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# Module Extension Banach Algebras and $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenability

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**Abstract.** In this paper among other things we find some necessary and sufficient conditions for a Banach algebra  $\mathscr{A}$ , to be  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenable, where  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are continuous homomorphisms on  $\mathscr{A}$ .

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## 1. Introduction.

Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule, that  $\mathscr{X}$  is both a Banach space and an algebraic  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule, and the module operations  $(a, x) \mapsto ax$ and  $(a, x) \mapsto xa$  from  $\mathscr{A} \times \mathscr{X}$  into  $\mathscr{X}$  are (jointly) continuous. Then  $\mathscr{X}^*$  is also a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule under the following module actions:

$$(a \cdot f)(x) = f(xa),$$

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$$(f \cdot a)(x) = f(ax),$$

 $a \in \mathscr{A}, x \in \mathscr{X}, f \in \mathscr{X}^*.$ 

Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra. Given  $f \in \mathscr{A}^*$  and  $F \in \mathscr{A}^{**}$ , then Ff and fF are defined in  $\mathscr{A}^*$  by the following formulae

$$Ff(a) = F(f \cdot a), \qquad fF(a) = F(a \cdot f) \qquad (a \in \mathscr{A}).$$

Next, for  $F, G \in \mathscr{A}^{**}$ , FG is defined in  $\mathscr{A}^{**}$  by the formulae

$$(FG)(f) = F(Gf),$$

this product is called first Arens product on  $\mathscr{A}^{**}$  and  $\mathscr{A}^{**}$  with the first Arens product is a Banach algebra.

Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule. The Banach space  $\mathscr{X}^{**}$  is a Banach  $\mathscr{A}^{**}$ -bimodule under following actions

$$F \cdot G = w^* - \lim_i \lim_j a_i x_j, \qquad G \cdot F = w^* - \lim_j \lim_i x_j a_i$$

where  $F = w^* - \lim_i a_i$ ,  $G = w^* - \lim_j x_j$ ,  $(a_i)$  is a net in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $(x_j)$  and is a net in X.

Suppose that  $\varphi : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  is a Banach algebra homomorphism. The Banach algebra  $\mathscr{B}$  is considered as a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ - bimodule by the following module actions

$$a \cdot b = \varphi(a)b, \qquad b \cdot a = b\varphi(a) \qquad (a \in \mathscr{A}, b \in \mathscr{B})$$

we denote  $\mathscr{B}_{\varphi}$  the above  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule.

Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra and  $\sigma, \tau$  be continuous homomorphisms on  $\mathscr{A}$ . Suppose that  $\mathscr{X}$  is a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule. A linear mapping  $d : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{X}$  is called a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation if

$$d(ab) = d(a)\sigma(b) + \tau(a)d(b) \quad (a, b \in A).$$

For example every ordinary derivation of an algebra  $\mathscr{A}$  into an  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule  $\mathscr{X}$  is an  $(id_{\mathscr{A}}, id_{\mathscr{A}})$ -derivation, where  $id_{\mathscr{A}}$  is the identity mapping on the algebra  $\mathscr{A}$ .

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A linear mapping  $d : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}$  is called  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -inner derivation if there exists  $x \in \mathscr{X}$  such that  $d(a) = \tau(a)x - x\sigma(a)$   $(a \in \mathscr{A})$ . See also [3–6].

We denote the set of continuous  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivations from  $\mathscr{A}$  into  $\mathscr{X}$  by  $Z^{1}_{(\sigma,\tau)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X})$ and the set of inner  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivations by  $B^{1}_{(\sigma,\tau)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X})$ . we define the space  $H^{1}_{(\sigma,\tau)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X})$  as the quotient space  $Z^{1}_{(\sigma,\tau)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X})/B^{1}_{(\sigma,\tau)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X})$ . The space  $H^{1}_{(\sigma,\tau)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X})$  is called the first  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -cohomology group of  $\mathscr{A}$  with coefficients in  $\mathscr{X}$ .  $\mathscr{A}$  is called  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenable if  $H^{1}_{(\sigma,\tau)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X}^{*}) = \{0\}$ , for each Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule  $\mathscr{X}$ .

Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule. Define  $\mathscr{A} \oplus_1 \mathscr{X}$  by actions:

$$(a,x) + (b,y) = (a+b,x+y)$$
  
 $a(b,x) = (ab,ax)$ ,  $(b,x)a = (ba,xa)$   
 $(a,x)(b,y) = (ab,ay+xb),$ 

for every  $a, b \in \mathscr{A}$  and  $x, y \in \mathscr{X}$ .

