

## $\varphi$ -AMENABLE AND $\varphi$ -BIFLAT BANACH ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study the concept of  $\varphi$ - biflatness of a Banach algebra  $A$ , where  $\varphi$  is a continuous homomorphism on  $A$ . We prove that if  $\varphi$  is a continuous epimorphism on  $A$  and  $A$  has a bounded approximate identity and  $A$  is  $\varphi$ - biflat, then  $A$  is  $\varphi$ - amenable. In the case where  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism on  $A$  we show that the  $\varphi$ - amenability of  $A$  implies its  $\varphi$ - biflatness.

### 1. Introduction

A Banach algebra  $A$  is called *amenable* if for each Banach  $A$ -module  $X$ , every bounded derivation from  $A$  into the dual  $A$ -module  $X^*$  is an inner derivation. The notion of a *biflat* Banach algebra was introduced by Helemskii who proved that a Banach algebra is amenable precisely when it is biflat and has a bounded approximate identity [7, 9]. In fact,  $A$  is called *biflat* if there exists a bounded  $A$ -bimodule map  $\theta : (A \hat{\otimes} A)^* \rightarrow A^*$  such that  $\theta \circ \pi^* = id_{A^*}$ , where  $\pi$  denotes the product morphism from  $A \hat{\otimes} A$  into  $A$  given by  $\pi(a \otimes b) = ab$  for all  $a, b \in A$ . Recently, some authors have added a kind of twist to the amenability definition. Given a continuous homomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $A$  into  $A$ , they defined and studied  $\varphi$ -derivations and  $\varphi$ -amenability (see [3], [13] and [15]).

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Suppose that  $A$  is a Banach algebra and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ , the set of all continuous homomorphisms from  $A$  into  $A$ . Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule. A linear operator  $D : A \rightarrow X$  is a  $\varphi$ -derivation if it satisfies  $D(ab) = D(a)\varphi(b) + \varphi(a)D(b)$  for all  $a, b \in A$ . A  $\varphi$ -derivation  $D$  is  $\varphi$ -inner derivation if there is  $x \in X$  such that  $D(a) = \varphi(a)x - x\varphi(a)$  for  $a \in A$ . Let  $\mathcal{Z}_\varphi^1(A, X)$  denote the set of all continuous  $\varphi$ -derivations and let  $\mathcal{N}_\varphi^1(A, X)$  be the set of all  $\varphi$ -inner derivations from  $A$  into  $X$ . The first cohomology group  $\mathcal{H}_\varphi^1(A, X)$  is defined to be the quotient space  $\mathcal{Z}_\varphi^1(A, X)/\mathcal{N}_\varphi^1(A, X)$ .

A Banach algebra  $A$  is called  $\varphi$ -amenable if  $\mathcal{H}_\varphi^1(A, X^*) = \{0\}$  for all  $A$ -bimodules  $X$ . Note that every derivation of a Banach algebra  $A$  into an  $A$ -bimodule  $X$  is an  $id_A$ -derivation, where  $id_A$  is the identity map on  $A$ .

The aim of the present paper is to introduce and investigate  $\varphi$ -biflat Banach algebras with  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ . In particular, we prove that if  $\varphi$  is a continuous epimorphism on  $A$  and  $A$  has a bounded approximate identity and  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -biflat, then  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable. In the case where  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism on  $A$  we show that the  $\varphi$ -amenability of  $A$  implies its  $\varphi$ -biflatness.

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## 2. The results

We start this section by introducing the following:

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ . An element  $M$  of  $(A \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$  is a  $\varphi$ -virtual diagonal for  $A$  if

- i)  $\varphi(a) \cdot M = M \cdot \varphi(a)$  ( $a \in A$ ),
- ii)  $\pi^{**}(M) \cdot \varphi(a) = \varphi(a)$  ( $a \in A$ ).

For an alternative proof of the following result when  $\varphi$  is an idempotent homomorphism on  $A$  see [15, Theorem 4.2.]

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with a bounded approximate identity and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ . If  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable then  $A$  has a  $\varphi$ -virtual diagonal.

