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Module Amenability and Tensor Product of Semigroup Algebras

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Abstract. Let S be an inverse semigroup with an upward directed set of idempotents E. In this paper we prove that if S is amenable, then $\ell^1(S)\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(S)$ is module amenable as an $\ell^1(E)$-module. Also we show that $\ell^1(S)\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(S)$ is module super-amenable if an appropriate group homomorphic image of S is finite.

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1. Introduction

The notion of amenability of Banach algebras was introduced by Barry Johnson in [9]. A Banach algebra $\mathcal{A}$ is *amenable* if every bounded derivation from $\mathcal{A}$ into any dual Banach $\mathcal{A}$-module is inner, equivalently if $H^1(\mathcal{A}, X^*) = \{0\}$ for every Banach $\mathcal{A}$-module X, where $H^1(\mathcal{A}, X^*)$ is the *first Hochschild cohomology group* of $\mathcal{A}$ with coefficients in X^*. He proved in [9, Proposition 5.4] that if $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{B}$ are amenable Banach algebra, then so is $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{B}$ (see also [6, Corollary 2.9.62]). Also $\mathcal{A}$ is called *super-amenable* (*contractible*) if $H^1(\mathcal{A}, X) = \{0\}$ for every Banach $\mathcal{A}$-bimodule X (see [6,12]). It is known $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{B}$ is super-amenable if $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{B}$ are super-amenable [12, Exercise 4.1.4].

For a discrete semigroup S, $\ell^\infty(S)$ is the Banach algebra of bounded complex-valued functions on S with the supremum norm and pointwise

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multiplication. For each $t \in S$ and $f \in \ell^\infty(S)$, let $L_t f$ and $R_t f$ denote the left and the right translations of f by t, that is $\langle L_t f, s\rangle = \langle f, ts\rangle$ and $\langle R_t f, s\rangle = \langle f, st\rangle$, for each $s \in S$. Then a linear functional $m \in (\ell^\infty(S))^*$ is called a *mean* if $\|m\| = \langle m, 1\rangle = 1$; m is called a *left* (*right*) *invariant mean* if $\langle m, L_t f\rangle = \langle m, f\rangle$ ($\langle m, R_t f\rangle = \langle m, f\rangle$, respectively) for all $s \in S$ and $f \in \ell^\infty(S)$. A discrete semigroup S is called *amenable* if there exists a mean m on $\ell^\infty(S)$ which is both left and right invariant (see [7]). An *inverse semigroup* is a discrete semigroup S such that for each $s \in S$, there is a unique element $s^* \in S$ with $ss^*s = s$ and $s^*ss^* = s^*$. Elements of the form ss^* are called *idempotents* of S. For an inverse semigroup S, a left invariant mean on $\ell^\infty(S)$ is right invariant and vise versa.

M. Amini in [1] introduced the concept of module amenability for a Banach algebra. He showed that for an inverse semigroup S with set of idempotents E, the semigroup algebra $\ell^1(S)$ is $\ell^1(E)$-module amenable if and only if S is amenable.

This extends the Johnson's theorem [9, Theorem 2.5] in the discrete case) which asserts that for a discrete group G, $\ell^1(G)$ is amenable if and only if G is amenable. The author and Amini in [4] introduced the concept of module super-amenability and showed that for an inverse semigroup S, the semigroup algebra $\ell^1(S)$ is module super-amenable if and only if the group homomorphic image $S/\approx$ of S is finite, where $\approx$ is an equivalence relation on S.

In part two of this paper, we show that when $\mathfrak{A}$ acts trivially on $\mathcal{A}$ from left then under some mild conditions, module amenability of $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}$ implies amenability of $\mathcal{A}/J\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}/J$ and vise versa, where J is the closed ideal of $\mathcal{A}$ generated by $\alpha\cdot(ab) - (ab)\cdot\alpha$ for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$. There is a similar result for super amenability.

