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# CONVERGENCE

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In the following paragraph,  $\Omega$  is a space and  $\tau$  is a topology on  $\Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter on  $\Omega$ .

## 1 Filter

A **filter** is a non-empty collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of subset in  $\Omega$  s.t.

1.  $A \in \mathcal{F}, A \subset B \implies B \in \mathcal{F}$
2. Closed under finite intersection.
3.  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$

Note the definition of  $\mathcal{F}$  is independent with topology  $\tau$ .

A collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of subset in  $\Omega$  is a **base** for the filter if

1.  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{F}$
2.  $\forall N \in \mathcal{F}, \exists W \in \mathcal{B} \ni W \subset N$

We say  $\mathcal{B}$  generates  $\mathcal{F}$ , where

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}^\uparrow = \{X \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega) : \exists A \in \mathcal{B} \ni X \supset A\}$$

For example,

1. Suppose  $A$  is any non-empty subset of  $\Omega$ , all the subsets of  $\Omega$  include  $A$  is a filter while  $\{A\}$  is a base for it.
2. Suppose  $x \in \Omega$  then

$$\mathcal{N}(x) = \{\text{All neighbourhoods of } x\}$$

is a filter on  $\Omega$ , that is, **neighbourhood filter**, while each neighborhood base is a base for this filter. Note

$$\tau(x) = \{X \in \tau : x \in X\}$$

is a base for  $\mathcal{N}(x)$  and thus  $\mathcal{N}(x) = \tau(x)^\uparrow$ .

3. Suppose  $\Omega$  is infinite, the collection of all cofinite subsets( subset s with finite complement) is a filter on  $\Omega$ , such filter is called **Frechet filter**.

To assert a collection is a base, we have

**Theorem 1** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a collection of nonempty subsets. Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a filter base, that is,  $\mathcal{B}$  may generate a filter iff 1. The intersection of each finite family of sets in  $\mathcal{B}$  includes a set in  $\mathcal{B}$  2.  $\mathcal{B}$  is non-empty and  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{B}$ .

**Proof**

$$\mathcal{F} = \{X \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega) : \exists A \in \mathcal{B} \ni X \supset A\}$$

$\mathcal{F}$  is the filter generated by  $\mathcal{B}$ . ■

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a collection of subsets of nonempty subsets, then construct  $\mathcal{A}'$  by taking all finite intersection, if  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{A}'$ , it's a base for some filter  $\mathcal{F}$ , we call  $\mathcal{F}$  the filter generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Suppose  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be filters on  $\Omega$ . Then

$$X \in \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{G} \iff \exists P \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } Q \in \mathcal{G} \ni X = P \cup Q$$

$$X \in \{\text{finite intersection in } \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{G}\} \iff \exists P \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } Q \in \mathcal{G} \ni X = P \cap Q$$

Suppose  $R$  is an order relation on  $\Omega$ , then  $\Omega$  is said to be **inductively ordered** by  $R$  if every totally ordered subset has an **supremum**.

**Zorn's Lemma** states that every inductively ordered set has a maximal element.

**Theorem 2** The set of all filters on  $\Omega$  is inductively ordered by inclusion.

**Proof** Suppose a collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of filters is totally ordered, it's a base by theorem 1 since it's finite intersection is just a filter in  $\mathcal{A}$  with totally ordered. Then the supremum is just the filter generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ . ■

By Zorn's lemma, the set of all filters has maximal filters and we call such filters **ultrafilters**.

**Theorem 3** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an ultrafilter on  $\Omega$ , if  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $\Omega$  s.t.  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}$  then either  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  or  $B \in \mathcal{F}$ .

**Proof** If  $A \notin \mathcal{F}$  and  $B \notin \mathcal{F}$ , suppose  $\mathcal{F}' = \{X : A \cup X \in \mathcal{F}\}$ , and easy to verify  $\mathcal{F}' \supset \mathcal{F}$ , a contradiction. ■

To assert a filter is ultra, we have:

**Theorem 4** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a collection of subsets and  $\mathcal{F}$  the filter generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ . If

$$\forall X \subset \Omega, \text{ either } X \in \mathcal{A} \text{ or } X^c \in \mathcal{A}$$

then  $\mathcal{A}$  is an ultrafilter on  $\Omega$ .

**Proof** Suppose  $\mathcal{F}'$  is an ultrafilter include  $\mathcal{F}$ , we have  $\mathcal{F}' \supset \mathcal{A}$  clearly. Consider any  $X \in \mathcal{F}'$ , we claim that  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  since if  $X^c \in \mathcal{A}$  then  $X^c \in \mathcal{F}'$  as  $\mathcal{F}' \supset \mathcal{F} \supset \mathcal{A}$  and  $X \cap X^c = \emptyset \in \mathcal{F}'$  results in a contradiction. It follows that  $\mathcal{A} \supset \mathcal{F}'$  and thus  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{F}'$ . ■

The kernel of ultrafilter is at most a singleton, if a filter has singleton kernel, it's ultra.

