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# Arens Regularity of Banach Module Actions and the Strongly Irregular Property

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## Abstract

Let *X*, *Y*, *Z* be normed spaces. We show that, if *X* is reflexive, then some extensions and adjoints of the bounded bilinear map  $f: X \times Y \to Z$  are Arens regular. Also the left strongly irregular property equivalent to the right strongly irregular property. We show that the right module action  $\pi_{2_n}^*: A^{(n+1)} \times A^{(n)} \to A^*$  factors, where A is a Banach algebra.

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## **1. Introductionand Preliminaries**

Arens showed in [1] that a bounded bilinear map  $f: X \times Y \to Z$  on normed spaces, has two natural

different extensions  $f^{***}$ ,  $f^{r***r}$  from  $X^{**} \times Y^{**}$  into  $Z^{**}$ . When these extensions are equal, f is saidto be Arens regular. Throughout the article, we identify a normed space with its canonical image in thesecond dual.

Let X, Y, Z be normed spaces and  $f: X \times Y \to Z$  be a bounded bilinear mapping. The natural extensions of f are as follows:

i)  $f^*: Z^* \times X \to Y^*$ , given by  $\langle f^*(z^*, x), y \rangle = \langle z^*, f(x, y) \rangle$  where  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y, z^* \in Z^*$  ( $f^*$  is saidthe adjoint of f).

ii)  $f^{**}: Y^{**} \times Z^* \to X^*$ , given by  $\langle f^{**}(y^{**}, z^*), x \rangle = \langle y^{**}, f^*(z^*, x) \rangle$  where  $x \in X, y^{**} \in Y^{**}, z^* \in Z^*$ . iii)  $f^{***}: X^{**} \times Y^{**} \to Z^{**}$ , given by  $\langle f^{***}(x^{**}, y^{**}), z^* \rangle = \langle x^{**}, f^{**}(y^{**}, z^*) \rangle$  where  $x^{**} \in X^{**}, y^{**} \in Y^{**}, z^* \in Z^*$ .

Let  $f^r: Y \times X \to Z$  be the flip of f defined by  $f^r(y, x) = f(x, y)$ , for every  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . Then  $f^r$  is a bounded bilinear map and it may extends as above to  $f^{r***}: Y^{**} \times X^{**} \to Z^{**}$ . In general, the mapping  $f^{r***r}: X^{**} \times Y^{**} \to Z^{**}$  is not equal to  $f^{***}$ . When these extensions are equal, then f is Arens regular. If the multiplication of a Banach algebra A enjoys this property, then A itself is calledArens regular. The first and the second Arens products are denoted by  $\Box$ ,  $\Diamond$  respectively.

One may define similarly the mappings  $f^{****}: Z^{***} \times X^{**} \to Y^{***}$  and  $f^{*****}: Y^{****} \times Z^{***} \to X^{***}$  and the higher rank adjoints. Consider the nets  $(x_{\alpha}) \subseteq X$  and  $(y_{\beta}) \subseteq Y$  converge to  $x^{**} \in X^{**}$  and

 $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$ in the  $w^*$ -topologies, respectively, then

$$f^{***}(x^{**}, y^{**}) = w^* - \lim_{\alpha} w^* - \lim_{\beta} f(x_{\alpha}, y_{\beta})$$

and

$$f^{r^{***r}}(x^{**}, y^{**}) = w^* - \lim_{\beta} w^* - \lim_{\alpha} f(x_{\alpha}, y_{\beta})$$

so Arens regularity of f is equivalent to the following

$$\lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \frac{1}{\alpha} \langle z^*, f(x_{\alpha}, y_{\beta}) \rangle = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \langle z^*, f(x_{\alpha}, y_{\beta}) \rangle$$

if the limits exit for each  $z^* \in Z^*$ . The map  $f^{***}$  is the unique extension of f such that

 $x^{**} \to f^{***}(x^{**}, y^{**}): X^{**} \to Z^{**}$  is  $w^* - w^*$  continuous for each  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$  and

 $y^{**} \rightarrow f^{***}(x, y^{**}): Y^{**} \rightarrow Z^{**}$  is  $w^* - w^*$  continuous for each  $x \in X$ .

