

On left φ -biflat Banach algebras

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Abstract. We study the notion of left φ -biflatness for Segal algebras and semigroup algebras. We show that the Segal algebra $S(G)$ is left φ -biflat if and only if G is amenable. Also we characterize left φ -biflatness of semigroup algebra $l^1(S)$ in terms of biflatness, when S is a Clifford semigroup.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

A Banach algebra A is called amenable, if there exists an element $M \in (A \otimes_p A)^{**}$ such that $a \cdot M = M \cdot a$ and $\pi_A^{**}(M)a = a$ for each $a \in A$. It is well-known that an amenable Banach algebra has a bounded approximate identity. For the history of amenability, see [12].

In homological theory, the notion of biflatness is an amenability-like property. In fact a Banach algebra A is biflat if there exists a Banach A -bimodule ϱ from A into $(A \otimes_p A)^{**}$ such that $\pi_A^{**} \circ \varrho(a) = a$ for each $a \in A$. It is well-known that a Banach algebra A with a bounded approximate identity is biflat if and only if A is amenable.

E. Kanuith et al. in [9] defined a version of amenability with respect to a nonzero multiplicative functional φ . A Banach algebra A is called left φ -amenable if there exists an element $m \in A^{**}$ such that $am = \varphi(a)m$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(m) = 1$ for every $a \in A$. Note that the Segal algebra $S(G)$ is left φ -amenable if and only if G is amenable, for further information see [1], [8] and [7].

Motivated by these considerations, M. Essmaili et al. in [2] defined a biflat-like property related to a multiplicative linear functional, called the condition W (here called φ -biflatness).

Definition 1.1 ([2]). Let A be a Banach algebra and $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$. The Banach algebra A is called left φ -biflat (right φ -biflat or is said to satisfy the condition W), if there exists a bounded linear map $\varrho: A \rightarrow (A \otimes_p A)^{**}$ such that

$$\varrho(ab) = \varphi(b)\varrho(a) = a \cdot \varrho(b) \quad (\varrho(ab) = \varphi(a)\varrho(b) = \varrho(a) \cdot b)$$

and

$$\tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_A^{**} \circ \varrho(a) = \varphi(a)$$

for each $a, b \in A$, respectively.

They showed that a symmetric Segal algebra $S(G)$ (on a locally compact group G) is right φ -biflat if and only if G is amenable [2, Theorem 3.4]. As a consequence of this result in [2, Corollary 3.5] authors characterized the right φ -biflatness of Lebesgue-Fourier algebra $\mathcal{LA}(G)$, Weiner algebra M_1 and Feichtinger’s Segal algebra $S_0(G)$ over a unimodular locally compact group.

In this paper, we extend [2, Theorem 3.4] for any Segal algebra (in left φ -biflat case). In fact we show that the Segal algebra $S(G)$ is left φ -biflat if and only if G is amenable. Using this tool we characterize left φ -biflatness of the Lebesgue-Fourier algebra $\mathcal{LA}(G)$. Also we characterize left φ -biflatness of second dual of Segal algebra $S(G)^{**}$ in the term of amenability G . We study left φ -biflatness of some semigroup algebras.

We recall some standard notations and definitions that we shall need in this paper. Let A be a Banach algebra. If X is a Banach A -bimodule, then X^* is also a Banach A -bimodule via the following actions

$$(a \cdot f)(x) = f(x \cdot a), \quad (f \cdot a)(x) = f(a \cdot x), \quad a \in A, x \in X, f \in X^*.$$

Throughout, the character space of A is denoted by $\Delta(A)$, that is, all nonzero multiplicative linear functionals on A . Let $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$. Then φ has a unique extension $\tilde{\varphi} \in \Delta(A^{**})$ which is defined by $\tilde{\varphi}(F) = F(\varphi)$ for every $F \in A^{**}$.

