

## APPROXIMATE AMENABILITY MODULO AN IDEAL OF BANACH ALGEBRAS

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*In this paper we introduce and study the concept of approximate amenability (contractibility) modulo an ideal of Banach algebras. Based on the obtained results, we prove that the weighted semigroup algebra  $\ell^1(S, \omega)$  is approximately amenable modulo an ideal if and only if  $S$  is amenable and  $\omega_\sigma$  is diagonally bounded where  $\omega_\sigma$  is the induced weight on  $S/\sigma$  for the least group congruence  $\sigma$  on  $S$ .*

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of approximate amenability of Banach algebra was introduced by Ghahramani and Loy in [6]. The structure of approximately amenable (contractible) Banach algebras is considered in [6] through different ways. It is shown two concepts of approximately amenable and approximately contractible for Banach algebras are equivalent and the group algebra  $L^1(G)$ , where  $G$  is a locally compact group, is approximately amenable (contractible) if and only if  $G$  is amenable. For a discrete semigroup  $S$ , the necessary and sufficient conditions for approximately amenable (contractible) of the semigroup algebra  $\ell^1(S)$  is quite more complicated. It has not been explored when  $\ell^1(S)$  is approximately amenable. For discrete semigroup  $S$ , it has been shown that if  $\ell^1(S)$  is approximately amenable, then  $S$  is regular and amenable [7], and if  $S$  is right cancellative semigroup such that  $\ell^1(S)$  is approximately amenable then  $S$  is an amenable group and  $\ell^1(S)$  is amenable [11]. To see some remarks of approximate amenability of Banach algebras see [2, 3, 7, 11, 9].

The concept of amenability modulo an ideal for the  $\ell^1$ - semigroup algebra was introduced by the first author and M. Amini in [1]. The effect is to gather up the non-group structure into a congruence and its corresponding ideal and establish some analogue of Johnson's theorem on groups and their  $\ell^1$ -algebras. Following up some basic properties of amenability modulo an ideal, contractibility modulo an ideal of Banach algebras and their applications for semigroup algebras were studied in [13].

This paper is organized as follows: in section 2, we give some preliminaries. In section 3, we study basic properties of approximately amenable (contractible) modulo an ideal of Banach algebras. Among other results, we give a characterization of approximately amenable (contractible) modulo an ideal of Banach algebras in terms of the existence of a bounded approximate diagonal modulo an ideal of  $A$ . Finally, in section four, using the obtained results we investigate approximately amenable modulo an ideal of weighted semigroup algebras  $\ell^1(S, \omega)$  for a large class of semigroups. As an interesting result we show

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that  $l^1(S, \omega)$  is approximately amenable modulo an ideal if and only if  $S$  is amenable and  $\Omega_{\omega_\sigma}$  is bounded where  $\Omega_{\omega_\sigma}$  is the symmetrization of the induced weight  $\omega_\sigma$  on  $S/\sigma$  and  $\sigma$  is the least group congruence on semigroup  $S$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

For a Banach algebra  $A$ , let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule. A linear mapping  $D : A \rightarrow X$  is said to be a derivation if  $D(ab) = a \cdot D(b) + D(a) \cdot b$  ( $a, b \in A$ ). A derivation  $D$  is said to be inner (approximately inner) if there exists  $x \in X$  ( $(x_\alpha)_\alpha \subseteq X$ ) such that  $D(a) = a \cdot x - x \cdot a$  ( $D(a) = \lim_\alpha ad_{x_\alpha}(a)$ ) ( $a \in A$ ). A Banach algebra  $A$  is said to be amenable (approximately amenable) if every continuous derivation  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is inner (approximately inner) for all Banach  $A$ -bimodules  $X$ . We now begin by recalling some definitions and then we shall give some of the basic consequences of our definitions. Further results in this area are given in the recent papers [1, 12, 13, 14], which in particular contains interesting results on contractibility modulo an ideal, some hereditary properties of amenability modulo an ideal, together with several illuminating examples.

**Definition 2.1.** [13] Let  $I$  be a closed ideal of  $A$ .

- (i) A Banach algebra  $A$  is amenable (contractible) modulo  $I$  if every bounded derivation  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  ( $D : A \rightarrow X$ ) is inner on  $A \setminus I := \{a \in A : a \notin I\}$  for all Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$  such that  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$ .
- (ii) A bounded net  $\{u_\alpha\}_\alpha \subseteq A$  is called approximate identity modulo  $I$  if  $\lim_\alpha u_\alpha \cdot a = \lim_\alpha a \cdot u_\alpha = a$  ( $a \in A \setminus I$ ).

