

## A GENERALIZATION OF THE WEAK AMENABILITY OF SOME BANACH ALGEBRAS

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Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $A^{**}$  be the second dual of it. We show that by some new conditions,  $A$  is weakly amenable whenever  $A^{**}$  is weakly amenable. We will study this problem under generalization, that is, if  $(n+2)^{\text{th}}$  dual of  $A$ ,  $A^{(n+2)}$ , is  $T-S$ - weakly amenable, then  $A^{(n)}$  is  $T-S$ - weakly amenable where  $T$  and  $S$  are continuous linear mappings from  $A^{(n)}$  into  $A^{(n)}$  and  $n \geq 0$  is even number. We have some conclusions regarding the Arens regularity of Banach algebras.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra and  $A^*$ ,  $A^{**}$ , respectively are the first and second duals of  $A$ . For  $a \in A$  and  $a' \in A^*$ , we denote by  $a'a$  and  $aa'$ , respectively, the functionals in  $A^*$  defined by  $\langle a'a, b \rangle = \langle a', ab \rangle$  and  $\langle aa', b \rangle = \langle a', ba \rangle$ , for all  $b \in A$ . The Banach algebra  $A$  is embedded in its second dual via the identification  $\langle a, a' \rangle = \langle a', a \rangle$  for every  $a \in A$  and  $a' \in A^*$ . Arens [1] has shown that given any Banach algebra  $A$ , there exist two algebra multiplications on the second dual of  $A$  which extend multiplication on  $A$ . In the following, we introduce both multiplications which are given in [13]. The first (left) Arens product of  $a'', b'' \in A^{**}$  shall be simply indicated by  $a''b''$  and defined by the three steps:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle a'a, b \rangle &= \langle a', ab \rangle, \\ \langle a''a', a \rangle &= \langle a'', a'a \rangle, \\ \langle a''b'', a' \rangle &= \langle a'', b''a' \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

for every  $a, b \in A$  and  $a' \in A^*$ . Similarly, the second (right) Arens product of  $a'', b'' \in A^{**}$  shall be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle a'oa', b \rangle &= \langle a', ba \rangle, \\ \langle a'oa'', a \rangle &= \langle a'', a'oa' \rangle, \\ \langle a''ob'', a' \rangle &= \langle b'', a'ob'' \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b \in A$  and  $a' \in A^*$ .

We say that  $A$  is Arens regular if both multiplications are equal. Let  $a''$  and  $b''$  be elements of  $A^{**}$ . By the Goldstein's theorem [6, p.425], there are nets  $(a_\alpha)_\alpha$  and  $(b_\beta)_\beta$  in  $A$  such that  $a'' = \text{weak}^* - \lim_\alpha a_\alpha$  and  $b'' = \text{weak}^* - \lim_\beta b_\beta$ . So it is easy to see that for all  $a' \in A^*$ ,

$$\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle a', a_{\alpha} b_{\beta} \rangle = \langle a'' b'', a' \rangle$$

and

$$\lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle a', a_{\alpha} b_{\beta} \rangle = \langle a'' o b'', a' \rangle.$$

Thus  $A$  is Arens regular if and only if for every  $a' \in A^*$ , we have

$$\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle a', a_{\alpha} b_{\beta} \rangle = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle a', a_{\alpha} b_{\beta} \rangle.$$

For more detail see [6, 13, 15].

Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule. A *derivation* from  $A$  into  $X$  is a bounded linear mapping  $D: A \longrightarrow X$  such that

$$D(xy) = xD(y) + D(x)y \quad \text{for all } x, y \in A.$$

The space of continuous derivations from  $A$  into  $X$  is denoted by  $Z^1(A, X)$ . Easy examples of derivations are the inner derivations, which are given for each  $x \in X$  by

$$\delta_x(a) = ax - xa \quad \text{for all } a \in A.$$

The space of inner derivations from  $A$  into  $X$  is denoted by  $N^1(A, X)$ . The Banach algebra  $A$  is said to be *amenable*, when for every Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$ , the inner derivations are only derivations existing from  $A$  into  $X^*$ . It is clear that  $A$  is amenable if and only if  $H^1(A, X^*) = Z^1(A, X^*)/N^1(A, X^*) = \{0\}$ , for every Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$ . The concept of amenability for a Banach algebra  $A$ , introduced by Johnson in 1972, has proved to be of enormous importance in Banach algebra theory, see [10]. A Banach algebra  $A$  is said to be *weakly amenable*, if every derivation from  $A$  into  $A^*$  is inner. Equivalently,  $A$  is weakly amenable if and only if  $H^1(A, A^*) = Z^1(A, A^*)/N^1(A, A^*) = \{0\}$ . The concept of weak amenability was first introduced by Bade, Curtis and Dales in [2] for commutative Banach algebras, and was extended to the noncommutative case by Johnson, see [11].

