

Weak Amenability of Central Beurling Algebras

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So, in the sequel, we always assume ω be continuous.

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This is no longer true if ω is not constant. In fact

- (N. Gronbaek 1989, Y. Z. 2014) for commutative G , $L^1(G, \omega)$ is weakly amenable if and only if there is no non-trivial continuous group homomorphism $\Phi: G \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, +)$ such that

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- We note that $[FC]^-$ groups are all amenable $[IN]$ groups (Leptin 1968).

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The following is our main result.

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Let G be a compactly generated (non-compact) $[FC]^{-}$ group and ω_{α} be a polynomial weight on G . Then $ZL^1(G, \omega_{\alpha})$ is weakly amenable if and only if $\alpha < 1/2$.

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Then D is indeed a non-trivial continuous derivation from $ZL^1(G, \omega)$ into the symmetrical $ZL^1(G, \omega)$ -module $L^\infty(G, 1/\omega)$. □

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