

Let  $X$  be a topological space. For  $x \in {}^*X$ , define

$$U_x := \{A \subseteq X : x \in {}^*A\}$$

**Theorem 1.**  $U_x$  is a (proper) filter on  $X$ .

*Proof.* First, note that  $\emptyset \notin U_x$  as  $x \notin {}^*\emptyset$ . Pick  $A, B \in U_x$ . Then as  $x \in {}^*A \cap {}^*B$ ,  ${}^*A \cap {}^*B$  is nonempty, so by transfer  $A \cap B$  is nonempty. Pick  $A \in U_x$  and suppose  $A \subseteq B$ . Then  $x \in {}^*A \subseteq {}^*B$ , so  $x \in {}^*B$ , so  $B \in U_x$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.**  $U_x$  is an ultrafilter on  $X$ .

*Proof.* We have shown that  $U_x$  is a filter, so it suffices to show that for all  $A \subseteq X$ , either  $A \in U_x$  or  $A^c \in U_x$ . Pick an arbitrary  $A \subseteq X$ . Suppose  $x \in {}^*A$ . Then  $A \in U_x$ , and we are done. Otherwise, suppose  $x \notin {}^*A$ . Therefore  $x \in ({}^*A)^c$ . But  $({}^*A)^c = {}^*(A^c)$ , so  $A^c \in U_x$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2 (Ultrafilter lemma).** Every filter  $F$  can be completed to an ultrafilter  $U_x$ .

*Proof.* By definition  $F$  has the finite intersection property. Thus for a suitably saturated nonstandard model, there is some  $x \in \bigcap_{U \in F} {}^*U$ . Then take  $U_x$ : by construction,  $F \subseteq U_x$ .  $\square$

This tells us that if we have access to a sufficiently saturated nonstandard model of our theory, we automatically have the ultrafilter lemma

**Corollary 2.** Any ultrafilter  $\mathfrak{U}$  on  $X$  is of the form  $U_x$  for some  $x \in {}^*X$ .

*Proof.* Applying theorem 2 to  $\mathfrak{U}$  guarantees there is some  $x \in {}^*X$  such that  $\mathfrak{U} \subseteq U_x$ . By maximality of ultrafilters,  $\mathfrak{U} = U_x$ .  $\square$

Now we can move on to issues of convergence

**Theorem 3.** Let  $x \in {}^*X$ . The filter  $U_x$  converges to the standard point  $y \in X$  iff  $x \approx y$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \approx y$ . Let  $U$  be an arbitrary standard neighborhood of  $y$ . Then note that  $\mu(y)$  is contained in  ${}^*U$ , so  $U \in U_x$ . Thus  $U_x \rightarrow y$ .

Suppose  $U_x \rightarrow y$ . Then for any standard neighborhood  $U$  of  $y$ , there is some  $N \in U_x$  such that  $N \subseteq U$ . But then  $x \in {}^*N \subseteq {}^*U$ , so  $x \in {}^*U$ . Thus  $x \in \mu(y)$ .  $\square$

This tells us that a nonprincipal ultrafilter converging to a point  $x$  can be thought of as honing in infinitely close to  $x$ , but not quite on  $x$ . This gives a way to investigate the structure of ultrafilters converging to the same point:

**Lemma 1.** For  $x, y \in {}^*X$ ,  $U_x = U_y$  iff there is no standard set  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $x \in {}^*A$  and  $y \notin {}^*A$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $U_x = U_y$ . Then by definition, every standard open set containing  $x$  contains  $y$ .

Suppose there is a standard set  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $x \in *A$  and  $y \notin *A$ . Then  $A \in U_x$  but  $A \notin U_y$ , so  $U_x \neq U_y$ .  $\square$

We say that a standard set  $A$  with  $x \notin A$  splits the monad  $\mu(y)$  iff  $\mu(y)$  is not contained in  $A$  but  $A$  intersects  $\mu(y)$ . We say that the sets  $A$  and  $B$  split  $\mu(y)$  equivalently iff  $A \cap \mu(y) = B \cap \mu(y)$ .

**Corollary 3.** *The set of nonprincipal ultrafilters converging to some  $x \in X$  is in bijective correspondence with the different ways of splitting  $\mu(x)$  up to equivalence*

*Proof.* todo  $\square$