



MODULE STRUCTURES ON ITERATED DUALS OF BANACH ALGEBRAS

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Abstract

Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and (\mathcal{A}'', \square) be its second dual with first Arens product. We consider three (\mathcal{A}'', \square) -bimodule structures on fourth dual and four (\mathcal{A}'', \square) -bimodule structures on fifth dual of a Banach algebra. This paper determines the conditions that make these structures equal. Among other results we show that if \mathcal{A}'' is weakly amenable with some conditions, then \mathcal{A} is 3-weakly amenable.

1 Introduction

Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and let X be a Banach \mathcal{A} -module, that is X is a Banach space and an \mathcal{A} -module such that the module operations $(a, x) \mapsto a \cdot x$ and $(a, x) \mapsto x \cdot a$ 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:

$$\langle a \cdot f, x \rangle = \langle f, x \cdot a \rangle, \quad \langle f \cdot a, x \rangle = \langle f, a \cdot x \rangle, \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, x \in X, f \in X').$$

We set $X'' = (X')'$, and so on, and we regard X as a subspace of X'' in the standard way. Also $X''' = (X'')'$,...

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

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

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For $x \in X$ we define $\delta_x : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$ 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*. \mathcal{A} is called *amenable*, if every derivation $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X'$ is inner, for each Banach \mathcal{A} -module X . If every derivation from \mathcal{A} into \mathcal{A}' is inner, \mathcal{A} is called *weakly amenable*. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A Banach algebra \mathcal{A} is called *n-weakly amenable* if every derivation from \mathcal{A} into $\mathcal{A}^{(n)}$ is inner [4], where $\mathcal{A}^{(n)}$ is the n -th dual of \mathcal{A} that is a Banach \mathcal{A} -module. We regard \mathcal{A} as a subspace of \mathcal{A}'' by canonical embedding $\hat{\cdot} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''; a \mapsto \hat{a}$. We write $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ as the image of \mathcal{A} under this mapping.

Let X, Y and Z be normed spaces and let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ be a continuous bilinear map. Then the adjoint of f is defined by

$$f' : Z' \times X \rightarrow Y', \quad \langle f'(z', x), y \rangle = \langle z', f(x, y) \rangle \quad (z' \in Z', x \in X, y \in Y).$$

Since f' is a continuous bilinear map, this process may be repeated to define $f'' = (f')' : Y'' \times Z' \rightarrow X'$, and then $f''' = (f'')' : X'' \times Y'' \rightarrow Z''$. The map f''' is the unique extension of f such that $X'' \rightarrow Z''; x'' \mapsto f'''(x'', y'')$ is *weak** - *weak** continuous for all $y'' \in Y''$ and $Y'' \rightarrow Z''; y'' \mapsto f'''(x'', y'')$ is *weak** - *weak** continuous for all $x \in X$. Let now $f^t : Y \times X \rightarrow Z$ be the transpose of f defined by $f^t(y, x) = f(x, y)$ for all $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$. Then f^t is a continuous bilinear map from $Y \times X$ to Z , and so it may be extended as above to $(f^t)''' : Y'' \times X'' \rightarrow Z''$. The bilinear map f is called *Arens regular* if $f''' = ((f^t)''')^t$ (see [1, 2, 7, 8] and [13]). Let $x'' \in X''$ and $y'' \in Y''$. Then there exist nets $(x_\alpha) \subset X$ and $(y_\beta) \subset Y$ with $\hat{x}_\alpha \xrightarrow{w^*} x''$ and $\hat{y}_\beta \xrightarrow{w^*} y''$. We have

$$f'''(x'', y'') = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \widehat{f(x_\alpha, y_\beta)},$$

$$((f^t)''')^t(x'', y'') = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{f(x_\alpha, y_\beta)}.$$

Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra, and let $\pi : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ denote the product of \mathcal{A} , so that $\pi(a, b) = ab$ ($a, b \in \mathcal{A}$). for F and G in \mathcal{A}'' , we denote $\pi'''(F, G)$ and $((\pi^t)''')^t(F, G)$ by symbols $F \square G$ and $F \diamond G$, respectively. These are called *first and second Arens products* on \mathcal{A}'' . These products are defined in stages as follows. For every $F, G \in \mathcal{A}''$, $f \in \mathcal{A}'$ and $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$, we define $f \cdot a, a \cdot f, G \cdot f$ and $f \cdot F$ in \mathcal{A}' ; $F \square G$ and $F \diamond G$ in \mathcal{A}'' by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f \cdot a, b \rangle &= \langle f, ab \rangle, & \langle a \cdot f, b \rangle &= \langle f, ba \rangle, \\ \langle G \cdot f, a \rangle &= \langle G, f \cdot a \rangle, & \langle f \cdot F, a \rangle &= \langle F, a \cdot f \rangle, \\ \langle F \square G, f \rangle &= \langle F, G \cdot f \rangle, & \langle F \diamond G, f \rangle &= \langle G, f \cdot F \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{A}'' is a Banach algebra with (above) Arens products. In fact

$$F \square G = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} \widehat{a_{\alpha} b_{\beta}}$$

$$F \diamond G = w^* - \lim_{\beta} w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a_{\alpha} b_{\beta}},$$

where $F = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a_{\alpha}}$ and $G = w^* - \lim_{\beta} \widehat{b_{\beta}}$. The algebra \mathcal{A} is Arens regular whenever the map π is Arens regular that is, whenever the first and second Arens products of \mathcal{A}'' coincide. Recall that a Banach algebra \mathcal{A} is said to be *dual* if there is a closed submodule \mathcal{A}_0 of \mathcal{A}' such that $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_0'$.