For a Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$ , the quotient space  $H^1(A, X)$  of all continuous derivations from  $A$  into  $X$  modulo the subspace of inner derivations is called the first cohomology group of  $A$  with coefficients in  $X$ .

Suppose that  $A$  is a Banach algebra and  $X$  is a Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$ . According to [5, p. 27 and 28],  $X^{**}$  is a Banach  $A^{**}$ -bimodule, where  $A^{**}$  is equipped with the first Arens product.

Let  $A^{(n)}$  and  $X^{(n)}$  be  $n^{\text{th}}$  duals of  $A$  and  $X$ , respectively. By [19, pp. 4132–4134], if  $n \geq 0$  is an even number, then  $X^{(n)}$  is a Banach  $A^{(n)}$  bimodule. Then for  $n \geq 0$ , we define  $X^{(n)}X^{(n-1)}$  as a subspace of  $A^{(n-1)}$ , that is, for all  $x^{(n)} \in X^{(n)}$ ,  $x^{(n-1)} \in X^{(n-1)}$  and  $a^{(n-2)} \in A^{(n-2)}$  we define

$$\langle x^{(n)}x^{(n-1)}, a^{(n-2)} \rangle = \langle x^{(n)}, x^{(n-1)}a^{(n-2)} \rangle.$$

If  $n$  is odd number, then for  $n \geq 1$ , we define  $X^{(n)}X^{(n-1)}$  as a subspace of  $A^{(n)}$ , that is, for all  $x^{(n)} \in X^{(n)}$ ,  $x^{(n-1)} \in X^{(n-1)}$  and  $a^{(n-1)} \in A^{(n-1)}$  we define

$$\langle x^{(n)}x^{(n-1)}, a^{(n-1)} \rangle = \langle x^{(n)}, x^{(n-1)}a^{(n-1)} \rangle.$$

If  $n = 0$ , we take  $A^{(0)} = A$  and  $X^{(0)} = X$ .

Now let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and  $D : A \rightarrow X$  be a derivation. A problem which is of interest is under what conditions  $D''$  is again a derivation. In [14, Theorem 5.9], this problem has been studied for the special case  $X = A$ , and they showed that  $D''$  is a derivation if and only if  $D''(A^{**})A^{**} \subseteq A^*$ . We study this problem in the generality, that is, if  $A^{(n+2)}$  is  $T''-S''$ -weakly amenable, then  $A^{(n)}$  is  $T-S$ -weakly amenable where  $T$  and  $S$  are continuous linear mappings from  $A^{(n)}$  into  $A^{(n)}$  and  $n \geq 0$ . The main results of this paper can be summarized as follows:

- Assume that  $A$  is a Banach algebra and  $A^{(n+2)}$  has  $T-w^*w$  property. If  $A^{(n+2)}$  is weakly  $T''-S''$ -amenable, then  $A^{(n)}$  is weakly  $T-S$ -amenable.
- Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and let  $T, S : A^{(n)} \rightarrow A^{(n)}$  be continuous linear mappings. Let the mapping  $a^{(n+2)} \rightarrow x^{(n+2)}T''(a^{(n+2)})$  be weak\*-to-weak continuous for all  $x^{(n+2)} \in X^{(n+2)}$ . Then if  $D : A^{(n)} \rightarrow X^{(n+1)}$  is a  $T-S$ -derivation, it follows that  $D'' : A^{(n+2)} \rightarrow X^{(n+3)}$  is a  $T''-S''$ -derivation.
- Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and the mapping  $a'' \rightarrow x''a''$  be weak\*-to-weak continuous for all  $x'' \in X^{**}$ . If  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is a derivation, then  $D''(A^{**})X^{**} \subseteq A^*$ .
- Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  be a derivation. Suppose that  $D'' : A^{**} \rightarrow X^{***}$  is surjective derivation. Then the mapping  $a'' \rightarrow x''a''$  is weak\*-to-weak continuous for all  $x'' \in X^{**}$ .
- Suppose that  $X$  is a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and  $A$  is Arens regular. Assume that  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is a derivation and surjective. Then  $D'' : A^{**} \rightarrow X^{***}$  is a derivation if and only if the mapping  $a'' \rightarrow x''a''$  is weak\*-to-weak continuous for all  $x'' \in X^{**}$ .

