

DERIVATIONS INTO N-TH DUALS OF IDEALS OF BANACH ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We introduce two notions of amenability for a Banach algebra \mathcal{A} . Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and I be a closed two-sided ideal in \mathcal{A} . \mathcal{A} is $n - I$ -weakly amenable if the first cohomology group of \mathcal{A} with coefficients in the n -th dual space $I^{(n)}$ is zero; i.e., $H^1(\mathcal{A}, I^{(n)}) = \{0\}$. Further, \mathcal{A} is n -ideally amenable if \mathcal{A} is $n - I$ -weakly amenable for every closed two-sided ideal I in \mathcal{A} . We find some relationships of $n - I$ -weak and $m - J$ -weak amenabilities for some different m and n or for different closed ideals I and J of \mathcal{A} .

1. Introduction

Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and X be a Banach \mathcal{A} -module; that is, X is a Banach space and an \mathcal{A} -module such that the module operations $(a, x) \mapsto ax$ and $(a, x) \mapsto xa$ from $\mathcal{A} \times X$ into X are jointly continuous. The dual space X^* of X is also a Banach \mathcal{A} -module by the following module actions:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, ax^* \rangle &= \langle xa, x^* \rangle, \\ \langle x, x^*a \rangle &= \langle ax, x^* \rangle, \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, x \in X, x^* \in X^*). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the n -th dual $X^{(n)}$ of X is a Banach \mathcal{A} -module, and so for every closed ideal I of \mathcal{A} , I is a Banach \mathcal{A} -module

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and $I^{(n)}$ is a dual \mathcal{A} -module for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let X be a Banach \mathcal{A} -module. Then a continuous linear map $D : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is called a derivation if

$$D(ab) = a \cdot D(b) + D(a) \cdot b \quad (a, b \in \mathcal{A}). \quad (1.1)$$

For $x \in X$, we define $\delta_x : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{X}$ as follows:

$$\delta_x(a) = a \cdot x - x \cdot a \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}).$$

It is easy to show that δ_x is a derivation. Such derivations are called inner derivations. We denote the set of continuous derivations from \mathcal{A} into X by $Z^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X})$ and the set of inner derivations by $B^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X})$. We denote space by $H^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X})$ and the quotient space by $Z^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X})/\mathcal{B}^\infty(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X})$. The space $H^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X})$ is called the first cohomology group of \mathcal{A} with coefficients in X . \mathcal{A} is called amenable if every derivation from \mathcal{A} into every dual \mathcal{A} -module is inner; this definition was introduced by B. E. Johnson in [18] (see [22] and [17]). \mathcal{A} is called weakly amenable if, $H^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}^*) = \{0\}$ (see [20], [5], [12], [13] and [14]). Bade, Curtis and Dales [2] have introduced the concept of weak amenability for commutative Banach algebras. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A Banach algebra \mathcal{A} is called n -weakly amenable if, $H^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}^{(n)}) = \{0\}$. Dales, Ghahramani and Gronbaek started the concept of n -weak amenability of Banach algebras in [3]. A Banach algebra \mathcal{A} is called ideally amenable if $H^1(\mathcal{A}, I^*) = \{0\}$, for every closed ideal I of \mathcal{A} (see [8]). Here, we shall study $H^1(\mathcal{A}, I^{(n)})$ for a closed ideal I of \mathcal{A} . The following definition describes the main new property in our work.

Definition 1.1. Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and I be a closed two-sided ideal in \mathcal{A} . Then \mathcal{A} is $n-I$ -weakly amenable if $H^1(\mathcal{A}, I^{(n)}) = \{0\}$, \mathcal{A} is n -ideally amenable if \mathcal{A} is $n-I$ -weakly amenable for every closed two-sided ideal I in \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A} is permanently ideally amenable if \mathcal{A} is $n-I$ -weakly amenable for every closed two-sided ideal I in \mathcal{A} and for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Example 1.2. Let $\mathcal{A} = \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$. We define the product on \mathcal{A} by $f \cdot g = f(1)g$ ($f, g \in \mathcal{A}$). \mathcal{A} is a Banach algebra with this product and norm $\|\cdot\|_1$. Let I be a closed two-sided ideal of \mathcal{A} . It is easy to see that if $I \neq \mathcal{A}$, then $I \subseteq \{f \in \mathcal{A}; f(1) = 0\}$. Then, the right module