Definition 1.1. The Banach algebra \mathcal{A} has strongly double limit property (SDLP) if for each bounded net (a_{α}) in \mathcal{A} and each bounded net (f_{β}) in \mathcal{A}' , $\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle f_{\beta}, a_{\alpha} \rangle = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle f_{\beta}, a_{\alpha} \rangle$, whenever both iterated limits exist.

This definition has been introduced in [14]. Medghalchi and Yazdanpanah in [14] showed that every reflexive Banach algebra has (SDLP). We know that reflexivity is equivalent with double limit property [3, Theorem A.3.31], so the (SDLP) is equivalent with reflexivity. Now suppose that the Banach algebra \mathcal{A} has (SDLP), then for each $f \in \mathcal{A}'$ and bounded nets $(a_{\alpha}), (b_{\beta})$ in \mathcal{A} , we have

$$\lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle b_{\beta} \cdot f, a_{\alpha} \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle b_{\beta} \cdot f, a_{\alpha} \rangle,$$

which means that for each $f \in \mathcal{A}'$, the map $a \mapsto a \cdot f, \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$ is weakly compact by [3, Theorem 2.6.17], i.e., \mathcal{A} is Arens regular. Hence (SDLP) is stronger than Arens regularity. On the other hand this two are not equivalent in general. We know $C([0, 1])$ is an Arens regular Banach algebra. If we consider the sequence (f_m) in $C([0, 1])$ defined by $f_m(x) = \frac{m}{m+\frac{1}{x}}$ for $0 < x \leq 1$ and $f_m(0) = 0$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, and assume that sequence (μ_n) is in $M([0, 1]) = C([0, 1])^*$ (the set of all regular Borel measures on $[0, 1]$), where μ_n is the point mass at $\frac{1}{n}$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, we easily see that

$$\lim_m \lim_n \langle \mu_n, f_m \rangle = 0 \neq 1 = \lim_n \lim_m \langle \mu_n, f_m \rangle.$$

Therefore $C([0, 1])$ has not (SDLP). Also there are Arens regular Banach algebras which are not reflexive as Banach spaces. For example, the disc algebra $A(\mathbb{D})$ is Arens regular [16] but not reflexive [15].

One may consider the question of how \mathcal{A} inherits the amenability or weak amenability of \mathcal{A}'' . For amenability the answer is positive (see [12]). So for weak amenability, this problem was considered by few authors and a positive answer has been given in each of the following cases:

- \mathcal{A} is a left ideal in \mathcal{A}'' [12].
- \mathcal{A} is a dual Banach algebra [11].
- \mathcal{A} is Arens regular and every derivation from \mathcal{A} into \mathcal{A}' is weakly compact [5].
- \mathcal{A} has (SDLP) [14].
- \mathcal{A} is a right ideal in \mathcal{A}'' and $\mathcal{A}''\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}''$ [9].

In section two of this paper, we put many module structures on forth dual $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ and show that these module structures are not always equal, and we show when these module structures are equal. By using part two, we make four module structures on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$. This is done in section three, where these module structures on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ are not always equal. In section four we show that with some module structures on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$, weak amenability \mathcal{A}'' implies weak amenability \mathcal{A} . This is a question that if \mathcal{A}'' is 3 -weakly amenable, is \mathcal{A} 3-weakly amenable? We show that the 3 -weak amenability of \mathcal{A}'' implies the 3 -weak amenability of \mathcal{A} if $D''(\mathcal{A}'') \cdot \mathcal{A}^{(4)} \subseteq \widehat{\mathcal{A}'}$, for each derivation $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$. It is known that every $(n + 2)$ -weakly amenable Banach algebra is n -weakly amenable for $n \geq 1$ [4]. In particular the 3-weak amenability of \mathcal{A} implies the weak amenability of \mathcal{A} . Does weak amenability imply 3 -weak amenability? The answer is negative. Yong Zhang [19] gave an example of a weakly amenable Banach algebra that it is not 3-weakly amenable, but he had showed in [20] that if \mathcal{A} is weakly amenable with a left (right) bounded approximate identity such that it is a left (right) ideal in \mathcal{A}'' , then \mathcal{A} is $(2n+1)$ -weakly amenable for $n \geq 1$. A different proof are provided by Dales, Ghahramani and Grønbaek in [4] in which \mathcal{A} is an ideal in \mathcal{A}'' . Finally we put some conditions on \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}'' such that if \mathcal{A} is weakly amenable, then \mathcal{A} is 3-weakly amenable. For the remainder of this paper, \mathcal{A}'' is regarded as a Banach algebra with respect to the first Arens product \square .

