



# Metric Arens Irregularity

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- There are several measures of Arens Irregularity
- Our focus in this project is to introduce a new measure and investigate its properties



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### Definition

A **Banach Space**  $X$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$  vector space with a complete norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . In other words,

- $\|x\| \geq 0$  for all  $x \in X$
- $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$
- $\|\alpha x\| = \|\alpha\| \|x\|$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, x \in X$
- $d(x, y) := \|x - y\|$  ( $x, y \in X$ ) defines complete metric

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A **Banach Algebra**  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Banach space with an associative product such that  $\|x \star y\| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  [4]

### Example

$C[0, 1]$ , the space of all continuous functions with the domain  $[0, 1]$ , with point-wise product of functions, is a Banach Algebra. [4]





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Given a normed space  $X$ , we define  $X^*$  to be the space of all bounded linear functionals on  $X$  with the norm

$$\|f\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |f(x)|.$$

Then  $X^*$  is a Banach Space.

If  $f \in X^*$  and  $x \in X$  then  $f(x)$  is denoted as  $\langle f, x \rangle$  [4]

- We could keep defining these, calling the **second-dual space** of  $X$  by  $X^{**} = (X^*)^*$ .
- There is a canonical embedding of  $X$  into  $X^{**}$ .



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## Explicitly Defining Arens Products

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## Definition

For  $m, n \in \mathcal{A}^{**}$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{A}^*$ , and  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have the following:

(Left)

$$\langle m \square n, f \rangle = \langle m, n \square f \rangle, \quad (1)$$

$$\langle n \square f, a \rangle = \langle n, f \square a \rangle, \quad (2)$$

$$\langle f \square a, b \rangle = \langle f, ab \rangle \quad (3)$$

(Right)

$$\langle m \diamond n, f \rangle = \langle n, f \diamond m \rangle, \quad (4)$$

$$\langle f \diamond m, a \rangle = \langle m, a \diamond f \rangle, \quad (5)$$

$$\langle a \diamond f, b \rangle = \langle f, ba \rangle \quad (6)$$



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$l_1(G) = \{f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \sum_{g \in G} |f(g)| < \infty\}$ . (All but countably many non-zero values.)

This is a Banach Algebra with convolution given by the formula:

$$fh = \sum_{g \in G} \sum_{ts=g} f(t)h(s)\delta_g.$$



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- $l_\infty(G) = l_1(G)^*$



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An ultrafilter on  $G$ ,  $U$ , is a collection of subsets of  $G$  such that

- $G \in U$ ,
- $A \in U$  and  $A \subset B \Rightarrow B \in U$ ,
- $A, B \in U \Rightarrow A \cap B \in U$ , and
- for every  $A \subset G$  either  $A \in U$  or  $G \setminus A \in U$ .



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- We can define two different (associative) operations on  $\beta G$  and think of this space as a subset of the unit sphere of  $l_\infty(G)^*$  with each of the Arens products.



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- This will allow us to **perform calculations using ultrafilters** to conclude the results of interest.





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## Operations on $\beta G$

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### Definition

We define **Ultrafilter Addition**, from the left ( $+_1$ ) and from the right ( $+_2$ ) the following way, for  $U, V \in \beta G$ :

$$U +_1 V = \{A \subseteq G \mid \{g \mid Ag^{-1} \in U\} \in V\}$$

$$U +_2 V = \{A \subseteq G \mid \{g \mid g^{-1}A \in V\} \in U\}$$

- $Ag^{-1} = \{mg^{-1} \mid m \in A\}$
- The resulting additions are again ultrafilters (operation is closed)
- This operation is associative



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We can carry these operations to  $l_\infty(G)^*$ .

In fact, we have:

- $U +_1 V = U \square V$ ,
- $U +_2 V = U \diamond V$ , restricted to subsets of  $G$ .
- $(\beta G, +_1) \rightarrow (l_1(G)^{**}, \square)$  is an injective map whose image is contained in the unit sphere.
- The same result holds for  $+_2$  and  $\diamond$ .



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This trick will make it possible to use the nice properties of ultrafilters for evaluating products of functionals in the bidual.



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- In order to see how different the Arens products are, we'll think of **ultrafilters as finitely additive probability measures that only attains the values zero and one.**
- The objective is to calculate the geometric invariant using this measures.
- Which sets allow us to distinguish the two products?



