

On ternary amenable commutative JB* triple systems

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Abstract

In this paper we introduce the terms of triple approximate identity and ternary amenability for JB* triple systems and then we show that every ternary amenable commutative JB* triple system possesses an triple approximate identity.

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1. Introduction

JB*-triples arose in the study of bounded symmetric domains in Banach spaces. A JB*-triple system is a complex Banach space M together with a continuous triple product $\{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\} : M \times M \times M \rightarrow M$ satisfying the following conditions:

(1) $\{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}$ is symmetric and bilinear in the outer two variables and conjugate-linear in middle variable;

(2) $\{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}$ obeys the so-called Jordan identity

$$\{a, b, \{x, y, z\}\} = \{\{a, b, x\}, y, z\} - \{x, \{b, a, y\}, z\} + \{x, y\{a, b, z\}\},$$

$$\phi(a, b)\phi(x, y) - \phi(x, y)\phi(a, b) = \phi(\phi(a, b)x, y) - \phi(x, \phi(b, a)y),$$

for all $a, b, x, y, z \in M$, where $\phi(a, b)(x) := \{a, b, x\}$;

(3) for each $a \in M$, the operator $\phi(a, a)$ from M to M is a hermitian operator with non-negative spectrum;

(4) $\|\{x, x, x\}\| = \|x\|^3$ for each $x \in M$.

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Note that $\phi(a, b)$ is sometimes denoted by $a\Box b$ and operators of this form are called box operators.

A JB^* triple system M is called commutative if the box operators $a\Box b$ and $x\Box y$ commute for all $a, b, x, y \in M$. It can be shown that M is commutative if and only if

$$\{a, b, \{x, y, z\}\} = \{a, \{b, x, y\}, z\} = \{\{a, b, x\}, y, z\}, \quad a, b, x, y, z \in M$$

C^* -algebras and JB^* -algebras are the main examples of JB^* -triples. More precisely, every C^* -algebra (resp. every JB^* -algebra) is a JB^* -triple with respect to the product $\{x, y, z\} = \frac{1}{2}(xy^*z + zy^*x)$ (resp. $\{x, y, z\} = (x \circ y^*) \circ z + (z \circ y^*) \circ x - (x \circ z) \circ y^*$). An example of a commutative JB^* triple is any C^* -algebra with the triple product defined by $\{x, y, z\} = xy^*z$. The basic facts about JB^* -triples can be found in [2] and some of the references therein.

Definition 1.1. *Following the terms used in [3], a triple M -module is a vector space X equipped with three mappings*

$$\{\cdots\}_l : X \times E \times E \rightarrow X, \quad \{\cdots\}_m : E \times X \times E \rightarrow X$$

and

$$\{\cdots\}_r : E \times E \times X \rightarrow X$$

satisfying:

- 1 $\{\cdots\}_l$ is linear in first and second variable and conjugate linear in last variable, $\{\cdots\}_m$ is conjugate trilinear and $\{\cdots\}_r$ is linear in middle and last variable and conjugate linear in first variable;
- 2 $\{x, b, a\}_l = \{a, b, x\}_r$ and $\{a, x, b\}_m = \{b, x, a\}_m$ for every $a, b \in M$ and $x \in X$;
- 3 $\{a, b, \{c, d, e\}\} = \{\{a, b, c\}, d, e\} - \{d, \{b, a, d\}e\} + \{c, d, \{a, b, e\}\}$,
where $\{\cdots\}$ denotes any of the mapping $\{\cdots\}_l, \{\cdots\}_m, \{\cdots\}_r$ or the triple product of M and one of the elements a, b, c, d, e is in X and the rest are in M .

In [1], the triple M module defined above is called the triple M module of type I . It is called the triple M module of type II if the first item of the above definition is replaced by:

$\{\cdots\}_l, \{\cdots\}_m$ and $\{\cdots\}_r$ are linear in outer variables and conjugate linear in middle variable.

It is also shown that the dual of a triple M -module of type I (resp II) is a triple M -module of type II (resp I). We usually write the expression triple M -module, without declaring the type, whenever a statement is true for both types or whenever the type is clear from the context.

Definition 1.2. *Let M be a Jordan triple system and X be a triple M -module. A bounded linear operator $D : M \rightarrow X$ is said to be a **ternary derivation** if*

$$D(\{abc\}) = \{D(a)bc\}_l + \{aD(b)c\}_m + \{abD(c)\}_r, \quad a, b, c \in M.$$

A ternary derivation $D : M \rightarrow X$ is said to be inner if there exists $a_i \in M$ and $x_i \in X$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ such that

$$D(b) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\{x_i a_i b\}_l - \{b x_i a_i\}_m)$$

Definition 1.3. A Jordan triple system M is called **ternary amenable**, if every bounded derivation $D : M \rightarrow X^*$ is inner for every Banach triple M -module X .

Definition 1.4. Let M be a Jordan triple system. A left-bounded approximate identity for M is a set of pair nets $\{(e_\alpha^i, u_\alpha^i)_{\alpha \in I} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ in which for each i , $\{e^i\}_\alpha$ and $\{u^i\}_\alpha$ are bounded nets in M , that satisfies

$$\lim_\alpha \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (e_\alpha^i \square u_\alpha^i) \right) = id_M.$$

It is called a right-bounded approximate identity if

$$\lim_\alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (u_\alpha^i \square e_\alpha^i) = id_M.$$

And it is called a middle-bounded approximate identity if

$$\lim_\alpha \sum_{i=1}^n Q(e_\alpha^i, u_\alpha^i) = id_M.$$

The set of $\{(e_\alpha^i, u_\alpha^i)_{\alpha \in I} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ is called a bounded approximate identity for M if it is a left, right and middle-bounded approximate identity for M .

2. Main results

The following theorem establishes the relation between ordinary amenability of Banach algebras and ternary amenability:

Theorem 2.1. Let M be a Banach algebra and X a Banach M module. M is a Jordan triple system with the canonical triple product and X^* is a triple Banach M module. If M is ternary amenable then it is ordinary amenable.

A result of Dineen [4] shows that the bidual of a JB*-triple is again a JB*-triple. In [5], besides Dineen's approach, we gave an alternative construction, by mimicking Arens' method. This method leads us to the following theorem:

Theorem 2.2. Every ternary amenable commutative JB*-triple system has a bounded triple approximate identity.

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