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# Approximate left $\phi$ -biprojectivity of $\theta$ -Lau product algebras

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**ABSTRACT:** We continue [8] and we discuss approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojectivity for  $\theta$ -Lau product algebras. We give some Banach algebras among the category of  $\theta$ -Lau product algebras which are not approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojective. In fact, some class of matrix algebras under the notion of approximate left  $\phi$ -biprojectivity is also discussed here.

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#### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Helemskii studied the structure of Banach algebras by homological theory. There are two important notions in the homological theory, namely biflatness and biprojectivity. A Banach algebra A is called biprojective if there exists a bounded A-bimodule morphism  $\rho: A \to A \widehat{\otimes} A$  such that  $\pi_A \circ \rho(a) = a$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Here  $A \widehat{\otimes} A$  denotes the projective tensor product of A with A and  $\pi_A: A \widehat{\otimes} A \to A$  is the product morphism which is given by  $\pi_A(a \otimes b) = ab$  for all  $a, b \in A$ . For more information about homological Banach algebra's history see [6].

Zhang gave an approximate version of biprojectivity for Banach algebras. In fact A is approximately biprojective if there exists a net of A-bimodule morphism  $\rho_{\alpha}: A \to A \widehat{\otimes} A$  such that  $\pi_A \circ \rho_{\alpha}(a) \to a$  for all  $a \in A$ . He studied nilpotent ideals of Banach algebra using this notion, see [9].

Motivated by Zhang and Helemskii, Sahami and Pourabbas defined a notion of Banach homology with respect to a non-zero multiplicative linear functional. In fact for a non-zero multiplicative linear functional  $\phi$  on A, the Banach algebras A is called approximate left  $\phi$ -biprojective if there exists a net of bounded linear map  $\rho_{\alpha}: A \longrightarrow A \widehat{\otimes} A$  such that

$$\rho_{\alpha}(ab) - a \cdot \rho_{\alpha}(b) \to 0$$
,  $\rho_{\alpha}(ab) - \phi(b)\rho_{\alpha}(a) \to 0$  and  $\phi \circ \pi_{A} \circ \rho_{\alpha}(a) - \phi(a) \to 0$ ,

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for all  $a, b \in A$ . They studied approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojectivity of group algebras, Segal algebras and measure algebras over a locally compact group.

In this paper, We continue [8] and we discuss approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojectivity for  $\theta$ -Lau product algebras. The relations with its subalgebras also studied here. We give some Banach algebras among the category of  $\theta$ -Lau product algebras which are not approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojective.

We remind some definitions and notations which we need in this paper. For an arbitrary Banach algebra A, the character space is denoted by  $\sigma(A)$  consists of all non-zero multiplicative linear functionals on A and any element of  $\sigma(A)$  is called a character. The  $\theta$ -Lau product was first introduced by Lau [4] for F-algebras. Monfared [5] introduced and investigated  $\theta$ -Lau product space  $A \times_{\theta} B$ , for Banach algebras in general. Indeed for two Banach algebras A and B such that  $\sigma(B) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\theta$  be a non-zero character on B, the Cartesian product  $A \times B$  by following multiplication and norm

$$(a,b)(a',b') = (aa' + \theta(b')a + \theta(b)a',bb'),$$
  
$$\|(a,b)\| = \|a\|_A + \|b\|_B,$$

is a Banach algebra, for all  $a, a' \in A$  and  $b, b' \in B$ . The Cartesian product  $A \times B$  with the above properties called the  $\theta$ -Lau product of A and B which is denoted by  $A \times_{\theta} B$ . From [5] we identify  $A \times \{0\}$  with A, and  $\{0\} \times B$  with B. Thus, it is clear that A is a closed two-sided ideal while B is a closed subalgebra of  $A \times_{\theta} B$ , and  $(A \times_{\theta} B)/A$  is isometrically isomorphic to B. If  $\theta = 0$ , then we obtain the usual direct product of A and A is since direct products often exhibit different properties, we have excluded the possibility that A = 0. Moreover, if A = 0, the complex numbers, and A = 0 is the identity map on  $A \times_{\theta} B$  is the unitization A = 0. Note that, by [5, Proposition 2.4], the character space  $A \times_{\theta} B$  is equal to

