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New Convergence Definitions for Sequences of Sets

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Several notions of *convergence* for subsets of metric space appear in the literature. In this paper, we define *Wijsman I-convergence* and *Wijsman I*-convergence* for sequences of sets and establish some basic theorems. Furthermore, we introduce the concepts of *Wijsman I-Cauchy* sequence and *Wijsman I*-Cauchy* sequence and then study their certain properties.

1. Introduction and Background

The concept of convergence of sequences of points has been extended by several authors (see [1–9]) to the concept of convergence of sequences of sets. The one of these such extensions that we will consider in this paper is Wijsman convergence. We will define *I-convergence* for sequences of sets and establish some basic results regarding these notions.

Let us start with fundamental definitions from the literature. The natural density of a set K of positive integers is defined by

$$\delta(K) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : k \in K\}|, \quad (1)$$

where $|\{k \leq n : k \in K\}|$ denotes the number of elements of K not exceeding n ([10]).

Statistical convergence of sequences of points was introduced by Fast [11]. In [12], Schoenberg established some basic properties of statistical convergence and also studied the concept as a summability method.

A number sequence $x = (x_k)$ is said to be statistically convergent to the number ξ if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : |x_k - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0. \quad (2)$$

In this case, we write $st\text{-}\lim x_k = \xi$. Statistical convergence is a natural generalization of ordinary convergence. If $\lim x_k = \xi$, then $st\text{-}\lim x_k = \xi$. The converse does not hold in general.

Definition 1 (see [13]). A family of sets $I \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ is called an ideal on \mathbb{N} if and only if

- (i) $\emptyset \in I$;
- (ii) for each $A, B \in I$ one has $A \cup B \in I$;
- (iii) for each $A \in I$ and each $B \subseteq A$ one has $B \in I$.

An ideal is called nontrivial if $\mathbb{N} \notin I$, and nontrivial ideal is called admissible if $\{n\} \in I$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Definition 2 (see [14]). A family of sets $F \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ is a filter in \mathbb{N} if and only if

- (i) $\emptyset \notin F$;
- (ii) for each $A, B \in F$ one has $A \cap B \in F$;
- (iii) for each $A \in F$ and each $B \supseteq A$ one has $B \in F$.

Proposition 3 (see [14]). *I* is a nontrivial ideal in \mathbb{N} if and only if

$$F = F(I) = \{M = \mathbb{N} \setminus A : A \in I\} \quad (3)$$

is a filter in \mathbb{N} .

Definition 4 (see [14]). Let I be a nontrivial ideal of subsets of \mathbb{N} . A number sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is said to be *I-convergent* to ξ ($\xi \in I\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$) if and only if for each $\varepsilon > 0$ the set

$$\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\} \quad (4)$$

belongs to I . The element ξ is called the *I* limit of the number sequence $x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.