All over this paper we fix  $A$  and  $I$  as above, unless they are otherwise specified.

## 3. Approximately amenable modulo an ideal

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $I$  be a closed ideal of  $A$ . A Banach algebra  $A$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$  if every bounded derivation  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is approximately inner on the set theoretic difference  $A \setminus I := \{a \in A : a \notin I\}$  for all Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$  such that  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $I$  be a closed ideal of  $A$ . Then the following assertions holds:

- (i) if  $\frac{A}{I}$  is approximately amenable and  $I^2 = I$ , then  $A$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$ ;
- (ii) if  $A$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$ , then  $\frac{A}{I}$  is approximately amenable.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule such that  $X \cdot I = I \cdot X = 0$  and  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  be a bounded derivation. Then  $X$  can be regarded as an  $\frac{A}{I}$ -bimodule. Set  $\bar{D} : \frac{A}{I} \rightarrow X^*$  by  $\bar{D}(a + I) = D(a)$  ( $a \in A$ ). Since  $I^2 = I$ ,  $D(x) = 0$  ( $x \in I$ ) and hence  $\bar{D}$  is well-defined. Approximately amenability of  $\frac{A}{I}$  implies that there exists  $(\phi_\alpha)_\alpha \subset X^*$  such that  $\bar{D} = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_\alpha}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D(a) = \bar{D}(a + I) &= \lim_\alpha [(a + I)\phi_\alpha - \phi_\alpha(a + I)] \\ &= \lim_\alpha (a\phi_\alpha - \phi_\alpha a) = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_\alpha}(a). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $X$  be a Banach  $\frac{A}{I}$ -bimodule and  $D : \frac{A}{I} \rightarrow X^*$  be a bounded derivation. By defining  $a \cdot e = \pi(a) \cdot e$ ,  $e \cdot a = e \cdot \pi(a)$  ( $a \in A, e \in X$ ) where  $\pi : A \rightarrow \frac{A}{I}$  is the canonical quotient map,  $X$  can be regarded as a Banach  $A$ -module. Obviously  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$  and  $D \circ \pi : A \rightarrow X^*$  is a bounded derivation. Thus there exists  $(\psi_\alpha)_\alpha \subset X^*$  such that  $D \circ \pi = \lim_\alpha ad_{\psi_\alpha}$  on  $A \setminus I$ . Now  $D(a + I) = D \circ \pi(a) = \lim_\alpha ad_{\psi_\alpha}(a) = \lim_\alpha (a \cdot \psi_\alpha - \psi_\alpha \cdot a)$  ( $a \in A$ ). Hence  $D = \lim_\alpha ad_{\psi_\alpha}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** If  $A$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$  and  $I$  is approximately amenable, then  $A$  is approximately amenable.

One could modify the proof of the following Lemma (which is essentially due to Ghahramani and Loy [6]) to get the same result for approximately amenable modulo an ideal.

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $A$  is an unital Banach algebra which is approximately amenable modulo  $I$ ,  $X$  is an  $A$ -bimodule such that  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$  and  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is a derivation, then there are  $(\phi_\alpha)_\alpha \subset e \cdot X^* \cdot e$  and  $\eta \in X^*$  such that*

- (1)  $\|\eta\| \leq 2C_X \|D\|$ ;
- (2)  $D = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_\alpha} + ad_\eta$  on  $A \setminus I$ .

*Proof.* By [6, Lemma 2.3], there are derivation  $D_1 : A \rightarrow e \cdot X^* \cdot e$  and  $\eta \in X^*$  such that  $\|\eta\| \leq 2C_X \|D\|$  and  $D = D_1 + ad_\eta$ . Now  $e \cdot X^* \cdot e \cong (e \cdot X \cdot e)^*$ ,  $A$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$  and  $I \cdot (e \cdot X \cdot e) = (e \cdot X \cdot e) \cdot I = 0$ , so there exists  $(\phi_\alpha)_\alpha \subset e \cdot X^* \cdot e$  such that  $D_1 = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_\alpha}$  on  $A \setminus I$ . Thus  $D = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_\alpha} + ad_\eta$  on  $A \setminus I$ .  $\square$

Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra. Then  $A^\sharp$  is also a Banach algebra in a standard way which gives the adjoined identity norm one.

