

GENERALIZED DERIVATIONS ON MODULES

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ABSTRACT. Let A be a Banach algebra and M be a Banach right A -module. A linear map $\delta : M \rightarrow M$ is called a generalized derivation if there exists a derivation $d : A \rightarrow A$ such that

$$\delta(xa) = \delta(x)a + xd(a) \quad (a \in A, x \in M).$$

In this paper we associate a triangular Banach algebra $\mathcal{T}$ to a Banach A -module M and investigate the relation between generalized derivations on M and derivations on $\mathcal{T}$. In particular, we prove that the so-called generalized first cohomology group of M is isomorphic to the first cohomology group of $\mathcal{T}$.

1. Introduction

Recently, a number of analysts [1, 6, 17] have studied various generalized notions of derivations in the context of Banach algebras. There are some applications in the other fields of study [11]. Such maps have been extensively studied in pure algebra; cf. [2, 5, 12].

Let, throughout the paper, A denote a Banach algebra (not necessarily unital) and let M be a Banach right A -module. A linear mapping $d : A \rightarrow A$ is called a derivation if $d(ab) = d(a)b + ad(b)$ ($a, b \in A$). If $a \in A$ and we define d_a by $d_a(x) = ax - xa$ ($x \in A$), then d_a is a derivation and such derivation is called inner. A linear mapping $\delta : M \rightarrow M$

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is called a generalized derivation if there exists a derivation $d : A \rightarrow A$ such that $\delta(xa) = \delta(x)a + xd(a)$ ($x \in M, a \in A$). For convenience, we say that such a generalized derivation δ is a d -derivation. In general, the derivation $d : A \rightarrow A$ is not unique and it may happen that δ (resp. d) is bounded but d (resp. δ) is not bounded. For instance, assume that the action of A on M is trivial, i.e. $MA = \{0\}$. Then every linear mapping $\delta : M \rightarrow M$ is a d -derivation for each derivation d on A .

Our notion is a generalization of both concepts of a generalized derivation (cf. [5, 12]) and of a multiplier (cf. [7]) on an algebra (see also [19]). To see this, regard the algebra as a module over itself. The authors in [1] investigated the generalized derivations on Hilbert C^* -modules and showed that these maps may appear as the infinitesimal generators of dynamical systems.

Example 1.1. Let M be a right Hilbert C^* -module over a C^* -algebra A of compact operators acting on a Hilbert space (see [15] for more details on Hilbert C^* -modules). By Theorem 4 of [3], M has an orthonormal basis so that each element x of M can be expressed as $x = \sum_{\lambda} v_{\lambda} \langle v_{\lambda}, x \rangle$. If d is a derivation on A , then the mapping, $\delta : M \rightarrow M$ defined by $\delta(x) = \sum_{\lambda} v_{\lambda} d(\langle v_{\lambda}, x \rangle)$ is a d -derivation, since

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(xa) &= \delta \left(\sum_{\lambda} v_{\lambda} \langle v_{\lambda}, xa \rangle \right) \\ &= \sum_{\lambda} v_{\lambda} d(\langle v_{\lambda}, xa \rangle) \\ &= \sum_{\lambda} v_{\lambda} d(\langle v_{\lambda}, x \rangle a) + \sum_{\lambda} v_{\lambda} \langle v_{\lambda}, x \rangle d(a) \\ &= \delta(x)a + xd(a). \end{aligned}$$

The set $\mathcal{B}(M)$ of all bounded module maps on M is a Banach algebra and M is a Banach $\mathcal{B}(M)$ - A -bimodule equipped with $T.x = T(x)$ ($x \in M, T \in \mathcal{B}(M)$), since we have $T.(xa) = T(xa) = T(x)a = (T.x)a$ and $\|T.xa\| \leq \|T\| \|x\| \|a\|$, for all $a \in A, x \in M, T \in \mathcal{B}(M)$.

We call $\delta : M \rightarrow M$ a generalized inner derivation if there exist $a \in A$ and $T \in \mathcal{B}(M)$ such that $\delta(x) = T.x - xa = T(x) - xa$. Mathieu in [16] called a map $\delta : A \rightarrow A$ a generalized inner derivation if $\delta(x) = bx - xa$ for some $a, b \in A$. If we consider A as a right A -module in a natural way, and take $T(x) = bx$, then our definition covers the notion of Mathieu.

In this paper we deal with the derivations on the triangular Banach algebras of the form $\mathcal{T} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}(M) & M \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$. Such algebras were introduced by Forrest and Marcoux [8] that in turn are motivated by work of Gilfeather and Smith in [10] (these algebras have been also investigated by Y. Zhang who called them module extension Banach algebras [22]). Among some facts on generalized derivations, we investigate the relation between generalized derivations on M and derivations on $\mathcal{T}$. In particular, we show that the generalized first cohomology group of M is isomorphic to the first cohomology group of $\mathcal{T}$.

