

Compactness, Mostly

Def^o: A cover of a space X is a collection \mathcal{A} of subsets of X st

$\bigcup \mathcal{A} \supseteq X$. A cover consisting of open sets is called an open cover.

A subcollection of \mathcal{A} which still covers X is called a subcover.

A space X is Lindelöf if every open cover of X has a countable subcover.

Thm: 2^{nd} Countable \Rightarrow Lindelöf

Pf: Let $\mathcal{B} = \{B_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a ctble base for X . \mathcal{U} is an open cover of X . Then for each $U \in \mathcal{U}$, and $x \in U$, $\exists B_{x,U} \in \mathcal{B}$ st $x \in B_{x,U} \subseteq U$.

Note that since \mathcal{B} is ctble, $\mathcal{B}' = \{B_{x,U} : x \in U, U \in \mathcal{U}\} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ is also ctble. Clearly, $\forall x \in X$, $x \in U$ for some $U \in \mathcal{U}$, so $x \in B_{x,U}$ for some

$B_{x,U} \in \mathcal{B}'$. Thus $X = \bigcup \mathcal{B}'$, i.e. \mathcal{B}' is a cover of X . Since \mathcal{B}' is ctble,

$\mathcal{B}' = \{B_{x_n, U_n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, but then since $B_{x_n, U_n} \subseteq U_n \in \mathcal{U}$, $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_{x_n, U_n} \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_n$

so U_n is a ctble subcover. \square

Thm: For (X, ρ) a metric space, 2^{nd} ctble \Leftrightarrow Lindelöf

Pf: \Rightarrow X is Lindelöf. Let $\mathcal{U}_n = \{B_\rho(x, \frac{1}{n}) : x \in X\}$. Clearly, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, \mathcal{U}_n is an open cover of X , so it has a ctble subcover \mathcal{U}_n^* .

Let $\mathcal{U} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{U}_n^*$. This is a ctble union of countable sets so \mathcal{U} is countable.

Further, let $W \in \mathcal{U}$ with $x \in W$, then of course,

$\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ st $B_\rho(x, \frac{1}{m}) \subseteq W$, since $B_x = \{B_\rho(x, \epsilon) : \epsilon > 0\}$ is a nbhd base

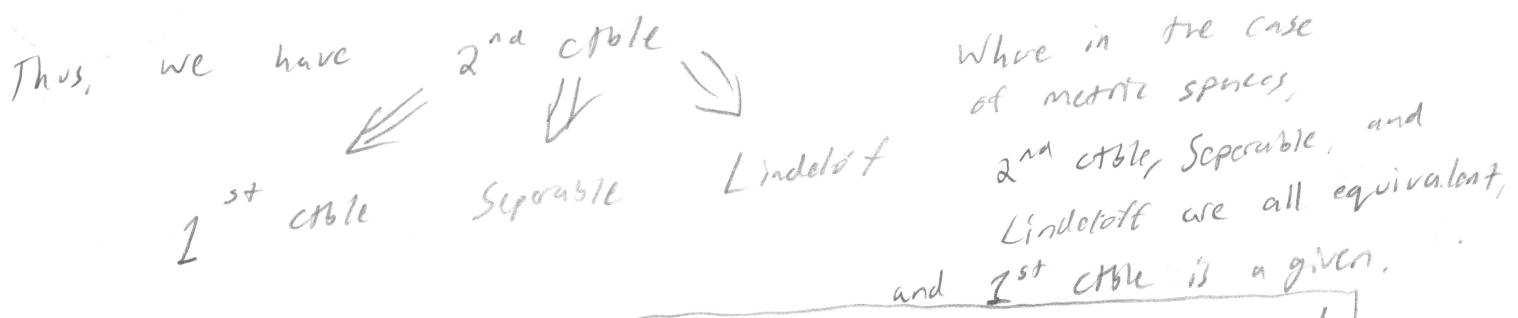
and the archimedean property. Now, since \mathcal{U}_m^* covers X , $\exists B_\rho(y, \frac{1}{2m}) \in \mathcal{U}_m^*$

st $x \in B_\rho(y, \frac{1}{2m})$. But then $\forall z \in B_\rho(y, \frac{1}{2m})$, $\rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z)$

$$< \frac{2}{2m} = \frac{1}{m}$$

so $z \in B_p(x, \frac{1}{m})$. Thus, $B_p(y, \frac{1}{2m}) \subseteq B_p(x, \frac{1}{m}) \subseteq W$

