

5.6.9 Let  $(M, \rho)$  be a metric space. A point  $d \in M$  is called a **limit point** of a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an  $n$  so that  $\rho(d, x_n) \leq \varepsilon$ . Prove that  $d$  is a limit point of  $\{x_n\}$  if and only if  $\{x_n\}$  has a subsequence which converges to  $d$ .

Proof of exercise 5.6.9 ( $\Rightarrow$ ):

Let  $\{x_n\} \subset M$  be a sequence of points. Suppose  $d$  is a limit point of  $\{x_n\}$ .

Then,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists n \in \mathbf{N} \ni \rho(d, x_n) \leq \varepsilon$ .

Construct a sequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  as follows:

Let  $\varepsilon = 1$ . Then  $\exists n_1 \in \mathbf{N} \ni \rho(d, x_{n_1}) \leq 1$ .

Let  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $\exists n_2 \in \mathbf{N} \ni \rho(d, x_{n_2}) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .

$\vdots$

Let  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{k}$ . Then  $\exists n_k \in \mathbf{N} \ni \rho(d, x_{n_k}) \leq \frac{1}{k}$ .

$\vdots$

Consider this sequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$ .  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , let  $K \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . Then,  $\forall k \geq K$ , we have:

$\rho(d, x_{n_k}) < \varepsilon$ . i.e.  $\exists$  a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  which converges to  $d$ . Q.E.D.

Proof of exercise 5.6.9 ( $\Leftarrow$ ):

Take the sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset M$ . Suppose  $\exists$  a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  which converges to  $d$ . That is,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K \in \mathbf{N} \ni \forall k \geq K, \rho(d, x_{n_k}) < \varepsilon$ .

In particular,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists n_k \in \mathbf{N} \ni \rho(d, x_{n_k}) < \varepsilon$  where  $x_{n_k} \in \{x_n\}$ . i.e.  $d$  is a limit point of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ . Q.E.D.