It is clear  $\mathscr{A} \oplus_1 \mathscr{X}$  is a Banach algebra with the following norm:

$$||(a,x)|| = ||a|| + ||x||.$$

This Banach algebra is called module extension Banach algebra.

We use some ideas and terminology of [2] to investigate ( $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ )-amenability of Banach algebras.

## **2.** $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenability of Banach Algebras.

Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\sigma, \tau$  be continuous homomorphisms on  $\mathscr{A}$ . Suppose that  $\mathscr{X}$  is a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule. Then  $\mathscr{X}$  is a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule by the following module actions:

$$a \cdot x = \tau(a)b, \qquad x \cdot a = b\sigma(a) \qquad (a \in \mathscr{A}, x \in \mathscr{X}).$$

We denote  $\mathscr{X}_{(\sigma,\tau)}$  for this  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule. It is easy to check that  $(\mathscr{X}_{(\sigma,\tau)})^* = X^*_{(\tau,\sigma)}$ , and that every  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation from  $\mathscr{A}$  into  $\mathscr{X}$  is a derivation from  $\mathscr{A}$  into  $\mathscr{X}_{(\sigma,\tau)}$ . Thus we can show that  $\mathscr{A}$  is amenable, if and only if  $\mathscr{A}$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenable, for each  $\sigma, \tau \in Hom(\mathscr{A})$ . First we give the following examples for  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenability of Banach algebras.

**Example 2.1.** It is easy to see that  $l^1$  is a Banach algebra equipped with the following product [7]

$$a \cdot b = a(1)b$$
  $(a, b \in \ell^1),$ 

and  $l^1$  has a left identity e defined by

$$e(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & if \quad n=1\\ 0 & if \quad n \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

The dual space  $(\ell^1)^* = \ell^\infty$  is a  $\ell^1$ -bimodule via the ordinary actions as follows

$$a \cdot f = f(a)e, \quad f \cdot a = a(1)f \qquad (a \in \ell^1, f \in \ell^{\infty}),$$

where e is regarded as an element of  $\ell^{\infty}$ .

Next let  $\sigma : \ell^1 \longrightarrow \ell^1$  be a bounded homomorphism. We have  $a(1)\sigma(b) = \sigma(a \cdot b) = \sigma(a) \cdot \sigma(b) = \sigma(a)(1)\sigma(b)$  and so  $\sigma(b)(a(1) - \sigma(a)(1)) = 0$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\sigma \neq 0$ , we have

$$(\sigma(a))(1) = a(1) \quad (a \in \ell^1)$$
(2.1)

In [5] has been shown that  $\ell^1$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -weakly amenable for all homomorphisms  $\sigma, \tau$ but for some homomorphisms  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  it is not  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenable. In the following we prove if the Banach algebra  $\ell^1$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenable, then  $\tau(a) = a(1)c$  where c(1) = 1.

Let  $\mathscr{B} = \ell^1$  by product  $a \bullet b = a(2)b$ . Then  $\mathscr{B}$  is a Banach algebra and for each bounded homomorphism  $\psi : \mathscr{B} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$  we have  $(\psi(a))(2) = a(2)$ . Let  $a \in \ell^1$  define  $a' \in \ell^1$  by  $a' = (a(2), a(1), a(3), \cdots)$ . Let  $\varphi : \ell^1 \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$  defined by  $\varphi(a) = a'$ . It is clear that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. Consider the Banach  $\ell^1$ -bimodule  $\mathscr{B}_{\varphi}$  under actions  $a \circ b = \varphi(a) \bullet b = a' \bullet b = a'(2)b = a(1)b$  and  $b \circ a = b \bullet \varphi(a) = b \bullet a' = b(2)a'$  for each  $a \in \ell^1, b \in \mathscr{B}_{\varphi}$ . Let  $D : \ell^1 \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}_{\varphi}^*$  be a bounded  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation. We have

$$\begin{pmatrix} D(a \cdot b) \end{pmatrix}(c) = D(a)\sigma(b)(c) + \tau(a)D(b)(c) a(1)D(b)(c) = D(a)(\sigma(b) \circ c) + D(b)(c \circ \tau(a)) a(1)D(b)(c) = b(1)D(a)(c) + c(2)D(b)(\tau(a))$$

for all  $a, b \in \ell^1$  and  $c \in B_{\varphi}$ .

By taking a = b we obtain  $D(a)(\tau(a)) = 0$ . Also by taking  $c \in \mathscr{B}_{\varphi}$  such that c(2) = 0 we can conclude a(1)D(b) = b(1)D(a).

