

## Weak amenability of $(2N)$ -th dual of a Banach algebra

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**Abstract.**In this paper by using some conditions, we show that the weak amenability of  $(2n)$ -th dual of a Banach algebra  $A$  for some  $n \geq 1$  implies the weak amenability of  $A$ .

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $X'$  be the topological dual space of  $X$ ; the value of  $f \in X'$  at  $x \in X$  is denoted by  $\langle f, x \rangle$ . We set  $(X')' = X''$  and so on, and we regard  $X$  as a subspace of  $X''$  by natural mapping  $\iota : X \rightarrow X'' (x \mapsto \widehat{x})$  where  $\langle \widehat{x}, f \rangle = \langle f, x \rangle (f \in X')$ . We denote the  $n$ -th dual of  $X$  by  $X^{(n)}$ . The weak topology on  $X$  is denoted by  $w = \sigma(X, X')$  and weak\*-topology on  $X'$  is denoted by  $w^* = \sigma(X', X)$ .

Now let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be normed spaces and let  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a continuous bilinear map. Arens in [1] offers two extensions  $f^{***}$  and  $f^{t***t}$  of  $f$  from  $X'' \times Y''$  to  $Z''$  as following:

$$(1) \begin{cases} f^* : Z' \times X \longrightarrow Y' \\ \langle f^*(z', x), y \rangle = \langle z', f(x, y) \rangle \quad (x \in X, y \in Y, z' \in Z'). \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \begin{cases} f^{**} : Y'' \times Z' \longrightarrow X' \\ \langle f^{**}(y'', z'), x \rangle = \langle y'', f^*(z', x) \rangle \quad (x \in X, z' \in Z', y'' \in Y''). \end{cases}$$

$$(3) \begin{cases} f^{***} : X'' \times Y'' \longrightarrow Z'' \\ \langle f^{***}(x'', y''), z' \rangle = \langle x'', f^{**}(y'', z') \rangle \quad (z' \in Z', x'' \in X'', y'' \in Y''). \end{cases}$$

The mapping  $f^{***}$  is the unique extension of  $f$  such that  $x'' \mapsto f^{***}(x'', y'')$  from  $X''$  into  $Z''$  is  $w^* - w^*$ -continuous for every  $y'' \in Y''$ .

Let now  $f^t : Y \times X \rightarrow Z$  be the transpose of  $f$  defined by  $f^t(y, x) = f(x, y)$  for  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . We can extend  $f^t$  as above to  $f^{t***}$  and then we have the mapping  $f^{t***t} : X'' \times Y'' \rightarrow Z''$ . If  $f^{***} = f^{t***t}$  then  $f$  is called *Arens regular*. The mapping  $y'' \mapsto f^{t***t}(x'', y'')$  from  $Y''$  into  $Z''$  is  $w^* - w^*$ -continuous for

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every  $x'' \in X''$ . Arens regularity of  $f$  is equivalent to the following

$$\lim_i \lim_j \langle z', f(x_i, y_i) \rangle = \lim_j \lim_i \langle z', f(x_i, y_i) \rangle,$$

whenever both limits exist for all bounded nets  $(x_i)$  and  $(y_j)$  in  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively and for every  $z' \in Z'$ .

Throughout this paper  $A$  is a Banach algebra. This algebra is called *Arens regular* if its multiplication as a bilinear map  $\pi : A \times A \rightarrow A (\pi(a, b) = ab)$  is Arens regular. We shall frequently use Goldstine's theorem: for each  $a'' \in A''$ , there is a net  $(a_i)$  in  $A$  such that  $a'' = w^* - \lim_i \widehat{a_i}$ . Now let  $a'' = w^* - \lim_i \widehat{a_i}$  and  $b'' = w^* - \lim_j \widehat{b_j}$  be elements of  $A''$ . The first and second *Arens products* on  $A''$  are denoted by symbols  $\square$  and  $\diamond$  respectively and defined by

$$a'' \square b'' = \pi^{***}(a'', b'') \quad , \quad a'' \diamond b'' = \pi^{t***t}(a'', b'').$$

It is easy to show that

$$a'' \square b'' = w^* - \lim_i w^* - \lim_j \widehat{a_i b_j} \quad , \quad a'' \diamond b'' = w^* - \lim_j w^* - \lim_i \widehat{a_i b_j}.$$

On the other hand we can define above Arens products in stages as following. Let  $a, b \in A, f \in A'$  and  $F, G \in A''$ .

