

## AN EXTENSION OF HELSON-EDWARDS THEOREM TO BANACH MODULES

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**ABSTRACT.** An extension of the Helson-Edwards theorem for the group algebras to Banach modules over commutative Banach algebras is given. This extension can be viewed as a generalization of Liu-Rooij-Wang's result for Banach modules over the group algebras.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

Let  $A$  be a commutative complex Banach algebra with a bounded approximate identity  $\{u_\lambda\}$  of norm  $\beta$  and denote by  $\Phi_A$  the class of all nonzero homomorphisms of  $A$  into the field of complex numbers. The space  $\Phi_A$ , with the Gelfand topology, is called the carrier space of  $A$ . Let  $X$  be a Banach left  $A$ -module. A continuous module homomorphism of  $A$  into  $X$  is called a multiplier of  $X$ . We introduce a family  $\{X_\phi : \phi \in \Phi_A\}$  of Banach  $A$ -modules such that any multiplier  $T$  of  $X$  can be represented as a function  $T$  on  $\Phi_A$  with  $T(\phi) \in X_\phi$  for each  $\phi \in \Phi_A$ . In this setting we give an extension of the Helson-Edwards theorem for the group algebras to Banach modules. We also observe that this extension can be viewed as a generalization of Liu-Rooij-Wang's result for Banach modules over the group algebras. We further consider a local property of multipliers when  $A$  is completely regular.

### 2. REPRESENTATION THEOREM OF MULTIPLIERS.

For each  $\phi \in \Phi_A$ , let  $M_\phi$  denote the maximal modular ideal of  $A$  corresponding to  $\phi$  and define

$$X^\phi = \overline{\text{sp}\{M_\phi X + (1 - e_\phi)X\}},$$

where  $\overline{\text{sp}}$  denotes the closed linear span and  $e_\phi$  is an element of  $A$  with  $\phi(e_\phi) = 1$ . Note that  $X^\phi$  does not depend on the choice of  $e_\phi$ .

Throughout the remainder of this note we will assume

$$\bigcap_{\phi \in \Phi_A} \overline{\text{sp}(M_\phi)} = \{0\}. \tag{2.1}$$

In the case of  $X = A$ , the condition (2.1) is equivalent to the semisimplicity of  $A$ . The space  $\overline{\text{sp}(AX)}$  is called the essential part of  $X$  and is denoted by  $X_e$ . Since  $A$  has a bounded approximate identity, it follows that  $X_e = AX$  from the Cohen-Hewitt

factorization theorem (see Doran-Wichman [1]). We also have

$$X^\phi X_e = \overline{\text{sp}(M_\phi X)} \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $\phi \in \Phi_A$ . In fact, let  $\phi \in \Phi_A$ ,  $x \in X^\phi X_e$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $x \in X^\phi$ , there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in M_\phi$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y \in X$  such that

$$\left\| x - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i - (1 - e_\phi)y \right\| < \varepsilon/\beta.$$

Therefore for each  $\lambda$ , we have

$$\left\| u_\lambda x - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n u_\lambda a_i x_i + (u_\lambda - u_\lambda e_\phi)y \right) \right\| < \varepsilon.$$

Letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain that  $u_\lambda x \in \overline{\text{sp}(M_\phi X)}$  for all  $\lambda$ . Since  $x \in X_e$ ,  $\lim u_\lambda x = x$ . Consequently, we have that  $x \in \overline{\text{sp}(M_\phi X)}$  and hence  $X^\phi \cap X_e \subset \overline{\text{sp}(M_\phi X)}$ . The reverse inclusion is immediate.

We denote by  $M(A, X)$ , or simply  $M(X)$ , the class of all multipliers of  $X$ . Then  $M(X)$  also becomes a Banach  $A$ -module under the module multiplication defined by  $(aT)b = a(Tb)$ . For each  $x \in X$ , the mapping  $\tau_x$  of  $A$  into  $X$  defined by  $\tau_x(a) = ax$  is a multiplier of  $X$ , so that  $\tau$  becomes a module homomorphism of  $X$  into  $M(X)$ . Also it can be easily observed that

$$TA \subset X_e \text{ and } TM_\phi \subset \overline{M_\phi X} \tag{2.3}$$

for all  $T \in M(X)$  and  $\phi \in \Phi_A$ , where the bar denotes the norm closure.