**Theorem 3.2.**  *$A$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$  if and only if  $A^\sharp$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be an  $A^\sharp$ -bimodule such that  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$  and  $D : A^\sharp \rightarrow X^*$  be a derivation. By [6, Lemma 2.3],  $D = D_1 + ad_\eta$  where  $\eta \in X^*$ ,  $D_1 : A^\sharp \rightarrow e \cdot X^* \cdot e$ . Now  $D_1(e) = 0$  and  $D_1|_A : A \rightarrow e \cdot X^* \cdot e$  is a derivation, so approximately amenable modulo  $I$  of  $A$  implies that there exists  $(\psi_\alpha)_\alpha \subset e \cdot X^* \cdot e$  such that  $D_1|_A = \lim_\alpha ad_{\psi_\alpha}$  on  $A \setminus I$ . Thus  $D = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_{\alpha+\eta}}$  ( $a \in A \setminus I$ ).

Conversely, let  $X$  be an  $A$ -bimodule such that  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$  and  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  be a derivation. Set  $\bar{D} : A^\sharp \rightarrow X^*$  by  $\bar{D}(a, \lambda) = D(a)$  ( $(a, \lambda) \in A^\sharp$ ). Now  $X$  can be made into a Banach  $A^\sharp$ -bimodule by defining  $(a, \lambda) \cdot x = a \cdot x + \lambda x$ ,  $x \cdot (a, \lambda) = x \cdot a + \lambda x$  ( $x \in X$ ,  $(a, \lambda) \in A^\sharp$ ). We have  $e \cdot Da = Da = Da \cdot e$  ( $a \in A$ ) and

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{D}((a_1, \lambda_1)(a_2, \lambda_2)) &= D(a_1 a_2) + \lambda_2 e \cdot D(a_1) + \lambda_1 e \cdot D(a_2) \\ &= D(a_1) \cdot a_2 + a_1 \cdot D(a_2) + \lambda_2 e \cdot D(a_1) + \lambda_1 e \cdot D(a_2) \\ &= \bar{D}(a_1, \lambda_1) \cdot (a_2, \lambda_2) + (a_1, \lambda_1) \cdot \bar{D}(a_2, \lambda_2), \end{aligned}$$

so  $\bar{D}$  is a derivation ( $a_1, a_2 \in A$ ,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ ). Since  $A^\sharp$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$ , there exists net  $(\psi_\alpha)_\alpha \subset X^*$  such that  $\bar{D} = \lim_\alpha ad_{\psi_\alpha}$  on  $A^\sharp \setminus I$ . Thus  $D = \bar{D}|_A$  is approximately inner on  $A \setminus I$ .  $\square$

We recall that an  $A$ -bimodule  $X$  is called neo-unital modulo  $I$  [13], if

$$X = (A \setminus I) \cdot X \cdot (A \setminus I) = \{a \cdot x \cdot b \mid a, b \in A \setminus I, x \in X\}.$$

It is known that for a Banach algebra  $A$  with bounded approximate identity modulo  $I$ ,  $H_I^1(A, X^*) = 0$  for each Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$  if and only if  $H_I^1(A, X^*) = 0$  for each neo-unital modulo  $I$  Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$  [14, Theorem 2.5]. Similarly, if  $A$  is a Banach algebra with a bounded approximate identity modulo  $I$ , then  $A$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$  if for every neo-unital modulo  $I$  Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$  such that  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$ , every derivation  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is approximately inner on  $A \setminus I := \{a \in A : a \notin I\}$ . We denote the identity of  $\frac{A^\sharp}{I}$  by  $\bar{e}$  and fix it till end of this paper.

**Theorem 3.3.** *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a)  $A$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$ ;
- (b)  $There is a net (M_\nu) \subset (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)^{**}$  such that  $a \cdot M_\nu - M_\nu \cdot a \rightarrow 0$  ( $\forall a \in A^\sharp \setminus I$ ) and  $\pi^{**}(M_\nu) \rightarrow \bar{e}$ ;
- (c)  $There is a net (M'_\nu) \subset (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)^{**}$  such that  $a \cdot M'_\nu - M'_\nu \cdot a \rightarrow 0$  ( $\forall a \in A^\sharp \setminus I$ ) and  $\pi^{**}(M'_\nu) = \bar{e}$  for every  $\nu$ .

