# A NOTE ON *I*-CONVERGENCE AND *I*\*-CONVERGENCE OF SEQUENCES AND NETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we use the idea of *I*-convergence and  $I^*$ -convergence of sequences and nets in a topological space to study some important topological properties. Further we derive characterization of compactness in terms of these concepts. We introduce also the idea of *I*-sequentially compactness and derive a few basic properties in a topological space.

#### 1. Introduction

The concept of convergence of a sequence of real numbers was extended to statistical convergence independently by H. Fast [3] and I.J. Schoenberg [15] as follows:

If K is a subset of the set of all natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  then natural density of the set K is defined by  $d(K) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|K_n|}{n}$  if the limit exits [4,13] where  $|K_n|$  stands for the cardinality of the set  $K_n = \{k \in K : k \leq n\}$ .

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of real numbers is said to be *statistically convergent* to  $\ell$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  the set

$$K(\varepsilon) = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - \ell| \ge \varepsilon\}$$

has natural density zero [3,15].

This idea of statistical convergence of real sequence was generalized to the idea of I-convergence of real sequences [6,7] using the notion of ideal I of subsets of the set of natural numbers. Several works on I-convergence and on statistical convergence have been done in [1,2,6,7,9,12].

The idea of *I*-convergence of real sequences coincides with the idea of ordinary convergence if *I* is the ideal of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  and with the statistical convergence if *I* is the ideal of subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural density zero. The concept of *I*<sup>\*</sup>-convergence is closely related to that of *I*-convergence and this notion arises

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from an equivalent characterization of statistical convergence of real sequence by T. Šalát [14]. Later B.K. Lahiri and P. Das [10] extended the idea of *I*-convergence and  $I^*$ -convergence to an arbitrary topological space and observed that the basic properties are preserved also in a topological space. They also introduced [11] the idea of *I*-convergence and  $I^*$ -convergence of nets in a topological space and examined how far it affects the basic properties.

In this paper, we have studied further some important properties of I-convergence and  $I^*$ -convergence of sequences and nets in a topological space which were not studied before and examined some further consequences in a topological space like characterization of compactness in terms of I-cluster points etc. Also, we have introduced the notion of I-sequential compactness and have found out its relation with the countable compactness in a topological space.

## 2. I-convergence and $I^*$ -convergence of sequences in topological spaces

We recall the following definitions.

DEFINITION 2.1. [8] If X is a non-void set then a family of sets  $I \subset 2^X$  is called an *ideal* if

(i)  $A, B \in I$  implies  $A \cup B \in I$  and

(ii)  $A \in I, B \subset A$  imply  $B \in I$ .

The ideal is called *nontrivial* if  $I \neq \{\emptyset\}$  and  $X \notin I$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. [8] A nonempty family F of subsets of a non-void set X is called a *filter* if

(i)  $\emptyset \notin F$ 

(ii)  $A, B \in F$  implies  $A \cap B \in F$  and

(iii)  $A \in F$ ,  $A \subset B$  imply  $B \in F$ .

If I is a nontrivial ideal on X then  $F = F(I) = \{A \subset X : X \setminus A \in I\}$  is clearly a filter on X and conversely.

A nontrivial ideal I is called *admissible* if it contains all the singleton sets. Several examples of nontrivial admissible ideals may be seen in [6].

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and I be a nontrivial ideal of  $\mathbb{N}$ , the set of all natural numbers.

DEFINITION 2.3. [10] A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X is said to be *I*-convergent to  $x_0 \in X$  if for any nonempty open set U containing  $x_0, \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} \in I$ .

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

NOTE. If I is an admissible ideal then ordinary convergence implies I-convergence and if I does not contain any infinite set then converse is also true.

The following properties of convergence in a topological space have been verified in [10] to be valid in case of *I*-convergence.

THEOREM 2.1. [10] If X is a Hausdorff space then an I-convergent sequence has a unique I-limit.

THEOREM 2.2. [10] A continuous function  $f : X \to X$  preserves *I*-convergence. Again if *I* is an admissible ideal and *X* is a first axiom  $T_1$  space then continuity of  $f : X \to X$  is necessary to preserve *I*-convergence.