**Theorem 5** Every filter  $\mathcal{F}$  is the intersection of all the ultrafilter which include  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Proof** We claim that

$$\mathcal{F} = \bigcap \{\text{ultrafilter generated by } \{x\} : x \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

■

**Theorem 6** Let  $f$  be a mapping from  $\Omega$  to  $\Omega'$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  a base for a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\Omega$ . Then  $f(\mathcal{B}) = \{f(X) : X \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is also a base on  $\Omega'$ . Moreover, if  $\mathcal{F}$  is ultra then  $f(\mathcal{B})$  also generates an ultrafilter.

**Proof** First assertion is straightforward and the second follows from  $\mathcal{B}$  is collection of superset for some  $\{x\}$ , then  $f(\mathcal{B})$  generates the filter that generates by  $\{f(x)\}$ . ■

**Theorem 7** In the same situation as previous theorem. If  $\mathcal{B}'$  is a base on  $\Omega'$ , then  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}')$  is a base on  $\Omega$  iff every set in  $\mathcal{B}'$  meets  $f(\Omega)$

**Proof** We have

$$\Omega \in f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}') \implies f(\Omega) \subset X'$$

for some  $X' \in f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}')$ , by definition,  $\implies$  is immediately. For  $\Leftarrow$ , suppose any finite family  $X_i \in \mathcal{B}'$ , then

$$\bigcap_{i=1} f^{-1}(X_i) = f^{-1}\left(\bigcap_i X_i\right) \in f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}')$$

Then the claim follows from theorem 1. ■

## 2 Limit

A point  $x \in \Omega$  is said to be a **limit** or a **limit point** of the filter  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to **converge** to  $x$ , or  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow x$ , if the neighborhood filter  $\mathcal{N}(x) \subset \mathcal{F}$ . For filter base  $\mathcal{B}$ , we define on the filter generated by  $\mathcal{B}$ , that is, if  $\mathcal{N}(x) \subset \mathcal{B}^\uparrow$ .

This implies a equivalent definition of finer topology:

$$\tau \supset \tau' \iff \mathcal{N}_\tau(x) \supset \mathcal{N}_{\tau'}(x) \iff \mathcal{F} \rightarrow a \implies \mathcal{F}' \rightarrow a$$

also, an equivalent definition of continuity as follows:

$f : (\Omega, \tau) \rightarrow (\Omega', \tau')$  is continous at  $x$  iff

$$\forall \mathcal{F} \rightarrow x, f(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow f(x)$$

**Proof** By definition,  $f(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow f(x)$  if

$$\mathcal{N}(f(x)) \subset f(\mathcal{F})^\uparrow$$

That is, for any neighbourhood  $N' \in \mathcal{N}(f(x))$ , there exist some  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  s.t.  $f(A) \subset N'$ , as  $\mathcal{N}(x) \subset \mathcal{F}$  and  $f$  is continous at  $x$ , such  $A$  is always exists. Conversely, take  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{N}(x)$  then the claim is follows ■

A point  $x \in \Omega$  is said to be an **adherent point** of  $\mathcal{F}$  if  $x$  is an adherent point of every set in  $\mathcal{F}$ . The **adherence** of  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\text{Adh}_\tau(\mathcal{F})$  or  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$  is the set of all adherent points, thus

$$\overline{\mathcal{F}} = \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{F}} \overline{X}$$

Define similarly on filter base  $\mathcal{B}$  by the filter generated. By definition, we have

$$\overline{\mathcal{B}} = \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{B}} \overline{X}$$

Suppose  $A$  be a subset of  $\Omega$ , then  $x \in \overline{A}$  iff there is a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  s.t.  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  converges to  $x$ .

**Proof** If  $x \in \overline{A}$  then  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{N}(x) \cup \{A\}$  generates a filter as required. Conversely,

$$\mathcal{N}(x) \in \mathcal{F} \implies \mathcal{N} \cap A \neq \emptyset \forall \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{N}(x)$$

Then the claim follows. ■

**Theorem 8** Suppose  $BN(x)$  a neighbourhood base of  $x$ , then

1.  $\mathcal{B}$  converges to  $x$  iff every set in  $BN(x)$  includes a set in  $\mathcal{B}$ .
2.  $x \in \overline{\mathcal{B}}$  iff every set in  $BN(x)$  meets every set in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Proof** Directly from definition. ■

As consequence, we have

**Corollary 1**  $x$  is adherent to a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  iff there is  $\mathcal{F}' \supset \mathcal{F}$  and converges to  $x$

**Proof**  $\implies$  follows from taking  $\mathcal{F} = BN(x)$ . Conversely,  $\forall N \in BN(x)$ , we have  $X' \subset N$  for some  $X' \in \mathcal{F}'$ , thus for any  $X \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $N \cap X \subset X' \cap X \neq \emptyset$  as  $X', X \in \mathcal{F}'$ .

