



## (-1)-Weak Amenability of Unitized Banach Algebras

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**Abstract.** For a Banach algebra  $A$ , its second dual  $A''$  is (-1)-weakly amenable if  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule and the first cohomology group of  $A''$  with coefficients in  $A'$  is zero i.e.  $H^1(A'', A') = \{0\}$ . We first show that under certain conditions  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule. We then consider the relationships between (-1)-weak amenability of  $A$  and  $A^\#$ , where  $A^\#$  is the unitization of  $A$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $E$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule, then a bounded derivation from  $A$  into  $E$  is a bounded linear mapping  $D : A \rightarrow E$  such that  $D(a \cdot b) = Da \cdot b + a \cdot Db$ , for each  $a, b \in A$ . For example let  $x \in X$  and define  $\delta_x : A \rightarrow E$  by  $\delta_x a = a \cdot x - x \cdot a$ , then  $\delta_x$  is a bounded derivation which is called an inner derivation. Let  $Z^1(A, E)$  be the space of all bounded derivations from  $A$  into  $E$ ,  $N^1(A, E)$  be the space of all inner derivations from  $A$  into  $E$  and the first cohomology group of  $A$  with coefficients in  $E$  be the quotient space  $H^1(A, E) = Z^1(A, E)/N^1(A, E)$ .

A Banach algebra  $A$  is amenable if  $H^1(A, E') = \{0\}$  for each Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $E$ , this concept was introduced by B. E. Johnson in [8].

The notion of weak amenability for commutative Banach algebras was introduced by W. G. Bade, P. C. Curtis and H. G. Dales in [2]. Later Johnson defined weak amenability for arbitrary Banach algebras in [9], in fact a Banach algebra  $A$  is weakly amenable if  $H^1(A, A') = \{0\}$ .

In [10], A. Medghalchi and T. Yazdanpanah introduced the notion of (-1)-weak amenability. A Banach algebra  $A$  is (-1)-weakly amenable if  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule and  $H^1(A'', A') = \{0\}$ .

There are some examples of non (-1)-weakly amenable Banach algebras. For instance, in [7] we proved that  $(Lip_\alpha K)''$  for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and infinite compact metric space  $K$  is not

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(-1)-weakly amenable. The space  $l^p$  for  $1 < p < \infty$  is reflexive and weakly amenable, so is (-1)-weakly amenable which is not amenable since it doesn't factor. Furthermore, the second dual of a  $C^*$ -algebra is (-1)-weakly amenable and in the case  $A''$  is a non-nuclear  $C^*$ -algebra, we can conclude that  $A''$  is (-1)-weakly amenable which is not amenable. Therefore, the notion of (-1)-weak amenability is different from amenability. For more examples see [7] and [9].

Although there are some main theorems and examples which may suggest that the notion of (-1)-weak amenability is close to the notion of weak amenability, there are some examples which prove that these two notions are different, see [8].

Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $A''$  be its second dual, for each  $a, b \in A, f \in A'$  and  $F, G \in A''$  we define  $f \cdot a, a \cdot f$  and  $F \cdot f, f \cdot F \in A'$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f \cdot a(b) &= f(a \cdot b), & a \cdot f(b) &= f(b \cdot a) \\ F \cdot f(a) &= F(f \cdot a), & f \cdot F(a) &= F(a \cdot f). \end{aligned}$$

Now we define  $F \cdot G, F \times G \in A''$  as follows

$$F \cdot G(f) = F(G \cdot f), \quad F \times G(f) = G(f \cdot F).$$

Then  $A''$  is a Banach algebra with respect to either of the products  $\cdot$  and  $\times$ . These products are called the first and the second Arens products on  $A''$ , respectively.  $A$  is called Arens regular if  $F \cdot G = F \times G$ , for all  $F, G \in A''$ .

Let  $E$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule, then the iterated conjugates of  $E$ , denoted by  $E', E'', E''', \dots$  are Banach  $A$ -bimodules, and the map  $\rho : E''' \rightarrow E'$  with  $\rho(\Gamma) = \Gamma|_{\hat{A}}$  is an  $A$ -bimodule homomorphism which is called natural projection.

All concepts and definitions which are not defined in this paper may be found in [4].