$$\{(\phi,\theta):\ \phi\in\sigma(A)\}\bigcup\{(0,\psi):\ \psi\in\sigma(B)\}.$$

Also, the dual space  $(A \times_{\theta} B)^*$  of  $A \times_{\theta} B$  is identified with  $A^* \times B^*$  such that for each  $(a, b) \in A \times_{\theta} B$ ,  $\phi \in \sigma(A)$  and  $\psi \in \sigma(B)$  we have

$$\langle (\phi, \psi), (a, b) \rangle = \phi(a) + \psi(b).$$

Now, suppose that  $A^{**}$ ,  $B^{**}$  and  $(A \times_{\theta} B)^{**}$  are equipped with their first Arens products. Then  $(A \times_{\theta} B)^{**}$  is isometrically isomorphic with  $A^{**} \times_{\theta} B^{**}$ . Also, for all  $(m, n), (p, q) \in (A \times_{\theta} B)^{**}$  the first Arens product is defined by

$$(m, n)\Box(p, q) = (m\Box p + n(\theta)p + q(\theta)m, n\Box q);$$

see [5, Proposition 2.12]. Note that every  $\phi \in \sigma(A)$  has a unique extension to a character on  $A^{**}$  is given by  $\tilde{\phi}$  where  $\tilde{\phi}(m) = m(\phi)$ , for all  $m \in A^{**}$ .

Note that A and B are closed two-sided ideal and closed subalgebra of  $L := A \times_{\theta} B$ , respectively. So, we can write a = (a, 0) and b = (0, b) for all  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Therefore,  $L = A \times_{\theta} B$  is a Banach A-bimodule and also is a Banach B-bimodule.

We recall that if X is a Banach A-bimodule, then with the following actions  $X^*$  is also a Banach A-bimodule:

$$a \cdot f(x) = f(x \cdot a), \quad f \cdot a(x) = f(a \cdot x) \quad (a \in A, x \in X, f \in X^*).$$

The projective tensor product of A with A is denoted by  $A \widehat{\otimes} A$ . The Banach algebra  $A \widehat{\otimes} A$  is a Banach A-bimodule with the following actions

$$a \cdot (b \otimes c) = ab \otimes c, \quad (b \otimes c) \cdot a = b \otimes ca \quad (a, b, c \in A).$$

Let  $\phi \in \sigma(A)$ . Then  $\phi$  has a unique extension on  $A^{**}$  denoted by  $\tilde{\phi}$  and defined by  $\tilde{\phi}(F) = F(\phi)$  for every  $F \in A^{**}$ . Clearly this extension remains to be a character on  $A^{**}$ .

## 2. Approximate left $\phi$ -biprojectivity

Here  $p_A: L \longrightarrow A$  and  $p_B: L \longrightarrow B$  denote the usual projections defined by  $p_A(a,b) = a$  and  $p_B(a,b) = b$  for all  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Let  $q_A: A \longrightarrow L$  and  $q_B: B \longrightarrow L$  be injections given by  $q_A(a) = (a,0)$  and  $q_B(b) = (0,b)$ . Thus for  $q_A$  and  $p_B$  we define

$$q_A \otimes q_A : A \widehat{\otimes} A \longrightarrow L \widehat{\otimes} L$$

and

$$p_{\scriptscriptstyle R} \otimes p_{\scriptscriptstyle R} : L \widehat{\otimes} L \longrightarrow B \widehat{\otimes} B$$

with

$$(q_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \otimes q_{\scriptscriptstyle A})(a \otimes c) = (a,0) \otimes (c,0)$$

and

$$(p_{\scriptscriptstyle B} \otimes p_{\scriptscriptstyle B})((a,b) \otimes (c,d)) = b \otimes d,$$

for all  $a,c\in A$  and  $b,d\in B$ , respectively. One can show that  $q_A$  and  $q_A\otimes q_A$  are A-bimodule morphisms and also  $p_B$ ,  $q_B$  and  $p_B\otimes p_B$  are B-bimodule morphisms.

For a unital Banach algebra A with unit e. Set  $r_A: L \longrightarrow A$  and  $S_B: B \longrightarrow L$  with  $r_A(a,b) = a + \theta(b)e$  and  $S_B(b) = (-\theta(b)e, b)$ , respectively, for every  $a \in A, b \in B$ . Now

$$r_A \otimes r_A : L \widehat{\otimes} L \longrightarrow A \widehat{\otimes} A$$

and

$$S_{\mathcal{P}} \otimes S_{\mathcal{P}} : B \widehat{\otimes} B \longrightarrow L \widehat{\otimes} L$$

follows that

$$(r_A \otimes r_A)((a,b) \otimes (c,d)) = (a + \theta(b)e) \otimes (c + \theta(d)e)$$

and

$$(S_{\scriptscriptstyle B} \otimes S_{\scriptscriptstyle B})(b \otimes d) = (-\theta(b)e, b) \otimes (-\theta(d)e, d),$$

respectively. Clearly  $r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}$  and  $r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}\otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}$  are A-bimodule morphism and  $S_{\scriptscriptstyle B}$  is a B-bimodule morphism.