action of \mathcal{A} on I is trivial, and therefore the right module action of \mathcal{A} on $I^{(2k)}$ is trivial for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$. On the other hand, \mathcal{A} having left identity, by proposition 1.5 of [18], we have $H^1(\mathcal{A}, I^{(2k+1)}) = \{0\} (k \geq 0)$. If $I = \mathcal{A}$ then by Assertion 2 of [23], $H^1(\mathcal{A}, I^{(2k+1)}) = \{0\}, (k \geq 0)$. Thus, for every $k \geq 0$, \mathcal{A} is $2k + 1$ ideally amenable. It is well known that \mathcal{A} is not 2-weakly amenable (see [23]). Thus, \mathcal{A} is not 2-ideally amenable.

The second dual space \mathcal{A}^{**} of a Banach algebra \mathcal{A} admits a Banach algebra product known as first (left) Arens product. We briefly recall the definition of this product. For $m, n \in \mathcal{A}^{**}$, their first (left) Arens product indicated by mn is given by

$$\langle mn, f \rangle = \langle m, nf \rangle \quad (f \in \mathcal{A}^*),$$

where $nf \in \mathcal{A}^*$ is defined by

$$\langle nf, a \rangle = \langle n, fa \rangle \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}) \quad [\mathcal{A}].$$

Let X be a Banach \mathcal{A} -module. We can extend the actions of \mathcal{A} on X to actions of \mathcal{A}^{**} on X^{**} via

$$a'' \cdot x'' = w^* - \lim_i \lim_j a_i x_j$$

and

$$x'' \cdot a'' = w^* - \lim_j \lim_i x_j a_i,$$

such that (a_i) and (x_j) are nets in \mathcal{A} and X , respectively, and that $a'' = w^* - \lim_i a_i$, $x'' = w^* - \lim_j x_j$.

Definition 1.3. Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and X be a Banach \mathcal{A} -module. We define the topological center of the right module action of \mathcal{A} on X as follows:

$$Z_{\mathcal{A}}(X^{**}) := \{x'' \in X^{**} : \text{the mapping } a'' \mapsto x'' \cdot a'' : \mathcal{A}^{**} \rightarrow X^{**} \text{ is } weak^* - weak^* \text{ continuous} \}.$$

The right module action of \mathcal{A} on X is Arens regular if and only if $Z_{\mathcal{A}}(X^{**}) = X^{**}$ (see [1] and [6]). For a Banach algebra \mathcal{A} , the set $Z_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A}^{**})$ is the topological center of \mathcal{A}^{**} with the first Arens product. Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and let X be a Banach \mathcal{A} -module. Set $P : X^{****} \rightarrow X^{**}$ the adjoint of the inclusion map $i : X^* \rightarrow X^{***}$. Then, we have the following Theorem.

Theorem 1.4. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and X be a Banach \mathcal{A} -module. Suppose that $Z_{\mathcal{A}}(X^{**}) = X^{**}$. Then the following assertions hold.*

- (i) $P : X^{****} \rightarrow X^{**}$ is an \mathcal{A}^{**} -module morphism.
- (ii) If $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^{**}$ is a derivation, then there exists a derivation $\tilde{D} : \mathcal{A}^{**} \rightarrow X^{**}$ with \tilde{D} an extension of D .

Proof. (i) conclude from Proposition 1.8 of [3]. For (ii), we know that $D'' : \mathcal{A}^{**} \rightarrow X^{****}$, the second adjoint of D , is a derivation (see for example Proposition 1.7 of [3]). By (i), $P \circ D''$ is a derivation from \mathcal{A}^{**} into X^{**} .