## 2. When $A'$ is a Banach $A''$ -bimodule?

In the notion of (-1)-weak amenability, a necessary condition is that " $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule". Throughout this paper, we shall consider the second dual  $A''$  with the first Arens product. For the relations between (-1)-weak amenability of  $(A'', \cdot)$  and  $(A'', \times)$ , see [9].

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra. Then in each of the following cases,  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule:*

- (1)  $A$  is Arens regular;
- (2)  $\hat{A}$  is a left ideal in  $A''$ ;
- (3)  $\hat{A}$  is a right ideal in  $A''$  and  $A'' = A'' \cdot A$ .

*Proof.* (1) and (2) are proved in [6].

(3) Let  $\hat{A}$  be a right ideal in  $A''$  and  $A'' \cdot A = A''$ . Let  $a \in A, F, G \in A''$  and  $f \in A'$ , then there exist  $F_1 \in A''$  and  $b, c \in A$  such that  $F = F_1 \cdot b$  and  $b \cdot G = \hat{c}$ , so we have

$$(f \cdot F) \cdot G(a) = (f \cdot (F_1 \cdot b)) \cdot G(a) = (f \cdot F_1) \cdot (b \cdot G)(a) = (f \cdot F_1) \cdot \hat{c}(a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \hat{c}(a \cdot (f \cdot F_1)) = f \cdot F_1(c \cdot a) = F_1 \cdot c(a \cdot f) \\ &= (F_1 \cdot (b \cdot G))(a \cdot f) = F \cdot G(a \cdot f) = f \cdot (F \cdot G)(a) \end{aligned}$$

So  $A'$  is a right  $A''$ -module.

On the other hand, there exists  $d \in A$  such that  $a \cdot F = \hat{d}$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} (F \cdot f) \cdot G(a) &= G(a \cdot (F \cdot f)) = G((a \cdot F) \cdot f) = G(d \cdot f) \\ &= \hat{d}(f \cdot G) = (a \cdot F)(f \cdot G) = F \cdot (f \cdot G)(a). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule. □

**Remark 1.** Dales, Rodrigues-palacios and Velasco in [5] proved that for a Banach algebra  $A$ ,  $A'$  is an  $A''$ -submodule of  $A'''$  if and only if  $A$  is Arens regular. So under the condition " $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule" we can consider a larger class of Banach algebras.

**Example 1.** In each of the following cases by using Theorem 1,  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule.

- (1) Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra, then  $A$  is Arens regular and  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule [3].
- (2) Let  $A = l^1(\mathbb{N})$  with product  $f \cdot g = f(1)g$ . Then  $A$  is a Banach algebra with  $l^1$ -norm and  $A$  is a left ideal in  $A''$ . So  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule [6].
- (3) Let  $S$  be an infinite set with product  $s \cdot t = t$  for all  $s, t \in S$ . Then  $l^1(S)$  is a left ideal in  $(l^1(S))''$  and so  $(l^1(S))'$  is a Banach  $(l^1(S))''$ -bimodule. But  $l^1(S)$  is not a right ideal in  $(l^1(S))''$  [6] (so the third condition in Theorem 1 is not a necessary condition).
- (4) We know that for each semisimple annihilator Banach algebra  $A$ ,  $A$  is an ideal in  $A''$  [13]. So  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule and we have the following assertion:
  - Let  $G$  be an infinite compact group, then  $L^1(G)$  is not Arens regular but  $L^1(G)$  is an ideal in  $(L^1(G))''$ . So  $(L^1(G))'$  is a Banach  $(L^1(G))''$ -bimodule, whereas  $L^1(G)$  is not Arens regular (so the first condition in Theorem 1 is not a necessary condition).
  - Let  $G$  be a finite group then  $M(G)$  is an ideal in  $M(G)''$ . So  $M(G)'$  is a Banach  $M(G)''$ -bimodule [11] and [12].
- (5) Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space and  $KL(X)$  be the algebra of compact operators on  $X$ . Then  $KL(X)$  is an ideal in  $KL(X)''$  and so  $(KL(X))'$  is a Banach  $(KL(X))''$ -bimodule. Note that in the case  $X$  has not approximation property  $KL(X)$  is not an annihilator algebra [1].

Now we give an example of a Banach algebra  $A$  for which  $A'$  is not a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule.

