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Let α be a positive irrational number, and let \mathcal{A}_α be the set of continuous functions on the 2-torus \mathbb{T}^2 satisfying $\hat{f}(m, n) = 0$ whenever $m + \alpha n < 0$. These algebras and other subalgebras of continuous functions on compact groups were studied by Wermer, Gleason, Gamelin and others in the 1950's and 60's. These algebras \mathcal{A}_α are Dirichlet algebras, they are maximal subalgebras of $C(\mathbb{T}^2)$, and have various properties related to analyticity. None of the properties they studied, however, distinguished between \mathcal{A}_α and \mathcal{A}_β if α and β are two positive irrationals. From the operator algebra viewpoint it is natural to ask: Are these algebras in fact indistinguishable?

We can also describe the automorphism group of the \mathcal{A}_α . (Received February 13, 2016)