2. Main results

If we consider A as an A -module in a natural way then we have the following lemma about generalized derivations on A .

Lemma 2.1. *A linear mapping $\delta : A \rightarrow A$ is a generalized derivation if and only if there exist a derivation $d : A \rightarrow A$ and a module map $\varphi : A \rightarrow A$ such that $\delta = d + \varphi$.*

Proof. Suppose δ is a generalized derivation on A . Then there exists a derivation d on A such that δ is a d -derivation. On putting $\varphi = \delta - d$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(xa) &= \delta(xa) - d(xa) = \delta(x)a + xd(a) - (d(x)a + xd(a)) \\ &= (\delta(x) - d(x))a = \varphi(x)a, \end{aligned}$$

for all $a, x \in A$. Thus φ is a module map and $\delta = d + \varphi$.

Conversely, let d be a derivation on A , φ be a module map on A and put $\delta = d + \varphi$. Then clearly δ is a linear map and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(xa) &= d(xa) + \varphi(xa) = d(x)a + xd(a) + \varphi(x)a \\ &= (d(x) + \varphi(x))a + xd(a) = \delta(x)a + xd(a) \end{aligned}$$

for all $a, x \in A$. Therefore δ is a d -derivation. $\square$

The next two results concern the boundedness of a generalized derivation.

Theorem 2.2. *Let A have a bounded left approximate identity $\{e_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ and let δ be a d -derivation on A . Then δ is bounded if and only if d is bounded.*

Proof. First we show that every module map on A is bounded. Suppose that φ is a module map on A and let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence in A converging to zero in the norm topology. By a consequence of Cohen Factorization Theorem (see Corollary 11.12 of [4]) there exist a sequence $\{b_n\}$ and an element c in A such that $b_n \rightarrow 0$ and $a_n = cb_n$, $(n \in \mathbb{N})$. Then $\varphi(a_n) = \varphi(cb_n) = \varphi(c)b_n \rightarrow 0$. Thus by the closed graph theorem, φ is bounded. Now let δ be a d -derivation. By Lemma 2.1, $\delta = d + \varphi$ for some module map φ on A . Therefore δ is bounded if and only if d is bounded. $\square$

Corollary 2.3. *Every generalized derivation on a C^* -algebra is bounded.*

Proof. Every derivation on a C^* -algebra is automatically continuous; cf. [13]. $\square$

Let $\varphi : A \rightarrow A$ be a homomorphism (algebra morphism). A linear mapping $T : M \rightarrow M$ is called a φ -morphism if $T(xa) = T(x)\varphi(a)$ ($a \in A, x \in M$). If φ is an isomorphism and T is a bijective mapping then we say T to be a φ -isomorphism. An id_A -morphism is a module map (module morphism). Here id_A denotes the identity operator on A .

Proposition 2.4. *Suppose δ is a bounded d -derivation on M and d is bounded. Then $T = \exp(\delta)$ is a bi-continuous $\exp(d)$ -isomorphism.*

Proof. Using induction one can easily show that

$$\delta^{(n)}(xa) = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} \delta^{(n-r)}(x) d^{(r)}(a).$$

For each $a \in A, x \in M$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T(xa) &= \exp(\delta)(xa) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \delta^{(n)}(xa) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} \delta^{(n-r)}(x) d^{(r)}(a) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{r=0}^n \left(\frac{1}{(n-r)!} \delta^{(n-r)}(x) \left(\frac{1}{r!} d^{(r)}(a) \right) \right) \\
&= \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \delta^{(n)}(x) \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} d^{(n)}(a) \right) \\
&= \exp(\delta)(x) \exp(d)(a).
\end{aligned}$$

The operators $\exp(\delta)$ and $\exp(d)$ are invertible in the Banach algebras of bounded operators on M and A , respectively. Hence T is an $\exp(d)$ -isomorphism.

Proposition 2.5. *Let δ be a bounded generalized derivation on M . Then δ is a generalized inner derivation if and only if there exists an inner derivation d_a on A such that δ is d_a -derivation.*

Proof. Let δ be a generalized inner derivation. Then there exist $a \in A$ and $T \in \mathcal{B}(M)$ such that $\delta(x) = T(x) - xa$ ($x \in M$). We have $\delta(x)b + xd_a(b) = (T(x) - xa)b + xab - xba = T(x)b - xba = T(xb) - (xb)a = \delta(xb)$ ($b \in A, x \in M$). Hence δ is a d_a -derivation.