**Proposition 2.1.** Suppose that A and B are Banach algebras. Let A has a unit e. Also let  $\phi \in \sigma(A)$  and  $\theta \in \sigma(B)$ . If L is approximately left  $(\phi, \theta)$ -biprojective. Then A is approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojective.

**Proof.** Let L be left  $(\phi, \theta)$ -biprojective. Then there exists a net of bounded linear maps  $\rho_{\alpha}: L \longrightarrow L \widehat{\otimes} L$  such that

$$\rho_{\alpha}(xy) - x \cdot \rho_{\alpha}(y) \to 0$$
  $\rho_{\alpha}(xy) - \phi(y)\rho_{\alpha}(x) \to 0$ ,  $\phi \circ \pi_{L} \circ \rho_{\alpha}(x) - \phi(x) \to 0$ ,  $(x, y \in L)$ .

It is easy to see that

$$r_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \circ \pi_{\scriptscriptstyle L} = \pi_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \circ (r_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}), \qquad \phi \circ r_{\scriptscriptstyle A} = (\phi, \theta).$$

Now define  $\eta_{\alpha}: A \longrightarrow A \widehat{\otimes} A$  by  $\eta_{\alpha} = (r_{A} \otimes r_{A}) \circ \rho_{\alpha} \circ q_{A}$ . Consider

$$\begin{split} \eta_{\alpha}(a_1a_2) - a_1\eta_{\alpha}(a_2) &= (r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}\otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A})\circ\rho_{\alpha}\circ q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_1a_2) - a_1\cdot (r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}\otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A})\circ\rho_{\alpha}\circ q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_2) \\ &= (r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}\otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A})\circ\rho_{\alpha}\circ q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_1a_2) - (r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}\otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A})\circ\rho_{\alpha}(a_1\cdot q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_2))\to 0 \end{split}$$

and

$$\begin{split} \eta_{\alpha}(a_1a_2) - \phi(a_2)\eta_{\alpha}(a_1) &= (r_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}) \circ \rho_{\alpha} \circ q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_1a_2) - \phi(a_2)(r_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}) \circ \rho_{\alpha} \circ q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_1) \\ &= (r_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}) \circ \rho_{\alpha}(q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_1) \cdot a_2) - \phi(a_2)(r_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}) \circ \rho_{\alpha} \circ q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_1) \\ &= (r_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A}) \circ \rho_{\alpha}(q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_1) \cdot a_2) - (r_{\scriptscriptstyle A} \otimes r_{\scriptscriptstyle A})(\phi(a_2)\rho_{\alpha}(q_{\scriptscriptstyle A}(a_1))) \to 0 \end{split}$$

for every  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  in A. Also we have

$$\phi \circ \pi_A \circ \eta_\alpha(a) - \phi(a) = \phi \circ \pi_A \circ (r_A \otimes r_A) \circ \rho_\alpha \circ q_A(a) - \phi(a)$$
$$= (\phi \circ r_A \circ \pi_L \circ \rho_\alpha)(a, 0) - \phi(a)$$
$$= ((\phi, \theta) \circ \pi_L \circ \rho_\alpha)(a, 0) - \phi(a) \to 0$$

for all  $a \in A$ . So A is approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojective.

**Proposition 2.2.** Suppose that A and B are Banach algebras and  $\psi \in \sigma(B)$ . If L is approximately left  $(0, \psi)$ -biprojective, then B is approximately left  $\psi$ -biprojective. Converse holds whenever A is unital.

