

## MODULE SYMMETRICALLY AMENABLE BANACH ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. In this article, we develop the concept of symmetric amenability for a Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  to the case that there is an extra  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . For every inverse semigroup  $S$  with the set  $E$  of idempotents, we find necessary and sufficient conditions for the  $l^1(S)$  to be module symmetrically amenable (as a  $l^1(E)$ -module). We also present some module symmetrically amenable semigroup algebras to show that this new notion of amenability is different from the classical case introduced by Johnson.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

A Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is *amenable* if every bounded derivation from  $\mathcal{A}$  into any dual Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -bimodule is inner, equivalently if  $H^1(\mathcal{A}, X^*) = \{0\}$  for every Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $X$ , where  $H^1(\mathcal{A}, X^*)$  is the *first Hochschild cohomology group* of  $\mathcal{A}$  with coefficients in  $X^*$ . This concept was first introduced and studied by Johnson [9] in 1972. He also gave an alternative formulation of the notion of amenability in [10], and proved that a Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is amenable if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a bounded approximate diagonal; i.e. a bounded net  $\{d_\alpha\}$  in the projective tensor product  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\|\pi(d_\alpha)a - a\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|a \cdot d_\alpha - d_\alpha \cdot a\| \rightarrow 0$$

for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , where the operations on  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{A}$  are defined by  $a \cdot (b \otimes c) = ab \otimes c$ ,  $(b \otimes c) \cdot a = b \otimes ca$  and  $\pi(b \otimes c) = bc$  for all  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{A}$ . The flip map on  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{A}$  is defined by

$$(a \otimes b)^\circ = b \otimes a \quad (a, b \in \mathcal{A}),$$

and an element  $\mathfrak{E}$  of  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{A}$  is called *symmetric* if  $\mathfrak{E}^\circ = \mathfrak{E}$ . A Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *symmetrically amenable* if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a bounded approximate diagonal consisting of symmetric tensors. Symmetrically amenable Banach algebras were defined by Johnson in [11]. Using this concept, he found some hereditary

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properties and examples which are similar to those in [9] for amenable Banach algebras. However, unlike amenability, the proofs of that results do not depend on homological characterizations, because symmetric amenability has been considered only by the existence of a bounded (symmetric) approximate diagonal. The most important example in [11] asserts that the group algebra  $L^1(G)$  of a locally compact group  $G$  is symmetrically amenable if and only if  $G$  is amenable.

In 2004, M. Amini [1] introduced the notion of module amenability for a class of Banach algebras which could be considered as a generalization of the Johnson's amenability [9]. He showed that for an inverse semigroup  $S$  with the set of idempotents  $E$ , the semigroup algebra  $l^1(S)$  is module amenable, as a Banach module over  $l^1(E)$ , if and only if  $S$  is amenable. Other concepts of module amenability can be found in [3], [4], [5] and [13].

In this paper, we firstly define the concept of module symmetric amenability for a Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  which is a Banach module on another Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  with compatible actions. Among many other things, we show that under some mild conditions, symmetric amenability of the quotient Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}/J$  implies module symmetric amenability of  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $J$  is the closed ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  generated by  $(a \cdot \alpha)b - a(\alpha \cdot b)$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ . As a consequence of this result, we prove that for an inverse semigroup  $S$  with the set  $E$  of idempotents so that  $E$  satisfies the condition  $D_k$  [7] for some  $k$ , then  $l^1(S)$  is module symmetrically amenable (as an  $l^1(E)$ -module) with trivial left action, if and only if  $S$  is amenable.

## 2. MODULE SYMMETRIC AMENABILITY FOR BANACH ALGEBRAS

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{A}$  be Banach algebras such that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule with compatible actions as follows:

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

Furthermore, if  $\alpha \cdot a = a \cdot \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a *commutative  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule*.

Let  $X$  be a left Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -module and a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule with the following compatible actions:

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

Then, we say that  $X$  is a *left Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module*. Right Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules and (two-sided) Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules are defined similarly. If moreover,  $\alpha \cdot x = x \cdot \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $x \in X$ , then  $X$  is called a *commutative left (right or two-sided) Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module*. If  $X$  is a (commutative) Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module, then so is  $X^*$ , where the actions of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{A}$  on  $X^*$  are defined as usual [1]. Note that in general,  $\mathcal{A}$  is not an  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module because  $\mathcal{A}$  does not satisfy the compatibility condition  $a \cdot (\alpha \cdot b) = (a \cdot \alpha) \cdot b$  for  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . But when  $\mathcal{A}$  is a commutative  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module and acts on itself by multiplication from both sides, then it is also a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodules with compatible actions. Then, a  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module map is a bounded mapping  $T: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  with