Conversely, suppose that δ is a d_a -derivation for some $a \in A$. Define $T : M \rightarrow M$ by $T(x) = \delta(x) + xa$. Then T is linear, bounded and $T(xb) = \delta(xb) + (xb)a = (\delta(x)b + xd_a(b)) + xba = \delta(x)b + xab - xba + xba = (\delta(x) + xa)b = T(x)b$. It follows that $T \in \mathcal{B}(M)$ and $\delta(x) = (\delta(x) + xa) - xa = T(x) - xa$. Therefore δ is a generalized inner derivation. $\square$

The linear spaces of all bounded generalized derivations and generalized inner derivations on M are denoted by $GZ^1(M, M)$ and $GN^1(M, M)$, respectively. We call the quotient space $GH^1(M, M) = GZ^1(M, M)/GN^1(M, M)$ the generalized first cohomology group of M .

Corollary 2.6. $GH^1(M, M) = 0$ whenever $H^1(A, A) = 0$.

Proof. Let $\delta : M \rightarrow M$ be a generalized derivation. Then there exists a derivation $d : A \rightarrow A$ such that δ is a d -derivation. Due to $H^1(A, A) = 0$, we deduce that d is inner and, by Proposition 2.5, so is δ . Hence $GH^1(M, M) = 0$. $\square$

Using some ideas of [8, 18], we give the following notion.

Definition 2.7. $\mathcal{T} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} : T \in \mathcal{B}(M), x \in M, a \in A \right\}$ equipped with the usual 2×2 matrix addition and formal multiplication and with the norm $\left\| \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \|T\| + \|x\| + \|a\|$ is a Banach algebra. We call this algebra the triangular Banach algebra associated to M .

The following two theorems give some interesting relations between generalized derivations on M and derivations on $\mathcal{T}$.

Let δ be a bounded d -derivation on M . We define $\Delta_\delta : \mathcal{B}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(M)$ by $\Delta_\delta(T) = \delta T - T\delta$. Then Δ_δ is clearly a derivation on $\mathcal{B}(M)$.

Theorem 2.8. *Let δ be a bounded d -derivation on M and let d be bounded. Then the map $D^\delta : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ defined by $D^\delta \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T) & \delta(x) \\ 0 & d(a) \end{pmatrix}$ is a bounded derivation on $\mathcal{T}$. Also δ is a generalized inner derivation if and only if D^δ is an inner derivation.*

Proof. It is clear that D^δ is linear. For any $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{B}(M), x_1, x_2 \in M, a_1, a_2 \in A$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& D^\delta \left(\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & x_1 \\ 0 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_2 & x_2 \\ 0 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = D^\delta \begin{pmatrix} T_1 T_2 & T_1 x_2 + x_1 a_2 \\ 0 & a_1 a_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T_1 T_2) & \delta(T_1 x_2 + x_1 a_2) \\ 0 & d(a_1 a_2) \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T_1 T_2) & \delta(T_1(x_2)) + \delta(x_1)a_2 + x_1 d(a_2) \\ 0 & a_1 d(a_2) + d(a_1)a_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} T_1 \Delta_\delta(T_2) + \Delta_\delta(T_1) T_2 & T_1 \delta(x_2) + x_1 d(a_2) + (\delta T_1 - T_1 \delta)(x_2) + \delta(x_1)a_2 \\ 0 & a_1 d(a_2) + d(a_1)a_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & x_1 \\ 0 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T_2) & \delta(x_2) \\ 0 & d(a_2) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T_1) & \delta(x_1) \\ 0 & d(a_1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_2 & x_2 \\ 0 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & x_1 \\ 0 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} D^\delta \begin{pmatrix} T_2 & x_2 \\ 0 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} + D^\delta \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & x_1 \\ 0 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_2 & x_2 \\ 0 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus D^δ is a derivation on $\mathcal{T}$. Due to $\left\| \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T) & \delta(x) \\ 0 & d(a) \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \|\Delta_\delta(T)\| + \|\delta(x)\| + \|d(a)\| \leq \max\{\|\Delta_\delta\|, \|\delta\|, \|d\|\} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \right\|$, we infer that D^δ is bounded. Now suppose that δ is a generalized inner derivation. Then there exist $a \in A$ and $T \in \mathcal{B}(M)$ such that $\delta(x) = T(x) - xa$ ($x \in M$). For all $S \in \mathcal{B}(M)$, $b \in A$ and $y \in M$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} D \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} S & y \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} &:= \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} S & y \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} S & y \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} TS - ST & T.y - ya \\ 0 & ab - ba \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(S) & \delta(y) \\ 0 & d_a(b) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= D^\delta \begin{pmatrix} S & y \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $D^\delta = D \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ and so D^δ is an inner derivation.

