

## ON $\varphi$ -AMENABILITY OF DUAL BANACH ALGEBRAS

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### Abstract

Generalising the concept of injectivity, we study the notion of  $\varphi$ -injectivity for dual Banach algebras. It provides a framework for studying  $\varphi$ -amenability of enveloping dual Banach algebras.

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### 1. Introduction

In his memoir, Johnson [3] introduced the cohomological notion of an amenable Banach algebra. The concept of  $\varphi$ -amenability, which is a modification of Johnson's amenability, was introduced by Kaniuth *et al.* [4] and independently by Monfared [8]. By way of background,  $\varphi$ -amenability is a generalisation of the notion of (left) amenability for *Lau algebras* (or *F-algebras*); these are Banach algebras that are preduals of a von Neumann algebra where the identity element of the von Neumann algebra is a character [5]. The notion of injectivity for dual Banach algebras was introduced by Daws [1]. We recall the definitions in Definitions 2.1 and 2.4 below.

Motivated by these concepts, we define and study  $\varphi$ -injective dual Banach algebras. In Section 2, we recall some background definitions and notation. In Section 3, we introduce and investigate  $\varphi$ -injectivity of a dual Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Among other things, we prove that  $\varphi$ -injectivity is equivalent to  $\varphi$ -amenability whenever  $\varphi : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a  $w^*$ -continuous homomorphism. In Section 4, using the idea of  $\varphi$ -injectivity, we discuss  $\varphi$ -amenability of the *enveloping dual Banach algebra*  $\text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  of a Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Besides examples, we will characterise  $\varphi$ -amenability of  $\text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  in terms of continuous representations from  $\mathfrak{A}$  on reflexive Banach spaces. Section 5 is devoted to non- $\tilde{\varphi}$ -amenability of the algebra  $\text{WAP}(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge)^*)^*$  where  $\varphi$  is the augmentation character on  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge)$ . Finally, in Appendix A, we shall see that every nonzero homomorphism  $\varphi : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  becomes automatically a  $w^*$ -continuous homomorphism  $\varphi : \text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

### 2. Preliminaries

For a Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$ , the projective tensor product  $\widehat{\mathfrak{A}} \otimes \mathfrak{A}$  is a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule in a canonical way. The *diagonal operator*  $\pi : \widehat{\mathfrak{A}} \otimes \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  defined by  $\pi(a \otimes b) = ab$  is an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule homomorphism. Let  $E$  be a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule. A continuous linear operator  $D : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow E$  is called a *derivation* if it satisfies  $D(ab) = D(a) \cdot b + a \cdot D(b)$  for all  $a, b \in \mathfrak{A}$ . Given  $x \in E$ , the *inner derivation*  $ad_x : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow E$  is defined by  $ad_x(a) = a \cdot x - x \cdot a$ . We write  $\Delta(\mathfrak{A})$  for the set of all homomorphisms from  $\mathfrak{A}$  onto  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**DEFINITION 2.1** [4]. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ . The algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -*amenable* if there exists a bounded linear functional  $m$  on  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  satisfying  $m(\varphi) = 1$  and  $m(f \cdot a) = \varphi(a)m(f)$  for all  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $f \in \mathfrak{A}^*$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.2** [4, Theorem 1.1]. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ . Then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable if and only if every derivation  $D : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow E^*$  is inner, where  $E$  is a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule such that  $a \cdot x = \varphi(a)x$  for all  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $x \in E$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra. A Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule  $E$  is *dual* if there is a closed submodule  $E_*$  of  $E^*$  such that  $E = (E_*)^*$ . We call  $E_*$  the *predual* of  $E$ . A Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is *dual* if it is dual as a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule. We write  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathfrak{A}_*)^*$  if we wish to stress that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a dual Banach algebra with predual  $\mathfrak{A}_*$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a dual Banach algebra and let  $E$  be a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule. Then  $\sigma wc(E)$  stands for the set of all elements  $x \in E$  such that the maps

$$\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow E, \quad a \mapsto \begin{cases} a \cdot x \\ x \cdot a \end{cases} \tag{*}$$

are  $w^*$ -*wk*-continuous. It is well known that  $\sigma wc(E)$  is a closed submodule of  $E$ .

