

Remote Points and Extremal Disconnectedness

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Corollary. *If $\{X_n : n < \omega\}$ are separable spaces, then TFAE:*

- $\prod_{n < \omega} X_n$ is pseudocompact,
- $\beta(\prod_{n < \omega} X_n) = \prod_{n < \omega} \beta X_n$,
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Since X is compact, EX has **all** ultrafilters in $s(RO(\omega^2))$. The result follows from this. □

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By the way, it is easy to see that $T(C_\kappa)$ is dense in C_κ^* .

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