

Module character inner amenability of Banach algebras

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Abstract In the present paper, we introduce the notion of module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenability and module character inner amenability for a Banach algebra A which is a Banach module over another Banach algebra \mathfrak{A} with compatible actions. We characterize module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenability and prove some hereditary properties.

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Introduction and preliminaries

Lau [10] introduced a wide class of Banach algebras, called F -algebras, and studied the notion of left amenability for these algebras. In [12], Nasr-Isfahani introduced the concept of inner amenability for Lau algebras. A Lau algebra A was said to be inner amenable if there exists a topological inner invariant mean on the W^* -algebra A^* , that is, a positive linear functional m of norm 1 on A^* , such that $m(f.a) = m(a.f)$ for all $f \in A^*$ and all $a \in P_1(A) = \{a \in$

$A : \|a\| = 1\}$ (or equivalently, for all $a \in A$). Commutative Lau algebras, such as the Fourier algebra $A(G)$ of a locally compact group G , are examples of inner amenable algebras. In addition, the group algebra $L^1(G)$ of any locally compact group G is inner amenable.

Recently, Jabbari et al. [8] have introduced the notion of φ -inner amenability for a Banach algebra A , where $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$, the character space of A . A Banach algebra A was said to be φ -inner amenable if there exists a $m \in A^{**}$ satisfying $m(\varphi) = 1$ and $m(f.a) = m(a.f)$ ($a \in A, f \in A^*$). A is said to be character inner amenable if and only if A is φ -inner amenable for every $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$.

In [6], Ebrahimi Vishki and Khoddami have investigated the character inner amenability for certain products of Banach algebras consist of projective tensor product $A \widehat{\otimes} B$, Lau product $A \times_{\theta} B$, where $\theta \in \Delta(B)$ and the module extension $A \oplus X$. For instance, they showed that the projective tensor product $A \widehat{\otimes} B$ is character inner amenable if and only if both A and B are character inner amenable.

Let \mathfrak{A} and A be Banach algebras, such that A be a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule with compatible actions

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha.(ab) &= (\alpha.a)b, (ab).\alpha = a(b.\alpha), \alpha.(\beta.a) = (\alpha\beta).a, (a.\beta) \\ &= a.(\beta\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

for all $a, b \in A$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$.

Let X be a Banach A -bimodule and a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule with compatible left actions defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha.(a.x) &= (\alpha.a).x, a.(\alpha.x) = (a.\alpha).x, (\alpha.x).a = \alpha.x, \\ (x.a)(a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, x \in X), \end{aligned}$$

and similar for the right or two-sided actions. Then, we say that X is a Banach A - \mathfrak{A} -module.

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Let $A \widehat{\otimes} A$ be the projective tensor product of A and A which is a Banach A -bimodule and a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule by the following actions:

$$\alpha.(a \otimes b) = (\alpha.a) \otimes b, c.(a \otimes b) = (ca) \otimes b (\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b, c \in \mathfrak{A}),$$

similarly for the right actions. Let $I_{A \widehat{\otimes} A}$ be the closed ideal of $A \widehat{\otimes} A$ generated by elements of the form:

$$\{a.\alpha \otimes b - a \otimes \alpha.b | \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b \in \mathfrak{A}\}. \tag{1}$$

Consider the map $\omega_A \in \mathcal{L}(A \widehat{\otimes} A, A)$ defined by $\omega_A(a \otimes b) = ab$ and extended by linearity and continuity. Let J_A be the closed ideal of A generated by

$$\omega(I_{A \widehat{\otimes} A}) = \{(a.\alpha)b - a(\alpha.b) \mid a, b \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}\}. \tag{2}$$

Then, the module projective tensor product $A \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A$, which is $(A \widehat{\otimes} A)/I_{A \widehat{\otimes} A}$ by [16], and the quotient Banach algebra A/J_A are both Banach A -bimodules and Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodules. In addition, A/J_A is A - \mathfrak{A} -module with compatible actions when A acts on A/J_A canonically.

Let A and \mathfrak{A} be Banach algebras, such that A is a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule with compatible actions. Let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A}) \cup \{0\}$ and consider the set $\Omega_{A,\varphi}$ of linear continuous maps $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(ab) &= \phi(a)\phi(b), \phi(\alpha.a) = \phi(a.\alpha) = \varphi(\alpha)\phi(a) \\ (a, b \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}). \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The concept of module (ϕ, φ) -amenability and module character amenability for Banach algebra A , where $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$ were introduced by Bodaghi and Amini in [4].

Our aim in this paper is to introduce and study module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenability and module character inner amenability of Banach algebras. We characterize (ϕ, φ) -inner amenability and prove some hereditary properties. Moreover, we investigate that module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenability for certain class of Banach algebras consists of projective tensor product $A \widehat{\otimes} B$, $A \oplus_{\infty} B$, and $A \oplus_p B$, the l^p -direct sum of A and B , where $1 \leq p < \infty$.

