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On Some Homological Properties of Hypergroup Algebras with Relation to Their Character Spaces

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In this paper, we study the notion of approximate biprojectivity and left φ -biprojectivity of some Banach algebras, where φ is a character. Indeed, we show that approximate biprojectivity of the hypergroup algebra $L^1(K)$ implies that K is compact. Moreover, we investigate left φ -biprojectivity of certain hypergroup algebras, namely, abstract Segal algebras. As a main result, we conclude that (with some mild conditions) the abstract Segal algebra B is left φ -biprojective if and only if K is compact, where K is a hypergroup. We also study the approximate biflatness and left φ -biflatness of hypergroup algebras in terms of amenability of their related hypergroups.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Hypergroups are a suitable generalization of classical locally compact groups. In classical setting, the convolution of two point mass measures is a point mass measure, while in hypergroup structure, the convolution of two point mass measures is a probability measure with compact support. The study of hypergroups was initiated in the 1970s by Dunkl [1], Jewett [2], and Spector [3], each of them in various axioms. However, in this paper, we will base our work on Jewett's axioms in [2].

Biprojectivity is an important homological notion that arises naturally in Helemskii's works in the 1980s; interested readers can refer to his comprehensive book [4]. Biprojectivity of some well-known Banach algebras associated to locally compact groups, such as group algebras and measure algebras, is studied in [4, 5]. Biprojectivity of the hypergroup algebra $L^1(K)$ is studied in [6]. As a generalization of this notion, Y. Zhang in [7] introduced the notion of approximate biprojectivity. Indeed, a Banach algebra A is called approximately biprojective if there exists a net (ρ_α) of continuous A -bimodule morphism from A into $A^\wedge \otimes A$ such that $\pi_A \circ \rho_\alpha(a) \rightarrow a$ for every $a \in A$, where

$\pi_A: A^\wedge \otimes A \rightarrow A$ is the diagonal operator defined by $\pi_A(a \otimes b) = ab$. For recent works about this concept, refer to [8].

Throughout the paper, $\Delta(A)$ stands for the set of all nonzero multiplicative linear functionals on A . Kaniuth et al. [9] introduced the notion of left φ -amenable Banach algebras ($\varphi \in \Delta(A)$) as a generalization of the notion of amenable Banach algebras introduced by Johnson in [10]. A Banach algebra A is called left φ -amenable if every derivation D from A into X^* is inner, for every Banach A -bimodule X with the left module action $a \cdot x = \varphi(a)x$ for all $a \in A$ and $x \in X$.

Hu et al. in [11] defined the notion of left φ -contractibility for Banach algebras. Following [12], a Banach algebra A is called left φ -contractible, where $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$, if there exists $\mathbf{m} \in A$ such that $a\mathbf{m} = \varphi(a)\mathbf{m}$ and $\varphi(\mathbf{m}) = 1$, for every $a \in A$. For a locally compact group G , it is shown that left φ -contractibility of $L^1(G)$ (or $M(G)$) is equivalent to compactness of G (Theorem 6.1 in [15]).

Motivated by these considerations, the first author defined the homological notion of left φ -biprojectivity for Banach algebras (see, e.g., [13]). Here is the definition of his new notion. A Banach algebra A is called left φ -biprojective,

where $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$, if there exists a bounded linear map $\rho: A \rightarrow A^\wedge \otimes A$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(ab) &= a \cdot \rho(b) = \varphi(b)\rho(a), \\ \varphi^\circ \pi_A \circ \rho(a) &= \varphi(a), \quad (a, b \in A). \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The right case can be similarly defined.

The first and the second authors in [13] explained the relation between left φ -contractibility and left φ -biprojectivity. They proved that left φ -contractibility implies left φ -biprojectivity, and the converse is valid if A is commutative or has a left approximate identity.