2 \mathcal{A}'' - bimodule structures on forth dual of a Banach algebra

\mathcal{A}''' has two \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structures. First we regard \mathcal{A}''' , as the dual space of \mathcal{A}'' , ($\mathcal{A}''' = (\mathcal{A}'')'$) and so \mathcal{A}''' can be made into an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule by the following actions

$$\langle \lambda \cdot F, G \rangle = \langle \lambda, F \square G \rangle, \quad \langle F \cdot \lambda, G \rangle = \langle \lambda, G \square F \rangle, \quad (\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''; F, G \in \mathcal{A}'').$$

In the second way, \mathcal{A}''' , as the second dual of \mathcal{A}' , ($\mathcal{A}''' = (\mathcal{A}')''$), can be an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule by the following formula. For $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''$ and $F \in \mathcal{A}''$, we have

$$\lambda \circ F = w^* - \lim_i w^* - \lim_\alpha \widehat{f_i \cdot a_\alpha}, \quad F \circ \lambda = w^* - \lim_\alpha w^* - \lim_i \widehat{a_\alpha \cdot f_i},$$

where $F = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a}_{\alpha}$ in \mathcal{A}'' and $\lambda = w^* - \lim_i \widehat{f}_i$ in \mathcal{A}''' , such that (a_{α}) and (f_i) are nets in \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}' respectively. In fact $\lambda \circ F$ and $F \circ \lambda$ are extensions of module actions $(f, a) \rightarrow f \cdot a$ ($\mathcal{A}' \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$) and $(a, f) \rightarrow a \cdot f$ ($\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$).

These two \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structures on \mathcal{A}''' are considered in [10] and have been shown that two right \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule actions on \mathcal{A}''' always coincide but left \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structures on \mathcal{A}''' are not always equal. Now the Banach algebra $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ has three \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structures.

(a) We consider $\mathcal{A}^{(4)} = (\mathcal{A}''')'$ in which $\mathcal{A}''' = (\mathcal{A}')''$, so $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ can be an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule by following actions

$$\langle F \circ \Lambda, \lambda \rangle = \langle \Lambda, \lambda \circ F \rangle, \quad \langle \Lambda \circ F, \lambda \rangle = \langle \Lambda, F \circ \lambda \rangle$$

where $F \in \mathcal{A}''$, $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''$ and $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$.

(b) We consider $\mathcal{A}^{(4)} = (\mathcal{A}''')'$ in which $\mathcal{A}''' = (\mathcal{A}'')'$, so $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ can be an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule by following right and left module actions

$$\langle F \cdot \Lambda, \lambda \rangle = \langle \Lambda, \lambda \cdot F \rangle, \quad \langle \Lambda \cdot F, \lambda \rangle = \langle \Lambda, F \cdot \lambda \rangle$$

where $F \in \mathcal{A}''$, $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''$ and $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$.

(c) Let $\mathcal{A}^{(4)} = (\mathcal{A}'')''$ be as the second dual of \mathcal{A}'' . Take $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$, $F \in \mathcal{A}''$ and bounded nets $(F_{\alpha}) \subset \mathcal{A}''$, $(a_{\beta}) \subset \mathcal{A}$ with $\widehat{F}_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{w^*} \Lambda$ and $\widehat{a}_{\beta} \xrightarrow{w^*} F$. Two module actions are defined by

$$F \bullet \Lambda = w^* - \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a_{\beta} \cdot F_{\alpha}} \quad \Lambda \bullet F = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \widehat{F_{\alpha} \cdot a_{\beta}}.$$

Hence $F \bullet \Lambda$ and $\Lambda \bullet F$ are extensions of module actions $(a, F) \rightarrow a \cdot F$ ($\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''$) and $(F, a) \rightarrow F \cdot a$ ($\mathcal{A}'' \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''$).

We show that these three \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structures on $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ are not always equal. Suppose that $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$, $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''$, $F \in \mathcal{A}''$ and bounded nets $(G_{\alpha}) \subset \mathcal{A}''$, $(f_{\gamma}) \subset \mathcal{A}'$, $(a_{\beta}) \subset \mathcal{A}$ by $\widehat{G}_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{w^*} \Lambda$, $\widehat{f}_{\gamma} \xrightarrow{w^*} \lambda$ and $\widehat{a}_{\beta} \xrightarrow{w^*} F$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Lambda \circ F, \lambda \rangle &= \langle \Lambda, F \circ \lambda \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{G}_{\alpha}, F \circ \lambda \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle F \cdot \lambda, G_{\alpha} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle G_{\alpha}, a_{\beta} \cdot f_{\gamma} \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Lambda \cdot F, \lambda \rangle &= \langle \Lambda, F \cdot \lambda \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{G}_{\alpha}, F \cdot \lambda \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \lambda, G_{\alpha} \square F \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \widehat{f}_{\gamma}, G_{\alpha} \square F \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle G_{\alpha}, F \cdot f_{\gamma} \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

For structure (c), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Lambda \bullet F, \lambda \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle \widehat{G}_{\alpha} \cdot a_{\beta}, \lambda \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle \lambda, G_{\alpha} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \widehat{f}_{\gamma}, G_{\alpha} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle G_{\alpha}, a_{\beta} \cdot f_{\gamma} \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

