

# General Topology

## Lecture 8

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### 1 Net

Let  $X$  be set, then a sequence  $x_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  in  $X$  is such a map  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{x} X$  (denote  $x(n)$  by  $x_n$ ). Now we gonna generalize this concept.

**Definition 1** (Directed Set). A directed set  $(D, \geq)$  consists of a non-empty set  $D$  and a relation  $\geq$  on  $D$  s.t.

1.  $\forall d \in D, d \geq d$ ;
2.  $\forall d, d', d'' \in D, d \geq d', d' \geq d'' \Rightarrow d \geq d''$ ,

i.e.  $(D, \geq)$  is pre-order. And  $\forall d, d' \in D, \exists d'' \in D$ , s.t.  $d'' \geq d, d'' \geq d'$ .

*Remark 1.* Note that the pre-order is not total order, which means there could exist  $d_1, d_2 \in D$  which are not comparable. On the other hand, the pre-order is not partial order yet, which means it does not require  $d \geq d' \wedge d' \geq d \Rightarrow d = d'$ . Thus the following statement in a directed set may hold:  $\exists d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4 \in D$  such that

$$d_1 \geq d_2 \geq d_3 \geq d_4 \geq d_1,$$

but  $d_1 \neq d_2 \neq d_3 \neq d_4$ .

**Example 1.** Let  $X$  be a topology space,  $x \in X$ ,  $D = \{\text{all open nbd.s of } x\}$  and for any  $U, V \in D$  define  $U \geq V \Leftrightarrow U \subseteq V$ , then  $(D, \geq)$  is a directed set. (Since for any  $U, V \in D$ ,  $\exists W := U \cap V \in D$ , s.t.  $W \geq U, W \geq V$ )

**Definition 2** (Net). Let  $X$  be a set, a net  $(D, \geq) \xrightarrow{x} X$ ,  $(x_\alpha (\alpha \in D))$  for short,) in  $X$  consists of a directed set  $(D, \geq)$  and a map  $D \xrightarrow{x} X$ .

Suppose that a net  $x. (x_\alpha (\alpha \in D))$  is a net in a set  $X$ , and  $S \subseteq X$ , we say that  $x.$  lies in  $S$

- **eventually** if  $\exists \delta \in D, \forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in S$ ;
- **frequently** if  $\forall \delta \in D, \exists \alpha \in D, \text{ s.t. } \alpha \geq \delta \text{ and } x_\alpha \in S$ .

*Remark 2.*  $\neg(x \text{ lies in } S \text{ eventually}) \Leftrightarrow x \text{ lies in } X \setminus S \text{ frequently.}$

**Definition 3** (Convergence). Let  $X$  be a topology space,  $x_\alpha (\alpha \in D)$  is a net in  $X$ ,  $x \in X$ . We say that  $x$  converges  $x$  (or say  $x$  is a limit of  $x$ .) if  $\forall$  open nbd.  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $x$  lies in  $U$  eventually.

**Exercise 1.** Show that  $X$  is a Hausdorff space  $\Leftrightarrow$  every net has at most one limit.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Suppose a net  $D \xrightarrow{x} X$  converges to  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  and  $x \neq y$ , then  $\exists$  open nbd.s  $U$  of  $x$  and  $V$  of  $y$ , s.t.  $x \in U, y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $x \rightarrow x$  then  $\exists \delta_x \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta_x \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in U$ . And since  $x \rightarrow y, \exists \delta_y \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta_y \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in V$ . Then  $\exists \delta \in D$ , s.t.  $\delta \geq \delta_x \wedge \delta \geq \delta_y$ , thus for  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta$  has  $x_\alpha \in U \subseteq X \setminus V$  and  $x_\alpha \in V$  which leads to a contradiction.

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose  $X$  is not a Hausdorff space, then  $\exists x, y \in X$ , s.t.  $\forall$  open nbd.s  $U$  of  $x$ ,  $V$  of  $y$  has  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Thus we can form a net in  $X$ .

