

AMENABILITY AND WEAK AMENABILITY OF LIPSCHITZ OPERATORS ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. In a recent paper by H.X. Cao, J.H. Zhang and Z.B. Xu a α -Lipschitz operator from a compact metric space into a Banach space A is defined and characterized in a natural way in the sense that $F : K \rightarrow A$ is a α -Lipschitz operator if and only if for each $\sigma \in X^*$ the mapping $\sigma \circ F$ is a α -Lipschitz function. The Lipschitz operators algebras $L^\alpha(K, A)$ and $l^\alpha(K, A)$ are developed here further, and we study their amenability and weak amenability of these algebras. Moreover, we prove an interesting result that $L^\alpha(K, A)$ and $l^\alpha(K, A)$ are isometrically isomorphic to $L^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$ and $l^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$ respectively.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let (K, d) be compact metric space with at least two elements and $(X, \| \cdot \|)$ be a Banach space over the scalar field \mathbf{F} ($= \mathbf{R}$ or \mathbf{C}). For a constant $\alpha > 0$ and an operator $T : K \rightarrow X$, set

$$L_\alpha(T) := \sup_{s \neq t} \frac{\| T(t) - T(s) \|}{d(s, t)^\alpha}, \quad (1)$$

which is called the Lipschitz constant of T . Define

$$\begin{aligned} T_\alpha(x, y) &= \frac{T(x) - T(y)}{d(x, y)^\alpha}, \quad x \neq y \\ L^\alpha(K, X) &= \{T : K \rightarrow X \quad : \quad L_\alpha(T) < \infty\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$l^\alpha(K, X) = \{T : K \rightarrow X \quad : \quad \| T_\alpha(x, y) \| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad d(x, y) \rightarrow 0\}.$$

The elements of $L^\alpha(K, X)$ and $l^\alpha(K, X)$ are called big and little Lipschitz operators, respectively [1].

Let $C(K, X)$ be the set of all continuous operators from K into X and for each $T \in C(K, X)$, define

$$\| T \|_\infty = \sup_{x \in K} \| T(x) \|$$

For S, T in $C(K, X)$ and λ in F , define

$$(S + T)(x) = S(x) + T(x) \quad , \quad (\lambda T)(x) = \lambda T(x), \quad (x \in X).$$

It is easy to see that $(C(K, X), \| \cdot \|_\infty)$ becomes a Banach space over F and $L^\alpha(K, X)$ is a linear subspace of $C(K, X)$. For each element T of $L^\alpha(K, X)$, define $\| T \|_\alpha = L_\alpha(T) + \| T \|_\infty$.

In their papers[3,4], Cao, Zhang and Xu proved that $(L^\alpha(K, X), \| \cdot \|_\alpha)$ is a Banach space over F and $l^\alpha(K, X)$ is a closed linear subspace of $(L^\alpha(K, X), \| \cdot \|_\alpha)$. Now, let $(A, \| \cdot \|)$ be a unital Banach algebra with unit e . In this paper, we show that $(L^\alpha(K, A), \| \cdot \|_\alpha)$ is a Banach algebra under pointwise and scalar multiplication and $l^\alpha(K, A)$ is a closed linear subalgebra of $(L^\alpha(K, A), \| \cdot \|_\alpha)$ and study many aspects of these algebras. The spaces $L^\alpha(K, A)$ and $l^\alpha(K, A)$ are called big and little Lipschitz operators algebras. Note that Lipschitz operators algebras are, in fact, extensions of Lipschitz algebras. Sherbert [12, 13], Weaver [14, 15], Honary and Mahyar [7], Johnson [9], Alimohammadi and Ebadian[1], Ebadian[6], Bade, Curtis and Dales[2], studied some properties of Lipschitz algebras. Finally, we will study (weak) amenability of Lipschitz operators algebras.

2.CHARACTERIZATIONS OF LIPSCHITZ OPERATORS ALGEBRAS

In this section, let (K, d) be a compact metric space which has at least two elements and $(A, \| \cdot \|)$ to denote a unital Banach algebra over the scalar field $F(= \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C})$.

Theorem 2.1. $L^\alpha(K, A), \| \cdot \|_\alpha$ is a Banach algebra over F and $l^\alpha(K, A)$ is a closed linear subspace of $(L^\alpha(K, A), \| \cdot \|_\alpha)$.

