

Goal. A taste of Stone-Cech [still hardest]

HW. —

Riddle Along.  $\beta(x \rightsquigarrow x) = ?$   $\beta(x \rightarrow) = ?$   $\beta(x \rightsquigarrow) = ?$

Reminders.  $A = \{ \text{bounded sequences} \} = \{ (a_j) \} \subset \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$

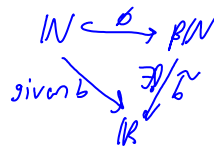
$R_{(a_j)} = [\inf(a_j), \sup(a_j)] \subset \mathbb{R}$   $C = \prod_{a \in A} R_a$  is compact!

$\phi: \mathbb{N} \hookrightarrow C$  by  $\phi(k)_a = a_k$

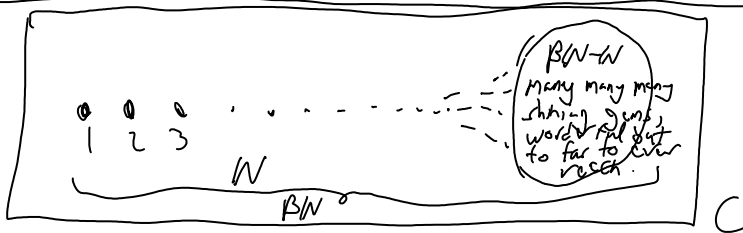
$\beta\mathbb{N} := \overline{\phi(\mathbb{N})} \subset C$  is compact & has  $\mathbb{N}$  as a dense subset.

Claim Every bdd  $b: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a unique cont.

extension  $\tilde{b}$  to  $\beta\mathbb{N}$



Proof set  $\tilde{b} = \prod b |_{\beta\mathbb{N}}$ .



Claim If  $\mu \in \beta\mathbb{N} - \mathbb{N}$  and  $b = (b_j)$  is a seq. whose limit  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} b_j$  exists, then  $\tilde{b}(\mu) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} b_j$ .

PF Enough to know that  $\mu \in [n, \infty)$ , for any  $n$ .

In a  $T_2$  space,  $\mu \in \bar{D} - D$  iff every nbd of  $\mu$  contains infinitely many elements of  $D$ .

Now fix  $\mu$  and define  $\text{Lim}_\mu(b_j) = \tilde{b}(\mu)$ . Then  $\text{Lim}$  is a "generalized limit".

This contradicts the principle of diminishing values.

Thm. (prove not)  $\beta\mathbb{N} \leftrightarrow \{ \text{the set of all finitely additive } \{0,1\}\text{-valued measures on } \mathbb{N} \}$

show  $\rightarrow$  , discuss.

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