

## *S*- $\mathcal{I}$ -CONVERGENCE OF SEQUENCES

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**Abstract.** In this article, we use the notions of a semi-open set and topological ideal, in order to define and study a new variant of the classical concept of convergence of sequences in topological spaces, namely, the *S*- $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence. Some basic properties of *S*- $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequences and their preservation under certain types of functions are investigated. Also, we study the notions related to compactness and cluster points by using semi-open sets and ideals. Finally, we explore the  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence of sequences in the cartesian product space.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The ideal theory on a set was established in 1933 by Kuratowski [10]. This theory has recently been used in order to generalize several concepts of Mathematical Analysis and General Topology (see, e.g., see [4], [7], [8], [14]). In particular, in 2000, Kostyrko et al. [9] used ideals on the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of the positive integer numbers to introduce the notion of  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence on metric spaces, as a generalization of statistical convergence. In 2005, Lahiri and Das [11] extended the notion of  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence to the context of topological spaces and established some basic properties. On the other hand, in 1963, Levine [12] introduced the notion of semi-open set in topological spaces, which plays an important role in recently researches in General Topology. In this article, we use the notion of a semi-open set, in order to define and study a variant of the classical convergence in topological spaces, namely, the *S*- $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence. Specifically, we investigate some basic properties of *S*- $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequences and their preservation under certain types of functions. Also, we study the notions related to compactness and cluster points by using semi-open sets and ideals. In the final part of the work, we explore the  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence of sequences in the product space.

Now we will give some definitions and results that will be useful to understand content.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set, a family of sets  $\mathcal{I} \subset 2^X$  is called an *ideal* [10] on  $X$  if the following properties are satisfied:

- (1)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$ ,
- (2)  $A, B \in \mathcal{I}$  implies  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$ ,
- (3)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $B \subset A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{I}$ .

An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $X$  is called *nontrivial* if  $\mathcal{I} \neq \{\emptyset\}$  and  $X \notin \mathcal{I}$ . A nontrivial ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $X$  is called *admissible* if  $\mathcal{I} \supset \{\{x\} : x \in X\}$ . Some examples of admissible ideals can be found in [9].

Throughout this work,  $(X, \tau)$  stands for a topological space (written frequently as  $X$ ) and  $\mathcal{I}$  is a nontrivial ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$ , the set of all positive integer numbers.

**Definition 1.2.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called  *$\mathcal{I}$ -convergent* [11] to a point  $x_0$ , if for every nonempty open set  $U$  containing  $x_0$ ,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be *semi-open* [12], if there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset A \subset Cl(U)$ .

The collection of all semi-open sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $SO(X)$ . The complement of a semi-open set is called a *semi-closed set*. The *semi-closure* of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , denoted by  $sCl(A)$ , is defined as

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the intersection of all semi-closed sets containing  $A$  [1]. Obviously, a point  $x \in sCl(A)$  if and only if for every semi-open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .

In the following definition, we present some well-known in the literature types of functions in the literature, where  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces.

**Definition 1.4.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be:

- (1) *semi-continuous* [12] if  $f^{-1}(A) \in SO(X)$  for each open set  $A$  in  $Y$ ;
- (2) *irresolute* [2] if  $f^{-1}(A) \in SO(X)$  for each  $A \in SO(Y)$ .

**Theorem 1.5** ([12, Theorem 12]). *A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is semi-continuous if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists  $U \in SO(X)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subset V$ .*

**Theorem 1.6.** *A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is irresolute if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $V \in SO(Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists  $U \in SO(X)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subset V$ .*

**Definition 1.7.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be *semi-Hausdorff* [13], if for each pair  $x, y$  of distinct points of  $X$ , there exist disjoint semi-open sets containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be a *semi-limit point* [3] of  $A$  if for every semi-open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $A \cap (U - \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Definition 1.9.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be:

- (1) *semi-compact* [5] if every cover of  $X$  by semi-open sets has a finite subcover;
- (2) *semi-Lindelöf* [6] if every cover of  $X$  by semi-open sets has a countable subcover.

## 2. THE $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -CONVERGENCE AND ITS BASIC PROPERTIES

In this section, we introduce the concept of an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequence to a point of a topological space and study its relevant properties.