In every parts of this paper,  $n \geq 0$  is even number.

## 2. WEAK AMENABILITY OF BANACH ALGEBRAS

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and  $T, S$  be continuous linear mappings from  $A$  into itself. We say that a linear mapping  $D : A \rightarrow X$  is  $T-S$ -derivation, if

$$D(xy) = T(x)D(y) + D(x)S(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in A.$$

Now let  $x \in A$ . Then we say that the linear mapping  $\delta_x : A \rightarrow A$  is inner  $T-S$ -derivation, if for every  $a \in A$ , we have  $\delta_x(a) = T(a)x - xS(a)$ . The Banach algebra  $A$  is said to be a  $T-S$ -amenable, when for every Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $X$ , every  $T-S$ -derivations from  $A$  into  $X^*$  is inner  $T-S$ -derivations. The definition of weakly  $T-S$ -amenable is similar.

**Definition 2.2.** Assume that  $A$  is a Banach algebra and  $T : A \rightarrow A$  is a continuous linear mapping such that the mapping  $b'' \rightarrow a''T''(b'') : A^{**} \rightarrow A^{**}$  is weak\*-to-weak continuous where  $a'' \in A^{**}$ . Then we say that  $a'' \in A^{**}$  has  $T-w^*w$  property. We say that  $B \subseteq A^*$  has  $T-w^*w$  property, if every  $b \in B$  has  $T-w^*w$  property.

For a Banach algebra  $A$ , take the linear mapping  $I : x \rightarrow x$  from  $A$  into  $A$  and assume that  $A^{**}$  has  $I-w^*w$  property. Then, it is clear that  $A$  is Arens regular.

There are some non-reflexive Banach algebras whose second duals have  $T-w^*w$  property where  $T$  is a continuous linear mappings from  $A$  into itself. If  $A$  is Arens regular, then, in general,  $A^{**}$  dose not have  $T-w^*w$  property. In the following we give some examples of Banach algebras whose second duals have  $T-w^*w$  property or not.

- i) Let  $A$  be a non-reflexive Banach space and suppose that  $\langle f, x \rangle = 1$  for some  $f \in A^*$  and  $x \in A$ . We define the product on  $A$  as  $ab = \langle f, a \rangle b$  for all  $a, b \in A$ . It is clear that  $A$  is a Banach algebra with this product, then  $A^{**}$  has  $I - w^*w$  property.
- ii) Every reflexive Banach algebra has  $T - w^*w$  property.
- iii) Consider the algebra  $c_0 = (c_0, \cdot)$  is the collection of all sequences of scalars that convergence to 0, with the some vector space operations and norm as  $\ell_\infty$ . Then  $c_0^{**} = \ell_\infty$  has  $I - w^*w$  property.
- iv)  $L^1(G)^{**}$  and  $M(G)^{**}$  have not  $I - w^*w$  property whenever  $G$  is locally compact group, but when  $G$  is finite,  $L^1(G)^{**}$  and  $M(G)^{**}$  have  $I - w^*w$  property.

**Theorem 2.1.** Assume that  $A$  is a Banach algebra and  $A^{(n+2)}$  has  $T - w^*w$  property. If  $D : A^{(n)} \rightarrow A^{(n+1)}$  is a  $T - S$  - derivation, then  $D'' : A^{(n+2)} \rightarrow A^{(n+3)}$  is a  $T'' - S''$  - derivation.

