Infinite primitive permutation groups, cartesian decompositions, and topologically simple locally compact groups

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#### <sup>14</sup> A classification theorem

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