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***Property (a) and dominating families***

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**Abstract:** Generalizations of earlier negative results on Property (a) are proved and two questions on an (a)-version of Jones' Lemma are posed. We discuss these questions in the realm of locally compact spaces. Using dominating families of functions as a tool, we prove that under the assumptions “ $2^\omega$  is regular” and “ $2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$ ” the existence of a  $T_1$  separable locally compact (a)-space with an uncountable closed discrete subset implies the existence of inner models with measurable cardinals. We also use cardinal invariants such as  $\mathfrak{d}$  to prove results in the class of locally compact spaces that strengthen, in such class, the negative results mentioned above.

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