We give some brief backgrounds on hypergroups and their related algebras and establish our notation; for details, see [14]. Let K be a locally compact Hausdorff space and $M(K)$ denote the set of all bounded complex Radon measures on K , where the norm of each measure $\mu \in M(K)$ is the total variation $|\mu|$. Also, we denote by $\mathcal{C}(K)$ the set of all nonempty compact subsets of K and equipped this space with the Michael topology, that is, the topology generated by the sets

$$U_{V,W} := \{L \in \mathcal{C}(K): L \cap V \neq \emptyset, \quad L \subseteq W\}, \tag{2}$$

for open subsets V and W in K .

The space K is called a hypergroup if there is a convolution $*$: $M(K) \times M(K) \rightarrow M(K)$, an involution $x \mapsto \bar{x}$ on K , and an element $e \in K$ (called the identity element) such that the following holds:

- (i) $(M(K), *)$ is a Banach algebra.
- (ii) $\delta_x * \delta_y$ is a probability measure with compact support.
- (iii) The map $(x, y) \mapsto \delta_x * \delta_y$ is continuous from $K \times K$ into $M(K)$ equipped with the weak $*$ topology.
- (iv) The map $(x, y) \mapsto \text{supp}(\delta_x * \delta_y)$ is continuous from $K \times K$ into $\mathcal{C}(K)$.
- (v) For each $x \in K$, $\delta_x * \delta_e = \delta_e * \delta_x = \delta_x$.
- (vi) The mapping $x \mapsto \bar{x}$ is a homeomorphism on K of period 2 and $(\delta_x * \delta_y)^\wedge = \delta_{\bar{y}} * \delta_{\bar{x}}$ and $e \in \text{supp}(\delta_x * \delta_y)$ if and only if $x = \bar{y}$ for each $x, y \in K$. Here, the measure μ^\wedge is given by $\mu^\wedge(E) = \mu(\bar{E})$ for all Borel subsets $E \subseteq K$.

A hypergroup K is called commutative if $\delta_x * \delta_y = \delta_y * \delta_x$ for all $x, y \in K$. In [2, 3], it is proved that every commutative or compact hypergroup has a unique (left) Haar measure. The existence and the uniqueness of left Haar measure on a general locally compact hypergroup were proved recently by Chapovsky in [15]. Throughout this paper, we assume that K is a hypergroup with a unique Haar measure ω_K . That is,

$$\int_K f(x * y) d\omega_K(y) = \int_K f(y) d\omega_K(y), \quad (x \in K), \tag{3}$$

for every Borel measurable function f on K . Then, $(L^1(K), \|\cdot\|_1)$ with the involution $f^*(x) = \overline{f(\bar{x})}$ and the convolution

$$f * g(x) = \int_K f(y)g(\bar{y} * x) d\omega_K(y), \tag{4}$$

is a Banach $*$ -algebra, where $f(x * y) = \int_K f d(\delta_x * \delta_y)$ for every $x, y \in K$. A nonzero bounded continuous function $\chi: K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called a character on K if $\chi(x * y) = \chi(x)\chi(y)$ for every $x, y \in K$. The set of all characters on K will be denoted by $Y_b(K)$, i.e.,

$$Y_b(K) = \{\chi \in C_b(K): \chi \neq 0, \chi(x * y) = \chi(x)\chi(y) \quad (x, y \in K)\}. \tag{5}$$

For $\chi \in Y_b(K)$, define φ_χ on $L^1(K)$ via

$$\varphi_\chi(f) = \int_K \overline{\chi(s)} f(s) d\omega_K(s). \tag{6}$$

It may be observed that $\varphi_\chi \in \Delta(L^1(K))$, and note that there is at least one character on $L^1(K)$, namely, the augmentation character φ_1 . Further, if K is commutative, it is well-known that there is no other character on $L^1(K)$; that is, $\Delta(L^1(K)) = \{\varphi_\chi: \chi \in Y_b(K)\}$. For more details, see Section 2.2 in [3].

