

Making group topologies with, and without, convergent sequences*

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ABSTRACT.

(1) Every infinite, Abelian compact (Hausdorff) group K admits $2^{|K|}$ -many dense, non-Haar-measurable subgroups of cardinality $|K|$. When K is nonmetrizable, these may be chosen to be pseudocompact.

(2) Every infinite Abelian group G admits a family \mathcal{A} of $2^{2^{|G|}}$ -many pairwise nonhomeomorphic totally bounded group topologies such that no nontrivial sequence in G converges in any of the topologies $\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{A}$. (For some G one may arrange $w(G, \mathcal{T}) < 2^{|G|}$ for some $\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{A}$.)

(3) Every infinite Abelian group G admits a family \mathcal{B} of $2^{2^{|G|}}$ -many pairwise nonhomeomorphic totally bounded group topologies, with $w(G, \mathcal{T}) = 2^{|G|}$ for all $\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{B}$, such that some fixed faithfully indexed sequence in G converges to 0_G in each $\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{B}$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Historical background. Not long after E. Čech and M. H. Stone associated with each Tychonoff space X its maximal compactification $\beta(X)$ (the so-called Stone-Čech compactification), it was noted, denoting by ω the countably infinite discrete space, that $\beta(\omega)$ contains no nontrivial convergent sequence. This observation stimulated Efimov [10] to pose in 1969 a question which in its full generality remains unsolved today: Does every compact Hausdorff space

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