Let A be a Banach algebra. The projective tensor product $A \otimes_p A$ is a Banach A -bimodule via the following actions

$$a \cdot (b \otimes c)ab \otimes c, \quad (b \otimes c) \cdot a = b \otimes ca, \quad a, b, c \in A.$$

The product morphism $\pi_A : A \otimes_p A \rightarrow A$ is given by $\pi_A(a \otimes b) = ab$ for every $a, b \in A$. Let X and Y be Banach A -bimodules. The map $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is called A -bimodule morphism, if

$$T(a \cdot x) = a \cdot T(x), \quad T(x \cdot a) = T(x) \cdot a, \quad a \in A, x \in X.$$

2. Left φ -biflatness

In this section we give two criteria which show the relation of left φ -biflatness and left φ -amenability.

Lemma 2.1. *Suppose that A is a left φ -biflat Banach algebra with $\overline{A \ker \varphi}^{\|\cdot\|} = \ker \varphi$. Then A is left φ -amenable.*

PROOF: Let A be left φ -biflat. Then there exists a bounded linear map $\varrho: A \rightarrow (A \otimes_p A)^{**}$ such that $\varrho(ab) = a \cdot \varrho(b) = \varphi(b)\varrho(a)$ and $\tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_A^{**} \circ \varrho(a) = \varphi(a)$ for all $a \in A$. We finish the proof in three steps:

Step 1: There exists a bounded left A -module morphism $\xi: A \rightarrow (A \otimes_p \frac{A}{\ker \varphi})^{**}$ which $\xi(l) = 0$ for each $l \in \ker \varphi$. To see this, we denote $\text{id}_A: A \rightarrow A$ for the identity map. Also we denote $q: A \rightarrow \frac{A}{\ker \varphi}$ for the quotient map. Put

$$\xi := (\text{id}_A \otimes q)^{**} \circ \varrho: A \rightarrow \left(A \otimes_p \frac{A}{\ker \varphi} \right)^{**},$$

where $\text{id}_A \otimes q(a \otimes b) = \text{id}_A(a) \otimes q(b)$ for every $a, b \in A$. Clearly $\text{id}_A \otimes q: A \otimes_p A \rightarrow A \otimes_p \frac{A}{\ker \varphi}$ is a bounded left A -module morphism, it follows that $(\text{id}_A \otimes q)^{**}$ is also a bounded left A -module morphism. So $\xi: A \rightarrow (A \otimes_p \frac{A}{\ker \varphi})^{**}$ is a bounded left A -module morphism. Let l be an arbitrary element of $\ker \varphi$. Since $\overline{A \ker \varphi}^{\|\cdot\|} = \ker \varphi$, there exist two sequences (a_n) in A and (l_n) in $\ker \varphi$ such that $a_n l_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} l$. Then

$$\xi(l) = (\text{id}_A \otimes q)^{**} \circ \varrho(l) = \lim_n (\text{id}_A \otimes q)^{**} \circ \varrho(a_n l_n) = \lim_n \varphi(l_n) (\text{id}_A \otimes q)^{**} \circ \varrho(a_n) = 0,$$

the last equality holds because (l_n) is in $\ker \varphi$.

Step 2: There exists a bounded left A -module morphism $\eta: \frac{A}{\ker \varphi} \rightarrow A^{**}$ such that $\tilde{\varphi} \circ \eta(a + \ker \varphi) = \varphi(a)$ for each $a \in A$. To see this, in Step 1 we showed that $\xi(\ker \varphi) = \{0\}$. It induces a map $\bar{\xi}: \frac{A}{\ker \varphi} \rightarrow (A \otimes_p \frac{A}{\ker \varphi})^{**}$ which is defined by $\bar{\xi}(a + \ker \varphi) = \xi(a)$ for each $a \in A$. Define

$$\theta := (\text{id}_A \otimes \bar{\varphi})^{**} \circ \bar{\xi}: \frac{A}{\ker \varphi} \rightarrow \left(A \otimes_p \frac{A}{\ker \varphi} \right)^{**},$$

where $\bar{\varphi}$ is a character on $\frac{A}{\ker \varphi}$ given by $\bar{\varphi}(a + \ker \varphi) = \varphi(a)$ for each $a \in A$. Clearly θ is a bounded left A -module morphism. On the other hand we know that $\frac{A}{\ker \varphi} \cong \mathbb{C}$ and $A \otimes_p \frac{A}{\ker \varphi} \cong A$. Thus the composition of $\tilde{\varphi}$ and θ can be defined. Since

