

THE SECOND DUAL OF VECTOR-VALUED LIPSCHITZ ALGEBRAS

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Let (X, d) be a locally compact metric space, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and E be a Banach algebra such that the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ be norm-dense in E^ . Then $\text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**}$ is isometrically isomorphic as Banach algebra with $\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E^{**})$. We show that $\text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)$ is Arens regular and 2-weakly amenable Banach algebra.*

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1. Introduction

Let (X, d) be a metric space and $B(X)$ (resp. $C_b(X)$) indicates the Banach space consisting of all bounded complex-valued functions on X , endowed with the norm

$$\|f\|_{sup} = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)| \quad (f \in B(X)).$$

Take $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\alpha > 0$, then $\text{Lip}_\alpha X$ is the subspace of $B(X)$, consisting of all bounded complex-valued functions f on X such that

$$p_\alpha(f) := \sup \left\{ \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{d(x, y)^\alpha} : x, y \in X, x \neq y \right\} < \infty.$$

It is known that $\text{Lip}_\alpha X$ is endowed with the norm $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$ given by

$$\|f\|_\alpha = p_\alpha(f) + \|f\|_{sup};$$

and pointwise product is a unital commutative Banach algebra, called Lipschitz algebra.

Let (X, d) be a metric space with at least two elements and $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space over the scalar field \mathbb{F} ($= \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C}) for a constant $\alpha > 0$ and a function $f : X \rightarrow E$, set

$$p_{\alpha, E}(f) := \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{\|f(x) - f(y)\|}{d(x, y)^\alpha},$$

which is called the Lipschitz constant of f . For any metric space (X, d) , any Banach algebra E and any $\alpha > 0$, we define the Lipschitz algebra $\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E)$ by

$$\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E) := \{f : X \rightarrow E : f \text{ is bounded and } p_{\alpha, E}(f) < \infty\},$$

with pointwise multiplication and norm

$$\|f\|_{\alpha, E} := p_{\alpha, E}(f) + \|f\|_{\infty, E}.$$

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The Lipschitz algebra $lip_\alpha(X, E)$ is a subalgebra of $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$ defined by

$$lip_\alpha(X, E) = \{f : X \rightarrow E : \frac{\|f(x) - f(y)\|}{d(x, y)^\alpha} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } d(x, y) \rightarrow 0\}.$$

If X is a locally compact metric space, then $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)$ is a subalgebra of $lip_\alpha(X, E)$ consisting of those functions tend to zero at infinity. The elements of $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$ and $lip_\alpha(X, E)$ are called big and little Lipschitz operators, respectively. Set,

$$\|f\|_{\alpha, E} := \max\{\|f\|_{\infty, E}, p_{\alpha, E}(f)\},$$

for all $f \in Lip_\alpha(X, E)$. The $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha, E}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha, E}$ are equivalent norms on $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$. Let $C_b(X, E)$ be the set of all bounded continuous functions from X into E . For each $f \in C_b(X, E)$, define the norm

$$\|f\|_{\infty, E} := \sup_{x \in X} \|f(x)\|,$$

and for $f, g \in C_b(X, E)$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$, define

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x), (\lambda f)(x) = \lambda f(x), (x \in X).$$

It is well known that $(C_b(X, E), \|\cdot\|_{\infty, E})$ becomes a Banach space over \mathbb{F} and $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$ is a linear subspace of $C_b(X, E)$, see [5]. If E is a Banach space (resp; algebra), then $(Lip_\alpha(X, E), \|\cdot\|_{\alpha, E})$, $(lip_\alpha(X, E), \|\cdot\|_{\alpha, E})$ and $(lip_\alpha^0(X, E), \|\cdot\|_{\alpha, E})$ are Banach spaces (resp; algebras) of $C_b(X, E)$, see [4].

It is clear that the Lipschitz algebra $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$ contains the space $Cons(X, E)$, consisting of all constant vector-valued functions on X . The Lipschitz algebras were first considered in [2, 13]. There are valuable works related to some notions of amenability of Lipschitz algebras, [7, 9, 10] discussed amenability of vector-valued Lipschitz algebras. [3, 12] investigated some properties of vector-valued Lipschitz algebras.