*Proof.* Let  $(e_\alpha)$  be a bounded approximate identity for  $A$  and let  $E$  be a  $w^*$ -cluster point of  $(\varphi(e_\alpha) \otimes \varphi(e_\alpha))$  in  $(A \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$ . We define a  $\varphi$ -derivation  $D : A \rightarrow (A \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$  by  $D(a) = \varphi(a) \cdot E - E \cdot \varphi(a)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{**}(D(a)) &= w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \pi[(\varphi(a)(\varphi(e_{\alpha}) \otimes \varphi(e_{\alpha})) - (\varphi(e_{\alpha}) \otimes \varphi(e_{\alpha}))\varphi(a)] \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \varphi(a)\varphi(e_{\alpha}^2) - \varphi(e_{\alpha}^2)\varphi(a) \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \varphi(ae_{\alpha}^2 - e_{\alpha}^2a) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $D(A) \subseteq \ker(\pi^{**}) = (\ker \pi)^{**}$ . Thus there exists  $N \in (\ker \pi)^{**}$  such that  $D = ad_{\varphi;N}$ . Put  $M = E - N$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{**}(M) \cdot \varphi(a) &= \pi^{**}(E - N) \cdot \varphi(a) = \pi^{**}(E) \cdot \varphi(a) \\ &= w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \pi(\varphi(e_{\alpha}) \otimes \varphi(e_{\alpha})) \cdot \varphi(a) \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \varphi(e_{\alpha}^2a) = \varphi(a). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $M$  is a  $\varphi$ - virtual diagonal for  $A$ . □

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ . A bounded  $\varphi$ - approximate diagonal for  $A$  is a bounded net  $(m_{\alpha})$  in  $(A \hat{\otimes} A)$  such that

- i)  $m_{\alpha} \cdot \varphi(a) - \varphi(a) \cdot m_{\alpha} \rightarrow 0 \quad (a \in A)$
- ii)  $\pi(m_{\alpha}) \cdot \varphi(a) \rightarrow \varphi(a) \quad (a \in A)$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ . If  $A$  has a  $\varphi$ - virtual diagonal. Then  $A$  has a bounded  $\varphi$ - approximate diagonal.

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a  $\varphi$ - virtual diagonal for  $A$ , and let  $(m_{\alpha})$  be a net in  $(A \hat{\otimes} A)$  such that  $M = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}$ . Then, a routine verification shows that for the net  $(m_{\alpha})$ , Definition 2.3 holds in the *weak\**- topology. Following the argument given in the proof of [6, Lemma 2.9.64] we can show that there exists a net  $(m_{\beta})$  of convex combinations of  $(m_{\alpha})$ 's satisfying both conditions in Definition 2.3. □

**Remark 2.5.** In the case where  $\varphi$  is a continuous idempotent epimorphism on  $A$ , M. S. Moslehian [15, Theorem 4.6] has given a generalizations of Johnson's result [11]. It should be emphasized that such an epimorphism  $\varphi$  is nothing but the identity. Indeed, no generalization is given.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with a bounded  $\varphi$ -approximate diagonal and  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism on  $A$ . Then  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable.