The left topological center of f is defined by

$$Z_l(f) = \{x^{**} \in X^{**}: y^{**} \to f^{***}(x^{**}, y^{**}): Y^{**} \to Z^{**} \text{ is} w^* - w^* \text{ continuous}\}.$$

Since  $f^{r***r}: X^{**} \times Y^{**} \to Z^{**}$  is the unique extension of f such that the map  $y^{**} \to f^{r***r}(x^{**}, y^{**}): Y^{**} \to Z^{**}$  is  $w^* - w^*$  continuous for each  $x^{**} \in X^{**}$ , we can set

$$Z_l(f) = \{x^{**} \in X^{**}: f^{***}(x^{**}, y^{**}) = f^{r^{***r}}(x^{**}, y^{**}), (y^{**} \in Y^{**})\}.$$

The right topological center of f may therefore be defined as

$$Z_r(f) = \{y^{**} \in Y^{**}: x^{**} \to f^{r***r}(x^{**}, y^{**}): Y^{**} \to Z^{**} \text{ is} w^* - w^* \text{ continuous}\}.$$

Again since the map

$$x^{**} \rightarrow f^{***}(x^{**}, y^{**}): Y^{**} \rightarrow Z^{**}$$
 is  $w^* - w^*$  continuous for each  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$ , we can set

$$Z_r(f) = \{y^{**} \in Y^{**}: f^{***}(x^{**}, y^{**}) = f^{r^{***r}}(x^{**}, y^{**}), (x^{**} \in X^{**})\}$$

A bounded bilinear mapping f is Arens regular if and only if  $Z_l(f) = X^{**}$ , or equivalently  $Z_r(f) = Y^{**}$ . It is clear that  $X \subseteq Z_l(f)$ . If  $Z_l(f) = X$  then the map f is said to be left strongly irregular. Also  $Y \subseteq Z_r(f)$  and if  $Z_r(f) = Y$  then the map f is said to be right strongly irregular. A bounded bilinear mapping  $f : X \times Y \to Z$  is said to factor if it is onto. Let A be a Banach algebra, X be a Banach space and  $\pi_1 : A \times X \to X$  be a bounded bilinear map  $(\pi_1$  is said the left module action of A on X). If  $\pi_1(ab, x) = \pi_1(a, \pi_1(b, x))$ , for each  $a, b \in A$ ,  $x \in X$ , then the pair  $(\pi_1, X)$  is said to be a left Banach

*A*-module. A right Banach *A*-module  $(X, \pi_2)$  can be defined similarly. A triple  $(\pi_1, X, \pi_2)$  is said tobe a Banach *A*-module if  $(\pi_1, X)$  and  $(X, \pi_2)$  are left and right Banach *A*-modules, respectively, and  $\pi_1(a, \pi_2(x, b)) = \pi_2(\pi_1(a, x), b)$  for each  $a, b \in A$ ,  $x \in X$ . Let  $(\pi_1, X, \pi_2)$  be a Banach *A*-module. Abounded linear mapping  $D : A \to X^*$  is said to be a derivation if D(ab) = D(a).b + a.D(b), for each  $a, b \in A$ .

#### 2. Arens regularity of bounded bilinear maps

**Remark 2.1.** Let f be a bounded bilinear map from  $X \times Y$  into Z.  $f^{***n}$  means that the number of starsis 3n for every  $n \in N$ .