Bade, Curtis and Dales [1] studied that if (X, d) is a compact metric space and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, then the second dual space of $lip_\alpha X$ is isometrically isomorphic to $Lip_\alpha X$. The method of their proof is an adaptation of one due to de Leeuw [6] who proved the result, when X is the circle group \mathbb{T} . It was shown in [8] that $(lip_\alpha X)^{**}$ is isomorphic to $Lip_\alpha X$ in the case that X is a manifold. In [14], author studied $Lip_\alpha(X, B)$ and $(lip_\alpha(X, B))^{**}$, where X is a compact metric space and B is a Banach space. In general, $Lip_\alpha(X, B)$ is not Banach algebra, unless B is a Banach algebra. Moreover, he claimed that $lip_\alpha(X, B)^{**}$ and $Lip_\alpha(X, B)$ are isometrically isomorphism as Banach algebras. In this paper, we improve these results in a general case.

Moreover, we study that if (X, d) is a locally compact metric space, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and E is a Banach algebra such that the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ is a norm-dense in E^* , then $lip_\alpha(X, E)^{**}$ is isometrically isomorphism as Banach algebras with $Lip_\alpha(X, E^{**})$. Also, we prove that $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)$ is Arens regular and 2-weakly amenable.

2. Preliminaries

Let (X, d) be a metric space and $\alpha > 0$. $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$, $lip_\alpha(X, E)$ and $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)$ are vector spaces, Banach spaces and Banach algebras whenever E is so, respectively. Also, if (X, d) is a metric space and E is a Banach algebra, then $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$ is a commutative (unital) Banach algebra if and only if E is a commutative (unital) Banach algebra. Let E be a $*$ -Banach algebra and $f^*(x) = (f(x))^*$ for $x \in X$ and $f \in Lip_\alpha(X, E)$, then $p_\alpha(f^*) = p_\alpha(f)$ and $\|f^*\|_{\infty, E} = \|f\|_{\infty, E}$ so that $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$ is a $*$ -Banach algebra.

It is easy to see that $f \in Lip_\alpha(X, E)$ if and only if $\sigma \circ f \in Lip_\alpha X$ for all $\sigma \in E^*$. Also, let (X, d) be a normed space, $\alpha > 1$ and E be Banach algebra. Then $Lip_\alpha(X, E) = cons(X, E)$.

Let (X, d) be a compact metric space and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and E be a Banach algebra, then $\Delta(C(X, E)) = \{\Delta_{x, \sigma} : x \in X, \sigma \in \Delta(E)\}$, where

$$\Delta_{x, \sigma}(f) = \sigma(f(x)), (f \in Lip_\alpha(X, E), x \in X).$$

Define $\varphi : X \times \Delta(E) \rightarrow \Delta(C(X, E))$ where $(x, \sigma) \rightarrow \Delta_{x, \sigma}$. Then φ is a bijection and $\Delta(C(X, E)) = X \times \Delta(E)$, see [11]. We set

$$\Delta(\text{lip}_\alpha(X, E)) = \{\varphi|_{\text{lip}_\alpha(X, E)} : \varphi \in X \times \Delta(E)\} := \{\Delta_{x, \sigma}^l : x \in X, \sigma \in \Delta(E)\},$$

$$\Delta(\text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)) = \{\varphi|_{\text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)} : \varphi \in X \times \Delta(E)\} := \{\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0 : x \in X, \sigma \in \Delta(E)\},$$

and

$$\Delta(\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E)) = \{\varphi|_{\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E)} : \varphi \in X \times \Delta(E)\} := \{\Delta_{x, \sigma}^L : x \in X, \sigma \in \Delta(E)\}.$$

Let A be a commutative Banach algebra. Then the radical of A denoted by $\text{Rad}(A)$, is defined by

$$\text{Rad}(A) := \bigcap_{\varphi \in \Delta(A)} \ker \varphi.$$

Clearly, $\text{Rad}(A)$ is a closed ideal of A . Also A is called semisimple if

$$\text{Rad}(A) = \{0\}.$$

Lemma 2.1. *Let (X, d) be a metric space, E be a commutative Banach algebra and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (i) $C_b(X, E)$ is a semisimple Banach algebra.
- (ii) $\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E)$ is a semisimple Banach algebra.
- (iii) $\text{lip}_\alpha(X, E)$ is a semisimple Banach algebra.
- (iv) E is a semisimple Banach algebra.

