

Let x_1, x_2, \dots be a sequence of points of the product space $\prod X_\alpha$. Show that this sequence converges to a point $x \iff$

the sequence $\pi_\alpha(x_1), \pi_\alpha(x_2), \dots$ converges to $\pi_\alpha(x) \forall \alpha$. Is this true if one uses the box topology instead of the product topology? That the sequence converges means that for any neighborhood $U \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $x_n \in U \forall n \geq N$

" \implies " Let U be a neighborhood of x . We can assume U is a basis element since any neighborhood contains a basis element containing x and any basis element containing x is a neighborhood of x . We can thus write U as $\prod U_\alpha$ where U_α is open in $X_\alpha \forall \alpha$ and $U_\alpha = X_\alpha$ for all but finitely many values of α . Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $x_n \in U \forall n \geq N$ then $x_n(\alpha) \in U_\alpha \forall n \geq N \forall \alpha$. Thus $\pi_\alpha(x_1), \pi_\alpha(x_2), \dots$ converges to $\pi_\alpha(x) \forall \alpha$

" \impliedby " let U be a neighborhood of x , assume again U is a basis element, $U = \prod U_\alpha$.

if $U_\alpha = X_\alpha$ then $x_n(\alpha) \in U_\alpha \forall n$. For the last values of α (finitely many) $\exists N_\alpha$ s.t. $x_n(\alpha) \in U_\alpha$ when $n \geq N_\alpha$

We can then let $N = \max \{N_\alpha : \alpha \text{ s.t. } U_\alpha \neq X_\alpha\}$
then $X_n(\alpha) \in U_\alpha$ when $n \geq N \quad \forall \alpha$. Thus

$$X_n \in \prod U_\alpha = U \quad \text{When } n \geq N$$

Notice that for the " \Rightarrow " part we did not use
Property of the product topology so this
should work for box topology as well.