Now, for each  $\phi \in \Phi_A$ , let  $X_\phi = X/X^\phi$  be the quotient of  $X$  by  $X^\phi$ . So  $X_\phi$  becomes a Banach  $A$ -module under the natural module structure and the quotient norm. For each  $x \in X$ , let  $x(\phi) = x + X^\phi$  be the natural image of  $x$  in  $X_\phi$ . A vector field on  $\Phi_A$  is a function  $\sigma$  defined on  $\Phi_A$  with  $\sigma(\phi) \in X_\phi$  for each  $\phi \in \Phi_A$ . Of course,  $\hat{x}(x \in X)$  is a vector field on  $\Phi_A$ . Denote by  $\Pi X_\phi$  the class of all vector fields on  $\Phi_A$  and so it becomes an  $A$ -module under the module multiplication defined by  $(a\sigma)(\phi) = \hat{a}(\phi)\sigma(\phi)$ , where  $a$  denotes the Gelfand transform of  $a \in A$ . Define

$$\Pi^b X_\phi = \{ \sigma \in \Pi X_\phi : \|\sigma\|_\infty = \sup_{\phi \in \Phi_A} \|\sigma(\phi)\| < +\infty \}.$$

Then  $\Pi^b X_\phi$  becomes a Banach  $A$ -module under the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  and  $X = \{ \hat{x} : x \in X \} \subset \Pi^b X_\phi$ .

With the above notations, we have the following representation theorem of multipliers.

**THEOREM 2.1.** (i) If  $T \in M(X)$ , then there exists a unique vector field  $\hat{T}$  on  $\phi_A$  such that  $\widehat{Ta} = a\hat{T}$  for all  $a \in A$ . (ii) The mapping  $T \mapsto \hat{T}$  is a continuous module isomorphism of  $M(X)$  into  $\prod^b X_\phi$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $T \in M(X)$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $\phi \in \phi_A$ . Since  $e_\phi a u_\lambda - \hat{a}(\phi)e_\phi u_\lambda \in M_\phi$  for all  $\lambda$ , it follows from (2.3) that  $T(e_\phi a u_\lambda) - \hat{a}(\phi)T(e_\phi u_\lambda) \in \overline{M_\phi X}$  for all  $\lambda$ . Hence, after taking the limit with respect to  $\lambda$ , we obtain  $T(e_\phi a) - \hat{a}(\phi)T e_\phi \in \overline{M_\phi X}$ . Note also that  $Ta \in X_e$  from (2.3). Then there exist  $c \in A$  and  $y \in X$  such that  $Ta = cy$ , so that

$$Ta - T(e_\phi a) = Ta - e_\phi Ta = (c - e_\phi c)y \in M_\phi X. \quad \text{We therefore have}$$

$$Ta - \hat{a}(\phi)T e_\phi = (Ta - T e_\phi a) + (T e_\phi a - \hat{a}(\phi)T e_\phi) \in M_\phi X + \overline{M_\phi X} \subset \overline{\text{sp}(M_\phi X)} \subset X^\phi.$$

Setting  $\hat{T}(\phi) = \widehat{T e_\phi}(\phi)$ , we obtain that  $\widehat{Ta}(\phi) = \hat{a}(\phi)\hat{T}(\phi) = (a\hat{T})(\phi)$ . In other words,  $\widehat{Ta} = a\hat{T}$  for all  $a \in A$ . If  $\sigma \in \prod X_\phi$  such that  $\widehat{Ta} = a\sigma$  for all  $a \in A$ , then  $\hat{T}(\phi) = \widehat{T e_\phi}(\phi) = \widehat{e_\phi}(\phi)\sigma(\phi) = \sigma(\phi)$  for all  $\phi \in \phi_A$ , so that  $\hat{T} = \sigma$ . This proves (i). It is immediate from (i) that  $T \mapsto \hat{T}$  is a continuous module homomorphism of  $M(X)$  into  $\prod^b X_\phi$ . To show that this mapping is injective, let  $T \in M(X)$  with  $\hat{T} = 0$ . Then  $\widehat{TA} = A\hat{T} = \{0\}$  from (i), so  $TA \cap \bigcap_{\phi \in \phi_A} X^\phi$ . Also  $TA \subset X_e$  from (2.3). Therefore, by (2.2) and our assumption (2.1),

$$TA \cap \bigcap_{\phi \in \phi_A} X_e \cap X^\phi = \bigcap_{\phi \in \phi_A} \overline{\text{sp}(M_\phi X)} = \{0\}.$$

We thus obtain  $T = 0$ , and (ii) is proved.

A Banach left  $A$ -module  $X$  is said to be order-free if for every  $x \in X$  with  $x \neq 0$  there exists  $a \in A$  with  $ax \neq 0$ .

**COROLLARY 2.2.** Let  $x \in X$ . If either  $x \in X_e$  or  $X$  is order-free, then  $\hat{x} = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ .

**PROOF.** Note first that

$$\widehat{ax} = a\hat{x}, \quad a \in A, \quad x \in X. \tag{2.4}$$

In fact, for each  $\phi \in \phi_A$ ,

$$ax - \hat{a}(\phi)x = (a - \hat{a}(\phi)e_\phi)x - \hat{a}(\phi)(1 - e_\phi)x \in M_\phi X - (1 - e_\phi)X \subset X^\phi.$$

This implies (2.4). Now let  $x \in X$  with  $\hat{x} = 0$ . By the above theorem and (2.4), we have

$$\hat{\tau}_x(\phi) = \widehat{e_\phi}(\phi)\hat{\tau}_x(\phi) = (e_\phi \hat{\tau}_x)(\phi) = \hat{\tau}_x e_\phi(\phi) = \widehat{e_\phi x}(\phi) = \widehat{e_\phi}(\phi)\hat{x}(\phi) = \hat{x}(\phi)$$

for all  $\phi \in \phi_A$ , so that  $\hat{\tau}_x = \hat{x}$ . Then  $\hat{\tau}_x = 0$  and hence  $Ax = \{0\}$ . Accordingly, if either  $x \in X_e$  or  $X$  is order-free, then  $x = 0$ .

### 3. EXTENSION OF HELSON-EDWARDS THEOREM.

We give a characterization of multipliers of an order-free Banach  $A$ -module which is similar to [2, Theorem 1.2.4] and Liu, van Rooij, and Wang [3, Lemma 1.3].

COROLLARY 3.1. Let  $X$  be order-free and  $T$  a mapping of  $A$  into  $X$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $T \in M(X)$ .
- (ii)  $T$  is linear and continuous;  $TM_\phi \subset X^\phi$  for every  $\phi \in \Phi_A$ .
- (iii)  $T(ab) = aTb$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

PROOF. (i)  $\implies$  (ii) follows immediately from (2.3). (ii)  $\implies$  (iii). Let  $a, b \in A$  and  $\phi \in \Phi_A$ . Since  $abu_\lambda - \hat{a}(\phi)bu_\lambda \in M_\phi$  for all  $\lambda$ , it follows from (ii) that  $T(abu_\lambda) - \hat{a}(\phi)T(bu_\lambda) \in TM_\phi \subset X^\phi$  for all  $\lambda$ . Hence, after taking the limit with respect to  $\lambda$ , we obtain  $T(ab) - \hat{a}(\phi)Tb \in X^\phi$ . Then, by (2.4),  $\widehat{T(ab)} = \widehat{aTb} = \widehat{aTb}$ , so that  $T(ab) = aTb$  by Corollary 2.2.

(iii)  $\implies$  (i). To show that  $T$  is linear, let  $a, b \in A$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  scalars. Then

$$\begin{aligned} cT(\alpha a + \beta b) &= T(\alpha ac - \beta bc) = (\alpha a + \beta b)Tc = \alpha aTc + \beta bTc \\ &= \alpha cTa + \beta cTb = c(\alpha Ta + \beta Tb) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $c \in A$ . Since  $X$  is order-free,  $T(\alpha a + \beta b) = \alpha Ta + \beta Tb$ .

To show the continuity of  $T$ , let  $\lim_n a_n = a \in A$  and  $\lim_n Ta_n = x \in X$ . Then

$$bTa = aTb = \lim_n a_nTb = \lim_n bTa_n = bx$$

for all  $b \in A$ . So  $Ta = x$  and hence  $T$  is continuous by the closed graph theorem.

Let  $\widehat{M(A)} = \{\widehat{T} : T \in M(X)\}$ . The following result is an extension of the Helson-Edwards theorem for the group algebra of a locally compact Abelian group (see Rudin [4, Theorem 3.8.1]).

THEOREM 3.2. Let  $\sigma \in \Pi X_\phi$ . Then,  $A\sigma \subset \widehat{M(X)}$  if and only if  $\sigma \in \widehat{M(X)}$ .

PROOF. Note first that  $\hat{\tau}_x = \hat{x}$  for all  $x \in X$  as observed in the proof of Corollary 2.2. If  $T \in M(X)$  with  $\widehat{T} = \sigma$ , then, by Theorem 2.1,  $a\sigma = \widehat{aT} = \widehat{Ta} = \hat{\tau}_{Ta} \in \widehat{M(X)}$  for all  $a \in A$ .