*Proof.* (a)  $\rightarrow$  (c) Let  $A$  be approximately amenable modulo  $I$ , then  $A^\sharp$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I$  (by Theorem 3.2). Put  $u = \widehat{(\bar{e} \otimes e)} \in (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)^{**}$  and define  $\pi : (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp) \rightarrow \frac{A^\sharp}{I}$  by  $\pi(\bar{a} \otimes b) = \bar{a}b$ . Now  $ad_u : A^\sharp \rightarrow (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)^{**}$  by  $a \mapsto a.u - u.a$  is a bounded derivation and

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{**}(ad_u(a))(f) &= ad_u(a)(\pi^* f) \\ &= a.u(\pi^* f) - u.a(\pi^* f) \\ &= \widehat{(\bar{e} \otimes e)}(\pi^* f.a) - \widehat{(\bar{e} \otimes e)}(a.\pi^* f) \\ &= \pi^* f(\bar{a} \otimes e) - \pi^* f(\bar{e} \otimes a) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $ad_u \in Z^1(A^\sharp, \ker(\pi^{**}))$ . Let  $X := (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)^*$  and  $M := \overline{(\pi^*((\frac{A^\sharp}{I})^*))}$ , then  $\ker \pi^{**} = (\frac{X}{M})^*$ . Since  $I \cdot (\frac{X}{M}) = (\frac{X}{M}) \cdot I = 0$ , approximately amenability modulo  $I$  of  $A^\sharp$  implies that there exists  $(M_\nu)_\nu \subset \ker(\pi^{**})$  such that  $ad_u(a) = st - \lim_\nu ad_{M_\nu}(a)$  on  $A^\sharp \setminus I$ . Let  $M'_\nu := u - M_\nu$ , then for each  $\phi \in (\frac{A^\sharp}{I})^*$ ,  $\bar{c} \in \frac{A^\sharp}{I}$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi^{**}(M'_\nu) \cdot \bar{c})(\phi) &= (\pi^{**}(u - M_\nu) \cdot \bar{c})(\phi) \\ &= (\pi^{**}(u) \cdot \bar{c})(\phi) - (\pi^{**}(M_\nu) \cdot \bar{c})(\phi) = (\pi^{**}(u))(\bar{c}.\phi) \\ &= u(\pi^*(\bar{c}.\phi)) = \pi^*((\bar{c}.\phi)(\bar{e} \otimes e)) = (\bar{c}.\phi)(\pi(\bar{e} \otimes e)) \\ &= \phi(\bar{c}), \end{aligned}$$

and for each  $a \in A^\sharp \setminus I$ ;

$$a \cdot M'_\nu - M'_\nu \cdot a = a \cdot (u - M_\nu) - (u - M_\nu) \cdot a = ad_u(a) - ad_{M_\nu}(a) \rightarrow 0.$$

(c)  $\rightarrow$  (a) Let  $X$  be a neo-unital Banach  $A^\sharp$ -bimodule modulo  $I$  such that  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$  and  $D : A^\sharp \rightarrow X^*$  be a bounded derivation. Since  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$ , with the module actions  $\bar{a} \cdot x = a \cdot x$ ,  $x \cdot \bar{a} = x \cdot a$ ,  $X$  is an  $\frac{A^\sharp}{I}$ -bimodule. Put  $\mu_x(\bar{a} \otimes b) = (\bar{a} \cdot Db)(x)$ ,  $(\bar{a} \otimes b \in \frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp, x \in X)$ . We have;

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{x.a-a.x}(\bar{b} \otimes c) &= \mu_{x.\bar{a}-\bar{a}.x}(\bar{b} \otimes c) \\ &= (\bar{b}.Dc)(x.\bar{a} - \bar{a}.x) \\ &= (\bar{b}.Dc)(x.\bar{a}) - (\bar{b}.Dc)(\bar{a}.x) \\ &= (\bar{a}\bar{b}.Dc)(x) - (\bar{b}.Dc.\bar{a})(x) + (\bar{b}\bar{c}.Da)(x) \\ &= \mu_x(\bar{a}\bar{b} \otimes c) - \mu_x(\bar{b} \otimes ca) + (\bar{b}\bar{c}.Da)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mu_{x.a-a.x}(m) = (\mu_{x.a-a.x})(m) + (\pi(m).Da)(x)$  ( $m \in (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)$ ). For each  $\nu$ , define  $f_\nu(x) = M_\nu(\mu_x)$ . Then  $\{f_\nu\} \subseteq X^*$  and  $\|f_\nu\| \leq \|M_\nu\| \|D\| \|C_X\|$ . We claim that  $D = st - \lim_\nu ad_{f_\nu}$ . Since  $(M_\nu)_\nu \subset (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)^{**}$ , there exists  $\{m_\nu^\alpha\} \subseteq (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)$  such that  $M_\nu = w^* - \lim_\alpha m_\nu^\alpha$ . We have;