**Example 2.** Consider  $A = (l^1, *)$  for  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Set  $a_n = \delta_{2^{2n}}$ ,  $b_m = \delta_{2^{2m+1}-1}$  and  $x = \delta_1$  that  $(a_n)_n, (b_m)_m$  are bounded sequences in  $l^1$ . There are  $F, G \in A''$  for which  $F = w^* - \lim_n \hat{a}_n$ ,  $G = w^* - \lim_m \hat{b}_m$ . Now, let

$$S = \{2^{2n} + 2^{2m+1} : n, m \in \mathbb{N}, n < m\}$$

and set  $\lambda = \chi_S$ , where  $\chi_S$  is characteristic function on  $S$ . So  $(b_m * x) * a_n = \delta_{2^{2n} + 2^{2m+1}}$  and we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(b_m * x * a_n) = 0, \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(b_m * x * a_n) = 1.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} (F \cdot \lambda) \cdot G(x) &= G(x \cdot (F \cdot \lambda)) = \lim_m F(\lambda \cdot (b_m * x)) \\ &= \lim_m \lim_n \lambda(b_m * x * a_n) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} F \cdot (\lambda \cdot G)(x) &= F((\lambda \cdot G) \cdot x) = \lim_n \lambda \cdot G(x * a_n) \\ &= \lim_n \lim_m \lambda(b_m * x * a_n) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $A'$  is not a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule and so  $A''$  is not (-1)-weakly amenable.

**Question.** Is there any Banach algebra  $A$  such that  $A$  is amenable but  $A'$  is not  $A''$ -bimodule?

### 3. Unitization

Let  $A$  has not unit element and  $A^\# = A \oplus \mathbb{C}e$  be the unitization of  $A$ .

For  $e \in A^\#$ , by Hahn-Banach Theorem there exists  $e' \in A^{\#\prime}$  such that  $e'(e) = 1$  and  $e'(a) = 0$  for each  $a \in A$ , and we can extend  $\lambda \in A'$  to an element of  $A^{\#\prime}$  with  $\lambda(e) = 1$ . So  $A^{\#\prime} = \mathbb{C}e' \oplus_\infty A'$  and  $\|\alpha e' + \lambda\| = \max\{|\alpha|, \|\lambda\|\}$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\lambda \in A'$ . Moreover,  $A^{\#\prime}$  is a Banach space and is a Banach  $A^\#$ -bimodule by module multiplications

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha e + a) \cdot (\gamma e' + \lambda) &= (\alpha\gamma + \lambda(a))e' + \alpha\lambda + a \cdot \lambda \\ (\gamma e' + \lambda) \cdot (\alpha e + a) &= (\alpha\gamma + \lambda(a))e' + \alpha\lambda + \lambda \cdot a \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $\lambda \in A'$ .

Let  $\hat{e} \in A''$  with  $\hat{e}(\lambda) = \lambda(e)$ , then  $(A^\#)'' = A'' \oplus \mathbb{C}\hat{e}$ . For more details see [4].

**Lemma 1.** Let  $A$  be an Arens regular Banach algebra. Then  $A'$  and  $A^{\#\prime}$  are Banach  $A^{\#\prime\prime}$ -bimodule.

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward. □

**Theorem 2.** Let  $A$  be an Arens regular Banach algebra and  $\overline{A''^2} = A''$ . If  $A''$  is (-1)-weakly amenable, Then  $A^{\#\prime\prime}$  is (-1)-weakly amenable.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A$  has not unit element and  $A^\# = A \oplus \mathbb{C}e$  be its unitization. By the previous Lemma,  $A'$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule and  $A^{\#\prime}$  is a Banach  $A^{\#\prime\prime}$ -bimodule.

Since  $A^{\#\prime\prime}$  is a unital Banach algebra and  $A^{\#\prime}$  is a unital  $A^{\#\prime\prime}$ -bimodule and  $A''$  is a maximal ideal of codimension one in  $A^{\#\prime\prime}$ , by 2.8.23 (iii) in [4] we can conclude that  $H^1(A^{\#\prime\prime}, A^{\#\prime}) = H^1(A'', A^{\#\prime})$ . Let  $D : A'' \rightarrow A^{\#\prime}$  be a bounded derivation. We define

$\bar{D} : A'' \longrightarrow A'$  by  $\bar{D}(F) = DF|_{A \times \{0\}}$ , for each  $F \in A''$ . Then  $\bar{D}$  is a bounded derivation (Note that  $\bar{D}F(a) = DF(a + 0e)$ . So  $\bar{D}F \in A'$ ). By (-1)-weakly amenability of  $A''$ , there exists  $f_0 \in A'$  such that for each  $F \in A''$ ,  $\bar{D}F = \delta_{f_0}F$ . Let  $D_1 = D - \bar{D}$ , then  $D_1$  is a bounded derivation. Now we show that  $D_1 = 0$  (Consider  $DF$  as an element in  $A'$  with its extension).