$$T(a \pm b) = T(a) \pm T(b), \quad T(\alpha \cdot a) = \alpha \cdot T(a) \quad \text{and} \quad T(a \cdot \alpha) = T(a) \cdot \alpha$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ . Note that  $h$  is not necessarily linear, so it is not necessarily a  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module homomorphism.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{A}$  be as above and  $X$  be a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module. A  $(\mathfrak{A})$ -module derivation is a bounded  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule map  $D: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$  satisfying

$$D(ab) = D(a) \cdot b + a \cdot D(b)$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . One should note that  $D$  is not necessarily linear, but its boundedness (defined as the existence of  $M > 0$  such that  $\|D(a)\| \leq M\|a\|$ , for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ) still implies its continuity, as it preserves subtraction. When  $X$  is commutative Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module, each  $x \in X$  defines a module derivation  $D_x(a) = a \cdot x - x \cdot a$  ( $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ). Module derivations of this kind are called *inner*. A derivation  $D: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$  is said to be *approximately inner* if there exists a net  $(x_i) \subseteq X$  such that  $D(a) = \lim_i (a \cdot x_i - x_i \cdot a)$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Consider the module projective tensor product  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  which is isomorphic to the quotient space  $(\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{A})/I_{\mathcal{A}}$ , where  $I_{\mathcal{A}}$  is the closed linear span of  $\{a \cdot \alpha \otimes b - a \otimes \alpha \cdot b : \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b \in \mathcal{A}\}$ . Also consider the closed ideal  $J_{\mathcal{A}}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  generated by elements of the form  $(a \cdot \alpha)b - a(\alpha \cdot b)$  for  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . We shall denote  $I_{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $J_{\mathcal{A}}$  by  $I$  and  $J$ , respectively, if there is no risk of confusion. Then,  $I$  and  $J$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -submodules and  $\mathfrak{A}$ -submodules of  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$ , respectively, and the quotients  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}/J$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules and  $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules. Also,  $\mathcal{A}/J$  is a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module when  $\mathcal{A}$  acts on  $\mathcal{A}/J$  canonically. Also, let  $\omega_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be the product map, i.e.,  $\omega_{\mathcal{A}}(a \otimes b) = ab$ , and let  $\tilde{\omega}_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{A})/I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}/J$  be its induced product map, i.e.,  $\tilde{\omega}_{\mathcal{A}}(a \otimes b + I) = ab + J$  and extended by continuity and linearity.

Recall that a *module approximate diagonal* for  $\mathcal{A}$  is a bounded net  $\{\tilde{u}_j\}$  in  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad (a + J)\tilde{\omega}_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{u}_j) \rightarrow a + J$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_j \|\tilde{u}_j \cdot a - a \cdot \tilde{u}_j\| = 0$$

for each  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  [1]. We define the *module flip map* on  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  by

$$(a \otimes b + I)^{\circ} = b \otimes a + I \quad (a, b \in \mathcal{A}).$$

We say an element  $u$  of  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  is *module symmetric* if  $u^{\circ} = u$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is *module symmetrically amenable* if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a module approximate diagonal  $\{\tilde{u}_j\}$  such that all the elements of the net  $\{\tilde{u}_j\}$  are module symmetric.

The opposite algebra  $\mathcal{A}^{op}$  is the Banach space  $\mathcal{A}$  with product  $a \circ b = ba$ . Now we rewrite the above definitions for  $\mathcal{A}^{op}$  in the module version. The bounded net  $\{\tilde{u}_j\}$  in  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  is a module approximate diagonal for  $\mathcal{A}^{op}$  if

$$(2.3) \quad \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}(\tilde{u}_j)(a + J) \rightarrow a + J$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad \lim_j \|\tilde{u}_j \circ a - a \circ \tilde{u}_j\| = 0$$

for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , where  $a \circ (b \otimes c) = b \otimes ac$ ,  $(b \otimes c) \circ a = ba \otimes c$  and  $\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}(b \otimes c + I) = cb + J$ .

The following proposition is the module version of [11, Proposition 2.2].

**Proposition 2.2.** *A Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is module symmetrically amenable if and only if there is a bounded net  $\{\tilde{u}_j\}$  in  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  which satisfies (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4).*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be module symmetrically amenable. Then,  $\mathcal{A}$  has a module approximate diagonal  $\{\tilde{u}_j\}$  which satisfies (2.1) and (2.2). Since  $\tilde{u}_j = \tilde{u}_j^{\circ}$ , we know that  $\{\tilde{u}_j\}$  also satisfies (2.3) and (2.4).

