is a very popular branch of modern mathematical research. In our paper we study some classes of ideals on the set of all positive integers  $\mathbb{N}$ , namely the ideal of statistical convergence  $\mathcal{I}_s$  and the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_f$  generated by a modular function  $f$ . Statistical ideal it's a family of subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  whose natural density is equal to 0, i.e.  $A \in \mathcal{I}_s$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{k \leq n : k \in A\}}{n} = 0$ . A function  $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called a modular function, if  $f(x) = 0$  only if  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  whenever  $x \leq y$ ,  $f$  is continuous from the right 0, and finally  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = \infty$ . Ideal, generated by the modular function  $f$  it's a family of subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  with zero  $f$ -density, in other words,  $A \in \mathcal{I}_f$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(\#\{k \leq n : k \in A\})}{f(n)} = 0$ . It is known that for an arbitrary modular function  $f$  the following is true:  $\mathcal{I}_f \subset \mathcal{I}_s$ . In our research we give the complete description of those modular functions  $f$  for which  $\mathcal{I}_f = \mathcal{I}_s$ . Then we analyse obtained result, give some partial cases of it and prove one simple sufficient condition for the equality  $\mathcal{I}_f = \mathcal{I}_s$ . The last section of this article is devoted to examples of some modulus functions  $f, g$  for which  $\mathcal{I}_f = \mathcal{I}_s$  and  $\mathcal{I}_g \neq \mathcal{I}_s$ . Namely, if  $f(x) = x^p$  where  $p \in (0, 1]$  we have  $\mathcal{I}_f = \mathcal{I}_s$ ; for  $g(x) = \log(1 + x)$ , we obtain  $\mathcal{I}_g \neq \mathcal{I}_s$ . Then we consider more complicated function  $f$  which is given recursively to demonstrate that the conditions of the main theorem of our paper can't be reduced to the sufficient condition mentioned above.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\Omega$  be a non-empty set. Let us remind that a non-empty family  $\mathcal{I} \subset 2^\Omega$  is called an ideal on  $\Omega$  if  $\mathcal{I}$  satisfies:

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1.  $\Omega \notin \mathfrak{I}$ ;
2. if  $A, B \in \mathfrak{I}$  then  $A \cup B \in \mathfrak{I}$ ;
3. if  $A \in \mathfrak{I}$  and  $D \subset A$  then  $D \in \mathfrak{I}$ .

In our article we consider those ideals  $\mathfrak{I}$  which contain the family of finite sets  $\mathfrak{Fin}$ .

For a subset  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  denote  $\alpha_A(n) := |A \cap [1, n]|$ , where  $|M|$  stands for a number of elements in the set  $M \subset \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$ . The *natural density* of  $A$  is  $d(A) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha_A(n)}{n}$ .

The ideal of sets  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  having  $d(A) = 0$  is called *the statistical ideal*. We denote this ideal  $\mathfrak{I}_s$ .

The statistical ideal is related to the statistical convergence and is a very popular branch of research.

In [1] authors introduced a generalization of the natural density of subset in  $\mathbb{N}$ . They called it *f-density*, where  $f$  is a modulus function.

Recall that a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called *an unbounded modulus function* (modulus function for short) if:

1.  $f(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ;
2.  $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ;
3.  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  if  $x \leq y$ ;
4.  $f$  is continuous from the right at 0;
5.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = \infty$ .

Let  $f$  be a modulus function. The quantity  $d_f(A) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(\alpha_A(n))}{f(n)}$  is called *the f-density* of  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$ . The ideal  $\mathfrak{I}_f := \{A \subset \mathbb{N} : d_f(A) = 0\}$  is called *the f-ideal*.  $\mathfrak{I}_f$  appears implicitly in [1] where the convergence of sequences with respect to  $\mathfrak{I}_f$  was studied, and appears explicitly in [3].

In [1, p. 527] it is noted that for an arbitrary modulus function  $f$  and  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  if  $d_f(A) = 0$  then  $d(A) = 0$ . In other words,  $\mathfrak{I}_f \subset \mathfrak{I}_s$ . The ideals  $\mathfrak{I}_f$  and  $\mathfrak{I}_s$  and the corresponding ideal convergences have some similarities and some differences. The aim of the paper is to present a complete description of those modulus functions  $f$  for which  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$ . We do this in Theorem 1. After that in Theorem 2 we give a handy sufficient condition for the equality  $\mathfrak{I}_s = \mathfrak{I}_f$ , and finally we present some illustrative examples.