Suppose that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a Banach algebra and that  $E$  is a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule. An element  $x \in E$  is *weakly almost periodic* if the maps in (\*) are weakly compact. The set of all weakly almost periodic elements in  $E$  is denoted by  $WAP(E)$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra. For  $\varphi \in WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)$  and  $\Psi \in WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$ , define  $\Psi \cdot \varphi \in WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)$  by  $\langle a, \Psi \cdot \varphi \rangle = \langle \varphi \cdot a, \Psi \rangle$  for all  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ . This turns  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  into a Banach algebra by letting

$$\langle \varphi, \Phi \Psi \rangle = \langle \Psi \cdot \varphi, \Phi \rangle \quad (\Phi, \Psi \in WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*, \varphi \in WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)).$$

More precisely,  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  is a dual Banach algebra and there is a (continuous) homomorphism  $\iota : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  whose range is  $w^*$ -dense. Indeed, the map  $\iota$  is obtained by composing the canonical inclusion  $\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^{**}$  with the adjoint of the inclusion map  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*) \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{A}^*$  [10].

**PROPOSITION 2.3** [10, Theorem 4.10]. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra, let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a dual Banach algebra and let  $\theta : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  be a (continuous) homomorphism. Then there exists a unique  $w^*$ -continuous homomorphism  $\tilde{\theta} : WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  such that  $\theta = \tilde{\theta} \circ \iota$ . In particular, every  $w^*$ -continuous homomorphism from  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  into  $\mathfrak{B}$  is uniquely determined by its restriction to  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a subset of an algebra  $\mathcal{H}$ . We use  $\mathcal{S}^c$  to denote the *commutant* of  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , that is,  $\mathcal{S}^c = \{h \in \mathcal{H} : hs = sh, s \in \mathcal{S}\}$ . It is obvious that  $\mathcal{S}^c$  is a closed subalgebra of  $\mathcal{H}$ . For Banach spaces  $E$  and  $F$ , we write  $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$  for the set of all bounded linear maps from  $E$  into  $F$  and  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  for  $\mathcal{L}(E, E)$ . We also write  $I_E$  for the identity map on  $E$ .

Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a subalgebra. A *quasi expectation* for  $\mathcal{S}$  is a projection  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^c$  such that  $Q(cTd) = cQ(T)d$  for  $c, d \in \mathcal{S}^c$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.4** [1, Definition 6.12]. A dual Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is *injective* if, whenever  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a  $w^*$ -continuous unital representation, then there is a quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^c$ .

Connes amenable dual Banach algebras were systematically introduced by Runde in [9]. The remarkable point is that injectivity and Connes amenability are the same notions [1, Theorem 6.13].

### 3. On $\varphi$ -injectivity of dual Banach algebras

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  be Banach algebras and let  $\theta : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  be a homomorphism. For  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ , we define

$$\theta(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi = \{b \in \mathfrak{B} : \theta(a)b = \varphi(a)b \ (a \in \mathfrak{A})\}.$$

Obviously,  $\theta(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$  is a (closed) right ideal of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . One may see Lemma 5.1 below as a concrete example of such a set.

**DEFINITION 3.1.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  be Banach algebras, let  $\theta : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  be a homomorphism and let  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ . A  $\varphi$ -*quasi expectation*  $Q : \mathfrak{B} \rightarrow \theta(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$  is a projection from  $\mathfrak{B}$  onto  $\theta(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$  satisfying  $Q(cbd) = cQ(b)d$  for  $c, d \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^c$  and  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$ .

