

# Maximal Homogeneous Spaces

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We say that a space  $X$  is *maximal homogeneous* if  $X$  is a maximal homogeneous subspace of  $\beta X$  containing  $X$ . For any homogeneous space  $X$ , there exists a unique maximal homogeneous space  $H(X) \subset \beta X$  for which  $X \subset H(X) \subset \beta X$ . For example, any first countable homogeneous space is maximal homogeneous. Let  $p$  be a free ultrafilter on  $\omega$ . We say that a space  $X$  *totally countably  $p$ -compact* if, for any infinite  $M \subset X$ , there exists an infinite  $L \subset M$  such that any sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \omega} \subset L$  ( $x_i \neq x_j$  for  $i \neq j$ ) has a  $p$ -limit in  $X$ . Any totally countably compact space (in particular, any sequentially compact space) is totally countably  $p$ -compact for any  $p \in \omega^* = \beta\omega \setminus \omega$ . Clearly, any totally countably  $p$ -compact space is countable compact.

**Theorem** *If  $p \in \omega^*$  and  $X$  is totally countably  $p$ -compact space, then  $X^\omega$  is totally countably  $p$ -compact and, hence, countably compact.*

**Theorem** *Let  $X$  be a maximal homogeneous extremally disconnected space. If  $X$  contains a nonclosed discrete sequence of points, then  $X$  is totally countably  $p$ -compact for some  $p \in \omega^*$ .*

Note that all known examples of homogeneous extremally disconnected countably compact spaces are maximally homogeneous.

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