Remote Points and Extremal Disconnectedness

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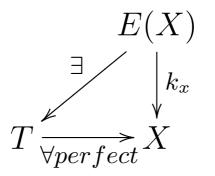
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So basically, for compact spaces, the absolute is determined by the boolean algebra of regular open subsets.

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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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This is not the only way to obtain spaces with the same space of remote points: for example $T(\mathbb{Q})$ and $T(\mathbb{Q} \oplus K)$ are homeomorphic whenever K is compact.

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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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