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## A NOTE ON DIAGONAL AND MATRIX PROPERTIES OF CONVERGENCE SPACES

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### 1. Introduction

In the convergence spaces theory and its applications to analysis, probability theory and functional analysis an important role is played by the so-called diagonal and matrix properties. Usually we have in mind properties of the following form: Let  $X$  be a convergence space. If a sequence  $(A_n)$  of subsets  $A_n$  of  $X$  and a point  $x$  in  $X$  satisfy a certain condition (in terms of closures, convergent sequences, infinite series), then there exists a certain class of sequences  $(x_n)$  each of which converges to  $x$ . In case each  $A_n$  is a countably infinite set, the sequence  $(A_n)$  can be visualized as an infinite matrix and the sequences  $(x_n)$  are then usually taking at most finitely many points from each row and each column of the matrix.

The interested reader is referred to a survey [3], where several classification schemes for diagonal conditions are considered and some of the applications, as well as further references, are given.

In the present paper we investigate the condition

(+) *If  $(A_n)$  is a sequence of nonempty subsets and  $x$  is a point such that  $x \notin \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{cl } A_n$  and each neighborhood of  $x$  contains points of  $A_n$  for all but finitely many  $n$ , then there exists a sequence of points  $(x_n)$  such that  $x_n \in A_n$  and  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$ .*

This condition was introduced by J. Novák in [6], where he put forward the following

**Problem 1.** *Let  $X$  be a convergence space.*

- a) *What are the necessary and sufficient conditions such that (+) is true?*
- b) *Does there exist a convergence space such that its convergence is a star convergence and such that (+) is not true?*
- c) *Is (+) true if the convergence is a star convergence and  $X$  is first countable?*

Part b) of Problem 1 has been solved by M. Contessa and F. Zanolin in [1], via a rather complicated construction involving maximal almost dis-

joint families of infinite subsets of natural numbers. In the third section we present a “naive” example answering *b*) positively. Further, we prove that the answer to *c*) is “YES”. These two results were already announced in [2]. We do not know about any solution of *a*).

The last section contains some additional results concerning condition (+).

## 2. Basics

For the reader's convenience, we recall in this section some of the basic notions used throughout the paper.

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $X^N$  the set of all sequences ranging in  $X$ . By  $(x_n)$  we denote the sequence the  $n$ -th term of which is  $x_n$ , for each  $x \in X$  we denote by  $(x)$  the constant sequence generated by  $x$  and by  $\{x\}$  we denote the one-point set containing  $x$ . Recall that a multivalued sequential convergence for  $X$  is a subset  $\mathfrak{Q} \subset X^N \times X$ . We assume the following two axioms of convergence:

$(\mathcal{L}_1)$  For each  $x \in X$  we have  $((x), x) \in \mathfrak{Q}$ ;

$(\mathcal{L}_2)$  If  $((x_n), x) \in \mathfrak{Q}$ , then  $((x_{i_n}), x) \in \mathfrak{Q}$  for each subsequence  $(x_{i_n})$  of  $(x_n)$ .

We say that a sequence  $(x_n)$   $\mathfrak{Q}$ -converges (or simply converges) to a point  $x$  whenever  $((x_n), x) \in \mathfrak{Q}$ . For each subset  $A$  of  $X$  its  $\mathfrak{Q}$ -closure (or simply closure)  $\text{cl } A$  is defined as the set of all points of  $X$  to which some sequence ranging in  $A$   $\mathfrak{Q}$ -converges. The closure operator induced by  $\mathfrak{Q}$  need not be idempotent. The set  $X$  equipped with  $\mathfrak{Q}$  and the induced closure operator is called a convergence space. If the closure is idempotent (i.e.  $\text{cl } A = \text{cl}(\text{cl } A)$  for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ ), then we speak of a Fréchet space.