Suppose conversely that  $A\sigma \subset \widehat{M(X)}$ . Let  $a \in A$ . By the Cohen-Hewitt factorization theorem,  $a$  can be written as  $a = bc$  for some  $b, c \in A$ . Choose  $S \in M(X)$  with  $c\sigma = \widehat{S}$ . Then,  $a\sigma = bc\sigma = b\widehat{S} = \widehat{Sb} \in \widehat{X}_e$  from (2.3). Hence, by Corollary 2.2, there is a unique element of  $X_e$ , say  $Ta$ , such that  $a\sigma = \widehat{Ta}$ . If  $a, b$  are arbitrary elements of  $A$ , then  $\widehat{T(ab)} = ab\sigma = a(b\sigma) = aTb = \widehat{aTb}$  by (2.4). Since  $TA \subset X_e$ ,  $T(ab) = aTb$  by Corollary 3.1. Note that  $X_e$  is an order-free Banach  $A$ -module. Then, by Corollary 3.1,  $T \in M(A, X_e) \subset M(A, X) = M(X)$ . Consequently,  $\sigma = \widehat{T} \in \widehat{M(X)}$  and the theorem is proved.

We will observe that Theorem 3.2 can be viewed as a generalization of Liu-Rooij-Wang's result [3, Theorem 2.3].

Let  $G$  be a compact Abelian group and  $X$  a Banach  $L^1(G)$ -module. Let  $X_\gamma = \gamma X$  for each  $\gamma \in \widehat{G}$  the dual group of  $G$ . Also denote by  $\pi X_\gamma$  the class of all mappings  $\rho$  of  $\widehat{G}$  into  $X$  such that  $\rho(\gamma) \in X_\gamma$  for every  $\gamma \in \widehat{G}$ . Set  $\phi_\gamma(f) = \hat{f}(\gamma)$  ( $\gamma \in \widehat{G}, f \in L^1(G)$ ), where  $\hat{f}$  is the Fourier transform of  $f$ . Note that for each  $\gamma \in \widehat{G}$ ,  $X^{\phi_\gamma} = (1-\gamma)X$  and  $X^{\phi_\gamma}$  is isometrically module-isomorphic to  $X_\gamma$ . Also since  $\overline{\text{sp}} \widehat{G} = L^1(G)$ , it follows that

$$\bigcap_{\gamma \in G} X^{\phi_\gamma} = \{0\}$$

and hence  $X$  satisfies (2.1). For each  $x \in X$ , denote by  $\tilde{x}$  the restriction of  $\tau_x$  to  $\hat{G}$  and set  $\tilde{X} = \{\tilde{x} : x \in X\}$ .

COROLLARY (Liu-Rooij-Wang).  $\rho \in \Pi X_\gamma$  can be extended to a multiplier of  $X$  if and only if  $\hat{f}\rho \in \tilde{X}$  for every  $f \in L^1(G)$ .

PROOF. Clearly  $\hat{f}(\gamma) = \gamma * f$  ( $\gamma \in \hat{G}, f \in L^1(G)$ ). So if  $\rho = T|_{\hat{G}}$  for some  $T \in M(X)$ , then  $\hat{f}\rho = T\hat{f} \in \tilde{X}$  for every  $f \in L^1(G)$ . Suppose conversely that  $\rho \in \Pi X_\gamma$  and  $\hat{f}\rho \in \tilde{X}$  for every  $f \in L^1(G)$ . Then for each  $f \in L^1(G)$ , choose  $x_f \in X$  with  $\hat{f}\rho = \tilde{x}_f$ . set  $\sigma(\phi_\gamma) = \widehat{\rho(\gamma)}(\phi_\gamma)$  for each  $\gamma \in \hat{G}$ . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} (f\sigma)(\phi_\gamma) &= \widehat{f(\gamma)\rho(\gamma)}(\phi_\gamma) = (\tilde{x}_f(\gamma))(\phi_\gamma) \\ &= \widehat{\gamma x_f}(\phi_\gamma) = \widehat{x}_f(\phi_\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\gamma \in \hat{G}$  and  $f \in L^1(G)$ . Thus  $f\sigma = \widehat{x}_f$  for all  $f \in L^1(G)$  and hence  $\sigma = \hat{T}$  for some  $T \in M(X)$  from Theorem 3.2. Therefore,

$$\widehat{\rho(\gamma)}(\phi_\gamma) = \widehat{T(\phi_\gamma)} = \widehat{(\gamma T)}(\phi_\gamma) = \widehat{T\gamma}(\phi_\gamma),$$

so that  $\rho(\gamma) - T\gamma \in X^{\phi_\gamma} = (1 - \gamma)X$  for all  $\gamma \in \hat{G}$ . But  $\rho(\gamma), T\gamma \in \gamma X$  and so  $\rho(\gamma) - T\gamma \in \gamma X$  for all  $\gamma \in \hat{G}$ . Consequently,  $\rho = T|_{\hat{G}}$ .

