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*Extremal Pseudocompact Abelian Groups Are Compact Metrizable.*

The theorem announced in the title is proved. It may be restated as follows. Theorem. Let  $G$  be a pseudocompact Abelian group such that  $w(G) > \omega$ . Then  $G$  admits both (a) a proper dense pseudocompact subgroup and (b) a strictly finer pseudocompact group topology. Remark. Absolutely essential to the present arguments are theorems proved earlier by the authors and their co-authors K. A. Ross, L. C. Robertson, H. Gladdines and J. Galindo. (Received September 26, 2005)