Define  $D = \{U \cap V | x \in U \subseteq_{\text{open}} X, y \in V \subseteq_{\text{open}} X\}$  and  $\forall d_1, d_2 \in D, d_1 \geq d_2 \Leftrightarrow d_1 \subseteq d_2$ , it is direct to see  $(D, \geq)$  is a directed set. And then  $D \xrightarrow{x} X$  where  $d \mapsto x_d \in d$  is a net (since  $\forall d \in D, d \neq \emptyset$ , and hence  $x_d \exists$ ).

Thus given any open nbd.  $W$  of  $x$ ,  $W \cap V \in D$  where  $D$  is a open nbd. of  $y$ , then  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq W \cap V$  we have

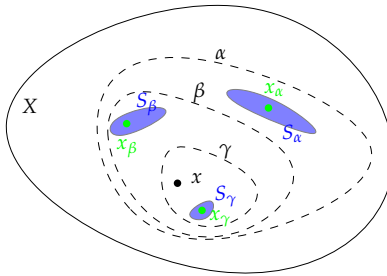
$$x_\alpha \in \alpha \subseteq W \cap V \subseteq W$$

thus  $x$  lies in any open nbd.  $W$  of  $x$  eventually, and hence  $x$  converges to  $x$ . Thus  $x$  converges to  $y$  as well in the same way, which leads to a contradiction.  $\square$

*Remark 3* (A naturally convergent net). If  $X$  is a set,  $x \in X$ , if we define the directed set as  $D = \{U | x \in U \subseteq_{\text{open}} X\}$  and  $\geq \Leftrightarrow \subseteq$ , then  $(D, \geq)$  is a directed set. And define the net  $D \xrightarrow{x} X$ , where  $\alpha \mapsto x_\alpha \in S_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$ . Then for any open nbd.  $U$  of  $x$ ,  $U \in D$  and  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq U$  has

$$x_\alpha \in S_\alpha \subseteq \alpha \subseteq U.$$

Thus such  $x$  converges to  $x$  naturally.



**Exercise 2.** Let  $X$  be a topology space,  $A \subseteq X$ , define

$$\overline{A}'' := \{x \in X \mid \exists \text{ net } a. \text{ in } A \text{ converging to } x\}$$

and

$$L_A'' := \{x \in X \mid \exists \text{ net } a. \text{ in } A \setminus \{x\} \text{ converging to } x\}$$

show that  $\overline{A} = \overline{A}''$  and  $L_A = L_A''$ .

*Proof.* 1.  $\subseteq$ : if  $x \in \overline{A}$ , then any open nbd.  $U$  of  $x$  has  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , thus we can form a net. Define  $D = \{U \mid x \in U \subseteq_{\text{open}} X\}$  and  $\geq \Leftrightarrow \subseteq$  then  $(D, \geq)$  is a directed set and  $D \xrightarrow{x} A$  where  $d \mapsto x_d \in d \cap A$  is a net. And  $x$  converges to  $x \Rightarrow x \in \overline{A}''$  by Remark 2.  
 $\supseteq$ : if  $x \in \overline{A}''$ , then  $\exists$  a net  $D \xrightarrow{x} A$  s.t. for  $\forall$  open nbd.  $U$  of  $x$ ,  $\exists \delta \in D$  s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta \Rightarrow \alpha \in U$ , then  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in \overline{A}$ .

2. the same as above.  $\square$

**Exercise 3.** Let  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  be a map between topology spaces,  $x_0 \in X$ , show that  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0 \Leftrightarrow$  for  $\forall$  net  $D \xrightarrow{x} X$  in  $X$  that converges to  $x_0$ ,  $f(x.)$  is a net in  $Y$  converges to  $f(x_0)$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : if  $V$  is an open nbd. of  $f(x_0)$ , since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open nbd. of  $x_0$ , then  $\exists \delta \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in f^{-1}(V) \Rightarrow f(x_\alpha) \in V \Rightarrow f(x.)$  converges to  $f(x_0)$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : suppose  $f$  is not continuous at  $x_0$ , then  $\exists$  an open nbd.  $V$  of  $f(x_0)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is not an open nbd. of  $x_0$ , that is  $x_0 \notin (f^{-1}(V))^o$ , since  $x_0 \in f^{-1}(V)$ ,  $x_0 \in f^{-1}(V) \setminus (f^{-1}(V))^o = \partial f^{-1}(V)$ . Thus any open nbd.  $U$  of  $x$  has  $U \cap f^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$  and  $U \cap X \setminus f^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ , and hence we can form a net.