- (1) Define  $f.a$  in  $A'$  by  $\langle f.a, b \rangle = \langle f, ab \rangle$ ,  
and  $a.f$  in  $A'$  by  $\langle a.f, b \rangle = \langle f, ba \rangle$ .
- (2) Define  $F.f$  in  $A'$  by  $\langle F.f, a \rangle = \langle F, f.a \rangle$ ,  
and  $f.F$  in  $A'$  by  $\langle f.F, a \rangle = \langle F, a.f \rangle$ .
- (3) Define  $F \square G$  in  $A''$  by  $\langle F \square G, f \rangle = \langle F, G.f \rangle$ ,  
and  $F \diamond G$  in  $A''$  by  $\langle F \diamond G, f \rangle = \langle G, f.F \rangle$ .

Then  $(A'', \square)$  and  $(A'', \diamond)$  are Banach algebras, see [1, 5] for further details.

Now let  $E$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule, then  $E'$  is a Banach  $A$ -bimodule under actions

$$\langle a.f, x \rangle = \langle f, xa \rangle, \langle f.a, x \rangle = \langle f, ax \rangle \quad (a \in A, x \in E, f \in E'), \tag{1}$$

and  $E''$  is a Banach  $A''$ -bimodule under actions

$$F.\Lambda = w^* - \lim_i w^* - \lim_j \widehat{a_i x_j} \quad , \quad \Lambda.F = w^* - \lim_j w^* - \lim_i \widehat{x_j a_i} \tag{2}$$

where  $F = w^* - \lim_i \widehat{a_i}$  and  $\Lambda = w^* - \lim_j \widehat{x_j}$  such that  $(a_i) \subset A$  and  $(x_j) \subset E$  are bounded nets.

For a Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $E$ , the continuous linear map  $D : A \rightarrow E$  is called *derivation* if  $D(ab) = a.D(b) + D(a).b, (a, b \in A)$ . For  $x \in E$  the derivation  $\delta_x : A \rightarrow E$  by  $\delta_x(a) = a.x - x.a$  is called *inner derivation*. The Banach algebra  $A$  is called *amenable* if every derivation  $D : A \rightarrow E'$  is inner, for each Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $E$ , [7]. If every derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  is inner,  $A$  is called *weakly amenable*, see also [2, 4] for details.

**THEOREM 1.1** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $E$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and  $D : A \rightarrow E$  is a continuous derivation, then  $D'' : A'' \rightarrow E''$  is a continuous derivation [5, Theorem 2.7.17].*

*Remark 1*  $A''$ -bimodule structures on  $E''$  in above theorem are as in formula (2).

In [8] it was shown that if  $A$  is complete Arens regular and every derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  be weakly compact, then weak amenability of  $A^{(2n)}$  for some  $(n \geq 1)$  implies weak amenability of  $A$ . In this paper we always use the first Arens product  $\square$  on Banach algebra  $A^{(2n)}(n \geq 1)$ . In section 2 we shall frequently use formulas (1) and (2) and we investigate following actions

- ▷ two  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  and  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$ ,
- ▷ two  $A^{(4)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(5)} = ((A')'')''$  and  $A^{(5)} = ((A'')'')'$ ,
- ▷ two  $A^{(6)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(7)} = (((A')'')'')''$  and on  $A^{(7)} = (((A'')'')'')'$ ,

and we will extend our results to two different  $A^{(2n)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(2n+1)}$  by induction. In each case we find conditions to make these two different actions equal. In a similar work in [6] two different  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  and  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$  have been studied. Finally in section 3 we investigate the innerness of second, fourth... and  $(2n)$ -th dual of a derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A'$ . By using some conditions we will show that weak amenability of  $A^{(2n)}$  for some  $(n \geq 1)$  implies weak amenability of  $A$ .

**2.  $A^{(2n)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(2n+1)}$**

We shall frequently use formulas (1) and (2) to construct two different  $A^{(2n)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(2n+1)} = (((A')'') \dots)''$  and  $A^{(2n+1)} = (((A'')'') \dots)'$ .

*Remark 1* There are many other  $A^{(2n)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(2n+1)}$  that we don't need to mention.

