

# The structure of module amenable Banach algebras

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we study the module amenability of Banach algebras and characterize it in terms the concepts splitting and admissibility of short exact sequences.

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## 1. MODULE AMENABILITY

All of the definitions in the following are in [A].  
Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $A$  be Banach algebras such that  $A$  is a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule with compatible actions, that is

$$\alpha \cdot (ab) = (\alpha \cdot a)b, a(\alpha \cdot b) = (a \cdot \alpha)b \quad (a, b \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A})$$

Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule with compatible actions, that is

$$\alpha \cdot (a \cdot x) = (\alpha \cdot a) \cdot x, (a \cdot \alpha) \cdot x = a \cdot (\alpha \cdot x), (\alpha \cdot x) \cdot a = \alpha \cdot (x \cdot a) \quad (a \in A, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, x \in X)$$

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

$$\alpha \cdot x = x \cdot \alpha \quad (\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, x \in X),$$

Then  $X$  is called a commutative  $A$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module.

A bounded map  $D : A \longrightarrow X$  is called a module derivation if

$$D(a \pm b) = D(a) \pm D(b), \quad D(ab) = (Da) \cdot b + a \cdot (Db) \quad (a, b \in A)$$

and

$$D(\alpha \cdot a) = \alpha \cdot D(a), D(a \cdot \alpha) = D(a) \cdot \alpha \quad (\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a \in A).$$

Note that  $D : A \longrightarrow X$  is bounded if there exist  $M > 0$  such that  $\|D(a)\| \leq M\|a\|$ , for each  $a \in A$ . Although  $D$  is not necessarily linear, but still its boundedness implies its norm continuity. When  $X$  is commutative, each  $x \in X$  defines a module derivation

$$D_x(a) = a \cdot x - x \cdot a \quad (a \in A).$$

These are called inner module derivations.

**Definition 2.1.**  $A$  is called module amenable (as an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module) if for any commutative Banach  $A$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module  $X$ , each module derivation  $D : A \longrightarrow X^*$  is inner.

Next let  $A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A$  be the projective module tensor product of  $A$  and  $A$   $[R]$ . This is the quotient of the usual projective tensor product  $A \hat{\otimes} A$  by the closed ideal  $I$  generated by elements of the form  $\alpha \cdot a \otimes b - a \otimes b \cdot \alpha$  for  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $a, b \in A$ . We have

$$(A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^* \cong L_{\mathfrak{A}}(A, A^*),$$

where the right hand side is the space of all  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module morphisms from  $A$  to  $A^*[R]$ . In particular  $A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A$  is a Banach  $A$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module consider  $w \in L(A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A, A)$  define by  $w(a \otimes b) = ab$  ( $a, b \in A$ ) and extended by linearity.

Then both  $w$  and its second conjugate  $w^{**} \in L((A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^{**}, A^{**})$  are  $A$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module homomorphisms. Let  $J$  be the closed ideal of  $A$  generated by  $w(I)$ . We define

$$\tilde{w} : A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A = A \hat{\otimes} A / I \longrightarrow \frac{A}{J} \text{ by}$$

$$\tilde{w}(a \otimes b + I) = ab + J \quad (a, b \in A).$$

This extends to an element  $\tilde{w} \in L(A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A, \frac{A}{J})$  and both  $\tilde{w}$  and its dual conjugate  $\tilde{w}^{**} \in L((A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^{**}, \frac{A^{**}}{J^{\perp\perp}})$  are  $A$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module homomorphisms.

Also  $\frac{A}{J}$  and  $A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A$  are Banach  $\frac{A}{J}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module and  $\tilde{w}$  and  $\tilde{w}^{**}$  are  $\frac{A}{J}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module homomorphisms.

**Definition 2.2.** A bounded net  $\{e_\alpha\}$  in  $A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A$  is called a module approximate diagonal for  $A$  if for each  $a \in A$ ,

$$\lim_{\alpha} [e_\alpha \cdot (a + J) - (a + J) \cdot e_\alpha] = 0, \lim_{\alpha} \tilde{w}(e_\alpha)(a + J) = a + J.$$

An element  $\tilde{M} \in (A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^{**}$  is called a module virtual diagonal for  $A$  if for each  $a \in A$ ,

$$(\tilde{w}^{**} \tilde{M}) \cdot (a + J) = a + J, \quad (a + J) \cdot \tilde{M} = \tilde{M} \cdot (a + J).$$

If  $\{e_\alpha\}$  be a module approximate diagonal for  $A$  then  $\{\tilde{w}(e_\alpha)\}$  is a bounded approximate identity for  $\frac{A}{J}$ .

