

# I–Convergence of Ultra filters

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**Abstract-** In this paper, we have extended the idea of I–convergence of filters to the I–convergence of ultra-filters containing that filter and studied its various properties.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The concept of convergence of a sequence of real numbers has been extended to statistical convergence independently by H. Fast [4] and I. J. Schoenberg [24]. Kostyrko et. al in [10] and [11] generalized the notion of statistical convergence and introduced the concept of I–convergence of real sequences which is based on the structure of the ideal  $I$  of subsets of the set of natural numbers. Mursaleen et. al [16] defined and studied the notion of ideal convergence in random 2–normed spaces and construct some interesting examples. Several works on I–convergence and statistical convergence have been done in [1], [3], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [15], [16], [17], [18], [19], [23].

The idea of I–convergence has been extended from real number space to metric space [10] and to a normed linear space [22] in recent works. Later the idea of I–convergence was extended to an arbitrary topological space by B. K. Lahiri and P. Das in [13]. It was observed that the basic properties remained preserved in topological spaces. Lahiri and Das [14] introduced the idea of I–convergence of nets in topological spaces and examined how far it affects the basic properties.

Taking the idea of [14], Jamwal et. al introduced the idea of I–convergence of filters in [6] and studied its various properties. Jamwal et. al reintroduced the idea of I–convergence of nets in topological spaces and established the equivalence of I–convergences of nets and filters on topological spaces in [7]. In [8], Jamwal et. al introduced the idea of I–cluster point of filters and studied its various properties. Jamwal et. al established the equivalence of I–cluster points of filters and cluster points of nets as well as the equivalence of I–cluster points of filters and nets in [9].

We start with the following definitions:

*Definition 1.1* Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Then a family  $\mathcal{F} \subset 2^X$  is called a *filter* on  $X$  if

- (i)  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$ ,
- (ii)  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$  implies  $A \cap B \in \mathcal{F}$  and
- (iii)  $A \in \mathcal{F}, B \supset A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{F}$ .

*Definition 1.2* Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Then a family  $\mathcal{I} \subset 2^X$  is called an *ideal* of  $X$  if

- (i)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$ ,
- (ii)  $A, B \in \mathcal{I}$  implies  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$  and
- (iii)  $A \in \mathcal{I}, B \subset A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{I}$ .

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*Note* (i)  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}) = \{A \subset X : X \setminus A \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is a filter on  $X$ , called the *filter associated with the ideal*  $\mathcal{I}$ .

(ii)  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{F}) = \{A \subset X : X \setminus A \in \mathcal{F}\}$  is an ideal of  $X$ , called the *ideal associated with the filter*  $\mathcal{F}$ .

(iii) A non-trivial ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $X$  is called *admissible* if  $\mathcal{I}$  contains all the singleton subsets of  $X$ .

Several examples of non-trivial admissible ideals have been considered in [10].

Throughout this paper,  $X$  will stand for a topological space and  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{F})$  will be the ideal associated with the filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$ .

We give a brief discussion on I–convergence and I–cluster points of filters and nets in topological spaces as given by [6], [7], [8], [9].

*Definition 1.5* A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  is said to be *I–convergent* to  $x_0 \in X$  if for each nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $\{y \in X : y \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$ .

In this case,  $x_0$  is called an *I–limit* of  $\mathcal{F}$  and is written as  $I - \lim \mathcal{F} = x_0$ .

*Definition 1.6* A point  $x_0 \in X$  is called an *I–cluster point* of a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  if for each nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $\{y \in$

$X : y \in U \} \notin I$ . In other words,  $x_0 \in X$  is called an  $I$ -cluster point of  $\mathcal{F}$  if  $U \notin I$ , for each nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$ . Equivalently,  $x_0$  is an  $I$ -cluster point of  $\mathcal{F}$  if for each nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $\{V \in \mathcal{P}(X) : U \subset V\} \notin I$ .