So \mathcal{U} is a base for (X, ρ) . Thus X is 2nd countable. \square



Thm: If a space X is regular and Lindelöf, then it is normal

[Thus, $T_3 + \text{Lindelöf} \Rightarrow T_4$]

PF: (Directly) Let A, B be disjoint, closed sets in X . For each $a \in A$, let U_a be an open nbhd of a st $\bar{U}_a \cap B = \emptyset$ (can do since $a \in B^c \in \tau \Rightarrow \exists$ a shrinking U_a st $a \in U_a \subseteq \bar{U}_a \subseteq B^c \Rightarrow \bar{U}_a \cap B = \emptyset$)

Similarly, for each $b \in B$, let V_b be an open nbhd st $\bar{V}_b \cap A = \emptyset$

Lemma: Closed subspaces of Lindelöf spaces are Lindelöf (not closed, all both off)

PF: If $F \in \tau$, X Lindelöf, then $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ a rel. open cover of F

$\Rightarrow \exists \{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ st $V_\alpha \in \tau \forall \alpha$ and $U_\alpha = V_\alpha \cap F$. Then the collection $\{V_\alpha\} \cup \{X - F\}$ is an open cover of X . Since X is Lindelöf, so there is a countable subcover $\{V_{\alpha_n}\} \cup \{X - F\}$. But then the collection $\{U_{\alpha_n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a countable subcover of F , since $F \cap (X - F) = \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow F \subseteq \bigcup V_{\alpha_n} \Rightarrow F \subseteq (\bigcup V_{\alpha_n}) \cap F = \bigcup V_{\alpha_n} \cap F = \bigcup U_{\alpha_n}$. So the subspace F is Lindelöf. \square

Getting back to the thm, since A, B are closed subspaces of Lindelöf space, they are Lindelöf. So ... \smile

\therefore since then \exists a countable cover $\mathcal{U}_z \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}$ and then $\bigcup_{z \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{U}_z$ will be a countable cover of all of E . Suppose below that $\sup C_a = b \in \mathbb{R}$ for some b . (by C being covered, we mean a countable subcover of \mathcal{U} , the one we fixed). Let $b_n = \frac{b-a}{2^n}$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a < b_n < b$, with $b_n \rightarrow b$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since b is the sup, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have a countable collection $\mathcal{A}_n \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ s.t. $[a, b_n]$ is covered by \mathcal{A}_n . Note then that $[a, b)$ is covered by $\bigcup \mathcal{A}_n$, a countable subcover, since \mathcal{U} is a cover of E .

$\exists U \in \mathcal{U}$ s.t. $b \in U$. Then $\exists [b, b+\epsilon) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $[b, b+\epsilon) \subseteq U$. Then the countable collection $\bigcup \mathcal{A}_n \cup \{U\}$ covers $[a, b+\epsilon)$, which is a contradiction since $b = \sup C_a \Rightarrow b \geq b+\epsilon$. \square

Corollary: $E \times E$ is not Lindelöf (And thus we have that a product of Lindelöf spaces need not be Lindelöf)

Pf: We proved earlier that E was T_4 but $E \times E$ was not T_4 . However, $T_4 \Rightarrow T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$, and a product of $T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$ spaces is $T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$, so $E \times E$ is $T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$ and thus regular. Thus, to suppose $E \times E$ is Lindelöf would be a contradiction, since regular + Lindelöf \Rightarrow normal, and $E \times E$ is not normal. \square

Some Counterexamples:

Separable \neq Lindelöf: $E \times E$ works, since a finite product of separable spaces is separable, so $E \times E$ is separable, but we just showed it's not Lindelöf.