Let f be a bounded bilinear map and,  $x^{**} \in X^{**}$ ,  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$ . If f is Arens regular then for every  $z^* \in Z^*$ ,

$$\langle f^{***r}(y^{**}, x^{**}), z^* \rangle = \langle f^{***}(x^{**}, y^{**}), z^* \rangle = \langle f^{r***r}(x^{**}, y^{**}), z^* \rangle = \langle f^{r***}(y^{**}, x^{**}), z^* \rangle$$

Therefore,  $f^r$  is Arens regular. Now let  $f^r$  is Arens regular, for every  $x^{**} \in X^{**}$ ,  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$ ,  $z^* \in Z^*$ ,

$$\langle f^{r***r}(x^{**}, y^{**}), z^* \rangle = \langle f^{r***}(y^{**}, x^{**}), z^* \rangle = \langle f^{***r}(y^{**}, x^{**}), z^* \rangle = \langle f^{***}(x^{**}, y^{**}), z^* \rangle$$

Hence f is Arense regular if and only if  $f^r$  is Arens regular.

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $f: X \times Y \to Z$  is Arens regular and X is a reflexive space, then  $f^{***n}$  and  $f^{****n}$  are Arens regular for every  $n \in N$ .

**Proof.** First, we show that  $f^{***}$  is Arens regular for an arbitrary f. Then we show that  $f^{******} = f^{r*****r}$ .By [7, *Theorem* 2.1], for every  $x^{****} \in X^{****}$ ,  $y^{****} \in Y^{****}$ ,  $z^{***} \in Z^{***}$ , we have

$$\langle f^{*****}(x^{****}, y^{****}), z^{***} \rangle = \langle x^{****}, f^{*****}(y^{****}, z^{***}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle y^{****}, f^{****}(z^{***}, x^{****}, ) \rangle$$

$$= \langle y^{****}, f^{r}(z^{***}, x^{****}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle f^{r*****}(y^{****}, x^{****}), z^{***} \rangle$$

$$= \langle f^{r*****r}(x^{****}, y^{****}), z^{***} \rangle.$$

It follows that  $f^{***}$  is Arens regular. This completes the proof of Arens regularity of  $f^{***n}$ . Now if f is Arens regular then we show that  $f^{****}$  is Arens regula. we should show

(1) 
$$f^{*******} = f^{****r****}$$

Since f is Arens regular,

$$(2) \quad (f^{***})^{****} = (f^{r***r****})$$

so it is enough to show that

(3) 
$$f^{r***r****} = f^{****r***r}$$

 $f^{***}$  is Arens regular, therefore  $f^{*****} = f^{***r}$ , so from the Arens regularity of  $f^r$ , we have  $f^{*****} = f^{r*****r}$ . Therefore  $f^{*****r} = f^{r*****}$ . From the Arens regularity of f,  $f^{r***r} = f^{r*****}$ . Now by [6, *Theorem* 2.1], for every  $x^{****} \in X^{****}$ ,  $y^{****} \in Y^{****}$ ,  $z^{*****} \in Z^{*****}$ , we have

$$\langle f^{****r}(z^{*****}, x^{****}), y^{****} \rangle = \langle x^{****}, f^{****r}(z^{*****}, y^{****}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle x^{****}, f^{r}(z^{*****}, y^{****}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle z^{*****}, f^{r}(y^{****}, x^{****}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle f^{r}(x^{*****}, x^{*****}), y^{*****} \rangle.$$

Therefore equation (3) holds and  $f^{****}$  is Arens regular. Hence  $f^{****n}$  is Arens regular, for every  $n \in N$ . **Lemma 2.3.** Let  $f: X \times Y \to Z$  be is a bounded bilinear map. If X is reflexive, then f and every adjoint and every flip map of f such that its domain contains  $X, X^*, X^{**}, ...$  is Arens regular. **Proof**. First we show that if Y is reflexive, then the result holds.  $f^{****}(Z^{***}, X^{**}) \subseteq Y^{***}$  and  $Y^*$  is reflexive, therefore

$$f^{****}(Z^*, X^{**}) \subseteq f^{****}(Z^{***}, X^{**}) \subseteq Y^*.$$

Now by [7, Theorem 2.1], f is Arens regular. Therefore  $f^r$  is Arens regular, so the result holds. **Lemma 2.4.** If X is reflexive and the bounded bilinear map  $f^{****}$  factors, then f and every adjoint map and every flip map of it is Arens regular.