Characterization and hereditary properties

We commence this section with the following definition.

Definition 2.1 Let A be a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule and let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$. Then, A is called module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable if there exists $m \in A^{**}$, such that $m(\varphi \circ \phi) = 1$, $m(f.a) = m(a.f)$ and $m(\alpha.f) = m(f.\alpha)$ for all $a \in A, f \in A^*$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. A Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule A is

called module character inner amenable if it is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable for each $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$.

We note that if $\mathfrak{A} = \mathbb{C}$ and φ is the identity map, then the module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenability and module character inner amenability coincide with ϕ -inner amenability and character inner amenability (see [8] and [6]).

The next theorem characterizes module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenability of Banach algebras that is analogue of Proposition 2.1 of [5] on module (ϕ, φ) -amenable Banach algebras.

Theorem 2.2 Let A be a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule and let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable;
- (ii) There exists a bounded net $(a_i)_i$ in A such that $\|aa_i - a_i a\| \rightarrow 0, \|\alpha.a_i - a_i.\alpha\| \rightarrow 0 (a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A})$ and $\varphi \circ \phi(a_i) = 1$ for all i ;
- (iii) There exists a bounded net $(a_i)_i$ in A such that $\|aa_i - a_i a\| \rightarrow 0, \|\alpha.a_i - a_i.\alpha\| \rightarrow 0 (a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A})$ and $\varphi \circ \phi(a_i) \rightarrow 1$.

Proof (iii) \Rightarrow (i) Assume that a net $(a_i)_i$ exists. Let m be a w^* -cluster point of the net $(a_i)_i$ in A^{**} . Then, $\langle m, \varphi \circ \phi \rangle = \lim_i \langle \varphi \circ \phi, a_i \rangle = 1$. For every $a \in A$ and $f \in A^*$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle m, f.a \rangle &= \lim_i \langle f.a, a_i \rangle = \lim_i \langle f, aa_i \rangle \\ &= \lim_i \langle f, aa_i - a_i a \rangle + \lim_i \langle f, a_i a \rangle \\ &= \lim_i \langle a.f, a_i \rangle = \langle m, a.f \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly, we have $\langle m, f.\alpha \rangle = \langle m, \alpha.f \rangle (\alpha \in \mathfrak{A})$. Therefore, A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable.

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) Suppose that A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable. Then, there exists $m \in A^{**}$ such that $m(\varphi \circ \phi) = 1, m(f.a) = m(a.f)$, and $m(\alpha.f) = m(f.\alpha)$ for all $a \in A, f \in A^*$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. Choose a net $(u_\beta)_\beta$ in A with $u_\beta \rightarrow m$ in the w^* -topology of A^{**} and $\|u_\beta\| \leq \|m\|$ for all β . Since $\langle \varphi \circ \phi, u_\beta \rangle \rightarrow \langle \varphi \circ \phi, m \rangle = 1$, passing to a subnet and replacing u_β by $(1/\varphi \circ \phi(u_\beta))u_\beta$, we may assume that $\varphi \circ \phi(u_\beta) = 1$ and $\|u_\beta\| \leq \|m\| + 1$ for all β . Consider the product space A^A endowed with the product of norm topological. Define a linear map $T : A \rightarrow A^A$ by $T(b) = (ab - ba + \alpha.b - b.\alpha)_{a \in A}$, for all $b \in A$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. Let

$$B = \{b \in A : \|b\| \leq \|m\| + 1 \text{ and } \varphi \circ \phi(b) = 1\} \subseteq A.$$

Clearly, B is convex and so $T(B)$ is a convex subset of A^A . For every $f \in A^*$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle f, au_\beta - u_\beta a + \alpha.u_\beta - u_\beta.\alpha \rangle \\ &= \langle f, au_\beta \rangle - \langle f, u_\beta a \rangle + \langle f, \alpha.u_\beta \rangle + \langle f, u_\beta.\alpha \rangle \\ &= \langle f.a, u_\beta \rangle - \langle a.f, u_\beta \rangle + \langle f.\alpha, u_\beta \rangle + \langle \alpha.f, u_\beta \rangle \\ &\rightarrow \langle m, f.a \rangle - \langle m, a.f \rangle + \langle m, f.\alpha \rangle - \langle m, \alpha.f \rangle \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This product of weak topologies coincide with topology on A^A (see Theorem 4.3 of [17]). By Mazur’s theorem, $0 \in \overline{T(B)}^w = \overline{T(B)}^{\|\cdot\|}$. Therefore, there exists a bounded net $(a_i)_i$ in A , such that $\varphi \circ \phi(a_i) = 1$ and

$$\|aa_i - a_i a\| \rightarrow 0, \|\alpha.a_i - a_i.\alpha\| \rightarrow 0 (a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}).$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) It is clear. \square

Definition 2.3 We say that the Banach algebra \mathfrak{A} acts trivially on A from the left (right) if there is a multiplicative linear functional f on \mathfrak{A} , such that $\alpha.a = f(\alpha)a$ (resp. $a.\alpha = f(\alpha)a$) for all $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ and $a \in A$.