**Definition 1.7** Let  $I$  be a non-trivial ideal of subsets of  $X$ . Let  $\lambda : D \rightarrow X$  be a net in  $X$ , where  $D$  is a directed set. Then  $\lambda$  is said to be  $I$ -convergent to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if for each nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $\{\lambda(c) \in X : \lambda(c) \notin U\} \in I$ .

**Notation** In case more than one filters is involved, we use the notation  $I(\mathcal{F})$  to denote the ideal associated with the corresponding filter  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Proposition 1.8** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $X$  such that  $I - \lim \mathcal{F} = x_0$ . Then every filter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  finer than  $\mathcal{F}$  also  $I$ -converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Proposition 1.9** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $X$  such that  $I - \lim \mathcal{F} = x_0$ . Then every filter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  coarser than  $\mathcal{F}$  also  $I$ -converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Proposition 1.10** Let  $M$  be a collection of all those filters  $\mathcal{G}$  on a space  $X$  which  $I(\mathcal{G})$ -converge to the same point  $x_0 \in X$ . Then the intersection  $\mathcal{F}$  of all the filters in  $M$   $I(\mathcal{F})$ -converges to  $x_0$ .

**Proposition 1.11** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be a filter on  $X$  finer than  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  has  $x_0$  as an  $I(\mathcal{G})$ -cluster point if and only if  $I(\mathcal{G}) - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ .

**Proposition 1.12** If  $X$  is Hausdorff, then an  $I$ -convergent filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  has a unique  $I$ -limit.

**Proposition 1.13** If every  $I$ -convergent filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  has a unique  $I$ -limit, then the space  $X$  is Hausdorff.

**Proposition 1.14** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be any other filter on  $X$  finer than  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $I(\mathcal{F}) - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$  implies  $I(\mathcal{G}) - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ . But not conversely.

**Proposition 1.15** Let  $E \subset X$ . Then  $x_0 \in E$  if and only if there is a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  such that  $E \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $I - \lim \mathcal{F} = x_0$ .

**Theorem 1.16** A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0 \in X$  if and only if every derived net  $\lambda$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Theorem 1.17** A net  $\lambda : D \rightarrow X$  converges to  $x_0 \in X$  if and only if the derived filter  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\lambda$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Theorem 1.18** A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0 \in X$  if and only if every derived net  $\lambda$  of  $\mathcal{F}$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Lemma 1.19** A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if every derived net  $\lambda$  of  $\mathcal{F}$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Theorem 1.20** Let  $\lambda : D \rightarrow X$  be a net in  $X$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a derived filter of  $\lambda$ . Then  $\lambda$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if the derived filter  $\mathcal{F}$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Theorem 1.21** A filter  $\mathcal{F}$   $I_X$ -converges to  $x$  in  $X = \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  if and only if  $p_\alpha(\mathcal{F})$   $I_{X_\alpha}$ -converges to  $p_\alpha(x)$ ,  $\forall \alpha$ , where  $I_X = I_X(\mathcal{F})$  and  $I_{X_\alpha} = I_{X_\alpha}(p_\alpha(\mathcal{F}))$ .

## II. I-CONVERGENCE OF ULTRAFILTERS

We begin this section with the following results.

**Theorem 2.1** A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if every ultrafilter on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $I - \lim \mathcal{F} = x_0$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . Since  $\mathcal{G} \supset \mathcal{F}$ , by Proposition 1.8,  $I - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

Conversely, suppose that every ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  containing the filter  $\mathcal{F}$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ . By Proposition 1.14,  $I(\mathcal{G}) - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ .

Since  $I(\mathcal{G}) - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ , by Proposition 1.10 the filter  $\bigcap \{\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{G} \supset \mathcal{F} \text{ and } \mathcal{G} \text{ } I(\mathcal{G}) \text{-converges to } x_0\}$   $I(\mathcal{F})$ -converges to  $x_0$ . Evidently, the value of this intersection is  $\mathcal{F}$  (By Proposition 7, page 61, [2]). Consequently,  $\mathcal{F}$  also  $I$ -converges to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

**Lemma 2.2** If a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$   $I(\mathcal{F})$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$ , then every ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$   $I(\mathcal{G})$ -converges to  $x_0$ . But not conversely.