It is standard that  $\mathcal{L}(E) = (E^* \hat{\otimes} E)^*$  is a dual Banach algebra whenever  $E$  is a reflexive Banach space [9]. For a dual Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$ , we denote by  $\Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$  the set of all  $w^*$ -continuous homomorphisms from  $\mathfrak{A}$  onto  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**DEFINITION 3.2.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a dual Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$ . We say that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -*injective* if, whenever  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a  $w^*$ -continuous representation on a reflexive Banach space  $E$ , then there is a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ .

It should be stressed that Definition 3.2 is in fact a generalisation of the classical definition of injectivity (see Corollary 3.7 below).

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a dual Banach algebra. It is known that its *unitisation*  $\mathfrak{A}^\sharp = \mathfrak{A} \oplus \mathbb{C}$  is a dual Banach algebra as well. Let  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$  and let  $\varphi^\sharp$  be its unique extension to  $\mathfrak{A}^\sharp$ . It is obvious that  $\varphi^\sharp \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A}^\sharp)$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a dual Banach algebra and that  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$ . Then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -injective if and only if  $\mathfrak{A}^\sharp$  is  $\varphi^\sharp$ -injective.*

**PROOF.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be  $\varphi$ -injective and let  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A}^\sharp \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a  $w^*$ -continuous representation where  $E$  is a reflexive Banach space. Clearly,  $\hat{\varrho} = \varrho|_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is a  $w^*$ -continuous representation for  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Hence, there is a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \hat{\varrho}(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ . Since  $\varrho(\mathfrak{A}^\sharp)^{\varphi^\sharp} = \hat{\varrho}(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$  and  $\varrho(\mathfrak{A}^\sharp)^c = \hat{\varrho}(\mathfrak{A})^c$ , we are done.

Conversely, suppose that  $\mathfrak{A}^\sharp$  is  $\varphi^\sharp$ -injective and that  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a  $w^*$ -continuous representation on a reflexive Banach space  $E$ . We extend  $\varrho$  to  $\hat{\varrho}$  from  $\mathfrak{A}$  into  $\mathfrak{A}^\sharp$  by setting  $\hat{\varrho}(a, \lambda) = \varrho(a) + \lambda I_E$  for  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . It is readily seen that  $\hat{\varrho}$  is a  $w^*$ -continuous representation. By the assumption, there is a  $\varphi^\sharp$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \hat{\varrho}(\mathfrak{A}^\sharp)^{\varphi^\sharp}$ . Because  $\hat{\varrho}(\mathfrak{A}^\sharp)^c = \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^c$  and  $\hat{\varrho}(\mathfrak{A}^\sharp)^{\varphi^\sharp} = \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ , we conclude that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -injective. □

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathfrak{A}_*)^*$  and  $\mathfrak{B} = (\mathfrak{B}_*)^*$  are dual Banach algebras,  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$  and that  $\theta : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  is a  $w^*$ -continuous homomorphism. If  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable, then there exists a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathfrak{B} \rightarrow \theta(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ .*

**PROOF.** Here we follow the standard argument in [11, Theorem 5.1.24]. Let  $E = \mathfrak{B} \hat{\otimes} \mathfrak{B}_*$  be equipped with the  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule operation given through

$$a \cdot (b \otimes f) = \varphi(a)(b \otimes f) \quad \text{and} \quad (b \otimes f) \cdot a = b \otimes f \cdot \theta(a)$$

for  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{B}_*$  and  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Identifying  $E^*$  with  $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{B})$  as

$$T(b \otimes f) = \langle f, T(b) \rangle \quad (T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{B}), f \in \mathfrak{B}_*, b \in \mathfrak{B}),$$

we obtain as the corresponding dual  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule operation on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{B})$

$$(a \cdot T)(b) = \theta(a)T(b) \quad \text{and} \quad (T \cdot a)(b) = \varphi(a)T(b) \quad (a \in \mathfrak{A}, b \in \mathfrak{B}, T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{B})).$$