Corollary 1.5. *Let \mathcal{A} be an Arens regular Banach algebra. If for every ideal I of \mathcal{A}^{**} , $H^1(\mathcal{A}^{**}, I^{**}) = \{0\}$, then \mathcal{A} is 2-ideally amenable.*

For convenience, we will write $x \mapsto J(x)$ for the canonical embedding of a Banach space into its second dual. We find some relations between m and n -ideal amenabilities of a Banach algebra.

Theorem 1.6. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and I be a closed ideal of \mathcal{A} . For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if \mathcal{A} is $n+2-I$ -weakly amenable then \mathcal{A} is $n-I$ -weakly amenable.*

Proof. Let $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow I^{(n)}$ be a derivation. Since $J : I^{(n)} \rightarrow I^{(n+2)}$ is an \mathcal{A} -module homomorphism, then $J \circ D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow I^{(n+2)}$ is a derivation. Therefore, there exists $F \in I^{(n+2)}$ such that $J \circ D = \delta_F$. Let $P : I^{(n+2)} \rightarrow I^{(n)}$ be the above projective. Then, for every $a \in \mathcal{A}$, we have $D(a) = P \circ J \circ D(a) = a \cdot P(F) - P(F) \cdot a$. Thus, $D = \delta_{P(F)}$.

Corollary 1.7. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra, and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If \mathcal{A} is $n+2$ -ideally amenable then \mathcal{A} is n -ideally amenable.*

Theorem 1.8. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and I be a closed two sided ideal of \mathcal{A} with a bounded approximate identity. If \mathcal{A} is n -ideally amenable (or permanently ideally amenable) then I is n -ideally amenable (or permanently ideally amenable).*

Proof. Since I has bounded approximate identity, then by Cohen factorization Theorem for every closed ideal J of I , we have $JI = IJ = J$. Then, J is an ideal of \mathcal{A} . Let $D : I \rightarrow J^{(n)}$ be a derivation. By [22, Proposition 2.1.6], D can be extend to a derivation $\tilde{D} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow J^{(n)}$. So,

there is $a_n m \in J^{(n)}$ such that $\tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \delta_m$. Then, $D(i) = \tilde{\mathbf{D}}(i) = \delta_m(i)$ for each $i \in I$. Thus, D is inner.

Theorem 1.9. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let I be a closed ideal of \mathcal{A} with $Z_{\mathcal{A}}(I^{(2n)}) = I^{(2n)}$. Suppose that $H^1(\mathcal{A}^{**}, I^{(2n)}) = \{0\}$. Then \mathcal{A} is $2n-2$ - I -weakly amenable.*

Proof. Let $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow I^{(2n-2)}$ be a derivation. Then, by Theorem 1.3, there exists an extension $\tilde{D} : \mathcal{A}^{**} \rightarrow I^{(2n)}$ such that \tilde{D} is a (bounded) derivation. Thus, \tilde{D} is inner, and so is D .

Theorem 1.10. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra with a left bounded approximate identity. Let I be a closed ideal of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A} be an ideal of \mathcal{A}^{**} . If I is left strongly irregular (i.e., $Z_t(I^{**}) = I$) and \mathcal{A} is I -weakly amenable then \mathcal{A} is $3 - I$ -weakly amenable.*

Proof. First, since we have the following \mathcal{A} -module direct sum decomposition,

$$I^{***} = \widehat{I}^* \oplus \widehat{I}^\perp,$$

then we have,

$$H^1(\mathcal{A}, I^{***}) = H^1(\mathcal{A}, \widehat{I}^*) + H^1(\mathcal{A}, \widehat{I}^\perp).$$

We have to show that $H^1(\mathcal{A}, \widehat{I}^\perp) = \{0\}$. To this end, let $a \in \mathcal{A}$, $i'' \in I^{**}$ and $\pi : I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ be the inclusion map. Then, by Lemma 3.3 of [9],

$$i''a = \pi''(i'')\widehat{a} \in \pi''(I^{**}) \cap \widehat{\mathcal{A}} = \widehat{I}.$$