We see two right actions in parts (a) and (c) are equal and different from the action of (b). For left actions, suppose that $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$, $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''$, $F \in \mathcal{A}''$ and bounded nets $(G_{\alpha}) \subset \mathcal{A}''$, $(f_{\gamma}) \subset \mathcal{A}'$, $(a_{\beta}) \subset \mathcal{A}$ with $\widehat{G}_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{w^*} \Lambda$, $\widehat{f}_{\gamma} \xrightarrow{w^*} \lambda$ and $\widehat{a}_{\beta} \xrightarrow{w^*} F$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle F \circ \Lambda, \lambda \rangle &= \langle \Lambda, \lambda \circ F \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{G}_{\alpha}, \lambda \circ F \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \lambda \circ F, G_{\alpha} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle G_{\alpha}, f_{\gamma} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle F \cdot \Lambda, \lambda \rangle &= \langle \Lambda, \lambda \cdot F \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{G}_{\alpha}, \lambda \cdot F \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \lambda, F \square G_{\alpha} \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \widehat{f}_{\gamma}, F \square G_{\alpha} \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle F, G_{\alpha} \cdot f_{\gamma} \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle \widehat{a}_{\beta}, G_{\alpha} \cdot f_{\gamma} \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle G_{\alpha}, f_{\gamma} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the structure (c), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle F \bullet \Lambda, \lambda \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{a_{\beta} \cdot G_{\alpha}}, b''' \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle \lambda, a_{\beta} \cdot G_{\alpha} \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \widehat{f}_{\gamma}, a_{\beta} \cdot G_{\alpha} \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle G_{\alpha}, f_{\gamma} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

We see that left actions in parts (a) and (b) are equal and different from the action of (c). We put some conditions on \mathcal{A} and show that with this conditions all \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structures on $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ are equal. First we bring some simple, but useful lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. *If \mathcal{A} is Arens regular, then, for the bounded nets (F_{α}) and (G_{β}) in \mathcal{A}'' ,*

$$(w^* - \lim_{\alpha} F_{\alpha}) \square (w^* - \lim_{\beta} G_{\beta}) = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} (F_{\alpha} \square G_{\beta}) = w^* - \lim_{\beta} w^* - \lim_{\alpha} (F_{\alpha} \square G_{\beta}). \quad \blacksquare$$

Lemma 2.2. *Let the Banach algebra \mathcal{A} with one of the following conditions*

- (i) *The map $\varphi : \mathcal{A}' \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$; $((f, a) \rightarrow f \cdot a)$ is Arens regular,*
- (ii) *The map $\psi : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''$; $(G \rightarrow G \square F)$ is weak-compact for every $F \in \mathcal{A}''$,*
- (iii) *The map $\phi : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''$; $(G \rightarrow G \square F)$ is w^* - w -continuous for every $F \in \mathcal{A}''$.*

Then for each bounded net (a_{α}) in \mathcal{A} and $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''$,

$$\langle \lambda, (w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a}_{\alpha}) \square F \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \langle \lambda, \widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F \rangle \quad (1)$$

Proof. (i) Let $\lambda = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{f}_{\beta}$, where (f_{β}) is a bounded net in \mathcal{A}' , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \lambda, (w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a}_{\alpha}) \square F \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \langle (w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a}_{\alpha}) \square F, f_{\beta} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F, f_{\beta} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle F, f_{\beta} \cdot a_{\alpha} \rangle \\
&= \langle w^* - \lim_{\beta} w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{f_{\beta} \cdot a_{\alpha}}, F \rangle \\
&= \langle w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} \widehat{f_{\beta} \cdot a_{\alpha}}, F \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \langle w^* - \lim_{\beta} \widehat{f_{\beta}}, a_{\alpha} \square F \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \lambda, \widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) From the double limit property of weak compact operator ψ , we see $\lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F, f_{\beta} \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle \widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F, f_{\beta} \rangle$, hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \lambda, (w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a}_{\alpha}) \square F \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \langle (w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a}_{\alpha}) \square F, f_{\beta} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F, f_{\beta} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle \widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F, f_{\beta} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \lambda, \widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Equation (1) is a consequence of $w^* - w$ -continuity of ϕ . ■

Lemma 2.3. *If for every $G \in \mathcal{A}''$ the map $\rho : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''; (F \rightarrow G \square F)$ is $w^* - w$ -continuous, then for every bounded net (F_j) in \mathcal{A}''*

$$\langle \lambda, G \square (w^* - \lim_j F_j) \rangle = \lim_j \langle \lambda, G \square F_j \rangle, \quad (\lambda \in \mathcal{A}''').$$

Proof. It is similar to part (iii) of Lemma 2.2. ■

Lemma 2.4. *Let \mathcal{A} be an Arens regular Banach algebra. If the map $\varphi : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''; (F \rightarrow G \square F)$ is weak-compact or $w^* - w$ -continuous for every $G \in \mathcal{A}''$, then*

$$\langle \lambda, w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_j (\widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F_j) \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_j \langle \lambda, \widehat{a}_{\alpha} \square F_j \rangle. \quad (2)$$

for all $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''$, bounded nets (a_{α}) and (F_j) in \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}'' , respectively.