Proof. As we have already $L^\alpha(K, A)$ is a Banach space and $l^\alpha(K, A)$ is a closed linear subspace if it. Now let $T, S \in L^\alpha(K, A)$, and define

$$(TS)(t) = T(t)S(t) \quad (t \in K).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|TS\|_\alpha &= \|TS\|_\infty + L_\alpha(TS) \\
 &\leq \|T\|_\infty \|S\|_\infty + \sup_{t \neq s} \frac{\|T(t)S(t) - T(s)S(s)\|}{d(t,s)^\alpha} \\
 &\leq \|T\|_\infty \|S\|_\infty + \|T\|_\infty L_\alpha(S) + \|S\|_\infty L_\alpha(T) \\
 &\leq (\|T\|_\infty + L_\alpha(T))(\|S\|_\infty + L_\alpha(S)) \\
 &= \|T\|_\alpha \|S\|_\alpha .
 \end{aligned}$$

So that we see that $(L^\alpha(K, A), \|\cdot\|_\alpha)$ is a Banach algebra and $l^\alpha(K, A)$ is a closed linear subspace of $(L^\alpha(K, A), \|\cdot\|_\alpha)$. \triangle

Theorem 2.2. *Let (K, d) be a compact metric space. Then $L^\alpha(K, A)$ is uniformly dense in $C(K, A)$.*

Proof. Let $f \in C(K, A)$. Then for every $\sigma \in A^*$ we have $\sigma \circ f \in C(K)$, so that there is $g \in L^\alpha(K)$ such that $\|g - \sigma \circ f\|_\infty < \varepsilon$. We define, the map $\eta : C \rightarrow A$ by $\eta(\lambda) = \lambda.e$. It is easy to see that $\eta \circ g \in L^\alpha(K, A)$, and for every $\sigma \in A^*$, we have

$$|\sigma(g(x).e - f(x))| = |g(x) - (\sigma \circ f)(x)| < \varepsilon, \quad (x \in K).$$

Therefore $|\sigma(\eta \circ g - f)(x)| < \varepsilon$ for every $\sigma \in A^*$ and $x \in K$. This implies that $\|(\eta \circ g - f)(x)\| < \varepsilon$ for every $x \in K$. Therefore, $\|\eta \circ g - f\|_\infty < \varepsilon$ and the proof is complete. \triangle

Remark 2.3. Let A, B be unital Banach algebras over F . Then the injective tensor $A \hat{\otimes} B$ is a unital Banach algebra under norm $\|\cdot\|_\epsilon$ [11].

Theorem 2.4. $L^\alpha(K, A) = \{F : K \rightarrow A \mid \sigma \circ F \in L^\alpha(K, C), (\forall \sigma \in A^*)\}$

Proof. Use the principle of Uniform Boundedness. \triangle

For every Banach algebra B , let Φ_B be the space of maximal ideal of B .

Theorem 2.5. $\Phi_{L^\alpha(K, A)}$ and $\Phi_{l^\alpha(K, A)}$ are identified with K .

Proof. Similarly to the proof of Lipschitz algebras. \triangle

Theorem 2.6. *Let (K, d) be a compact metric space and A be a unital Banach algebra. Then $L^\alpha(K, A)$ is isometrically isomorphic to $L^\alpha(K) \hat{\otimes} A$.*

Proof. It is straightforward to prove that the mapping $V : L^\alpha(K) \times A \rightarrow$

$L^\alpha(K, A)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} V(f, a) &= fa \quad (f \in L^\alpha(K), \quad a \in A), \\ (fa)(x) &:= f(x)a \quad (x \in K), \end{aligned}$$

is bilinear. Therefor there exists a unique linear map $T : L^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A \rightarrow L^\alpha(K, A)$ such that $T(f \otimes a) = V(f, a)$, [11]. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \| T(f \otimes a) \|_\alpha &= \| V(f, a) \|_\alpha = \| fa \|_\alpha = \| fa \|_\infty + L_\alpha(fa) \\ &= \| f \|_\infty \| a \| + L_\alpha(f) \| a \| \\ &= \| f \|_\alpha \| a \| = \| f \otimes a \|_\varepsilon . \end{aligned}$$