Conversely, if the bounded net  $\{\tilde{u}_j\}$  satisfies (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4), so does  $\{\tilde{u}_j^{\circ}\}$ . Hence,  $\{\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{u}_j + \tilde{u}_j^{\circ})\}$  is a net of symmetric tensors in  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  satisfying (2.1) and (2.2). This means that  $\mathcal{A}$  is module symmetrically amenable.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a commutative module amenable Banach algebra, then it is module symmetrically amenable.*

Recall that a (bounded) left approximate identity in a Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a (bounded) net  $\{e_l\}_{l \in \mathcal{L}}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\lim_l e_l a = a$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Similarly, a (bounded) right approximate identity can be defined in  $\mathcal{A}$ . A (bounded) approximate identity in  $\mathcal{A}$  is both a (bounded) left approximate identity and a (bounded) right approximate identity.

It is easy to see that  $K = \ker \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$ . In fact,  $K$  is a left ideal in  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}^{op}$ . Aghababa and Bodaghi [15, Theorem 4.4] have shown that, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a commutative Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is module amenable if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a bounded approximate identity and  $K = \ker \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}$  has a bounded right approximate identity, where  $\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is the usual multiplication map. Similarly, one can show that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a commutative Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is module symmetrically amenable if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a bounded approximate identity and the subalgebra  $\ker \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}} \cap \ker \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}$  of  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}^{op}$  has a bounded two sided approximate identity.

Now, we give some hereditary properties of module symmetrically amenable for Banach algebras.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule and  $\mathcal{I}$  be a closed two sided ideal and  $\mathfrak{A}$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  is module symmetrically amenable and  $\mathcal{I}$  has a bounded approximate identity, then  $\mathcal{I}$  is module symmetrically amenable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{\tilde{u}_i\}$  be a module symmetric approximate diagonal for  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\tilde{u}_i = \sum_k a_k^i \otimes b_k^i + I_{\mathcal{A}}$  is in  $\mathcal{A} \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$ . Assume that  $\{e_j\}$  is the bounded approximate identity of  $\mathcal{I}$ . For each  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((a \cdot \alpha) \otimes b - a \otimes (\alpha \cdot b)) \circ e_j &= e_j((a \cdot \alpha) \otimes b) e_j - e_j(a \otimes (\alpha \cdot b)) e_j \\ &= e_j(a \cdot \alpha) \otimes b e_j - e_j a \otimes (\alpha \cdot b) e_j \\ &= (e_j a) \cdot \alpha \otimes b e_j - e_j a \otimes \alpha \cdot (b e_j) \in I_{\mathcal{I}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_{\mathcal{I}}$  is the corresponding ideal of  $\mathcal{I} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{I}$ . Put  $\tilde{d}_{ij} = (\tilde{u}_i \circ e_j) e_j$ . Then,  $\tilde{d}_{ij} = \sum_k e_j a_k^i \otimes b_k^i e_j + I_{\mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{I} \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{I}$  is a bounded symmetric subnet of  $\mathcal{A} \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$ . For  $x \in \mathcal{I}$ , we get

$$\tilde{d}_{ij} \cdot x - x \cdot \tilde{d}_{ij} = [(\tilde{u}_i \cdot x - x \cdot \tilde{u}_i) \circ e_j] e_j + (\tilde{u}_i \circ e_j)(e_j x - x e_j).$$

Since  $\{\tilde{u}_i\}$  is a module symmetric approximate diagonal for  $\mathcal{A}$ , we have  $\tilde{u}_i \cdot x - x \cdot \tilde{u}_i \rightarrow 0$ . On the other hand,  $\{e_j\}$  is a bounded approximate identity for  $\mathcal{I}$ . So,  $e_j x - x e_j \rightarrow 0$ . Hence,  $\lim_{i,j} (\tilde{d}_{ij} \cdot x - x \cdot \tilde{d}_{ij}) = 0$ . Also,