$$\tilde{\varphi} \circ (\text{id}_A \otimes \bar{\varphi})^{**} = (\varphi \otimes \bar{\varphi})^{**}, \quad (\varphi \otimes \bar{\varphi})^{**} \circ \xi(a) = \tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_A^{**} \circ \varrho(a), \quad a \in A,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi} \circ \theta(a + \ker \varphi) &= \tilde{\varphi} \circ (\text{id}_A \otimes \bar{\varphi})^{**} \circ \bar{\xi}(a + \ker \varphi) = (\varphi \otimes \bar{\varphi})^{**} \circ \xi(a) \\ &= \tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_A^{**} \circ \varrho(a) = \varphi(a) \end{aligned}$$

for each $a \in A$.

Step 3: We prove that A is left φ -amenable. To see that, choose an element a_0 in A such that $\varphi(a_0) = 1$. Put $m = \theta(a_0 + \ker \varphi) \in A^{**}$. Since $aa_0 - \varphi(a)a_0 \in$

$\ker \varphi$, we have $aa_0 + \ker \varphi = \varphi(a)a_0 + \ker \varphi$. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} am &= a\theta(a_0 + \ker \varphi) = \theta(aa_0 + \ker \varphi) = \theta(\varphi(a)a_0 + \ker \varphi) \\ &= \varphi(a)\theta(a_0 + \ker \varphi) = \varphi(a)m \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tilde{\varphi}(m) = \tilde{\varphi} \circ \theta(a_0 + \ker \varphi) = \varphi(a_0) = 1$$

for every $a \in A$. It implies that A is left φ -amenable. □

Theorem 2.2. *Let A be a Banach algebra with a left approximate identity and $\varphi \in \Delta(A)$. Then A^{**} is left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat if and only if A is left φ -biflat.*

PROOF: Suppose that A^{**} is left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat. Then there exists a bounded linear map $\varrho: A^{**} \rightarrow (A^{**} \otimes_p A^{**})^{**}$ such that $\tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_{A^{**}} \circ \varrho(a) = \tilde{\varphi}(a)$ for all $a \in A^{**}$. On the other hand, there exists a bounded linear map $\psi: A^{**} \otimes_p A^{**} \rightarrow (A \otimes_p A)^{**}$ such that for $a, b \in A$ and $m \in A^{**} \otimes_p A^{**}$, the following holds:

- (i) $\psi(a \otimes b) = a \otimes b$;
- (ii) $\psi(m) \cdot a = \psi(m \cdot a)$, $a \cdot \psi(m) = \psi(a \cdot m)$;
- (iii) $\pi_A^{**}(\psi(m)) = \pi_{A^{**}}(m)$,

see [4, Lemma 1.7]. Clearly

$$\psi^{**} \circ \varrho|_A: A \rightarrow (A \otimes_p A)^{**}$$

is a bounded linear map for which

$$\psi^{**} \circ \varrho|_A(ab) = \varphi(b)\psi^{**} \circ \varrho|_A(a) = a \cdot \psi^{**} \circ \varrho|_A(b)$$

and

$$\tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_A^{****} \circ \varrho(a) = \tilde{\varphi}(a), \quad a, b \in A.$$

By a similar argument as in the previous lemma (Step 1), we can find a bounded left A -module morphism $\xi: A \rightarrow (A \otimes_p \frac{A}{\ker \varphi})^{****}$ such that $\xi(\ker \varphi) = \{0\}$. Now following the same course as in the previous lemma (Step 2) we can find a bounded linear map $\theta: \frac{A}{\ker \varphi} \rightarrow A^{****}$ such that $\tilde{\varphi} \circ \theta(a + \ker \varphi) = \varphi(a)$ for each $a \in A$. Choose a_0 in A which $\varphi(a_0) = 1$. Set $m = \theta(a_0 + \ker \varphi)$. It is easy to see that

$$am = \varphi(a)m, \quad \tilde{\varphi}(m) = 1, \quad a \in A.$$

Applying Goldestine's theorem, we can find a bounded net (m_α) in A^{**} such that $am_\alpha - \varphi(a)m_\alpha \xrightarrow{w^*} 0$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(m_\alpha) \rightarrow 1$ for each $a \in A$. On the other hand (m_α) is a bounded net, therefore (m_α) has a w^* -limit point, say M . It is easy to see that $aM = \varphi(a)M$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(M) = 1$ for each $a \in A$. Define $\eta: A \rightarrow (A \otimes_p A)^{**}$ by