**Proof.** If X is reflexive space then by *lemma* 2.3, f and  $f^{r*}$  are Arens regular and by[7, *Corollary* 2.2] it is equivalent that  $f^{****}(Z^{***}, X^{**}) \subseteq Y^*$  and  $f^{****}$  factors, therefore  $Y^{***} \subseteq Y^*$  and it is equivalent that Y is reflexive. Now for every adjoint map or every flip map, X or  $X^*$  or  $Y^*$ , is contained in a part of its domain. Since these spaces are all reflexive, therefore by *lemma* 2.3 the result holds.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let *X* be is reflexive and let  $f^{****}$  factors. Then *f* is left strongly irregular if and only if it is right strongly irregular.

**Proof.**By *lemma* 2.3 *f* is Arens regular. From the definition, *f* is Arens regular if and only if  $Z_l(f) = X^{**}$ . *X* is reflexive therefore  $Z_l(f) = X$ , i.e. *f* is left strongly irregular, therefore *f* is Arens regular if and only *f* is left strongly irregular. On the other hand by *lemma* 2.4, *Y* is also reflexive, therefore by definition of topological centers, f is Arens regular if and only if $Z_r(f) = Y^{**}$ , since Y is reflexive so  $Z_r(f) = Y$ , thus f is right strongly irregular. therefore f is Arens regular if and only f is right strongly irregular. It follows that f is left strongly irregular if and only if right strongly irregular.

#### 3. Module action

In [5] Eshaghi Gordji and Filali show that left module action of a Banach algebra A on  $A^{(n)}$  factors. Now let  $\pi_{2_n}$  be the right module action of A on  $A^{(n)}$ . Thus  $\pi_{2_n}$  maps  $A^{(n)} \times A$  into $A^{(n)}$  and  $\pi_{2_n}^*$  maps  $A^{(n+1)} \times A^{(n)}$  into  $A^*$ , for every  $n \ge 1$ . Also $\pi_{1_n} = \pi_{2_{n-1}}^{r*r}$  and  $\pi_{2_n} = \pi_{1_{n-1}}^*$  such that  $A^{(0)} = A$ ,  $\pi = \pi_{1_0} = \pi_{2_0}$ . In the next theorem we show that the right module action factors.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let *A* be a Banach algebra.

I) If A has a left bounded approximate identity, then  $\pi_{2_n}^*$  factors for every positive even integer n. II) If A has a right bounded approximate identity, then  $\pi_{2_n}^*$  factors for odd positive even integer n. **Proof.**I) We use the induction on n. Let n = 2 and  $(e_\beta)$  be a left bounded approximate identity in A with a cluster point  $e^{**} \in A^{**}$ . Therefore for every  $a^{***} \in A^{***}$  we have  $\pi_{2_2}^*(a^{***}, e^{**}) = a^{***}$ .

Let $(a_{\alpha}^*)$  be a net in  $A^*$  with a cluster point  $e^{***} \in A^{***}$ , so for every  $a \in A$ ,

$$\langle \pi_{2_2}^*(a^{***}, e^{**}), a \rangle = \langle a^{***}, \pi_{2_2}(e^{**}, a) \rangle = \langle a^{***}, \pi_{1_1}^*(e^{**}, a) \rangle$$

$$= \lim_{\alpha} \langle e^{**}, \pi_{1_1}(a, a_{\alpha}^*) \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \langle e^{**}, \pi_{2_0}^{r*r}(a, a_{\alpha}^*) \rangle$$

$$= \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle \pi_{2_0}^{r*}(a_{\alpha}^*, a), e_{\beta} \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \lim_{\beta} \langle a_{\alpha}^*, \pi_{2_0}(e_{\beta}, a) \rangle$$

$$= \lim_{\alpha} \langle a_{\alpha}^*, a \rangle = \langle a^{***}, a \rangle.$$