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{a}.f_\nu - f_\nu.\bar{a})(x) &= f_\nu(x.\bar{a} - \bar{a}.x) = M_\nu(\mu_{x.\bar{a}-\bar{a}.x}) \quad (x \in X, \bar{a} \in \frac{A^\sharp}{I}) \\ &= w^* - \lim_\alpha \widehat{m_\nu^\alpha}(\mu_{x.\bar{a}-\bar{a}.x}) \\ &= w^* - \lim_\alpha (\mu_x.\bar{a} - \bar{a}.\mu_x)(m_\nu^\alpha) + (\pi(m_\nu^\alpha)Da)(x) \\ &= M_\nu(\mu_x.\bar{a} - \bar{a}.\mu_x) + w^* - \lim_\alpha (\pi(m_\nu^\alpha)Da)(x) \\ &= M_\nu(\mu_x.\bar{a}) - M_\nu(\bar{a}.\mu_x) + (\pi^{**}(M_\nu)Da)(x) \\ &= f_\nu(x.\bar{a}) - f_\nu(\bar{a}.x) + (\pi^{**}(M_\nu)Da)(x) \\ &= f_\nu(x.a) - f_\nu(a.x) + (\pi^{**}(M_\nu)Da)(x) \\ &= a.f_\nu(x) - f_\nu(x).a + (\pi^{**}(M_\nu)Da)(x) \\ &= (a \cdot M_\nu - M_\nu \cdot a)(\mu_x) + (\pi^{**}(M_\nu)Da)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|(a.f_\nu - f_\nu.a)(x) - (Da)(x)\| &\leq \|(a.M_\nu - M_\nu.a)\| \cdot \|D\| \cdot \|x\| \\ &\quad + \|x\| \cdot \|\pi^{**}(M_\nu) - \bar{e}\| \cdot \|Da\| \end{aligned}$$

Whence  $D(a) = st - \lim_\alpha ad_{f_\nu}(a)$  ( $a \in A^\sharp \setminus I$ ).

(b)  $\rightarrow$  (a) It is clear.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *A is approximately amenable modulo I if and only if there are nets  $(M_\nu'') \subseteq (\frac{A}{I} \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$ ,  $(F_\nu) \subseteq (\frac{A}{I})^{**}$ ,  $(G_\nu) \subseteq (A)^{**}$ , such that for each  $a \in A \setminus I$ ;*

- i)  $a \cdot M_\nu'' - M_\nu'' \cdot a + F_\nu \otimes a - a \otimes G_\nu \rightarrow 0$
- ii)  $a \cdot F_\nu \rightarrow a, G_\nu \cdot a \rightarrow a$ ; and
- iii)  $\pi^{**}(M_\nu'') \cdot a - F_\nu \cdot a - G_\nu \cdot a \rightarrow 0$

*Proof.* Let  $(M_\nu) \subseteq (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)^{**}$  be as in Theorem 3.3. Since

$$(\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)^{**} = (\frac{A}{I} \hat{\otimes} A)^{**} \oplus ((\frac{A}{I})^{**} \hat{\otimes} e) \oplus (e \hat{\otimes} A^{**}) \oplus \mathbb{C}(e \hat{\otimes} e),$$

there exists  $(M_\nu'') \subseteq (\frac{A}{I} \hat{\otimes} A)^{**}$ ,  $(F_\nu) \subseteq (\frac{A}{I})^{**}$ ,  $(G_\nu) \subseteq (A)^{**}$  and  $(c_\nu) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  such that  $M_\nu = M_\nu'' - F_\nu \otimes e - e \otimes G_\nu + c_\nu e \otimes e$ . Let  $(F_\nu^\alpha) \subseteq (\frac{A}{I})^{**}$  be  $w^*$ -accumulation point of  $(\widehat{F_\nu^\alpha})$ , then for each  $f \in (\frac{A^\sharp}{I})^*$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi^{**}(F_\nu \otimes e))(f) &= (F_\nu \otimes e)(\pi^* f) = w^* - \lim((\widehat{F_\nu^\alpha \otimes e})(\pi^* f)) \\ &= w^* - \lim_\alpha (\pi^* f)(\widehat{F_\nu^\alpha \otimes e}) = w^* - \lim_\alpha f(F_\nu^\alpha) \\ &= w^* - \lim_\alpha \widehat{F_\nu^\alpha}(f) = F_\nu(f) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\pi^{**}(F_\nu \otimes e) = F_\nu$ . Similarly  $\pi^{**}(e \otimes G_\nu) = G_\nu$ ,  $\pi^{**}(c_\nu e \otimes e) = c_\nu$ . Using Theorem 3.3(b), proof is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let A be approximately amenable modulo I, B be a Banach algebra and J be a closed ideal of B. Let  $\theta : A \rightarrow B$  be a continuous surjective homomorphism such that  $\theta(I) \subseteq J$ . Then B is approximately amenable modulo J.*