For  $F, G \in A''$ , there is  $(b_j)_j$  in  $A$  with  $\hat{b}_j \xrightarrow{w^*} G$ , then

$$e' \cdot G(a + \alpha e) = G((a + \alpha e)(0 + e')) = G(\alpha e') = \lim_j \hat{b}_j(\alpha e') = \lim_j \alpha e'(b_j) = 0.$$

On the other hand, since  $D : A'' \longrightarrow A^{\#\prime}$  and  $A^{\#\prime} = A' \oplus \mathbb{C}e'$ , for each  $F \in A''$  there are unique elements,  $\lambda_F \in A'$  and  $\alpha_F \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $DF = \lambda_F + \alpha_F e'$ . Since  $\bar{D}F = DF|_{A \times \{0\}}$ , and  $\bar{D}F = \lambda_F$  then  $D_1F = \alpha_F e'$ . So we have

$$D_1(F \cdot G) = D_1F \cdot G + F \cdot D_1G = \alpha_F(e' \cdot G) + \alpha_G(F \cdot e') = 0.$$

Since  $D_1$  is bounded then  $D_1|_{\overline{A''^2}} = 0$ . So by the essentiality of  $A''$ ,  $D_1 = 0$ , so  $D = \delta_{f_0}$  where  $f_0 = f_0 + 0e' \in A' \oplus \mathbb{C}e' = A^{\#\prime}$ . Therefore  $H^1(A^{\#\prime}, A^{\#\prime}) = H^1(A'', A^{\#\prime}) = \{0\}$ . □

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $A$  be an Arens regular Banach algebra,  $A^{\#\prime\prime}$  be (-1)-weakly amenable and  $H^2(A'', \mathbb{C}_0) = (0)$ . Then  $A''$  is (-1)-weakly amenable.*

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $A$  has not unit element and  $A^\# = A \oplus \mathbb{C}_0e$ . Then

$$\Sigma : 0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow A^\# \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_0 \longrightarrow 0$$

is an admissible short exact sequence and hence so is its dual,

$$\Sigma' : 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_0 \longrightarrow A^{\#\prime} \longrightarrow A' \longrightarrow 0.$$

Using 2.8.25 in [4] we have exact sequence

$$S : \dots \longrightarrow H^1(A'', \mathbb{C}_0) \longrightarrow H^1(A'', A^{\#\prime}) \longrightarrow H^1(A'', A') \longrightarrow H^2(A'', \mathbb{C}_0) \longrightarrow \dots,$$

from 2.8.23 (iii) in [4],  $H^1(A'', A^{\#\prime}) = H^1(A^{\#\prime\prime}, A^{\#\prime}) = (0)$ , since  $A^{\#\prime\prime}$  is (-1)-weakly amenable. Moreover  $H^2(A'', \mathbb{C}_0) = (0)$ , so in the exact sequence  $S$ ,  $H^1(A'', A^{\#\prime}) = H^2(A'', \mathbb{C}_0) = (0)$  then  $H^1(A'', A') = (0)$ . □

**Remark 2.** *The condition  $H^2(A'', \mathbb{C}_0) = (0)$  in Theorem 3 is not trivial. To this end, let  $B = \{f \in A(\overline{\mathbb{D}}) : f(0) = f'(0) = 0\}$  then  $B$  is a closed subalgebra of the disc algebra  $A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$ . Consider  $\mathbb{C}_0$  as the annihilator  $B$ -module i.e.  $B$  acts trivially on the left and right on  $\mathbb{C}_0$ . Now we define  $\mu : B \times B \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_0$ , by  $(f, g) \mapsto f'''(0)g'''(0)$ . Then  $\mu$  is a continuous functional for which  $\mu(f, g) = \mu(g, f)$ . If  $H^2(B, \mathbb{C}_0) = \{0\}$ , then for some  $\lambda \in B'$  we have  $\mu = \delta^1(\lambda)$  where*

$$\delta^1(\lambda)(f, g) = f \cdot \lambda g - \lambda(f \cdot g) + \lambda f \cdot g. \tag{1}$$

