

1 ultrafilter

Definition 1.1 (Filter) F is a filter iff

$$A, B \in F \implies A \cap B \in F \quad (1)$$

$$\emptyset \notin F \quad (2)$$

$$B \supseteq A \in F \implies B \in F \quad (3)$$

Definition 1.2 (Ultrafilter)

$$A \subseteq X \implies A \in \mathcal{U} \text{ or } X - A \in \mathcal{U} \quad (4)$$

Theorem 1.3 Ultrafilter convergence defines a topology.

Theorem 1.4 A space is

1. compact iff every ultrafilter converges.
2. Hausdorff iff every ultrafilter converges to at most one point.
3. compact-Hausdorff iff every ultrafilter converges to exactly one point

2 Stone-Ćech compactification

Let X be a space.

Definition 2.1 (ultra)

Definition 2.2 ($\text{ultra} : A \rightarrow \text{ultra } A$) Suppose $a \in A$. Let $\text{ultra } a$ be the ultrafilter generated by a .

Definition 2.3 ($\lim : \text{ultra}^2 X \rightarrow \text{ultra } X$) Let $\mathcal{U} \in \text{ultra}^2 X$. Suppose $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_i\}$ where \mathcal{U}_i a subset of $\text{ultra } X$. Then define

$$\lim \mathcal{U} = \bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{U}} \bigcap_{u \in V} u \quad (5)$$

Theorem 2.4 $\lim \mathcal{U} : \text{ultra}^2 X \rightarrow \text{ultra } X$

Proof. I claim

$$F_i \equiv \bigcap_{u \in \mathcal{U}_i} u \quad (6)$$

is a filter. To see this, note every filter on X contains X . Hence F_i is nonempty. The other filter axioms remain true after taking intersections.

Now pick arbitrary F_α and F_β as defined in eq. (6). I claim there is some F_γ (and corresponding \mathcal{U}_γ) such that $F_\alpha \cup F_\beta \subseteq F_\gamma$. It suffices to find the corresponding \mathcal{U}_γ . Let $\mathcal{U}_\gamma = \mathcal{U}_\alpha \cap \mathcal{U}_\beta$. Equation (1) guarantees $\mathcal{U}_\gamma \in \mathcal{U}$. Then

$$\bigcap_{u \in \mathcal{U}_\gamma} u \supseteq \left(\bigcap_{u \in \mathcal{U}_\alpha} u \right) \cup \left(\bigcap_{u \in \mathcal{U}_\beta} u \right) \\ F_\gamma \supseteq F_\alpha \cup F_\beta$$

Hence

$$\lim \mathcal{U} := \bigcup_i F_i$$

is a filter.

Finally, I claim $\lim \mathcal{U} \in \text{ultra } X$. Suppose $A \subseteq X$. Then let $\text{ultra } A \subseteq \text{ultra } X$ be the set of ultrafilters that contain A . I claim $\text{ultra}(A^C) = (\text{ultra } A)^C$; as $(\text{ultra } A)^C$, the set of ultrafilters that *do not contain* A , is $\text{ultra}(A^C)$, the set of ultrafilters that *contain* A^C . This is a rewording of eq. (4).

By eq. (4), either $\text{ultra } A \in \mathcal{U}$ or $\text{ultra}(A^C) \in \mathcal{U}$. Suppose, without loss of generality, that $\text{ultra } A \in \mathcal{U}$. Then

$$F_A := \bigcap_{u \in \text{ultra } A} u \subseteq \bigcap_{u \in \mathcal{U}} u$$

Note F_A is a filter containing A . Then $\lim \mathcal{U}$ contains A . Equation (4) holds. \square

Theorem 2.5 ($\lim \circ \text{ultra} = \text{id}$) Let $u \in \text{ultra } X$. Then $\lim \circ \text{ultra } u = u$ as every set containing u is in $\text{ultra } u$.

3 ultrafilter monad

For this section, we will distinguish between ultra and η . Here, $\text{ultra} : \text{haus} \rightarrow \text{Chaus}$ is the functor part of the monad, and $\eta : \text{id} \rightarrow \text{ultra}$ is the unit, and $\lim : \text{ultra}^2 \rightarrow \text{ultra}$ is the multiplication.

Theorem 3.1 The coherence conditions

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{ultra}^3(X) & \xrightarrow{\text{ultra}(\lim_X)} & \text{ultra}^2(X) \\ \downarrow \lim_{\text{ultra}(X)} & & \downarrow \lim_X \\ \text{ultra}^2(X) & \xrightarrow{\lim_X} & \text{ultra}(X) \end{array} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{ultra}(X) & \xrightarrow{\eta_{\text{ultra}(X)}} & \text{ultra}^2(X) \\ \downarrow \text{ultra}(\eta_X) & & \downarrow \lim_X \\ \text{ultra}^2(X) & \xrightarrow{\lim_X} & \text{ultra}(X) \end{array} \quad (8)$$

hold

Proof. Consider eq. (7). Let $\mathcal{U} \in \text{ultra}^3 X$. The goal is to show

$$\lim \circ \text{ultra}(\lim)\mathcal{U} = \lim \circ \lim \mathcal{U}$$

First, consider $\lim \circ \text{ultra}(\lim)\mathcal{U}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim \circ \text{ultra}(\lim) &= \bigcup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \left(\bigcap_{u \in \bigcup_{v \in u} \bigcap_{v \in v} v} u \right) \\ &= \bigcup \bigcap \left(\bigcup \right)_{\bigcap} \\ &= \bigcup \bigcap \bigcup \bigcap v \\ \lim \circ \lim &= \bigcup \bigcap \bigcup \bigcap v \end{aligned}$$

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