

Let  $\mathcal{Q} = [0, 1]^{\mathbb{N}} = \{f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, 1]\}$ .

We give  $\mathcal{Q}$  the topology of pointwise convergence: a sequence  $f_n \in \mathcal{Q}$  converges to  $f \in \mathcal{Q}$  iff  $f_n(m) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f(m) \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Theorem: (Tychonoff)  $\mathcal{Q}$  is sequentially compact:

Any sequence  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $\mathcal{Q}$  has a convergent subsequence.

Pf. The sequence  $\{f_n(1)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $[0, 1]$  has a convergent subsequence (because  $[0, 1]$  is compact); taking a further subsequence if necessary, we can find  $n_1(1) < n_1(2) < \dots < n_1(k) < \dots$  and  $x_1 \in [0, 1]$  s.t.

$$|f_{n_1(k)}(1) - x_1| < 2^{-k}$$

Now consider  $\{f_{n_1(k)}(2)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ . By the same reasoning, we can find indices  $n_2(1) < n_2(2) < \dots < n_2(k) < \dots$  selected from among  $\{n_1(k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  such that

$$|f_{n_2(k)}(2) - x_2| < 2^{-k}.$$

By construction,  $\{f_{n_2(k)}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $\{f_{n_1(k)}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ , and so

$$|f_{n_2(k)}(1) - x_1| \leq 2^{-k}$$

as well. Proceeding inductively, we constructed nested increasing sequences of indices  $\{n_1(k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \supseteq \{n_2(k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \supseteq \dots \supseteq \{n_m(k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \supseteq \dots$  and  $x_j \in [0, 1]$  s.t. s.t.

$$|f_{n_m(k)}(j) - x_j| < 2^{-k} \quad \forall j \leq m, \forall k. \quad (\star)$$

Claim:  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} = \{f_{n_k(k)}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $g_k(j) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} x_j \quad \forall j$ .

Because  $\{n_2(k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \{n_1(k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and both  $n_1, n_2 \uparrow$ ,  $n_2(1) \geq n_1(1)$ ; but  $n_2(2) > n_2(1)$  because  $n_2 \uparrow$ ,  $\therefore n_2(2) > n_1(1)$ . Repeating this argument shows that  $n_1(1) < n_2(2) < \dots < n_k(k) < \dots$  and so  $\{f_{n_k(k)}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence.

Now, by  $(\star)$  with  $m=k$ ,  $|g_k(j) - x_j| = |f_{n_k(k)}(j) - x_j| < 2^{-k} \quad \forall j \leq k$ .

Holding  $j$  fixed, it follows that  $g_k(j) \rightarrow x_j$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thus,  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence that converges pointwise to  $g(j) = x_j$ .  
 $\leftarrow g \in \mathcal{Q}$ . ///