

18. Compactness in Ranked Spaces

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It is the purpose of this note to study certain properties of sequentially compact sets in ranked spaces. Throughout this note, we shall always treat ranked spaces with indicator ω_0 ([2] p. 319), and $i, k, m, n, n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k, \dots$ will denote non-negative integers.

In a ranked space, for a point-sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0,1,2,\dots}$ and for a point x , if we have $x \in \{\lim x_n\}$ ([2] p. 319), then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to r -converge to x , or the point x is said to be an r -limit point of $\{x_n\}$. The symbol $\mathcal{F}(x)$ will denote the collection of all fundamental sequences of neighbourhoods with respect to a point x ([3] p. 551).

Let A be a subset of a ranked space. If every countable sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0,1,2,\dots}$ of points of A contains a subsequence r -converging to a point of A , then A is said to be r -compact. The set of all points, each of which is an r -limit point of a countable sequence of points of A , is called the r -closure of A and denoted by $\text{cl}(A)$. The set A is said to be r -closed, if we have $\text{cl}(A) = A$.

We must take care about the r -convergence in a subset A of a ranked space E . The sequence of points of A , r -converging in the space E to a point x of A , r -converges also to x in the induced ranked space A ([3] p. 550), but the converse is not always true.¹⁾

Example 1. The interval $I = [-2, 2]$ of real numbers with families $\mathfrak{B}_n(x) = \left\{ \left(x - \frac{1}{n}, x + \frac{1}{n} \right) \cap I \right\}$ ($x \in I, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$)²⁾ becomes a ranked space with indicator ω_0 which will be denoted by E .

(we put $\frac{1}{0} = +\infty$.)

For $x \in I$, let

$$\mathfrak{B}'_n(x) = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{B}_n(x) & \text{when } x \neq 0, \text{ or when } x = 0, n = 0. \\ \left\{ \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n} \right), \left(-2 + \frac{1}{n}, 2 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right\} & \text{when } x = 0, n > 0. \end{cases}$$

Then I with $\mathfrak{B}'_n(x)$ ($x \in I, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) also becomes another ranked space with indicator ω_0 which will be denoted by E' .

1) A condition which makes the converse hold was given in [6] Proposition 15.

2) $\mathfrak{B}_n(x)$ will denote the family of neighbourhoods of point x and of rank n . See [5] p. 616.