$\eta(a) = \varphi(a)M \otimes M$ for each $a \in A$. It is easy to see that η is a bounded linear map such that

$$\eta(ab) = a \cdot \eta(b) = \varphi(b)\eta(a), \quad \tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_A^{**} \circ \eta(a) = \varphi(a), \quad a, b \in A.$$

It follows that A is left φ -biflat.

Conversely, suppose that A is left φ -biflat. Since A has a left approximate identity, we have $\overline{A \ker \varphi}^{\|\cdot\|} = \ker \varphi$. By the previous lemma A is left φ -amenable. Applying [9, Proposition 3.4] A^{**} is left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -amenable. Thus there exists an element $m \in A^{****}$ such that $am = \varphi(a)m$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(m) = 1$ for each $a \in A^{**}$. Define $\gamma: A \rightarrow (A^{**} \otimes_p A^{**})^{**}$ by $\gamma(a) = \varphi(a)m \otimes m$ for each $a \in A$. It is easy to see that γ is a bounded linear map such that

$$\gamma(ab) = a \cdot \gamma(b) = \varphi(b)\gamma(a), \quad \tilde{\varphi} \circ \pi_{A^{**}}^{**} \circ \gamma(a) = \varphi(a), \quad a, b \in A.$$

It follows that A^{**} is left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat. □

3. Segal and semigroup algebras

A linear subspace $S(G)$ of $L^1(G)$ is said to be a Segal algebra on G if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) subspace $S(G)$ is dense in $L^1(G)$;
- (ii) subspace $S(G)$ with a norm $\|\cdot\|_{S(G)}$ is a Banach space and $\|f\|_{L^1(G)} \leq \|f\|_{S(G)}$ for every $f \in S(G)$;
- (iii) for $f \in S(G)$ and $y \in G$, we have $L_y(f) \in S(G)$ and the map $y \mapsto L_y(f)$ from G into $S(G)$ is continuous, where $L_y(f)(x) = f(y^{-1}x)$;
- (iv) $\|L_y(f)\|_{S(G)} = \|f\|_{S(G)}$ for every $f \in S(G)$ and $y \in G$.

For various examples of Segal algebras, we refer the reader to [11].

It is well-known that $S(G)$ always has a left approximate identity. For a Segal algebra $S(G)$ it has been shown that

$$\Delta(S(G)) = \{\varphi|_{S(G)} : \varphi \in \Delta(L^1(G))\},$$

see [1, Lemma 2.2].

Theorem 3.1. *Let G be a locally compact group. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) subspace $S(G)^{**}$ is left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat;
- (ii) subspace $S(G)$ is left φ -biflat;
- (iii) group G is amenable.

PROOF: (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let $S(G)^{**}$ be left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat. Since $S(G)$ has a left approximate identity, by Theorem 2.2, $S(G)$ is left φ -biflat.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) Suppose that $S(G)$ is left φ -biflat. Since $S(G)$ has a left approximate identity, $\overline{S(G) \ker \varphi}^{\|\cdot\|} = S(G)$. Applying Lemma 2.1, it follows that $S(G)$ is left φ -amenable. Now by [1, Corollary 3.4] G is amenable.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) Let G be amenable. By [1, Corollary 3.4] $S(G)$ is left φ -amenable. Thus $S(G)$ is left φ -biflat. Using Theorem 2.2, $S(G)^{**}$ is left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat. \square

Let G be a locally compact group. Define $\mathcal{LA}(G) = L^1(G) \cap A(G)$, where $A(G)$ is the Fourier algebra over G . For $f \in \mathcal{LA}(G)$ put

$$\|f\| = \|f\|_{L^1(G)} + \|f\|_{A(G)},$$

with this norm and the convolution product $\mathcal{LA}(G)$ becomes a Banach algebra called Lebesgue–Fourier algebra. In fact $\mathcal{LA}(G)$ is a Segal algebra in $L^1(G)$, see [3]. Following corollary is an easy consequence of the previous theorem:

Corollary 3.2. *Let G be a locally compact group. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) algebra $\mathcal{LA}(G)^{**}$ is left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat;
- (ii) algebra $\mathcal{LA}(G)$ is left φ -biflat;
- (iii) group G is amenable.