If  $\ell^1$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenable, then there exists  $f \in B^*_{\varphi}$  such that  $D = D_f$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -inner derivation. So we have

$$a(1)D_f(b) = b(1)D_f(a)$$
  
$$a(1)f(b(1)c - c(2)\tau(b)) = b(1)f(a(1)c - c(2)\tau(a))$$

for all  $a, b \in \ell^1$  and  $c \in B_{\varphi}$ .

Then  $f(b(1)c(2)\tau(a) - a(1)c(2)\tau(b)) = 0$ . Since  $f \in B_{\varphi}^*$  is arbitrary, immediately is conclude  $a(1)\tau(b) = b(1)\tau(a)$ . By taking b = e we have  $\tau(a) = a(1)\tau(e)$ , where  $\tau(e)(1) = 1$ .

So we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$  be two continuous homomorphisms on  $\ell^1$  (by above product). If  $\ell^1$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenable then there is  $c \in \ell^1$  such that  $\tau(a) = a(1)c$ , and c(1) = 1.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra. Then  $\mathscr{A}$  has a bounded approximate identity if and only if  $\mathscr{A}$  is (id, 0) and (0, id)-amenable.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra or  $\mathscr{A} = L^1(G)$  for a locally compact topological group G. Then  $\mathscr{A}$  is (id, 0) and (0, id)-amenable.

Let  $T : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  be a continuous linear map between Banach algebras. Two continuous linear maps  $T' : \mathscr{B}^* \to \mathscr{A}^*$  and  $T'' : \mathscr{A}^{**} \to \mathscr{B}^{**}$  are known, that are defined by the following formula

$$(T'(f))(a) = f(T(a)), \qquad (T''(G))(f) = G(T'(f))$$

where  $a \in \mathcal{A}, f \in \mathcal{B}^*$  and  $G \in \mathcal{A}^{**}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra,  $\mathscr{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule, and let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be two continuous homomorphisms on  $\mathscr{A}$ . Suppose that  $D : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation. Then  $D'' : \mathscr{A}^{**} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}^{**}$  is a  $(\sigma'', \tau'')$ -derivation.

*Proof.* Let  $F, G \in \mathscr{A}^{**}$  and let  $F = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}, G = w^* - \lim_{\beta} b_{\beta}$  in  $\mathscr{A}^{**}$ , where  $(a_{\alpha}), (b_{\beta})$  are nets in  $\mathscr{A}$  with  $||a_{\alpha}|| \leq ||F||, ||b_{\beta}|| \leq ||G||$ . Then

$$D''(FG) = D''\left(w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} a_{\alpha} b_{\beta}\right)$$
  
=  $w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} D''(a_{\alpha} b_{\beta})$   
=  $w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} \left(\tau(a_{\alpha})D(b_{\beta}) + D(a_{\alpha})\sigma(b_{\beta})\right)$   
=  $\tau''(F)D''(G) + D''(F)\sigma''(G)$ 

and so D'' is a  $(\sigma'', \tau'')$ -derivation.

Now we are ready to state some equivalent conditions by  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenability of Banach algebras.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be two continuous homomorphisms on Banach algebra  $\mathscr{A}$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- 1.  $\mathscr{A}$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -amenable.
- 2. For each Banach algebra  $\mathscr{B}$  and every homomorphism  $\varphi : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}, H^1_{(\sigma,\tau)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}^*_{\varphi}) = 0.$
- 3. For each Banach algebra  $\mathscr{B}$  and every injective homomorphism  $\varphi : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$ ,  $H^{1}_{(\sigma,\tau)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}^{*}_{\varphi}) = 0.$
- 4. For each Banach algebra ℬ and every injective homomorphism φ : A → ℬ, if
   d : A → ℬ<sub>φ</sub><sup>\*</sup> is a (σ, τ)-derivation satisfies

$$(d(a))(\varphi(b)) + (d(b))(\varphi(a)) = 0 \qquad (a, b \in \mathscr{A}),$$

then d is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -inner derivation.

*Proof.* Clearly  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4)$ . It is sufficient to show that  $(4) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule and  $D : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}^*$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation. Set  $\mathscr{B} = \mathscr{A} \oplus_1 \mathscr{X}$  and define injective homomorphism  $\varphi : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$  by  $\varphi(a) = (a, 0)$  and so we can assume that  $\mathscr{A}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathscr{B}$ . Define  $d : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}^*_{\varphi}$  by d(a) = (0, D(a)). The map d is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation, since

$$d(ab) = (0, D(ab)) = (0, D(a)\sigma(b) + \tau(a)D(b))$$
  
=  $(0, D(a))(0, \sigma(b)) + (0, \tau(a))(0, D(b))$   
=  $d(a)\varphi(\sigma(b)) + \varphi(\tau(a))d(b)$   
=  $d(a) \cdot \sigma(b) + \tau(a) \cdot d(b)$   $(a, b \in \mathcal{A}).$ 

Since  $(d(a))(\varphi(b)) + (d(b))(\varphi(a)) = (0, D(a))((b, 0)) + (0, D(b))((a, 0)) = 0$ , we have  $(d(a))(\varphi(b)) + (d(b))(\varphi(a)) = 0$ .