Finally, we prove that if S is an amenable inverse semigroup with an upward directed set of idempotents E, then $\ell^1(S)\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(S)$ is module amenable as an $\ell^1(E)$-module. Also we show that $\ell^1(S)\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(S)$ is module super-amenable when the appropriate group homomorphic image $S/\approx$ is finite.

2. Module Amenability of the Tensor Product of Banach Algebras

Let $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathfrak{A}$ be Banach algebras such that $\mathcal{A}$ is a Banach $\mathfrak{A}$-bimodule with compatible actions, as follows

$$\alpha \cdot (ab) = (\alpha \cdot a)b, \quad (ab) \cdot \alpha = a(b \cdot \alpha) \quad (a, b \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}).$$

Let X be a Banach $\mathcal{A}$-bimodule and a Banach $\mathfrak{A}$-bimodule with compatible actions, that is

$$\alpha\cdot(a\cdot x) = (\alpha\cdot a)\cdot x,\ a\cdot(\alpha\cdot x) = (a\cdot\alpha)\cdot x,\ (\alpha\cdot x)\cdot a = \alpha\cdot(x\cdot a) \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, x \in X)$$

and the same for the right or two-sided actions. Then we say that X is a Banach $\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module. If moreover $\alpha \cdot x = x \cdot \alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, x \in X$, then X is called a *commutative* $\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module. If X is a commutative Banach $\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module, then so is X^*, the first dual space of X, where the actions of $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathfrak{A}$ on X^* are defined as follows

$$\langle \alpha \cdot f, x \rangle = \langle f, x \cdot \alpha \rangle,\ \langle a \cdot f, x \rangle = \langle f, x \cdot a \rangle \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, x \in X, f \in X^*)$$

and the same for the right actions.
Note that, in general, $\mathcal{A}$ is not an $\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module because $\mathcal{A}$ does not satisfy in the compatibility condition $a \cdot (\alpha \cdot b) = (a \cdot \alpha) \cdot b$ for $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ [2]. But when $\mathcal{A}$ is a commutative $\mathfrak{A}$-module and acts on itself by multiplication from both sides, then it is also a Banach $\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module.
It is well known that $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}$, the projective tensor product of $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{A}$ is a Banach algebra with respect to the canonical multiplication defined by $(a \otimes b)(c \otimes d) = (ac \otimes bd)$. Also it is a Banach $\mathcal{A}$-bimodule and a Banach $\mathfrak{A}$-bimodule by the following usual actions:

$$\alpha \cdot (a \otimes b) = (\alpha \cdot a) \otimes b, \quad c \cdot (a \otimes b) = (ca) \otimes b \quad (\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b, c \in \mathcal{A}),$$

Similarly, for the right actions consider the module projective tensor product $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}_{\mathfrak{A}}\mathcal{A}$ which is isomorphic to the quotient space $(\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A})/I$, where I is the closed ideal of the projective tensor product $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}$ generated by elements of the form $\alpha \cdot a \otimes b - a \otimes b \cdot \alpha$ for $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ [11]. Also we consider J, the closed ideal of $\mathcal{A}$ generated by elements of the form $(\alpha \cdot a)b - a(b \cdot \alpha)$ for $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, a, b \in \mathcal{A}$. Then $\mathcal{A}/J$ is Banach $\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module when $\mathcal{A}$ acts on $\mathcal{A}/J$ canonically.