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### Definition

$X \subset G$  is *O.F.* iff there are  $Y, Y' \subset G$  such that the sets

$$Y' \cap \left( \bigcap_{f \in F} Xf^{-1} \right)$$

and

$$Y \cap \left( \bigcap_{h \in H} h^{-1}X^c \right)$$

are both infinite, for every finite sets  $F \subset Y, H \subset Y'$ . (Observe that, since  $X \subset G$ , we are considering  $Xf^{-1}$  and  $h^{-1}X^c$  to be the translate sets of  $X$  and  $X^c$  in  $G$ , respectively.)



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### Theorem

A set  $X \subset G$  is *O.F.* iff there exist  $U, V \in \beta G$  such that

$$U \square V(X) - U \diamond V(X) \neq 0.$$



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## Topological Centers

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To start speaking the language of Arens Irregularity, we introduce the following notions –

### Definition

$Z_l$  and  $Z_r$  are the left and right topological centers, respectively, described by:

$$Z_l(\mathcal{A}^{**}) := \{X \in \mathcal{A}^{**} \mid X \square Y = X \diamond Y \forall Y \in \mathcal{A}^{**}\}, \quad (7)$$

$$Z_r(\mathcal{A}^{**}) := \{X \in \mathcal{A}^{**} \mid Y \square X = Y \diamond X \forall Y \in \mathcal{A}^{**}\}, \quad (8)$$



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Current Categorizations of Arens Ir/regularity

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## Definition (Classifications of Arens Regularity)

A Banach Algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be:

- 1 **Arens Regular** iff  $Z_l(\mathcal{A}^{**}) = Z_r(\mathcal{A}^{**}) = \mathcal{A}^{**}$ , or equivalently, iff for all  $m, n \in \mathcal{A}^{**}$ ,  $m \square n = m \diamond n$ .
- 2 **Left Strongly Arens Irregular** iff  $Z_l(\mathcal{A}^{**}) = \mathcal{A}$ .
- 3 **Right Strongly Arens Irregular** iff  $Z_r(\mathcal{A}^{**}) = \mathcal{A}$ .
- 4 **Strongly Arens Irregular** iff  $\mathcal{A}$  is LSAI and RSAI





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- We'd like to see a number to measure Arens Ir/regularity



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## Definition of Initial Geometric Invariant

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### Definition

We define the **Initial Geometric Arens Irregularity** measure in the following way:

$$\mathfrak{G}_1(\mathcal{A}) = \sup_{m, n \in B_{\mathcal{A}}^{**}} \|m \square n - m \diamond n\|$$



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### Theorem (Properties of the Geometric Invariant)

*We see that:*

- $\mathfrak{G}_1(\mathcal{A})$  lies in the interval  $[0, 2]$
- $\mathfrak{G}_1$  is an isometric invariant
- $\mathfrak{G}_1(\mathcal{A}) = 0 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is Arens Regular
- $\mathfrak{G}_1(\mathcal{A}) \geq \mathfrak{G}_1(\mathcal{A}_0)$  if  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  where  $\mathcal{A}_0$  is an algebra
- We can make use of ultrafilters to bound  $\mathfrak{G}_1$



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## Lemma

*There exists an O.F. set in every discrete group.*

## Theorem

*Let  $G$  be a countable and discrete group. Then  $\mathfrak{G}_1(h_1(G)) = 2$ .*

## Proof Sketch.

Consider a pair of non-commutative ultrafilters arising from an OF set  $a$  la theorem 12, and consider the characteristic function of the OF set  $X$  minus that of its complement, which is in the unit ball. Linearity properties ensure a value of 2, which is the max, and the sup is evaluated.  $\square$



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## Lemma

*Every infinite group has a countable subgroup*

## Theorem

$\mathfrak{G}_1(I_1(G)) = 2$ , for  $G$  a discrete and infinite group.

## Proof Sketch.

This follows from lemma 19 (OF  $\leftrightarrow$  non-com. UFs) and properties of our invariant, theorem 16. □



# The Tarski Monster Group

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## Definition

The *Tarski monster group* is an infinite group  $G$ , in which every subgroup  $H \leq G$  is finite, in fact, a cyclic subgroup of prime order  $p$ .

## Definition

An *amenable* group is a locally compact topological group with a mean function, which is invariant under translation.

## Theorem (Previously known)

(Forrest) If  $G$  contains an infinite amenable subgroup  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\mathfrak{G}_1(l_1(G)) = 2$ .