**Proof.** It follows from above Theorem 2.1 and Proposition 1.14.

But converse may not be true. That is, if an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  containing a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$   $I(\mathcal{G})$ -converges to  $x_0 \in X$ , then the filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  may not  $I(\mathcal{F})$ -converge to  $x_0$ . Consider the example:

Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{2, 3\}, X\}$  be a topology on  $X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{\{2, 3\}, X\}$  be a filter on  $X$ . Then  $I(\mathcal{F}) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}\}$  is an ideal associated with  $\mathcal{F}$ .

It is easy to see that  $I(\mathcal{F}) - \lim \mathcal{F} = 3$ .

Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, X\}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $I(\mathcal{G}) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}\}$ .

We can easily see that 1, 2 and 3 are  $I(\mathcal{G})$ -limits of  $\mathcal{G}$ . But 2 is not an  $I(\mathcal{F})$ -limit of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $I(\mathcal{G}) - \lim \mathcal{F} = x_0$  if and only if  $I(\mathcal{G}) - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $I(\mathcal{G}) - \lim \mathcal{F} = x_0 \dots (*)$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . We have to show that  $I(\mathcal{G}) - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ . For this, let  $U$  be a nbd of  $x_0$ . We claim that  $\{y \in X : y \notin U\} \in I(\mathcal{G})$ . The claim follows clearly by  $(*)$ .

Hence  $I(\mathcal{G}) - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ .

Converse follows clearly by Proposition 1.9.

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  has  $x_0$  as an  $I$ -cluster point if and only if  $\mathcal{G}$  is  $I$ -convergent to  $x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then by Proposition 1.11,  $\mathcal{F}$  has  $x_0$  as an  $I$ -cluster point if and only if  $I - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ .

**Theorem 2.5** An ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$   $I$ -converges to a point  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if  $x_0$  is an  $I$ -cluster point of  $\mathcal{G}$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $I - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ . Then by Proposition 1.11,  $I$ -cluster point of  $\mathcal{G}$  is  $x_0$ . This is because  $\mathcal{G}$  is maximal and a filter finer than  $\mathcal{G}$  is  $\mathcal{G}$  itself.

Conversely, suppose  $x_0$  is an  $I$ -cluster point of the ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$ . Then by Proposition 1.11, there is a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  finer than  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $I(\mathcal{F}) - \lim \mathcal{F} = x_0$ . But  $\mathcal{G}$  is maximal, so  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G}$ .

Hence  $I - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ .

**Theorem 2.6**  $X$  is Hausdorff if and only if every  $I$ -convergent ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  has a unique  $I$ -limit, where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $X$  is Hausdorff. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an  $I$ -convergent ultrafilter on  $X$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter on  $X$ , by Proposition 1.12,  $\mathcal{F}$  has a unique  $I$ -limit.

Conversely, suppose each  $I$ -convergent ultrafilter on  $X$  has a unique  $I$ -limit. We have to show that  $X$  is Hausdorff. Suppose  $X$  is not Hausdorff. Then by Proposition 1.13, there exists an  $I$ -convergent filter, say  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  which does not have a unique  $I(\mathcal{F})$ -limit. By above Theorem 2.1, there exists an  $I(\mathcal{F})$ -convergent ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$  which does not have a unique  $I(\mathcal{F})$ -limit and so by Proposition 1.14,  $\mathcal{G}$  does not have a unique  $I(\mathcal{G})$ -limit, which is a contradiction. Therefore, our supposition is wrong.

Hence  $X$  is Hausdorff.