Therefor T is a linear isometry of $L^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$ into $L^\alpha(K, A)$. Now, we show that the range of T , R_T is a closed and dense subset of $L^\alpha(K, A)$. It is easy to see that R_T is closed. Let $f \in L^\alpha(K, A)$ and $\gamma > 0$. There exist $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ such that $X := f(K) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n B(a_i, \gamma)$. Set $U_j = f^{-1}(B(a_j, \gamma))$ where $j = 1, \dots, n$. Then there exist $f_1, \dots, f_n \in L^\alpha(K, A)$ and $\sigma \in A^*$ such that $\text{supp}(f_j) \subset U_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$ and $\sigma(f_1 + \dots + f_n) = 1$. For every $x \in K$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \| f(x) - ((\sigma f_1)a_1 + \dots + (\sigma f_n)a_n)(x) \| \\ &= \| f(x) \left((\sigma f_1)(x) + \dots + (\sigma f_n)(x) \right) - \left((\sigma f_1)(x)a_1 + \dots + (\sigma f_n)(x)a_n \right) \| \\ &= \| (\sigma f_1)(x)(f(x) - a_1) + \dots + (\sigma f_n)(x)(f(x) - a_n) \| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |(\sigma f_i)(x)| \| f(x) - a_i \| < \gamma, \end{aligned}$$

since $\text{supp}f_j \subset U_j$. Therefore,

$$\| f - ((\sigma f_1)a_1 + \dots + (\sigma f_n)a_n) \|_\alpha < \gamma.$$

This implies that

$$\| f - \sum_{i=1}^n T(\sigma f_i, a_i) \|_\alpha < \gamma.$$

We conclude that $\bar{R}_T = L^\alpha(K, \alpha)$. Let τ and τ' be topologies on $L^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$ and $L^\alpha(K, A)$ respectively. Let $U \in \tau$, we show that $T(U) \in \tau'$. Let p be a limit point in $L^\alpha(K, A) \setminus T(U)$. Then there exists a sequence $\{p_n\}$ in $L^\alpha(K, A) \setminus T(U)$ converges to p . Since T is onto, there is a sequence $\{q_n\}$ in $L^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$ such that $T(q_n) = p_n$. Therefore $T(q_n)$ converges to p in $L^\alpha(K)$. Since $q_n \in L^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$,

we can find $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $f_j^{(n)} \in L^\alpha(K)$ and $a_j^{(n)} \in A$ such that whenever $1 \leq j \leq m$ we have

$$T(q_n) = \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)} a_j^{(n)}. \quad (1)$$

Also, since $q \in L^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$ there exist $r \in \mathbb{N}$, $g_i \in L^\alpha(K)$ and $b_i \in A$ such that

$$p = T(q) = \sum_{i=1}^r g_i b_i. \quad (2)$$

Since $\|T(q_n) - p\|_\alpha \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for every positive number γ there exists a positive integer N such that

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)} a_j^{(n)} - \sum_{i=1}^r g_i b_i \right\|_\alpha < \gamma, \quad (3)$$

when $n \geq N$. By applying (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{(x \in K)} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)}(x) a_j^{(n)} - \sum_{i=1}^r g_i(x) b_i \right\| \\ & + \sup_{(x \neq y)} \frac{1}{d(x, y)^\alpha} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)}(x) a_j^{(n)} - \sum_{i=1}^r g_i(x) b_i - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)}(y) a_j^{(n)} + \sum_{i=1}^r g_i(y) b_i \right\| \\ & < \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore if $\sigma \in A^*$ with $\|\sigma\| \leq 1$ then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{(x \in K)} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)}(x) \sigma(a_j^{(n)}) - \sum_{i=1}^r g_i(x) \sigma(b_i) \right\| \\ & + \sup_{(x \neq y)} \frac{1}{d(x, y)^\alpha} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)}(x) \sigma(a_j^{(n)}) - \sum_{i=1}^r g_i(x) \sigma(b_i) - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)}(y) \sigma(a_j^{(n)}) + \sum_{i=1}^r g_i(y) \sigma(b_i) \right\| \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^r \left\| g_i(y) \sigma(b_i) \right\| \\ & < \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)} \sigma(a_j^{(n)}) - \sum_{i=1}^r g_i \sigma(b_i) \right\|_\alpha < \gamma \quad (4)$$