**Definition 2.1.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to a point  $x_0 \in X$  if for every nonempty semi-open set  $U$  containing  $x_0$ ,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . In this case,  $x_0$  is called the  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -limit of  $\{x_n\}$  and is denoted by  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $\lim x_n = x_0$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *The  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence implies  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence for any nontrivial ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is immediate from the fact that any open set is semi-open and the definition of  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence. □

The following example shows that the converse of Lemma 2.2 is not necessarily true.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of real numbers with the usual topology,  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  be defined as  $x_n = a^n$ , where  $0 < a < 1$ . Observe that the sequence  $x_n = a^n$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to 0, since for any open set  $W$  containing 0, the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin W\}$  is finite. Now consider the semi-open set  $U = (-1, 0]$ . It is easy to see that the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\}$  is equal to the set of natural numbers and then the sequence  $x_n = a^n$  is not  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to 0.

**Remark 2.4.** If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal, then an ordinary convergence implies  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence and, in addition, if  $\mathcal{I}$  does not contain any infinite set, both concepts coincide (see [11]).

An immediate consequence of Remark 2.4 is the following result.

**Proposition 2.5.** *If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal not containing any infinite set, then  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence implies convergence.*

The following example shows that the converse of Proposition 2.5 is not necessarily true.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of real numbers with the usual topology and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  be defined as  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$ . Observe that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to 0. Consider the semi-open set  $U = (-1, 0]$  and note that  $0 \in U$ , but  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} = \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$  (for any nontrivial ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ ) and so  $\{x_n\}$  is not  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to 0.

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $X$  be a discrete topological space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal, then convergence implies the  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergence.*

*Proof.* The proof follows from the fact that in the discrete topology the collections of open sets and semi-open sets are the same.  $\square$

**Example 2.8.** Consider  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the usual topology and  $\{x_n\}$  the sequence in  $X$  defined as  $x_n = (-1)^n$ . It is clear that  $\{x_n\}$  do not converge to any point of  $X$ . Now, let  $M = \{2j - 1 : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and take  $\mathcal{I} = 2^M$ . Then  $\mathcal{I}$  is a nontrivial ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$ , and  $\{x_n\}$  is  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent (also  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent) to  $-1$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $X$  be a semi-Hausdorff space. If  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequence in  $X$ , then the point of  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergence is unique.*

*Proof.* Consider  $\{x_n\}$ , a sequence that is  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent in a semi-Hausdorff space  $X$ . Suppose that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  has two distinct points of  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergence, say  $x_0$  and  $y_0$ . Since  $X$  is a semi-Hausdorff space, there exist  $U, V \in SO(X)$  such that  $x_0 \in U$ ,  $y_0 \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . On the other hand, by the definition of the  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergence, we have  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin V\} \in \mathcal{I}$ , which implies that

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in (U \cap V)^c\} = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U^c\} \cup \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V^c\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

As  $\mathcal{I}$  is a nontrivial ideal, then  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in (U \cap V)^c\} \neq \mathbb{N}$  and hence there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_0 \notin \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in (U \cap V)^c\}$ , and so  $x_{n_0} \in (U \cap V)$ , which is a contradiction. This shows that the point of  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergence is unique.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space. If  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequence in  $X$ , then the point of  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergence is unique.*

**Theorem 2.11.** *If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal and if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of distinct elements in a subset  $A$  of  $X$  which is  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0 \in X$ , then  $x_0$  is a semi-limit point of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be any semi-open subset of  $X$  containing the point  $x_0$ . Since  $\{x_n\}$  is  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0$ , therefore  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$  and so  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ , otherwise it would be  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} \cup \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} = \mathbb{N} \in \mathcal{I}$ , which contradicts that  $\mathcal{I}$  is nontrivial. As  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal, it follows that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\}$  is an infinite set, otherwise,

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} = \bigcup_{x_n \in U} \{n\} \in \mathcal{I},$$

which is  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\}$  would be a finite union of unitary sets, which is a contradiction because  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ . Choose  $n_0 \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\}$  such that  $x_{n_0} \neq x_0$ , then  $x_{n_0} \in A \cap (U - \{x_0\})$  and so,  $A \cap (U - \{x_0\}) \neq \emptyset$ . This shows that for any semi-open set  $U$  containing the point  $x_0$ , we have  $A \cap (U - \{x_0\}) \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.12.** *If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal and if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of distinct elements in a subset  $A \subset X$  which is  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0 \in X$ , then  $x_0 \in sCl(A)$ .*

**Corollary 2.13.** *If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal and if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of distinct elements in a subset  $A \subset X$  which is  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0 \in X$ , then  $x_0$  is a limit point of  $A$ .*

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . We say that a point  $x \in X$  is a *semi-cluster point* of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  if for every semi-open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , there exist infinitely many natural numbers  $n$  such that  $x_n \in U$ .