Proof. (iv) \implies (i) Let $x \in X$ and $\theta_x : C_b(X, E) \rightarrow E$ is defined by $\theta_x(f) = f(x)$. Then θ_x is linear, continuous and epimorphism. Thus

$$\theta_x(\text{Rad}(C_b(X, E))) \subseteq \text{Rad}(E) = \{0\}.$$

So

$$\text{Rad}(C_b(X, E)) \subseteq \ker(\theta_x) = \{f : f(x) = 0\}.$$

Hence $\text{Rad}(C_b(X, E)) \subseteq \bigcap_{x \in X} \ker(\theta_x) = \{0\}$. So $C_b(X, E)$ is semisimple.

(i) \implies (iv) Let $\varphi : E \rightarrow C_b(X, E)$, define by $\varphi(z) = \varphi_z$, where $\varphi_z(x) = z$ for $x \in X$. Then φ is linear, isometric and homomorphism. Hence

$$\varphi(\text{Rad}(E)) \subseteq \text{Rad}(C_b(X, E)) = \{0\}.$$

But φ is one-to-one, so $\text{Rad}(E) = \{0\}$.

(ii) \implies (iv) Let $\varphi : E \rightarrow \text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E)$ defined by $\varphi(z) = f_z$, where $f_z(x) = z$ for $x \in X$. Therefore $\|f_z\|_{\alpha, E} = \|z\| = \|f_z\|_{\infty, E}$ for each $z \in E$. Hence

$$\varphi(\text{Rad}(E)) \subseteq \text{Rad}(\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E)) = \{0\}.$$

Then $\text{Rad}(E) = \{0\}$.

(iv) \implies (ii) Let $\sigma \in \Delta(E)$ and $\varphi_\sigma : \text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E) \rightarrow \text{Lip}_\alpha X$ define by $\varphi_\sigma(f) = \sigma \circ f$. Then φ_σ is linear, continuous and epimorphism. Thus

$$\varphi_\sigma(\text{Rad}(\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E))) \subseteq \text{Rad}(\text{Lip}_\alpha X) \subseteq \bigcap_{x \in X} \delta_x = \{0\},$$

where, $\delta_x(g) = g(x)$ for $g \in \text{Lip}_\alpha X$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rad}(\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E)) &\subseteq \bigcap_{\sigma \in \Delta(E)} \ker \varphi_\sigma = \{f : \sigma \circ f(x) = 0, \sigma \in \Delta(E), x \in X\} \\ &= \{f : f(x) \in \bigcap_{\sigma \in \Delta(E)} \ker \sigma, x \in X\} \\ &= \{f : f(x) \in \text{Rad}(E), x \in X\} = \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

(i) \implies (iv) Let $\varphi : E \rightarrow Lip_\alpha(X, E)$ defined by $\varphi(z) := f_z$, where $f_z(x) = z$ for $x \in X$. Then $\|f_z\|_{\alpha, E} = \|z\| = \|f\|_{\infty, E}$ for each $z \in E$. Thus φ is well-defined.

Also,

$$\varphi(Rad(E)) \subseteq Rad(Lip_\alpha(X, E)) = \{0\},$$

and φ is one-to-one, so $Rad(E) = \{0\}$.

(iii) \iff (iv) is similar to (ii) \iff (iv). □

Recall that (X, d) is called uniformly discrete if there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $d(x, y) \geq \varepsilon$ for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$.

Lemma 2.2. *Let (X, d) be a uniformly discrete metric space, E be a Banach algebra and $\alpha > 0$. Then $Lip_\alpha(X, E) = B(X, E)$ with equivalent norms.*

Proof. Suppose that (X, d) is uniformly discrete. Thus there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$, we have

$$d(x, y) \geq \varepsilon.$$

Suppose that $f \in B(X, E)$, we have

$$p_\alpha(f) = \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{\|f(x) - f(y)\|}{d(x, y)^\alpha} \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^\alpha} \sup_{x \neq y} \|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \frac{2}{\varepsilon^\alpha} \|f\|_\infty < \infty.$$

It follows that $f \in Lip_\alpha(X, E)$. Moreover

$$\|f\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_\alpha \leq \left(1 + \frac{2}{\varepsilon^\alpha}\right) \|f\|_\infty,$$

and consequently $B(X, E) = Lip_\alpha(X, E)$ with equivalent norms. □

3. Second dual of vector-valued Lipschitz algebras

Let (X, d) be a compact metric space and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Bade, Curtis and Dales [1] showed that $(lip_\alpha X)^{**} \cong Lip_\alpha X$ isometrically isomorphic as Banach algebras.