Define  $D = \{U \mid x \in U \subseteq_{\text{open}} X\}$  and  $\geq \Leftrightarrow \subseteq$  then  $(D, \geq)$  is a directed set, and define a net  $D \xrightarrow{x} X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  where  $\alpha \mapsto x_\alpha \in \alpha \cap X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$ , then  $x$  converges to  $x$  by Remark 2, and hence  $f(x.)$  converges to  $f(x_0)$  by assumptions, which means  $\exists \delta \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta \Rightarrow f(x_\alpha) \in V$  which leads to a contradiction with  $f(x_\alpha) \in X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$ .  $\square$

*Note 1.*  $f(x.)$  is a net in  $Y$ :

$$D \xrightarrow{x} X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

## 2 Subnet

Recall that given a sequence  $x_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  in a set  $X$ , a subsequence  $x_{n_k} (k \in \mathbb{N})$  is composite map

$$\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{n.} \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{x.} X$$

(denote  $x(n(k))$  as  $x_{n_k}$ ), where  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{n.} \mathbb{N}$  is a monotone injection. We now want to generalize this conception.

**Definition 4** (Final Map). Let  $(D, \geq)$  and  $(D', \geq')$  be directed sets, a map  $D' \xrightarrow{h} D$  is a final map (w.r.t.  $\geq$  and  $\geq'$ ) if  $\forall \delta \in D, \exists \delta' \in D', \text{ s.t. } \forall \alpha \in D', \alpha \geq \delta' \Rightarrow h(\alpha) \geq \delta$ .

*Note 2.* Final map analogizes the monotones of  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{n} \mathbb{N}$ . Final map require the tail of the map is monotones.

**Definition 5.** Let  $D' \xrightarrow{h} D$  is a final map between directed sets, net  $x_{h(\cdot)}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & x_{h(\cdot)} & & \\ & \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowleft & \\ D' & \xrightarrow{h} & D & \xrightarrow{x} & X \end{array}$$

is called a subnet of  $x$ .

**Exercise 4.** If a net  $x$  converges to  $x_0$  show that the subnet  $x_{h(\cdot)}$  converges to  $x_0$  as well.

*Proof.* For any open nbd.  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $\exists \delta \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in U \Rightarrow \exists \delta' \in D', \forall \alpha' \geq \delta', h(\alpha') \geq \delta \Rightarrow x_{h(\alpha')} \in U \Rightarrow x_{h(\cdot)}$  converges to  $x_0$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 5.** Let  $X$  be a set,  $x$  is a net in  $X$ ,  $S \subseteq X$ . Show that  $x$  lies in  $S$  frequently  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  subnet of  $x$  lies in  $S$  eventually.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ :  $D \xrightarrow{x} X$  lies in  $S$  frequently, then  $\forall \delta \in D, \exists \alpha_\delta \in D$ , s.t.  $\alpha_\delta \geq \delta$  and  $x_{\alpha_\delta} \in S$ . Then we can for a final map  $D \xrightarrow{h} D$  where  $\delta \mapsto \alpha_\delta$ . Thus for any  $\alpha_\delta \in D$ ,  $\exists \alpha_\delta \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \alpha_\delta \Rightarrow \alpha \geq \alpha_\delta$ , thus  $h$  is a final map, and  $x_{h(\cdot)}$  is a subnet of  $x$  and for any  $\alpha \in D, x_{h(\alpha)} = x_{\alpha_\delta} \in S \Rightarrow x_{h(\cdot)}$  lies in  $S$  eventually.