Proof. Let (f_β) be a bounded net in \mathcal{A}' such that $\widehat{f}_\beta \xrightarrow{w^*} \lambda$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \lambda, w^* - \lim_\alpha w^* - \lim_j (\widehat{a}_\alpha \square F_j) \rangle &= \lim_\beta \langle (w^* - \lim_\alpha w^* - \lim_j (\widehat{a}_\alpha \square F_j), f_\beta \rangle \\ &= \lim_\beta \lim_\alpha \lim_j \langle \widehat{a}_\alpha \square F_j, f_\beta \rangle \\ &= \lim_\alpha \lim_j \lim_\beta \langle \widehat{a}_\alpha \square F_j, f_\beta \rangle \\ &= \lim_\alpha \lim_j \langle \lambda, \widehat{a}_\alpha \square F_j \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since φ is $w^* - w$ -continuous, the equation (2) is obtained immediately. ■

Proposition 2.5. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra. If one of the following conditions holds, then the two \mathcal{A}'' -module actions in (a), (c) coincide.*

(i) *The Banach algebra \mathcal{A} and the map $\varphi : \mathcal{A}' \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$; $((f, a) \rightarrow f \cdot a)$ are Arens regular and the map $\psi : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''$; $(F \rightarrow F \square G)$ is w^* - w -continuous for every $G \in \mathcal{A}''$.*

(ii) *The Banach algebra \mathcal{A} is Arens regular and the map $\phi : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''$; $(F \rightarrow F \square G)$ is weak-compact for every $G \in \mathcal{A}''$.*

(iii) *For bounded nets (G_α) , (f_γ) and (a_β) in \mathcal{A}'' , \mathcal{A}' and \mathcal{A} , respectively, we have*

$$\lim_\alpha \lim_\gamma \lim_\beta \langle G_\alpha, f_\gamma \cdot a_\beta \rangle = \lim_\beta \lim_\alpha \lim_\gamma \langle G_\alpha, f_\gamma \cdot a_\beta \rangle.$$

Proof. We know that the two right \mathcal{A}'' -module actions on \mathcal{A}'''' in (a) and (c) are equal to

$$\lim_\alpha \lim_\beta \lim_\gamma \langle G_\alpha, a_\beta \cdot f_\gamma \rangle,$$

in which (G_α) , (f_γ) and (a_β) are bounded nets in \mathcal{A}'' , \mathcal{A}' and \mathcal{A} , respectively. For left \mathcal{A}'' -module actions on \mathcal{A}'''' it is enough to show the following equality

$$\lim_\alpha \lim_\gamma \lim_\beta \langle G_\alpha, f_\gamma \cdot a_\beta \rangle = \lim_\beta \lim_\alpha \lim_\gamma \langle G_\alpha, f_\gamma \cdot a_\beta \rangle.$$

(i) By Arens regularity of the map φ we have

$$\lim_\gamma \lim_\beta \langle G_\alpha, f_\gamma \cdot a_\beta \rangle = \lim_\beta \lim_\gamma \langle G_\alpha, f_\gamma \cdot a_\beta \rangle.$$

Now suppose that $\lambda = w^* - \lim_\beta \widehat{f}_\beta$, by Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.4 we

have

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle G_{\alpha}, f_{\gamma} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle G_{\alpha}, f_{\gamma} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \widehat{f}_{\gamma}, \widehat{a}_{\beta} \square G_{\alpha} \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle \lambda, \widehat{a}_{\beta} \square G_{\alpha} \rangle \\
&= \langle \lambda, w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} (\widehat{a}_{\beta} \square G_{\alpha}) \rangle \\
&= \langle \lambda, w^* - \lim_{\beta} w^* - \lim_{\alpha} (\widehat{a}_{\beta} \square G_{\alpha}) \rangle \\
&= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle G_{\alpha}, f_{\gamma} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) By weak compactness of ϕ , we have

$$\lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle G_{\alpha}, f_{\gamma} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle = \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle \widehat{f}_{\gamma}, \widehat{a}_{\beta} \square G_{\alpha} \rangle = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \widehat{f}_{\gamma}, \widehat{a}_{\beta} \square G_{\alpha} \rangle.$$

It is easy to check that the map ϕ is $w^* - w$ -continuous, and so the rest of the proof is the same as the proof of part (i).

(iii) It is clear. ■

3 \mathcal{A}'' - bimodule structures on fifth dual of a Banach algebra

Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra. We consider four \mathcal{A}'' - bimodule structures on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$.

(I) We consider $\mathcal{A}^{(5)} = (\mathcal{A}^{(4)})'$ in which $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ has an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structure as in part **(c)** in Section 2. Therefore $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ is the dual space of $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$, by the following actions

$$\langle F \bullet \Psi, \Lambda \rangle = \langle \Psi, \Lambda \bullet F \rangle, \quad \langle \Psi \bullet F, \Lambda \rangle = \langle \Psi, F \bullet \Lambda \rangle$$

where $F \in \mathcal{A}''$, $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ and $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}^{(5)}$. In this case we have $\mathcal{A}^{(5)} = ((\mathcal{A}'')'')'$.

