

Associative algebras associated to étale groupoids and inverse semigroups

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- Counting measure gives a left Haar system in this context.

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- Surprising similarities between operator algebras and their discrete analogues have been known for some time.

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- My hopes have since been borne out by J. Brown, L. O. Clark, C. Farthing, A. Sims and M. Tomforde who produce new results faster than I can keep up with.

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- Characterize when the tight algebra of an inverse semigroup is simple in semigroup theoretic terms.
- Deal with the non-Hausdorff case.

The end

Thank you for your attention!

Obrigado pela sua atenção