Let  $F$  be the subspace of  $E^*$  consisting of those  $T \in E^*$  such that

$$\langle zb \otimes f - b \otimes f \cdot z, T \rangle = 0, \quad \langle bz \otimes f - b \otimes z \cdot f, T \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle z' \otimes f, T \rangle = 0$$

for all  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{B}_*$ ,  $z \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^c$  and  $z' \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ . It is routine to verify that  $F$  is a  $w^*$ -closed  $\mathfrak{A}$ -submodule of  $E^*$  and thus a dual Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule in its own right. Considering the derivation  $D = ad_{I_{\mathfrak{B}}} : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{B})$ , we claim that  $D$  attains its values in  $F$ . To see this, let  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{B}_*$ ,  $z \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^c$ ,  $z' \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$  and  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ . Then

$$\langle z' \otimes f, Da \rangle = \langle z' \otimes f \cdot \theta(a), I_{\mathfrak{B}} \rangle - \varphi(a) \langle z' \otimes f, I_{\mathfrak{B}} \rangle = \langle f, \theta(a)z' \rangle - \langle f, \varphi(a)z' \rangle = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle zb \otimes f - b \otimes f \cdot z, Da \rangle &= \langle zb \otimes f - b \otimes f \cdot z, a \cdot I_{\mathfrak{B}} - I_{\mathfrak{B}} \cdot a \rangle \\ &= \langle (zb \otimes f) \cdot a - (b \otimes f \cdot z) \cdot a - a \cdot (zb \otimes f) + a \cdot (b \otimes f \cdot z), I_{\mathfrak{B}} \rangle \\ &= \langle zb \otimes f \cdot \theta(a) - b \otimes f \cdot z\theta(a) - \varphi(a)zb \otimes f + \varphi(a)b \otimes f \cdot z, I_{\mathfrak{B}} \rangle \\ &= \langle zb, f \cdot \theta(a) \rangle - \langle b, f \cdot z\theta(a) \rangle - \varphi(a) \langle zb, f \rangle + \varphi(a) \langle b, f \cdot z \rangle \\ &= \langle \theta(a)zb, f \rangle - \langle z\theta(a)b, f \rangle - \varphi(a) \langle zb, f \rangle + \varphi(a) \langle zb, f \rangle = 0, \end{aligned}$$

because  $z \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^c$ . Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle bz \otimes f - b \otimes z \cdot f, Da \rangle &= \langle bz \otimes f - b \otimes z \cdot f, a \cdot I_{\mathfrak{B}} - I_{\mathfrak{B}} \cdot a \rangle \\ &= \langle (bz \otimes f) \cdot a - (b \otimes z \cdot f) \cdot a - a \cdot (bz \otimes f) + a \cdot (b \otimes z \cdot f), I_{\mathfrak{B}} \rangle \\ &= \langle bz \otimes f \cdot \theta(a) - b \otimes z \cdot f \cdot \theta(a) - \varphi(a)bz \otimes f + \varphi(a)b \otimes z \cdot f, I_{\mathfrak{B}} \rangle \\ &= \langle bz, f \cdot \theta(a) \rangle - \langle b, z \cdot f \cdot \theta(a) \rangle - \varphi(a)\langle bz, f \rangle + \varphi(a)\langle b, z \cdot f \rangle \\ &= \langle \theta(a)bz, f \rangle - \langle \theta(a)bz, f \rangle - \varphi(a)\langle bz, f \rangle + \varphi(a)\langle bz, f \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Proposition 2.2, there exists  $\rho \in F$  such that  $D = ad_{\rho}$ . Setting  $Q = I_{\mathfrak{B}} - \rho$ , we see that  $a \cdot Q = Q \cdot a$  for all  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ . Hence,  $\theta(a)Q(b) = \varphi(a)Q(b)$  for  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$  and so  $Q$  takes values in  $\theta(\mathfrak{A})^{\varphi}$ .