J. ... so since the collections $\{U_a : a \in A\}$ and $\{V_b : b \in B\}$ are open covers of A and B , \exists finite subcovers $\{U_n\}$ and $\{V_n\}$.
 Now, define $S_1 = U_1$, $T_1 = V_1 - \overline{S_1}$, $S_2 = U_2 - \overline{T_1}$, $T_2 = V_2 - \overline{(S_1 \cup S_2)}$,
 $S_3 = U_3 - \overline{(T_1 \cup T_2)}$, $T_3 = V_3 - \overline{(S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3)}$, ...

Let $S = \bigcup S_n$, $T = \bigcup T_n$. Clearly, S_n and T_n are open $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,
 so S and T are open. If $a \in A$, then $a \in U_n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Furthermore since $\overline{V_n} \cap A = \emptyset$, $a \notin \overline{V_n}$ for any n , so in particular
 fixing $m = n$, we have $a \notin \overline{T_n}$ since $\overline{T_n} = \overline{V_n - \bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i}$

$$= \overline{V_n \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i\right)} \subseteq \overline{V_n} \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \overline{S_i}\right) \subseteq \overline{V_n}, \text{ we have } a \notin \overline{T_n}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \notin \overline{T_1 \cup \dots \cup T_n} = \overline{T_1 \cup \dots \cup T_n} \Rightarrow a \in U_n - \overline{\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n T_i\right)} = S_n.$$

Thus, $A \subseteq \bigcup S_n = S$, and $B \subseteq \bigcup T_n = T$. Finally, for any S_n, T_n

$S_n \cap T_n$ is clearly empty, since $S_n \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i \subseteq \overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i}$

$$\Rightarrow S_n \cap \left(\overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i} - \bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i\right) = \emptyset \Rightarrow S_n \cap \left(V_n - \bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i\right) = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\bigcup S_n\right) \cap \left(\bigcup T_n\right) = \emptyset \Rightarrow S \cap T = \emptyset. \text{ So } S \text{ and } T$$

are disjoint open sets with $A \subseteq S$, $B \subseteq T$, i.e. \mathbb{R} is normal. \square

Thm: E is Lindelöf

Pf: Let \mathcal{U} be an open cover of E . Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$, and consider

the set $C_a = \{x : x \geq a \text{ and } [a, x] \text{ is countably covered}\}$.

If it can be shown that $\sup C_a = \infty$, then we will be done.

Lindelöf $\not\Rightarrow$ 2nd cble: E_1 [14]

Lindelöf $\not\Rightarrow$ Separable: Consider $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$. Let $x^* \notin \mathbb{R}$, and

Consider the topology on $\mathbb{R} \cup \{x^*\}$ defined by the following

[garbage, need a better one] $\mathcal{U} = \{ \{x, x+\delta\} : x \in \mathbb{R}, \delta > 0 \} \cup \{ \mathbb{R} \}$ with $|\delta| > 1$

Lindelöf $\not\Rightarrow$ T_0 [And subsequently $\not\Rightarrow$ anything]: $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{\text{trivial}} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\})$

Any open cover is already finite since it would just be \mathbb{R} . But

This space is not T_0 . [14]

Subspace of a Lindelöf space which is not Lindelöf: Consider $[0, \omega_1]$.

This space is Lindelöf, since if \mathcal{U} covers it, $U_1 \in \mathcal{U}$ for some open

U_1 , so $\exists \delta < \omega_1$, st $(\gamma, \omega_1] \subseteq U_1$, but then $[0, \delta] = \gamma + 1 < \omega_1$, is

all that remains and this is a countable set, so just pick

$U_\alpha \in \mathcal{U}$ for each $\alpha \in [0, \delta]$. However, $[0, \omega_1) \subseteq [0, \omega_1]$

is not Lindelöf: If $\alpha \in [0, \omega_1)$, set $U_\alpha = [0, \alpha)$. Then

clearly $\mathcal{U} = \{ [0, \alpha) : \alpha \in [0, \omega_1) \}$ is an open cover of $[0, \omega_1)$.