It follows from our assumption that *d* is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -inner derivation. Hence there are  $f \in \mathscr{A}^*$  and  $g \in \mathscr{X}^*$  such that

$$(0, D(a)) = d(a) = (\sigma(a), 0)(f, g) - (f, g)(\tau(a), 0)$$
$$= (\sigma(a)f - f\tau(a), \sigma(a)g - g\tau(a)).$$

Thus  $D(a) = \sigma(a)g - g\tau(a)$ , hence *D* is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -inner derivation.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra and  $\sigma$  be a continuous homomorphisms on  $\mathscr{A}$ . The Banach algebra  $\mathscr{A}$  is called approximately  $\sigma$ -contractible, if for each Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule  $\mathscr{X}$  and  $\sigma$ -derivation  $D : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}$ , there exists a bounded net  $(x_{\alpha}) \subseteq \mathscr{X}$ such that

$$D(a) = \lim_{\alpha} \left( \sigma(a) x_{\alpha} - x_{\alpha} \sigma(a) \right) \qquad (a \in \mathscr{A}).$$

In the following theorem we follow the structure of Proposition 2.8.59 [1].

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra and  $\sigma$  be a bounded homomorphism on  $\mathscr{A}$ . Then the following assertion are equivalent:

- 1.  $\mathscr{A}$  is  $\sigma$ -amenable.
- 2. For every  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule  $\mathscr{X}$ ,  $H^1_{(\sigma,\sigma)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X}^{**}) = 0$
- 3.  $\mathscr{A}$  is approximately  $\sigma$ -contractible.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is trivially. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $D : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}$  be a  $\sigma$ -derivation from  $\mathscr{A}$  into  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule  $\mathscr{X}$  and let  $J_{\mathscr{X}} : \mathscr{X} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}^{**}$  be the canonical embedding, then for each  $a, b \in \mathscr{A}$  we have

$$\widetilde{D}(ab) = (J_{\mathscr{X}} \circ D)(ab) = J_{\mathscr{X}} \Big( \sigma(a)D(b) + D(a)\sigma(b) \Big)$$

$$= \sigma(a)\widetilde{D}(b) + \widetilde{D}(a)\sigma(b).$$

Thus  $\widetilde{D}$  is a  $\sigma$ -derivation. Then by (2) there exists  $\Lambda \in \mathscr{X}^{**}$  such that  $\widetilde{D}(a) = \sigma(a)\Lambda - \Lambda\sigma(a)$   $(a \in \mathscr{A})$ . Set  $m = ||\Lambda||, \mathscr{U} = \mathscr{X}_{[m]}$ . Then  $\Lambda \in \overline{J_{\mathscr{X}}(\mathscr{U})}^{w^*}$ . Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots, a_n \in \mathscr{A}$ , then  $\mathscr{V} = \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\sigma(a_j)\mathscr{U} - \mathscr{U}\sigma(a_j)\right)$  is a convex subset of  $\mathscr{X}^{(n)}$  and  $(D(a_1), D(a_2), \ldots, D(a_n)) \in \overline{\mathscr{V}}^{weak}$ . Thus for each finite subset F of  $\mathscr{A}$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $x_{(F,\varepsilon)} \in \mathscr{U}$  such that

$$||D(a) - (\sigma(a)x_{(F,\varepsilon)} - x_{(F,\varepsilon)}\sigma(a))|| < \varepsilon \qquad (a \in F).$$

The family of such pairs (*F*,  $\varepsilon$ ) is a directed if order  $\leq$  given by

$$(F_1, \varepsilon_1) \leq (F_2, \varepsilon_2) \Leftrightarrow F_1 \subseteq F_2, \varepsilon_1 \leq \varepsilon_2.$$

Also we have

$$D(a) = \lim_{(F,\varepsilon)} \left( \sigma(a) x_{(F,\varepsilon)} - x_{(F,\varepsilon)} \sigma(a) \right)$$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $D : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}^*$  be a  $\sigma$ -derivation. Then there exists a net  $(x'_{\alpha}) \subseteq \mathscr{X}^*$ such that  $D(a) = \lim_{\alpha} \left( \sigma(a) x'_{\alpha} - x'_{\alpha} \sigma(a) \right)$   $(a \in \mathscr{A})$ . By passing to a subnet we may assume that  $w^* - \lim x'_{\alpha} = x'$  in  $\mathscr{X}^*$  and then  $D(a) = \sigma(a) x' - x' \sigma(a)$ . Thus  $\mathscr{A}$  is  $\sigma$ -amenable.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra and  $\sigma$  be a continuous homomorphism on  $\mathscr{A}$ . If  $\mathscr{A}^{**}$  is  $\sigma''$ -amenable, then  $\mathscr{A}$  is  $\sigma$ -amenable.