**Proposition 2.7** A space  $X$  is compact if and only if each ultrafilter on  $X$  is  $I$ -convergent.

*Proof.* First suppose  $X$  is compact. We have to show that each ultrafilter on  $X$  is  $I$ -convergent. Suppose not. Then there is an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{F}$  does not  $I$ -converge to any  $x \in X$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{F})$ . Then for each  $x$  in  $X$ , there is an (open) nbd  $U_x$  containing  $x$  such that  $\{V \in \mathcal{P}(X) : U_x \cap V = \emptyset\} \notin I \dots (*)$ .

Clearly,  $\{U_x : x \in X\}$  is an open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is compact, the above open cover of  $X$  has a finite sub cover, say  $\{U_{x_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Now,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{x_i} = X$  and  $X \in \mathcal{F}$

$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{x_i} \in \mathcal{F}$

$\Rightarrow U_{x_i} \in \mathcal{F}$ , for some  $i$

$\Rightarrow X \setminus U_{x_i} \in I$ , for some  $i$ , which contradicts  $(*)$  as  $U_{x_i} \cap (X \setminus U_{x_i}) = \emptyset$  implies  $X \setminus U_{x_i} \notin I$ , for any  $i$ . Thus our supposition is wrong.

This proves that each ultrafilter on  $X$  is  $I$ -convergent. Conversely, suppose each ultrafilter on  $X$  is  $I$ -convergent. We have to show that  $X$  is compact. Suppose the contrary that  $X$  is not compact. Then there is an open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  with no finite subcover. Let  $B = \{X \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i : U_i \in \mathcal{U}, i=1, 2, \dots, n; n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then clearly,  $B$  is a non-empty family of non-empty subsets of  $X$  which is closed under finite intersection and so a filter base for some filter, say  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$ . Since

every filter is contained in an ultrafilter, there is an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{G}$ . By the given condition,  $\mathcal{G}$  is  $I$ -convergent, where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ . Suppose  $I - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ . Then for each nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $\{V \in \mathcal{P}(X) : U \cap V = \emptyset\} \subset I \cdot \dots (**)$ .

Now clearly,  $X \setminus U \in \mathcal{B}$  and so  $X \setminus U \in \mathcal{G}$ .

Now  $U, X \setminus U \in \mathcal{G}$  implies  $U \cap (X \setminus U) \in \mathcal{G}$ . That is,  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{G}$ , which is not true. Thus our supposition is wrong.

Hence  $X$  is compact.

We recall the following:

Maps between the sets can be put to act on ultrafilters. More precisely, one has the following construction.

Suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a map and  $\mathcal{U}$  is an ultrafilter on  $X$ . Consider the collection

$f^*(\mathcal{U}) = \{V \subset Y : f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{U}\}$ . Then  $f^*(\mathcal{U})$  is clearly an ultrafilter on  $Y$ . With the above notations, we have  $f(U) \in f^*(\mathcal{U}), \forall U \in \mathcal{U}$ .

*Proposition 2.8* Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. Then  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  if and only if whenever  $\mathcal{U}$  is an ultrafilter on  $X$  with  $I_X - \lim \mathcal{U} = x_0$ , then  $f^*(\mathcal{U})$  is an ultrafilter on  $Y$  with  $I_Y - \lim f^*(\mathcal{U}) = f(x_0)$ , where  $I_X = I_X(\mathcal{U})$  and  $I_Y = I_Y(f^*(\mathcal{U}))$ .

*Proof.* First suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $x_0$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  such that  $I_X - \lim \mathcal{U} = x_0$ . Then for each nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $\{W \in \mathcal{P}(X) : U \cap W = \emptyset\} \subset I_X \cdot \dots (*)$ . By above recall  $f^*(\mathcal{U})$  is an ultrafilter on  $Y$ . We have to show that  $I_Y - \lim f^*(\mathcal{U}) = f(x_0)$ . For this, let  $V$  be a nbd of  $f(x_0)$  in  $Y$ . We claim that  $\{T \in \mathcal{P}(Y) : V \cap T = \emptyset\} \subset I_Y$ . So, let  $T \in \mathcal{P}(Y)$  such that  $V \cap T = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , for above nbd  $V$  of  $f(x_0)$ , there exists a nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ . Now,  $V \cap T = \emptyset$  implies that  $T \subset Y \setminus V \subset Y \setminus f(U) \dots (**)$ .

