

Some new thoughts on systems of exponentials.

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The following are equivalent :

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Remark: in the case when $\Theta = \Theta_a$,

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Here ω is some weight involved in the **Bernstein type inequality** proved by Baranov for model spaces.

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