For the proof of the following result, we refer to Lemma 3.13 of [1].

Lemma 2.4 Let \mathfrak{A} acts on A trivially from the left or right and A/J_A has a right bounded approximate identity, then for each $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ and $a \in A$ we have $f(\alpha)a - a.\alpha \in J_A$.

Let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$. Clearly, $\phi((a.x)b - a(\alpha.b)) = 0 (\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b \in \mathfrak{A})$, and hence, $\phi = 0$ on J_A and $\tilde{\phi} : A/J_A \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ given by $\tilde{\phi}(a + J_A) = \phi(a)$ is well defined. Then, $\tilde{\phi} \in \Omega_{A/J_A}$.

Proposition 2.5 Let A be a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule, and let \mathfrak{A} acts on A trivially from the left and A/J_A has a bounded approximate identity. Then A/J_A is $\varphi \circ \tilde{\phi}$ -inner amenable for every $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$.

Proof Let $(e_x + J_A)_x$ be a bounded approximate identity of A/J_A and let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$. Then, $\varphi \circ \tilde{\phi}(e_x + J_A) \rightarrow 1$. Clearly

$$\|(a + J_A)(e_x + J_A) - (e_x + J_A)(a + J_A)\| \rightarrow 0$$

for all $a + J_A \in A/J_A$. By Proposition 2.2 of [6], A/J_A is $\varphi \circ \tilde{\phi}$ -inner amenable. \square

Note that in the above proposition, both left and right actions of \mathfrak{A} on A/J_A are trivial, by Lemma 2.4. Therefore, for every $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\alpha.(e_x + J_A) - (e_x + J_A).\alpha\| \\ &= \|\alpha.e_x + J_A - e_x.\alpha + J_A\| \\ &= \|f(\alpha)(e_x + J_A) - f(\alpha)(e_x + J_A)\| = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then, the net $(e_x + J_A)_x$ satisfies condition (iii) of Theorem 2.2, and hence, A/J_A is module $(\tilde{\phi}, \varphi)$ -inner amenable.

Remark 2.6 A inverse semigroup is a discrete semigroup S , such that for each $s \in S$, there is a unique element $s^* \in S$ with $ss^*s = s$ and $s^*ss^* = s^*$. An element $e \in S$ is called an idempotent if $e^2 = e^* = e$. The set of idempotent elements of S is denoted by E_S . Define the relation \leq on E_S by $e \leq d \Leftrightarrow ed = e (e, d \in E_S)$. Then, E_S is a commutative subsemigroup of S , and $l^1(E_S)$ may be regarded as a sub-algebra of $l^1(S)$.

Let s be an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents E_S . We let $l^1(E_S)$ acts on $l^1(S)$ by multiplication from the right and trivially from the left, that is

$$\delta_e.\delta_s = \delta_s.\delta_e = \delta_{se} = \delta_s * \delta_e (e \in E_S, s \in S).$$

By these actions, $l_1(S)$ becomes a Banach $l_1(E_S)$ -module. In this case

$$J_{l^1(S)} = \{\delta_{set} - \delta_{st} | e \in E_S, s, t \in S\}.$$

We consider an equivalence relation on S as follows $s \approx t \Leftrightarrow \delta_s - \delta_t \in J_{l^1(S)} (s, t \in S)$. For inverse semigroup S , the quotient semigroup S/\approx is discrete group and so $l^1(S/\approx)$ has an identity (see [2, 13]). Indeed, S/\approx is homomorphic to the maximal group homomorphic image G_S of S (see [11, 14]). It is also shown in Theorem 3.3 of [15] that $l^1(S)/J_{l^1(S)} \cong l^1(S/\approx) = l^1(G_S)$ is a commutative $l^1(E_S)$ -bimodule with the following actions:

$$\delta_e.\delta_{[s]} = \delta_{[s]}, \delta_{[s]}. \delta_e = \delta_{[se]} (s \in S, e \in E_S),$$

where $[s]$ denotes the equivalence class of s in G_S .

It is shown in [4] that the maps φ and ϕ satisfying (3) exist for $l^1(S)$.

Example 2.7 Let S be an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents E_S . Consider $l^1(S)$ as a Banach module over $l^1(E_S)$ with the trivial left action and natural right action. Then, by Proposition 2.5, $l^1(G_S)$ is $\varphi \circ \tilde{\phi}$ -inner amenable (module $(\tilde{\phi}, \varphi)$ -inner amenable) for all $\varphi \in \Delta(l^1(E_S))$ and $\phi \in \Omega_{l^1(S)}$.