Let G be a locally compact group and let \hat{G} be its dual group, which consists of all nonzero continuous homomorphism $\zeta: G \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$. It is well-known that $\Delta(L^1(G)) = \{\varphi_\zeta: \zeta \in \hat{G}\}$, where $\varphi_\zeta(f) = \int_G \overline{\zeta(x)}f(x) dx$ and dx is a left Haar measure on G , for more details see [5, Theorem 23.7].

Using the previous corollary, we can easily show the following result.

Corollary 3.3. *Let G be a locally compact group. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) algebra $L^1(G)^{**}$ is left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat;
- (ii) algebra $L^1(G)$ is left φ -biflat;
- (iii) group G is amenable.

A discrete semigroup S is called inverse semigroup if for each $s \in S$ there exists an element $s^* \in S$ such that $ss^*s = s^*$ and $s^*ss^* = s$. There is a partial order on each inverse semigroup S , that is,

$$s \leq t \Leftrightarrow s = ss^*t, \quad s, t \in S.$$

Let (S, \leq) be an inverse semigroup. For each $s \in S$, set $(x) = \{y \in S : y \leq x\}$. Semigroup S is called uniformly locally finite if $\sup\{|(x)| : x \in S\} < \infty$.

Suppose that S is an inverse semigroup and $e \in E(S)$, where $E(S)$ is the set of all idempotents of S . Then $G_e = \{s \in S: ss^* = s^*s = e\}$ is a maximal subgroup of S with respect to e . An inverse semigroup S is called Clifford semigroup if for each $s \in S$ there exists $s^* \in S$ such that $ss^* = s^*s$, for more details see [6].

Proposition 3.4. *Let $S = \bigcup_{e \in E(S)} G_e$ be a Clifford semigroup such that $E(S)$ is uniformly locally finite. Then the followings are equivalent:*

- (i) Algebra $l^1(S)^{**}$ is left $\tilde{\varphi}$ -biflat for each $\varphi \in \Delta(l^1(S))$.
- (ii) Algebra $l^1(S)$ is left φ -biflat for each $\varphi \in \Delta(l^1(S))$.
- (iii) Each G_e is an amenable group.
- (iv) Algebra $l^1(S)$ is biflat.

PROOF: (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Suppose that $l^1(S)^{**}$ is left φ -biflat for all $\varphi \in \Delta(l^1(S))$. By [10, Theorem 2.16], $l^1(S) \cong l^1 - \bigoplus_{e \in E(S)} l^1(G_e)$. Since each $l^1(G_e)$ has an identity, $l^1(S) \cong l^1 - \bigoplus_{e \in E(S)} l^1(G_e)$ has an approximate identity. Applying Theorem 2.2 gives that $l^1(S)$ is left φ -biflat.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) Suppose that $l^1(S)$ is left φ -biflat for each $\varphi \in \Delta(l^1(S))$. Since $l^1(S) \cong l^1 - \bigoplus_{e \in E(S)} l^1(G_e)$ has an approximate identity, Lemma 2.1 implies that $l^1(S)$ is left φ -amenable for each $\varphi \in \Delta(l^1(S))$. We know that each $l^1(G_e)$ is a closed ideal in $l^1(S)$, so every nonzero multiplicative linear functional $\varphi \in \Delta(l^1(G_e))$ can be extended to $l^1(S)$. Thus by [9, Lemma 3.1] left φ -amenability of $l^1(S)$ implies that each $l^1(G_e)$ is left φ -amenable. Using [1, Corollary 3.4] each G_e is amenable.

(iv) \Rightarrow (i) It is clear by [10, Theorem 3.7]. □

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