*Proof.* Let  $(m_\alpha)$  be a bounded  $\varphi$ -approximate diagonal for  $A$ . Then  $(\pi m_\alpha)$  is a bounded approximate identity for  $A$ . Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule, by [15, Proposition 4.5] there is no loss of generality if we suppose that  $X$  is pseudo-unital. Let  $D \in \mathcal{Z}_\varphi^1(A, X)$ , and  $m_\alpha = \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n^{(\alpha)} \otimes b_n^{(\alpha)}$  with  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \|a_n^{(\alpha)}\| \|b_n^{(\alpha)}\| < \infty$ . Then  $(\sum_{n=1}^\infty \varphi(a_n^{(\alpha)}) \cdot D b_n^{(\alpha)})$  is a bounded net in  $X^*$ , which has a  $w^*$ -accumulation point, say  $\psi$ ; without loss of generality, we may suppose that  $\psi$  is the  $w^*$ -lim of  $(\sum_{n=1}^\infty \varphi(a_n^{(\alpha)}) \cdot D b_n^{(\alpha)})$ . Then, for  $a \in A$  and  $x \in X$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, \varphi(a) \cdot \psi \rangle &= \lim_\alpha \langle x, \sum_{n=1}^\infty \varphi(a) \varphi(a_n^{(\alpha)}) \cdot D b_n^{(\alpha)} \rangle \\ &= \lim_\alpha \langle x, \sum_{n=1}^\infty \varphi(a_n^{(\alpha)}) \cdot D(b_n^{(\alpha)} \varphi(a)) \rangle \\ &= \lim_\alpha \langle x, \sum_{n=1}^\infty (\varphi(a_n^{(\alpha)} b_n^{(\alpha)}) \cdot D(\varphi(a)) + \varphi(a_n^{(\alpha)}) \cdot \\ &\quad D(b_n^{(\alpha)} \cdot \varphi(a))) \rangle \\ &= \lim_\alpha \langle x, (\varphi(\pi(m_\alpha)) \cdot D(\varphi(a))) \rangle + \langle x, \psi \cdot \varphi(a) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism and  $\lim_\alpha \varphi(\pi(m_\alpha)a) = \varphi(a)$  for all  $a \in A$ , we conclude that  $D(a) = \varphi(a)\psi - \psi\varphi(a)$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.7.** *Let  $A$  be a non-amenable Banach algebra with right (left) bounded approximate identity. Then by [16, corollary 2.3.11]  $A^\sharp$  is not amenable. Therefore  $A^\sharp$  (the unitalization of  $A$ ) is not biflat. We define  $\varphi : A^\sharp \rightarrow A^\sharp$  by  $\varphi(a + \lambda e) = \lambda$  ( $a \in A, \lambda \in C$ ). Therefore,  $\varphi$  is a continuous homomorphism on  $A^\sharp$ . Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A^\sharp$ -bimodule. Then for every  $\varphi$ -derivation  $D : A^\sharp \rightarrow X$  and every  $a, b \in A, \lambda, z \in C$  we have,*

$$\begin{aligned} D((a + \lambda e)(b + ze)) &= (a + \lambda e) \circ D(b + ze) + D(a + \lambda e) \circ (b + ze) \\ &= \varphi(a + \lambda e)D(b + ze) + D(a + \lambda e)\varphi(b + ze) \\ &= \lambda D(b + 0e) + D(a + 0e)z. \end{aligned}$$

*Let  $(e_\alpha)$  be a right (left) bounded approximate identity for  $A$  and putting  $z = \lambda = 0$  and  $b = e_\alpha$  in the above equation, we obtain  $D(ae_\alpha + 0e) = 0$ . Therefore  $D(a + 0e) = \lim_\alpha D(ae_\alpha + 0e) = 0$  and  $D(a + \lambda e) = D(a + 0e) + D(0 + \lambda e) = 0$  for all  $a \in A$  and  $\lambda \in C$ . Therefore  $A^\sharp$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable.*

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ . Then  $A$  is called  $n$ -weakly  $\varphi$ -amenable if  $\mathcal{H}_\varphi^1(A, A^{(n)}) = \{0\}$ , ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). We say that  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -weakly amenable if  $A$  is 1-weakly  $\varphi$ -amenable.

The following two propositions are interesting in their own rights.

**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $A$  is  $(n+2)$ -weakly  $\varphi$ -amenable. Then  $A$   $n$ -weakly  $\varphi$ -amenable.

*Proof.* Let  $D : A \rightarrow A^{(n)}$  be a  $\varphi$ -derivation. Then  $D : A \rightarrow A^{(n+2)}$  is a  $\varphi$ -derivation. Therefore there exists  $\phi \in A^{(n+2)}$  such that  $D(a) = \phi \cdot \varphi(a) - \varphi(a) \cdot \phi$  ( $a \in A$ ). Let  $\xi = P(\phi)$  where  $P$  is the canonical projection from  $A^{(n+2)}$  into  $A^{(n)}$ . Then  $D(a) = P(D(a)) = \xi \cdot \varphi(a) - \varphi(a) \cdot \xi$  ( $a \in A$ ).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.10.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$  be such that  $\varphi(a)b = a\varphi(b)$  for all  $a, b \in A$ . If  $A$  is  $(2n-1)$ -weakly  $\varphi$ -amenable. Then  $\overline{A^2} = A$  where  $\overline{A^2}$  is the closure of  $A^2$  in  $A$ .

*Proof.* For  $n = 1$ , the result follows from [3, Proposition 2.1]. Now for  $n > 1$ , the proof is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.4.  $\square$

We now turn to  $\varphi$ -biflat Banach algebras.