**Theorem 2.15.** *If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal and  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence having a  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent subsequence, then  $\{x_n\}$  has a semi-cluster point.*

*Proof.* By the hypothesis,  $\{x_n\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{k(n)}\}$  which is  $S\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -convergent, say to  $x_0$ . We will show that  $x_0$  is a semi-cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$ . Let  $U$  be any semi-open set containing  $x_0$ , then  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{k(n)} \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$ , and since  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal, we have  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{k(n)} \in U\}$  is an infinite set. Thus,  $U$  has infinite terms of the subsequence  $\{x_{k(n)}\}$  and hence, of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ . This shows that  $x_0$  is a semi-cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.16.** *If  $B \subset X$  is a semi-closed set, then for any sequence in  $B$  which is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0$ , we have  $x_0 \in B$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $B \subset X$  is a semi-closed set and  $\{x_n\}$  is any sequence in  $B$  which is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to the point  $x_0$ , but  $x_0 \notin B$ . Since  $B$  is semi-closed, we have  $sCl(B) = B$  and thus,  $x_0 \notin sCl(B)$ . Then there exists a semi-open set  $U$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $B \cap U = \emptyset$ . By the hypothesis, we have  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ , which imply that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \neq \emptyset$ . Thus, there exists  $n_0 \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\}$ , which is  $x_{n_0} \in U$ . Since  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $B$ , hence  $x_{n_0} \in B$ , as well. Therefore,  $x_{n_0} \in B \cap U$  and so  $B \cap U \neq \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.17.** *If  $B \subset X$  is a closed set, then for any sequence in  $B$  which is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0$ , we have  $x_0 \in B$ .*

**Theorem 2.18.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a semi-continuous function. If  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  which is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0 \in X$ , then  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is an  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequence to  $f(x_0)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  which is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0 \in X$  and let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$  containing the point  $f(x_0)$ . By Theorem 1.5, there exists  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ . We claim that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : f(x_n) \notin V\} \subset \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\}$ . In effect, if  $n_0 \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} : f(x_n) \notin V\}$ , then  $f(x_{n_0}) \notin V$  and so  $f(x_{n_0}) \notin f(U)$ , it follows that  $x_{n_0} \notin U$  and hence  $n_0 \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\}$ . Since  $\{x_n\}$  is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0$ , we have  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$  and, consequently,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : f(x_n) \notin V\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . This shows that  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $f(x_0)$ .  $\square$

It is clear that the condition that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is semi-continuous does not guarantee that if  $\{x_n\}$  is an  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequence in  $X$ , then  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is an  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequence in  $Y$ . In the following theorem, we show that the  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergence is preserved by irresolute functions.

**Theorem 2.19.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an irresolute function. If  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  which is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x_0 \in X$ , then  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is an  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequence to  $f(x_0)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.18. Just the use is made of the characterization of an irresolute function given in Theorem 1.6.  $\square$

**Example 2.20.** Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the collection of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the usual topology,  $Y = \{0, 1\}$  with the Sierpinski topology,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  the function defined by  $f(x) = 0$  and  $\{x_n\}$  the sequence in  $X$  defined as  $x_n = (-1)^n$ . Note that  $f$  is a semi-continuous (resp. irresolute) function such that  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent (resp.  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent) to  $0 \in Y$ , but  $\{x_n\}$  do not  $S\mathcal{I}$ -converge to any point of  $X$ .

### 3. COMPACTNESS AND $S\mathcal{I}$ -CONVERGENCE

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal that does not contain infinite sets. If any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  has a subsequence which is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent, then  $(X, \tau)$  is a sequentially compact space.*

*Proof.* This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.5.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal. If for any infinite subset  $A$  of  $X$ , there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of distinct elements in  $A$ , which is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent in  $X$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is a limit point compact space.*

*Proof.* This is an immediate consequence of Corollary 2.10.  $\square$

Recall that a point  $p$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be an  $\omega$ -accumulation point of  $A \subset X$  if for every open set  $U$  containing  $p$ ,  $U \cap A$  is an infinite set. On the other hand, a point  $p \in X$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point [11] of a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  if for every open set  $U$  containing  $p$ ,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ . In the following two definitions we introduce some modifications of these concepts using semi-open sets.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . A point  $p \in X$  is called a  $S\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$  if for any semi-open set  $U$  containing  $p$ ,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A \subset X$ . We say that  $p \in X$  is a *semi- $\omega$ -accumulation point* of  $A$  if for every semi-open set  $U$  containing  $p$ ,  $U \cap A$  is an infinite set.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal. If every sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  has an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point, then every infinite subset of  $X$  has a semi- $\omega$ -accumulation point. The converse is true if  $\mathcal{I}$  does not contain infinite sets.