In the present paper, we show that approximate biprojectivity of hypergroup algebra $L^1(K)$ implies that K is compact. After that, we study left φ -biprojectivity of general abstract Segal algebras with respect to the hypergroup algebra $L^1(K)$. As a result (with a mild condition), we conclude that the abstract Segal algebra B is left φ -biprojective if and only if K is compact. We also study approximate biflatness and left ϕ -biflatness of some hypergroup algebras in terms of amenability of their related hypergroups.

2. Approximate Biprojectivity and Left φ -Biprojectivity of Hypergroup Algebras

Recall that if A is a Banach algebra and I is a closed two-sided ideal in \mathcal{A} , then for each $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$ such that $I \subseteq \ker \varphi$, the map $\overline{\varphi}(a + I) = \varphi(a)$ is a character on (A/I) .

Proposition 1. *Let A be a Banach algebra, $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$, and let $I \subseteq \ker \varphi$ be a closed two-sided ideal of A such that $\overline{AI} = I$. If A is left φ -biprojective, then (A/I) is left $\overline{\varphi}$ -biprojective.*

Proof. Since A is left φ -biprojective, there is a bounded linear map $\rho: A \rightarrow A^\wedge \otimes A$ such that $a \cdot \rho(b) = \rho(ab) = \varphi(b)\rho(a)$ and $\varphi^\circ \pi_A \circ \rho(a) = \varphi(a)$ for every $a \in A$. Consider the quotient map $q: A \rightarrow (A/I)$. It may be noted that

$$(id_A \otimes q) \circ \rho(at) = id_A \otimes q(\varphi(t)\rho(a)) = 0 \quad (a \in A, t \in I). \tag{7}$$

By the assumption $\overline{AI} = I$, we have $(id_A \otimes q) \circ \rho|_I = 0$. Thus, $(id_A \otimes q) \circ \rho$ can be dropped on (A/I) . Define $\eta: (A/I) \rightarrow (A/I)^\wedge \otimes (A/I)$ by $\eta = (q \otimes id_{(A/I)}) \circ (id_A \otimes q) \circ \rho$. It may be observed that

$$\overline{\varphi} \circ \pi_{(A/I)} \circ \eta(a + I) = \varphi(a) = \overline{\varphi}(a + I) \quad (a \in A). \tag{8}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta((a + I)(b + I)) &= (q \otimes id_{(A/I)})^\circ (id_A \otimes q)^\circ \rho(ab) \\ &= (q \otimes id_{(A/I)})^\circ (id_A \otimes q)^\circ (a \cdot \rho(b)) \\ &= a \cdot (q \otimes id_{(A/I)})^\circ (id_A \otimes q)^\circ \rho(b) \\ &= (a + I) \cdot \eta(b + I), \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned} \eta((a + I)(b + I)) &= (q \otimes id_{(A/I)})^\circ (id_A \otimes q)^\circ \rho(ab) \\ &= (q \otimes id_{(A/I)})^\circ (id_A \otimes q)^\circ (\varphi(b)\rho(a)) \\ &= a \cdot (q \otimes id_{(A/I)})^\circ (id_A \otimes q)^\circ \rho(a) \\ &= \bar{\varphi}(b + I)\eta(a + I). \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Hence, (A/I) is left $\bar{\varphi}$ -biprojective.

Corollary 1. *Let A be a Banach algebra with a left approximate identity and $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$. If $I \subseteq \ker \varphi$ is a closed two-sided ideal of A and A is left φ -biprojective, then (A/I) is left $\bar{\varphi}$ -biprojective.*

In the group case, it is well-known that the group algebra $L^1(K)$ is biprojective if and only if G is compact (see, for example, [4]). In the similar way, in Theorem 3.1 in [6], it is shown that if the hypergroup algebra $L^1(K)$ is biprojective, then K is compact. In the following, we give a generalization of this result and characterize approximate biprojectivity of the hypergroup algebra $L^1(K)$.