Suppose $\{U_{\alpha_n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ were a countable subcover of \mathcal{U} . Then

$\sup\{\alpha_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \alpha_n = \omega_1$, a contradiction since then ω_1 is

countable. [14]

1st cble $\not\Rightarrow$ Lindelöf: $\mathbb{R}_{\text{discrete}}$ is first cble, but $\{\{x\}\}_{x \in \mathbb{R}}$

is a cover which clearly has no countable subcover. [14]

A space X is compact iff every open cover of X has a finite subcover. Clearly any compact space is also Lindelöf.

A space is countably compact iff every countable open cover has a finite subcover. Thus, countably compact + Lindelöf \Leftrightarrow Compact.

Thm: $[0,1]_{std}$ is compact.

Pf: Let \mathcal{U} an open cover. Let $K = \{c \in [0,1]; [0,c] \text{ has a finite subcover}\}$. Clearly, $0 \in K$, so $K \neq \emptyset$. Also, if $c \in K$ and $b \leq c$, then $b \in K$. Pair this with the fact that $0 \in K \Rightarrow \exists U \in \mathcal{U}$ st $0 \in U \Rightarrow \exists (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ st $0 \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \subseteq U \Rightarrow [0, b] \subseteq K$ for some $0 < b \in \mathbb{R}$. Note further ϵ , K is a subinterval of $[0,1]$ which contains 0. Note further that K is rel. open in $[0,1]_{std}$, since $b \in K \Rightarrow [0, b+\epsilon] \subseteq K$ for some $\epsilon > 0$, and $[0, b+\epsilon] = (-\epsilon, b+\epsilon) \cap [0,1]$. If $k = \sup K$, then since \mathcal{U} is a cover, $\exists U \in \mathcal{U}$ $k \in U \Rightarrow \exists (k-\epsilon, k] \subseteq U$. Since \mathcal{U} is rel. open. Since $k-\epsilon < k$, $[0, k-\epsilon]$ has a finite subcover $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$ so then $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n \cup U$ is a finite subcover of $[0, k]$, so $k \in K$. Thus, $K = [0, k]$ for some $0 < k \leq 1$, but this means K is closed, and thus clopen. The only clopen set in $[0,1]_{std}$ is $[0,1]$ itself. So $K = [0,1]$, ie $[0,1]$ itself has a finite subcover. \square

Thm: $[0, \omega_1]$ is compact

Pf: Let \mathcal{U} be an open cover. Let U_1 be an open set in \mathcal{U} containing ω_1 . Then $\exists \alpha < \omega_1$ st $(\alpha, \omega_1] \subseteq U_1$. Let

\therefore Let $\alpha_1 = \min \{ \alpha < \omega_1 : (\alpha, \omega_1] \subseteq U_1 \}$. If $\alpha_1 = 0$, then we're done.
 Since then let U_2 be an open set containing 0, and then $\{U_1, U_2\}$
 is a finite subcover. Else, let $\alpha_2 = \min \{ \alpha < \alpha_1 : (\alpha, \alpha_1] \subseteq U_2 \}$.
 Continuing like this, the process must terminate, i.e. $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.
 $\alpha_n = 0$, since otherwise $\{\alpha_n\}$ would be an infinite decreasing chain,
 contradicting ω_1 being a well ordered set. Then the set $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$
 is a finite subcover, so $[0, \omega_1]$ is compact. \square

Thm: $[0, \omega_1)$ is countably compact but not compact (recall also not Lindelöf)