Because  $\rho \in F$ , we have  $0 = \langle z' \otimes f, \rho \rangle = \langle \rho(z'), f \rangle$  for  $f \in \mathfrak{B}_*$ ,  $z' \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^{\varphi}$ . That is,  $\rho(z') = 0$  and thus  $Q(z') = z'$  for each  $z' \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^{\varphi}$ . Therefore,  $Q$  is the identity on  $\theta(\mathfrak{A})^{\varphi}$  and thus a projection onto  $\theta(\mathfrak{A})^{\varphi}$ .

Next, for each  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{B}_*$  and  $z \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^c$ ,

$$0 = \langle zb \otimes f - b \otimes f \cdot z, \rho \rangle = \langle \rho(zb), f \rangle - \langle \rho(b), f \cdot z \rangle = \langle \rho(zb) - z\rho(b), f \rangle$$

and so  $\rho(zb) = z\rho(b)$ . Similarly,

$$0 = \langle bz \otimes f - b \otimes z \cdot f, \rho \rangle = \langle \rho(bz), f \rangle - \langle \rho(b), z \cdot f \rangle = \langle \rho(bz) - \rho(b)z, f \rangle,$$

so that  $\rho(bz) = \rho(b)z$ . Thus,

$$Q(zb) = zb - \rho(zb) = zb - z\rho(b) = zQ(b), \quad Q(bz) = bz - \rho(bz) = bz - \rho(b)z = Q(b)z.$$

We then have  $Q(z_1bz_2) = z_1Q(bz_2) = z_1Q(b)z_2$  for  $z_1, z_2 \in \theta(\mathfrak{A})^c$ ,  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Therefore,  $Q$  is a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation. □

To establish Theorem 3.6 below, we need some preliminaries from [1, pages 253–255]. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra. First, recall that  $(\widehat{\mathfrak{A}} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A})^* = \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{A}^*)$ , where we choose the convention that  $\langle a \otimes b, T \rangle = \langle a, T(b) \rangle$  for  $a, b \in \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{A}^*)$ . Next, let  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a (continuous) representation on a reflexive Banach space  $E$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  becomes a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule with actions  $a \cdot T = \varrho(a)T$  and  $T \cdot a = T\varrho(a)$  for  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ . Also,  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  is a Banach  $\varrho(\mathfrak{A})^c$ -bimodule in the obvious way. We write  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{A}}(\mathcal{L}(E))$  for the collection of all  $\varrho(\mathfrak{A})^c$ -bimodule homomorphisms, that is, maps  $Q \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{L}(E))$  such that  $Q(ST) = SQ(T)$  and  $Q(TS) = Q(T)S$  for all  $S \in \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^c$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ . We turn  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{A}}(\mathcal{L}(E))$  into a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule by setting

$$(a \cdot Q)(T) = \varrho(a)Q(T) \quad \text{and} \quad (Q \cdot a)T = Q(T)\varrho(a)$$

for  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $Q \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{A}}(\mathcal{L}(E))$ . We notice that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{L}(E))$  is a dual Banach algebra with predual  $\mathcal{L}(E) \widehat{\otimes} (E \widehat{\otimes} E^*)$ . Let  $X \subseteq \mathcal{L}(E) \widehat{\otimes} (E \widehat{\otimes} E^*)$  be the closure of the linear span of the set consisting of all elements of the form  $ST \otimes x \otimes \mu - T \otimes x \otimes S^*(\mu)$  and  $TS \otimes x \otimes \mu - T \otimes S(x) \otimes \mu$  for all  $S \in \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^c$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ ,  $x \in E$ ,  $\mu \in E^*$ . Because  $X^{\perp} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{A}}(\mathcal{L}(E))$ , we see that  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{A}}(\mathcal{L}(E))$  is a dual Banach algebra with the predual

$Y = \mathcal{L}(E) \widehat{\otimes} E \widehat{\otimes} E^* / X$ . Now define  $\psi : Y \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{A}^*)$  via

$$\langle a \otimes b, \psi(T \otimes x \otimes \mu + X) \rangle = \langle \varrho(a)T\varrho(b)(x), \mu \rangle \quad (a, b \in \mathfrak{A}, x \in E, \mu \in E^*, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)).$$