Theorem 1. *Let K be a locally compact hypergroup. If the hypergroup algebra $L^1(K)$ is approximately biprojective, then K is compact.*

Proof. Let $L^1(K)$ be approximately biprojective. Since $L^1(K)$ has a bounded approximate identity (Theorem 1.6.15 in [3]), the hypergroup algebra $L^1(K)$ is left φ -contractible for every $\varphi \in \Delta(L^1(K))$ (Theorem 3.9 in [20]). Consider the augmentation character on $L^1(K)$ via

$$\varphi_1(f) = \int_K f d\omega_K. \tag{11}$$

So, there exists $\mathbf{m} \in L^1(K)$ satisfying $f * \mathbf{m} = \varphi_1(f)\mathbf{m}$ and $\varphi_1(\mathbf{m}) = 1$ for every $f \in L^1(K)$. Choose $f \in L^1(K)$ such that $\varphi_1(f) = 1$. It is worth noting that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_x * \mathbf{m} &= \varphi_1(f)\delta_x * \mathbf{m}, \\ &= \delta_x * (\varphi_1(f)\mathbf{m}), \\ &= \delta_x * (f * \mathbf{m}), \\ &= (\delta_x * f) * \mathbf{m}, \\ &= \varphi_1(\delta_x * f)\mathbf{m}. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Since $\delta_{\bar{x}} * \omega_K = \omega_K$, we have $\varphi_1(\delta_x * f) = \varphi_1(f)$. Thus, $\delta_x * \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}$. It follows that \mathbf{m} is a constant function. Therefore, K is compact (page 40 in [3]).

We study left ϕ -biprojectivity of abstract Segal algebras. So, we start with definition of abstract Segal algebras.

Definition 1. Let A be a Banach algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|_A$. We say that a Banach algebra B with norm $\|\cdot\|_B$ is an abstract Segal algebra with respect to A if

- (i) B is a dense left ideal in A
- (ii) There exists $M > 0$ such that $\|b\|_A \leq M\|b\|_B$ for every $b \in B$
- (iii) There exists $C > 0$ such that $\|ab\|_B \leq C\|a\|_A\|b\|_B$ for every $a \in A$ and $b \in B$

Moreover, we say that B is a *symmetric abstract Segal algebras* if B is a two-sided ideal of A and there exists $C > 0$ such that $\|ba\|_B \leq C\|a\|_A\|b\|_B$ for every $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

For more details about abstract Segal algebras, see [16]. We note that there are some abstract Segal algebras which are not symmetric. Homological and cohomological properties of abstract Segal algebras have been studied in many papers (see, for example, [17–19]). Recall that it is known that $\Delta(B) = \{\varphi|_B : \varphi \in \Delta(A)\}$ (see Lemma 2.2 in [1]). It is worthwhile to mention that Essmaili et al. in [6] studied right φ -biprojectivity (they called it condition Q) of Banach algebras associated with a hypergroup, especially symmetric Segal algebras. As a main result, they showed that if K is a commutative hypergroup and B is a symmetric abstract Segal algebra with respect to $L^1(K)$, then B is right $\varphi|_B$ -biprojective if and only if K is compact, where $\varphi \in \Delta(L^1(K))$. In the following, using Theorem 1, we extend the left version of (Corollary 3.11 in [6]).

Theorem 2. *Let K be a locally compact hypergroup, $\varphi_\chi \in \Delta(L^1(K))$, and let B be an abstract Segal algebra with respect to $L^1(K)$ which possess a left approximate identity. Then, the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) B is left $\varphi_\chi|_B$ -biprojective
- (ii) K is compact

Proof. Suppose that B is left $\varphi_\chi|_B$ -biprojective. Applying Proposition 1 in [18], B is left $\varphi_\chi|_B$ -contractible. By Proposition 2.5 in [1], $L^1(K)$ is left φ_χ -contractible. By similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 1, K is compact.