$$\begin{aligned} (x + J_{\mathcal{I}}) \cdot \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{I}}(\tilde{d}_{ij}) &= (x e_j - x + J_{\mathcal{I}}) \cdot \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{I}}(\tilde{u}_i \circ e_j) + (x + J_{\mathcal{I}}) \cdot \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{I}}(\tilde{u}_i \circ e_j) \\ &\rightarrow (x + J_{\mathcal{I}}) \cdot \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{I}}(\tilde{u}_i). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\lim_i \lim_j (x + J_{\mathcal{I}}) \cdot \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{I}}(\tilde{d}_{ij}) = x + J_{\mathcal{I}}$ . Therefore,  $\{\tilde{d}_{ij}\}$  becomes a module symmetric approximate diagonal for  $\mathcal{I}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be Banach algebras and Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodules. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is module symmetrically amenable and  $\phi: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a continuous module homomorphism with dense range, then  $\mathcal{B}$  is module symmetrically amenable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{\tilde{u}_i\}$  be a module symmetric approximate diagonal in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\tilde{u}_i = \sum_k a_k^i \otimes b_k^i + I_{\mathcal{A}}$  is in  $\mathcal{A} \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$ . Define the map  $\tilde{\phi}: \mathcal{A}/J_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}/J_{\mathcal{B}}$  by  $\tilde{\phi}(a + J_{\mathcal{A}}) = \phi(a) + J_{\mathcal{B}}$ . For each  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ , we obtain

$$\phi((a \cdot \alpha)b - a(\alpha \cdot b)) = (\phi(a) \cdot \alpha)\phi(b) - \phi(a)(\alpha \cdot \phi(b)) \in J_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

So, the map  $\tilde{\phi}$  is well-defined. Put  $\tilde{v}_i = \sum_k \phi(a_k^i) \otimes \phi(b_k^i) + I_{\mathcal{B}}$ . For each  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_i (\phi(a) + J_{\mathcal{B}}) \cdot \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{B}}(\tilde{v}_i) &= \lim_i (\phi(a) + J_{\mathcal{B}}) \cdot \left( \sum_k \phi(a_k^i) \phi(b_k^i) + J_{\mathcal{B}} \right) \\ &= \lim_i \left( \sum_k \phi(aa_k^i b_k^i) + J_{\mathcal{B}} \right) \\ &= \lim_i \tilde{\phi} \left( (a + J_{\mathcal{A}}) \cdot \left( \sum_k a_k^i b_k^i + J_{\mathcal{A}} \right) \right) \\ &= \lim_i \tilde{\phi}((a + J_{\mathcal{A}}) \cdot \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{B}}(\tilde{u}_i)) = \tilde{\phi}(a + J_{\mathcal{A}}) = \phi(a) + J_{\mathcal{B}}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{B}}(\tilde{v}_i) \cdot \lim_i (\phi(a) + J_{\mathcal{B}}) &= \lim_i \left( \sum_k \phi(b_k^i) \phi(a_k^i) + J_{\mathcal{B}} \right) \cdot (\phi(a) + J_{\mathcal{B}}) \\ &= \lim_i \left( \sum_k \phi(b_k^i a_k^i a) + J_{\mathcal{B}} \right) \\ &= \lim_i \tilde{\phi} \left( \left( \sum_k b_k^i a_k^i + J_{\mathcal{A}} \right) \cdot (a + J_{\mathcal{A}}) \right) \\ &= \lim_i \tilde{\phi}(\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\circ}(\tilde{u}_i) \cdot (a + J_{\mathcal{A}})) = \tilde{\phi}(a + J_{\mathcal{A}}) = \phi(a) + J_{\mathcal{B}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the range of  $\phi$  is dense and  $\phi$  is continuous, we get  $\lim_i (b + J_{\mathcal{B}}) \cdot \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{B}}(\tilde{v}_i) = b + J_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\circ}(\tilde{v}_i) \cdot \lim_i (b + J_{\mathcal{B}}) = b + J_{\mathcal{B}}$  for all  $b \in \mathcal{B}$ . Now, we consider the map  $\bar{\phi}: \mathcal{A} \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A} \cong (\mathcal{A} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{A})/I_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{B}} \mathcal{B} \cong (B \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{B})/I_{\mathcal{B}}$  defined through  $\bar{\phi}(a \otimes b + I_{\mathcal{A}}) = \phi(a) \otimes \phi(b) + I_{\mathcal{B}}$ , ( $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ ). The map  $\bar{\phi}$  is well-defined because for each  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ , we have

$$(\phi \otimes \phi)((a \cdot \alpha) \otimes b - a \otimes (\alpha \cdot b)) = (\phi(a) \cdot \alpha) \otimes \phi(b) - \phi(a) \otimes (\alpha \cdot \phi(b)) \in I_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