In this section, we generalized it for locally compact metric space (X, d) and vector-valued Lipschitz algebras with a different proof. In fact, we show that

$$lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**} \cong Lip_\alpha(X, E^{**}).$$

Let (X, d) be a locally compact metric space, E be a Banach algebra and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, $x \in X$ and $\sigma \in E^*$. Then $\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0 \in lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^*$, where $\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0(f) = \sigma(f(x))$ for all $f \in lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^*$.

Also, if $\sigma \in \Delta(E)$ then $\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0 \in \Delta(lip_\alpha^0(X, E))$. We need the following Lemma which its proof follows immediately from [12, Theorem 5.3].

Lemma 3.1. *Let (X, d) be a locally compact metric space, E be a Banach algebra and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then the linear span of $\{\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0; \sigma \in E^*, x \in X\}$ is norm-dense in $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^*$*

We now state the main result of the paper.

Theorem 3.1. *Let (X, d) be a locally compact metric space, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and E be a Banach algebra such that the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ is norm-dense in E^* . Then*

$$lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**} \cong (Lip_\alpha(X, E^{**}), \|\cdot\|_{\alpha, E^{**}}),$$

isometrically isomorphic as Banach algebras.

Proof. We the map $\varphi : lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)^{**} \rightarrow Lip_{\alpha}(X, E^{**})$ is defined by

$$[\varphi(F)(x)](\sigma) := F(\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0), \quad (F \in lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)^{**}, \sigma \in E^*, x \in X),$$

where,

$$\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0(f) = \sigma \circ f(x), \quad (f \in lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)).$$

Clearly, $\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0 \in lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)^*$.

If $F_1 = F_2$, then $F_1(\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0) = F_2(\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0)$. Thus

$$[\varphi(F_1)(x)](\sigma) = [\varphi(F_2)(x)](\sigma) \quad (\sigma \in E^*).$$

Hence $\varphi(F_1)(x) = \varphi(F_2)(x)$ ($x \in X$) and $\varphi(F_1) = \varphi(F_2)$. Therefore φ is well defined. It is obvious that φ is linear.

Now since

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0\| &= \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} |\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0(g)| = \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} |\sigma \circ g(x)| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} \|\sigma\| \|g(x)\| \\ &\leq \|\sigma\| \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} \|g\|_{\infty,E} \leq \|\sigma\|, \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$|[\varphi(F)(x)](\sigma)| = |F(\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0)| \leq \|F\| \|\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0\| \quad (\sigma \in E^*, x \in X),$$

and so $\|\varphi(F)(x)\|_{\infty,E} \leq \|F\|$ for $F \in lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)^{**}$. Hence $\|\varphi\| \leq 1$, and φ is continuous. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\varphi(F)(x) - \varphi(F)(y)\|_{E^{**}}}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} &= \sup_{\|\sigma\| \leq 1} \frac{|\varphi(F)(x)(\sigma) - \varphi(F)(y)(\sigma)|}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} \\ &= \sup_{\|\sigma\| \leq 1} \frac{|F(\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0) - F(\Delta_{y,\sigma}^0)|}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|F(\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0) - F(\Delta_{y,\sigma}^0)|}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} &\leq \frac{\|F\| \|\Delta_{x,\sigma}^0 - \Delta_{y,\sigma}^0\|}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{\|F\|}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} |\sigma \circ g(x) - \sigma \circ g(y)|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\alpha,E^{**}}(\varphi(F)) &= \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{\|\varphi(F)(x) - \varphi(F)(y)\|_{E^{**}}}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} \\ &\leq \sup_{x \neq y} \sup_{\|\sigma\| \leq 1} \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} \frac{\|F\| |\sigma \circ g(x) - \sigma \circ g(y)|}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} \\ &= \sup_{x \neq y} \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} \sup_{\|\sigma\| \leq 1} \frac{\|F\| |\sigma \circ g(x) - \sigma \circ g(y)|}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} \\ &= \sup_{x \neq y} \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} \frac{\|F\| \|g(x) - g(y)\|}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} \\ &= \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{\|F\| \|g(x) - g(y)\|}{d(x,y)^{\alpha}} \\ &= \sup_{\|g\|_{\alpha,E} \leq 1} \|F\| p_{\alpha,E}(g) \leq \|F\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $p_{\alpha, E^{**}}(\varphi(F)) \leq \|F\|$. Define

$$\|\varphi(F)\|_{\alpha, E^{**}} := \max\{\|\varphi(F)\|_{\infty, E^{**}}, p_{\alpha, E^{**}}(\varphi(F))\}$$