Conversely, let K be compact with the normalized Haar measure ω_K (page 40 in [3]). Then, for each $\chi \in \Upsilon_b(K)$, we have

$$\int_K |\chi(x)| d\omega_K(x) = \int_K \lambda d\omega_K(x) = \lambda|\omega(K)| = \lambda \infty, \tag{13}$$

for some $\lambda > 0$. So, $\chi \in L^1(K)$. Put $\mathbf{m} = (\chi/\lambda^2)$. We claim that $f * \mathbf{m} = \varphi_\chi(f)\mathbf{m}$ and $\varphi_\chi(\mathbf{m}) = 1$ for every $f \in L^1(K)$. To see this,

$$\begin{aligned} f * \chi(x) &= \int_K f(y)\chi(\bar{y} * x) d\omega_K(y) \\ &= \int_K f(y)\bar{\chi}(y)\chi(x) d\omega_K(y) = \varphi_\chi(f)\chi(x), \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_\chi(\chi) &= \int_K \bar{\chi}(x)\chi(x)d\omega_K(x) = \int_K |\chi(x)|^2 d\omega_K(x) \\ &= \lambda^2 |\omega(K)| = \lambda^2.\end{aligned}\quad (15)$$

So, $L^1(K)$ is left φ_χ -contractible. Using Proposition 2.5 in [1] again, B is left $\varphi_\chi|_B$ -contractible. Hence, B is left $\varphi_\chi|_B$ -biprojective (Lemma 1 in [18]).

3. Approximate Biflatness and Left φ -Biflatness of Hypergroup Algebras

In this section, we study approximate biflatness and left φ -biflatness of some algebras related to a hypergroup.

We remind that a Banach algebra A is called approximately biflat if there exists a net (ρ_α) of A -bimodule morphisms from $(A^\wedge \otimes A)^*$ into A^* such that $\rho_\alpha \circ \pi_A^* \xrightarrow{W^*} \text{OT id}_{A^*}$. Here, $W^* \text{OT}$ stands for the weak $*$ operator topology (see [20]).

Following [21], a locally compact hypergroup K is called left amenable if there exists a left invariant mean on $LUC(K)$. That is, a bounded linear functional $\mu: LUC(K) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $\mu(1) = \|\mu\| = 1$ and $\mu(l_x f) = \mu(f)$ for all $f \in LUC(K)$ and $x \in K$.

Proposition 2. *Let K be a locally compact hypergroup and let B be an abstract Segal algebra with respect to $L^1(K)$ which possess a left approximate identity. If B is approximately biflat, then K is left amenable.*

Proof. Suppose that B is approximately biflat and fix a character $\varphi \in \Delta(B)$. Since B has a left approximate identity, by Proposition 2.4 in [22], B is left φ -amenable. Now, Proposition 2.3 in [1] follows that $L^1(K)$ is left φ -amenable. Applying Theorem 3.5 in [14], we conclude that K is left amenable.

Corollary 2. *Let K be a locally compact hypergroup and let B be an abstract Segal algebra with respect to $L^1(K)$ which possess a left approximate identity. If B^{**} is approximately biflat, then K is left amenable.*

Proof. Fix a character $\varphi \in \Delta(L^1(K))$. Since B has a left approximate identity, similar to the arguments as in the proof of (Theorem 2.2 in [23]), approximately biflatness of B^{**} follows that B is left $\varphi|_B$ -amenable. It deduces that $L^1(K)$ is left φ -amenable. Thus, by Theorem 3.5 in [14], K is left amenable.

Let A be a Banach algebra and $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$. Then, A is called left φ -biflat if there exists a bounded linear map $\rho: A \rightarrow (A^\wedge \otimes A)^{**}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(ab) &= a \cdot \rho(b) = \varphi(b)\rho(a), \\ \tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_A^* \circ \rho(a) &= \varphi(a), \quad (a, b \in A).\end{aligned}\quad (16)$$

Here, $\tilde{\varphi}: A^{**} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a unique extension of φ which is defined by $\tilde{\varphi}(F)F(\varphi)$ for all $F \in A^{**}$. The right case can be defined similarly. For further information, see [24].