$\Leftarrow$ : if  $D \xrightarrow{x} X$  has an subnet  $D' \xrightarrow{x_{h(\cdot)}} X$  which lies in  $S$  eventually. Then  $\exists \beta \in D'$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha' \in D', \alpha' \geq \beta \Rightarrow x_{h(\alpha')} \in S$ . On the other hand,  $\forall \delta \in D, \exists \delta' \in D'$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha' \in D', \alpha' \geq \delta' \Rightarrow h(\alpha') \geq \delta$ . Since  $D'$  is directed set,  $\exists \gamma \in D'$ , s.t.  $\gamma \geq \beta$  and  $\gamma \geq \delta'$ , then  $h(\gamma) \geq \delta$  and  $x_{h(\gamma)} \in S$ .

Collectively,  $\forall \delta \in D, \exists h(\gamma) \in D$ , s.t.  $h(\gamma) \geq \delta$  and  $x_{h(\gamma)} \in S \Rightarrow x$  lies in  $S$  frequently.  $\square$

**Definition 6** (Universal Net). A net  $x$  in a set  $X$  is universal if  $\forall A \subseteq X$  either  $x$  lies in  $A$  eventually or  $x$  lies in  $X \setminus A$  eventually.

**Exercise 6.**  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  is a map, show that  $x$  is a universal net in  $X \Rightarrow f(x)$  is universal net in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* For any  $B \subseteq Y, f^{-1}(B) \subseteq X$ , since  $D \xrightarrow{x} X$  is a universal net,  $x$  lies in  $f^{-1}(B)$  eventually or  $X \setminus f^{-1}(B)$ .

If  $x$  lies in  $f^{-1}(B)$  eventually,  $\exists \delta \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in f^{-1}(B) \Rightarrow f(x_\alpha) \in B$ ; If  $x$  lies in  $X \setminus f^{-1}(B)$  eventually,  $\exists \delta \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in X \setminus f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(Y) \setminus f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus B) \Rightarrow f(x_\alpha) \in Y \setminus B$ . Thus  $f(x)$  is a universal net in  $Y$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 7.** Show that every subnet of a universal net is universal.

*Proof.* Suppose  $D \xrightarrow{x} X$  is a universal net in  $X$  which has a subnet  $D' \xrightarrow{x_{h(\cdot)}} X$ . And for any  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $x$  lies in  $A$  or  $X \setminus A$  eventually. Suppose  $x$  lies in  $A$ , then  $\exists \delta \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \delta \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in A$ . On the other hand,  $\exists \delta' \in D'$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha' \in D', \alpha' \geq \delta' \Rightarrow h(\alpha') \geq \delta \Rightarrow x_{h(\alpha')} \in A \Rightarrow x_{h(\cdot)}$  lies in  $A$  eventually as well  $\Rightarrow x_{h(\cdot)}$  is universal.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** Every net has a universal subnet.

*Proof.* Let  $(D, \geq_D) \xrightarrow{x} X$  be a net in a set  $X$ , where  $(D, \geq_D)$  is a directed set.

1. Define  $\mathcal{Y}$  as the family of some families  $\mathcal{A} (\subseteq \mathcal{P}(X))$  of subsets of  $X$  such that

- (a)  $\forall A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $x$  lies in  $A$  frequently;
- (b)  $\forall A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{A}, A_1 \cap A_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ .

That is the element of  $\mathcal{Y}$  is the family of subsets of  $X$  that satisfies the above conditions. Thus  $\mathcal{Y} \neq \emptyset$  (since  $\{X\} \in \mathcal{Y}$ ) and  $(\mathcal{Y}, \subseteq)$  is a poset. We now apply Zorn's lemma to get a maximal element of  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a chain in  $\mathcal{Y}$  w.r.t.  $\subseteq$ . Then we claim that  $\cup_{\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{Y}$  and is an upper bound of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

- (a) For any  $A \in \cup_{\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{A}$  there  $\exists \mathcal{A}' \in \mathcal{C}$ , s.t.  $A \in \mathcal{A}'$ , thus  $x$  lies in  $A$  eventually;
- (b) For any  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{A}$  there  $\exists \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2 \in \mathcal{C}$ , s.t.  $A_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2$  and  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is comparable with  $\mathcal{A}_2$  w.r.t.  $\subseteq$ , for example  $\mathcal{A}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_2$ , then  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2 \Rightarrow A_1 \cap A_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2 \subseteq \cup_{\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{A}$ .