**Corollary 2** Every limit point of  $\mathcal{F}$  is adherent to  $\mathcal{F}$

**Proof** Clearly holds by applying 1 and 21.

**Corollary 3** Every adherent point of an ultra-filter is a limit point of it.

**Proof** Clearly as kernel of ultrafilter is a one point set. ■

Suppose  $f : (\Omega, \tau) \rightarrow (\Omega', \tau')$ , a point  $x' \in \Omega'$  is called

1. a **limit point** of  $f$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}$  if  $f(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow x$ .
2. an **adherent point** of  $f$  relative  $\mathcal{F}$  if it's adherent point of  $f(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Theorem 9**

1.  $x'$  is a limit point of  $f$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}$  iff for any  $\tau'$  neighbourhood  $N' \in \mathcal{N}(x')$ , we have  $f^{-1}(N') \in \mathcal{F}$ .
2.  $x'$  is an adherent point of  $f$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}$  iff for any  $\tau'$  neighbourhood  $N' \in \mathcal{N}(x')$ , it meets  $f(X)$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{F}$ .

**Proof**  $x'$  is limit is equivalent to

$$\mathcal{N}(x') \subset f(\mathcal{F})^\uparrow$$

That is, there exist some  $A = f(X) \subset N'$  for any  $N'$ , followed by  $X \subset f^{-1}f(X) \subset f^{-1}(N')$ , then the claim follows from the definition of filter.

By theorem 8,  $x'$  is adherent to  $f(\mathcal{F})$  iff

$$\forall N' \in BN(x'), \forall X \in \mathcal{F}, f(X) \cap N' \neq \emptyset$$

note for any  $N' \in \mathcal{N}(x')$ , there exist  $N'' \in BN(x') \ni N' \subset N''$ , thus  $f(X) \cap N'' \neq \emptyset$  also holds. Conversely, making use of  $BN(x') \subset \mathcal{N}(x')$ . ■

For example, suppose  $f : (\mathbb{N}, \tau) \rightarrow (\Omega', \tau')$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  the frechet filter on  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then  $x'$  is limit of  $f$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}$  iff for all  $N' \in \mathcal{N}(x')$ ,  $f^{-1}(N') \in \mathcal{F} \iff f^{-1}(N')^c \subset [0, k] \iff f^{-1}(N') \supset \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq k\}$  for some  $k$ , that is,  $f(n) \in N'$  for any  $n \geq k$ .

**Theorem 10** Suppose  $f : (\Omega, \tau) \rightarrow (\Omega', \tau')$  and let  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{N}(x)$ . By theorem 9,  $x'$  is limit of  $f$  relative to  $\mathcal{N}(x)$  iff for all  $N' \in \mathcal{N}(x')$ ,  $f^{-1}(N') \in \mathcal{N}(x) \iff N \subset f^{-1}(N') \iff f(N) \subset N'$  for some  $N \in \mathcal{N}(x)$ . That is, iff  $x' = f(x)$ ,  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ . Such limit points also called limit points of  $f$  at  $x$ .

**Proof** Proved in statements. ■

### 3 Net

In the following paragraph,  $(D, \preceq)$  is a ordered set.  $x.(\nu)$  a net in  $\Omega$  with domain  $D$ .

$(D, \preceq)$  is called a **directed set** if every couple  $\{x, y\}$  in which has an upper bound. Let  $(D, \preceq)$  be a directed set,  $\nu : D \rightarrow \Omega$  is called a **net** in  $\Omega$  with domain  $D$ . We often write  $\nu$  as  $x.$

Suppose  $A$  a subset of  $\Omega$ , we say  $x.$  **eventually in**  $A$  if there exist some  $k \in D$  s.t.  $x_n \in A$  for all  $n \succeq k$ . And we say  $\nu$  is **frequently** in  $A$  if for all  $n \in D$ , there exist an  $n' \succeq n$  s.t.  $x_{n'} \in A$ .

**Lemma** If  $x.$  not frequently in  $A$ , then  $x.$  eventually in  $A^c$ . Thus, for any  $X \in \Omega$ ,  $x.$  frequently in either  $X$  or  $X^c$ .

