

## 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  $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**}$  is isometrically isomorphic as Banach algebra with  $Lip_\alpha(X, E^{**})$ . We show that  $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)$  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  $Lip_\alpha X$  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  $Lip_\alpha X$  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  $\mathbb{F} (= \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C})$  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  $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$  by

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

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,

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

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  $\varphi$  is a bijection and  $\Delta(C(X, E)) = X \times \Delta(E)$ , see [11]. We set

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

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

**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)  $Lip_\alpha(X, E)$  is a semisimple Banach algebra.
- (iii)  $lip_\alpha(X, E)$  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  $\theta_x$  is linear, continuous and epimorphism. Thus

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

So

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

Hence  $Rad(C_b(X, E)) \subseteq \bigcap_{x \in X} \ker(\theta_x) = \{0\}$ . 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  $\varphi$  is linear, isometric and homomorphism. Hence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where,  $\delta_x(g) = g(x)$  for  $g \in Lip_\alpha X$ . Hence

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

(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  $\varphi$  is well-defined.

Also,

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

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

(iii)  $\implies$  (iv) is similar to (ii)  $\implies$  (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 space 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  $\varphi : \text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**} \longrightarrow \text{Lip}_\alpha(X, E^{**})$  is defined by

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

where,

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

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

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  $\varphi$  is well defined. It is obvious that  $\varphi$  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  $F \in \text{lip}_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**}$ . Hence  $\|\varphi\| \leq 1$ , and  $\varphi$  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

$\|F\| \leq \|\varphi(F)\|_{\infty, E^{**}}$  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  $\varphi$  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

$$F_{\lambda} \left( \sum_1^n \lambda_i \Delta_{x_i, \sigma_i}^0 \right) := \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k)(\sigma_k).$$

Then  $\|F_{\lambda}\| \leq \|f\|_{\alpha, E}$  so  $F_{\lambda} \in V_{\lambda}^*$ . Also,  $F_{\lambda}$  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  $\bar{F}_{\lambda}$  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  $\varphi$  is onto.

Now, we show that  $\varphi$  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 reflective 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 reflective 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*

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

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  $\varphi : lip_\alpha^0(X, E)^{**} \longrightarrow Lip_\alpha(X, E^{**})$  where

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

Then by Theorem 3.1,  $\varphi$  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,

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

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

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

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  $lip_\alpha^0(X, E)$  is 2-weakly amenable.*

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

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