

## A REMARK ON $\mathcal{L}^*$ -SPACES

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An  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -space is one in which the notion of a convergent sequence is defined, such that (1) every subsequence of a convergent sequence converges to the same limit, (2) if  $p_n \equiv p$ , then  $\text{Lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = p$ , and (3) if it is false that  $\text{Lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = p$ , then the sequence  $p_1, p_2, \dots$  contains a subsequence no subsequence of which converges to  $p$ . [1, pp. 76-77.] The definition of convergent sequences induces a topology in such a space in a natural manner; and if the space is then a Hausdorff space, there are two possible ways of defining the topology of a Cartesian product  $X \times Y$ : (I) We can first define the topology in  $X$  and  $Y$ , and then define the product topology in the usual manner, or (II) we can say that  $\text{Lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_i, y_i) = (x, y)$  if and only if  $\text{Lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_i = x$  and  $\text{Lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_i = y$ , and then define the topology in  $X \times Y$  by means of the convergent sequences in  $X \times Y$ . The latter definition is the one adopted in [2]. The following simple example shows that if the first axiom of countability is not imposed, (I) and (II) may give different results, even if it is true that (II) makes  $X \times Y$  a Hausdorff space. We shall call a Hausdorff space a convergence space if its topology can be induced by a definition of convergent sequences satisfying (1), and (2), and (3). Our example, the  $n$ , is of two convergence spaces whose product (in sense (II)) is a Hausdorff space and whose product (in sense (I)) is not a convergence space.

(1) Let  $A = (a_{i,j})$  be an infinite matrix ( $i=1, 2, \dots$ ;  $j=1, 2, \dots$ ); let  $P$  be an ideal point; and let  $X$  be  $A+P$ . Let the neighborhoods in  $S_1$  be the elements of

A and the sets  $P+M$ , where  $M$  is a set which contains all but a finite number of the elements of each row of  $A$ .

(2) Let  $B = (b_{i,j})$  be an infinite matrix ( $i=1, 2, \dots; j=1, 2, \dots$ ); let  $Q$  be an ideal point; and let  $Y$  be  $B+Q$ . Let the neighborhoods in  $Y$  be the elements of  $B$  and the sets  $Q+N$ , where  $N$  is a set which contains all but a finite number of the rows of  $B$ .

It is clear that  $X$  and  $Y$  are convergence spaces.

Let  $D$  be the set of all elements of the product  $X \times Y$  which have the form  $(a_{i,j}, b_{i,j})$ . It is easy to show that  $(P, Q)$  is a limit-point of  $D$ . But if  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots$  is a sequence of points of  $D$  having  $(P, Q)$  as a limit-point, then the sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  obtained by projecting the terms of the  $Z$ -sequence onto  $X$  must have  $P$  as a limit-point, and hence must contain infinitely many elements of some row of  $A$ . This gives a divergent subsequence of the  $Z$ -sequence. Therefore no sequence of points of  $D$  converges to  $(P, Q)$ ; and  $X \times Y$  is not a convergence space.

If the topology of  $X \times Y$  is defined as in (II), then the topology is discrete, so that the Hausdorff separation axiom is trivially satisfied.

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