Example 2.8 Let A be a commutative Banach algebra and commutative \mathfrak{A} -bimodule (i.e., $\alpha.a = a.\alpha (a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A})$). Let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A}), \phi \in \Omega_{\mathfrak{A}}$ and let $a \in A$ be such that $\varphi \circ \phi(a) = 1$. put $m = \hat{a}$. Then, $m(\varphi \circ \phi) = \hat{a}(\varphi \circ \phi) = \varphi \circ \phi(a) = 1$ and clearly, $m(f.a) = m(a.f)$ and $m(\alpha.f) = m(f.\alpha)$ for all $a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. Therefore, A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable. In particular, if S is a commutative inverse semigroup, then $l^1(S)$ is commutative and commutative $l^1(E_S)$ -bimodule. Therefore, $l^1(S)$ is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable for all $\varphi \in \Delta(l^1(E_S))$ and $\phi \in \Omega_{l^1(S)}$.

Example 2.9 Let $S = (\mathbb{N}, \wedge)$ be the inverse semigroup of positive integers with the minimum operation. Let $A = l^1(S), \mathfrak{A} = l(\mathbb{C}_\mathbb{Z})$ and \mathfrak{A} acts on A by the following actions:

$$\delta_e \cdot \delta_s = \delta_s \cdot \delta_e = \delta_{se} \quad (e \in E_S, s \in S).$$

A is module amenable (see page 42 of [3]). By Theorem 2.1 of [4], A is module character amenable. Let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$. Then, there exist $m \in A^{**}$, such that $m(f.a) = \varphi \circ \phi(a)m(f), m(f.\alpha) = \varphi(\alpha)m(f)$ and $m(\varphi \circ \phi) = 1$ for every $f \in A^*, a \in A$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. Let $(a_\alpha)_\alpha$ be a net in A converging to m in the w^* -topology of A^{**} . Since A is commutative and commutative \mathfrak{A} -bimodule, for every $a \in A, f \in A^*$

$$\begin{aligned} m(f.a) &= \lim_\alpha \langle f.a, a_\alpha \rangle = \lim_\alpha \langle f, aa_\alpha \rangle \\ &= \lim_\alpha \langle f, a_\alpha a \rangle = \lim_\alpha \langle a.f, a_\alpha \rangle \\ &= m(a.f). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for every $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ and $f \in A^*$, we have

$$m(f.\alpha) = m(\alpha.f).$$

Thus, A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable. Therefore, A is module character inner amenable.

The proof of the following proposition is adapted from that of Proposition 2.3 of [4].

Proposition 2.10 *Let A and B be Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodules and let h be an \mathfrak{A} -module homomorphism with dense range. If $\phi \in \Omega_B, \varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and A is module $(\phi \circ h, \varphi)$ -inner amenable, then B is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable.*

Proof Let $m \in A^{**}$ be such that $m(\varphi \circ (\phi \circ h)) = 1, m(f.a) = m(a.f)$ and $m(f.\alpha) = m(\alpha.f)$ for all $a \in A, f \in A^*$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. Define $m_B \in B^{**}$ by $m_B(g) = m(g \circ h)(g \in B^*)$. We show that $m_B(g.b) = m_B(b.g)(b \in B)$. For see this let $b \in B$ be such that $h(a) = b$. One can easily check that $(g.h(a)) \circ h = (g \circ h).a$ and $(h(a).g) \circ h = a.(g \circ h)$. Hence for every $g \in B^*$

$$\begin{aligned} m_B(g.b) &= m_B(g.h(a)) = m((g.h(a)) \circ h) \\ &= m((g \circ h).a) = m(a.(g \circ h)) \\ &= m((h(a).g) \circ h) = m_B(h(a).g) \\ &= m_B(b.g). \end{aligned}$$

By density of the range of h and the continuity of h , we conclude that $m_B(g.b) = m_B(b.g)(b \in B)$. In addition, for every $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} m_B(g.\alpha) &= m((g.\alpha) \circ h) = m((g \circ h).\alpha) \\ &= m(\alpha.(g \circ h)) = m((\alpha.g) \circ h) \\ &= m_B(\alpha.g). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, $m_B(\varphi \circ \phi) = m((\varphi \circ \phi) \circ h) = m(\varphi \circ (\phi \circ h)) = 1$. Therefore, B is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable. \square

Corollary 2.11 *Let A and B be Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodules and let h be an \mathfrak{A} -module homomorphism with dense range. Then the module character inner amenability of A implies the module character inner amenability of B . In particular, if A is module character inner amenable, then so is A/J_A .*

The proof idea of the following result is taken from the proof of Lemma 2.6 of [4].