**Proof** Clearly from definition. ■

A subset  $B$  of  $D$  is called **cofinal** if for any  $a \in D$ , there exist  $b \in B$  s.t.  $a \preceq b$ . A map  $f : D \rightarrow A$  is **final** if  $f(D)$  is cofinal of  $A$ .

Let  $x.$  and  $x'.$  are two nets in  $\Omega$  with domains  $D$  and  $D'$  respectively. We say that  $x'.$  is a **subnet** of  $x.$  if there exists a final mapping  $\varphi : D' \rightarrow D$  s.t.  $x'_\alpha = x_{\varphi(\alpha)}$ .

**Theorem 11** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a collection of subsets that  $x.$  is frequently in. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under finite intersection, then there exists a subnet  $x'.$  of  $x.$  and  $x'.$  eventually in every member of  $\mathcal{A}$

**Proof** (TODO). ■

Let

$$\mathcal{F}(x.) = \{X \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega) : x. \text{ is eventually in } X\}$$

Then  $\mathcal{F}(x.)$  is a filter and we call it the **filter associated with the net**  $x.$ .

Motivated by the definition of filter that filter is closed under pairwise intersection, let  $X \preceq Y \iff X \supset Y$ , then any mapping  $\nu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \Omega$  s.t.  $\nu(X) \in X$  is a **net associated with the filter**  $\mathcal{F}$ .

By definition, we claim that  $\mathcal{F}$  is the associated filter of every associated net and  $x.$  is an associated net of the associated filter.

Suppose  $x \in \Omega$ , then  $x.$  is said **converge** to  $x$ , or  $x. \rightarrow x$  if  $x.$  eventually in  $N$  for all  $N \in \mathcal{N}(x)$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{N}(x) \subset \mathcal{F}(x.)$ . The point  $x$  is adherent to  $x.$  if  $x.$  frequently in  $N$  for all  $N \in \mathcal{N}(x)$ .

Suppose  $x'.$  is subnet of  $x.$ , we have 1.  $x. \rightarrow x \implies x'.$  eventually in  $N$  for all  $N \in \mathcal{N}(x)$  2.  $x$  adherent to  $x'.$   $\implies x$  adherent to  $x.$ .

**Proof** Clearly from the definition. ■

**Theorem 12** A point  $x$  is adherent to  $x.$  iff there is a subnet converges to  $x$ .

**Proof**  $\implies$  is clear by theorem 11. Conversely, suppose  $a$  is not adherent to  $x$ , there exist a neighborhood  $N$  that  $x.$  not frequently in, i.e., exist  $k$  s.t.  $x_n \notin N$  for any  $n \geq k$ , thus there is no subnet eventually in  $N$ .

**Theorem 13** Filter  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow x$  iff  $x. \rightarrow x$  for any  $x.$  associated with  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Proof** Note

$$\forall N \in \mathcal{N}(x), x. \text{ eventually in } N \iff \mathcal{N}(x) \subset \mathcal{F}(x.)$$

Then is sufficient to show that  $\mathcal{F}(x.) = \mathcal{F}$ . It's follows from for any  $X \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $x.$  eventually in  $X$ .

**Theorem 14**

$$x. \rightarrow x \iff \mathcal{F}(x.) \rightarrow x$$

**Proof** Both side is equivalent to  $\mathcal{N}(x) \subset \mathcal{F}(x.)$

**Theorem 15** Suppose  $f : (\Omega, \tau) \rightarrow (\Omega, \tau)$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x$  iff  $\forall x. \rightarrow x, f(x.) \rightarrow f(x)$ .

**Proof** By theorem 13,14 and the equivalent definition stated before. ■

A net  $x.$  is called **ultranet** or **universal net** if for all  $X \in \Omega$ , we have either  $x.$  eventually in  $X$  or  $x.$  eventually in  $X^c$ . Clearly, subnet of ultranet is ultra and

Every net has a ultra subnet.

**Proof** Consider collection of  $\mathcal{Q}$  s.t.  $x.$  is frequently in every member and closed under finite intersection. By Zorn's Lemma, there is a maximal  $\mathcal{Q}_0$ . By theorem 11,  $x.$  has a subnet  $x'.$  which eventually in every member of  $\mathcal{Q}_0$ . We claim that this subnet is ultra since,  $\mathcal{Q}_0$  is maximal and thus either  $X \in \mathcal{Q}_0$  or  $X^c \in \mathcal{Q}_0$ . ■

If  $x.$  is ultra then the associated filter  $\mathcal{F}(x.)$  is also ultra and if  $\mathcal{F}$  is ultra, every associated net is ultra.

**Proof** Directly from Theorem 4. ■