It is easily to chek that  $\bar{\phi}$  is a module homomorphism. For each  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_i (\tilde{v}_i \cdot \phi(a) - \phi(a) \cdot \tilde{v}_i) &= \lim_i \left( \sum_k (\phi(a_k^i) \otimes \phi(b_k^i a) - \phi(aa_k^i) \otimes \phi(b_k^i)) + I_{\mathcal{B}} \right) \\ &= \bar{\phi} \left( \lim_i \left( \sum_k (a_k^i \otimes b_k^i a - aa_k^i \otimes b_k^i) + I_{\mathcal{A}} \right) \right) \\ &= \bar{\phi}(\lim_i (\tilde{u}_i \cdot a - a \cdot \tilde{u}_i)) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_i (\tilde{v}_i \circ \phi(a) - \phi(a) \circ \tilde{v}_i) &= \lim_i \left( \sum_k (\phi(a_k^i a) \otimes \phi(b_k^i) - \phi(a_k^i) \otimes \phi(ab_k^i)) + I_{\mathcal{B}} \right) \\ &= \bar{\phi} \left( \lim_i \left( \sum_k (a_k^i a \otimes b_k^i - a_k^i \otimes ab_k^i) + I_{\mathcal{A}} \right) \right) \\ &= \bar{\phi}(\lim_i (\tilde{u}_i \circ a - a \circ \tilde{u}_i)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for each  $b \in \mathcal{A}$ , we arrive at  $\lim_i (\tilde{v}_i \cdot b - b \cdot \tilde{v}_i) = 0$  and  $\lim_i (\tilde{v}_i \circ b - b \circ \tilde{v}_i) = 0$ . So,  $\{\tilde{v}_i\}$  is a module symmetric approximate diagonal in  $\mathcal{B}$ . This finishes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule and  $\mathcal{I}$  be a closed ideal in  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  is module symmetrically amenable, then so is  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $q: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$  is the natural  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module map and  $\{\tilde{u}_i\}$  is a module symmetric approximate diagonal for  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\{(q \otimes q)\tilde{u}_i\}$  is a module symmetric approximate diagonal for  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule with compatible actions. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is module symmetrically amenable and  $X$  is a commutative Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module, then every module derivation from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $X$ , is approximately inner.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{\tilde{u}_j\} \subseteq \widehat{\mathcal{A}} \otimes_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  be a module symmetric approximate diagonal for  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\tilde{u}_j = \sum_k a_k^j \otimes b_k^j + I$  and  $D: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$  be a module derivation. It is clear that  $J \cdot X = X \cdot J = \{0\}$ . Obviously,  $X$  becomes a Banach  $\mathcal{A}/J$ -bimodule with the following module actions

$$(a + J) \cdot x := a \cdot x, \quad x \cdot (a + J) := x \cdot a \quad (x \in X, a \in \mathcal{A}).$$

Define  $\tilde{D}: \mathcal{A}/J \rightarrow X$  by  $\tilde{D}(a + J) = D(a)$  for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Hence,  $\tilde{D}$  is a module derivation. Let  $x_j = \sum_k \tilde{D}(a_k^j + J) \cdot b_k^j$ . For each  $\varphi \in X^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi, x_j \cdot (a + J) \rangle &= \langle \varphi, \left( \sum_k \tilde{D}(a_k^j + J) \cdot b_k^j \right) \cdot (a + J) \rangle = \langle \varphi, \sum_k \tilde{D}(aa_k^j + J) \cdot b_k^j \rangle \\ &= \langle \varphi, \tilde{D}(a + J) \cdot \left( \sum_k a_k^j b_k^j + J \right) \rangle + \langle \varphi, (a + J) \cdot \sum_k \tilde{D}(a_k^j + J) \cdot b_k^j \rangle \\ &= \langle \varphi, \tilde{D}(a + J) \cdot \tilde{w}_A(\tilde{u}_j) \rangle + \langle \varphi, (a + J) \cdot x_j \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $\tilde{D}(a + J) = \lim_j x_j \cdot (a + J) - (a + J) \cdot x_j$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore,  $\tilde{D}$  is approximately inner and thus  $D$  is an approximately inner module derivation.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule with bounded approximate identity and  $\widehat{\mathcal{A}} \otimes_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  be a commutative  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule such that each net of  $\widehat{\mathcal{A}} \otimes_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  is*