Pf: Let $\mathcal{U} = \{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a countable open cover of $[0, \omega_1)$.
 Suppose no finite subcover exists. Then for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $[0, \omega_1) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i \right)^c$
 is nonempty, i.e. $\exists \alpha_n < \omega_1$ s.t. $\alpha_n \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$. Let $\alpha = \sup \{ \alpha_n \}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.
 Clearly $\alpha < \omega_1$ since no sequence of countable ordinals can converge to ω_1 .
 Note that the subspace $[0, \alpha]$ has no finite subcover.
 Since otherwise there would be an n s.t. $[0, \alpha] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$, i.e.
 $\alpha \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$, which is impossible. But $[0, \alpha]$ is a closed subspace
 of $[0, \omega_1]$, which is compact, so it is compact, i.e. it has a
 finite subcover, \nexists . So $[0, \omega_1)$ is countably compact. However, it
 is not compact. Consider the cover $\mathcal{U} = \{ [0, \alpha) : \alpha < \omega_1 \}$.
 Clearly this is an open cover of $[0, \omega_1)$, but has no finite
 subcover (why?)

Thm: If X is compact and $F \subseteq X$ is closed, then the subspace F is compact.

Pf: Let $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be an open cover of F , i.e. for each U_α $\exists V_\alpha \in \tau$ st $U_\alpha = V_\alpha \cap F$. Then $F \subseteq \bigcup U_\alpha \subseteq \bigcup V_\alpha$, and

thus the collection $\mathcal{U} \cup \{X - F\}$ is an open cover of X . Since X is compact, we have a finite subcover $\{V_{\alpha_i}\}_{i=1}^n \cup \{X - F\}$.

But then since certainly $F \cap (X - F) = \emptyset$, $F \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i}$

$\Leftrightarrow F \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i}\right) \cap F = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (V_{\alpha_i} \cap F) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{\alpha_i}$, so $\{U_{\alpha_i}\}_{i=1}^n$ is a

finite subcover for F , and thus F is compact. \square

It is not in general the case that compact sets are closed!

However, in a Hausdorff space, it is the case:

Thm: If X is a Hausdorff space and $Y \subseteq X$ is compact, then A is closed.

Pf: Let Y be a compact subspace of a T_2 space X . Let $x_0 \in X - Y$. (if $X - Y = \emptyset$ i.e. $X = Y$ then Y is already closed). For each $y \in Y$

Since X is T_2 $\exists U_y, V_y \in \tau$ st $x_0 \in U_y, y \in V_y, U_y \cap V_y = \emptyset$.

Then the collection $\{U_y : y \in Y\}$ is an open cover of Y , so since

Y is compact it has a finite subcover $\{V_{y_i}\}_{i=1}^n$. Then $Y \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{y_i} := V$. Since $x_0 \in U_{y_i}$ for each i , $x_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_{y_i} := U$.

Further, $V \cap U = (V_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{y_n}) \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_{y_i}\right)$

$\subseteq (V_{y_1} \cap U_{y_1}) \cup \dots \cup (V_{y_n} \cap U_{y_n}) = \emptyset$. Thus,

U is an open nbhd of x_0 st $U \cap V = \emptyset$, but $U \cap Y \subseteq U \cap V = \emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow U \cap Y = \emptyset$, so $\mathbb{R} - Y$ is open, ie Y is closed. \square

Thm: The continuous image of a compact space is compact

Pf: Let \mathbb{X} compact, $f: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow Y$ cts. If \mathcal{U} is an open cover of Y , then $\{f^{-1}(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$ is an open cover of \mathbb{X} , and thus has a finite subcover $\{f^{-1}(U_i)\}_{i=1}^n$. But since we are assuming Y is an image of f , ie $f(\mathbb{X}) = Y$ we must have that $f(f^{-1}(U_1)) \cup \dots \cup f(f^{-1}(U_n)) = Y$, but since f is onto $f(f^{-1}(U_i)) \subseteq U_i$, so certainly $\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i = Y$, ie $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is a finite subcover. So Y is compact. \square

Corollary: Any closed interval $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{std}$ is compact.

Pf: Since $[0, 1]$ is homeomorphic to $[a, b]$, \exists a cts function $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ st $f([0, 1]) = [a, b]$ so $[a, b]$ is compact. \square

A subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{std}$ is bounded if $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ st $\forall x \in A, |x| \leq M$.

Thm: If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{std}$ is compact, then it is bounded.

