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***A note on condensations of  $C_p(X)$  onto compacta***

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**Abstract:** A condensation is a one-to-one continuous mapping onto. It is shown that the space  $C_p(X)$  of real-valued continuous functions on  $X$  in the topology of pointwise convergence very often cannot be condensed onto a compact Hausdorff space. In particular, this is so for any non-metrizable Eberlein compactum  $X$  (Theorem 19). However, there exists a non-metrizable compactum  $X$  such that  $C_p(X)$  condenses onto a metrizable compactum (Theorem 10). Several curious open problems are formulated.

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