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*Companions of directed sets and the Ordering Lemma.*

A well ordered set  $(C, \preceq)$  is called a companion of a partially ordered set  $(D, \leq)$  provided  $C$  is a cofinal subset of  $(D, \leq)$  and for every  $c_1, c_2 \in C$ , if  $c_1 \leq c_2$  then  $c_1 \preceq c_2$ . The ordering lemma is a version of the axiom of choice that says every directed set has a companion. If  $f : D \rightarrow X$  is a net into a set  $X$ , the transfinite sequence  $f \upharpoonright C : (C, \preceq) \rightarrow X$  is called the companion (transfinite) sequence of the net  $f$ . We will give a proof of the Theorem: If  $(D, \leq)$  does not have a well ordered cofinal subset (well ordered by the restriction of  $\leq$ ) then there exists a topological space  $X$  and a net  $f : D \rightarrow X$  such that the companion sequence  $f \upharpoonright C$  has a cluster point in  $X$ , but  $f$  does not have cluster point in  $X$ . This result points to a gap in the (now retracted) claimed proof by W. Sconyers and N. Howes that every normal linearly Lindelöf space is Lindelöf. (Received August 27, 2016)