bounded. Suppose that  $\mathcal{I}$  is a closed ideal and  $\mathfrak{A}$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$  are module symmetrically amenable, then so is  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a commutative Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ - $\mathfrak{A}$ -module with compatible actions and  $D: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$  be a module derivation. Since  $\mathcal{I}$  is module symmetrically amenable, the restriction of  $D$  to  $\mathcal{I}$ , i.e.  $D|_{\mathcal{I}}$ , is approximately inner by Lemma 2.7. Thus, the map  $\tilde{D} = D - D|_{\mathcal{I}}$  vanishes on  $\mathcal{I}$ . This map induces a module derivation from  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$  into  $X$  defined via  $\tilde{D}(a + \mathcal{I}) = \tilde{D}(a)$ . Due to the module symmetric amenability of  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$ ,  $\tilde{D}$  is also approximately inner by Lemma 2.7. It follows from that  $D$  is an approximately inner module derivation. Let  $\{e_j\}$  be a bounded approximate identity for  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then, passing to a subnet we may assume that  $e_j \otimes e_j + I$  is  $w^*$ -convergent to  $T$  in  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$ . By the continuity of  $\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}(D_T(a)) &= \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}(\lim_j a \cdot T - T \cdot a) = \lim_j \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}(a \cdot T - T \cdot a) \\ &= \lim_j \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}(ae_j \otimes e_j - e_j \otimes e_j a + I) \\ &= \lim_j (ae_j^2 - e_j^2 a + J) = J, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}(D_T(a)) &= \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}(\lim_j a \cdot T - T \cdot a) \\ &= \lim_j \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}(ae_j \otimes e_j - e_j \otimes e_j a + I) \\ &= \lim_j (e_j a e_j - e_j a e_j + J) = J \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . So, both  $\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}$  vanishes on the range of  $D_T$ , and  $D_T$  could be regarded as a module derivation from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $K = \ker \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}} \cap \ker \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  is commutative  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule, there is a (bounded) net  $\{N_j\} \in K$  such that

$$(2.5) \quad D_T(a) = \lim_j a \cdot N_j - N_j \cdot a = D_{N_j}(a)$$

for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Letting  $\tilde{u}_j = T - N_j \in \mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (a + J)\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{u}_j) &= (a + J)(\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}(T) - \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}(N_j)) \\ &= (a + J)(e_j^2 + J) \\ &= ae_j + J \rightarrow a + J \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . The relation (2.5) implies that  $a \cdot \tilde{u}_j - \tilde{u}_j \cdot a \rightarrow 0$ . Similarly, we can obtain that  $\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\circ}(\tilde{u}_j)(a + J) \rightarrow a + J$  and  $a \circ \tilde{u}_j - \tilde{u}_j \circ a \rightarrow 0$ . Hence,  $\{\tilde{u}_j\}$  is a module symmetric approximate diagonal in  $\mathcal{A}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

We say the Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  acts trivially on  $\mathcal{A}$  from left (right) if there is a continuous linear functional  $f$  on  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\alpha \cdot a = f(\alpha)a$  ( $a \cdot \alpha = f(\alpha)a$ ) for all  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ .

The following result is main key to achieve our purpose of this paper.