**Proof.** Since L is approximately left  $(0, \psi)$ -biprojective, there exists a net of bounded linear maps  $\rho_L^{\alpha}: L \longrightarrow L \widehat{\otimes} L$  such that  $(0, \psi) \circ \pi_L \circ \rho_L^{\alpha} - (0, \psi) \to 0$  and

$$\rho_L^{\alpha}(l_1 l_2) - l_1 \cdot \rho_L^{\alpha}(l_2) \to 0, \quad \rho_L^{\alpha}(l_1 l_2) - (0, \psi)(l_2) \cdot \rho_L^{\alpha}(l_1) \to 0, \qquad (l_1, l_2 \in L).$$

Set  $\rho_B^{\alpha}: B \longrightarrow B \widehat{\otimes} B$  which is given by  $\rho_B^{\alpha} = (p_B \otimes p_B) \circ \rho_L^{\alpha} \circ q_B$ . It is easy to see that

$$\pi_B \circ (p_{\scriptscriptstyle B} \otimes p_{\scriptscriptstyle B}) = p_{\scriptscriptstyle B} \circ \pi_L, \qquad \psi \circ p_{\scriptscriptstyle B} = (0, \psi).$$

Now consider

$$\rho_B^{\alpha}(b_1b_2) - \psi(b_2)\rho_B^{\alpha}(a_1) = (p_B \otimes p_B) \circ \rho_L^{\alpha} \circ q_B(b_1b_2) - \psi(b_2)(p_B \otimes p_B) \circ \rho_L^{\alpha} \circ q_B(a_1) 
= (p_B \otimes p_B) \circ \rho_L^{\alpha}(q_B(b_1) \cdot b_2) - \psi(b_2)(p_B \otimes p_B) \circ \rho_L^{\alpha}(q_B(b_1)) \to 0$$

and

$$\rho_B^{\alpha}(b_1b_2) - b_1 \cdot \rho_B^{\alpha}(b_2) = (p_B \otimes p_B) \circ \rho_L^{\alpha} \circ q_B(b_1b_2) - b_1 \cdot (p_B \otimes p_B) \circ \rho_L^{\alpha} \circ q_B(b_2)$$
$$= (p_B \otimes p_B) \circ \rho_L^{\alpha} \circ q_B(b_1b_2) - (p_B \otimes p_B) \circ \rho_L^{\alpha}(b_1 \cdot q_B(b_2)) \to 0$$

for every  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  in B. Also we have

$$(\psi \circ \pi_B \circ \rho_B^{\alpha})(b) - \psi(b) = (\psi \circ \pi_B \circ (p_B \otimes p_B) \rho_L^{\alpha} \circ q_B)(b) - \psi(b)$$

$$= (\psi \circ p_B \circ \pi_L \circ \rho_L^{\alpha})(0,b) - \psi(b)$$

$$= ((0,\psi) \circ \pi_L \circ \rho_L^{\alpha})(0,b) - \psi(b) \to 0,$$

for each  $b \in B$ .

For converse, suppose that B is approximately left  $\psi$ -biprojective. Then there exists a net of bounded linear maps  $\rho_B: B \longrightarrow B \widehat{\otimes} B$  such that

$$\rho_B^{\alpha}(ab) - a \cdot \rho_B^{\alpha}(b) \to 0, \rho_B^{\alpha}(ab) - \psi(b)\rho_B^{\alpha}(a) \to 0$$

and

$$\psi \circ \pi_B \circ \rho_B^{\alpha}(b) - \psi(b) \to 0$$

for each  $a, b \in B$ . Define  $\rho_L^{\alpha}: L \longrightarrow L \widehat{\otimes} L$  by

$$\rho_L^{\alpha}(a,b) := (S_B \otimes S_B) \circ \rho_B^{\alpha}(b),$$

for all  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . It is easy to see that

$$\pi_L \circ (S_B \otimes S_B) = S_B \circ \pi_B, \qquad (0, \psi) \circ S_B = \psi, \qquad ((S_B \otimes S_B) \circ \lambda_B(b)) \cdot x = 0,$$

for all  $b \in B$  and  $x \in A$ . By these facts we can show that  $\rho_L^{\alpha}$  is a net of bounded linear maps such that

$$\rho_L^{\alpha}(l_1 l_2) - (0, \psi)(l_2)\rho_L^{\alpha}(l_1) \to 0, \quad \rho_L^{\alpha}(l_1 l_2) - l_1 \cdot \rho_L^{\alpha}(l_2) \to 0$$

for all  $l_1, l_2 \in L$ . Also we have

$$(0,\psi)\circ\pi_L\circ\rho_I^\alpha(l)-(0,\psi)(l)\to 0,$$

for each  $l \in L$ . It follows that L is approximately left  $(0, \psi)$ -biprojective.