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ . Then  $A$  is called  $\varphi$ -biflat if there exists a bounded  $A$ -bimodule map  $\theta : A \rightarrow (A \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$  such that  $\pi^{**} \circ \theta \circ \varphi = \kappa$ , where  $\kappa : A \rightarrow A^{**}$  is the natural embedding.

**Proposition 2.12.** Suppose that  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -biflat ( $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ ) and  $A$  has a bounded approximate identity. Then  $A$  has a  $\varphi$ -virtual diagonal.

*Proof.* Assume that  $\theta : A \rightarrow (A \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$  is a bounded  $A$ -bimodule map such that  $\pi^{**} \circ \theta \circ \varphi = \kappa$ . Let  $(e_\alpha)$  be a bounded approximate identity for  $A$  and let  $M = w^* - \lim_\alpha \theta(\varphi(e_\alpha))$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{**}(M) \cdot \varphi(a) &= w^* - \lim_\alpha \pi^{**}(\theta(\varphi(e_\alpha))) \cdot \varphi(a) \\ &= w^* - \lim_\alpha \pi^{**} \circ \theta \circ \varphi(e_\alpha) \cdot \varphi(a) = \varphi(a). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $M$  is a  $\varphi$ -virtual diagonal.  $\square$

**Remark 2.13.** Let  $A$  be a biflat Banach algebra. Then  $A$  is  $\text{id}_A$ -biflat.

**Proposition 2.14.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$  such that  $\varphi^n = 1$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $A$  has a virtual diagonal, then  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -biflat.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a virtual diagonal. Define  $\theta : A \rightarrow (A \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$  by  $a \mapsto \varphi(a)^{n-1} \cdot M$  ( $a \in A$ ). Then for every  $a \in A$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{**} \circ \theta \circ \varphi(a) &= \pi^{**}(\varphi^n(a) \cdot M) \\ &= \pi^{**}(a \cdot M) \\ &= a. \end{aligned}$$

□

The following Theorem is the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 2.15.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with a bounded approximate identity and let  $\varphi$  be a continuous epimorphism on  $A$ . If  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -biflat, then  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.12,  $A$  has a  $\varphi$ -virtual diagonal and so by Proposition 2.4,  $A$  has a bounded  $\varphi$ -approximate diagonal. So by theorem 2.6,  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable. □

**Theorem 2.16.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\varphi$  be a continuous isomorphism on  $A$ . If  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable then  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -biflat.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable. By Theorem 2.2,  $A$  has a  $\varphi$ -virtual diagonal  $M$ . Define  $\theta : A \rightarrow (A \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$  by  $a \mapsto \varphi^{-1}(a) \cdot M$  for  $a \in A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{**} \circ \theta \circ \varphi(a) &= \pi^{**}(a \cdot M) \\ &= a, \end{aligned}$$

it follow that  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -biflat. □

The following example shows that a biflat Banach algebra is not in general  $\varphi$ -biflat.

**Example 2.17.** *Let  $D$  denote the open unit disk and let  $A^+(\bar{D})$  be the set of all functions  $f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$  in the disk algebra  $A(\bar{D})$  which have an absolutely convergent Taylor expansion on  $\bar{D}$ . Then  $A^+(\bar{D})$  is a commutative unital Banach algebra and hence  $A^+(\bar{D})$  is biflat. An application of Theorem 2.15, and part two of [12, Example 2.5], shows that for every  $z \in D$  the Banach algebra  $A^+(\bar{D})$  is not  $\varphi_z$ -biflat, where  $\varphi_z$  is the continuous idempotent homomorphism on  $A^+(\bar{D})$  given by  $f \mapsto f(z)$ , ( $f \in A^+(\bar{D})$ ), which obviously is not a surjection.*

In the next result  $\varphi : A \rightarrow A$  is homomorphism and  $I$  is a closed ideal of  $A$  such that  $\varphi(I) \subseteq I$ . We define the map  $\tilde{\varphi} : A/I \rightarrow A/I$  by  $\tilde{\varphi}(a + I) = \varphi(a) + I$ .