## 2. Main results

Let  $f$  be a modulus function,  $t \in [1, +\infty)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Denote

$$h_f(t) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(tn)}, \quad g_f(k) := h_f(2^k) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2^k n)}.$$

The following Theorem is the promised main result of our paper.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f$  be a modulus. The following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $\mathfrak{I}_s = \mathfrak{I}_f$ ;
2.  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_f(k) = 0$ .
3.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h_f(t) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Remark that the equivalence of conditions (2) and (3) follows evidently from the monotonicity of  $h_f(t)$  in the variable  $t$ . We include both of the conditions because of some conveniences in the proof and for the future applications. So, it is sufficient to demonstrate implications (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). As we remarked in the Introduction, the inclusion  $\mathfrak{I}_s \supset \mathfrak{I}_f$  is known, so we need to show that  $\mathfrak{I}_s \subset \mathfrak{I}_f$ . Denote  $\delta_t^f := h_f(t) + \frac{1}{t}$ . The quantity  $\delta_t^f$  is decreasing in  $t$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \delta_t^f = 0$ . We know that  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(tn)} < \delta_t^f$  for all  $t \in [1, +\infty)$ , in particular we have that for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $N_1(k) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N_1(k)$  the following holds true:  $f\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) < \delta_k^f f(n)$ .

Let  $A \in \mathfrak{I}_s$ . By the definition of  $\mathfrak{I}_s$  this means that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha_A(n)}{n} = 0$ . In other words, for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $N_2(k) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha_A(n) < \frac{n}{k}$  for each  $n > N_2(k)$ . Denote  $N_k := \max\{N_1(k), N_2(k)\}$ . Then for each  $n > N_k$

$$f(\alpha_A(n)) < f\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) < \delta_k^f f(n).$$

From the previous inequality we have:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(\alpha_A(n))}{f(n)} \leq \delta_k^f \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

which completes the proof of the implication (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} g_f(k) \neq 0$ . By monotonicity, this implies the existence of  $\xi > 0$  such that  $g_f(k) > \xi$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consequently,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2^k n)} > \xi$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists an infinite subset  $N_k \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that for each  $n \in N_k$

$$f(n) > \xi f(2^k n). \tag{1}$$

Choose  $0 = n_0 < n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$  such that  $n_j \in N_j$  for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . So for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$f(n_k) > \xi f(2^k n_k).$$

Denote  $m_k := 2^k n_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let us consider the following set  $A$ :

$$A = \{m_1 - n_1 + 1, m_1 - n_1 + 2, \dots, m_1 - 1, \\ m_2 - n_2 + n_1, m_2 - n_2 + n_1 + 1, m_2 - n_2 + n_1 + 2, \dots, m_2 - 1, \dots\},$$

that is from each block of naturals in  $(m_{k-1}, m_k]$  we chose the  $n_k - n_{k-1}$  biggest ones. For the correctness of the definition of  $A$  we have to check that  $m_k - m_{k-1} > n_k - n_{k-1}$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Indeed, for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we have:

$$m_k - n_k + n_{k-1} - m_{k-1} = 2^k n_k - n_k + n_{k-1} - 2^{k-1} n_{k-1} = \\ = n_k(2^k - 1) - n_{k-1}(2^{k-1} - 1) > 0,$$

because  $n_k > n_{k-1}$  and  $2^k - 1 > 2^{k-1} - 1$ .

Denote  $\alpha_n := \alpha_A(n)$ . Let us show that  $A \notin \mathfrak{I}_f$ . By our construction,  $\alpha_{m_k} = n_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using the inequality (1) we obtain that  $\frac{f(\alpha_{m_k})}{f(m_k)} > \xi > 0$ , so  $\frac{f(\alpha_n)}{f(n)} \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , that's why  $A \notin \mathfrak{I}_f$ .

Let us finally show that  $A \in \mathfrak{I}_s$ . For every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we can split the block of naturals  $[m_k + 1, m_{k+1}] \cap \mathbb{N}$  as follows:

$$[m_k + 1, m_{k+1}] \cap \mathbb{N} = [m_k + 1, m_{k+1} - n_{k+1} + n_k - 1] \cap \mathbb{N} \\ \cup [m_{k+1} - n_{k+1} + n_k, m_{k+1} - 1] \cap \mathbb{N} \cup \{m_{k+1}\}.$$

On the initial part of this set for  $j \in [m_k + 1, m_{k+1} - n_{k+1} + n_k - 1]$  we have:  $\alpha_j = n_k$  and  $\frac{\alpha_j}{j} = \frac{n_k}{j} \leq \frac{n_k}{m_k + 1} \leq \frac{n_k}{m_k} = \frac{1}{2^k}$ . On the next part, for  $j \in [m_{k+1} - n_{k+1} + n_k, m_{k+1} - 1] = [n_{k+1}(2^{k+1} - 1) + n_k, 2^{k+1}n_{k+1}]$  we have  $\alpha_j = n_k + x_j$ , where  $1 \leq x_j \leq n_{k+1} - n_k$ . Using this, we obtain that  $\frac{1}{j} \leq \frac{x_j}{j} \leq \frac{n_{k+1} - n_k}{j}$ , and so

$$\frac{\alpha_j}{j} = \frac{n_k + x_j}{j} \leq \frac{n_{k+1}}{n_{k+1}(2^{k+1} - 1) + n_k} \leq \frac{n_{k+1}}{n_{k+1}(2^{k+1} - 1)} = \frac{1}{2^{k+1} - 1} < \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