Let $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathfrak{A}$ be as in the above and X be a Banach $\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module. A bounded map $D : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow X$ is called a *module derivation* if

$$D(a \pm b) = D(a) \pm D(b), \ \ D(ab) = D(a) \cdot b + a \cdot D(b) \quad (a, b \in \mathcal{A}),$$

and

$$D(\alpha \cdot a) = \alpha \cdot D(a), \quad D(a \cdot \alpha) = D(a) \cdot \alpha \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}).$$

Although D is not necessary linear, but still its boundedness implies its norm continuity (since it preserves subtraction). When X is commutative $\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module, each $x \in X$ defines a module derivation

$$D_x(a) = a \cdot x - x \cdot a \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}).$$

These are called *inner* module derivations. The Banach algebra $\mathcal{A}$ is called *module amenable* (as an $\mathfrak{A}$-module) if for any commutative Banach $\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module X, each module derivation $D : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow X^*$ is inner [1]. Similarly, $\mathcal{A}$ is called *module super-amenable* if each module derivation $D : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow X$ is inner [4].

We say the Banach algebra $\mathfrak{A}$ acts trivially on $\mathcal{A}$ from left (right) if for each $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ and $a \in \mathcal{A}$, $\alpha \cdot a = f(\alpha)a$ $(a \cdot \alpha = f(\alpha)a)$, where f is a continuous linear functional on $\mathfrak{A}$. The following lemma is proved in [3].

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a Banach algebra and Banach $\mathfrak{A}$-module with compatible actions, and J_0 be a closed ideal of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $J \subseteq J_0$. If $\mathcal{A}/J_0$ has a left or right identity $e + J_0$, then for each $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ and $a \in \mathcal{A}$ we have $a \cdot \alpha - \alpha \cdot a \in J_0$, i.e., $\mathcal{A}/J_0$ is commutative Banach $\mathfrak{A}$-module.*

Recall that $\mathfrak{A}$ has a bounded approximate identity for $\mathcal{A}$ if there is a bounded net $\{\gamma_i\}$ in $\mathfrak{A}$ such that for each $a \in \mathcal{A}$, $\|\gamma_i \cdot a - a\| \to 0$ and $\|a \cdot \gamma_i - a\| \to 0$, as $i \longrightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a Banach $\mathfrak{A}$-module with trivial left action and $\mathcal{A}/J$ has an identity. If $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}$ is module amenable (module super-amenable), then $\mathcal{A}/J\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}/J$ is amenable (module super-amenable). The converse is true if $\mathfrak{A}$ has a bounded approximate identity for $\mathcal{A}$.*

Proof. We prove the result for the module amenability. Let X be a unital $\mathcal{A}/J\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}/J$-bimodule and $D:\mathcal{A}/J\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}/J\longrightarrow X^*$ be a bounded derivation (see [5, Lemma 43.6]). Then X is an $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}$-bimodule with module actions given by

$$(a\otimes b)\cdot x:=((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\cdot x,\ \ x\cdot(a\otimes b):=x\cdot((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\ \ (x\in X, a\in\mathcal{A}),$$

and X is $\mathfrak{A}$-bimodule with trivial actions, that is $\alpha\cdot x=x\cdot\alpha=f(\alpha)x$, for each $x\in X$ and $\alpha\in\mathfrak{A}$ which f is a continuous linear functional on $\mathfrak{A}$. Since $f(\alpha)a-a\cdot\alpha\in J$ (see Lemma 2.1.), we have $f(\alpha)a+J=a\cdot\alpha+J$, for each $\alpha\in\mathfrak{A}$, and the actions of $\mathfrak{A}$ and $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}$ on X are compatible. Therefore X is commutative Banach $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module. Consider $\Phi: (\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A})/I\longrightarrow\mathcal{A}/J\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}/J$ defined by

$$\Phi((a\otimes b)+I)=(a+J)\otimes(b+J).$$

For each $a,b\in\mathcal{A}$ and $\alpha\in\mathfrak{A}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha\cdot a+J)\otimes(b+J)-(a+J)\otimes(b\cdot\alpha+J)&=(f(\alpha)a+J)\otimes(b+J)\\&-(a+J)\otimes(f(\alpha)b+J)\\&=f(\alpha)(a+J)\otimes(b+J)\\&-f(\alpha)(a+J)\otimes(b+J)=0.\end{aligned}$$