If for  $z \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$  we define  $f, g, h \in B$  by  $f(z) = z^2$ ,  $g(z) = z^4$  and  $h(z) = z^3$  then  $f'''(z) = 0$ ,  $g'''(z) = 24z$ ,  $h'''(z) = 6$  and we have  $\mu(f, g) = f'''(0)g'''(0) = 0$  and  $\mu(h, h) = 36$ . Since  $\mathbb{C}$  is an annihilator  $B$ -module then  $f \cdot \lambda g = \lambda f \cdot g = 0$ . On the other hand by (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(f, g) &= \delta^1(\lambda)(f, g) = -\lambda(f \cdot g), \\ \mu(h, h) &= \delta^1(\lambda)(h, h) = -\lambda(h \cdot h).\end{aligned}$$

So  $\lambda(f \cdot g) = 0$  and  $\lambda(h \cdot h) = -36$ . But  $f \cdot g(z) = z^2 \cdot z^4 = z^6 = h \cdot h(z)$ , which is a contradiction. So  $H^2(B, \mathbb{C}_0) \neq \{0\}$ .

Now consider  $\mu'' : B'' \times B'' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_0$ , and suppose that for some  $\Lambda \in B'''$  we have  $\mu'' = \delta^1(\Lambda)$  and so  $\Lambda(\widehat{f \cdot g}) = 0$  and  $\Lambda(\widehat{h \cdot h}) = -36$ , but  $f \cdot g = h \cdot h$ . So there is no  $\Lambda \in B'''$  with  $\mu'' = \delta^1(\Lambda)$ . Therefore  $H^2(B'', \mathbb{C}_0) \neq \{0\}$ .

The ext example shows that the converse of Theorem 1 is not true.

**Example 3.** By 4.1.42 in [4],  $H^2(l^p, \mathbb{C}_0) \neq \{0\}$  for  $p > 1$  and  $l^p$  is weakly amenable and reflexive. So  $l^p$  is (-1)-weakly amenable.

Since  $l^p$  has an approximate identity, then  $l^p = \overline{(l^p)^2}$  and by Theorem 2,  $(l^p)^\#$  is (-1)-weakly amenable (note that  $(l^p)^{\#\#} = (l^p)^{\#\#} \simeq l^{p\#}$ ).

A normed algebra  $A$  has  $\pi$ -property if there is a constant  $c > 0$  with  $\| \|a\|_\pi \leq c \|a\|$ , for  $a \in A^2$ , where  $\| \|a\|_\pi = \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|a_j\| \|b_j\| : a = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j b_j \right\}$ , for more details see [4]. By 2.8.21 in [4], a Banach algebra with  $H^2(A, \mathbb{C}_0) = \{0\}$  has  $\pi$ -property. Now, by using Theorem 3 we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra for which  $A'$  has  $\pi$ -property. If  $A^{\#\#}$  is (-1)-weakly amenable, then  $A'$  is (-1)-weakly amenable.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $A$  be an Arens regular Banach algebra and  $A^{\#\#}$  is (-1)-weakly amenable. If  $G(DF) = -F(DG)$ , for each  $D \in Z^1(A'', A')$  and each  $F, G \in A''$ . Then  $A''$  is (-1)-weakly amenable.

*Proof.* Let  $D \in Z^1(A'', A')$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned}D^\# : A'' &\longrightarrow A^{\#'} \\ D^\#(F)(\alpha e + a) &:= D(F)(a).\end{aligned}$$

We prove  $D^\#$  is a derivation. Let  $F, G \in A''$ , then there are nets  $(a_i)_i$  and  $(b_j)_j$  in  $A$  such that  $a_i \xrightarrow{w^*} F$  and  $b_j \xrightarrow{w^*} G$  and for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $a \in A$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}D^\# F \cdot G(\alpha e + a) &= G((\alpha e + a) \cdot D^\# F) = \lim_j ((\alpha e + a) \cdot D^\# F)(b_j) \\ &= \lim_j DF(\alpha b_j + b_j a) = \lim_j \alpha \cdot \hat{b}_j(DF) + \lim_j \hat{b}_j(a \cdot DF).\end{aligned}$$