Pf: Note that the collection $\mathcal{U} = \{B_p(0, n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is an open cover of \mathbb{R} , so certainly an open cover of A . Thus, A compact $\Rightarrow \exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ st $A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^m B_p(0, n) = B_p(0, m)$, ie $\forall x \in A,$

$|x - 0| \leq m$ ie $|x| \leq M$, so A is bounded. \square

Note A is bounded iff $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ st $A \subseteq [a, b]$.

Corollary: A subset A in \mathbb{R}_{std} is compact iff it is closed and bounded.

If: \Rightarrow if $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{std}$ is compact then since \mathbb{R}_{std} is T_2 , A is closed. Further, we just showed it was bounded.

Conversely, we showed that any set of the form $[a, b]$ is compact. Any closed, bounded subset is contained in an interval $[a, b]$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, and we showed that a closed subset of a compact set is compact. So any closed, bdd set is compact. \square

Thm: A compact T_2 space is a T_4 space.

Pf: If X is compact, then it's Lindelöf. Thus, since Lindelöf + Regular \Rightarrow normal, showing X is T_4 amounts to showing it's regular. Let $A \in \mathcal{C}$, $x \notin A$. Since T_2 , we can pick, for each $a \in A$, open disjoint sets U_a, V_a st $x \in U_a, a \in V_a$. Then the sets $\{V_a : a \in A\}$ cover A . Since A is closed, $A \subseteq X$ wrt X compact, A is compact, so $\exists \{V_{a_i}\}_{i=1}^n$ st $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{a_i} := V$. Then $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_{a_i} := U \in \mathcal{C}$, and $U \cap V \subseteq (V_{a_1} \cap U_{a_1}) \cup \dots \cup (V_{a_n} \cap U_{a_n}) = \emptyset \cap \dots \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$. Thus,

X is regular. \square

Def: A collection \mathcal{A} of subsets of X has the finite intersection property iff the intersection of any finite subcollection of \mathcal{A} is nonempty.

Collections wrt this property are, to filters, as subbases are to topologies, in the sense that the collection of all finite intersections is a filter base for some filter.

Thm: TFAE! (1) X is compact

(2) If $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ has the finite intersection property, then $\bigcap \mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset$

(3) Every filter \mathcal{F} on X has a cluster point

(4) Every net $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ has a cluster point

(5) Every ultranet in X converges

(6) Every ultrafilter on X converges

Pf: (1) \Rightarrow (2) Suppose $\{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is a collection of closed sets st

$\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} E_\alpha = \emptyset$. Then $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} E_\alpha)^c = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} E_\alpha^c = X$, so the collection

$\{E_\alpha^c\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is an open cover of X , and thus has a finite

subcover $\{E_{\alpha_i}^c\}_{i=1}^n$. ie $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_{\alpha_i}^c = X \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_{\alpha_i} = \emptyset$. so

The collection $\{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ does not have the finite intersection property.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let \mathcal{F} be a filter on X . Then $\{\bar{F} : F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ is a family of closed sets with the finite intersection property,

so (2) $\Rightarrow \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \bar{F} \neq \emptyset$, ie $\exists x \in X$ st $x \in \bar{F} \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$.

We claim x is a cluster point of \mathcal{F} , ie $\forall U \in \tau$ st $x \in U$,

$U^c \notin \mathcal{F}$. If $x \in U$, then of course $x \notin U^c = \bar{U}^c$ since U^c is

closed, so $U^c \notin \mathcal{F}$ since $x \in \bar{F} \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$. So x is a cluster

pt of \mathcal{F} .

(3) \Rightarrow (6) Let \mathcal{U} be an ultrafilter on \mathbb{R} . Then by (3), \mathcal{U} has a cluster pt. x . I.e., for all open sets U st $x \in U$, U is positive, i.e. $U^c \notin \mathcal{U}$. But then since \mathcal{U} is an ultrafilter, $U \in \mathcal{U}$, so $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow x$. Thus every ultrafilter on \mathbb{R} converges.