**Proposition 2.9.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule with trivial left action and  $\mathcal{A}$  has a bounded approximate identity. If  $\mathcal{A}/J$  is symmetrically amenable, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is module symmetrically amenable.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\{d_i\}$  is a bounded approximate diagonal for  $\mathcal{A}/J$ , that is  $d_i = \sum_k (a_k^i + J) \otimes (b_k^i + J) \in (\mathcal{A}/J) \widehat{\otimes} (\mathcal{A}/J)$ . Define the map  $\phi: (\mathcal{A}/J) \widehat{\otimes} (\mathcal{A}/J) \rightarrow (\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A})/I \cong \mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$  via  $\phi((a + J) \otimes (b + J)) := (a \otimes b) + I$ . Assume that  $\{e_j\}$  is a bounded approximate identity for  $\mathcal{A}$ . For each  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
[(a \cdot \alpha)b - a(\alpha \cdot b)] \otimes c &= (a \cdot \alpha)b \otimes c - a(\alpha \cdot b) \otimes c \\
&= \lim_j [(a \cdot \alpha)b \otimes ce_j - (a(\alpha \cdot b) \otimes e_jc)] \\
&= \lim_j [(a \cdot \alpha) \otimes c)(b \otimes e_j) - (a \otimes e_j)((\alpha \cdot b) \otimes c)] \\
&= \lim_j [(a \cdot \alpha) \otimes c)(b \otimes e_j) - (a \otimes (\alpha \cdot c))(b \otimes e_j) \\
&\quad + (a \otimes (\alpha \cdot c))(b \otimes e_j) - (a \otimes e_j)((\alpha \cdot b) \otimes c) \\
&\quad + (a \otimes e_j)(b \otimes (\alpha \cdot c)) - (a \otimes e_j)(b \otimes (\alpha \cdot c))] \\
&= \lim_j [(a \cdot \alpha) \otimes c - a \otimes (\alpha \cdot c))(b \otimes e_j) \\
&\quad + (a \otimes (\alpha \cdot c))(b \otimes e_j) - (a \otimes e_j)((\alpha \cdot b) \otimes c \\
&\quad - b \otimes (\alpha \cdot c)) - (a \otimes e_j)(b \otimes (\alpha \cdot c))] \\
&= \lim_j [(a \cdot \alpha) \otimes c - a \otimes (\alpha \cdot c))(b \otimes e_j) \\
&\quad + (ab \otimes (\alpha \cdot c)e_j - (a \otimes e_j)(f(\alpha)b \otimes c \\
&\quad - b \otimes f(\alpha)c) - (ab \otimes e_j(\alpha \cdot c))] \\
&= \lim_j [(a \cdot \alpha) \otimes c - a \otimes (\alpha \cdot c))(b \otimes e_j) \\
&\quad + (ab \otimes (\alpha \cdot c)e_j - (a \otimes e_j)f(\alpha)(b \otimes c - b \otimes c) \\
&\quad - (ab \otimes e_j(\alpha \cdot c))] \\
&= \lim_j [(a \cdot \alpha) \otimes c - a \otimes (\alpha \cdot c))(b \otimes e_j) \in I.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $c \otimes [(a \cdot \alpha)b - a(\alpha \cdot b)] \in I$ . Hence,  $\phi$  is well-defined. Also,  $\phi$  is a module homomorphism. It is easily verified that  $\{\phi(d_i)\}$  is a bounded symmetric net in  $\mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{A}$ . Put  $\tilde{u}_i = \phi(d_i) = \sum_k a_k^i \otimes b_k^i + I$ . By [11, Proposition 2.2], we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_i (a + J) \cdot \tilde{w}_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{u}_i) &= \lim_i (a + J) \cdot \left( \sum_k a_k^i b_k^i + J \right) \\
&= \lim_i (a + J) \cdot \left( \sum_k (a_k^i + J)(b_k^i + J) \right) \\
&= \lim_i (a + J) \cdot w_{\mathcal{A}/J}^{\circ}(d_i) = a + J
\end{aligned}$$

for each  $a \in A$ . Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_i (\tilde{u}_i \cdot a - a \cdot \tilde{u}_i) &= \lim_i \left( \sum_k (a_k^i \otimes b_k^i a - a a_k^i \otimes b_k^i) + I \right) \\ &= \phi \left( \lim_i \left( \sum_k (a_k^i + J) \otimes (b_k^i a + J) - (a a_k^i + J) \otimes (b_k^i + J) \right) \right) \\ &= \phi(\lim_i (a \cdot d_i - d_i \cdot a)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\{\tilde{u}_i\}$  is a module symmetric approximate diagonal for  $A$ . This shows that  $\mathcal{A}$  is module symmetrically amenable.  $\square$

### 3. APPLICATION TO SEMIGROUP ALGEBRAS

By an inverse semigroup  $S$  we shall mean a discrete semigroup such that for any  $s \in S$  there is a unique element  $s^* \in S$  with  $ss^*s = s$  and  $s^*ss^* = s^*$ . An element  $e \in S$  is called an idempotent if  $e^2 = e^* = e$ . Here and subsequently,  $S$  will always denote an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents  $E_S$  (or  $E$ ), where the order of  $E$  is defined by

$$e \leq d \Leftrightarrow ed = e \quad (e, d \in E).$$

Since  $E$  is a (commutative) subsemigroup of  $S$  (see [8, Theorem V.1.2]) and a semilattice, the algebra  $l^1(E)$  could be regarded as a commutative subalgebra of  $l^1(S)$ . Hence,  $l^1(S)$  is a Banach algebra and a Banach  $l^1(E)$ -module with compatible actions [1]. We impose the following actions of  $l^1(E)$  on  $l^1(S)$ :

$$\delta_e \cdot \delta_s = \delta_s, \quad \delta_s \cdot \delta_e = \delta_{se} = \delta_s * \delta_e \quad (e \in E, s \in S).$$

With these actions, we consider  $l^1(S)$  as a Banach  $l^1(E)$ -module. In this case, the ideal  $J$  (see section 2) is the closed linear span of  $\{\delta_{set} - \delta_{st} \mid e \in E, s, t \in S\}$ .