*Proof.* Let  $a^{(n+2)}, b^{(n+2)} \in A^{(n+2)}$  and let  $(a_\alpha^{(n)})_\alpha, (b_\beta^{(n)})_\beta \subseteq A^{(n)}$  such that  $a_\alpha^{(n)} \xrightarrow{w^*} a^{(n+2)}$  and  $b_\beta^{(n)} \xrightarrow{w^*} b^{(n+2)}$ . Due to  $A^{(n+2)}$  has  $T - w^*w$  property, we have  $c^{(n+2)} T(a_\alpha^{(n)}) \xrightarrow{w} c^{(n+2)} T''(a^{(n+2)})$  for all  $c^{(n+2)} \in A^{(n+2)}$ . Using the weak\*-to-weak\* continuity of  $D''$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle T(a_\alpha^{(n)}) D(b_\beta^{(n)}), c^{(n+2)} \rangle &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle D(b_\beta^{(n)}), c^{(n+2)} T(a_\alpha^{(n)}) \rangle = \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \langle D''(b^{(n+2)}), c^{(n+2)} T(a_\alpha^{(n)}) \rangle = \langle D''(b^{(n+2)}), c^{(n+2)} T''(a^{(n+2)}) \rangle = \\ &= \langle T''(a^{(n+2)}) D''(b^{(n+2)}), c^{(n+2)} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, it is also clear that for every  $c^{(n+2)} \in A^{(n+2)}$ , we have

$$\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle D(a_\alpha^{(n)}) S(b_\beta^{(n)}), c^{(n+2)} \rangle = \langle D''(a^{(n+2)}) S''(b^{(n+2)}), c^{(n+2)} \rangle.$$

Notice that in the latest equalities, we didn't need  $S - w^*w$  property for  $A^{(n+2)}$ . In the following, we take the limit with respect to the weak\* - topologies. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} D''(a^{(n+2)} b^{(n+2)}) &= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} D(a_\alpha^{(n)} b_\beta^{(n)}) = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} T(a_\alpha^{(n)}) D(b_\beta^{(n)}) + \\ &\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} D(a_\alpha^{(n)}) S(b_\beta^{(n)}) = T''(a^{(n+2)}) D''(b^{(n+2)}) + D''(a^{(n+2)}) S''(b^{(n+2)}). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.2.** Assume that  $A$  is a Banach algebra and  $A^{(n+2)}$  has  $T - w^*w$  property. If  $A^{(n+2)}$  is weakly  $T'' - S''$  - amenable, then  $A^{(n)}$  is weakly  $T - S$  - amenable.

*Proof.* Let  $D : A^{(n)} \rightarrow A^{(n+1)}$  be a  $T - S$  - derivation. Then by using Theorem 2.3,  $D'' : A^{(n+2)} \rightarrow A^{(n+3)}$  is a  $T'' - S''$  - derivation. Since  $A^{(n+2)}$  is weakly  $T'' - S''$  - amenable,  $D'' : A^{(n+2)} \rightarrow A^{(n+3)}$  is an inner  $T'' - S''$  - derivation. It follows that for every  $a^{(n+2)} \in A^{(n+2)}$ , we have

$$D''(a^{(n+2)}) = T''(a^{(n+2)}) a^{(n+3)} - a^{(n+3)} S''(b^{(n+2)}),$$

for some  $a^{(n+3)} \in A^{(n+3)}$ . Take  $a^{(n+1)} = a^{(n+3)}|_{A^{(n)}}$ . Then for every  $a^{(n)} \in A^{(n)}$ , we have

$$D(a^{(n)}) = T(a^{(n)})a^{(n+1)} - a^{(n+1)}S(b^{(n)}),$$

It follows that  $D$  is inner  $T - S$  - derivation, and this completes the proof.

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra. If  $A^{**}$  has  $I - w^*w$  property and  $A^{**}$  is weakly amenable, then  $A$  is weakly amenable.*

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra. If  $A^{***}A^{**} \subseteq A^*$  and  $A^{**}$  is weakly amenable, then  $A$  is weakly amenable.*

*Proof.* It is enough to show that  $A^{**}$  has  $I - w^*w$  property. Suppose that  $a'', b'' \in A^{**}$  and  $b'' \xrightarrow{w^*} b''$ . Let  $c''' \in A^{***}$ . Since  $c'''a'' \in A^*$ , we have

$$\langle c''', a''b'' \rangle = \langle c'''a'', b'' \rangle = \langle b'', c'''a'' \rangle \rightarrow \langle b'', c'''a'' \rangle = \langle c''', a''b'' \rangle.$$

We conclude that  $a''b'' \xrightarrow{w^*} a''b''$ . So  $A^{**}$  has  $I - w^*w$  property. By using Corollary 2.1,  $A$  is weakly amenable.