Then, the right module action of \mathcal{A} on \widehat{I}^\perp is trivial. Now, let $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \widehat{I}^\perp$ be a derivation. Suppose (e_α) is a left bounded approximate identity for \mathcal{A} . Since \widehat{I}^\perp is a $weak^*$ -closed subspace of I^{***} , then we take $weak^* - \lim_\alpha D(e_\alpha) = F \in \widehat{I}^\perp$. Thus, for every $a \in \mathcal{A}$, we have

$$D(a) = \lim_\alpha D(e_\alpha a) = Fa = Fa - aF = \delta_F(a).$$

Let $\mathcal{A}^\#$ be the unitization of \mathcal{A} . We know that \mathcal{A} is amenable if and only if $\mathcal{A}^\#$ is amenable. If \mathcal{A} is weakly amenable then $\mathcal{A}^\#$ is weakly amenable [3], and the weak amenability of $\mathcal{A}^\#$ does not imply the weak amenability of \mathcal{A} [21]. Also, Gordji and Yazdanpanah have shown that \mathcal{A} is ideally amenable if and only if $\mathcal{A}^\#$ is ideally amenable [8]. In the following, we will take the same result for n -ideal amenability.

Proposition 1.11. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra, and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the following assertions hold.*

- (i) *If $\mathcal{A}^\#$ is n -ideally amenable, then \mathcal{A} is n -ideally amenable.*
- (ii) *If \mathcal{A} is $2n-1$ -ideally amenable, then $\mathcal{A}^\#$ is $2n-1$ -ideally amenable.*
- (iii) *If \mathcal{A} is commutative and n -ideally amenable, then $\mathcal{A}^\#$ is n -ideally amenable.*

Proof. (i): Let $\mathcal{A}^\#$ be n -ideally amenable, and I be a closed ideal of \mathcal{A} . Let $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow I^{(n)}$ be a derivation. It is easy to show that I is an ideal of $\mathcal{A}^\#$. We define $\tilde{D} : \mathcal{A}^\# \rightarrow I^{(n)}$ by $\tilde{D}(a + \alpha) = D(a)$, ($a \in \mathcal{A}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$). Then \tilde{D} is a derivation. Since $\mathcal{A}^\#$ is n -ideally amenable, then \tilde{D} is inner, and hence D is inner. For (ii), let \mathcal{A} be $2n-1$ -ideally amenable and I be a closed ideal of $\mathcal{A}^\#$. First, we know that \mathcal{A} is $2n-1$ -weakly amenable. Then, by proposition 1.4 of [3], $\mathcal{A}^\#$ is $2n-1$ -weakly amenable. Thus, $\mathcal{A}^\#$ is $2n-1-I$ -weakly amenable whenever $I = \mathcal{A}^\#$. Let $I \neq \mathcal{A}^\#$. Then $1 \notin I$ and I is an ideal of \mathcal{A} . If $D : \mathcal{A}^\# \rightarrow I^{(n)}$ is a derivation, then $D(1) = 0$ and D drops to a derivation from \mathcal{A} into $I^{(n)}$, and hence D is inner. The proof of (iii) is similar to the one given for (ii).

2. Commutative Banach algebras

We know that a commutative Banach algebra \mathcal{A} is weakly amenable if and only if every derivation from \mathcal{A} into a symmetric Banach \mathcal{A} -module is zero (Theorem 1.5 of [2]). Thus, we have the following Theorem.