Then $\|\varphi(F)\|_{\alpha, E^{**}} \leq \|F\| < \infty$, and so $\varphi(F) \in Lip_{\alpha}(X, E^{**})$. We show that

$\|F\| \leq \|\varphi(F)\|_{\alpha, E^{**}}$ since the linear space of $\{\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0 : \|\sigma\| \leq 1, \sigma \in E^*, x \in X\}$ is norm-dense in $[lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)]^*$ by Lemma 3.1. Thus suppose that $f := \Delta_{x, \sigma}^0$, so

$$|F(f)| = |F(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0)| \leq \|\varphi(F)\|_{\infty, E^{**}}.$$

Also, if $f := \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \Delta_{x_i, \sigma_i}^0$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n |c_i| \leq 1$ and $\|\sigma_i\| \leq 1$ Then

$$|F(f)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i| |\Delta_{x_i, \sigma_i}^0| \leq \|\varphi(F)\|_{\infty, E^{**}}.$$

If $f := \text{norm} - \lim_{\gamma} f_{\gamma}$, where $f_{\gamma} \in [lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)]_1^*$, then

$$|F(f)| = \lim_{\gamma} |F(f_{\gamma})| \leq \|\varphi(F)\|_{\infty, E^{**}}.$$

Therefore

$$\|F\| = \sup_{f \in [lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)]_1^*} |F(f)| \leq \|\varphi(F)\|_{\infty, E^{**}} \leq \|\varphi(F)\|_{\alpha, E^{**}}.$$

Hence $\|\varphi(F)\|_{\alpha, E^{**}} = \|F\|$, and so φ is a isometry.

Let $f \in Lip_{\alpha}(X, E^{**})$ and $\lambda := \{\Delta_{x_1, \sigma_1}^0, \Delta_{x_2, \sigma_2}^0, \dots, \Delta_{x_n, \sigma_n}^0\}$ for which $x_i \in X$ and $\sigma \in E^*$ with $\|\sigma_i\| \leq 1$. Set

$$\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \iff \lambda_1 \subseteq \lambda_2.$$

Let $V_{\lambda} := \langle \Delta_{x_1, \sigma_1}^0, \Delta_{x_2, \sigma_2}^0, \dots, \Delta_{x_n, \sigma_n}^0 \rangle$ and $F_{\lambda} : V_{\lambda} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined by

$$F_{\lambda} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \Delta_{x_i, \sigma_i}^0 \right) := \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k)(\sigma_k).$$

Then $\|F_{\lambda}\| \leq \|f\|_{\alpha, E}$ so $F_{\lambda} \in V_{\lambda}^*$. Also, F_{λ} is linear and w^* -continuous, so by Hahn Banach Theorem there exists w^* -continuous extension

$\bar{F}_{\lambda} : lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $\|\bar{F}_{\lambda}\| \leq \|f\|_{\alpha, E}$ and \bar{F}_{λ} is w^* -continuous. So there exists $f_{\lambda} \in lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)$ such that $\bar{F}_{\lambda} = \hat{f}_{\lambda}$. Put $F \in w^* - cl\{\hat{f}_{\lambda}\}$, then $F \in lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)^{**}$ such that $\varphi(F) = f$, so φ is onto.

Now, we show that φ is a homomorphism. Let $F, G \in lip_{\alpha}^0(X, E)^{**}$, $x \in X$ and $\sigma \in \Delta(E)$. Then

$$F \square G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) = F(G \square \Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) = F(G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) \Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) = F(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0).$$

Similarly,

$$F \diamond G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) = F(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} [\varphi(F \square G)(x)](\sigma) &= F \square G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) \\ &= F(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) \\ &= [\varphi(F)(x)](\sigma) \cdot [\varphi(G)(x)](\sigma), \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in X$, $\sigma \in \Delta(E)$. Since the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ is norm-dense in E^* , it follows that

$$\varphi(F)(x) \cdot \varphi(G)(x)(\sigma) = \varphi(F \square G)(x)(\sigma), \quad (x \in X, \sigma \in E^*).$$

Then $\varphi(F) \cdot \varphi(G) = \varphi(F \square G)$.

