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The theory and applications of  $C^*$ -algebras are related to fields ranging from operator theory, group representations and quantum mechanics, to non-commutative geometry and dynamical systems. By Gelfand transformation, the theory of  $C^*$ -algebras is also regarded as non-commutative topology. About a decade ago, George A. Elliott initiated the program of classification of  $C^*$ -algebras (up to isomorphism) by their  $K$ -theoretical data. It started with the classification of AT-algebras with real rank zero. Since then great efforts have been made to classify amenable  $C^*$ -algebras, a class of  $C$

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