At the last point  $j = m_{k+1}$  we have:  $\alpha_j = n_{k+1}$  and

$$\frac{\alpha_j}{j} = \frac{n_{k+1}}{m_{k+1}} = \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} < \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

So for an arbitrary  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and for  $j \in [m_k + 1, m_{k+1}]$  we have  $\frac{\alpha_j}{j} < \frac{1}{2^k}$ , in other words  $A \in \mathfrak{I}_s$ .

Now let us discuss a particular case of Theorem 1 in which the condition for  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$  can be substantially simplified. First, a simple technical lemma.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $f$  be a modulus function. Let there exists  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2n)} = a$ . Then

$$g_f(k) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2^k n)} = a^k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

*Proof.* Let us use method of mathematical induction.

The base of induction:  $k = 2$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(4n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n) \cdot f(2n)}{f(2n) \cdot f(4n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2n)} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2n)}{f(4n)} = a^2.$$

The inductive transition:  $k \rightarrow k + 1$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2^{k+1}n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2^k n)} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^k n)}{f(2^{k+1}n)} = a^k \cdot a = a^{k+1}.$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f$  be a modulus. Suppose that there exists  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2n)}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $\mathfrak{I}_s = \mathfrak{I}_f$ ;
2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2n)} < 1$ .

*Proof.* Under the assumption of existence of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2n)}$ , Lemma 1 gives the equivalence of our condition (2) and the condition (2) of Theorem 1.

### 3. Examples

At first, let us show that among the very elementary modulus functions  $f$  the both possibilities  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$  and  $\mathfrak{I}_f \neq \mathfrak{I}_s$  may happen.

**Example 1.**  $f(x) = x^p$ ,  $p \in (0, 1]$ . For this kind of functions  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$ . Indeed,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^p}{(2n)^p} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^p < 1$ .

**Example 2.**  $f(x) = \log(1 + x)$ . In this case  $\mathfrak{I}_f \neq \mathfrak{I}_s$ , because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(1 + n)}{\log(1 + 2n)} = 1$ .

Our next goal is to show that Theorem 1 does not reduce to its particular case given in Theorem 2, i.e. that there is a modulus functions  $f$  for which the limit of  $\frac{f(n)}{f(2n)}$  does not exist.

**Example 3.** Put  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(1) = 1$ ,  $f(2) = 2$ . The values of  $f$  in the remaining natural numbers we define recurrently: if for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the values  $f(k)$  are already defined for  $k \in [1, 2^n]$ , we define  $f(k)$  for  $k = 2^n + \alpha \in [2^n + 1, 2^{n+1}]$ ,  $\alpha \in [1, 2^n]$ , by means of the formula

$$f(2^n + \alpha) = \begin{cases} f(2^n), & \text{if } n \in \{1, 3, 5, \dots\} \\ f(2^n) + f(\alpha), & \text{if } n \in \{2, 4, 6, \dots\}. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

This defines  $f(n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . In the intermediate points let us define  $f$  by means of linear interpolation. Such  $f$  is defined for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , is monotonic, continuous, and  $f(2^k) := 2^{\lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

Let us verify that  $f$  is a modulus function. For every  $w, z \in \mathbb{N}$  (without loss of generality we consider  $w > z$ ) we have to demonstrate that

$$f(w + z) \leq f(w) + f(z). \quad (3)$$

This can be done by induction in  $n$ , where  $n$  is the smallest natural for which  $w + z \leq 2^n$ .

The base  $n = 1$  is straightforward. Suppose now that we already proved (3) for  $0 \leq w + z \leq 2^n$  and let us prove it for  $2^n < w + z \leq 2^{n+1}$ . Denote  $w + z = 2^n + \alpha$ , where  $\alpha \in [1, 2^n]$ .