Proposition 2.12 *Let A be a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule and I be a closed ideal and \mathfrak{A} -submodule of A , and let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$ be such that $\phi|_I \neq 0$. If A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable, then I is module $(\phi|_I, \varphi)$ -inner amenable.*

Proof Let $m \in A^{**}$ satisfy $m(\varphi \circ \phi) = 1, m(f.a) = m(a.f)$ and $m(\alpha.f) = m(f.\alpha)$ for all $a \in A, f \in A^*$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. By a similar argument as in the proof of Lemma 3.1 of [9], one can define a bounded linear functional n on I^* by, $n(g) = m(f)$ for all $g \in I^*$, where f is an arbitrary element of A^* extending g . Now, for every $g \in I^*, a \in I$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$, we have

$$n(g.a) = m(f.a) = m(a.f) = n(a.g),$$

and

$$n(g.\alpha) = m(f.\alpha) = m(\alpha.f) = n(\alpha.g).$$

In addition, $n(\varphi \circ \phi|_I) = m(\varphi \circ \phi) = 1$. Therefore, I is module $(\phi|_I, \varphi)$ -inner amenable. \square

We need to recall the following remark from [4] to give the next result:

Remark 2.13 *Let \mathfrak{A} be a Banach algebra and \mathfrak{U} be the unitization of \mathfrak{A} which is $\mathfrak{U} = \mathfrak{A} \oplus \mathbb{C}$ is a unital Banach algebra which contains \mathfrak{A} as a closed ideal. Let A be a Banach \mathfrak{U} -module. Then, A is a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule with the following module actions:*

$$(\alpha, \lambda).a = \alpha.a + \lambda a, a.(\alpha, \lambda) = a.\alpha + \lambda a (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a \in \mathfrak{U}).$$

Let $A^\sharp = (A \oplus \mathfrak{U}, \cdot)$, where the multiplication \cdot is defined through

$$(a, u) \cdot (b, v) = (ab + a.v + u.b, uv) (a, b \in A, u, v \in \mathfrak{U}).$$

Then, with the actions defined by

$$u.(a, v) = (u.a, uv), (a, v).u = (a.u, vu) (a \in A, u, v \in \mathfrak{U}),$$

A^\sharp is a unital \mathfrak{U} -module Banach algebra with the identity $e_{A^\sharp} = (0, e_{\mathfrak{U}})$, where $e_{\mathfrak{U}} = (0, 1)$. Now, suppose that $\phi \in \Omega_A$ and φ^\sharp is the extension of φ on \mathfrak{U} defined by $\varphi^\sharp(\alpha, \lambda) = \varphi(\alpha) + \lambda$ ($a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$). If $u = (\alpha, \lambda) \in \mathfrak{U}$, it is easy to see that

$$\phi(a.u) = \phi(u.a) = \phi^\#(u)\phi(a)(a \in A). \tag{4}$$

Define $\phi^\# : A^\# \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ by

$$\phi^\#(a, u) = (\phi(a), \phi^\#(u))(a \in A, u \in \mathfrak{A}). \tag{5}$$

Using (4), one can show that $\phi^\#$ is multiplicative and

$$\phi^\#(u.(a, v)) = \phi^\#((a, v).u) = \phi^\#(u)\phi^\#(a, v)(a \in A, u, v \in \mathfrak{A}).$$

Therefore, $\phi^\#$ is an extension of ϕ , such that $\phi^\#(0, u) = \phi^\#(u)$ is the extension $h_0 = \tilde{0}$ of the zero function given by (5).

The proof of the following theorem is inspired by the proof of Proposition 2.7 of [4].

Proposition 2.14 *Let A be a Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodule, and let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$. Then, A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable if and only if $A^\#$ is module $(\phi^\#, \varphi^\#)$ -inner amenable.*

Proof Let $A^\#$ be module $(\phi^\#, \varphi^\#)$ -inner amenable. Since the image of $\phi^\#|_A$ is included in \mathfrak{A} , by 2.12, we conclude that A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable.

Conversely, suppose that A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable. Then, there exists a $m \in A^{**}$, such that $m(\varphi \circ \phi) = 1$, $m(f.a) = m(a.f)$, and $m(\alpha.f) = m(f.\alpha)$ for all $a \in A, f \in A^*$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. By Remark 2.13, we may identify the dual space $(A^\#)^*$ with $A^* \oplus \mathbb{C}h_0$, where $h_0|_A = 0$ and $h_0(e_{A^\#}) = 1$. Define $n \in (A^\#)^{**}$ by $n(f) = m(f)(f \in A^*)$ and $n(h_0) = 0$. Since A is an ideal and \mathfrak{A} -submodule of $A^\#$, it follows that $h_0.a = 0$ and $h_0.\alpha = 0$ for all $a \in A$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. A simple computation shows that

$$n((f + \lambda h_0).(a + \lambda' e_{A^\#})) = n((a + \lambda' e_{A^\#}).(f + \lambda h_0)),$$

and

$$n((f + \lambda h_0).u) = n(u.(f + \lambda h_0)),$$

for all $f \in A^*, a \in A, u \in \mathfrak{A}$ and $\lambda, \lambda' \in \mathbb{C}$. For $f \in A^*$, consider the map $\bar{f} : A^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $\bar{f}(a, u) = f(a) + \bar{\varphi}(u)(a \in A, u \in \mathfrak{A})$. Thus, $\varphi^\# \circ \phi^\# = \overline{\varphi \circ \phi}$, and hence

$$n(\varphi^\# \circ \phi^\#) = n(\overline{\varphi \circ \phi}) = n(\varphi \circ \phi + \lambda h_0) = m(\varphi \circ \phi) = 1.$$

Therefore, $A^\#$ is module $(\phi^\#, \varphi^\#)$ -inner amenable.