Now, from  $(*)$ ,  $U \cap (X \setminus U) = \emptyset$  implies that  $X \setminus U \in I_X$  and so  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ . This further implies that  $f(U) \in f^*(\mathcal{U})$ . Thus  $Y \setminus f(U) \in I_Y$ . Since ideal is closed under subsets, from  $(**)$ ,  $T \in I_Y$ .

This proves that  $I_Y - \lim f^*(\mathcal{U}) = f(x_0)$ .

Conversely, suppose the condition holds. We have to show that  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ . Suppose the contrary that  $f$  is not continuous at  $x_0$ . Then there exists a nbd  $V$  of  $f(x_0)$  such that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is not a nbd of  $x_0$ . Consider  $\mathcal{F} = \{U \setminus f^{-1}(V) : U \text{ is a nbd of } x_0\}$ . Our

assumption on  $V$  shows that all the sets in  $\mathcal{F}$  are non-empty. Otherwise,  $f^{-1}(V)$  would contain some nbd of  $x_0$ , which would force  $f^{-1}(V)$  itself to be a nbd of  $x_0$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter on  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . We claim that  $I_X - \lim \mathcal{U} = x_0$ , where  $I_X = I_X(\mathcal{U})$ . For this, let  $U$  be a nbd of  $x_0$ . We need to show that  $\{W \in \mathcal{P}(X) : U \cap W = \emptyset\} \subset I_X$ . So let  $W \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  such that  $U \cap W = \emptyset$ .

Now,  $U \cap W = \emptyset$  implies  $W \subset X \setminus U \dots (***)$ .

We first show that  $\mathcal{U}_{x_0} \subset \mathcal{U}$ . Suppose not. Then there is a nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that  $U \notin \mathcal{U}$ . Then clearly,  $X \setminus U \in \mathcal{U}$ . Now,  $X \setminus U, U \setminus f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{U}$  implies that  $\emptyset = (X \setminus U) \cap (U \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \in \mathcal{U}$ , which is not possible. Thus  $\mathcal{U}_{x_0} \subset \mathcal{U}$ . That is,  $U \in \mathcal{U}, \forall U \in \mathcal{U}_{x_0}$ . So,  $X \setminus U \in I_X, \forall U \in \mathcal{U}_{x_0}$ . Since  $I_X$  is an ideal of  $X$ , from  $(***)$ ,  $W \in I_X$ . This proves that  $\{W \in \mathcal{P}(X) : U \cap W = \emptyset\} \subset I_X$ .

Hence  $I_X - \lim \mathcal{U} = x_0$ .

By the given condition,  $I_Y - \lim f^*(\mathcal{U}) = f(x_0)$ .

Since  $V$  is a nbd of  $f(x_0)$  and  $f^*(\mathcal{U})$  is  $I_Y$ -convergent to  $f(x_0)$ , it follows that  $V \in f^*(\mathcal{U})$ , which means that  $f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{U}$ . But this leads to a contradiction since  $X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  clearly belongs to  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{U}$ .

Therefore,  $f$  must be continuous at  $x_0$ .

### Characterization of Closure

*Proposition 2.9* Let  $E \subset X$ . Then  $x_0 \in E$  if and only if there is an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  such that  $E \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $I - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ .

*Proof.* First suppose  $x_0 \in E$ . Then each nbd of  $x_0$  meets  $E$ . That is,  $U \cap E \neq \emptyset, \forall U \in \mathcal{U}_{x_0}$ , where  $\mathcal{U}_{x_0}$  is the nbd system at  $x_0$ . Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{U \cap E : U \in \mathcal{U}_{x_0}\} \cup \mathcal{U}_{x_0}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is clearly a filter on  $X$  containing  $E$ .