1. Let  $n$  be an odd number. It is clear that there are numbers  $\tilde{w}, \tilde{z} \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\tilde{w} < w$ ,  $\tilde{z} < z$  such that  $\tilde{w} + \tilde{z} = 2^n$ . Then  $f(w + z) = f(2^n) = f(\tilde{w} + \tilde{z}) \leq f(\tilde{w}) + f(\tilde{z}) \leq f(w) + f(z)$ .
2. Let  $n$  be an even number. Then  $f(w + z) = f(2^n + \alpha) = f(2^n) + f(\alpha)$ .
  - (a) Let  $w \geq 2^n$ , then  $z \leq \alpha$ . Represent  $w$  in the form of  $w = 2^n + \beta$ . In this case  $f(w + z) = f(2^n) + f(\alpha)$  and  $f(w) = f(2^n) + f(\beta)$ . Then the inequality (3) rewrites as  $f(\alpha) \leq f(z) + f(\beta)$  which is true by the inductive assumption.
  - (b) Let  $w < 2^n$ , which means that  $2^{n-1} < w < 2^n$  and  $z > \alpha$ . Then  $f(w) = f(2^{n-1}) = f(2^n)$ , because  $n - 1$  is odd. Again, in this case the inequality (3) is equivalent to a simpler one:  $f(\alpha) \leq f(w)$  which is true since  $z > \alpha$ .

So, we proved that the function, defined by (2) is a modulus function. Consider now the sequence  $\frac{f(2^n)}{f(2^{n+1})}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . When  $n$  is odd we have  $\frac{f(2^n)}{f(2^{n+1})} = 1$  and if  $n$  is even we have  $\frac{f(2^n)}{f(2^{n+1})} = \frac{1}{2}$ . This means that the sequence  $\frac{f(n)}{f(2n)}$  has no limit.

By the way, in this example  $g_f(k) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(2^k n)} = \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$ , so  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$ .

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### Conclusion

In our paper we studied the ideal of statistical convergence  $\mathfrak{I}_s$  and the ideal  $\mathfrak{I}_f$  generated by a modular function  $f$ . In our research we gave the complete description of those modular functions  $f$  for which  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$ . Then we analysed obtained result, gave some partial cases of it and proved one simple sufficient condition for the equality  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$ . At the end of this article we gave some examples of some modulus functions  $f, g$  for which  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$  and  $\mathfrak{I}_g \neq \mathfrak{I}_s$ .

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### **Про зв'язок між статистичним ідеалом та ідеалом, породженим модульною функцією**

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Ідеал на довільній непорожній множині  $\Omega$  – це непорожня сім'я підмножин  $\mathfrak{I}$  множини  $\Omega$ , яка задовольняє наступним умовам:  $\Omega \notin \mathfrak{I}$ , якщо  $A, B \in \mathfrak{I}$ , то  $A \cup B \in \mathfrak{I}$ , якщо  $A \in \mathfrak{I}$  і  $D \subset A$ , то  $D \in \mathfrak{I}$ . Теорія ідеалів є дуже популярною областю сучасних математичних досліджень. В даній роботі досліджено деякі спеціальні класи ідеалів на множині натуральних чисел  $\mathbb{N}$ , а саме ідеал статистичної збіжності  $\mathfrak{I}_s$ , або статистичний ідеал, та ідеал  $\mathfrak{I}_f$ , який задано модульною функцією  $f$ . Статистичний ідеал – це сім'я підмножин множини  $\mathbb{N}$ , які мають нульову натуральну

щільність, тобто  $A \in \mathfrak{I}_s$  тоді і тільки тоді, коли  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{k \leq n : k \in A\}}{n} = 0$ . Функцію  $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  називають модульною функцією, якщо  $f(x) = 0$  тільки при  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  для будь-яких  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  якщо  $x \leq y$ ,  $f$  неперервна справа в 0, і  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = \infty$ . Ідеал, який задано модульною функцією – це сім'я підмножин множини  $\mathbb{N}$ , які мають нульову  $f$ -щільність, тобто  $A \in \mathfrak{I}_f$  тоді і тільки тоді, коли  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(\#\{k \leq n : k \in A\})}{f(n)} = 0$ . Відомо, що для довільної модульної функції  $f$  ми маємо наступне включення:  $\mathfrak{I}_f \subset \mathfrak{I}_s$ . В нашій статті ми даємо повний опис таких модульних функцій  $f$ , що  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$ . Далі ми досліджуємо отриманий результат, наводимо деякі часткові випадки основного результату та доводимо просту достатню умову для рівності  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$ . Останній розділ нашої роботи присвячено розгляду прикладів конкретних модульних функцій  $f$ , для котрих  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$  і  $\mathfrak{I}_f \neq \mathfrak{I}_s$ . А саме, у випадку  $f(x) = x^p$ , при  $p \in (0, 1]$  маємо  $\mathfrak{I}_f = \mathfrak{I}_s$ ; якщо  $f(x) = \log(1 + x)$ , маємо  $\mathfrak{I}_f \neq \mathfrak{I}_s$ . Далі в якості прикладу ми розглядаємо більш складну функцію  $f$ , яка має рекурентну побудову, і яка показує, що умови основного результату даної роботи не можна послабити до одного часткового випадку.

**Ключові слова:** ідеал, статистичний ідеал, модульні функції.

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