

# Ideals of group algebras and other strongly Arens irregular algebras classified by their Arens regularity properties

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**Proof with sequential BAI  $(e_n)_n$ .**

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The same can be done with  $L^1(G)$ ,  $G$  compact and  $E \subset \Sigma$ , the dual object of  $G$  or, more generally with  $\mathfrak{A} \in \text{WaSaBI}$  and  $E \subset \Sigma$  a set of representations of  $\mathfrak{A} \dots$

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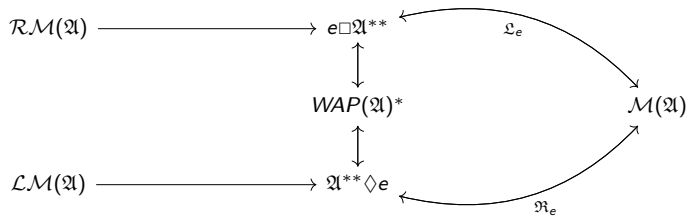
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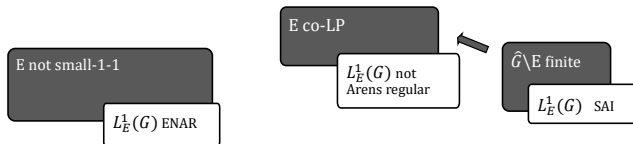
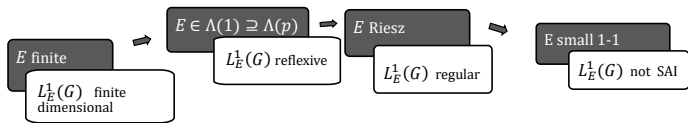
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