We have used Lemma 2.1., in the first equality, hence Φ is well defined. Obviously Φ is $\mathfrak{A}$-bimodule morphism. We show that the map $\overline{D}=D\circ\Phi\circ\pi:\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}\longrightarrow X^*$ is module derivation where $\pi:\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}\longrightarrow(\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A})/I$ is the projection map. For each $a,b,c,d\in\mathcal{A}$ and $\alpha\in\mathfrak{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{D}((a\otimes b)(c\otimes d))&=D(((a+J)\otimes(b+J))((c+J)\otimes(d+J)))\\&=D((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\cdot((c+J)\otimes(d+J))\\&+((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\cdot D((c+J)\otimes(d+J))\\&=\overline{D}(a\otimes b)\cdot(c\otimes d)+(a\otimes b)\cdot\overline{D}(c\otimes d).\end{aligned}$$

For each $a,b\in\mathcal{A}$ we have $\overline{D}((a\otimes b)\pm(c\otimes d))=\overline{D}(a\otimes b)\pm\overline{D}(c\otimes d)$.

Also $\mathcal{A}/J\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}/J$ is an $\mathfrak{A}$-bimodule, hence for $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{D}((a\otimes b)\cdot\alpha) &= D((a+J)\otimes(b\cdot\alpha+J))\\ &= D((a+J)\otimes(f(\alpha)b+J))\\ &= f(\alpha)D((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\\ &= \overline{D}(a\otimes b)\cdot\alpha.\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, since the left $\mathfrak{A}$-module actions on $\mathcal{A}$ and X are trivial, $\overline{D}(\alpha\cdot(a\otimes b)) = \overline{D}(f(\alpha)(a\otimes b)) = \alpha\cdot\overline{D}(a\otimes b)$. Therefore there exists $x^* \in X^*$ such that $\overline{D}(a\otimes b) = (a\otimes b)\cdot x^* - x^*\cdot(a\otimes b)$, hence $D((a+J)\otimes(b+J)) = ((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\cdot x^* - x^*\cdot((a+J)\otimes(b+J))$, and so D is inner.
For the converse, we note that for every derivation $D:\mathcal{A}\longrightarrow X$ on unital Banach algebra $\mathcal{A}$ with identity e, we have $D(e)=0$ and without loss of generality we can assume that $e\cdot D(a) = D(a)\cdot e = D(a)$ for all $a\in\mathcal{A}$. We use this fact in the rest of the proof. Now, suppose that X is a commutative Banach $\mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}$-$\mathfrak{A}$-module. We consider the following module actions $\mathcal{A}/J\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}/J$ on X,

$$((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\cdot x := (a\otimes b)\cdot x,\quad x\cdot((a+J)\otimes(b+J)) := x\cdot(a\otimes b)\quad (x\in X, a\in\mathcal{A}).$$