First for  $n= 1$  we consider two  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  and  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$ . Let  $a^{(3)} = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a'_\alpha} \in A^{(3)}$  and  $a'' = w^* - \lim_{\beta} \widehat{a_\beta}, b'' = w^* - \lim_i \widehat{b_i}$  in which  $(a'_\alpha)$  and  $(a_\beta), (b_i)$  are bounded nets in  $A'$  and  $A$  respectively. For left  $A''$ -module action on  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  as second dual of  $A'$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a'' . a^{(3)}, b'' \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle b'', a_{\beta} . a'_{\alpha} \rangle && \text{(by formula (2))} \\ &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_i \langle a'_{\alpha}, b_i . a_{\beta} \rangle, && (3) \end{aligned}$$

and for left  $A''$ -module action on  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$  as dual of  $A''$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a'' . a^{(3)}, b'' \rangle &= \langle a^{(3)}, b'' \square a'' \rangle && \text{(by formula (1))} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle b'' \square a'', a'_{\alpha} \rangle && (4) \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_i \lim_{\beta} \langle a'_{\alpha}, b_i . a_{\beta} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that two left  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$  and  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  are not equal. Similarly for right  $A''$ -module action on  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(3)} . a'', b'' \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle b'', a'_{\alpha} . a_{\beta} \rangle && \text{(by formula (2))} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a'_{\alpha}, a_{\beta} . b_i \rangle, && (5) \end{aligned}$$

and for right  $A''$ -module action coincide on  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(3)}.a'', b'' \rangle &= \langle a^{(3)}, a'' \square b'' \rangle && \text{(by formula (1))} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle a'' \square b'', a'_{\alpha} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a'_{\alpha}, a_{\beta}.b_i \rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

This shows that two right  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$  and  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  are equal.

PROPOSITION 2.1 *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with following conditions*

- (i)  $A$  is Arens regular,
- (ii) the map  $A \times A' \rightarrow A' ((a, a') \mapsto a.a')$  is Arens regular.

Then two  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  and  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$  coincide.

*Proof* It is enough to prove that left module actions in (3) and (4) coincide. We begin with equation (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a''.a^{(3)}, b'' \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle b'', a_{\beta}.a'_{\alpha} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle b'', a_{\beta}.a'_{\alpha} \rangle && \text{(by (ii))} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\beta}.a'_{\alpha}, b_i \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a'_{\alpha}, b_i.a_{\beta} \rangle && \text{(by formula (1))} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_i \lim_{\beta} \langle a'_{\alpha}, b_i.a_{\beta} \rangle && \text{(by (i))} \end{aligned}$$

this proves the equality of (3) and (4). ■

Now for  $n = 2$  we consider two  $A^{(4)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(5)} = ((A')'')''$  and  $A^{(5)} = ((A'')'')$ . Let  $a^{(5)} = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} \widehat{a_{\alpha}^{(3)}} \in A^{(5)}$  and  $a^{(4)} = w^* - \lim_{\beta} \widehat{a_{\beta}''}, b^{(4)} = w^* - \lim_i \widehat{b_i''}$  in  $A^{(4)}$  where  $(a_{\alpha}^{(3)})$  and  $(a''_{\alpha}), (b_i'')$  are bounded nets in  $A^{(3)}$  and  $A''$ , respectively. For left  $A^{(4)}$ -module action on  $A^{(5)} = ((A')'')''$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(4)}.a^{(5)}, b^{(4)} \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle b^{(4)}, a''_{\beta}.a_{\alpha}^{(3)} \rangle && \text{(by formula (2))} \\ &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_i \langle a''_{\beta}.a_{\alpha}^{(3)}, b_i'' \rangle \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

and for left  $A^{(4)}$ -module action on  $A^{(5)} = ((A'')'')$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(4)}.a^{(5)}, b^{(4)} \rangle &= \langle a^{(5)}, b^{(4)} \square a^{(4)} \rangle && \text{(by formula (1))} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle b^{(4)} \square a^{(4)}, a_{\alpha}^{(3)} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_i \lim_{\beta} \langle a_{\alpha}^{(3)}, b_i'' \square a''_{\beta} \rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