Module inner amenability of certain Banach algebras

Let $A \widehat{\otimes} B$ be the projective tensor product of two Banach algebras A and B . For every $f \in A^*$ and $g \in B^*$, let $f \otimes g$ denote the element of $(A \widehat{\otimes} B)^*$ satisfying, $f \otimes g(a \otimes b) = f(a)g(b)(a \in A, b \in B)$. In addition, note

that $A \widehat{\otimes} B$ is a Banach $\mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule with the following actions:

$$(\alpha \otimes \beta).(a \otimes b) = (\alpha.a) \otimes (\beta.b)(a \in A, b \in B, \alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{A}),$$

and similarly for right action. For $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A}), \psi \in \Omega_{\mathfrak{A}} (= \Omega_{\mathfrak{A}, \varphi})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A (= \Omega_{A, \varphi_2})$, define $(\phi \otimes \psi) : A \widehat{\otimes} B \rightarrow \mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A}$ by $(\phi \otimes \psi)(a \otimes b) = \phi(a) \otimes \psi(b)(a \in A, b \in B)$. Clearly, $\phi \otimes \psi \in \Omega_{A \widehat{\otimes} B} (= \Omega_{A \widehat{\otimes} B, \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2})$ and $\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2 \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A})$.

In addition, if $\bar{\varphi} \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A})$, then $\bar{\varphi} = \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2$, where $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ (see [4]).

The technique of proof of the following theorem (one side) is similar to that of Theorem 2.8 of [4].

Theorem 3.1 *Let A and B be Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodules, and let $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A, \psi \in \Omega_B$. Then $A \widehat{\otimes} B$ is module $(\phi \otimes \psi, \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2)$ -inner amenable (as $\mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A}$ module) if and only if A is module (ϕ, φ_1) -inner amenable and B is module (ψ, φ_2) -inner amenable.*

Proof Suppose that $A \widehat{\otimes} B$ is module $(\phi \otimes \psi, \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2)$ -inner amenable. Then, there exists $m \in (A \widehat{\otimes} B)^{**}$, such that $m((\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2) \circ (\phi \otimes \psi)) = 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} m(f \otimes g.(a \otimes b)) &= m((a \otimes b).f \otimes g), m(f \otimes g.(a \otimes b)) \\ &= m((\alpha \otimes \beta).f \otimes g), \end{aligned}$$

for all $a \otimes b \in A \widehat{\otimes} B, f \in A^*, g \in B^*$ and $\alpha \otimes \beta \in \mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A}$. Define $m_A : A^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $m_A(f) = m(f \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi))(f \in A^*)$. Therefore, $m_A(\varphi_1 \circ \phi) = m((\varphi_1 \circ \phi) \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi)) = m((\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2) \circ (\phi \otimes \psi)) = 1$. Choose $b_0 \in A$, such that $\varphi_2 \circ \psi(b_0) = 1$. Therefore, for every $a \in A$ and $f \in A^*$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} m_A(f.a) &= m((f.a) \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi)) \\ &= m((f.a) \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi).b_0) \\ &= m(f \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi).(a \otimes b_0)) \\ &= m((a \otimes b_0).f \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi)) \\ &= m((a.f) \otimes b_0.(\varphi_2 \circ \psi)) \\ &= m_A(a.f). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for every $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$, if we take $\beta \in \mathfrak{A}$, such that $\varphi_2(\beta) = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} m_A(f.\alpha) &= m((f.\alpha) \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi)) \\ &= m((f.\alpha) \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi).\beta) \\ &= m(f \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi).(\alpha \otimes \beta)) \\ &= m((\alpha \otimes \beta).f \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi)) \\ &= m((\alpha.f) \otimes \beta.(\varphi_2 \circ \psi)) \\ &= m((\alpha.f) \otimes (\varphi_2 \circ \psi)) \\ &= m_A(\alpha.f), \end{aligned}$$

for all $f \in A^*$. Therefore, A is module (φ, ϕ_1) -inner amenable. Similarly, one can prove that B is module (ψ, ϕ_2) -inner amenable.