(II) We consider $\mathcal{A}^{(5)} = (\mathcal{A}^{(4)})'$ in which $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ has an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structure as in part **(b)** in Section 2, so the left action \mathcal{A}'' on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)} = (((\mathcal{A}'')')')'$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle F \cdot \Psi, \Lambda \rangle &= \langle \Psi, \Lambda \cdot F \rangle, \\
\langle \Lambda \cdot F, \lambda \rangle &= \langle \Lambda, F \cdot \lambda \rangle, \\
\langle F \cdot \lambda, G \rangle &= \langle \lambda, G \square F \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

where $F, G \in \mathcal{A}''$, $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''$, $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ and $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}^{(5)}$. The right action is defined in a similar way.

(III) Let $\mathcal{A}^{(5)} = (\mathcal{A}''')''$ be as the second dual of \mathcal{A}''' in which $\mathcal{A}''' = ((\mathcal{A}')')'$ is an \mathcal{A} -bimodule. Take $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}^{(5)}$, $F \in \mathcal{A}''$ and bounded nets $(\lambda_\alpha) \subset \mathcal{A}'''$, $(a_\beta) \subset \mathcal{A}'$ with $\widehat{\lambda}_\alpha \xrightarrow{w^*} \Psi$ and $\widehat{a}_\beta \xrightarrow{w^*} F$. Two module actions is defined by

$$F \circ \Psi = w^* - \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a_\beta \cdot \lambda_\alpha} \quad \Psi \circ F = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \widehat{\lambda_\alpha \cdot a_\beta}.$$

In fact $F \circ \Psi$ and $\Psi \circ F$ are extension of module actions $(a, \lambda) \rightarrow a \cdot \lambda$ ($\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}''' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$) and $(\lambda, a) \rightarrow \lambda \cdot a$ ($\mathcal{A}''' \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$).

(IV) We consider $\mathcal{A}^{(5)} = (\mathcal{A}^{(4)})'$ in which $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ has an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structure as in part **(a)** in Section 2, hence the \mathcal{A}'' -module actions on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ are defined by

$$\langle F \star \Psi, \Lambda \rangle = \langle \Psi, \Lambda \circ F \rangle, \quad \langle \Psi \star F, \Lambda \rangle = \langle \Psi, F \circ \Lambda \rangle,$$

where $F \in \mathcal{A}''$, $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ and $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}^{(5)}$.

Suppose that $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}^{(5)}$, $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$, $F \in \mathcal{A}''$ and bounded nets $(\lambda_\alpha) \subset \mathcal{A}'''$, $(G_\gamma) \subset \mathcal{A}''$, $(a_\beta) \subset \mathcal{A}'$ by $\widehat{\lambda}_\alpha \xrightarrow{w^*} \Psi$, $\widehat{G}_\gamma \xrightarrow{w^*} \Lambda$ and $\widehat{a}_\beta \xrightarrow{w^*} F$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle F \bullet \Psi, \Lambda \rangle &= \langle \Psi, \Lambda \bullet F \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{\lambda}_\alpha, \Lambda \bullet F \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle \lambda_\alpha, G_\gamma \cdot a_\beta \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle F \circ \Psi, \Lambda \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{a_\beta \cdot \lambda_\alpha}, \Lambda \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \widehat{G}_\gamma, a_\beta \cdot \lambda_\alpha \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_\alpha, G_\gamma \cdot a_\beta \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

so $F \circ \Psi$ and $F \bullet \Psi$ are not always equal. But

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi \circ F, \Lambda \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle \widehat{\lambda_\alpha \cdot a_\beta}, \Lambda \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \widehat{G}_\gamma, \lambda_\alpha \cdot a_\beta \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_\alpha, a_\beta \cdot G_\gamma \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle F \bullet \Lambda, \lambda_\alpha \rangle \\ &= \langle \Psi, F \bullet \Lambda \rangle \\ &= \langle \Psi \bullet F, \Lambda \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the two right \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structure parts (I) and (III) on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ always coincide. Also we can show that left (right) \mathcal{A}'' -module action on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ in part (II) is

$$\langle F \cdot \Psi, \Lambda \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \square F \rangle \quad (\langle \Psi \cdot F, \Lambda \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, F \square G_{\gamma} \rangle),$$

hence the \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structure part (II) is different from (I) and (III). For two \mathcal{A}'' -module action on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ in part (IV), we have

$$\langle F \star \Psi, \Lambda \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle F \circ \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \rangle, \quad \langle \Psi \star F, \Lambda \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha} \circ F, G_{\gamma} \rangle.$$

Lemma 3.1. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra. Suppose that the map $\varphi : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''; ((a, F) \rightarrow a \cdot F)$ is Arens regular and the map $\psi : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''; (G \rightarrow G \square F)$ is w^* - w -continuous for every $F \in \mathcal{A}''$. Then the two right \mathcal{A}'' -module actions on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ in (II) and (III) are equal.*