For right  $A^{(4)}$ -module action on  $A^{(5)} = ((A')'')''$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(5)}.a^{(4)}, b^{(4)} \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle b^{(4)}, a_{\alpha}^{(3)}.a''_{\beta} \rangle && \text{(by formula (2))} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(3)}.a''_{\beta}, b_i'' \rangle, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

and for right  $A^{(4)}$ -module action on  $A^{(5)} = ((A'')'')$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(5)}.a^{(4)}, b^{(4)} \rangle &= \langle a^{(5)}, a^{(4)} \square b^{(4)} \rangle && \text{(by formula (1))} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle a^{(4)} \square b^{(4)}, a_{\alpha}^{(3)} \rangle && (10) \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(3)}, a_{\beta}'' \square b_i'' \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We need the equality of two  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(3)} = (A'')$ ' and  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  to prove the equality of above  $A^{(4)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(5)}$ , so we need the following lemma whose proof is streightforward.

LEMMA 2.2 *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with following conditions*

- (i)  $A''$  is Arens regular,
- (ii) the map  $A'' \times A''' \rightarrow A'''$   $((a'', a^{(3)}) \mapsto a'' .a^{(3)})$  is Arens regular.

Then the conditions of Proposition 2.1 hold.

PROPOSITION 2.3 *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with conditions*

- (i)  $A''$  is Arens regular,
- (ii) the map  $A'' \times A''' \rightarrow A'''$   $((a'', a^{(3)}) \mapsto a'' .a^{(3)})$  is Arens regular.

Then two  $A^{(4)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(5)} = ((A')'')$ ' and  $A^{(5)} = ((A'')'')$ ' coincide.

*Proof* By Lemma 2.2 the conditions of Proposition 2.1 hold, so two  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  and  $A^{(3)} = (A'')$ ' are equal. We begin with equality (7)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(4)}.a^{(5)}, b^{(4)} \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle b^{(4)}, a_{\beta}'' .a_{\alpha}^{(3)} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle b^{(4)}, a_{\beta}'' .a_{\alpha}^{(3)} \rangle && \text{(by (ii) of Lemma 2.2)} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\beta}'' .a_{\alpha}^{(3)}, b_i'' \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(3)}, b_i'' \square a_{\beta}'' \rangle && \text{(by Proposition 2.1)} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_i \lim_{\beta} \langle a_{\alpha}^{(3)}, b_i'' \square a_{\beta}'' \rangle, && \text{(by (i) of Lemma 2.2)} \end{aligned}$$

this proves the equality of (7) and (8). For equality of right-module actions, we continue equality 9

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(5)}.a^{(4)}, b^{(4)} \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(3)}.a_{\beta}'' , b_i'' \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(3)}, a_{\beta}'' \square b_i'' \rangle && \text{(by Proposition 2.1)} \end{aligned}$$

and this proves the equality of (9) and (10). ■

Now suppose that  $n = 3$ , we consider two  $A^{(6)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(7)} = (((A')'')'')$ ' and  $A^{(7)} = (((A'')'')'')$ '. Let  $a^{(7)} = w^* - \widehat{\lim_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}^{(5)}} \in A^{(7)}$  and  $a^{(6)} = w^* - \widehat{\lim_{\beta} a_{\beta}^{(4)}}$ ,  $b^{(6)} = w^* - \widehat{\lim_i b_i^{(4)}} \in A^{(6)}$  where  $(a_{\alpha}^{(5)})$  and  $(a_{\beta}^{(4)}), (b_i^{(4)})$  are bounded nets in  $A^{(5)}$  and  $A^{(4)}$ , respectively. For left  $A^{(6)}$ -module action on  $A^{(7)} = (((A')'')'')$ ' we can write

$$\langle a^{(6)}.a^{(7)}, b^{(6)} \rangle = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_i \langle a_{\beta}^{(4)}.a_{\alpha}^{(5)}, b_i^{(4)} \rangle, \tag{11}$$

and for left  $A^{(6)}$ -module action on  $A^{(7)} = (((A'')''')'$  we can write

$$\langle a^{(6)}.a^{(7)}, b^{(6)} \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_i \lim_{\beta} \langle a_{\alpha}^{(5)}, b_i^{(4)} \square a_{\beta}^{(4)} \rangle. \quad (12)$$

For right  $A^{(6)}$ -module action on  $A^{(7)} = (((A')''')''$  we can write

$$\langle a^{(7)}.a^{(6)}, b^{(6)} \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(5)}.a_{\beta}^{(4)}, b_i^{(4)} \rangle, \quad (13)$$

and for right  $A^{(6)}$ -module action on  $A^{(7)} = (((A'')''')'$  we can write

$$\langle a^{(7)}.a^{(6)}, b^{(6)} \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(5)}, a_{\beta}^{(4)} \square b_i^{(4)} \rangle. \quad (14)$$

We need the equality of two  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(5)} = ((A'')''')$  and  $A^{(5)} = ((A')''')''$  to prove the equality of above  $A^{(6)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(7)}$ , so we need the following Lemma that is similar to Lemma 2.2.