Now by using (4), for every $\phi \in L^\alpha(K)^*$ with $\|\phi\|_\alpha \leq 1$ we have,

$$|\phi(\sum_{j=1}^m f_j^{(n)}\sigma(a_j^{(n)}) - \sum_{i=1}^r g_i\sigma(b_i))| < \gamma,$$

hence

$$|\sum_{j=1}^m \phi(f_j^{(n)})\sigma(a_j^{(n)}) - \sum_{i=1}^r \phi(g_i)\sigma(b_i)| < \gamma. \quad (5)$$

By (5), we conclude

$$\sup |\sum_{j=1}^m \phi(f_j^{(n)})\sigma(a_j^{(n)}) - \sum_{i=1}^r \phi(g_i)\sigma(b_i)| < \gamma, \quad \|\sigma\| \leq 1, \quad \|\phi\|_\alpha \leq 1. \quad (6)$$

Therefore $\|q_n - q\|_\epsilon \leq \gamma$ and hence $q_n \rightarrow q$ or $q_n \rightarrow T^{(-1)}(p)$ in $L^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$. This show that $p \in T(U)^c$ and the proof is complete. \triangle

Remark 2.7. By using the above theorem we can prove that $l^\alpha(K, A) \cong l^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$.

3.(WEAK) AMENABILITY OF $L^\alpha(K, A)$

Let A be a Banach algebra and X be a Banach A -module over F . The linear map $D : A \rightarrow X$ is called an X -derivation on A , if $D(ab) = D(a).b + a.D(b)$, for every $a, b \in A$. The set of all continues X -derivations on A is a vector space over F which is denoted by $Z^1(A, X)$. For each $x \in X$ the map $\delta_x : A \rightarrow X$, defined by $\delta_x(a) = a.x - x.a$, is a continues X -derivation on A . The X -derivation $D : A \rightarrow X$ is called an inner derivation on A if there exists an $x \in X$ such that $D = \delta_x$. The set of all inner X -derivations on A is a linear subspace of $Z^1(A, X)$ which is denoted by $B^1(A, X)$. The quotient space $Z^1(A, X)/B^1(A, X)$ is denoted by $H^1(A, X)$ and is called the first cohomology group of A with coefficients in X .

Definition 3.1. *The Banach algebra A over F is called amenable if for every Banach A -module X over F , $H^1(A, X^*) = \{0\}$. The Banach algebra A over F is called weakly amenable if $H^1(A, A^*) = \{0\}$.*

The notion of amenability of Banach algebras were first introduced by B. E. Johnson in 1972 [8]. Bade, Curtis and Dales [2], studied the (weak) amenability of Lipschitz algebras in 1987 [2]. In this section, we study the (weak) amenability of $L^\alpha(K, A)$.

Definition 3.2. *Let A be a commutative Banach algebra and let $\phi \in \Phi_A \cup \{0\}$. The non-zero linear functional D on A is called point derivation at ϕ if*

$$D(ab) = \phi(a)D(b) + \phi(b)D(a), \quad (a, b \in A).$$

Lemma 3.3. *For each non-isolated point $x \in K$ and $\sigma \in A^*$, if the map $\phi : L^\alpha(K, A) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is given by*

$$\phi(f) = (\sigma \circ f)(x), \quad (f \in L^\alpha(K, A))$$

then $\phi \in \Phi_{L^\alpha(K, A)}$.

Proof. Obvious. △

Let (K, d) be a fixed non-empty compact metric space, set

$$\Delta = \{(x, y) \in K \times K : x = y\}, \quad W = K \times K - \Delta.$$

We now examine the amenability and weak amenability of Lipschitz operators algebras $L^\alpha(K, A)$ and $l^\alpha(K, A)$.

Theorem 3.4. *Let (K, d) be an infinite compact metric space and take $\alpha \in (0, 1]$. Then $L^\alpha(K, A)$ is not weakly amenable.*

Proof. Let x be a non-isolated point in K . We define

$$W_x := \left\{ \{(x_n, y_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty : (x_n, y_n) \in W, \quad (x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (x, x) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \right\}$$