Thus  $\exists$  maximal element  $\mathcal{A}_0$  of  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

2. Let  $D_0 := \{(A, \alpha) \in \mathcal{A}_0 \times D \mid x_\alpha \in A\}$  with the pre-order  $\geq_0$  on  $D_0$ :  $(A', \alpha') \geq_0 (A, \alpha) \Leftrightarrow A' \subseteq A$  and  $\alpha' \geq_D \alpha$ . Since

- (a) For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in D, A \subseteq A$  and  $\alpha \geq_D \alpha \Rightarrow (A, \alpha) \geq_0 (A, \alpha)$ ;
- (b) For any  $(A_1, \alpha_1), (A_2, \alpha_2), (A_3, \alpha_3) \in D_0, (A_1, \alpha_1) \geq_0 (A_2, \alpha_2)$  and  $(A_2, \alpha_2) \geq_0 (A_3, \alpha_3)$  means

$$\alpha_1 \geq_D \alpha_2 \geq_D \alpha_3$$

and

$$A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3$$

thus  $(A_1, \alpha_1) \geq_0 (A_3, \alpha_3)$

- (c) For any  $(A_1, \alpha_1), (A_2, \alpha_2) \in D_0, \mathcal{A}_0 \ni A_1 \cap A_2 \subseteq A_1$  and  $A_2$ ; and  $\exists \alpha' \geq_D \alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2 \Rightarrow D_0 \ni (A_1 \cap A_2, \alpha') \geq_0 (A_1, \alpha_1)$  and  $(A_2, \alpha_2)$ .

Thus  $(D_0, \geq_0)$  is a directed set.

3. And then we can define a final map  $D_0 \xrightarrow{h} D$  where  $(A, \alpha) \mapsto \alpha$ . Given  $\delta \in D$ , for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , since  $x$  lies in  $A$  frequently,  $\exists \alpha \in D$ , s.t.  $\alpha \geq \delta$  and  $x_\alpha \in A$ , and hence  $(A, \alpha) \in D_0$ . For any  $(A', \alpha') \geq_0 (A, \alpha)$ , we have that  $h((A', \alpha')) = \alpha' \geq \alpha \geq \delta$ , thus  $h$  is a final map.

In particular, we denote the subnet of  $x$ , i.e. the composite of  $D_0 \xrightarrow{h} D \xrightarrow{x} X$  as  $D_0 \xrightarrow{y:=x \circ h} X$  where  $(A, \alpha) \mapsto x_\alpha = y_{(A, \alpha)}$ .

4. Let  $S \subseteq X$ , we will show that the subnet  $y$  is universal: if  $\neg (y \text{ lies in } X \setminus S \text{ eventually}) \Leftrightarrow (y \text{ lies in } S \text{ frequently})$  then we will show that it implies  $y$  lies in  $S$  eventually.

For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}_0$ ,  $x$  lies in  $A$  frequently  $\Rightarrow$  for any  $\delta \in D$ , there exists  $\alpha \in D$ , s.t.  $\alpha \geq_D \delta$  and  $x_\alpha \in A$  and hence  $(A, \alpha) \in D_0$ . And since  $y$  lies in  $S$  frequently,  $\exists (A_1, \alpha_1) \in D_0$ , s.t.  $(A_1, \alpha_1) \geq_0 (A, \alpha)$ , (i.e.  $A_1 \subseteq A$  and  $\alpha_1 \geq_D \alpha_0$ ) and  $y_{(A_1, \alpha_1)} \in S$ . And  $y_{(A_1, \alpha_1)} = x_{\alpha_1} \in A_1$  since  $(A_1, \alpha_1) \in D_0$ . Thus

$$x_{\alpha_1} = y_{(A_1, \alpha_1)} \in S \cap A_1 \subseteq S \cap A$$

thus  $x$  lies in  $S \cap A$  frequently for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}_0$  and thus  $x$  lies in  $S$  frequently, thus we have that

$$\mathcal{A}_0 \cup \{S \cap A \mid A \in \mathcal{A}_0\} \cup \{S\} \in Y$$

by the definition of  $Y$ , and since  $\mathcal{A}_0$  is the maximal element of  $Y \Rightarrow S \in \mathcal{A}_0$ .