DEFINITION 2.4. [10] A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $I^*$ -convergent to  $x \in X$  if and only if there exists a set  $M \in F(I)(i.e., \mathbb{N} \setminus M \in I)$ ,  $M = \{m_1 < m_2 < \cdots < m_k < \cdots\}$  such that  $\lim_{k \to \infty} x_{m_k} = x$ .

In this case we write  $I^*$ -lim  $x_n = x$  and x is called an  $I^*$ -limit of  $\{x_n\}$ .

It has been proved in [10] that if I is an admissible ideal then  $I^*-\lim x_n = x$ implies  $I-\lim x_n = x$  and so in addition if X is a Hausdorff space then  $I^*-\lim x_n$ is unique. Conversely if X has no limit point (i.e, X is a discrete space) then  $I-\lim x_n = x$  implies  $I^*-\lim x_n = x$  for every admissible ideal I.

DEFINITION 2.5. [10] Let  $x = \{x_n\}$  be a sequence of elements of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then

(i)  $y \in X$  is called an I-limit point of x if there exists a set

 $M = \{m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_k < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } M \notin I \text{ and } \lim_{k \to \infty} x_{m_k} = y.$ 

(ii)  $y \in X$  is called an I-cluster point of x if for every open set U containing y,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \notin I$ .

In [10], it has been proved that if I is an admissible ideal then

(a)  $I(L_x) \subset I(C_x)$  and

(b)  $I(C_x)$  is a closed set in X

where  $I(L_x)$  and  $I(C_x)$  denote respectively the set of all *I*-limit points and set of all *I*-cluster points of *x*.

We now prove two important results in a topological space which were not studied in [10]. Let I be a nontrivial ideal of the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers consisting of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space.

THEOREM 2.3. Every sequence  $\{x_n\}$  has an *I*-cluster point if and only if every infinite set in X has an  $\omega$ -accumulation point.

*Proof.* Suppose that every sequence in  $(X, \tau)$  has an *I*-cluster point and let A be an infinite subset of the space X. Then there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  (say) of distinct points in A. Let y be an *I*-cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$ . Then for any open set V containing y we have  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V\} \notin I$ . Hence the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V\}$  must be an infinite set. Consequently V contains infinitely many points of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ , i.e., V contains infinitely many elements of A. Thus by definition y becomes an  $\omega$ -accumulation point of A.

Conversely, let every infinite subset of the space X has an  $\omega$ -accumulation point. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of points in X. If the range of the sequence is infinite then let y be an  $\omega$ -accumulation point of  $\{x_n\}$ . So for each open set V containing y,

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 $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V\}$  is an infinite set and so  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V\} \notin I$ . Hence y becomes an *I*-cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$ . Otherwise let for some point y of the space X we have  $x_n = y$  for infinitely many positive integers n. So for every open set V containing y we get  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V\}$  is an infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  and so  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V\} \notin I$ . Thus y becomes an *I*-cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$ .

Throughout, I will stand for a nontrivial admissible ideal of  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $(X, \tau)$  stands for a topological space unless otherwise stated. Below we obtain a sufficient condition for a Lindelöf space to be compact.

THEOREM 2.4. If  $(X, \tau)$  is a Lindelöf space such that every sequence in X has an I-cluster point then  $(X, \tau)$  is compact.

*Proof.* Let (X, τ) be a Lindelöf space such that every sequence in X has an I-cluster point. We have to show that any open cover of the space X has a finite subcover. Let { $A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Lambda$ } be an open cover of the space X, where Λ is an index set. Since (X, τ) is a Lindelöf space so this open cover admits a countable subcover say { $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n, \ldots$ }. Proceeding inductively let  $B_1 = A_1$  and for each m > 1 let  $B_m$  be the first member of the sequence of A's which is not covered by  $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_{m-1}$ . If this choice becomes impossible at any stage then the sets already selected becomes a required finite subcover. Otherwise it is possible to select a point  $b_n$  in  $B_n$  for each positive integer n such that  $b_n \notin B_r$ , for r < n. Let x be an I-cluster point of the sequence { $b_n$ }. Then  $x \in B_p$  for some p. Now we have by definition of I-cluster point that the set  $M = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : b_n \in B_p\} \notin I$ . Hence M must be an infinite subset of N, since I is an admissible ideal of N. So there is some q > p such that  $q \in M$  i.e., there exists some q > p such that  $b_q \in B_p$ which leads to a contradiction. Thus the result follows. ■

We now recall the definition of I-convergence of a real sequence which will be needed in the next section.