For the converse, let A is module (ϕ, φ_1) -inner amenable and B is module (ψ, φ_2) -inner amenable. Then, by Theorem 2.2, there exist bounded nets $(a_i)_i$ in A and $(b_j)_j$ in B with bounds M_1 and M_2 , respectively, such that

$$\varphi_1 \circ \phi(a_i) = 1, \|aa_i - a_i a\| \rightarrow 0, \|\alpha a_i - a_i \alpha\| \rightarrow 0(a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}),$$

and

$$\varphi_2 \circ \psi(b_j) = 1, \|bb_j - b_j b\| \rightarrow 0, \|\alpha b_j - b_j \alpha\| \rightarrow 0(b \in B, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}).$$

Consider the bounded net $(a_i \otimes b_j)_{(i,j)}$ in $A \widehat{\otimes} B$. Therefore, $((\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2) \circ (\phi \otimes \psi))(a_i \otimes b_j) = \varphi_1 \circ \phi(a_i) \varphi_2 \circ \psi(b_j) = 1$. Let $\mathfrak{F} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \otimes \beta_i \in \mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \mathfrak{F} \cdot (a_i \otimes b_j) - (a_i \otimes b_j) \cdot \mathfrak{F} \| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N [(\alpha_i a_i - a_i \alpha_i) \otimes \beta_i b_j + a_i \alpha_i \otimes (\beta_i b_j - b_j \beta_i)] \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N M_2 \|\beta_i\| \|\alpha_i a_i - a_i \alpha_i\| + \sum_{i=1}^N M_1 \|\alpha_i\| \|\beta_i b_j - b_j \beta_i\| \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let $\mathfrak{G} \in \mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A}$, so there exist sequences $(\alpha_l)_l \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$ and $(\beta_l)_l \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$, such that $\mathfrak{G} = \sum_{l=1}^\infty \alpha_l \otimes \beta_l$ with $\sum_{l=1}^\infty \|\alpha_l\| \|\beta_l\| < \infty$. By the same argument as in the proof of the Theorem 3.1 of [6], for every $\mathfrak{G} \in \mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A}$, one can show that $\|\mathfrak{G} \cdot (a_i \otimes b_j) - (a_i \otimes b_j) \cdot \mathfrak{G}\| \rightarrow 0$. Similarly, we may show that $\|G(a_i \otimes b_j) - (a_i \otimes b_j)G\| \rightarrow 0$ for all $G \in A \widehat{\otimes} B$. Therefore, Proposition 2.2 implies that $A \widehat{\otimes} B$ is module $(\phi \otimes \psi, \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2)$ -inner amenable.

Let A and B be Banach algebras, it is well known that $A \oplus_\infty B$ and $A \oplus_p B$, the l^p -direct sum of A and B , are Banach algebras with respect to the canonical multiplication defined by

$$(a, b)(c, d) := (ac, bd) \quad (a, c \in A, b, d \in B),$$

and norms $\|(a, b)\| = \max\{\|a\|, \|b\|\}$ and $\|(a, b)\| = (\|a\|^p + \|b\|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} (a \in A, b \in B)$. Furthermore, if A and B are two Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodules, then $A \oplus_\infty B$ and $A \oplus_p B$ are Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodules under the module actions

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \cdot (a, b) &= (\alpha \cdot a, \alpha \cdot b), \quad (a, b) \cdot \alpha \\ &= (a \cdot \alpha, b \cdot \alpha) \quad (a \in A, b \in B, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}). \end{aligned}$$

Before stating the next theorem, we note that if for every $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A}), \phi \in \Omega_{\mathfrak{A}}$ and $\psi \in \Omega_B$, we define $(0, \psi) : A \oplus_p B \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ and $(\phi, 0) : A \oplus_p B \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ by

$$(0, \psi)(a, b) = \psi(b), (\phi, 0)(a, b) = \phi(a) (a \in A, b \in B),$$

where $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, then $(0, \psi)$ and $(\phi, 0) \in \Omega_{A \oplus_p B} (= \Omega_{A \oplus_p B, \varphi})$.

Theorem 3.2 *Let A and B be two \mathfrak{A} -bimodule Banach algebras, $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A}), \phi \in \Omega_A, \psi \in \Omega_B$ and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. Then the following statements are valid:*

- (i) $A \oplus_p B$ is module $((\phi, 0), \varphi)$ -inner amenable if and only if A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable.
- (ii) $A \oplus_p B$ is module $((0, \psi), \varphi)$ -inner amenable if and only if B is module (ψ, φ) -inner amenable.

Proof (i) Assume that $A \oplus_p B$ is module $((\phi, 0), \varphi)$ -inner amenable. By Theorem 2.2, there exists a net $(a_i, b_i)_i$ in $A \oplus_p B$, such that $\varphi \circ (\phi, 0)(a_i, b_i) \rightarrow 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(a, b) \cdot (a_i, b_i) - (a_i, b_i) \cdot (a, b)\| \rightarrow 0, \|\alpha \cdot (a_i, b_i) \\ & - (a_i, b_i) \cdot \alpha\| \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all $(a, b) \in A \oplus_p B$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. Consider the bounded net $(a_i)_i$ in A . One can easily show that $\|aa_i - a_i a\| \rightarrow 0$ and $\|\alpha a_i - a_i \alpha\| \rightarrow 0$ for all $a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. In addition, it is clear that $\varphi \circ \phi(a_i) \rightarrow 1$. Therefore, Theorem 2.2 implies that A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable.