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- The Tarski monster group does not contain any infinite subgroups, hence cannot conclude  $\mathfrak{G}_1(l_1(G)) = 2$  from previous results.
- However, our result pushes  $\mathfrak{G}_1(l_1(G)) = 2$  because the group is discrete and countable.



# Even/Odd Cardinality Sets in the Boolean Group

## NOF set

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### Definition

The *Boolean group*  $(\mathbb{B}, \Delta)$ , is the group consisting of finite sequences of the natural numbers  $[\mathbb{N}]^{<\aleph_0}$ , together with the binary operation of the symmetric difference  $\Delta$ .

### Illustration.

Let  $S$  consist of the set of all subsets of  $\mathbb{B}$  with even cardinality. As before, we look at the ultrafilter products  $U \square V$ ,  $U \diamond V$ :

$$U \square V(S) = \{n \mid S \Delta n \in U\} \in V$$

$$U \diamond V(S) = \{n \mid S \Delta n \in V\} \in U$$





# Even/Odd Cardinality Sets in the Boolean Group (continued) NOF set

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## Illustration(continued).

$$U \square V(S) = \{n \mid S \Delta n \in U\} \in V$$

$$U \diamond V(S) = \{n \mid S \Delta n \in V\} \in U$$

We make the general observation that parity within the Boolean group is preserved:

$$\text{card}(a \Delta b) = \text{card}(a) + \text{card}(b) - 2 \cdot \text{card}(a \cap b), \forall a, b \in \mathbb{B}.$$

Thus, in a similar manner to the evens/odds preserving parity, we have  $U \square V(S) = U \diamond V(S)$ , and same for  $S'$ . □



# Pattern Matching

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## Definition

We say that a set  $X$  is a *pattern* with respect to infinite sequences  $Z, Z'$ , if  $\exists x \in X, x' \in X^c$  such that  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n Xz_i^{-1}, x' \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n z'_i{}^{-1}X^c$ , where  $z_i \in Z, z'_i \in Z', \exists$  infinite  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## Illustration.

Equivalent to definition of an OF set, but this provides a nice visual illustration of an OF set.

$X = \{ 1 \text{ blue } 2 \text{ red } 3 \text{ blue } 4 \text{ red } 5 \text{ blue } 6 \text{ red } 7 \text{ blue } 8 \text{ red } 9 \text{ blue } 10 \text{ red } 11 \text{ blue } 12 \text{ red } 13 \text{ blue } 14 \text{ red } 15 \text{ blue } 16 \text{ red } 17 \text{ blue } 18 \dots \}$

where  $Z = \{1, 2, 4, 6, 9, \dots\}$ , blue corresponds to the intersection, red corresponds to the translates. □





# Introduction to Tree Approach

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- Would like to work through a descriptive set theoretic approach to understanding the complexity of OF sets
- Uses tools such as trees associated to sets, rank of trees associated to sets, Borel sets, etc.
- Helpful tool to provide a visual representation of such sets



# Background in Descriptive Set Theory

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## Definition

- A *tree* on a set  $X$  is a subset  $T \subseteq X^{<\mathbb{N}}$  closed under initial segments, i.e., if  $t \in T$  and  $s \subseteq t$ , then  $s \in T$ .
- The *rank* of a tree is defined as  $\rho(T) = \limsup\{\rho(\bar{X}) + 1 \mid \bar{x} > x\}$ , where  $x$  is the minimal node, rank of the node is defined similarly..
- A *well-founded* tree is one with no infinite branches. Similarly, an *ill-founded* tree is one with at least one infinite branch.
- We denoted the *associated tree* to a set  $X$  by  $T_X$ .



# Linkage between Trees and Sets

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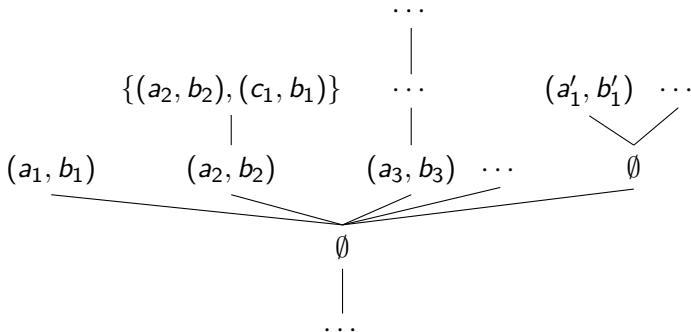
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- Use tree building algorithm to build tree.
- Illustration of a particular tree:





# Tree Algorithm

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## Lemma

*For any set  $X$ , we can construct a tree associated to set  $X$  through a tree building algorithm.*

## Proof.

We introduce a new algorithm to construct a tree in the following manner:

1. Begin with the empty set,  $\emptyset$ .
2. For each of the following levels  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , add a node  $(f_n, h_n)$  to each current sequence  $\{(f_l, h_l)\}_{l=1}^{n-1}$  in the tree, where  $h_n \in \bigcap_{f_i \in F_{CY}} Xf_i^{-1}$  and  $f_n \in \bigcap_{h_i \in H_{CY'}} h_i^{-1}X^c$ . We stop building the sequence at level  $n$  if  $\bigcap_{f_i \in F_{CY}} Xf_i^{-1} = \emptyset$  or  $\bigcap_{h_i \in H_{CY'}} h_i^{-1}X^c = \emptyset$ .





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## Lemma

*If a tree  $T_X$  has an infinite branch, then the set  $X$  corresponding to the tree is an OF set.*

## Sketch of Proof.

Through the algorithm we can see that if we have an infinite branch, we have an infinite  $Y, Y'$  under which the intersections are infinite, which means the set is OF.  $\square$



# Complexity Analysis

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## Definition

We define  $\Sigma_1^1 = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{B} \mid \text{there is a Borel set } B \subseteq \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \text{ s.t. } A = \text{proj}_X(B)\}$ .

These are the set of analytic sets, which are the continuous image of a Polish space. We would like to show that the set of trees associated to NOF sets is  $\Pi_1^1$ -complete, so that the set of OF sets is  $\Sigma_1^1$ -complete, which gives us an understanding of the complexity of the OF sets.



# Successor Ordinal

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For simplicity, we first examine the Boolean group  $(\mathbb{B}, \Delta)$ .

## Lemma

*For any associated tree  $T_X$  associated to a set  $X \in \mathbb{B}$ , we can find an associated tree  $T_{\tilde{X}}$  associated to a set  $\tilde{X}$  such that if  $\text{rank}(T_X) = \alpha$ , then  $\text{rank}(T_{\tilde{X}}) = \alpha + 1$ . (Successor Ordinal)*

## Sketch of proof.

The general idea, is we decompose the Boolean group into two distinct infinite subgroups:  $\mathbb{B} = G_0 \oplus G_1$ , where  $G_0, G_1 \cong \mathbb{B}$ . We then look at the image of the set  $X$  under the isomorphism  $\psi : [\mathbb{N}]^{<\aleph_0} \rightarrow [A_0]^{<\aleph_0}$ , which is  $\psi[X]$ . We then form the set  $\tilde{X} = \bigcup_{z_i \in Z} (\psi[X] \Delta z_i)$ , and we show that  $T_{\tilde{X}} \supseteq \tilde{T}_X$ , where  $\tilde{T}_X$  are infinitely many copies of  $T_{\psi[X]}$  glued with  $\emptyset$  replaced with  $(z_i, z'_i)$ ,  $z_i \in Z_0 \subset G_1, z'_i \in Z_1 \subset G_0$ . Since  $\rho(\tilde{T}_X) = \alpha + 1, \rho(T_{\tilde{X}}) \geq \alpha + 1$ .





# Limit Ordinal

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## Lemma

*For any limit ordinal of rank  $\alpha$ , we can find sets  $X_i$  such that  $\text{rank}(T_{X_i}) = \alpha_i$  such that if we look at  $X' = \cup X_i$ ,  $\text{rank}(T_{X'}) = \alpha$ . (Limit Ordinal)*

## Sketch of proof.

Similar idea to successor ordinal, except now we decompose  $\mathbb{B} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} G_i$ ,  $G_i \cong \mathbb{B}$ . Take again the isomorphism  $\psi_i : [\mathbb{N}]^{<\aleph_0} \rightarrow [A_i]^{<\aleph_0}$ . Looking at  $\widetilde{X} = \bigcup_i \psi_i[X_i]$ , we show that  $T_{\widetilde{X}} \supseteq \widetilde{T}_X$ , where  $\widetilde{T}_X$  consists of all the  $T_{\psi_i[X_i]}$  glued together. Then,  $\rho(T_{\widetilde{X}}) \geq \rho(\widetilde{T}_X) = \alpha$ . □





