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proof of Tychonoff's theorem

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This is a proof in of nets. Recall the following facts:

1 - A net $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ in $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ converges to $x \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i$ if and only if each coordinate $(x_\alpha^i)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ converges to $x^i \in X_i$

2 - A topological space X is compact if and only if every net in X has a convergent subnet.

3 - Every net has a universal subnet.

4 - A <http://planetmath.org/Ultraneuniversal> net $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ in a compact space X is convergent. (see this <http://planetmath.org/UniversalNetsInCompactSpacesA>)

We now prove Tychonoff's theorem.

Proof (Tychonoff's theorem) : Let $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ be a net in $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$.

Using Lemma 3 we can find a subnet $(y_\beta)_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}}$ of $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$.

It is easily seen that each coordinate net $(y_\beta^i)_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}}$ is a net in X_i .

Using Lemma 4 we see that each coordinate net converges, because X_i is compact.

Using Lemma 1 we see that the whole net $(y_\beta)_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}}$ converges in $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$.

We conclude that every net in $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ has a convergent subnet, so, by Lemma 2, $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ must be compact. \square