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Hanfeng Li* (hfli@math.buffalo.edu), Department of Mathematics, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260-2900. *Entropy and Fuglede-Kadison determinant.*

For any discrete group G and any element f in the integral group ring ZG of G , one may consider the algebraic action of G associated to f , i.e., the shift action of G on the Pontryagin dual of ZG/ZGf . I will discuss the relation between the entropy of this algebraic action and the Fuglede-Kadison determinant of f in the group von Neumann algebra of G . (Received August 01, 2010)