□

Corollary 3.1. *Let (X, d) be a locally compact metric space, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and E be a reflexive Banach algebra such that the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ is norm-dense in E^* . Then $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**} \cong Lip_\alpha(X, E)$.*

Let (X, d) be a compact metric space. Then $lip_\alpha^0(X, E) = lip_\alpha(X, E)$. By Theorem 3.1, the following corollary is immediate.

Corollary 3.2. *Let (X, d) be a compact metric space, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and E be a reflexive Banach algebra such that the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ is norm-dense in E^* . Then $lip_\alpha(X, E)^{**} \cong Lip_\alpha(X, E)$.*

The following example show that the condition of locally compact is essential in Theorem 3.1.

Example 3.1. *Let E be a Banach algebra, then $lip_\alpha^0(\mathbb{Q}, E) = \{0\}$ and $Cons(X, E) \subseteq Lip_\alpha(\mathbb{Q}, E)$. So $\{0\} = (lip_\alpha^0(\mathbb{Q}, E))^{**} \neq Lip_\alpha(\mathbb{Q}, E^{**})$.*

Example 3.2. *Let (X, d) be a uniformly discrete metric space, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and E be a Banach algebra. Then by Lemma 2.2, we have*

$$Lip_\alpha(X, E^{**}) = l_\infty(X, E^{**}), lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**} = c_0(X, E)^{**}.$$

Therefore

$$c_0(X, E)^{**} = l_\infty(X, E^{**}).$$

Let A be a Banach algebra and \square (resp; \diamond) be the first (resp; second) Arens product in the second dual A^{**} . Then (A^{**}, \square) and (A^{**}, \diamond) are Banach algebras. Also A is regular if and only if $\square = \diamond$. Then algebra A is Arens regular if the algebra (A^{**}, \diamond) is commutative.

Theorem 3.2. *Let (X, d) be a locally compact metric space, E be a Banach algebra such that the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ is norm-dense in E^* and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)$ is Arens regular.*

Proof. Define $\varphi : lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**} \rightarrow Lip_\alpha(X, E^{**})$ where

$$[\varphi(F)(x)](\sigma) := F(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0), (F \in lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**}, \sigma \in E^*, x \in X).$$

Then by Theorem 3.1, φ is isometrically isomorphic as Banach algebras. Let, $F, G \in lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**} \cong Lip_\alpha(X, E^{**})$. Therefore

$$F \square G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) = F(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0)G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0) = F \diamond G(\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0).$$

Also,

$$F \square G\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \Delta_{x_i, \sigma_i}^0\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i F \square G(\Delta_{x_i, \sigma_i}^0) = F \diamond G\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \Delta_{x_i, \sigma_i}^0\right).$$

Since the linear space of $\{\Delta_{x, \sigma}^0 : \|\sigma\| \leq 1, \sigma \in E^*, x \in X\}$ is norm-dense in $[lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^*]_1$, it follows that $F \square G(f) = F \diamond G(f)$ for all $f \in [lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^*]_1$. Hence

$$F \square G = F \diamond G, (F, G \in lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**})$$

Therefore $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)$ is Arens regular. \square

If (X, d) is a compact metric space, by Corollary 3.2, the following is immediate.

Corollary 3.3. *Let (X, d) be a compact metric space, E be a Banach algebra such that the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ is norm-dense in E^* and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then $lip_\alpha(X, E)$ is Arens regular.*

If A is a commutative Banach algebra which is Arens regular such that A^{**} is semisimple. Then A is 2- weakly amenable Banach algebra, see [7, Corollary 1.11].

Theorem 3.3. *Let (X, d) be a locally metric space, E be a commutative regular and semisimple Banach algebra such that the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ is norm-dense in E^* and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then $\text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)$ is 2–weakly amenable.*

Proof. By Theorem 3.1, we have $\text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**} \cong \text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E^{**})$ and by Lemma 2.1, $\text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E^{**})$ is semisimple so $\text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**}$ is semisimple and by Theorem 3.2, $\text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)$ is Arens regular. Then by [7, Corollary 1.11], $\text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)$ is a 2–weakly amenable. \square

Corollary 3.4. *Let (X, d) be a compact metric space, E be a commutative regular and semisimple Banach algebra such that the linear span of character space $\Delta(E)$ is norm-dense in E^* and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then $\text{lip}_\alpha(X, E)$ is 2–weakly amenable.*

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