DEFINITION 2.6. [1] A real sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to converge to x with respect to an ideal I of the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  (or I-convergent to x) if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $A(\varepsilon) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : |x_n - x| \ge \varepsilon\} \in I$ .

In this case we write  $I - \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$ .

## 3. *I*-convergence and $I^*$ -convergence of nets in topological spaces

The following two definitions are widely known.

DEFINITION 3.1. [5] Let D be a non-void set and  $\geq$  be a binary relation on D such that  $\geq$  is reflexive, transitive and for any two elements  $m, n \in D$  there is an element  $p \in D$  such that  $p \geq m$  and  $p \geq n$ . The pair  $(D, \geq)$  is called a *directed* set.

DEFINITION 3.2. [5] Let  $(D, \geq)$  be a directed set and let X be a nonempty set. A mapping  $s: D \to X$  is called a *net* in X, denoted by  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  or simply by  $\{s_n\}$  when the set D is clear from the context.

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Throughout our discussion  $(X, \tau)$  will denote a topological space (which will be written sometimes as X) and I will denote a non-trivial ideal of a directed set D. Also the symbol  $\mathbb{N}$  is reserved for the set of all natural numbers. For  $n \in D$  let  $D_n =$  $\{k \in D : k \geq n\}$ . Then the collection  $F_0 = \{A \subset D : A \supset D_n, \text{ for some } n \in D\}$ forms a filter in D. Let  $I_0 = \{B \subset D : D \setminus B \in F_0\}$ . Then  $I_0$  is also a non-trivial ideal in D.

DEFINITION 3.3. [11] A non-trivial ideal I of D will be called D-admissible if  $D_n \in F(I)$  for all  $n \in D$ .

We are reproducing below the definition of I-convergence of a net where I is an ideal of D.

DEFINITION 3.4. [11] A net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  in X is said to be *I*-convergent to  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open set U containing  $x_0, \{n \in D : s_n \notin U\} \in I$ .

Symbolically we write  $I-\lim s_n = x_0$  and we say that  $x_0$  is an I-limit of the net  $\{s_n\}$ .

NOTE. If I is D-admissible, then convergence of a net in a topological space implies I-convergence and the converse holds if  $I = I_0$ . Also if  $D = \mathbb{N}$  with the natural ordering then the concepts of D-admissibility and admissibility coincide and in that case  $I_0$  is the ideal of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

We recall the following definition of an *I*-cluster point of a net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

DEFINITION 3.5. [11]  $y \in X$  is called an *I*-cluster point of a net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  if for every open set U containing  $y, \{n \in D : s_n \in U\} \notin I$ .

The following result holds in case of *I*-convergence in a topological space which is true for ordinary convergence of net also.

THEOREM 3.1. For every net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  in X there is a filter F on X such that x is an I-limit of the net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  if and only if x is the limit of the filter F and, y is an I-cluster point of the net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  if and only if y is the cluster point of the filter F.

*Proof.* Let  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  be a net in the space X. Let I be a non-trivial ideal of D and F(I) be the associated filter on D. Let us construct for each  $M \in F(I)$ the set  $A_M = \{s_n : n \in M\}$ . Then the family  $B = \{A_M : M \in F(I)\}$  forms a filter base on X. Indeed, each  $A_M$  is non-empty, since each M is non-empty and if  $A_M, A_R \in B$  where  $M, R \in F(I)$  then  $A_{M \cap R} \subset A_M \cap A_R$  where  $M \cap R \in F(I)$ , since F(I) is a filter. Thus our conclusion is valid. Let F be the filter generated by this filter base B. Now we show that F has the required property.

Let the net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  be *I*-convergent to *x*. Then for any neighbourhood *V* of *x* we have  $\{n \in D : s_n \notin V\} \in I$ . This implies that  $\{n \in D : s_n \in V\} \in F(I)$ . We write  $M = \{n \in D : s_n \in V\}$ . Then by our construction  $A_M = \{s_n : n \in M\} \subset V$ .