Therefor for  $n = 2, \pi_{2_n}$  factors. Now suppose that the result holds for n = 2k - 2. So,

$$\langle \pi_{2_{(2k)}}^{*}(a^{*}, e^{**}), a \rangle = \langle a^{*}, \pi_{2_{(2k)}}(e^{**}, a) \rangle = \langle a^{*}, \pi_{1_{(2k-1)}}^{*}(e^{**}, a) \rangle$$

$$= \langle e^{**}, \pi_{1_{(2k-1)}}(a, a^{*}) \rangle = \langle e^{**}, \pi_{2_{(2k-2)}}^{r*r}(a, a^{*}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle e^{**}, \pi_{2_{(2k-2)}}^{r*}(a^{*}, a) \rangle = \langle a^{*}, \pi_{2_{(2k-2)}}^{r}(a, e^{**}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle a^{*}, \pi_{2_{(2k-2)}}(e^{**}, a) \rangle = \langle \pi_{2_{(2k-2)}}^{*}(a^{*}, e^{**}), a \rangle$$

thus  $\pi^*_{2(2k)}$  factors.

*II*) Again by induction. Let  $(e_{\alpha})$  be a right bounded approximate identity in A with a cluster point  $e^{**} \in A^{**}$ . for n = 1 it is enough to show that  $\pi_{2_1}^*(e^{**}, a^*) = a^*$  for every  $a^* \in A^*$ .

$$\langle \pi_{2_1}^* (e^{**}, a^*), a \rangle = \langle e^{**}, \pi_{2_1} (a^*, a) \rangle = \langle e^{**}, \pi_{1_0}^* (a^*, a) \rangle = \lim_{\alpha} \langle a^*, \pi_{1_0} (a, e_{\alpha}) \rangle = \langle a^*, a \rangle.$$

Now suppose that is true for n = 2k - 1, then

$$\langle \pi_{2_{(2k+1)}}^{*}(e^{**}, a^{*}), a \rangle = \langle e^{**}, \pi_{2_{(2k+1)}}(a^{*}, a) \rangle = \langle e^{**}, \pi_{1_{(2k)}}^{*}(a^{*}, a) \rangle$$

$$= \langle a^{*}, \pi_{1_{(2k)}}(a, e^{**}) \rangle = \langle a^{*}, \pi_{2_{(2k-1)}}^{r*r}(a, e^{**}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle a^{*}, \pi_{2_{(2k-1)}}^{r*}(e^{**}, a) \rangle = \langle e^{**}, \pi_{2_{(2k-1)}}^{r}(a, a^{*}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle e^{**}, \pi_{2_{(2k-1)}}(a^{*}, a) \rangle = \langle \pi_{2_{(2k-1)}}^{*}(e^{**}, a^{*}), a \rangle.$$

so the result holds.

Here is a new proof for the theorem [4.7.1]

**Theorem 3.2.** If X is a reflexive space and  $D : A \rightarrow X^*$  is a derivation, then  $D^{**}$  is also a derivation.

*Proof*. As X is reflexive, by *lemma* 2.3 the following module actions are Arens regular,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1 &: A \times X \to X &, & \pi_2 &: X \times A \to X \\ \pi_1^* &: X^* \times A \to X^* &, & \pi_2^{r*} &: X^* \times A \to X \end{aligned}$$

Now the maps bellow are Arens regular by [7, 4.4],

$$D^{**}: (A^{**}, \Box) \rightarrow X^{***}$$
,  $D^{**}: (A^{**}, \Diamond) \rightarrow X^{***}$ 

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