Theorem 2.1. *Let \mathcal{A} be a commutative Banach algebra. Then the following assertions are equivalent.*

- (i) *\mathcal{A} is weakly amenable.*
- (ii) *\mathcal{A} is $2k+1$ -weakly amenable for some $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.*
- (iii) *\mathcal{A} is ideally amenable.*
- (iv) *\mathcal{A} is $2k+1$ -ideally amenable for some $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.*
- (v) *\mathcal{A} is permanently ideally amenable.*

Theorem 2.2. *Let \mathcal{A} be a commutative Banach algebra and let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the following assertions are equivalent.*

- (i) *\mathcal{A} is $2n$ -weakly amenable.*
- (ii) *\mathcal{A} is $2n$ -ideally amenable.*

Proof. (ii) \Rightarrow (i): This is obvious. For (i) \Rightarrow (ii), let \mathcal{A} be $2n$ -weakly amenable and I be a closed two sided ideal of \mathcal{A} . We let $\pi : I \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ be the natural inclusion map. Then $\pi^{(2n)} : I^{(2n)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}^{(2n)}$, the $2n$ -th adjoint of π , is \mathcal{A} -module morphism. Let $D : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow I^{(2n)}$ be a derivation. Then $\pi^{(2n)} \circ D : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}^{(2n)}$ is a derivation. Since $\mathcal{A}^{(2n)}$ is symmetric \mathcal{A} -module and $H^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}^{(2n)}) = \{0\}$, then $\pi^{(2n)} \circ D = 0$. Therefore, $D = 0$.

Corollary 2.3. *Let \mathcal{A} be a commutative Banach algebra which is Arens regular, and suppose that \mathcal{A}^{**} is semisimple. Then \mathcal{A} is 2-ideally amenable.*

Proof. By Corollary 1.11 of [3], \mathcal{A} is 2-weakly amenable. Then, by Theorem 2.2, \mathcal{A} is 2-ideally amenable.

Corollary 2.4. *Let \mathcal{A} be a commutative Banach algebra such that $\mathcal{A}^{(2n)}$ is Arens regular, and $H^1(\mathcal{A}^{(2n+2)}, \mathcal{A}^{(2n+2)}) = \{0\}$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, \mathcal{A} is $2n$ -ideally amenable for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

Proof. By Corollary 1.12 of [3], \mathcal{A} is $2n$ -weakly amenable for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, by Theorem 2.2, \mathcal{A} is $2n$ -ideally amenable for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Corollary 2.5. *Every uniform Banach algebra is $2n$ -ideally amenable for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

Proof. Applying Theorem 2.2 above and Theorem 3.1 of [3], the proof is easily obtained.

Let $\mathbb{D} = \{F \in \mathbb{C} : |F| < 1\}$ be the open unit disc and $A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$ be the disc algebra. It follows from Corollary 2.5 above and page 35 of [3] that $A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$ is a 2-ideally amenable Banach function algebra which is not ideally amenable.

3. C^* -algebras

It is well known that every C^* -algebra is ideally amenable [8, Corollary 2.2]. Also, a C^* -algebra is amenable if and only if it is nuclear ([16]).

As in [3, Theorem 2.1], we have the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1. *Every C^* -algebra is permanently weakly amenable.*

We can not show that every C^* -algebra is permanently ideally amenable, but we have the following theorem.

Theorem 3.2. *Let $n = 2k + 1$ ($k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$). Then every C^* -algebra is n -ideally amenable.*

Proof. Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra and I be a closed ideal of \mathcal{A} . Since \mathcal{A} is ideally amenable, then $H^1(\mathcal{A}, I^*) = \{0\}$. Now, we will show that \mathcal{A} is $n + 2 - I$ - weakly amenable if it is $n - I$ - weakly amenable ($n = 2k + 1$). Let $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow I^{(n+2)}$ be a derivation. First, we show that D'' is a derivation. Let $a'', b'' \in \mathcal{A}^{**}$. Then, there are nets (a_α) and (b_β) in \mathcal{A} such that they converge respectively to a'' and b'' in the $weak^*$ -topology of \mathcal{A}^{**} . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} D''(a''b'') &= weak^*lim_\alpha lim_\beta D(a_\alpha b_\beta) \\ &= weak^*lim_\alpha lim_\beta D(a_\alpha)b_\beta + weak^*lim_\alpha lim_\beta a_\alpha D(b_\beta) \\ &= D''(a'').b'' + lim_\alpha a_\alpha.D''(b''). \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Let $x'' \in I^{(n+3)}$, $\pi : I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ be the inclusion map and $i : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{**}$ be the natural embedding. The maps $i'', i^{(4)}, \dots, i^{(n+3)}$ are $weak^*$ - $weak^*$ -continuous. Then, $weak^* - lim_\alpha i^{(n+3)}(a_\alpha) = i^{(n+3)}(a'')$. On the other hand, $\mathcal{A}^{(n+3)}$ is a C^* -algebra, and thus is Arens regular. then,

