

I §8 Hdf spaces & Regular Spaces No.5 Extension by Continuity; Double limit

Theorem: Let X be a top space, $A^{\text{dense}} \subseteq X$. Let $f: A \rightarrow Y^{\text{top sp}}$ be a set map.

Suppose that the following holds: $\lim_{z \rightarrow x, z \in A} f(z)$ exists $\forall x \in X$.

Then if Y is Hdf the limit is unique and we ^{may} define $f(x)$ to be the limiting value ^{above}.

If Y is regular, then the $f: X \rightarrow Y$ so defined is continuous.

Remark: Regularity of Y cannot be just dropped without making other changes.

Proof: We have to show $\lim_{z \rightarrow x} f(z) = f(x) \forall x \in X$. In other words, we're to show

that $\forall$ nbhd V of $f(x)$ there exists ^{open} nbhd U of x s.t. $f(U) \subseteq V$. By regularity of Y , we may assume V is closed, for closed nbhds form an FSN around every point. By the hypothesis that $\lim_{z \rightarrow x, z \in A} f(z) = f(x)$, it follows that $\exists$ a nbhd U of x s.t. $f(U \cap A) \subseteq V$.

Since V is closed, we have $\overline{f(U \cap A)} \subseteq V$. Thus it is enough to prove the claim

that: $f(U) \subseteq \overline{f(U \cap A)}$. Proof of claim: take $u \in U$. N_u leaves a trace $U \cap A$ since $U \cap A$ is dense in U ($\because U$ open) and so $\lim_{z \rightarrow u, z \in U \cap A} f(z) = f(u)$ [since by hypothesis $\lim_{z \rightarrow u, z \in A} f(z) = f(u)$]. Thus $f(u)$ is a cluster point of $N_u \cap (U \cap A)$.

In particular it belongs to the closure of $X \cap (U \cap A) = U \cap A$. QED.

COROLLARY (Double limit). Let $X = X_1 \times X_2$ where X_1, X_2 are sets. Let $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ be filters on X_1, X_2 . Let f be a mapping of X into a regular top space Y .

Suppose that ① $\lim_{\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2} f$ exists and ② $\lim_{x_2, \mathcal{F}_2} f(x_1, x_2) = g(x_1)$ exists $\forall x_1 \in X_1$.

Then $\lim_{x_1, \mathcal{F}_1} g(x_1)$ exists and equals $\lim_{\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2} f$.

Proof: Apply theorem above as follows. Make $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ to be nbhd filters on $X'_1 = X_1 \cup \{w_1\}$ and $X'_2 = X_2 \cup \{w_2\}$ as already seen. Take X in the theorem to be $(X_1 \times X'_2) \cup \{f(w_1, w_2)\}$.

Take A to be $X_1 \times X_2$. Hypothesis ① implies $\lim_{(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (w_1, w_2), (x_1, x_2) \in A} f(x_1, x_2)$ exists.

② implies $\lim_{(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (x_1, w_2), (x_1, x_2) \in A} f(x_1, x_2)$ exists (note $\{x_1\} \times X_2$ is open in $X_1 \times X_2$).

(note $\{x_1\} \times X_2$ is open in A , so whether we restrict to A or to $\{x_1\} \times X_2$ while approaching (x_1, w_2) , it does not matter). Thus the hypothesis of the theorem holds.

By the conclusion $\lim_{(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (w_1, w_2)} f(x_1, x_2)$ exists where (x_1, x_2) varies over

$(X_1 \times X'_2) \cup \{f(w_1, w_2)\}$. ~~Since~~ If we approach (w_1, w_2) by a more restrictive path, then the limit exists (even better). If we restrict to A we get $\lim_{\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2} f$ and all such limits are equal. If we restrict ourselves to A , we get $\lim_{\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2} f$.

If we restrict ourselves to $X_1 \times \{w_2\}$ ~~lim~~ we get $\lim_{x_1, \mathcal{F}_1} g(x_1)$. QED

The topology on $A = X_1 \times X_2$ is discrete, so any function on A is continuous and limits exist when we approach points of A .