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $E \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $U \in \mathcal{G}, \forall U \in \mathcal{U}_{x_0}$ . We shall show that  $I - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ . For this, let  $U$  be a nbd of  $x_0$ . We claim that  $\{V \in \mathcal{P}(X) : U \cap V = \emptyset\} \subset I$ .

So, let  $V \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Now,  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  implies that  $U \subset X \setminus V$ . Also,  $U \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a filter on  $X$  implies that  $X \setminus V \in \mathcal{G}$ . Thus  $V \in I$ .

Therefore,  $I - \lim \mathcal{G} = x_0$ .

Converse is obvious using Proposition 1.15.

*Theorem 2.10* An ultra-filter  $\mathcal{U}$   $I_X$ -converges to  $x$  in  $X = \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  if and only if  $p_\alpha(\mathcal{U})$   $I_{X_\alpha}$ -converges to  $p_\alpha(x), \forall \alpha$ , where  $I_X = I_X(\mathcal{U})$  and  $I_{X_\alpha} = I_{X_\alpha}(p_\alpha(\mathcal{U}))$ .

*Proof.* It follows by Theorem 1.21.

### III. EQUIVALENCE OF I-CONVERGENCE OF ULTRAFILTERS AND CONVERGENCE OF NETS

We start with the following terms.

We know that every filter is contained in an ultrafilter. An ultrafilter which contains a derived filter is called a *derived ultrafilter*.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an indexed filter on  $X$  with index set  $D$ . Any net  $\lambda : D \rightarrow X$  with  $\lambda(d) \in \mathcal{F}_d$  is called a *derived net* of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

A net  $\lambda : D \rightarrow X$  in  $X$  is said to be *convergent* to  $x_0 \in X$  if for each nbd  $U$  of  $x_0$ , there is some  $d \in D$  such that  $c \geq d$  in  $D$  implies that  $\lambda(c) \in U$ . In other words, some tail  $\Lambda_d = \{\lambda(c) : c \geq d \text{ in } D\} \subset U$ .

*Theorem 3.1* An ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if every derived net  $\lambda$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ .

*Proof.* Since every ultra-filter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  itself is a filter on  $X$ , the proof follows by Theorem 1.16.

*Lemma 3.2* An ultra-filter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if  $\mathcal{G}$  converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$

*Proof.* It follows from above Theorem 3.1 and the fact that an ultra-filter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if every derived net of  $\mathcal{G}$  converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$ .

*Theorem 3.3* A net  $\lambda : D \rightarrow X$  converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if the derived ultra-filter  $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$ .

*Proof* Suppose a net  $\lambda : D \rightarrow X$  converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$ . Then by Theorem 1.17, the derived filter, say  $\mathcal{F}$   $I(\mathcal{F})$ -converges to  $x_0$  and so the derived ultrafilter, say  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $I(\mathcal{F})$ -converges to  $x_0$ . By Proposition 1.14, the derived ultra-filter  $\mathcal{G}$   $I(\mathcal{G})$  -converges to  $x_0$ . Converse follows clearly by Theorem 1.17.

### IV. EQUIVALENCE OF I-CONVERGENCE OF ULTRAFILTERS AND I-CONVERGENCE OF NETS

*Theorem 4.1* An ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if every derived net  $\lambda$  of  $\mathcal{G}$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ .

*Proof.* Since every ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  itself is a filter on  $X$ , the proof follows by Theorem 1.18.

*Lemma 4.2* An ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if every derived net  $\lambda$  of  $\mathcal{G}$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* It follows from above Theorem 4.1 and Lemma 1.19.

*Theorem 4.3* Let  $\lambda : D \rightarrow X$  be a net in  $X$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be a derived ultrafilter of  $\lambda$ . Then  $\lambda$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$  if and only if  $\mathcal{G}$   $I$ -converges to  $x_0$  in  $X$ , where  $I = I(\mathcal{G})$ .

*Proof.* It follows clearly by Theorem 1.20.

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