We consider an equivalence relation on  $S$  as follows:

$$s \approx t \Leftrightarrow \delta_s - \delta_t \in J \quad (s, t \in S).$$

In this case the quotient  $S/\approx$  is a discrete group (see [2] and [13]). In fact,  $S/\approx$  is homomorphic to the maximal group homomorphic image  $\mathcal{G}_S$  [12] of  $S$  [14]. In particular,  $S$  is amenable if and only if  $S/\approx = \mathcal{G}_S$  is amenable [7, 12]. As in [16, Theorem 3.3], we may observe that  $l^1(S)/J \cong l^1(\mathcal{G}_S)$ . With the notations of the previous section,  $l^1(S)/J$  is a commutative  $l^1(E)$ -bimodule with the following actions

$$\delta_e \cdot \delta_{[s]} = \delta_{[s]}, \quad \delta_{[s]} \cdot \delta_e = \delta_{[se]} \quad (s \in S, e \in E),$$

where  $[s]$  denotes the equivalence class of  $s$  in  $\mathcal{G}_S$ .

Suppose that  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . If there exist  $e \in E$  and  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$1 \leq i < j \leq k + 1, \quad f_i e = f_i, \quad f_j e = f_j \quad (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{k+1} \in E),$$

then we say that  $E$  satisfies condition  $D_k$  [7]. In [7, Theorem 16], the authors proved that for any inverse semigroup  $S$ ,  $l^1(S)$  has a bounded approximate identity if and only if  $E$  satisfies condition  $D_k$  for some  $k$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $S$  be an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents  $E$  and  $l^1(S)$  be a Banach  $l^1(E)$ -module with trivial left action. If  $E$  satisfies condition  $D_k$  for some  $k$ , then  $l^1(S)$  is module symmetrically amenable if and only if  $S$  is amenable.*

*Proof.* Firstly, we assume that  $l^1(S)$  is module symmetrically amenable. Then, it is module amenable. Now, Theorem 3.1 from [1] necessities that  $S$  is amenable.

Conversely, suppose that  $S$  is amenable. Then, the (discrete) group  $\mathcal{G}_S$  is amenable by [7, Theorem 1], and so  $l^1(\mathcal{G}_S)$  is symmetrically amenable by [11, Theorem 4.1]. The result follows from Proposition 2.9 with  $\mathcal{A} = l^1(S)$  and  $\mathfrak{A} = l^1(E)$ .  $\square$

In the following we bring two examples to show that there are some module symmetrically amenable semigroup algebras which are not symmetrically amenable.

*Example 3.2.* Let  $G$  be a group with identity  $e$ , and let  $\mathfrak{I}$  be a non-empty set. Then, the Brandt inverse semigroup corresponding to  $G$  and  $\mathfrak{I}$ , denoted by  $S = \mathcal{M}(G, \mathfrak{I})$ , is the collection of all  $\mathfrak{I} \times \mathfrak{I}$  matrices  $(g)_{ij}$  with  $g \in G$  in the  $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$  place and 0 (zero) elsewhere and the  $\mathfrak{I} \times \mathfrak{I}$  zero matrix 0. Multiplication in  $S$  is given by the formula

$$(g)_{ij}(h)_{kl} = \begin{cases} (gh)_{il} & \text{if } j = k \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq k \end{cases} \quad (g, h \in G, i, j, k, l \in \mathfrak{I}),$$

and  $(g)_{ij}^* = (g^{-1})_{ji}$  and  $0^* = 0$ . The set of all idempotents is  $E_S = \{(e)_{ii} : i \in \mathfrak{I}\} \cup \{0\}$ . It is shown in [13, Example 3.2] that  $\mathcal{G}_S$  is the trivial group, and so  $l^1(S)$  is module symmetrically amenable by Theorem 3.1. Note that if  $G$  is not amenable or  $\mathfrak{I}$  is not finite, then  $l^1(S)$  is not amenable by Theorems 7 and 12 from [7] and hence it is not symmetrically amenable.

*Example 3.3.* Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the bicyclic inverse semigroup generated by  $p$  and  $q$ , that is

$$\mathcal{C} = \{p^a q^b : a, b \geq 0\}, \quad (p^a q^b)^* = p^b q^a.$$

The multiplication operation is defined by

$$(p^a q^b)(p^c q^d) = p^{a-b+\max\{b,c\}} q^{d-c+\max\{b,c\}}.$$

The set of idempotents of  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $E_{\mathcal{C}} = \{p^a q^a : a = 0, 1, \dots\}$  which is also totally ordered with the following order

$$p^a q^b \leq p^b q^b \iff a \leq b.$$

Therefore,  $E$  satisfies condition  $D_1$ . It is shown in [2] that  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}$  is isomorphic to the group of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ , hence  $l^1(\mathcal{C})$  is module symmetrically amenable by

Theorem 3.1. On the other hand,  $l^1(\mathcal{C})$  is not symmetrically amenable since it is not amenable [7].

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