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## **Big Things Are Rarely Amenable**

We give survey of how the phenomenon of amenability manifests itself for locally compact groups and for Banach algebras, and we will try to convince the audience that amenability is best viewed as a weak finiteness condition.

**Mathematics  
and  
Statistics**

