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Let's pick $r \in (0, T]$ uniformly, where T is sufficiently large.
Denote $\langle x \rangle$ as the fractional part of x .

Define $S_r := \{a \in A \mid \langle r \cdot a \rangle \in (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}]\}$. For any $a \in A$, note that $\Pr[a \in S_r]$ would be close to $1/3$ by taking large T .

(i.e. $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists T > 0$ s.t. $\Pr[a \in S_r] > \frac{1}{3} - \epsilon$). Write $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$

where $|A| = n$. From above, $\exists T_0$ s.t. $\Pr[a_b \in S_r] > \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6n}, \forall b \in [n]$.

Then, $E[|S_r|] = \sum_{a \in A} \Pr[a \in S_r] > \frac{n}{3} - \frac{1}{6}$, which implies that $\exists r \in (0, T]$
s.t. $|S_r| > \frac{n}{3} - \frac{1}{6}$. As $|S_r| \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $|S_r| \geq \frac{n}{3}$.

Now, assume that S_r is not sum-free, then $\exists a, b, c \in S_r$ s.t. $a + b = c$
 $\Rightarrow ra + rb = rc \Rightarrow \langle ra + rb \rangle = \langle rc \rangle \Rightarrow \langle ra \rangle + \langle rb \rangle = \langle rc \rangle \dots (*)$

However, (*) is impossible by the def. of S_r , thus S_r is sum-free w/
 $|S_r| \geq \frac{n}{3}$. From these, $f(A) \geq \frac{|A|}{3}$ for any A not containing 0, so

$$f(n) = \min_{\substack{|A|=n \\ 0 \notin A}} f(A) \geq \frac{n}{3}.$$