*Proof.* Suppose that every sequence in  $X$  has an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point and let  $A$  be an infinite subset of  $X$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of distinct points in  $A$ . Let  $p$  be an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$  and  $U$  be any semi-open set  $U$  containing  $p$ , then  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ . Using the fact that  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal, it follows that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\}$  is an infinite subset; as a consequence,  $U$  contains infinitely many points of  $\{x_n\}$  and hence of  $A$ , that is,  $U \cap A$  is an infinite set. This shows that  $p$  is a semi- $\omega$ -accumulation point of  $A$ .

Conversely, suppose that every infinite subset of  $X$  has a semi- $\omega$ -accumulation point. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be any sequence in  $X$  and let  $A$  be the range of  $\{x_n\}$ . If  $A$  is infinite, then by the hypothesis,  $A$  has a point of semi- $\omega$ -accumulation, say  $p$ . Let  $U$  be any semi-open set  $U$  containing  $p$ , then  $U \cap A$  is an infinite set, and it follows that  $U$  has infinitely many points of  $A$  and hence, of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ , which implies that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\}$  is an infinite set. Since  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal that does not contain infinite sets, we conclude that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ , that is,  $p$  is an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$ . On the other hand, if  $A$  is finite, then there exists a point  $p \in X$  such that  $x_n = p$  for infinitely many subindexes  $n$ . Therefore, for every semi-open set  $U$  containing  $p$ , the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in U\}$  is infinite and so,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in A\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ , which implies that  $p$  is an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal. If every sequence  $\{x_n\}$  has an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point, then every infinite subset of  $X$  has an  $\omega$ -accumulation point.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal. If  $X$  is a semi-Lindelöff space such that every sequence in  $X$  has an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point, then  $X$  is a semi-compact space.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $X$  is a semi-Lindelöff space such that every sequence in  $X$  has an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point and let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a semi-open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a semi-Lindelöff space,  $\mathcal{U}$  contains a countable subcover, say  $\mathcal{U}' = \{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m, \dots\}$ . Proceeding by induction, let  $A_1 = U_1$  and for each  $m > 1$ , let  $A_m$  be the first member of the sequence of  $U$ 's which is not covered by  $U_1 \cup U_2 \cup \dots \cup U_{m-1}$ . We claim that in the above selection, there exists  $m_0$  such that for all  $m > m_0$  it is impossible to continue with the algorithm. In effect, if in the above selection it is possible to do this for all  $n > 1$ , we choose a point  $a_n \in A_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_n \notin A_k$  for  $k < n$ . Now, consider the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  and let  $p$  be an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point of  $\{a_n\}$ . Then  $p \in A_j$  for some  $j$ . By the definition of an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point and the admissibility of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ , we have  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : a_n \in A_j\} \notin \mathcal{I}$  and  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : a_n \in A_j\}$  must be an infinite set of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Thus, there exists  $r > j$  such that  $r \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} : a_n \in A_j\}$ ; that is, there exists some  $r > j$  such that  $a_r \in A_j$ , which is a contradiction. As a consequence, there exists  $m_0$  such that for all  $m > m_0$  it is impossible to continue the algorithm and, therefore,  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{m_0}\}$  is a finite subcover of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal. If  $X$  is a semi-Lindelöff space such that every sequence in  $X$  has an  $S$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point, then  $X$  is a compact space.

#### 4. THE $\mathcal{I}$ -CONVERGENCE IN THE PRODUCT SPACE

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $\{(X_\alpha, \tau_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an indexed family of topological spaces,  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$  be the product space and  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  be a sequence in  $X_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Then  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $p_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$  if and only if  $\{(x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an open set in  $\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  containing the point  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ , then there exists a basic open set  $B = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} B_\alpha$  such that  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta} \in B \subset A$ . It follows that  $p_\alpha \in B_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Since  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} B_\alpha$  is a basic open set in the product space  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$ , it follows that  $B_\alpha = X_\alpha$ , except for a finite number

of indexes, say  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ . Thus,  $p_{\alpha_i} \in B_{\alpha_i}$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  and  $p_\alpha \in X_\alpha$  for  $\alpha \neq \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ . Since  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $p_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , therefore  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_\alpha(n) \notin B_\alpha\} \in \mathcal{I}$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$  and hence

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_\alpha(n) \notin B_\alpha\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_i}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_i}\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

We claim that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B\} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^k \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_i}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_i}\}$ .