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## Theorem

*For any  $\alpha < \omega_1$ , there exists trees  $T_X$ , associated to the set  $X$  such that  $\text{rank}(T_X) = \alpha$ .*

## Sketch of proof.

Proof by contradiction. Suppose  $\exists \alpha$ , successor ordinal such that there does not exist a NOF set with tree with rank  $\alpha$ , and suppose the largest is  $\beta = \alpha - 1$ . Then by the successor ordinal, we produce a NOF set with tree with rank  $\beta + 1 = \alpha$ . Contradiction, similar case with limit ordinal.  $\square$



# Significance of Result

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- In particular, this shows we can find trees associated to sets of any rank  $\alpha \leq \omega_1$ .
- This shows that the not OF sets are  $\Pi_1^1$ -complete.
- Thus, we have that the sets which are on fire are  $\Sigma_1^1$ -complete.



# Fr(G), relationship to WAP(G), tree construction

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## Definition

We define the *freezing algebra*  $\text{Fr}(G)$  to be the following:  
$$\text{Fr}(G) = \{f \in PG : \forall U, V \in \beta G, U \square V(f) = U \diamond V(f)\}$$

## Definition

We also have the set of weakly aperiodic functions:  
$$\text{WAP}(G) = \{f \in \ell_1^* : \forall U, V \in \ell_1^{**}, U \square V(f) = U \diamond V(f)\}$$

We have that  $\text{WAP}(G) \cap PG \subseteq \text{Fr}(G)$ , since  $\beta G \subseteq \ell_1^{**}$ . We can use the complexity of the trees to study more properties of  $\text{WAP}(G)$  through rank; for example, by asking at which rank do the measures fail to commute in  $\text{WAP}(G)$ .



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## Previously

There exist banach algebras  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  such that

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## Question

Does there exist a banach algebra  $\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$\mathfrak{G}_1(\mathcal{C}) \in (0, 2)?$$



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## Definition

Let  $G$  be a discrete group and  $c \in \mathbb{R}, c \geq 1$ , then define

$$I_1(G, c) = \{f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : \|f\|_c = c \sum_{g \in G} |f(g)| < \infty\}.$$



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$l_1(G, c) = l_1(G, d)$  as spaces and  $l_1(G, c) \cong l_1(G, d)$



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$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{c, \star} &= \sup_{x \in l_1(G, c), \|x\|_c = 1} |f(x)| \\ &= \sup_{x \in l_1(G), \|x\| = 1/c} |f(x)| \\ \therefore \|f\|_{c, \star} &= \frac{1}{c} \|f\|_{\star}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $\|m\|_{c, \star\star} = c \|m\|_{\star\star}$ .





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$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{G}_1(l_1(G, c)) &= \sup_{\|m\|_{c, **} = \|n\|_{c, **} = 1} \|m \square n - m \diamond n\|_{c, **} = \\ &= \sup_{\|m\|_{**} = \|n\|_{**} = 1/c} c \|m \square n - m \diamond n\|_{**} = \\ &= \frac{1}{c^2} \sup_{\|m\|_{**} = \|n\|_{**} = 1} c \|m \square n - m \diamond n\|_{**} \\ \mathfrak{G}_1(l_1(G, c)) &= \frac{1}{c} \mathfrak{G}_1(l_1(G)) \\ &= \frac{2}{c}\end{aligned}$$



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## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach algebra, then define

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- $\mathfrak{G}_2(\mathcal{A}) \in [0, 2]$



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- There is a distinct categorization for getting non-commutative ultrafilters in  $\beta G$ .
- This leads to us being able to evaluate  $\mathfrak{G}_{1/2}(h_1(G)) = 2$  for all discrete groups, including the Tarski group.
- Our initial invariant was vulnerable to changes through isomorphisms, so we develop a new, stronger invariant.



# Open Questions

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- Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach Algebra, and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}$ , is it true that

$$\mathfrak{G}_2(\mathcal{A}_0) \leq \mathfrak{G}_2(\mathcal{A})?$$

- Does there exist a Banach Algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\mathfrak{G}_2(\mathcal{A}) \in (0, 2)?$$

- Are there O.F. sets with algebraic structure, such as subgroups?
- Let  $G$  be a locally compact group, is it true that

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# For Further Reading I

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