So  $(D^\# F \cdot G)(\alpha e + a) = \alpha G(DF) + G(a \cdot DF)$  and similarly

$$(F \cdot D^\# G)(\alpha e + a) = \alpha F(DG) + F(DG \cdot a).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}(D^\# F \cdot G + F \cdot D^\# G)(ae + a) &= \alpha G(DF) + G(a \cdot DF) + \alpha F(DG) + F(DG \cdot a) \\ &= \alpha (G(DF) + F(DG)) + F \cdot DG(a) + DF \cdot G(a) \\ &= (F \cdot DG + DF \cdot G)(a) = D^\#(F \cdot G)(a + \alpha e).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $D^\#$  is a bounded derivation and there exists  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_0 + \alpha_0 e' \in A^{\#'}$  such that  $D^\#(F) = \delta_{\lambda_1}(F)$ , for  $F \in A''$  (Note that since  $A^{\#'} = A' \oplus \mathbb{C}e'$ ,  $\lambda_0 \in A'$  and  $\alpha_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  are unique and  $H^1(A'', A^{\#'}) = H^1(A''^\#, A^{\#'}) = (0)$ ). We show that  $D = \delta_{\lambda_0}$ . Toward this end, let  $F \in A''$  and  $a \in A$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}(DF)(a) &= D^\# F(a + 0e) = \delta_{\lambda_1}(F)(a + 0e) = (F \cdot \lambda_1 - \lambda_1 \cdot F)(a + 0e) \\ &= F(\lambda_1 \cdot (a + 0e) - (a + 0e) \cdot \lambda_1) \\ &= F((\lambda_0 + \alpha_0 e')(a + 0e) - (a + 0e)(\lambda_0 + \alpha_0 e')) \\ &= F(\lambda_0 \cdot a - a \cdot \lambda_0) = (F \cdot \lambda_0 - \lambda_0 \cdot F)(a) = \delta_{\lambda_0}(F)(a).\end{aligned}$$

So  $D = \delta_{\lambda_0}$ . Therefore  $A''$  is (-1)-weakly amenable.  $\square$

The following example shows that the condition in Theorem 4, is not trivial.

**Example 4.** Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be the unit circle and  $A = \text{lip}_\alpha \mathbb{T}$ . Let  $(\hat{F}(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(\hat{g}(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are the Fourier coefficients of  $F \in \text{Lip}_\alpha \mathbb{T}$  and  $g \in \text{lip}_\alpha \mathbb{T}$ . We define  $D$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}D : A'' &\rightarrow A' \\ DF(g) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} n \hat{g}(n) \hat{F}(n).\end{aligned}$$

So  $D$  is a derivation which is not inner.

Since  $(\text{lip}_\alpha \mathbb{T})'' = \text{Lip}_\alpha \mathbb{T}$ , then for  $F, G \in \text{Lip}_\alpha \mathbb{T}$  there are  $(f_\alpha)_\alpha$  and  $(g_\beta)_\beta$  in  $\text{lip}_\alpha \mathbb{T}$  such that  $F = w^* - \lim_\alpha \hat{f}_\alpha$  and  $G = w^* - \lim_\beta \hat{g}_\beta$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}DF_\alpha(g_\beta) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} n \hat{g}_\beta(n) \hat{f}_\alpha(-n) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} (-n) \hat{g}_\beta(-n) \hat{f}_\alpha(n) \\ &= - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} n \hat{g}_\beta(-n) \cdot \hat{f}_\alpha(n) = -(Dg_\beta)(f_\alpha).\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_\beta \lim_\alpha Df_\alpha(g_\beta) &= \lim_\beta DF(g_\beta) = \lim_\beta \hat{g}_\beta DF = G(DF), \\ \lim_\beta \lim_\alpha Dg_\beta(f_\alpha) &= \lim_\alpha \lim_\beta Dg_\beta(f_\alpha) = \lim_\alpha DG(f_\alpha) = F(DG).\end{aligned}$$

So  $F(DG) = -G(DF)$  where  $D$  is a non-inner derivation.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $A$  be a unital Banach algebra and  $A''$  is commutative and  $(-1)$ -weakly amenable. Then  $Z^1(A'', E) = (0)$ , for each Banach  $A''$ -module  $E$ .

*Proof.* Let  $E$  be a Banach left  $A''$ -module and define  $x \cdot F =: F \cdot x$  for each  $F \in A''$  and  $x \in E$ . Then  $E$  is a Banach right  $A''$ -module and commutativity of  $A''$  implies that  $E$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule (of course  $E$  is an  $A$ -bimodule and  $E'$  is an  $A''$ -bimodule).