Since  $A_M \in F$  we get  $V \in F$  and since V is an arbitrary neighbourhood of x, we conclude that  $V \in F$  for all neighbourhood V of x. Hence the filter F is convergent to x.

Again let the filter F be convergent to x. Then the neighbourhood filter  $\eta_x$  of the point x is a subfamily of F i.e.,  $\eta_x \subset F$ . Let  $V \in \eta_x$  be arbitrary. Then  $A_M \subset V$ for some  $M \in F(I)$ . This implies that  $M \subset \{n \in D : s_n \in V\}$  which further implies that  $\{n \in D : s_n \in V\} \in F(I)$  i.e.,  $\{n \in D : s_n \notin V\} \in I$ . This shows that the net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  is also I-convergent to x.

Now we suppose that y is an I-cluster point of the net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$ . Then for any neighbourhood V of y we have  $\{n \in D : s_n \in V\} \notin I$  i.e.,  $\{n \in D : s_n \notin V\} \notin$ F(I). Hence we conclude that the set  $\{n \in D : s_n \notin V\}$  contains no M for any  $M \in F(I)$ . So for every  $M \in F(I)$  there exists some  $m \in M$  such that  $m \notin$  $\{n \in D : s_n \notin V\}$  i.e., there exists  $m \in M$  for each  $M \in F(I)$  such that  $s_m \in V$ . Thus we get  $V \cap A_M \neq \emptyset$  for all  $M \in F(I)$  so that y becomes a cluster point of the filter F.

Next let y be a cluster point of the filter F. Then for any neighbourhood V of y we have  $V \cap A_M \neq \emptyset$  for all  $M \in F(I)$  i.e.,  $\{n \in D : s_n \in V\} \cap M \neq \emptyset$  for all  $M \in F(I)$ . We conclude that  $\{n \in D : s_n \in V\} \notin I$ . For if  $\{n \in D : s_n \in V\} \in I$ then this it would imply that  $\{n \in D : s_n \notin V\} \in F(I)$ . So, if we write E = $\{n \in D : s_n \notin V\}$  then  $V \cap A_E = \emptyset$  and this leads to a contradiction. Hence  $\{n \in D : s_n \in V\} \notin I$  so that y becomes an I-cluster point of the net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$ .

We know that a topological space is compact if and only if each family of closed sets which has the finite intersection property [FIP for short] has a non-void intersection. We now prove a very important result regarding compactness of a topological space.

THEOREM 3.2. In a compact topological space  $(X, \tau)$  each net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  has an *I*-cluster point corresponding to any non-trivial ideal *I* of *D*.

Proof. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a compact topological space and  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  be a net in X. Let I be a non-trivial ideal of D and F(I) be the filter on D associated with the ideal I. For each  $M \in F(I)$  consider the set  $A_M = \{s_n : n \in M\}$ . Then the family containing all such  $A_M$  has FIP, since F(I) is a filter. Hence the family  $B = \{\overline{A_M} : M \in F(I)\}$  is a family of closed sets possessing FIP. Since X is a compact space,  $\cap \{\overline{A_M} : M \in F(I)\} \neq \emptyset$ . So there is some  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \in \cap \{\overline{A_M} : M \in F(I)\}$ . Then for every neighbourhood V of  $x_0$  we have  $V \cap$  $A_M \neq \emptyset$ . Now we consider the set  $K = \{n \in D : s_n \notin V\}$ . If  $K \in F(I)$  then the corresponding set  $A_K = \{s_n : n \in K\}$  does not intersect V i.e.,  $A_K \cap V = \emptyset$ which contradicts the fact deduced above. Hence,  $K \notin F(I)$  which implies that  $\{n \in D : s_n \in V\} \notin I$ . Thus,  $x_0$  becomes an I-cluster point of the net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$ .

A sort of converse of the above theorem is given below.

THEOREM 3.3. A topological space is compact if every net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  has an *I*-cluster point corresponding to a *D*-admissible ideal *I*.

The proof is omitted.

Here we show that I-convergence of a net in a product topological space can be described in terms of the projections.