Let  $X$  be a closure space. We say that a sequence  $(x_n)$  converges to a point  $x$  iff each neighborhood of  $x$  contains  $x_n$  for all but finitely many  $n \in N$ . The resulting convergence  $\mathfrak{Q}$  (called associated) satisfies axioms  $(\mathcal{L}_1)$ ,  $(\mathcal{L}_2)$  and the axiom

$(\mathcal{L}_3)$ . Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence and let  $x$  be a point of  $X$ . If for each subsequence  $(x'_n)$  of  $(x_n)$  there exists a subsequence  $(x''_n)$  of  $(x'_n)$  such that  $((x''_n), x) \in \mathfrak{Q}$ , then  $((x_n), x) \in \mathfrak{Q}$ .

It may happen that a sequence in  $X$  converges to two different points.

Throughout the paper, in every convergence or closure space, the convergence of sequences will satisfy the following axiom

$(\mathcal{L}_0)$  If  $((x_n), x) \in \mathfrak{Q}$  and  $((x_n), y) \in \mathfrak{Q}$ , then  $x = y$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{Q}$  be a convergence for  $X$ . Then  $\mathfrak{Q}$  can be enlarged to a convergence  $\mathfrak{Q}^*$  satisfying  $(\mathcal{L}_3)$ , the  $\mathfrak{Q}$ -closure and the  $\mathfrak{Q}^*$ -closure are identical and, in fact,  $\mathfrak{Q}^*$  is the convergence associated with the  $\mathfrak{Q}$ -closure. If  $\mathfrak{Q} = \mathfrak{Q}^*$ , then we speak of a star convergence and the resulting convergence is said to be a star convergence space.

Let  $X$  be a star convergence space. As proved in [4], the free commutative group  $FC(X)$ , with points of  $X$  as its generators, can be equipped with a star convergence such that the group operations are sequentially continuous and  $X$  is a closed subspace of  $FC(X)$ . We say that  $FC(X)$  is the free commutative convergence group over  $X$ .

### 3. Main results

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a countably infinite set. Consider  $X$  as a disjoint union of a point  $x$  and two infinite sets  $A$  and  $B$ . Arrange  $A$  into a one-to-one double sequence  $(x_{mn})$  and  $B$  into a one-to-one double sequence  $(y_{mn})$ . We equip  $X$  with a topology as follows. All points of  $A \cup B$  are isolated. For each natural number  $k$  and for each mapping  $f$  of the set  $N$  of all natural numbers into  $N$  define

$$U(f, k) = \{x\} \cup \left( \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=f(m)}^{\infty} \{x_{mn}\} \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{m=k}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{y_{mn}\} \right).$$

All sets  $U(f, k)$  form a local base at  $x$ . It is easy to see that  $X$  is a normal topological space. Further, let  $\mathfrak{Q}$  be the associated convergence of sequences. We omit the easy proof of the next proposition.

**Proposition 3.1.1.** (i)  $\mathfrak{Q}$  satisfies the axioms  $(\mathcal{L}_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

(ii) The  $\mathfrak{Q}$ -closure is idempotent and coincides with the original topological closure of the space  $X$ .

Observe that for each natural number  $m$  the sequence  $(x_{mn})$  converges to  $x$  and for each mapping  $f$  of  $N$  into  $N$  the sequence  $(y_{mf(m)})$  converges to  $x$ . The space  $X$  is in fact the quotient of the disjoint topological sum of the spaces  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  from Example 5 in [5], where we identify points  $x_0 \in L_1$  and  $y_0 \in L_2$  into  $x$ .