Proof. By $w^* - w$ -continuity of ψ we must prove the following equality

$$\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, a_{\beta} \cdot G_{\gamma} \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, a_{\beta} \cdot G_{\gamma} \rangle, \quad (3)$$

for bounded nets $(\lambda_{\alpha}), (G_{\gamma})$ and (a_{β}) in $\mathcal{A}''', \mathcal{A}''$ and \mathcal{A}' , respectively. By Arens regularity of φ , we have

$$\lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, a_{\beta} \cdot G_{\gamma} \rangle = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \widehat{a_{\beta} \cdot G_{\gamma}}, \lambda_{\alpha} \rangle = \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle \widehat{a_{\beta} \cdot G_{\gamma}}, \lambda_{\alpha} \rangle,$$

and so (3) is true. ■

Lemma 3.2. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra. Assume that the Banach algebra \mathcal{A} and the map $\varphi : \mathcal{A}'' \times \mathcal{A}''' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''; ((F, \lambda) \rightarrow F \cdot \lambda)$ is Arens regular and the map $\psi : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}''; (G \rightarrow F \square G)$ is w^* - w -continuous for every $F \in \mathcal{A}''$. Then two left \mathcal{A}'' -module actions on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ in (II) and (III) are equal.*

Proof. By $w^* - w$ -continuity of ψ , it is enough to prove the following equality for bounded nets $(\lambda_{\alpha}), (G_{\gamma})$ and (a_{β}) in $\mathcal{A}''', \mathcal{A}''$ and \mathcal{A}' , respectively.

$$\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \square \widehat{a_{\beta}} \rangle = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \square \widehat{a_{\beta}} \rangle. \quad (4)$$

By using Lemma 2.4 we can write

$$\lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \square \widehat{a}_{\beta} \rangle = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \square \widehat{a}_{\beta} \rangle.$$

Then, by Arens regularity of φ , we see

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \square \widehat{a}_{\beta} \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \square \widehat{a}_{\beta} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, (w^* - \lim_{\alpha} G_{\gamma}) \square \widehat{a}_{\beta} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle \widehat{a}_{\beta} \cdot \lambda_{\alpha}, (w^* - \lim_{\alpha} G_{\gamma}) \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle \widehat{a}_{\beta} \cdot \lambda_{\alpha}, (w^* - \lim_{\alpha} G_{\gamma}) \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle a_{\beta} \cdot \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, G_{\gamma} \square \widehat{a}_{\beta} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

4 3-weak amenability of the second dual

Let $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$ be a derivation. Then $D'' : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{(5)} = (\mathcal{A}''')''$ the second transpose of D is a derivation (see [3] and [11]), that means that for every $F, G \in \mathcal{A}''$

$$D''(F \square G) = D(F) \circ G + F \circ D(G).$$

But $D'' : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{(5)} = (\mathcal{A}''')''$ is not always a derivation. In the following we put other conditions on D such that D'' is a derivation (also see Theorem 4.3).

Proposition 4.1. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and let $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$ be a derivation. Then $D'' : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{(5)} = (\mathcal{A}''')''$ is a derivation if and only if $D''(\mathcal{A}'') \cdot \mathcal{A}^{(4)} \subseteq \widehat{\mathcal{A}'}$.*

Proof. Let $F, G \in \mathcal{A}''$. Then there are nets (a_{α}) and (b_{β}) in \mathcal{A} which converge to F and G in the w^* - topology of \mathcal{A}'' respectively. Clearly D'' is w^* - continuous. Then

$$\begin{aligned} D''(F \square G) &= w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} D(a_{\alpha} b_{\beta}) \\ &= w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} D(a_{\alpha}) \cdot b_{\beta} + w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} a_{\alpha} \cdot D(b_{\beta}) \\ &= D''(F) \cdot G + \lim_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} \cdot D''(G). \end{aligned}$$

By (5), it is easy to see that D'' is a derivation if and only if for every $F, G \in \mathcal{A}''$ that $F = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}$, the following equality holds

$$F \cdot D''(G) = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} \cdot D''(G) \quad (6).$$

The relation (6) is true if and only if for every

$$\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}^{(4)}, \langle F \cdot D''(G), \Lambda \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \langle a_{\alpha} \cdot D''(G), \Lambda \rangle \quad (7).$$

Also (7) holds if and only if

$$\langle D''(G) \cdot \Lambda, F \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \langle D''(G) \cdot \Lambda, a_{\alpha} \rangle \quad (8).$$

So (8) holds if and only if $D''(G) \cdot \Lambda : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is $w^* - w^*$ -continuous. This means that $D''(G) \cdot \Lambda \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}'}$. \blacksquare

Corollary 4.2 *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra such that \mathcal{A}'' is 3-weakly amenable. If $D''(\mathcal{A}'') \cdot \mathcal{A}^{(4)} \subseteq \widehat{\mathcal{A}'}$, for each derivation $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$. Then \mathcal{A} is 3-weakly amenable.* \blacksquare

Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra and let $\iota : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ be an injective map ($\langle \iota(F), \lambda \rangle = \langle \lambda, F \rangle$) for $F \in \mathcal{A}''$ and $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}'''$. Then ι is an \mathcal{A} -bimodule homomorphism. Also ι is an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule homomorphism with the module structures (a) and (b) on $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$, but it is not always an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule homomorphism with the module structures (c). Therefore the adjoint of ι (ι^*) is an \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule homomorphism with the module structures (a) and (b). Let X be a Banach space. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, we denote X^{\perp} , the subspace of $X^{(2n+1)}$ annihilating \widehat{X} , where $X^{(2n+1)}$ is the $(2n+1)$ -th dual of X , i.e. $X^{\perp} = \{\lambda \in X^{(2n+1)}; \langle \lambda, x \rangle = 0, x \in X\}$. For the Banach algebra \mathcal{A} , $(\mathcal{A}'')^{\perp}$ is clearly w^* -closed \mathcal{A}'' -submodule of $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$. Now we get the main theorem of this paper.

Theorem 4.3. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra such that \mathcal{A}'' is weakly amenable. Suppose that one the following conditions holds*

- (1) $D''(\mathcal{A}'') \cdot \mathcal{A}^{(4)} \subseteq \widehat{\mathcal{A}'}$, for each derivation $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$.
- (2) Conditions (i) of Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2 are true.
- (3) $\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\beta} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, F_{\gamma} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\gamma} \langle \lambda_{\alpha}, F_{\gamma} \cdot a_{\beta} \rangle$, for every bounded nets (λ_{α}) in \mathcal{A}''' , (F_{γ}) in \mathcal{A}'' and every net (a_{β}) in \mathcal{A} .

Then \mathcal{A} is 3-weakly amenable.

Proof. Suppose that one of conditions (1) or (2) holds, so the two \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structures in parts (II) and (III) on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ are equal. We know $(\mathcal{A}'')''' = (\mathcal{A}'')' \oplus (\mathcal{A}'')^{\perp}$. In other words $\mathcal{A}^{(5)} = (\mathcal{A}'')'''$ is a direct summand of \mathcal{A}'' -submodules of $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$. Let $P : (\mathcal{A}'')''' \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}'')'$ be the projection defined by the above direct sum. Suppose $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$ is a derivation. Then we can show that P is an \mathcal{A}'' -module homomorphism. Thus $P \circ D'' : \mathcal{A}'' \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}''')'' = (\mathcal{A}'')''' \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}'')'$ is a derivation. Since \mathcal{A}'' is weakly amenable, there exists $\theta_0 \in (\mathcal{A}'')'$ such that $P \circ D = \delta_{\theta_0}$. On the other hand D is the restriction of $P \circ D''$ to \mathcal{A} . Thus $D = \delta_{\theta_0}$.

Now assume that the condition (3) holds, then the two \mathcal{A}'' -bimodule structures in parts (I) and (III) on $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ are equal. Suppose $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$ is a

derivation. Then $\iota^* \circ D'' : \mathcal{A}'' \longrightarrow (\mathcal{A}''')'' = (\mathcal{A}^{(4)})' \longrightarrow (\mathcal{A}'')'$ is a derivation. Due to the weak amenability of \mathcal{A}'' , there exists $\theta_0 \in (\mathcal{A}'')'$ such that $\iota^* \circ D'' = \delta_{\theta_0}$. For every $a \in \mathcal{A}$ and $F \in \mathcal{A}''$, we have

$$\langle \iota^* \circ D''(a), F \rangle = \langle D''(a), \iota(F) \rangle = \langle \iota(F), D(a) \rangle = \langle D(a), F \rangle.$$

So D is the restriction of $\iota^* \circ D''$ to \mathcal{A} . Thus $D = \delta_{\theta_0}$. Therefore \mathcal{A} is 3-weakly amenable. ■

By applying Theorem 4.3 we have the following results.

Corollary 4.4. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra such that one of the conditions (1) up to (4) of Theorem 4.3 holds. If \mathcal{A}'' is weakly amenable, then \mathcal{A} is weakly amenable.*

Proof. It follows immediately from Theorem 4.3 and [4, Proposition 1.2]. ■

Corollary 4.5. *Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra such that one of the conditions (1) up to (3) of Theorem 4.3 holds. If \mathcal{A}'' is 3-weakly amenable, then \mathcal{A} is 3-weakly amenable.*

Proof. By Theorem 4.3 and [4, Proposition 1.2], \mathcal{A} is 3-weakly amenable. ■

The following Theorem has been proved in [10].

Theorem 4.6. *Let \mathcal{A} be an Arens regular Banach algebra. Suppose that for every continuous derivation $D : \mathcal{A}'' \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}'''$ and every F in \mathcal{A}'' , $D(F)$ and D are w^* -continuous. If \mathcal{A} is weakly amenable, then so is \mathcal{A}'' .* ■

Let one of the conditions of Theorem 4.3 holds. Then we have

Corollary 4.7. *Under assumptions of Theorem 4.6, if \mathcal{A} is weakly amenable, then \mathcal{A} is 3-weakly amenable.*

Proof. It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 4.3 and Theorem 4.6. ■

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