*Proof.* Let X be a Banach B-bimodule such that  $J \cdot X = X \cdot J = 0$  and  $D : B \rightarrow X^*$  is a bounded derivation. Then X become a Banach A-bimodule where the module actions are defined  $a \cdot x := \theta(a) \cdot x$ ,  $x \cdot a := x \cdot \theta(a)$  ( $a \in A$ ,  $x \in X$ ). Clearly,  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$  and  $D \circ \theta : A \rightarrow X^*$  is a bounded derivation. Then there exists a net  $(\phi_\nu)_\nu \subset X^*$  such that  $D \circ \theta = \lim_\nu ad_{\phi_\nu}$  on  $A \setminus I$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.2.** *Let A be Banach algebra and I be a closed ideal of A. A is approximately contractible modulo I if for every Banach A-bimodule X such that  $I \cdot X = X \cdot I = 0$ , every bounded derivation D from A into X is an approximately inner derivation on  $A \setminus I := \{a \in A : a \notin I\}$ .*

We recall that an element  $e \in A$  is an identity modulo I if  $ae - a \in I$ ,  $ea - a \in I$  ( $a \in A$ ) and a Banach algebra A is unital modulo I if A has an identity modulo I [13].

**Theorem 3.6.** *The following assertions hold.*

- (i) *If  $\frac{A}{I}$  is approximately contractible and  $I^2 = I$ , then A is approximately contractible modulo I.*
- (ii) *If A is approximately contractible modulo I, then  $\frac{A}{I}$  is approximately contractible.*
- (iii) *If A is approximately contractible modulo I and  $I$  is approximately contractible, then A is approximately contractible.*
- (iv) *If A is approximately contractible modulo I, then A is unital modulo I.*

*Proof.* (i) Let X be a Banach A-bimodule such that  $X \cdot I = I \cdot X = 0$  and  $D : A \rightarrow X$  be a bounded derivation. Analogous argument of Theorem 3.1, shows that X can be regarded as  $\frac{A}{I}$ -bimodule and  $D_1 : \frac{A}{I} \rightarrow X$  by  $D_1(a+I) = D(a)$  ( $a \in A$ ) is well-define bounded derivation. Since  $\frac{A}{I}$  is approximately contractible, there exists  $(\phi_\alpha)_\alpha \subset X$  such that  $D_1 = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_\alpha}$ . Then

$$D(a) = D_1(a+I) = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_\alpha}(a) \quad (a \in A \setminus I).$$

(ii) Let  $X$  be a Banach  $\frac{A}{I}$ -bimodule and  $D : \frac{A}{I} \rightarrow X$  be a bounded derivation. Now  $X$  is an  $A$ -bimodule by defining  $a \cdot x = \pi(a) \cdot x$ ,  $x \cdot a = x \cdot \pi(a)$  ( $a \in A, x \in X$ ). Clearly  $D \circ \pi : A \rightarrow X$  is a bounded derivation and  $A$  is approximately contractible modulo  $I$  implies that there exists  $(\phi_\alpha)_\alpha \subseteq X$  such that  $D \circ \pi = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_\alpha}$  on  $A \setminus I$ . Thus  $D = \lim_\alpha ad_{\phi_\alpha}$ .

(iii) and (iv) are straightforward.  $\square$

The following results are the analogous of Theorems 3.3 and 3.5.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $A$  be approximately contractible modulo  $I$ ,  $B$  be a Banach algebra and  $J$  be a closed ideal of  $B$ . Let  $\theta : A \rightarrow B$  be a continuous surjective homomorphism such that  $\theta(I) \subseteq J$ . Then  $B$  is approximately contractible modulo  $J$ .*

**Theorem 3.8.** *The following assertions are equivalent.*

- (i)  *$A$  is approximately contractible modulo  $I$ .*
- (ii) *There exists  $(M_\nu) \subset (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)$  such that  $a \cdot M_\nu - M_\nu \cdot a \rightarrow 0$  ( $a \in A^\sharp \setminus I$ ) and  $\pi(M_\nu) \rightarrow \bar{e}$ .*
- (iii) *There exists  $(M'_\nu) \subset (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)$  such that  $a \cdot M'_\nu - M'_\nu \cdot a \rightarrow 0$  ( $a \in A^\sharp \setminus I$ ) and  $\pi(M'_\nu) = \bar{e}$ .*
- (iv) *There are  $(M''_\nu) \subseteq (\frac{A^\sharp}{I} \hat{\otimes} A^\sharp)$ ,  $(F_\nu) \subseteq (\frac{A^\sharp}{I})$ ,  $(G_\nu) \subseteq A^\sharp$  such that  $a \cdot M''_\nu - M''_\nu \cdot a + F_\nu \otimes a - a \otimes G_\nu \rightarrow 0$ ,  $a \cdot F_\nu \rightarrow a$ ,  $G_\nu \cdot a \rightarrow a$  and  $\pi(M''_\nu) \cdot a - F_\nu \cdot a - G_\nu \cdot a \rightarrow 0$ .*