LEMMA 2.4 *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with following conditions*

- (i)  $A^{(4)}$  is Arens regular,
- (ii) the map  $A^{(4)} \times A^{(5)} \rightarrow A^{(5)} ((a^{(4)}, a^{(5)}) \mapsto a^{(4)}.a^{(5)})$  is Arens regular.

*Then the conditions of Proposition 2.3 hold.*

PROPOSITION 2.5 *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with conditions*

- (i)  $A^{(4)}$  is Arens regular,
- (ii) the map  $A^{(4)} \times A^{(5)} \rightarrow A^{(5)} ((a^{(4)}, a^{(5)}) \mapsto a^{(4)}.a^{(5)})$  is Arens regular.

*Then two  $A^{(6)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(7)} = (((A'')''')'$  and  $A^{(7)} = (((A')''')''$  coincide.*

*Proof* By Lemma 2.4 the conditions of Proposition 2.3 hold, so two  $A^{(4)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(5)} = ((A')''')''$  and  $A^{(5)} = ((A'')''')$  are equal. We begin with equality (11)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(6)}.a^{(7)}, b^{(6)} \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle b^{(6)}, a_{\beta}^{(4)}.a_{\alpha}^{(5)} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle b^{(6)}, a_{\beta}^{(4)}.a_{\alpha}^{(5)} \rangle && \text{(by (ii) of Lemma 2.4)} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\beta}^{(4)}.a_{\alpha}^{(5)}, b_i^{(4)} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(5)}, b_i^{(4)} \square a_{\beta}^{(4)} \rangle && \text{(by Proposition 2.3)} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_i \lim_{\beta} \langle a_{\alpha}^{(5)}, b_i^{(4)} \square a_{\beta}^{(4)} \rangle, && \text{(by (i) of Lemma 2.4)} \end{aligned}$$

this prove the equality of (11) and (12). For equality of right-module actions, we continue equality (13)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^{(7)}.a^{(6)}, b^{(6)} \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(5)}.a_{\beta}^{(4)}, b_i^{(4)} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \lim_i \langle a_{\alpha}^{(5)}, a_{\beta}^{(4)} \square b_i^{(4)} \rangle && \text{(by Proposition 2.3)} \end{aligned}$$

and this proves the equality of (13) and (14). ■

Now by induction process we have the following extended result.

PROPOSITION 2.6 Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with following conditions for some  $n \geq 1$

- (i)  $A^{2n-2}$  is Arens regular,
- (ii) the map  $A^{(2n-2)} \times A^{(2n-1)} \rightarrow A^{(2n-1)} ((a, f) \mapsto a.f)$  is Arens regular.

Then two  $A^{(2n)}$ -module actions on  $A^{(2n+1)} = (((A'')'' \cdots)'' )'$  and  $A^{(2n+1)} = (((A')'' \cdots)'' )''$  coincide.

### 3. Main results

In this section we consider the transposes  $D'', D^{(4)}, \dots, D^{(2n)}$  of a continuous derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A'$ . We know by Theorem 1.1 that the following maps will be continuous derivations

$$\begin{aligned} D'' & : A'' \longrightarrow A^{(3)} = (A')'' \\ D^{(4)} & : A^{(4)} = (A'')'' \longrightarrow A^{(5)} = ((A')'')'' \\ D^{(6)} & : A^{(6)} = ((A'')'')'' \longrightarrow A^{(7)} = (((A')'')'')'' \\ & \vdots \\ D^{(2n)} & : A^{(2n)} = (((A'')'') \cdots)'' \longrightarrow A^{(2n+1)} = (((A')'')'') \cdots)'' \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION 3.1 Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with hypothesis of Proposition 2.1. If the second transpose  $D''$  of continuous derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  is inner, then  $D$  is inner.