*Example*  $c_0 = (c_0, \cdot)$  is weakly amenable.

*Proof.* Since  $\ell_\infty = c_0^{**}$  is weakly amenable and  $\ell_\infty$  has  $I - w^*w$  property by Corollary 2.1, the proof complete.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Suppose that  $A$  is a Banach algebra and  $B$  is a closed subalgebra of  $A^{(n+2)}$  that is consisting of  $A^{(n)}$  where  $n \geq 0$ . If  $B$  has  $T - w^*w$  property and is weakly  $T'' - S''$  - amenable, then  $A^{(n)}$  is weakly  $T - S$  - amenable.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $D : A^{(n)} \rightarrow A^{(n+1)}$  is a  $T - S$  - derivation and  $P : A^{(n+3)} \rightarrow B^*$  is the restriction map, defined by  $P(a^{(n+3)}) = a^{(n+3)}|_B$  for every  $a^{(n+3)} \in A^{(n+3)}$ . Since  $B$  has  $T - w^*w$  property,  $\tilde{D} = P \circ D|_B \rightarrow B^*$  is a  $T'' - S''$  - derivation. Since  $B$  is weakly  $T'' - S''$  - amenable, there is  $b' \in B^*$  such that  $\tilde{D} = \delta_{b'}$ . We take  $a^{(n+1)} = b'|_{A^{(n)}}$ , then  $D = \tilde{D}$  in  $A^{(n)}$ . Consequently, we have  $D = \delta_{a^{(n+1)}}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and let  $T, S : A^{(n)} \rightarrow A^{(n)}$  be continuous linear mappings. Let the mapping  $a^{(n+2)} \rightarrow x^{(n+2)}T''(a^{(n+2)})$  be weak\*-to-weak continuous for all  $x^{(n+2)} \in X^{(n+2)}$ . If  $D : A^{(n)} \rightarrow X^{(n+1)}$  is a  $T - S$  - derivation, then  $D'' : A^{(n+2)} \rightarrow X^{(n+3)}$  is a  $T'' - S''$  - derivation.*

*Proof.* Let  $a^{(n+2)}, b^{(n+2)} \in A^{(n+2)}$  and let  $(a_\alpha^{(n)})_\alpha, (b_\beta^{(n)})_\beta \subseteq A^{(n)}$  such that  $a_\alpha^{(n)} \xrightarrow{w^*} a^{(n+2)}$  and  $b_\beta^{(n)} \xrightarrow{w^*} b^{(n+2)}$ . Then for all  $x^{(n+2)} \in X^{(n+2)}$ , we have  $x^{(n+2)}T''(a_\alpha^{(n)}) \xrightarrow{w} x^{(n+2)}T''(a^{(n+2)})$ . Consequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_\alpha \lim_\beta \langle T(a_\alpha^{(n)})D(b_\beta^{(n)}), x^{(n+2)} \rangle &= \lim_\alpha \lim_\beta \langle D(b_\beta^{(n)}), x^{(n+2)}T''(a_\alpha^{(n)}) \rangle = \\ &= \lim_\alpha \langle D''(b^{(n+2)}), x^{(n+2)}T''(a_\alpha^{(n)}) \rangle = \langle D''(b^{(n+2)}), x^{(n+2)}T''(a^{(n+2)}) \rangle = \\ &= \langle T''(a^{(n+2)})D''(b^{(n+2)}), x^{(n+2)} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

For every  $x^{(n+2)} \in X^{(n+2)}$ , we have also the following equalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle D(a_{\alpha}^{(n)})S(b_{\beta}^{(n)}), x^{(n+2)} \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle D(a_{\alpha}^{(n)}), S(b_{\beta}^{(n)})x^{(n+2)} \rangle = \\ & = \lim_{\alpha} \langle D''(a_{\alpha}^{(n)}), S(b^{(n+2)})x^{(n+2)} \rangle = \langle D''(a^{(n+2)}), S(b^{(n+2)})x^{(n+2)} \rangle = \\ & = \langle D''(a^{(n+2)})S(b^{(n+2)}), x^{(n+2)} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

