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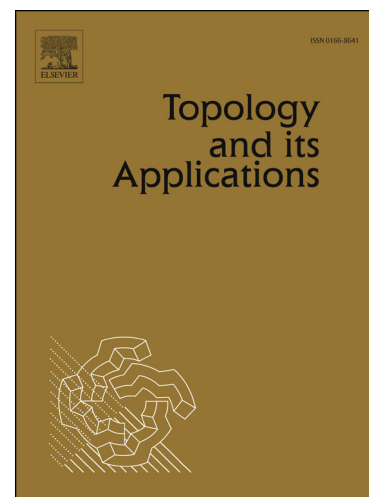
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Abstract

It has been established in [7], [8], and [9] that a non-locally compact topological group G with a first-countable remainder can fail to be metrizable. On the other hand, it was shown in [6] that if some remainder of a topological group G is perfect, then this remainder is first-countable. We improve considerably this result below: it is proved that in the main case, when G is not locally compact, the space G is separable and metrizable. Some corollaries of this theorem are given, and an example is presented showing that the theorem is sharp.

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1 Preliminaries

By ‘a space’ we understand a Tychonoff topological space. By a *remainder* of a space X we mean the subspace $bX \setminus X$ of a Hausdorff compactification bX of X . We follow the terminology and notation in [11]. In particular, a space X has *countable type* if every compact subspace S of X is contained in a compact subspace T of X which has a countable base of open neighbourhoods

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