$$\lim_\alpha x'' a_\alpha = \lim_\alpha \pi^{(n+3)}(x'')i^{(n+3)}(a_\alpha) = \pi^{(n+3)}(x'')i^{(n+3)}(a'') = x'' a''.$$

Since $I^{(n+1)}$ is a C^* -algebra, then by Corollary 3.2.43 of [D], D is weakly compact. Thus, $D''(b'') \in \widehat{I^{(n+2)}}$, and for each $x'' \in I^{(n+3)}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} lim_\alpha \langle a_\alpha.D''(b''), x'' \rangle &= lim_\alpha \langle x'' a_\alpha, D''(b'') \rangle \\ &= \langle x'' a'', D''(b'') \rangle \\ &= \langle a''.D''(b''), x'' \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$a''.D''(b'') = lim_\alpha a_\alpha.D''(b''),$$

and by (3.1), D'' is a derivation. Since D is weakly compact, then $D''(\mathcal{A}^{**}) \subseteq \widehat{I^{(n+2)}}$. We can suppose that D'' is a derivation from \mathcal{A}^{**} into $I^{(n+2)}$. Similarly, $D^4 := (D'')''$ is a derivation from $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ into $\widehat{I^{(n+2)}}$.

We can suppose that $D^{(2k+2)}$ (the $2k+2$ -th conjugate of D) is a derivation from $\mathcal{A}^{(2k+2)}$ into $\widehat{I^{(n+2)}}$. On the other hand, $I^{(n+1)}$ is a closed ideal of $\mathcal{A}^{(2k+2)}$ and $\mathcal{A}^{(2k+2)}$ is ideally amenable (since it is a C^* -algebra). Thus, $D^{(2k+2)}$ is inner. Since $D^{(2k+2)}$ is an extension of D , then it is easy to see that D is inner.

4. Codimension one ideals

Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and I be a closed ideal of \mathcal{A} , with codimension one. We find the relationship between n -weak amenability of I and $n - I$ -weak amenability of \mathcal{A} . As [15, Theorem 2.3], we have the following result.

Theorem 4.1. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra with bounded approximate identity and I be a codimension one closed two sided ideal of \mathcal{A} . Then, $H^1(\mathcal{A}, X^*) \cong H^1(I, X^*)$ for every neo unital Banach \mathcal{A} -module X .*

Let G be a discrete group, and I_0 be a codimension 1 closed two sided ideal of $l^1(G)$. Then, $l^1(G)$ is $n - I_0$ -weakly amenable for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Corollary 4.2. *Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra and I be a codimension one closed two sided ideal of \mathcal{A} . Then, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, \mathcal{A} is $n - I$ -weakly amenable.*

Proof. Let $n = 2k + 1$. Then, by Theorem 3.2, $H^1(\mathcal{A}, I^{(n)}) = \{0\}$. Let $n = 2k$. Then, we have $\mathcal{A}I^{(n-1)} = II^{(n-1)} = I^{(n-1)}$ and $I^{(n-1)}\mathcal{A} = I^{(n-1)}I = I^{(n-1)}$. Then, by Theorem 4.1, \mathcal{A} is $n - I$ -weakly amenable.

