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*The Mardesić Conjecture for Countably Compact Spaces*

We shall outline the proof that for all positive integers  $d$  and  $s$ , if  $Z_j$  is an infinite Hausdorff space for each  $j < d + s$  and  $\prod_{j < d+s} Z_j$  is a continuous image of a countably compact subspace of the product of  $d$ -many compact linearly ordered topological spaces, then there are at least  $s + 1$ -many indexes  $j < d + s$  such that  $Z_j$  is compact and metrizable. This theorem is a strengthening of the Mardesić Conjecture, which was proved by G. Martínez-Cervantes and G. Plebanek in 2019, but it was proved by a completely different method.