

Two non-isomorphic Banach algebras with homeomorphically isomorphic invertible groups.

1. Let $A_1 = C([-1, \frac{-1}{2}] \cup [\frac{1}{2}, 1])$ and $A_2 = C([0, 1] \cup \{2\})$. Since $[0, 1] \cup \{2\}$ isn't homeomorphic to $[-1, \frac{-1}{2}] \cup [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$, A_1 isn't isomorphic to A_2 . Also the function which sends $x \in Inv(A_1)$ to $y \in G_2$ defined by

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} x(t-1) & t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ [x(\frac{-1}{2})/x(\frac{1}{2})] x(t) & t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \\ x(\frac{1}{2})/x(\frac{-1}{2}) & t = 2 \end{cases}$$

is the desired isomorphism.

Ref.

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