Lemma 4.3. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra with bounded approximate identity and I be a closed two sided ideal of \mathcal{A} . For every $n \geq 0$, the following assertions hold.*

- (i) *If $\pi_r : I^{(n)} \times \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow I^{(n)}$ is Arens regular, then $I^{(n+1)}$ factors on the right.*
- (ii) *If $\pi_l : \mathcal{A} \times I^{(n)} \longrightarrow I^{(n)}$ is Arens regular, then $I^{(n+1)}$ factors on the left.*

Proof. Let (e_α) be a bounded approximate identity for \mathcal{A} with cluster point E . Suppose that π_r is Arens regular and let $i^{n+2} \in I^{(n+2)}$ be the

cluster point of (i_β^n) in the $weak^*$ -topology of $I^{(n+2)}$ $((i_\beta^n)$ is a net in $I^{(n)}$). Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} i^{n+2} &= weak^* - \lim_{\beta} i_{\beta}^n \\ &= weak^* - \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} i_{\beta}^n e_{\alpha} \\ &= weak^* - \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} i_{\beta}^n e_{\alpha} \\ &= weak^* - \lim_{\alpha} i^{(n+2)} e_{\alpha} = i^{(n+2)} E. \end{aligned}$$

Then, for $i^{n+1} \in I^{(n+1)}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha} \langle e_{\alpha} i^{n+1}, i^{n+2} \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle i^{n+1}, i^{n+2} e_{\alpha} \rangle \\ &= \langle i^{n+1}, i^{n+2} E \rangle \\ &= \langle i^{n+1}, i^{n+2} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $e_{\alpha} i^{n+1} \rightarrow i^{n+1}$ weakly in $I^{(n+1)}$. Since $e_{\alpha} i^{n+1} \in \mathcal{A}I^{(n+1)}$ for every α , then by Cohen-Hewit Factorization Theorem, we know that $\mathcal{A}I^{(n+1)}$ is closed in $I^{(n+1)}$, and thus $i^{n+1} \in \mathcal{A}I^{(n+1)}$. Thus, the proof of (i) is complete. For (ii), let $i^{n+2} \in I^{(n+2)}$ be the cluster point of (i_{β}^n) . For each β , we know that $Ei_{\beta}^n = i_{\beta}^n$. Since π_l is Arens regular, then $e_{\alpha} i^{n+2} \rightarrow Ei^{n+2} = i^{n+2}$ by $weak^*$ topology of $I^{(n+2)}$. Then, for every $i^{n+1} \in I^{(n+1)}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha} \langle i^{n+1} e_{\alpha}, i^{n+2} \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle i^{n+1}, e_{\alpha} i^{n+2} \rangle \\ &= \langle i^{n+1}, Ei^{n+2} \rangle \\ &= \langle i^{n+1}, i^{n+2} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $i^{n+1} e_{\alpha} \rightarrow i^{n+1}$ weakly. Again, by Cohen-Hewit Factorization Theorem, we conclude that $I^{(n+1)}$ factors on the left.

By Theorem 4.1 and Lemma 4.3, we have the following result.

Proposition 4.4. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra with bounded approximate identity and I be a codimension one closed two sided ideal of \mathcal{A} . For every $n \geq 1$, if the module actions of \mathcal{A} on $I^{(n-1)}$ are Arens regular, then I is n -weakly amenable if and only if \mathcal{A} is $n-I$ -weakly amenable.*

5. Open Problems

- We do not know whether or not 2-ideal amenability implies 4-ideal amenability for an arbitrary Banach algebra.
- We do not know whether or not 1-ideal amenability implies 3-ideal amenability for an arbitrary (non commutative) Banach algebra.
- We know that every C^* -algebra is $2k+1$ ideally amenable for every $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. But, we do not know whether or not every C^* -algebra is permanently ideally amenable.
- The group algebras $L^1(G)$ are n -weakly amenable for each odd n [3], but we do not know for which G and which $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the algebra $L^1(G)$ is n -ideally amenable. We know that $l^1(F_2)$, the group algebra of free group F_2 , is permanent weakly amenable [19], but we do not know whether or not $l^1(F_2)$ is permanent ideally amenable.
- It is known that in some cases, a Banach algebra A inherits weak amenability from A^{**} (see [11], [9], [D-G-V] and [7]). But we do not know whether or not \mathcal{A} inherits the ideal amenability from \mathcal{A}^{**} .

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