For the net $w = \{(x_n, y_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ in W_x and $\sigma \in A^*$, we put

$$\bar{w}(f) = \frac{(\sigma \circ f)(x_n) - (\sigma \circ f)(y_n)}{d(x_n, y_n)^\alpha}, \quad (f \in L^\alpha(K, A))$$

then $\|\bar{w}(f)\|_\infty \leq \|\sigma\| \|f\|_\alpha$. Hence, \bar{w} is continuous. Now set

$$D_w(f) = LIM(\bar{w}(f)) \quad , \quad (f \in L^\alpha(K, A)),$$

where $LIM(\cdot)$ is Banach limit [12]. We show that the linear map D_w is a non-zero point derivation at ϕ , which ϕ is given by Lemma 6. We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_w(fg) &= LIM(\overline{w}(fg)) \\
 &= LIM \frac{(\sigma ofg)(x_n) - (\sigma ofg)(y_n)}{d(x_n, y_n)^\alpha} \\
 &= LIM \frac{1}{d(x_n, y_n)^\alpha} \left[\sigma o \left(f(x_n)g(x_n) - f(x_n)g(y_n) \right) \right] \\
 &= LIM \frac{1}{d(x_n, y_n)^\alpha} \left[\sigma o \left(f(x_n)(g(x_n) - g(y_n)) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + g(y_n)(f(x_n) - f(y_n)) \right) \right] \\
 &= (\sigma of)(x) LIM(\overline{w}(g)) + (\sigma og)(x) LIM(\overline{w}(f)) \\
 &= \phi(f)D_w(g) + \phi(g)D_w(f)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the continuity f , g and properties of Banach limit we conclude D_w is a non-zero, continuous point derivation at ϕ on $L^\alpha(K, A)$, and so by [5], $L^\alpha(K, A)$ is not weakly amenable. \triangle

Corollary 3.5. $L^\alpha(K, A)$ is not amenable.

Definition 3.6. A subset E of an abelian group G is said to be independent if E has the following property: for every choice of distinct points x_1, \dots, x_k of E and integers n_1, \dots, n_k , either

$$n_1x_1 = n_2x_2 = \dots = n_kx_k = 0 \tag{2}$$

or

$$n_1x_1 + n_2x_2 + \dots + n_kx_k \neq 0 \tag{3}$$

In other words, no linear combination (3) can be zero unless every summand is zero, [10].

Theorem 3.7. Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be an infinite compact set, and take $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Then $l^\alpha(K, A)$ is not amenable.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in K$. We define

$$M_{x_0} := \{f \in l^\alpha(K, A) : (\sigma of)(x_0) = 0 \quad \forall \sigma \in A^*\}$$

If $\sigma \in A^*$, then for each $f \in M_{x_0}^2$ we have

$$\frac{(\sigma \circ f)(x)}{d(x, x_0)^{2\alpha}} \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad d(x, x_0) \longrightarrow 0.$$

For $\beta \in (\alpha, 2\alpha)$, set $f_\beta(x) := \eta(d(x, x_0)^\beta)$, $x \in K$ where, the map $\eta : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow A$ defined by $\eta(\lambda) = \lambda.e$. Then $f_\beta \in M_{x_0}$ and $\{f_\beta + M_{x_0}^2 : \beta \in (\alpha, 2\alpha)\}$ is a linearly independent set in $\frac{M_{x_0}}{M_{x_0}^2}$ because x_0 is non-isolated in K . Therefore $M_{x_0}^2$ has infinite codimension in M_{x_0} , and so $M_{x_0} \neq M_{x_0}^2$ then by [5] M_{x_0} has not a bounded approximate identity, and since M_{x_0} is closed ideal in $l^\alpha(K, A)$, then $l^\alpha(K, A)$ is not amenable. \triangle

Theorem 3.8. *Let (K, d) be a compact metric space and A be a unital commutative Banach algebra. If $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1$, then $l^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, A)$ is not weakly amenable, where \mathbb{T} is unit circle in complex plane.*

Proof. By remark 7, we have $l^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, A) \cong l^\alpha(\mathbb{T}) \check{\otimes} A$. Since by [5] $l^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$ is not weakly amenable, hence $l^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, A)$ is not weakly amenable. \triangle

Corollary 3.9. *Let A be a finite-dimensional weakly amenable Banach algebra. If $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$, then $l^\alpha(K, A)$ is weakly amenable.*

Proof. By [11], $l^\alpha(K) \hat{\otimes} A$ is weakly amenable. Now by [11], we have $l^\alpha(K) \hat{\otimes} A \cong l^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$ and this implies that $l^\alpha(K) \check{\otimes} A$ is weakly amenable and so $l^\alpha(K, A)$ is weakly amenable. \triangle

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