**Proposition 3.1.2.** The space  $X$  does not satisfy condition  $(+)$ .

*Proof.* Consider the two-point sets  $\{x_{ij}, y_{ij}\}$  and arrange them into a sequence  $(A_n)$  in a diagonal way, i.e.,  $A_1 = \{x_{11}, y_{11}\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{x_{21}, y_{21}\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{x_{12}, y_{12}\}$ ,  $A_4 = \{x_{31}, y_{31}\}$ ,  $A_5 = \{x_{22}, y_{22}\}$ ,  $A_6 = \{x_{13}, y_{13}\}$ , ... Each set  $A_k$  is closed and hence  $x \notin \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{cl } A_n$ . Clearly, each neighborhood of  $x$  contains points of  $A_n$  for all but finitely many  $n \in N$ . Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of points of  $X$  such that  $x_n \in A_n$ . Then either there exists a natural number  $m$  such that the set  $\left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{y_{mn}\} \right) \cap \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x_n\} \right)$  is infinite, or there exists a mapping  $f$  of  $N$  into  $N$  such

that the set  $\left(\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \{x_{m f(m)}\}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x_n\}\right)$  is infinite. Consequently,  $x_n \notin U(f+1, m+1)$  for infinitely many  $n \in N$ . Hence the sequence  $(x_n)$  cannot converge in  $X$  to  $x$ . This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.2.** *There exists a star convergence space which does not satisfy condition (+).*

*Proof.* The assertion follows directly from Proposition 3.1.1 and Proposition 3.1.2.

**Corollary 3.3.** *There exists a commutative star convergence group which does not satisfy condition (+).*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be any star convergence space which does not satisfy condition (+). Let  $FC(X)$  be the free commutative convergence group over  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a closed subspace of  $FC(X)$ , the convergence group  $FC(X)$  has the properties claimed in Corollary 3.3.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $X$  be a first countable star convergence space. Then  $X$  satisfies condition (+).*

*Proof.* let  $x$  be a point of  $X$  and let  $(A_n)$  be a sequence of nonempty subsets of  $X$  such that  $x \notin \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{cl } A_n$  and each neighborhood of  $x$  contains points of  $A_n$  for all but finitely many  $n \in N$ . Let  $\{U_n; n \in N\}$  be a nonincreasing local base at  $x$  such that  $U_1 \subset X \setminus A_1$ . Put  $I_n = \{i \in N; A_i \cap U_n = \emptyset\}$ . Then  $\emptyset \neq I_n \subset I_{n+1} \neq N$  and  $N = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ . Let  $(V_n)$  be a subsequence of  $(U_n)$ , which we obtain by leaving out those  $U_n$  for which  $I_n = I_{n-1}$ ,  $n > 1$ . Then also  $\{V_n; n \in N\}$  is a local base at  $x$ . Put  $J_1 = I_1$  and  $J_n = \{i \in N; A_i \cap V_n = \emptyset\}$  for  $n > 1$ . Let  $f$  be a one-to-one mapping of  $N$  onto  $N$  such that for each  $i \in J_{n+1} \setminus J_n$  and for each  $j \in J_n$  we have  $f(j) < f(i)$ , i.e., elements of  $J_1$  are mapped onto  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ , where  $k$  is the number of elements of  $J_1$  and then, inductively, if all elements of  $J_n$  are already mapped onto  $\{1, \dots, l\}$ , where  $l$  is the number of elements of  $J_n$ , then elements of  $J_{n+1} \setminus J_n$  are mapped onto  $\{l+1, \dots, l+m\}$ , where  $m$  is the number of elements of  $J_{n+1} \setminus J_n$ . Denote  $B_s = A_{f^{-1}(s)}$ . Let  $k_n$  be the number of elements of  $J_n$ . Then  $(k_n)$  is an increasing sequence of natural numbers and  $V_n \cap B_m \neq \emptyset$  for  $m > k_n$ . Now we are going to construct a sequence  $(b_n)$  of points  $b_n \in B_n$  inductively. Choose  $b_1 \in B_1, \dots, b_{k_1} \in B_{k_1}$  arbitrarily. Assume that points  $b_1 \in B_1, \dots, b_{k_n} \in B_{k_n}$  are already chosen. Then choose points  $b_{k_n+1} \in V_n \cap B_{k_n+1} \neq \emptyset, \dots, b_{k_{n+1}} \in V_n \cap B_{k_{n+1}} \neq \emptyset$ . Since each neighborhood  $V_k$  of  $x$  contains  $b_n$  for all but finitely many  $n \in N$ , the sequence  $(b_n)$  converges in  $X$  to  $x$ . Put  $x_n = b_{f(n)}$ .

