

The amenability to algebraic and analytical perspective and some contributions

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This presentation is a synthesis on my contributions that I have made on the **subject of the amenability** to algebraic and analytical perspective since 2003.

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Amenable groups

By John von Neumann in 1929

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An amenable group G is a topological group with a left invariant mean on the algebra $C_{ru}(G)$ of the right uniformly continuous functions on G .

- Examples : Compact groups, Abelian groups

The Heisenberg group $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

- $0 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow G/N \longrightarrow 0$.
- Counterexamples : $SI(2, \mathbb{R})$, Free group F_2 .

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Amenable Cross product Banach algebras associated with a class of dynamical systems.

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Let (G, α, A) be a C^* -dynamical system where A is commutative unital C^* -algebra and G is amenable discrete group. Then $l^1(G, \alpha, A)$ is amenable.

Proof :

1. step

• With G amenable and U is abelian group, we check that $U \rtimes_{\alpha} G$ is amenable.

3. step • The canonical isomorphism from $U \rtimes_{\alpha} G$ onto the set $\{u\delta_g, u \in U, g \in G\}$ can be extended to a homomorphism from

$$l^1(U \rtimes_{\alpha} G) \longrightarrow l^1(G, \alpha, A)$$

with dense image.

• Since $U \rtimes_{\alpha} G$ is amenable discrete group, By Johnson $l^1(U \rtimes_{\alpha} G)$.

• The stability of amenability to the image, we have $l^1(G, \alpha, A)$ is amenable.

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