*Proof* Let  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  be a derivation, then by Theorem 1.1 and Proposition 2.1,  $D'' : A'' \rightarrow A^{(3)} = (A')'' = (A'')'$  is also a derivation. Since  $D''$  is inner, there exists  $a'' \in A''$  such that  $D''(a'') = a'' \cdot a^{(3)} - a^{(3)} \cdot a''$ , ( $a^{(3)} \in A^{(3)}$ ). Let  $a' = \iota^*(a^{(3)})$ , where  $\iota : A \rightarrow A''$  is the natural map. Then for each  $a, b \in A$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D(a), b \rangle & = \langle D''(\widehat{a}), \widehat{b} \rangle \\ & = \langle \widehat{a} \cdot a^{(3)} - a^{(3)} \cdot \widehat{a}, \widehat{b} \rangle \\ & = \langle a^{(3)}, \widehat{b \square \widehat{a}} - \widehat{a \square b} \rangle \quad (\text{by Proposition 2.1}) \\ & = \langle a^{(3)}, \widehat{b \cdot a - a \cdot b} \rangle \\ & = \langle a^{(3)}, \iota(b \cdot a - a \cdot b) \rangle \\ & = \langle \iota^*(a^{(3)}), b \cdot a - a \cdot b \rangle \\ & = \langle a', b \cdot a - a \cdot b \rangle \\ & = \langle a \cdot a' - a' \cdot a, b \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

hence  $D(a) = a \cdot a' - a' \cdot a$  and so  $D$  is inner. ■

PROPOSITION 3.2 Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with hypothesis of Proposition 2.3. If the fourth transpose  $D^{(4)}$  of continuous derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  is inner, then  $D$  is inner.

*Proof* Let  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  be a derivation, then by Theorem 1.1 and Proposition 2.3,  $D^{(4)} : ((A'')'') \rightarrow (((A')'')'') = (((A'')'')'')$  is also a derivation. Since  $D^{(4)}$  is inner, there exists  $a^{(4)} \in A^{(4)}$  such that  $D^{(4)}(a^{(4)}) = a^{(4)} \cdot a^{(5)} - a^{(5)} \cdot a^{(4)}$ , ( $a^{(5)} \in A^{(5)}$ ). Let  $a' = \iota^* \circ \iota^{***}(a^{(5)})$ , where  $\iota : A \rightarrow A''$  is the natural map. Then for each  $a, b \in A$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle D(a), b \rangle &= \langle D''(\widehat{a}), \widehat{b} \rangle \\
&= \langle \widehat{D''(\widehat{a})}, \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \\
&= \langle D^{(4)}(\widehat{a}), \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \\
&= \langle \widehat{\widehat{a}}.a^{(5)} - a^{(5)}. \widehat{\widehat{a}}, \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \\
&= \langle a^{(5)}, \widehat{\widehat{b}} \square \widehat{\widehat{a}} - \widehat{\widehat{a}} \square \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \quad (\text{ by Proposition 2.3 } ) \\
&= \langle a^{(5)}, \widehat{\widehat{b}} \square \widehat{\widehat{a}} - \widehat{\widehat{a}} \square \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \\
&= \langle a^{(5)}, \iota^{**}(\widehat{\widehat{b}} \square \widehat{\widehat{a}} - \widehat{\widehat{a}} \square \widehat{\widehat{b}}) \rangle \\
&= \langle \iota^{***}(a^{(5)}), b.a - a.b \rangle \\
&= \langle \iota^{***}(a^{(5)}), \iota(b.a - a.b) \rangle \\
&= \langle \iota^* \circ \iota^{***}(a^{(5)}), b.a - a.b \rangle \\
&= \langle a', b.a - a.b \rangle \\
&= \langle a.a' - a'.a, b \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

hence  $D(a) = a.a' - a'.a$  and so  $D$  is inner.  $\blacksquare$

**PROPOSITION 3.3** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with hypothesis of Proposition 2.5. If the sixth transpose  $D^{(6)}$  of continuous derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  is inner, then  $D$  is inner.*

