

Topics in Linear Isometries of Function Algebras[†]

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Abstract: After a brief presentation of Banach-Stone's and Kahane-Zelazko's results on weighted composition operators, the attention is concentrated on the iteration of surjective and non-surjective linear isometries acting on complex Banach algebras. Appealing to results by Grothendieck, Bourgain and Lotz, the set of iterates is replaced by a strongly continuous semigroup of linear isometries.

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