**Remark 2.3.** We show that approximately left  $(\phi, \theta)$ -biprojectivity of L implies that B is approximately left  $\theta$ -biprojective. To see this, we know that there exists a net of bounded linear maps  $\rho_L^{\alpha}: L \longrightarrow L \widehat{\otimes} L$  such that

$$\rho_L^{\alpha}(ab) - a \cdot \rho_L^{\alpha}(b) \to 0, \quad \rho_L^{\alpha}(ab) - (\phi, \theta)(b)\rho_L^{\alpha}(a) \to 0$$

and

$$(\phi, \theta) \circ \pi_L \circ \rho_L(a) - (\phi, \theta)(a) \to 0, \qquad (a, b \in L).$$

Note that, we have

$$p_B \circ \pi_L = \pi_B \circ (p_B \otimes p_B), \qquad r_A \circ \pi_L = \pi_A \circ (r_A \otimes r_A), \qquad \theta \circ p_B = (0, \theta).$$

Define  $\rho_B^\alpha: B \longrightarrow B \widehat{\otimes} B$  by  $\rho_B^\alpha:=(p_{\scriptscriptstyle B} \otimes p_{\scriptscriptstyle B}) \circ \rho_L^\alpha \circ q_{\scriptscriptstyle B}$ . So by using

$$(\phi,0)\circ\pi_L\circ\rho_L^\alpha)(0,b)\to 0,$$

we have

$$(\theta \circ \pi_B \circ \rho_B^{\alpha})(b) - \theta(b) = \langle (\phi, \theta), (0, b) \rangle - ((\phi, 0) \circ \pi_L \circ \rho_L^{\alpha})(0, b) - \theta(b)$$

$$= ((\phi, 0) \circ \pi_L \circ \rho_L^{\alpha})(0, b) \to 0,$$

for every  $b \in B$ . Also we have

$$\rho_B^{\alpha}(b_1b_2) - b_1 \cdot \rho_B^{\alpha}(b_2) \to 0, \quad \rho_B^{\alpha}(b_1b_2) - \theta(b_2)\rho_B(b_1) \to 0, \quad (b_1, b_2 \in B).$$

It follows that B is approximately left  $\theta$ -biprojective.

## 3. Applications and examples

Suppose that A is a Banach algebra and  $\phi \in \sigma(A)$ . We remind that a Banach algebra A is approximately left  $\phi$ -amenable if there exists a net  $(m_{\alpha})$  in A such that  $am_{\alpha} - \phi(a)m_{\alpha} \to 0$  and  $\phi(m_{\alpha}) \to 1$  for all  $a \in A$ , see [1]. A Banach algebra A is called approximately left character amenable, if A is approximately left  $\phi$ -amenable for all  $\phi \in \sigma(A)$  and A posses a left approximate identity see [1].

**Example 3.1.** We give a Lau product Banach algebra which is not approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojective.

To see this, suppose that  $C^1[0,1]$  is the set of all differentiable functions which its derivation is continuous. With the point-wise multiplication and the sup-norm,  $C^1[0,1]$  becomes a Banach algebra. It is well-known that  $\sigma(C^1[0,1]) = \{\phi_t : t \in [0,1]\}$ , where  $\phi_t(f) = f(t)$  for all  $t \in [0,1]$ . We assume conversely that  $C^1[0,1] \times_{\theta} C^1[0,1]$  is approximately left  $(\phi_t, \theta)$ -biprojective or approximately left  $(0, \phi_t)$ -biprojective, where  $\phi_t(f) = f(t)$  for each  $t \in [0,1]$ . It is easy to see that function 1 is an identity for  $C^1[0,1]$ . Using Proposition 2.1 and Proposition 2.2 follows that  $C^1[0,1]$  is approximately left  $\phi_t$ -biprojective. So there exists a net of bounded linear map  $\rho_{C^1[0,1]}^{\alpha} : C^1[0,1] \longrightarrow C^1[0,1] \hat{\otimes} C^1[0,1]$  such that

$$\rho_{C^1[0,1]}^{\alpha}(fg) - f \cdot \rho_{C^1[0,1]}^{\alpha}(g) \to 0, \quad \rho_{C^1[0,1]}^{\alpha}(fg) - \phi_t(g) \rho_{C^1[0,1]}^{\alpha}(f) \to 0$$

and

$$\tilde{\phi}_t \circ \pi_{C^1[0,1]} \circ \rho_{C^1[0,1]}^{\alpha}(f) - \phi_t(f) \to 0$$

for all  $f, g \in C[0, 1]$ . Define  $m_{\alpha} = \pi_{C_{[0,1]}} \circ \rho_{C^{1}[0,1]}^{\alpha}(1) \in A$ . Then