*Proof* Let  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  be a derivation, then by Theorem 1.1 and Proposition 2.3,  $D^{(6)} : A^{(6)} = ((A'')'' \rightarrow (((A'')'')'' = (((A'')''')')' = A^{(7)}$  is also a derivation. Since  $D^{(6)}$  is inner, there exists  $a^{(6)} \in A^{(6)}$  such that  $D^{(6)}(a^{(6)}) = a^{(6)}.a^{(7)} - a^{(7)}.a^{(6)}$ , ( $a^{(7)} \in A^{(7)}$ ). Let  $a' = \iota^* \circ \iota^{***} \circ \iota^{*****}(a^{(7)})$ , where  $\iota : A \rightarrow A''$  is the natural map. Then for each  $a, b \in A$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle D(a), b \rangle &= \langle D''(\widehat{a}), \widehat{b} \rangle \\
&= \langle \widehat{D''(\widehat{a})}, \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \\
&= \langle D^{(4)}(\widehat{a}), \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \\
&= \langle D^{(6)}(\widehat{a}), \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \\
&= \langle \widehat{\widehat{a}}.a^{(7)} - a^{(7)}. \widehat{\widehat{a}}, \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \\
&= \langle a^{(7)}, \widehat{\widehat{b}} \square \widehat{\widehat{a}} - \widehat{\widehat{a}} \square \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \quad (\text{ by Proposition 2.5 } ) \\
&= \langle a^{(7)}, \widehat{\widehat{b}} \square \widehat{\widehat{a}} - \widehat{\widehat{a}} \square \widehat{\widehat{b}} \rangle \\
&= \langle a^{(7)}, \iota^{*****}(\widehat{\widehat{b}} \square \widehat{\widehat{a}} - \widehat{\widehat{a}} \square \widehat{\widehat{b}}) \rangle \\
&= \langle \iota^{*****}(a^{(7)}), \iota^{**}(\widehat{\widehat{b}} \square \widehat{\widehat{a}} - \widehat{\widehat{a}} \square \widehat{\widehat{b}}) \rangle \\
&= \langle \iota^{***} \circ \iota^{*****}(a^{(7)}), b.a - a.b \rangle \\
&= \langle \iota^{***} \circ \iota^{*****}(a^{(7)}), \iota(b.a - a.b) \rangle \\
&= \langle \iota^* \circ \iota^{***} \circ \iota^{*****}(a^{(7)}), b.a - a.b \rangle \\
&= \langle a', b.a - a.b \rangle \\
&= \langle a.a' - a'.a, b \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

hence  $D(a) = a.a' - a'.a$  and so  $D$  is inner.  $\blacksquare$

Using the similar reasoning as in the proof of previous lemmas we have the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 3.4** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with hypothesis of Proposition 2.6. If the  $(2n)$ -th transpose  $D^{(2n)}$  of continuous derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  is inner, then  $D$  is inner.*



PROPOSITION 3.5 *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with hypothesis of Proposition 2.1. If  $A''$  is weakly amenable, then  $A$  is weakly amenable.*

*Proof* Suppose that  $D : A \rightarrow A'$  be a continuous derivation. Then  $D'' : A'' \rightarrow A^{(3)} = (A')''$  is a continuous derivation by Theorem 1.1. But two  $A''$ -module actions on  $A^{(3)} = (A')''$  and  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$  are equal by Proposition 2.1, hence  $D'' : A'' \rightarrow A^{(3)} = (A'')'$  is also a continuous derivation in which  $A^{(3)} = (A'')'$  is considered as dual of  $A''$ . Since  $A''$  is weakly amenable, then  $D''$  is inner. Therefore  $D$  is inner by Proposition 3.1. This completes the proof. ■

Using the same reasoning as in the proofs of previous propositions we have next results, so we omit the details in proofs.

PROPOSITION 3.6 *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with hypothesis of Proposition 2.3. If  $A^{(4)}$  is weakly amenable, then  $A$  is weakly amenable.*

*Proof* This is a consequence of Proposition 3.2. ■

PROPOSITION 3.7 *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with hypothesis of Proposition 2.5. If  $A^{(6)}$  is weakly amenable, then  $A$  is weakly amenable.*

*Proof* This is a consequence of Proposition 3.3. ■

Finally by Propositions 2.6 and 3.4 we have the following extended result.

PROPOSITION 3.8 *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra with hypothesis of Proposition 2.6. If  $A^{(2n)}$  is weakly amenable, then  $A$  is weakly amenable.*

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