In the following, we take the limit with respect to the weak\* - topologies. Using the weak\* -to-weak\* continuity of  $D''$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} D''(a^{(n+2)}b^{(n+2)}) & = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} D(a_{\alpha}^{(n)}b_{\beta}^{(n)}) = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} T(a_{\alpha}^{(n)})D(b_{\beta}^{(n)}) + \\ & + \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} D(a_{\alpha}^{(n)})S(b_{\beta}^{(n)}) = T''(a^{(n+2)})D''(b^{(n+2)}) + D''(a^{(n+2)})S''(b^{(n+2)}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $D'' : A^{(n+2)} \rightarrow X^{(n+3)}$  is a  $T'' - S''$  - derivation.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and the mapping  $a'' \rightarrow x''a''$  be weak\* -to-weak\* continuous for all the  $x'' \in X^{**}$ . If  $H^1(A^{**}, X^{***}) = 0$ , then  $H^1(A, X^*) = 0$ .*

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$  -bimodule and the mapping  $a'' \rightarrow x''a''$  be weak\* -to- weak continuous for all  $x'' \in X^{**}$ . If  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is a derivation, then  $D''(A^{**})X^{**} \subseteq A^*$ .*

*Proof.* By using Theorem 2.9 and [14, Corollary 4.3], the proof complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  be a surjective derivation. Suppose that  $D'' : A^{**} \rightarrow X^{***}$  is also surjective derivation. Then the mapping  $a'' \rightarrow x''a''$  is weak\* -to- weak continuous for all  $x'' \in X^{**}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a'' \in A^{**}$  such that  $a''_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{w^*} a''$ . We show that  $x''a''_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{w} x''a''$  for all  $x'' \in X^{**}$ . Suppose that  $x''' \in X^{***}$ . Since  $D''(A^{**}) = X^{***}$  by using [14, Corollary 4.3], we conclude that  $X^{***}X^{**} = D''(A^{**})X^{**} \subseteq A^*$ . Thus  $x'''x'' \in A^*$ , and so we have the following equalities

$$\langle x''', x''a''_{\alpha} \rangle = \langle x'''x'', a''_{\alpha} \rangle = \langle a''_{\alpha}, x'''x'' \rangle \rightarrow \langle a'', x'''x'' \rangle = \langle x''', x''a'' \rangle.$$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Suppose that  $X$  is a Banach  $A$ -bimodule and  $A$  is Arens regular. Assume that  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is a derivation and surjective. Then  $D'' : A^{**} \rightarrow X^{***}$  is a derivation if and only if the mapping  $a'' \rightarrow x''a''$  is weak\* -to-weak continuous for all  $x'' \in X^{**}$ .*

*Proof.* By using Corollary 2.4, Theorem 2.5 and [14, Corollary 4.3], the proof complete.  $\square$

In the proceeding corollary, if we omit the Arens regularity of  $A$ , then we have also the following conclusion.

Assume that  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is a surjective derivation. Then,  $D''(A^{**})X^{**} \subseteq A^*$  if and only if the mapping  $a'' \rightarrow x''a''$  is weak\* -to-weak continuous for all  $x'' \in X^{**}$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra. Then we have the following results:*

i) *Assume that  $A$  is Arens regular and  $D : A \rightarrow A^*$  is a surjective derivation. Then  $D'' : A^{**} \rightarrow A^{***}$  is a derivation if and only if  $A$  has  $I - w^*w$  property.*

ii) Assume that  $D : A \rightarrow A^*$  is a surjective derivation. Then,  $A$  has  $I-w^*w$  property if and only if  $D''(A^{**})A^{**} \subseteq A^*$ . So if  $D : A \rightarrow A^*$  is a surjective derivation and  $D''(A^{**})A^{**} \subseteq A^*$ , then  $A$  is Arens regular.

**Problem.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup. Does  $C(S)^{**}$ ,  $L^1(S)^{**}$  and  $M(S)^{**}$  have  $I-w^*w$  property ?

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