$$\begin{split} f \cdot m_{\alpha} - \phi_{t}(f) m_{\alpha} &= f \cdot \pi_{C_{[0,1]}} \circ \rho_{C^{1}[0,1]}^{\alpha}(1) - \phi_{t}(f) \pi_{C_{[0,1]}} \circ \rho_{C^{1}[0,1]}^{\alpha}(1) \\ &= \pi_{C_{[0,1]}}(f \cdot \rho_{C^{1}[0,1]}^{\alpha}(1)) - \pi_{C_{[0,1]}}(\phi_{t}(f) \rho_{C^{1}[0,1]}^{\alpha}(1)) \to 0 \end{split}$$

and

$$\phi_t(m_\alpha) - 1 = \phi_t \circ \pi_{C_{[0,1]}} \circ \rho_{C^1[0,1]}^\alpha(1) - 1 \to \phi(1) - 1 = 0,$$

for all  $f \in C^1[0,1]$ . It follows that  $C^1[0,1]$  is approximately left  $\phi_t$ -amenable which is impossible by similar arguments as in [3, Example 2.5].

The Banach algebra A is called approximately left character biprojective if A is approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojective for each  $\phi \in \sigma(A)$ , respectively, see [8].

**Proposition 3.1.** Suppose that G is a locally compact group and also M(G) is the measure algebra with respect to G. Let  $\theta \in \sigma(M(G))$ . Then  $M(G) \times_{\theta} M(G)$  is approximately left character biprojective if and only if G is discrete and amenable.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M(G) \times_{\theta} M(G)$  is approximately left character biprojective. Since M(G) has an identity, Proposition 2.1 implies that M(G) is approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojective for all  $\phi \in \sigma(M(G))$ . Following the arguments of previous Example, gives that M(G) is approximately character amenable. Now by [1, Theorem 7.2], G is discrete and amenable.

For converse, suppose that G is discrete and amenable. Then we have  $M(G) = \ell^1(G)$ . Thus by Johnson Theorem  $\ell^1(G)$  is amenable. So [2, Corollary 2.1] finishes the proof.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$  be a matrix algebra. With matrix operation and  $\ell^1$ -norm A becomes a Banach algebra. Define  $\phi : A \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\phi(\left(\begin{array}{cc}a&b\\0&c\end{array}\right))=c.$$

It is easy to see that is a character on A. We claim that  $A \times_{\theta} A$  is neither approximately  $(\phi, \theta)$ -biprojective nor is approximately left  $(0, \phi)$ -biprojective, where  $\theta \in \sigma(A)$ . Suppose conversely that  $A \times_{\theta} A$  is approximately left  $(\phi, \theta)$ -biprojective or approximately left  $(0, \phi)$ -biprojective. Since A is unital, by Proposition 2.1 and Proposition 2.2 A is approximately left  $\phi$ -biprojective. The existence of unit for A gives that A is approximately left  $\phi$ -amenable. Define

$$J:=\left\{\left(\begin{array}{cc}0&b\\0&d\end{array}\right):\ b,d\in\mathbb{C}\right\}$$

One can see that J is a closed ideal of A and  $\phi_{|J} \neq 0$ . Since A is left  $\phi$ -amenable, by [3, Lemma 3.1] we have that J is  $\phi_{|J}$ -amenable. Now [7, Proposition 5.1] follows that, there exists a net  $(u_{\alpha})$  in J such that  $ju_{\alpha} - \phi(j)u_{\alpha} \longrightarrow 0$  and  $\phi(u_{\alpha}) \to 1$  for all  $j \in J$ . Set  $j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & j_1 \\ 0 & j_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $u_{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & w_{\alpha} \\ 0 & v_{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$ , for some  $j_1, j_2, w_{\alpha}, v_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$ . Thus,

$$ju_{\alpha} - \phi(j)u_{\alpha} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & j_{1}w_{\alpha} \\ 0 & j_{2}v_{\alpha} \end{array}\right) - \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & j_{2}w_{\alpha} \\ 0 & j_{2}v_{\alpha} \end{array}\right) \longrightarrow 0.$$

It gives that  $j_1v_{\alpha} - j_2w_{\alpha} \longrightarrow 0$ . If we put  $j_1 = 1$  and  $j_2 = 0$ , then we have  $v_{\alpha} \to 0$  which contradicts with  $\phi(u_{\alpha}) = v_{\alpha} \to 1$ .

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