THEOREM 3.4 Let  $\{X_a : a \in A\}$  be a family of topological spaces where A is any indexing set. A net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  in a product space  $X = \times \{X_a : a \in A\}$  is *I*-convergent to a point x if and only if the net  $\{P_a(s_n) : n \in D\}$  is *I*-convergent to  $x_a$  where  $P_a : X \to X_a$  is the a-th projection mapping and  $P_a(x) = x_a$  and where *I* is a non-trivial ideal of the domain *D* of the net.

*Proof.* We know that projection map into each co-ordinate space is continuous. Let x be a point of the product space  $\times \{X_a : a \in \mathcal{A}\}$  and  $P_a$  be the a-th projection map into the factor space  $X_a$  for some  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  be a net in the product space  $\times \{X_a : a \in \mathcal{A}\}$  which is I-convergent to the point x in the product space where I is a non-trivial ideal of the domain D of the net. Let  $V_a$  be any open set in  $X_a$  containing  $P_a(x) = x_a$ . Then by continuity of  $P_a$  there is some open set V containing x such that  $P_a(V) \subset V_a$ . So the set  $\{n \in D : s_n \notin V\} \in I$ . Now since  $\{n \in D : P_a(s_n) \notin V_a\} \subset \{n \in D : s_n \notin V\}$ , we have  $\{n \in D : P_a(s_n) \notin V_a\} \in I$ . Since  $V_a$  is an arbitrary open set containing  $P_a(x) = x_a$  we conclude the first part.

For the converse part let  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  be a net in the product space such that  $\{P_a(s_n) : n \in D\}$  is I-convergent to  $x_a \in X_a$  for each a in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let us write  $x = \langle x_a : a \in \mathcal{A} \rangle$ . We shall show that  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  is I-convergent to the point x in the product space. Now for each open set  $V_a$  in  $X_a$  containing  $x_a$  we have  $\{n \in D : P_a(s_n) \notin V_a\} \in I$  i.e.,  $\{n \in D : s_n \notin P_a^{-1}(V_a)\} \in I$ . This in turn implies that  $\{n \in D : s_n \in P_a^{-1}(V_a)\} \in F(I)$  where F(I) is the filter on D associated with the ideal I. Hence if  $\Lambda$  be any finite subfamily of the indexing set  $\mathcal{A}$  we have  $\bigcap_{a \in \Lambda} \{n \in D : s_n \in P_a^{-1}(V_a)\} \in F(I)$  i.e.,  $\{n \in D : s_n \in \bigcap_{a \in \Lambda} P_a^{-1}(V_a)\} \in F(I)$ . Again this implies  $\{n \in D : s_n \notin \bigcap_{a \in \Lambda} P_a^{-1}(V_a)\} \in I$ . Since the family of such finite intersections is a base for the neighbourhood system of the point x in the product topology so the net  $\{s_n; n \in D\}$  is I-convergent to x in the product space.

# 4. Countable compactness and *I*-sequential compactness of a topological space

We now introduce the following definition.

DEFINITION 4.1. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be *I*-sequentially compact if every sequence in X has an *I*-cluster point, where *I* is a non-trivial ideal of the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of all positive integers.

The notions of *I*-sequential compactness and sequential compactness of a topological space are different as shown in the following two examples.

EXAMPLE 4.1. In this example we show that a sequence in a topological space has a cluster point without having an *I*-cluster point corresponding to a non-trivial ideal I of  $\mathbb{N}$ , the set of all positive integers.

Let I be a non-trivial ideal of  $\mathbb{N}$  generated by all subsets of the set of all even positive integers and all finite subsets of the set of all odd positive integers. Let us consider the topological space  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ , the set of all real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  endowed with the usual topology  $\tau$  and a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , where

$$x_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if n is even} \\ n+1 & \text{if n is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Then clearly  $\{x_n\}$  has a convergent subsequence. But  $\{x_n\}$  has no *I*-cluster point.

EXAMPLE 4.2. This example demonstrates to us that there is a sequence in a topological space which has an *I*-cluster point corresponding to a non-trivial ideal I of the set  $\mathbb{N}$  but has no cluster point.