Conversely, suppose that A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable. Then, there exists a bounded net $(a_i)_i$ in A , such that $\varphi \circ \phi(a_i) \rightarrow 1, \|aa_i - a_i a\| \rightarrow 0$ and $\|\alpha a_i - a_i \alpha\| \rightarrow 0$ for all $a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. Clearly, the bounded net $(a_i, 0)_i \subset A \oplus_p B$ satisfies in the condition (iii) of Theorem 2.2. Therefore, $A \oplus_p B$ is module $((\phi, 0), \varphi)$ -inner amenable.

Similarly, we can prove (ii). \square

Corollary 3.3 *Let A and B be two \mathfrak{A} -bimodule Banach algebras and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. Then $A \oplus_p B$ is module $((\phi, 0), \varphi)$ -inner amenable and module $((0, \psi), \varphi)$ -inner amenable for every $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A}), \phi \in \Omega_A$ and $\psi \in \Omega_B$ if and only if both A and B are module character inner amenable.*

We note that for two Banach algebras A and B , a direct verification shows that

$$\Delta(A \oplus_p B) = (\Delta(A) \times \{0\}) \cup (\{0\} \times \Delta(B)), 1 \leq p \leq \infty.$$

Now, if we take $\mathfrak{A} = \mathbb{C}$ and φ is the identity map in the above corollary, then we obtain that $A \oplus_p B$ is character inner amenable if and only if both A and B are character inner amenable. Therefore, the above corollary generalizes Proposition 4.2 of [6].

Let A be a Banach algebra and X be a Banach A -bimodule. The l^1 -direct sum of A and X , denoted by $A \oplus_1 X$, with the product defined by

$$(a, x)(a', x') = (aa', a.x' + x.a')(a, a' \in A, x, x' \in X),$$

is a Banach algebra that is called the module extension Banach algebra of A and X .

If A is \mathfrak{A} -bimodule and X is a Banach A - \mathfrak{A} -module, then $A \oplus_1 X$ is Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodules under the module actions:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha.(a, x) &= (\alpha.a, \alpha.x), (a, x).\alpha = (a.\alpha, x.\alpha) \\ (a \in A, x \in X, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}). \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Let A and B be Banach algebras and let X be a Banach A, B -module; that is, a left A -module and a right B -module satisfying $\|axb\| \leq \|a\|\|x\|\|b\|, (a \in A, b \in B, x \in X)$. The corresponding triangular Banach algebra

$$\tau = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & x \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} : a \in A, x \in X, b \in B \right\},$$

is equipped with the usual 2×2 -matrix operations and the norm

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} a & x \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \|a\| + \|x\| + \|b\|.$$

This Banach algebra were introduced by Forrest and Marcoux in [7]. Note that τ can be identified with the module extension $(A \oplus_1 B) \oplus_1 X$, in which X is considered as a $A \oplus_1 B$ -module under the operations:

$$(a, b).x = ax, x.(a, b) = xb(a \in A, b \in B, x \in X).$$

Furthermore, if A and B are two Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodules and X is a Banach $A \oplus_1 B$ - \mathfrak{A} -module, then τ is Banach \mathfrak{A} -bimodules under the module actions defined as (6).

Let $\phi \in \Omega_A$ and define $\tilde{\phi} : A \oplus_1 X \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ by $\tilde{\phi}(a, x) = \phi(a)(a \in A, x \in X)$. Then, $\tilde{\phi} \in \Omega_{A \oplus_1 X}$.

Using Theorem 2.2, we can routinely prove the following proposition and so we omit its proof.

Proposition 3.4 *Let A be \mathfrak{A} -bimodule and X be a Banach A - \mathfrak{A} -module and let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$. Then $A \oplus_1 X$ is module $(\tilde{\phi}, \varphi)$ -inner amenable if and only if there exists a bounded net $(a_i, x_i)_i$ in $A \oplus_1 X$ satisfying*

- (i) $\varphi \circ \phi(a_i) \rightarrow 1$ and $\|aa_i - a_i a\| \rightarrow 0, \|\alpha.a_i - a_i.\alpha\| \rightarrow 0$ and $\|\alpha.x_i - x_i.\alpha\| \rightarrow 0$ for all $a \in A$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$,
- (ii) $\|x.a_i - a_i.x\| \rightarrow 0$ for all $x \in X$, and
- (iii) $\|a.x_i - x_i.a\| \rightarrow 0$ for all $a \in A$.

Corollary 3.5 *Let A be \mathfrak{A} -bimodule and X be a Banach A - \mathfrak{A} -module and let $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\phi \in \Omega_A$. If $A \oplus_1 X$ is module $(\tilde{\phi}, \varphi)$ -inner amenable, then A is module (ϕ, φ) -inner amenable.*

Corollary 3.6 *Let A and B be \mathfrak{A} -bimodules and X be a Banach $A \oplus_1 B$ - \mathfrak{A} -module. If τ is module character inner amenable, then so are A and B .*

Proof Suppose that τ is module character inner amenable. By Corollary 3.5, $A \oplus_1 B$ is module character inner amenable. Therefore, corollary 3.3 implies that A and B are module character inner amenable. \square

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