4. LOCAL PROPERTIES OF MULTIPLIERS.

We will consider local properties of multipliers. To do this, we introduce the following notation which is exactly similar to one given in Rickart [5, 2.7.13].

DEFINITION. Let  $\sigma \in \Pi X_\phi$  and  $\Sigma \subset \Pi X_\phi$ . Then  $\sigma$  is said to belong to  $\Sigma$  near a point  $\phi \in \Phi_A$  (or at infinity) provided there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of  $\phi$  (or infinity) and an element  $\sigma' \in \Sigma$  such that  $\sigma|_V = \sigma'|_V$ . If  $\sigma$  belongs to near every point of  $\Phi_A$  and at infinity, then  $\sigma$  is said to belong locally to  $\Sigma$ .

The following result is similar to one given in [5, 2.7.16] and we refer to the proof of one.

THEOREM 4.1. Assume  $A$  to be completely regular and let  $\Sigma$  be a submodule of  $\Pi X_\phi$ . If  $\sigma \in \Pi X_\phi$  belongs locally to  $\Sigma$ , then  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ .

PROOF. Since  $\sigma$  belongs to  $\Sigma$  at infinity, there exists an open set  $U_0$  of  $\Phi_A$  with compact complement  $K$  and  $\sigma_0 \in \Sigma$  with  $\sigma_0|_{U_0} = \sigma|_{U_0}$ . Also since  $\sigma$  belongs to  $\Sigma$  near every point of  $K$ , there exists a finite open covering  $\{U_1, \dots, U_n\}$  of  $K$  and a finite subset  $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\}$  of  $\Sigma$  with  $\sigma_i|_{U_i} = \sigma|_{U_i}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Note that  $A$  admits a partition of the identity (cf. [5, Theorem 2.7.12]). Then there exists  $e_1, \dots, e_n \in A$  such that  $e = e_1 + \dots + e_n$  is an identity for  $A$  modulo  $\ker K$  and  $e_i \in \ker(\phi_A - U_i)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), where  $\ker K$  denotes the kernel of  $K$ . Set

$$\sigma' = (1 - e)\sigma_0 + e_1\sigma_1 + \dots + e_n\sigma_n.$$

Then  $\sigma'$  is obviously in  $\Sigma$ . We further assert  $\sigma' = \sigma$ . In fact, if  $\phi \in U_0$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma'(\phi) &= (1 - \hat{e}(\phi))\sigma(\phi) + \sum_{\phi \in U_i} \hat{e}_i(\phi)\sigma(\phi) \\ &= (1 - \hat{e}(\phi) + \sum_{\phi \in U_i} \hat{e}_i(\phi))\sigma(\phi) \\ &= \sigma(\phi).\end{aligned}$$

If  $\phi \in K$ , then  $\hat{e}(\phi) = 1$  and  $\{i: 1 \leq i \leq n, \phi \in U_i\} \neq \emptyset$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma'(\phi) &= \sum_{\phi \in U_i} \hat{e}_i(\phi)\sigma_i(\phi) = \sum_{\phi \in U_i} \hat{e}_i(\phi)\sigma(\phi) \\ &= \hat{e}(\phi)\sigma(\phi) = \sigma(\phi).\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\sigma' = \sigma$  and the theorem is proved.

Because  $M(X)$  is a submodule of  $\Pi X_\phi$ , we obtain the following local property of multipliers from the preceding theorem.

**COROLLARY 4.2.** Assume  $A$  to be completely regular. If  $\sigma \in \Pi X_\phi$  belongs locally to  $M(X)$ , then  $\sigma \in M(X)$ .

Let  $A$  contain local identities (cf. [5, 3.6.11]) and  $T \in M(X)$ . The closure of  $\{\phi \in \Phi_A: \hat{T}(\phi) \neq 0\}$  is called the support of  $T$  and is denoted by  $\text{supp } T$ . If  $\text{supp } T$  is compact, then there exists a unique  $x \in X_e$  with  $T = \tau_x$ . In fact, by [5, Theorem 3.6.13],  $A$  has an identity for  $A$  modulo  $\ker(\text{supp } \hat{T})$ , say  $e$ . Set  $x = Te$ . So the desired result follows from Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.2.

Similarly, we obtain that for each compact set  $K$  of  $\Phi_A$ , there exists  $x \in X_e$  with  $\hat{T}|_K = \hat{x}|_K$ .

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