The following results are proved as in the classical case  $[A]$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is module amenable and  $\frac{A}{J}$  has a bounded approximate identity.
- (ii)  $A$  has a module approximate diagonal.
- (iii)  $A$  has a module virtual diagonal.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $\frac{A}{J}$  be a commutative Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module. if  $A$  is module amenable then  $\frac{A}{J}$  has a bounded approximate identity.

## 2. CHARACTERIZATION OF MODULE AMENABILITY

If  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are Banach  $\frac{A}{J}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules and  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$ ,  $g : Y \longrightarrow Z$  are  $\frac{A}{J}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module homomorphisms, Then the sequence

$$\Sigma : 0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact if  $f$  is one-to-one,  $Im\ g = Z$ , and  $Im\ f = ker\ g$ . The exact sequence  $\Sigma$  is admissible if there is a  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module homomorphism  $F : Y \longrightarrow X$  such  $Ff = I$  on  $X$ . The exact sequence  $\Sigma$  splits if there is a  $\frac{A}{J}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules homomorphism  $F : Y \longrightarrow X$  such that  $Ff = I$  on  $X$ .

If  $K$  is the kernel of  $\tilde{w}$ , and  $\frac{A}{J}$  has a bounded approximate identity, then the sequence

$$\tilde{\Pi} : 0 \longrightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A \xrightarrow{\tilde{w}} \frac{A}{J} \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact as a sequence of Banach  $\frac{A}{J}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules, and the same is true for the dual sequence

$$\tilde{\Pi}^* : 0 \longrightarrow \left(\frac{A}{J}\right)^* \xrightarrow{\tilde{w}^*} (A \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^* \xrightarrow{i^*} K^* \longrightarrow 0$$

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $\Sigma : 0 \longrightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \longrightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence of Banach  $\frac{A}{J}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules. If there exists a  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module morphism  $F : Y \longrightarrow X$  satisfying  $Ff = I$  on  $X$  then there exists a unique  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module morphism  $G : Z \longrightarrow Y$  satisfying  $gG = I$  on  $Y$  and conversely. moreover  $F$  is

an  $\frac{A}{J} - \mathfrak{A}$ -module morphism if and only if  $G$  is.

**Proof.** is similar to [1]. ■

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\frac{A}{J}$  and  $A \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A$  are commutative Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules. If  $\frac{A}{J}$  has an identity, the sequence  $\tilde{\Pi}, \tilde{\Pi}^*$  are admissible. If  $\frac{A}{J}$  has a bounded approximate identity,  $\tilde{\Pi}^*$  is admissible.

**Proof.** Let  $\frac{A}{J}$  has an identity  $e + J$ ,  $\theta(a + J) = a \otimes e + I$  is a  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module morphism and a right inverse for  $\tilde{w}$ , and  $\theta^*$  is the required left inverse for  $\tilde{w}^*$  as  $\tilde{w}\theta = I$  implies that  $\theta^*\tilde{w}^* = I^*$  on  $(\frac{A}{J})^*$ . If  $\frac{A}{J}$  has a bounded approximate identity  $\{e_\alpha + J\}$ , let  $u \in (A \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^{**}$  be a weak\* limit point of  $\{e_\alpha \otimes e_\alpha + I\}$ . Define  $\sigma : (A \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^* \rightarrow (\frac{A}{J})^*$  by

$$\langle a + J, \sigma(g) \rangle = \langle (a + J) \cdot g, u \rangle \quad a \in A, g \in (A \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^*.$$

$\sigma$  is a  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module morphism and a left inverse for  $\tilde{w}^*$ . ■

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\frac{A}{J}$  and  $A \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A$  are commutative Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules. The Banach algebra  $A$  is module amenable if and only if

- (i)  $\frac{A}{J}$  has a bounded approximate identity, and
- (ii) The exact sequence  $\tilde{\Pi}^*$  splits.