For each $a,b,c,d\in\mathcal{A}$, $x\in X$, and $\alpha,\beta\in\mathfrak{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}((\alpha\cdot ab - ab\cdot\alpha)\otimes(\beta\cdot cd - cd\cdot\beta))\cdot x &= (\alpha\cdot ab\otimes\beta\cdot cd - \alpha\cdot ab\otimes cd\cdot\beta\\ &\quad - ab\cdot\alpha\otimes\beta\cdot cd\\ &\quad + ab\cdot\alpha\otimes cd\cdot\beta)\cdot x\\ &= \beta\cdot((f(\alpha)ab\otimes cd)\cdot x)\\ &\quad - ((f(\alpha)ab\otimes cd)\cdot x)\cdot\beta\\ &\quad - \beta\cdot((ab\cdot\alpha\otimes cd)\cdot x)\\ &\quad + ((ab\cdot\alpha\otimes cd)\cdot x)\cdot\beta = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly if $a\in J$ or $b\in J$, we can show that $(a\otimes b)\cdot x = 0$ and $x\cdot(a\otimes b) = 0$. Therefore X is a Banach $\mathcal{A}/J\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}/J$-bimodule. Suppose that $D : \mathcal{A}\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}\longrightarrow X^*$ is a module derivation, and consider $\tilde{D}:\mathcal{A}/J\widehat{\bigotimes}\mathcal{A}/J\longrightarrow X^*$ defined by $\tilde{D}((a+J)\otimes(b+J)) := D(a\otimes b)$, for all $a,b\in\mathcal{A}$. Suppose that $e+J$ is identity for $\mathcal{A}/J$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(a\otimes(\alpha\cdot cd-cd\cdot\alpha)) &= \alpha\cdot D(a\otimes cd)-D(a\otimes cd)\cdot\alpha \\ &= \alpha\cdot D(ae\otimes cd)-D(ae\otimes cd)\cdot\alpha \\ &= \alpha\cdot D(a\otimes c)\cdot(e\otimes d)+\alpha\cdot(a\otimes c)\cdot D(e\otimes d) \\ &- D(a\otimes c)\cdot(e\otimes d)\cdot\alpha-(a\otimes c)\cdot D(e\otimes d)\cdot\alpha=0. \end{aligned}$$

Although ae is not equal with a, but we have

$$D(a\otimes cd)=\tilde{D}((a+J)\otimes(cd+J))=\tilde{D}((ae+J)\otimes(cd+J))=D(ae\otimes cd).$$

By the above observation, $\tilde{D}$ is also well-defined. Suppose that $\mathfrak{A}$ has a bounded approximate identity (γ_i) for $\mathcal{A}$. Since f is bounded, $\{|f(\gamma_i)|\}$ is a bounded sequence in $\mathbb{C}$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $f(\gamma_i)\longrightarrow 1$, as $i\longrightarrow\infty$. Then for each $\lambda\in\mathbb{C}$ we have

$$e\cdot(\lambda\gamma_i)-f(\gamma_i)e=(\lambda e)\cdot\gamma_i-f(\gamma_i)e\longrightarrow\lambda e-e$$

in norm. Since J is a closed ideal of $\mathcal{A}$, $\lambda e-e\in J$. Next, for each $\lambda\in\mathbb{C}$, and $a,b\in\mathcal{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{D}((\lambda a+J)\otimes(b+J)) &= \tilde{D}((a+J)\otimes(b+J))(e+J)\otimes(\lambda e+J)) \\ &= \tilde{D}((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\cdot((e+J)\otimes(\lambda e+J)) \\ &+ ((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\cdot\tilde{D}((e+J)\otimes(\lambda e+J)) \\ &= \lambda\tilde{D}((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\cdot((e+J)\otimes(e+J)) \\ &+ ((a+J)\otimes(b+J))\cdot\tilde{D}((e+J)\otimes(e+J)) \\ &= \lambda\tilde{D}((a+J)\otimes(b+J)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\tilde{D}$ is $\mathbb{C}$-linear, and so it is inner. Therefore D is an inner module derivation. □

In this part we find conditions on a (discrete) inverse semigroup S such that the tensor product $\ell^1(S)\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(S)$ is $\ell^1(E)$-module amenable and super-amenable, where E is the set of idempotents of S, acting on S trivially from left and by multiplication from right. Let S be an inverse semigroup with set idempotent E, where the order of E is defined by

$$e\leqslant d\Longleftrightarrow ed=e\quad(e,d\in E).$$

It is easy to show that E is a (commutative) subsemigroup of S [8, Theorem V.1.2]. In particular $\ell^1(E)$ could be regard as a subalgebra of $\ell^1(S)$, and thereby $\ell^1(S)$ is a Banach algebra and a Banach $\ell^1(E)$-module with compatible actions ([1]). Here we let $\ell^1(E)$ act on $\ell^1(S)$ by multiplication from right and trivially from left, that is

$$\delta_e \cdot \delta_s = \delta_s,\ \delta_s \cdot \delta_e = \delta_{se} = \delta_s * \delta_e \quad (s \in S, e \in E).$$