Conversely, let δ be a bounded d -derivation such that the associated derivation D^δ is an inner derivation, say $D^\delta = D \begin{pmatrix} T_0 & x_0 \\ 0 & a_0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then for

each $T \in \mathcal{B}(M)$, $x \in M$, $a \in A$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T) & \delta(x) \\ 0 & d(a) \end{pmatrix} &= D^\delta \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= D \begin{pmatrix} T_0 & x_0 \\ 0 & a_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} T_0T - TT_0 & T_0(x) + x_0a - T(x_0) - xa_0 \\ 0 & a_0a - aa_0 \end{pmatrix} \\ (2.1) \quad &= \begin{pmatrix} T_0T - TT_0 & T_0(x) + x_0a - T(x_0) - xa_0 \\ 0 & d_{a_0}(a) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $d = d_{a_0}$ is inner. Putting $a = 0$ and $T = 0$ in (2.1), we conclude that $\delta(x) = T_0(x) - xa_0$ ($x \in M$). Hence δ is a generalized inner derivation. $\square$

The converse of the above theorem is true in the unital case.

Theorem 2.9. *Let A be unital and $\mathcal{T}$ be the triangular Banach algebra associated to a unital Banach right A -module M . Assume that $D : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ is a bounded derivation. Then there exist $m_0 \in M$, a bounded derivation $d : A \rightarrow A$ and a bounded d -derivation $\delta : M \rightarrow M$ such that*

$$D \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T) & \delta(x) + m_0 a - T.m_0 \\ 0 & d(a) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover, D is inner if and only if δ is a generalized inner derivation.

Proof. We use some ideas of Proposition 2.1 of [8]. By simple computation one can verify that

- (i) $D \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ for some $m_0 \in M$;
- (ii) $D \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_0 a \\ 0 & d(a) \end{pmatrix}$ for some bounded derivation d on A ;
- (iii) $D \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta(x) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ for some linear mapping δ on M ;
- (iv) $D \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T) & -T.m_0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$;

$$\text{and finally } D \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T) & \delta(x) + m_0 a - T.m_0 \\ 0 & d(a) \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta(xa) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= D \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & xa \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = D \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} D \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \right) + D \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_0 a \\ 0 & d(a) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta(x) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta(x)a + xd(a) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\delta(xa) = \delta(x)a + xd(a)$ and so δ is a d -derivation. It is clear that D is inner if and only if d is inner and, using Proposition 2.5, the latter holds if and only if δ is a generalized inner derivation. $\square$

Theorem 2.10. *Let A be a unital Banach algebra, M be a unital Banach right A -module and $\mathcal{T} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}(M) & M \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$. Then $H^1(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}) \cong GH^1(M, M)$*

Proof. Let $\Psi : GZ^1(M, M) \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T})$ be defined by

$$\Psi(\delta) = [D^\delta],$$

where $[D^\delta]$ represents the equivalence class of D^δ in $H^1(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T})$. Clearly Ψ is linear. We shall show that Ψ is surjective. To end this, we assume that D is a bounded derivation on $\mathcal{T}$. Let δ, d, Δ_δ and $m_0 \in M$ be as in the Theorem 2.9. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (D - D^\delta) \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T) & \delta(x) + m_0 a - T.m_0 \\ 0 & d(a) \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad - \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\delta(T) & \delta(x) \\ 0 & d(a) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_0 a - T.m_0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= D \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -m_0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T & x \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

So $[D] = [D^\delta] = \Psi(\delta)$ and thus Ψ is surjective. Therefore $H^1(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}) \cong GZ^1(M, M)/Ker(\Psi)$. Note that $\delta \in Ker(\Psi)$ if and only if D^δ is inner derivation on $\mathcal{T}$. Hence $Ker(\Psi) = GN^1(M, M)$, by Theorem 2.8. Thus $H^1(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}) \cong GH^1(M, M)$. $\square$

Example 2.11. Suppose that A is unital and $M = A$. Then $\mathcal{B}(A) = A$ and so $GH^1(A, A) \cong H^1(\begin{pmatrix} A & A \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} A & A \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}) = H^1(A, A)$, by Proposition 4.4 of [9]. In particular, every generalized derivation on a unital commutative semisimple Banach algebra [21], a unital simple C^* -algebra [20], or a von Neumann algebra [14] is generalized inner.

We have investigated the interrelation between generalized derivations on a Banach algebra and its ordinary derivations. We also studied generalized derivations on a Banach module in virtue of derivations on its associated triangular Banach algebra. Thus, we established a link

between two interesting research areas: Banach algebras and triangular algebras.

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