**Proof.** If  $A$  is module amenable, then  $\frac{A}{J}$  has a bounded approximate identity. Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a module virtual diagonal for  $A$ . For  $f \in (A \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^*$ ,  $a \in A$  define  $\langle \theta(f), a + J \rangle = \langle \tilde{M}, f \cdot (a + J) \rangle \cdot \theta$  is a  $\frac{A}{J} - \mathfrak{A}$ -module morphism from  $(A \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^*$  into  $(\frac{A}{J})^*$  and  $\theta \circ \tilde{w}^* = I$  on  $(\frac{A}{J})^*$ . Conversely, Suppose that  $\frac{A}{J}$  has a bounded approximate identity  $\{e_\alpha + J\}$  and  $\theta$  is an  $\frac{A}{J} - \mathfrak{A}$ -module morphism with  $\theta \tilde{w}^* = I$ , on  $(\frac{A}{J})^*$ . Suppose that  $\{e_\alpha \otimes e_\alpha + I\}$  converges weak\* to  $u \in (A \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} A)^{**}$ . Set  $\tilde{M} = \theta^* \tilde{w}^{**} \mathfrak{A}$ . Then  $\tilde{M}$  is a module virtual diagonal for  $A$ . ■

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $A$  be a module amenable Banach algebra, and let  $\Sigma : 0 \longrightarrow X^* \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow 0$  be an admissible short exact sequence of commutative Banach  $\frac{A}{J}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module with  $X^*$  a dual  $\frac{A}{J}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module. Then  $\Sigma$  splits.

**Proof.** Since  $\Sigma$  is admissible, there exists  $\tilde{G} \in L_{\mathfrak{A}}(Z, Y)$  satisfying  $g\tilde{G} = I$  on  $Z$ . Define  $D(a) = (a + J) \cdot \tilde{G} - \tilde{G}(a + J)$ . Then  $D$  is a module derivation from  $A$  to the bimodule  $L_{\mathfrak{A}}(Z, Y)$ . Moreover, for  $z \in Z$   $g(Da(z)) = g[(a + J) \cdot \tilde{G} - \tilde{G} \cdot (a + J)](z) = (a + J) \cdot z - (a + J) \cdot z = 0$ . Therefore  $D(A) \subset L_{\mathfrak{A}}(Z, \ker g) = L_{\mathfrak{A}}(Z, \operatorname{Im} f)$ . Hence  $h = f^{-1}D$  is a module derivation from  $A$  to the commutative Banach  $A$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module  $L_{\mathfrak{A}}(Z, X^*) = (Z \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} X)^*$  since  $A$  is module amenable, there exists  $Q \in L_{\mathfrak{A}}(Z, X^*)$  satisfying  $D(a) = (a + J) \cdot \tilde{G} - \tilde{G} \cdot (a + J) = (a + J) \cdot fQ - fQ \cdot (a + J)$ . If  $G = \tilde{G} - fQ$  then  $G \in L_{\mathfrak{A}}(Z, Y)$  and  $(a + J) \cdot G = G \cdot (a + J)$  also  $G((a + J) \cdot z) = [G \cdot (a + J)](z) = [(a + J) \cdot G](z) = (a + J) \cdot G(z)$  Therefore  $G$  is a  $\frac{A}{J}$ -module morphism and  $(gG)(z) = g\tilde{G}(z) - (gfQ)(z) = g\tilde{G}(z) = z$  Therefore  $G$  is a right inverse for  $g$ , and consequently the sequence  $\Sigma$  splits. ■

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $A$  be an module amenable, unital Banach algebra. Then any two sided ideal of codimension one such that is a  $\mathfrak{A}$ -submodule is module amenable.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be such an ideal and an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -submodule. for  $a \in A$  there exists  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, m \in M$  such that  $a = m + \alpha 1$ . Let  $X$  be a commutative Banach  $M$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module. Now is clearly a commutative  $A$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module if we set  $a \cdot x = m \cdot x + \alpha x$ ,  $x \cdot a = x \cdot m + \alpha x$  ( $a \in A, x \in X$ ). If  $D : m \rightarrow X'$  is a module derivation,  $D$  may be extended as a module derivation from  $A$  to  $X'$  by setting  $D(1) = 0$ . The module amenability of  $A$  then implies the module amenability of  $M$ . ■

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