#### 4. Approximate amenability modulo an ideal of weighted semigroup algebras

We begin by introducing some basic concepts that are used throughout this section. Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $E = E(S)$  be the set (possibly empty) of idempotents of  $S$ . We recall that a semigroup  $S$  is called an *E-semigroup* if  $E(S)$  forms a sub-semigroup of  $S$ , *E-inversive* if for all  $x \in S$ , there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $xy \in E(S)$ , *regular* if  $V(a) \neq \emptyset$  where  $V(a) = \{x \in S : a = axa, x = xax\}$  is the set of inverses of  $a \in S$  and  $S$  is called an *inverse semigroup* if moreover, the inverse of each element is unique. An inverse semigroup  $S$  is called *E-unitary* if for each  $x \in S$  and  $e \in E(S)$ ,  $ex \in E(S)$  implies  $x \in E(S)$  and  $S$  is called *semilattice* if  $S$  is a commutative and idempotent semigroup. Also, a semigroup  $S$  is called *eventually inverse* if every element of  $S$  has some power that is regular and  $E(S)$  is a semilattice.

A congruence  $\rho$  on semigroup  $S$  is called group congruence if  $S/\rho$  is group. We denote the least group congruence on semigroup  $S$  by  $\sigma$ . Following Gigon [8], if  $S$  is an *E-inversive E-semigroup* with commuting idempotents or  $S$  is an eventually inverse semigroup then  $\sigma = \{(a, b) \in S \times S \mid ea = fb \text{ for some } e, f \in E(S)\}$  is the least group congruence on  $S$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** [1] (i) *Let  $S$  be an eventually inverse semigroup or  $S$  be an *E-inversive E-semigroup* with commuting idempotents. Then  $S$  is amenable if and only if  $S/\sigma$  is amenable.*

(ii) *Let  $\rho$  be a group congruence on  $S$  with commuting  $\text{Ker}\rho$ , then  $S$  is amenable if and only if  $S/\rho$  is amenable.*

By a weight on semigroup  $S$  (group  $G$ ), we mean a function  $\omega : S \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that  $\omega(st) \leq \omega(s)\omega(t)$  ( $s, t \in S$ ). The weight  $\omega$  on group  $G$  is called symmetric if  $\omega(g) = \omega(g^{-1})$  ( $g \in G$ ). For any weight  $\omega$ , its symmetrization is the weight defined by  $\Omega_\omega(g) = \omega(g)\omega(g^{-1})$ . Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $\omega$  be a weight on  $S$ . The weighted semigroup algebra  $l^1(S, \omega) = \{f \mid f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \sum_{s \in S} |f(s)|\omega(s) < \infty\}$  under convolution is a Banach algebra where  $\|f\|_{1, \omega} = \sum_{s \in S} |f(s)|\omega(s)$ . If  $\omega = 1$ , the weighted semigroup algebra  $l^1(S, \omega)$  is called semigroup algebra and is denoted by  $l^1(S)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *The following statements hold:*

- (i) *if  $S$  is a semigroup,  $\rho$  is a congruence on  $S$  and  $\omega$  is a weight on  $S$ , then  $\frac{l^1(S, \omega)}{I_\rho} \simeq l^1(S/\rho, \omega_\rho)$  where  $\omega_\rho([s]_\rho) = \inf\{\omega(s) : s \in [s]_\rho\}$  is the induced weight on  $S/\rho$ ;*
- (ii) *if  $S$  is an  $E$ -inversive semigroup with commuting idempotents or  $S$  is an eventually inverse semigroup,  $\sigma$  be the least group congruence on  $S$  and  $\omega$  be a weight on  $S$ , then  $l^1(S/\sigma, \omega_\sigma)) \simeq \frac{l^1(S, \omega)}{I_\sigma}$  where  $I_\sigma$  is a closed ideal of  $l^1(S, \omega)$  and  $I_\sigma^2 = I_\sigma$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $u, v \in S$  then;

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_\rho([uv]_\rho) &\leq \inf\{\omega(t_1) : t_1 \in [u]_\rho\} \cdot \inf\{\omega(t_2) : t_2 \in [v]_\rho\} \\ &= \omega_\rho([u]_\rho) \cdot \omega_\rho([v]_\rho) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\omega_\rho$  is a weight on  $S/\rho$ . Now  $\widehat{\pi} : l^1(S, \omega) \rightarrow l^1(S/\rho, \omega_\rho)$  by  $\widehat{\pi}(\delta_s) = \delta_{\pi(s)}$  is an epimorphism where  $\pi : S \rightarrow \frac{S}{\rho}$  is the natural quotient map and  $I_\rho = \ker \widehat{\pi}$ .