If  $\neg (y \text{ lies in } S \text{ eventually})$  holds, then  $y$  lies in  $X \setminus S$  frequently holds  $\Rightarrow X \setminus S \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , thus  $S, X \setminus S \in \mathcal{A}_0 \Rightarrow \emptyset = S \cap (X \setminus S) \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , which leads to a contradiction with  $x$  lies in it frequently.

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*Note 3.* Thus we have a corollary: if  $x$  is a universal net in  $X$ ,  $S \subseteq X$ , then  $\neg (x \text{ lies in } S \text{ eventually}) \Rightarrow x \text{ lies in } X \setminus S \text{ eventually}$ .

### 3 Net and Compactness

**Proposition 1.** Let  $X$  be a topology space, the following are equivalent:

1.  $X$  is a compact space;
2.  $\forall$  family  $\mathcal{F}$  of closed subsets of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  has FIP  $\Leftrightarrow \bigcap \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$ ;
3.  $\forall$  universal net in  $X$  converges;
4.  $\forall$  net in  $X$  has a convergent subnet.

*Proof.* We will prove this in order  $1 \Rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 1$ .

$1 \Rightarrow 3$ : Suppose that  $x_\alpha (\alpha \in D)$  is a universal net in  $X$  which does not converge to any  $x \in X$ , thus  $\exists$  open nbd.  $U_x$  of  $x$  in  $X$  s.t.  $\neg (x \text{ lies in } U_x \text{ eventually}) \Rightarrow x \text{ lies in } X \setminus U_x$  frequently. Since  $X = \bigcup_{x \in X} U_x$  and  $X$  is compact, there  $\exists$  finite  $X_0 \subseteq X$ , s.t.  $X = \bigcup_{x \in X_0} U_x \Rightarrow \emptyset = \bigcup_{x \in X_0} (X \setminus U_x)$  which leads to a contradiction with  $x$  lies in  $X \setminus U_x$  frequently.

$3 \Rightarrow 4$ :  $\forall$  net in  $X$  has a universal subnet and it is convergent by 3.

$4 \Rightarrow 2$ : Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of closed subsets of  $X$  which has FIP, we can **expand** it as  $\mathcal{F}' := \{\bigcap_{i=1}^m F_i \mid m \in \mathbb{N}, F_i \in \mathcal{F}, i = 1, \dots, m\}$ . Note that there are 3 facts for  $\mathcal{F}'$ :

1.  $\mathcal{F}'$  also has FIP;  
since finite intersection of  $\mathcal{F}'$  is a finite intersection of  $\mathcal{F}$ ;
2.  $\cap \mathcal{F}' = \cap \mathcal{F}$ ;  
since for any  $c \in \cap \mathcal{F}' \Rightarrow c \in$  every finite intersection of  $\mathcal{F} \Rightarrow c \in \cap_{F \in \{F\}} F = F$  for  $\forall F \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow c \in \cap \mathcal{F}$ . On the contrary, for any  $c \in \cap \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow c \in F$  for any  $F \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow c \in \mathcal{F}'$ .
3.  $\mathcal{F}'$  is closed under  $\cap$ .

It is direct to see that  $(\mathcal{F}', \geq')$  with  $\geq' := \subseteq$  is a directed set. For any  $C \in \mathcal{F}'$ , (it is finite intersection of  $\mathcal{F}$  and hence  $C \neq \emptyset$ ), choose  $x_C \in C$  and form a net  $\mathcal{F}' \xrightarrow{x} X$  where  $C \mapsto x_C$ .

By 4, net  $x$  has a convergent subnet, that is  $\exists$  a final map  $D \xrightarrow{h} \mathcal{F}'$  for some directed set  $(D, \geq_D)$ , s.t. subnet  $D \xrightarrow{y} X$  (where  $\alpha \mapsto x_{h(\alpha)} = y_\alpha$ ) converges to some point  $x \in X$ .