Let  $e$  be the unit element in  $A$ , and let  $D$  be a non-zero derivation in  $Z^1(A'', E)$ . Then for some  $F_0 \in A''$ , we have  $DF_0 \neq 0$ , so there exists  $\lambda \in E'$  such that  $\lambda(DF_0) = 1$ . We define

$$R : E \longrightarrow A' \\ R(x)(a) = \lambda(\hat{a} \cdot x), \quad (a \in A, x \in X).$$

$R$  is a bounded linear map. Now  $R \circ D : A'' \longrightarrow A'$  is a bounded derivation since

$$R \circ D(F \cdot G)(a) = R(DF \cdot G + F \cdot DG)(a) = \lambda(\hat{a} \cdot (DF \cdot G) + \hat{a} \cdot (F \cdot DG)) \\ = G \cdot \lambda(\hat{a} \cdot DF) + F \cdot \lambda(\hat{a} \cdot DG).$$

On the other hand for  $G = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \hat{b}_{\alpha}$  and  $x \in E$ , the net  $(\hat{b}_{\alpha} \cdot x)_{\alpha}$  is a bounded net in  $E''$ , so  $\widehat{b_{\alpha} \cdot x} \xrightarrow{w^*} G \cdot x$ , especially  $\lambda(G \cdot x) = \lim \lambda(\hat{b}_{\alpha} \cdot x)$  and we have

$$(R(DF) \cdot G)(a) = \lim_{\alpha} (R(DF) \cdot a)(b_{\alpha}) \\ = \lim_{\alpha} R(DF)(a \cdot b_{\alpha}) = \lim_{\alpha} \lambda(\widehat{a \cdot b_{\alpha}} \cdot DF) \\ = \lambda \cdot G(\hat{a} \cdot DF) = G \cdot \lambda(\hat{a} \cdot DF).$$

Similarly  $(F \cdot R(DG))(a) = F \cdot \lambda(a \cdot DG)$ .

Therefore  $R \circ D$  is a derivation in  $Z^1(A'', A')$ . Now, since  $A''$  is  $(-1)$ -weakly amenable and commutative then  $R \circ D = 0$ . But  $R \circ D(F_0)(e) = R(DF_0)(e) = \lambda(e \cdot DF_0) = 1$ , which is a contradiction. So  $D = 0$  and we have  $Z^1(A'', E) = 0$   $\square$

Now we recall some Theorems which are used in the following corollaries.

**Theorem 6.** For a commutative Banach algebra  $A$ , if  $A$  is weakly amenable, then  $Z^1(A, E) = (0)$  for each Banach  $A$ -module  $E$ .

**Theorem 7.** Let  $A$  be a commutative Banach algebra. Then  $A$  is weakly amenable if and only if  $A^{\#}$  is weakly amenable.

See [2] and [4] for proofs of Theorems 6 and 7, respectively.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $A$  be an Arens regular commutative Banach algebra. Then  $A^{\#\#}$  is  $(-1)$ -weakly amenable if and only if  $A''$  is weakly amenable.

*Proof.* Let  $A''$  be weakly amenable then by Theorem 7,  $A^{\#}$  is weakly amenable. Since  $A$  is Arens regular then by Lemma 1,  $A^{\#\#}$  is a Banach  $A^{\#\#}$ -bimodul, so  $H^1(A^{\#\#}, A^{\#\#}) = \{0\}$ .

For the converse, let  $A^{\#\#}$  is  $(-1)$ -weakly amenable. Using Theorem 5,  $A^{\#\#}$  is weakly amenable, so by Theorem 7,  $A''$  is weakly amenable.  $\square$



**Corollary 3.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $A''$  be commutative and  $(-1)$ -weakly amenable, for which  $A'' \cdot A = A''$ . Then  $A''$  is  $(-1)$ -weakly amenable if and only if  $A^{\#\#}$  is  $(-1)$ -weakly amenable.*

*Proof.* If  $A''$  is commutative and  $(-1)$ -weakly amenable, and also  $A'' \cdot A = A''$  then it is proved that  $Z1(A'', E) = 0$  for each Banach  $A''$ -module  $E$ . Now use Theorems 6 and 7.  $\square$

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