In this case, the ideal J is the closed linear span of $\{\delta_{set} - \delta_{st} : \ s,t \in S, e \in E\}$. We consider an equivalence relation on S as follows

$$s \approx t \Longleftrightarrow \delta_s - \delta_t \in J \ \ (s,t \in S).$$

Recall that E is called *upward directed* if for every $e,f \in E$ there exists $g \in E$ such that $eg = e$ and $fg = f$. This is precisely the assertion that S satisfies the D_1 condition of Duncan and Namioka [7]. It is shown in [10, Theorem 3.2.], that if E is upward directed, then the quotient $S/\approx$ is a discrete group. As in [10, Theorem 3.3], we may observe that $\ell^1(S)/J \cong \ell^1(S/\approx)$. With the above notations, $\ell^1(S)/J \cong \ell^1(S/\approx)$ is a commutative $\ell^1(E)$-bimodule with the following actions

$$\delta_e \cdot (\delta_s + J) = \delta_s + J,\ (\delta_s + J) \cdot \delta_e = \delta_{se} + J \quad (s \in S, e \in E).$$

Theorem 2.3. *Let S be an inverse semigroup with an upward directed set of idempotents E and $\ell^1(S)$ be a Banach $\ell^1(E)$-module with trivial left action and canonical right action. Then the following statements hold:*

(i) If S is amenable, then $\ell^1(S)\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(S)$ is module amenable.

(ii) If $S/\approx$ is finite, then $\ell^1(S)\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(S)$ is module super-amenable.

Proof. (i) The semigroup algebra S is amenable if and only if $\ell^1(S)$ is module amenable [1. Theorem 3.1]. Thus $\ell^1(S/\approx)$ is unital amenable Banach algebra by [3, Proposition 3.2], and so the tensor product $\ell^1(S/\approx)\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(S/\approx)$ is amenable [6. Corollary 2.9.62]. Now the proof is completed by using Theorem 2.2.

(ii) Since $S/\approx$ is a finite (discrete)group, $\ell^1(S)$ is module super-amenable as $\ell^1(E)$-module, hence $\ell^1(S/\approx)$ is super-amenable by [4, Lemma 2.7]. By [12, Exercise 4.1.4], $\ell^1(S/\approx)\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(S/\approx)$ is super-amenable. Now the result follows from Theorem 2.2 with $\mathcal{A}=\ell^1(S)$ and $\mathfrak{A}=\ell^1(E)$. □

Example 2.4. (i) Let $\mathcal{C}$ be the bicyclic inverse semigroup generated by a and b, that is

$$\mathcal{C}=\{a^m b^n : m,n \geqslant 0\},\ \ (a^m b^n)^* = a^n b^m.$$

The set of idempotents of $\mathcal{C}$ is $E_{\mathcal{C}}=\{a^n b^n : n=0,1,...\}$ which is totally ordered (and so is upward directed) with the following order

$$a^n b^n \leqslant a^m b^m \Longleftrightarrow m \leqslant n.$$

It is shown in [3] that $\mathcal{C}/\approx$ is isomorphic to the group of integers $\mathbb{Z}$, hence $\mathcal{C}$ is amenable. Therefore the tensor product $\ell^1(\mathcal{C})\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(\mathcal{C})$ is module amenable by Theorem 2.3.

(ii) Let $(\mathbb{N},\vee)$ be the commutative semigroup of positive integers with maximum operation $m\vee n = max(m,n)$, then each element of $\mathbb{N}$ is an idempotent, that is $E_{\mathbb{N}}=\mathbb{N}$. Hence $\mathbb{N}/\approx$ is the trivial group with one element. Therefore by Theorem 2.2., the tensor product $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})\widehat{\bigotimes}\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ is module super-amenable, as an $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$-module.

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