(6) \Rightarrow (1) Let \mathcal{U} be an open cover, suppose it has no finite subcover. Then for any finite subcollection $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$, $\mathbb{R} - (\bigcup U_i) \neq \emptyset$.

Then note that for any other subcollection $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^m$,

$$(\mathbb{R} - \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i) \cap (\mathbb{R} - \bigcup_{j=1}^m V_j) = \mathbb{R} - \bigcup_{k=1}^{n+m} W_k \neq \emptyset, \text{ so the collection}$$

$\{\mathbb{R} - \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i : \{U_i\}_{i=1}^n \text{ is a collection of open sets}\}$ is a filter base for some filter on \mathbb{R} . This filter is contained in some ultrafilter \mathcal{U} , so by hypothesis $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}$ st $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow x$.

i.e. if U is open and $x \in U$, then $U \in \mathcal{U}$. But by design, $\mathbb{R} - U \in \mathcal{U}$, so \mathcal{U} is no longer a filter, $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{U}$. So for some finite subcollection $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$, $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \bigcup U_i$, i.e. \mathbb{R} is compact.

(4) and (5) are equivalent to (3) and (6) by translation properties between nets and filters. \square

Lemma: Let $\{(\mathbb{R}_\alpha, \tau_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$ a collection of spaces. Then a filter $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow x_0 \in \prod \mathbb{R}_\alpha$ iff $\forall \alpha \in I, \pi_\alpha(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \pi_\alpha(x_0)$.

Pf: If $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow x_0$ in $\prod \mathbb{R}_\alpha$, then since each π_α is continuous,

$\pi_\alpha(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \pi_\alpha(x_0) \forall \alpha \in I$. Conversely, suppose $\pi_\alpha(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \pi_\alpha(x_0)$

for each $\alpha \in I$. Let $\bigcap_{k=1}^n \pi_{\alpha_k}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_k})$ be a basic nbhd of x_0 .

↙ I.e. for each α_k , $\pi_{\alpha_k}(x_0) \in U_{\alpha_k} \in \mathcal{I}_{\alpha_k}$. But since $\pi_{\alpha_k}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \pi_{\alpha_k}(x_0)$,

This gives that $U_{\alpha_k} \in \pi_{\alpha_k}(\mathcal{F})$, i.e. $\pi_{\alpha_k}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_k}) \in \mathcal{F}$. So by properties of filters, $\bigcap_{k=1}^n \pi_{\alpha_k}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_k}) \in \mathcal{F}$. So any basic nbhd of x_0 is in \mathcal{F} .

But then if U is an arbitrary nbhd of x_0 , \exists a basic nbhd of x_0 , B st $x_0 \in B \subseteq U$, and $B \in \mathcal{F}$ so $U \in \mathcal{F}$. Thus, $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow x_0$. \square

Thm: Any product of compact spaces is compact

Pf: Let $\{(X_\alpha, \tau_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be a collection of compact spaces.

Then $\prod X_\alpha$ is compact iff any ultrafilter \mathcal{U} on $\prod X_\alpha$ converges iff $\pi_\alpha(\mathcal{U})$ converges for all $\alpha \in I$. But since the X_α are all compact, $\pi_\alpha(\mathcal{U})$ does converge, so we're done. \square

Corollary (Tychonoff Thm): A product space $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ is compact iff each factor space X_α is compact.

Pf: If $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ is compact, then since the cts image of a compact space is compact, $\pi_\alpha(\prod X_\alpha) = X_\alpha$ is compact for each $\alpha \in I$.

The converse was just shown above. \square

Corollary: A subspace of \mathbb{R}^n is compact iff it is closed and bdd

Corollary: All cubes are compact

Double Corollary: All cubes are T_4 (since cubes are $T_2 + \text{compact} \Rightarrow T_4$)

This allows us to reformulate $T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$ in a few ways:

Thm: TFAE: (1) X is Tychonoff ($T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$)

(2) X embeds into a cube

(3) X is homeomorphic to a subspace of some compact, T_2 space.

★ (4) X is homeomorphic to a subspace of some T_4 space.