(ii) It follows from [1, Lemma 2].  $\square$

By Lemma 4.1,  $\frac{l^1(S, \omega)}{I_\rho} \simeq l^1(S/\rho, \omega_\rho)$  where  $\ker \widehat{\pi} = I_\rho$ . Now  $I_\rho$  is an ideal in  $l^1(S, \omega)$  generated by the set  $\{\delta_s - \delta_t : s, t \in S \text{ with } (s, t) \in \rho\}$ . Conversely, if  $J$  is an ideal of  $l^1(S, \omega)$ , and  $\rho_J$  is the congruence on  $S$  defined by  $\rho_J = \{(s, t) : s, t \in S, \delta_s - \delta_t \in J\}$ , then  $I_{\rho_J} \subseteq J$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *Suppose that  $\omega$  is a weight on semigroup  $S$ . If  $S$  is to one of the following statements:*

- (i)  *$S$  is an  $E$ -inversive semigroup with commuting idempotents;*
- (ii)  *$S$  be an eventually inverse semigroup;*

*Then  $S$  is amenable and  $\Omega_{\omega_\sigma}$  is bounded if and only if  $l^1(S, \omega)$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I_\sigma$ .*

*Proof.*  $S$  is amenable if and only if  $S/\sigma$  is amenable (Theorem 4.1(i)), if and only if  $l^1(S/\sigma, \omega_\sigma) \simeq \frac{l^1(S, \omega)}{I_\sigma}$  is approximately amenable ( Lemma 4.1 and [11, Theorem 0]), if and only if  $l^1(S, \omega)$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I_\sigma$  (Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 4.1), because  $I_\sigma^2 = I_\sigma$ .  $\square$

By a similar argument of Theorem 4.1, we have the following result;

**Corollary 4.1.** *Suppose that  $\omega$  is a weight on semigroup  $S$ . If  $S$  is to one of the following statements:*

- (i)  *$S$  is an  $E$ -inversive semigroup with commuting idempotents;*
- (ii)  *$S$  be an eventually inverse semigroup;*

*Then  $S$  is amenable and  $\Omega_{\omega_\sigma}$  is bounded if and only if  $l^1(S, \omega)$  is amenable modulo  $I_\sigma$ .*

**Example 4.1.** (i) Let  $S = \{p^m q^n : m, n \geq 0\}$  be the bicyclic semigroup generated by  $p, q$  Using Theorem 4.1, amenability of  $S$  implies  $l^1(S)$  is approximate amenable modulo  $I_\sigma$ , where  $\sigma$  is the least group congruence on  $S$ . We note that  $l^1(S)$  is not approximately amenable [10]. Also we note that for any weight  $\omega$ ,  $l^1(S, \omega)$  is not amenable.

(ii) Let  $G = \mathbb{F}_2$  be a free group with two generators  $a, b$ . Then  $G$  is not amenable. Let  $T = (\mathbb{N}_0, +) \times (\mathbb{N}, \max)$ , where  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and put  $S = G \times T$ . Then  $E(S) = \{(1_G, e) : e \in E(T)\}$  is infinite. Also  $G$  is the maximum group homomorphism image of  $S$  under the homomorphism  $\phi : (g, t) \mapsto g$ . Let  $\sigma$  be the congruence on  $S$  such that  $S/\sigma \simeq G$ . Then  $l^1(S)$  is not approximately amenable modulo  $I_\sigma$ , indeed  $\frac{l^1(S)}{I_\sigma}$  is isomorphic to  $l^1(G)$ , which is not approximately amenable.

(iii) Suppose  $X$  is a singleton and  $S = FI(X)$  be the free inverse semigroup on  $X$ . Since  $S = FI(X)$  has infinitely many idempotents,  $l^1(S)$  is not amenable [1]. On the other hand,

amenability of  $S$  implies that  $S/\sigma$  is amenable. Thus  $l^1(S/\sigma)$  is approximately amenable so  $l^1(S)$  is approximately amenable modulo  $I_\sigma$  (by Theorem 3.1).

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