Since  $h$  is final,  $\forall C \in \mathcal{F}', \exists \alpha \in D, \forall \beta \in D, \beta \geq_D \alpha \Rightarrow h(\beta) \geq C \Leftrightarrow h(\beta) \subseteq C$  and thus

$$y_\beta = x_{h(\beta)} \in h(\beta) \subseteq C$$

thus  $y$  lies in  $C$  eventually. For any  $C \in \mathcal{F}'$ ,  $y$  converges to  $x \Rightarrow x \in C$  since  $C$  is closed, thus  $x \in \cap_{C \in \mathcal{F}'} C = \cap \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$ .

$2 \Rightarrow 1$ : has been given in *Point Set Topology Lecture 6*. □

*Remark 4.*  $1 \Rightarrow 3$ : A common routine to utilize the compactness of  $X$ : find an open nbd.  $U_x$  for any  $x \in X$ , and then  $X = \cup_{x \in X} U_x$ .

$4 \Rightarrow 2$ : The key to form a net is to find some sets  $\neq \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $X_j (j \in J)$  be a family of topology spaces and  $D \xrightarrow{x} \prod_{j \in J} X_j$  where  $\alpha \mapsto x_\alpha = (x_{\alpha_j})_{j \in J}$  be a net. There are groups of corresponding projective nets  $D \xrightarrow{x_j} X_j$  where  $\alpha \mapsto x_{\alpha_j}$  for  $j \in J$ .

Then  $x$  converges to  $x$  in  $\prod_{j \in J} X_j$  (equipped with the product topology)  $\Leftrightarrow \forall j \in J, x_{\cdot j}$  converges  $x_j$  in  $X_j$  where  $x_j = \pi_j(x)$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Since  $\prod_{j \in J} X_j \xrightarrow{\pi_k} X_k$  where  $(x_j)_{j \in J} \mapsto x_k$  is continuous and  $x_{\cdot k} = \pi_k(x_{\cdot})$ , then  $x_{\cdot} \rightarrow x \in \prod_{j \in J} X_j \Rightarrow x_{\cdot k} = \pi_k(x_{\cdot}) \rightarrow \pi_k(x) = x_k$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Recall that  $\mathcal{B} := \{\prod_{j \in J} Y_j \mid Y_j \subseteq_{\text{open}} X_j (j \in J) \wedge \{j \in J \mid Y_j \neq X_j\} \text{ is finite}\}$  is a basis of the product space  $\prod_{j \in J} X_j$ . For any open nbd.  $U$  of  $x$ , there exists  $\prod_{j \in J} Y_j \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.

$$x \in \prod_{j \in J} Y_j \subseteq U$$

Let  $J_0 = \{j \in J \mid Y_j \subsetneq X_j\}$ , which is a finite set.  $x_{\cdot j}$  converges to  $x_j \in X_j \Rightarrow x_{\cdot j}$  lies in  $Y_j$  eventually i.e.  $\exists \alpha_j \in D$ , s.t.  $\forall \alpha \in D, \alpha \geq \alpha_j \Rightarrow x_{\alpha_j} \in Y_j$  for all  $j \in J_0$ .

Choose  $\tilde{\alpha} \in D$ , s.t.  $\tilde{\alpha} \geq \alpha_j$  for all  $j \in J_0$ , then for  $D \ni \alpha \geq \tilde{\alpha}$ ,  $x_{\alpha_j} \in Y_j$  for all  $j \in J_0$  and hence for all  $j \in J$ . □

**Theorem 2** (Tychonoff Theorem). *For compact space  $X_j (j \in J)$  the product space  $\prod_{j \in J} X_j =: X$  is also compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $x.$  be a universal net in  $X$ , then  $x_{.j} = \pi_j(x.)$  is a universal net in  $X_j$ , for every  $j \in J \Rightarrow x_{.j}$  converges in  $X_j$  since  $X_j$  is compact  $\Rightarrow x.$  converges by Lemma  $\Rightarrow X$  is compact.  $\square$