In effect, let  $n_0 \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B\}$ , then we have  $(x_\alpha(n_0))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} B_\alpha$ , which implies that there exists  $\alpha_0 \in \Delta$  such that  $x_{\alpha_0}(n_0) \notin B_{\alpha_0}$  and since  $B_\alpha = X_\alpha$  for  $\alpha \neq \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ , necessarily  $\alpha_0 \in \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ , otherwise there would be a contradiction; now, as  $x_{\alpha_0}(n_0) \notin B_{\alpha_0}$ , we have

$$n_0 \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_0}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_0}\} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^k \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_i}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_i}\}.$$

Therefore,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B\} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^k \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_i}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_i}\}$ . On the other hand, the fact that

$B = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} B_\alpha \subset A$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin A\} &\subset \{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B\} \\ &\subset \bigcup_{i=1}^k \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_i}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_i}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_i}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_i}\} \in \mathcal{I}$ , it follows that

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin A\} \in \mathcal{I},$$

which shows that  $\{(x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ .

Conversely, let  $\beta$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Delta$  and consider the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_\beta(n) \notin B_\beta\}$ , where  $B_\beta$  is an arbitrary open set of  $X_\beta$  containing the point  $p_\beta \in X_\beta$ . Now, let  $B = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} B_\alpha$  a basic open set in the product space  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$  containing the point  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  such that  $\pi_\beta(\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} B_\alpha) = B_\beta$ . By the hypothesis, the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . On the other hand, since  $B = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} B_\alpha$  is a basic open set, therefore  $B_\alpha = X_\alpha$  except for a finite number of indexes, say  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ . Suppose that  $\beta = \alpha_j$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq k$  (if  $\beta \neq \alpha_j$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , the result is trivial). We claim that

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^k \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_i}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_i}\} \subset \{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B\}.$$

In effect, let  $n_0 \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_i}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_i}\}$ , then there exists  $\alpha_0 \in \Delta$  such that  $n_0 \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_0}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_0}\}$ , which implies that  $x_{\alpha_0}(n_0) \notin B_{\alpha_0}$  and so,  $(x_\alpha(n_0))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} B_\alpha$ , hence

$n_0 \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B\}$ . As  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : (x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta} \notin B\} \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_{\alpha_i}(n) \notin B_{\alpha_i}\} \in \mathcal{I}$

and, consequently,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_\beta(n) \notin B_\beta\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . This shows that  $\{x_\beta(n)\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $p_\beta$ , and since  $\beta \in \Delta$  is arbitrary, the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.2.** Let  $\{(X_\alpha, \tau_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an indexed family of topological spaces,  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$  be the product space and  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  be a sequence in  $X_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . If  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $p_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then  $\{(x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ .

**Corollary 4.3.** Let  $\{(X_\alpha, \tau_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an indexed family of topological spaces,  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$  be the product space and  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  be a sequence in  $X_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . If  $\{(x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta}\}$  is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ , then  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  is  $S\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $p_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ .

Recall that if  $\{I_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  is a chain of ideals on  $X$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} I_\alpha$  is an ideal on  $X$  [15]. Next, we give two immediate consequences related to a chain of ideals on  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Corollary 4.4.** Let  $\{\mathcal{I}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  be a chain of nontrivial ideals on  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$  be the product space of a family of topological spaces  $\{(X_\alpha, \tau_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  and  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  be a sequence in  $X_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . If  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha$ -convergent to  $p_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then  $\{(x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ , where  $\mathcal{I} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mathcal{I}_\alpha$ .

**Corollary 4.5.** Let  $\{\mathcal{I}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  be a chain of nontrivial ideals on  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$  be the product space of a family of topological spaces  $\{(X_\alpha, \tau_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  and  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  be a sequence in  $X_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . If  $\{(x_\alpha(n))_{\alpha \in \Delta}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha$ -convergent to  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ , then  $\{x_\alpha(n)\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $p_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , where  $\mathcal{I} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mathcal{I}_\alpha$ .

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