Theorem 3. *Let K be a locally compact hypergroup, $\varphi_\chi \in \Delta(L^1(K))$, and let B be an abstract Segal algebra with respect to $L^1(K)$ which possess a left approximate identity. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) B is left φ -biflat
- (ii) K is left amenable
- (iii) B^{**} is left φ -biflat

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let B be left φ -biflat. Since B has a left approximate identity, by Lemma 2.1 in [21], B is left φ -amenable. It follows that $L^1(K)$ is left φ -amenable. Now, applying Theorem 3.5 in [14], we conclude that K is left amenable.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) Let K be a left amenable hypergroup. Then, by Theorem 3.5 in [14], $L^1(K)$ is left φ -amenable. Now, by Proposition 2.3 in [1], B is left φ -amenable. Using Proposition 3.4 in [13], B^{**} is left φ -amenable and then Lemma 2.3 in [25] implies that B^{**} is left φ -biflat.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) Suppose that B^{**} is left φ -biflat. Then, by Theorem 2.2 in [21], B is left φ -biflat.

Suppose that $1 \leq p < \infty$ and K is a locally compact hypergroup. Set $S_p(K) = L^1(K) \cap L^p(K)$ with the norm

$$\|f\|_S = \|f\|_1 + \|f\|_p. \quad (17)$$

$S_p(K)$ becomes an abstract Segal algebra with respect to $L^1(K)$. It is known that $S_p(K)$ possess a left approximate identity (see [2]).

The following corollary is an easy consequence of Proposition 2 and Corollary 2.

Corollary 3. *Let K be a locally compact hypergroup and $1 \leq p < \infty$. If $S_p(K)^{**}$ (or $S_p(K)$) is approximately biflat, then K is left amenable.*

Example 1. In this example, we give a Banach algebra which is left φ -biflat but it is not right φ -biflat.

Let A be a Banach space with $\dim A > 1$ and $\varphi \in A^*$ be a nonzero functional such that $\|\varphi\| = 1$. Define a multiplication in A via $a * b = \varphi(a)b$, for all $a, b \in A$. It is easy to see that A is a Banach algebra and $\Delta(A) = \{\varphi\}$. We denote the unitization of A with A^\sharp . It is known that A is a closed ideal in A^\sharp . Moreover, φ has an extension to A^\sharp , that is, $\varphi_e: A^\sharp \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ which is given by $\varphi_e(a + \lambda e) = \varphi(a) + \lambda$ for all $a \in A$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. We claim that A^\sharp is left φ_e -biflat but it is not right φ_e -biflat. To see this, we know that A is left φ -amenable, applying Lemma 3.2 in [13], it follows that A^\sharp is left φ_e -amenable. It gives that A^\sharp is left φ_e -biflat. Now, assume conversely that A^\sharp is right φ_e -biflat. Since A^\sharp is unital, $(A^\sharp)^{**}$ has an element $m = \rho(e)$ such that $ma = \varphi(a)m$ and $\tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_{A_e}^* (m) = 1$, for all $a \in A$. Following the similar arguments as in Theorem 1.4 in [13], we have a bounded net (m_α) in A_e such that $m_\alpha a - \varphi(a)m_\alpha \rightarrow 0$ and $\varphi(m_\alpha) = 1$, for all $a \in A_e$. Pick an element a_0 in A such that $\varphi(a_0) = 1$. Replace (m_α) with $(a_0 m_\alpha)$, we may suppose that (m_α) is a bounded net in A such that $m_\alpha a - \varphi(a)m_\alpha \rightarrow 0$ and $\varphi(m_\alpha) = 1$, for all $a \in A$. However,

$$1a - \varphi(a)m_\alpha = \varphi(m_\alpha)a - \varphi(a)m_\alpha = am_\alpha - \varphi(a)m_\alpha \longrightarrow 0, \quad (18)$$

for all $a \in A$. Let a be any element in $\ker\varphi$ and put it at above fact. It follows that $\ker\varphi = (0)$. So, φ is an isomorphism. Therefore, $\dim A = \dim C = 1$ which is a contradiction.

Data Availability

The data that support the findings of this study are available from all the authors.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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