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## Foreword

This volume contains a part of the papers presented at the 23rd Winter School on Abstract Analysis. This Winter School consisted of two sections. The section of analysis was held in January 22 — January 29, 1995, in Lhota nad Rohanovem and was devoted mainly to Banach spaces and descriptive set theory. The section of topology followed from January 28 till February 4, 1995, in Poděbrady and the main topics were general topology, set theory, Boolean algebras and ergodic theory. I owe my thanks to the participants for creating an active working atmosphere and making the Winter School useful and pleasant.

The papers in the volume were submitted for publication before March, 15, 1995. To speed the publication of the proceedings, the full responsibility for the linguistic form of the papers was left to the authors. In several papers, minor changes were done following the referee's suggestions.

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