Let *I* be a non-trivial ideal of  $\mathbb{N}$  containing all subsets of the set of all even positive integers. Let us consider the topological space  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ , the set of all real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  endowed with the usual topology  $\tau$  and a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  where  $x_n = n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now clearly  $\{x_n\}$  has no cluster point in  $\mathbb{R}$  but every odd positive integer becomes an *I*-cluster point of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ .

We show below that under certain condition there is some relation between countable compactness and I-sequential compactness of a topological space.

Now we recall the following result.

LEMMA. For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following are equivalent.

(a)  $(X, \tau)$  is countably compact.

(b) For every countable collection of closed subsets of X satisfying the finite intersection property has non-empty intersection.

(c) If  $F_1 \supset F_2 \supset F_3 \supset \cdots \supset F_n \supset \cdots$  is a descending family of non-empty closed subsets of X then  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \neq \emptyset$ .

Let I be an admissible ideal of the set  $\mathbb{N}$ .

THEOREM 4.1. If  $(X, \tau)$  is I-sequentially compact then  $(X, \tau)$  becomes a countably compact space.

Proof. Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is an *I*-sequentially compact space. Let  $\{V_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a countable open cover of X which has no finite subcover. Then we may pick  $x_n \in X - \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$ . Now the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  must have an I-cluster point say  $x_0 \in X$ . Let  $x_0 \in V_r$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then by definition  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V_r\} \notin I$ . Since I is an admissible ideal of  $\mathbb{N}$  so the set  $A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V_r\}$  must be an infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Hence there is some m > r such that  $x_m \in V_r$ . But by our construction  $x_m \notin V_r$ and so we arrive at a contradiction. Thus  $(X, \tau)$  must be countably compact.

THEOREM 4.2. If  $(X, \tau)$  is a first countable countably compact space then  $(X, \tau)$  becomes I-sequentially compact.

*Proof.* Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is a first countable countably compact space. Let  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a sequence of distinct points of X. Let us take  $T_n = \{x_m : m \ge n\}$  for

each positive integer n. Then  $\{\overline{T_n}\}$  is a descending sequence of non-empty closed sets and hence by above lemma  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{T_n} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_0 \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{T_n}$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is a first countable space, suppose that  $\{B_n(x_0)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a countable local base at the point  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $B_n \supset B_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now  $B_m(x_0) \cap T_m \neq \emptyset$ . So there exists some  $k_m \ge m$  such that  $x_{k_m} \in B_m(x_0)$ . Since  $B_1(x_0) \cap T_1 \ne \emptyset$ , we choose a positive integer  $k_1$  such that  $x_{k_1} \in B_1(x_0)$ . Again since  $B_2(x_0) \cap T_{k_1} \neq \emptyset$ , choose a positive integer  $k_2 > k_1$  such that  $x_{k_2} \in B_2(x_0)$ . Suppose  $k_1 < k_2 < \cdots < k_n$  have been chosen such that  $x_{k_i} \in B_i(x_0)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . Again since  $B_{n+1}(x_0) \cap$  $T_{k_{n+1}} \neq \emptyset$ , there is some  $k_{n+1} > k_n$  such that  $x_{k_{n+1}} \in B_{n+1}(x_0)$ . Thus we get a subsequence  $\{x_{k_n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{k_r} \in B_r(x_0), \forall r \in \mathbb{N}$ . We show that this subsequence converges to  $x_0$ . Let  $x_0 \in V$  where V is an open subset of X. Then there exists some positive integer m such that  $B_m(x_0) \subset V$ . Then for all n > m we have  $x_{k_n} \in B_n(x_0) \subset B_m(x_0) \subset V$ . Since I is an admissible ideal of N, the sequence  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  is I-convergent to  $x_0$ . This implies that for every open set U containing  $x_0$  we have  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{k_n} \notin U\} \in I$ . Since I is a nontrivial ideal,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{k_n} \in U\} \notin I$  i.e.,  $x_0$  becomes an I-cluster point of the sequence  $\{x_{k_n}\}$ . Now since  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \supset \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{k_n} \in U\}$  so we obtain  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \notin I$ , which in turn implies that  $x_0$  becomes an I-cluster point of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ . Thus  $(X, \tau)$  is an I-sequentially compact space.

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