Proof. Let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ -bimodule, and  $D : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}^{**}$  be a  $\sigma$ -derivation. Then by Lemma 2.1,  $D'' : \mathscr{A}^{**} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}^{****}$  is a  $\sigma''$ -derivation. Since  $\mathscr{A}^{**}$  is  $\sigma''$ -amenable, then there exists  $x^{(4)} \in \mathscr{X}^{****}$  such that  $D''(a'') = \sigma''(a'')x^{(4)} - x^{(4)}\sigma''(a'')$ ,  $(a'' \in \mathscr{A}^{**})$ . We have  $\mathscr{X}^{****} = \mathscr{X}^{**} \oplus (\mathscr{X}^{*})^{\perp}$  (as  $\mathscr{A}^{**}$ -bimodules). Let  $P : \mathscr{X}^{****} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}^{**}$ be the natural projection. Then for each  $a \in \mathscr{A}$ , we have  $D(a) = \sigma(a)P(x^{(4)}) - P(x^{(4)})\sigma(a)$ , and so  $D \in N^1_{(\sigma,\sigma)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X}^{**})$ . Thus by above theorem,  $\mathscr{A}$  is  $\sigma$ -amenable. REFERENCES

In the following we fined an easy equivalent condition for  $\sigma$ -amenability of a Banach algebra.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\sigma$  be a continuous homomorphism on  $\mathscr{A}$ . Then  $\mathscr{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -amenable if and only if for every Banach algebra  $\mathscr{B}$  and every injective homomorphism  $\varphi : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}, H^1_{(\sigma,\sigma)}(\mathscr{A}, B^{**}_{\varphi}) = 0.$ 

*Proof.* One side is clear, so we prove the other side. Let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathscr{A}$ bimodule and  $D: \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{X}^{**}$  be a  $\sigma$ -derivation. If  $\phi : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{A} \oplus_1 \mathscr{X}$  is defined by  $\varphi(a) = (a, 0)$ . Then  $\varphi$  is injective and  $\varphi^{**} : \mathscr{A}^{**} \longrightarrow (\mathscr{A} \oplus_1 \mathscr{X})^{**}$  the second transpose of  $\varphi$  is a Banach algebra homomorphism and  $((\mathscr{A} \oplus_1 \mathscr{X})_{\varphi})^{**} \simeq (\mathscr{A}^{**} \oplus_1 \mathscr{X}^{**})_{\varphi^{**}}$  as  $\mathscr{A}^{**}$ -bimodules. Then

$$H^{1}_{(\sigma,\sigma)}(\mathscr{A},(\mathscr{A}^{**}\oplus_{1}\mathscr{X}^{**})_{\varphi^{**}}) = H^{1}_{(\sigma,\sigma)}(\mathscr{A},((\mathscr{A}\oplus_{1}\mathscr{X})_{\varphi})^{**}) = \{0\}.$$
(2.2)

Now we define  $D_1 : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{A}^{**} \oplus_1 \mathscr{X}^{**}$  by  $D_1(a) = (0, D(a))$ . For  $a, b \in \mathscr{A}$  we have  $D_1(ab) = D_1(a)\varphi^{**}(\widehat{b}) + \varphi^{**}(\widehat{a})D_1(b)$ . Thus  $D_1$  is a  $\sigma$ -derivation from  $\mathscr{A}$  into  $(\mathscr{A}^{**} \oplus_1 \mathscr{X}^{**})_{\varphi^{**}}$ . By (2.2),  $D_1$  is  $\sigma$ -inner. Therefore there exist  $a'' \in \mathscr{A}^{**}, x'' \in \mathscr{X}^{**}$  such that

$$(0, D(a)) = D_1(a) = (a'', x'')(0, \sigma(a)) - (0, \sigma(a))(a'', x''),$$

Thus *D* is  $\sigma$ -inner. Therefore  $H^1_{(\sigma,\sigma)}(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{X}^{**}) = 0$ , and by Theorem 2.2,  $\mathscr{A}$  is  $\sigma$ -amenable.

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