**Theorem 2.18.** *Suppose that  $A$  is a  $\varphi$ -biflat Banach algebra. If  $I$  is a closed ideal of  $A$ , then  $A/I$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\theta : A \rightarrow (A \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$  is a bounded  $A$ -bimodule map such that  $\pi^{**} \circ \theta \circ \varphi = \kappa$ . Let  $q : A \rightarrow A/I$  be the quotient map. Define the map  $\tilde{\theta} : A/I \rightarrow (A/I \hat{\otimes} A/I)^{**}$  by  $a + I \mapsto (q \hat{\otimes} q)^{**} \circ \theta(a)$  ( $a \in A$ ). We prove that  $\tilde{\theta}$  is an  $A/I$ -bimodul map. To see this, take  $a, b, c \in A$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\theta}((a + I)(b + I)(c + I)) &= \tilde{\theta}(abc + I) \\ &= (q \hat{\otimes} q)^{**} \circ \theta(abc) \\ &= (q \hat{\otimes} q)^{**}(a \cdot \theta(b) \cdot c) \\ &= a \cdot (q \hat{\otimes} q)^{**}(\theta(b) \cdot c) \\ &= (a + I) \cdot \tilde{\theta}(b + I) \cdot (c + I). \end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{A/I}^{**} \circ \tilde{\theta} \circ \tilde{\varphi}(a + I) &= \pi_{A/I}^{**} \circ \tilde{\theta}(\varphi(a) + I) \\ &= \pi_{A/I}^{**} \circ (q \hat{\otimes} q)^{**} \circ \theta(\varphi(a)) \\ &= q^{**} \circ \pi_A^{**} \circ \theta \circ \varphi(a) = q(a) = a + I. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $A/I$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat. □

We quote the following result from [13].

**Lemma 2.19.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra. Then there exists an  $A$ -bimodule homomorphism  $\gamma : (A \hat{\otimes} A)^* \rightarrow (A^{**} \hat{\otimes} A^{**})^*$  such that for any functional  $f \in (A \hat{\otimes} A)^*$ , elements  $\varphi, \psi \in A^{**}$  and nets  $(a_\alpha), (b_\beta)$  in  $A$  with  $w^* - \lim_\alpha a_\alpha = \varphi$  and  $w^* - \lim_\beta b_\beta = \psi$  we have*

$$\gamma(f)(\varphi \otimes \psi) = \lim_\alpha \lim_\beta f(a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta).$$

We close the paper with the following result.

**Theorem 2.20.** *Suppose that  $A$  is a Banach algebra and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A)$ . If  $A^{**}$  is  $\varphi^{**}$ -biflat. Then  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -biflat.*

*Proof.* Let  $\kappa : A \rightarrow A^{**}$ ,  $\kappa_1 : A^* \rightarrow A^{***}$  and  $\kappa_* : A^{**} \rightarrow A^{****}$  denote the natural inclusions,  $\pi$  ( $^{**}\pi$ , respectively) the product maps on  $A$  ( $A^{**}$ , respectively) and let  $\gamma$  be defined as in Lemma 2.19. Then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A^* & \xrightarrow{\pi^*} & (A \hat{\otimes} A)^* \\
 \kappa_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \\
 A^{***} & \xrightarrow{^{**}\pi^*} & (A^{**} \hat{\otimes} A^{**})^*
 \end{array}$$

Thus  $\gamma \circ \pi^* = ^{**}\pi^* \circ \kappa_1$ . Hence  $\pi^{**} \circ \gamma^* = \kappa_1^* \circ ^{**}\pi^{**}$ . Since  $A^{**}$  is  $\varphi^{**}$ -biflat, there is an  $A$ -bimodule map  $\theta_0 : A^{**} \rightarrow (A^{**} \hat{\otimes} A^{**})^{**}$ , such that  $\pi^{**} \circ \theta_0 \circ \varphi^{**} = \kappa_*$ . Putting  $\theta := \gamma^* \circ \theta_0 \circ \kappa$ , then for each  $a \in A$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi^{**} \circ \theta \circ \varphi(a) &= \pi^{**} \circ \gamma^* \circ \theta_0 \circ \kappa \circ \varphi(a) \\
 &= \kappa_1^* \circ \pi^{**} \circ \theta_0 \circ \kappa \circ \varphi(a) \\
 &= \kappa_1^* \circ \pi^{**} \circ \theta_0 \circ \varphi^{**}(a) \\
 &= \kappa_1^* \circ \kappa_*(a) = a.
 \end{aligned}$$

That is  $A$  is  $\varphi$ -biflat.  $\square$

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