Then  $x_n \in A_n$ . Since  $X$  is a star convergence space, the sequence  $(x_n)$  converges in  $X$  to  $x$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $X$  be a convergence space which satisfies condition (+). Let  $x$  be a point of  $X$  and let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of points of  $X$  such that  $x \neq x_n$  for all  $n \in N$  and let there exist for each subsequence  $(x'_n)$  of  $(x_n)$  a subsequence  $(x''_n)$  of  $(x'_n)$  such that  $(x''_n)$  converges in  $X$  to  $x$ . Then  $(x_n)$  converges in  $X$  to  $x$ .*

**Proof.** Put  $A_n = \{x_n\}$ . clearly, the assumptions of (+) are satisfied and hence  $(x_n)$  converges in  $X$  to  $x$ .

#### 4. Further results

**Example 4.1.** Let  $X$  be a countably infinite set. Choose  $z \in X$  and arrange the set  $X \setminus \{z\}$  into a one-to-one sequence  $(z_n)$ . Define  $\mathfrak{Q} \subset X^N \times X$  as follows:  $((x_n), x) \in \mathfrak{Q}$  if either  $x_n = x$  for all  $n \in N$  or  $x = z$  and  $(x_n)$  is a finite-to-one sequence of points of  $X \setminus \{z\}$ .

**Proposition 4.1.1.** (i)  $\mathfrak{Q}$  satisfies axioms  $(\mathcal{L}_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$ .

(ii) The  $\mathfrak{Q}$ -closure is idempotent.

(iii)  $X$  equipped with  $\mathfrak{Q}$  and the  $\mathfrak{Q}$ -closure is a first countable normal Fréchet space.

(iv)  $\mathfrak{Q}$  does not satisfy axiom  $(\mathcal{L}_3)$ .

**Proof.** A straightforward proof of (i), (ii) and (iii) is omitted. To prove (iv), consider the sequence  $(x_n)$  defined as follows:  $x_{2n-1} = z$  and  $x_{2n} = z_n$  for all  $n \in N$ . Each subsequence of  $(x_n)$  contains a sequence  $\mathfrak{Q}$ -converging to  $z$  but the sequence  $(x_n)$  does not converge in  $X$  to  $z$ .

**Proposition 4.1.2.**  $X$  satisfies condition (+).

**Proof.** Let  $x$  be a point of  $X$  and let  $(A_n)$  be a sequence of nonempty subsets of  $X$  such that  $x \notin \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{cl } A_n$  and each neighborhood of  $x$  contains points of  $A_n$  for all but finitely many  $n \in N$ . Since  $z$  is the only nonisolated point of  $X$ , we have  $x = z$ . Further, each  $A_n$  is a finite subset of  $X \setminus \{z\}$ . For each  $k \in N$ , the set  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i$  is a finite subset of  $X \setminus \{z\}$ . Since  $X \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  and contains points of  $A_n$  for all but finitely many  $n \in N$ , there exists a finite-to-one sequence  $(x_n)$  of points  $x_n \in A_n$ . clearly, the sequence  $(x_n)$  converges in  $X$  to  $x$ . This completes the proof.

It would be interesting to find more about the relationship between condition (+) and other diagonal conditions listed in [3]. This could lead to the solution of part a) of Problem 1.

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## ЗАМЕЧАНИЕ ОБ ДИАГОНАЛЬНЫХ И МАТРИЧНЫХ СВОЙСТВАХ ПРОСТРАНСТВ СХОДИМОСТИ

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### Резюме

В работе исследуется некоторое диагональное условие в пространствах сходимости. Частично решается некоторая проблема, заданная Й. Новаком на Канпурской топологической конференции в 1968 г. и касающаяся этого условия.