We turn  $\mathcal{L}(E) \widehat{\otimes} E \widehat{\otimes} E^*$  into a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule through

$$a \cdot (T \otimes x \otimes \mu) = T \otimes \varrho(a)(x) \otimes \mu \quad \text{and} \quad (T \otimes x \otimes \mu) \cdot a = T \otimes x \otimes \varrho(a)^*(\mu)$$

for  $a \in \mathfrak{A}, x \in E, \mu \in E^*, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ . Observe that  $\psi$  is an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule homomorphism.

The next proposition shows that it is possible to choose  $E$  to make  $\psi$  a bijection onto  $\sigma wc(\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{A}^*))$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.5** [1, Theorem 6.11]. *Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathfrak{A}_*)^*$  be a unital dual Banach algebra. There exist a reflexive normal Banach left  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module  $E$  and an isometric  $w^*$ -continuous representation  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  such that  $\psi$  (associated with  $\varrho$  as above) maps into  $\sigma wc(\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{A}^*))$  and is a bijection. In particular,  $\psi^* : \sigma wc(\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{A}^*))^* \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{A}}(\mathcal{L}(E))$  is an isomorphism.*

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a dual Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$ . From [6],  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -Connes amenable if there exists a bounded linear functional  $m$  on  $\sigma wc(\mathfrak{A}^*)$  satisfying  $m(\varphi) = 1$  and  $m(f \cdot a) = \varphi(a)m(f)$  for all  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $f \in \sigma wc(\mathfrak{A}^*)$ .

The following result could be compared with [1, Theorem 6.13].

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a dual Banach algebra and  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable;
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -contractible (in the sense of [2]);
- (iii)  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -Connes amenable;
- (iv)  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -injective.

**PROOF.** The equivalence (i)  $\iff$  (ii)  $\iff$  (iii) is [7, Theorem 2.4].

(i)  $\implies$  (iv) Suppose that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable and  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a  $w^*$ -continuous representation on some reflexive Banach space  $E$ . By Theorem 3.4, there is a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ , that is,  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -injective.

(iv)  $\implies$  (iii) Suppose that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -injective. By Theorem 3.3 and [4, Lemma 3.2], without loss of generality, we may suppose that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is unital. Take the  $w^*$ -continuous representation  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  and the map  $\psi$  as in Proposition 3.5. By the assumption, there exists a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ . Notice that  $Q \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{A}}(\mathcal{L}(E))$ . Define  $M := (\psi^*)^{-1}(Q) \in \sigma wc((\mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A})^*)^*$ . As  $Q$  maps into  $\varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ , it follows that  $a \cdot Q = \varphi(a)Q$  for  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ , so that  $a \cdot M = \varphi(a)M$ . Next, for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , we have  $\langle \varphi \otimes \varphi, M \rangle = \alpha$ . Hence, putting  $N = (1/\alpha)M$ , it is readily seen that  $\langle \varphi \otimes \varphi, N \rangle = 1$  and  $a \cdot N = \varphi(a)N$  for  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ . On the other hand, from [10],  $\pi^*(\sigma wc(\mathfrak{A}^*)) \subseteq \sigma wc((\mathfrak{A} \widehat{\otimes} \mathfrak{A})^*)$ . We then set  $m := (\pi^*|_{\sigma wc(\mathfrak{A}^*)})^*(N) \in \sigma wc(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$ . One may check that  $m(\varphi) = 1$  and  $m(f \cdot a) = \varphi(a)m(f)$  for all  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $f \in \sigma wc(\mathfrak{A}^*)$ . Thus,  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -Connes amenable.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *An injective dual Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -injective for all  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $\mathfrak{A}$  is injective, it is Connes amenable [1, Theorem 6.13]. It then follows from [6, Theorem 2.2] that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -Connes amenable for each  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$ . The result is now immediate by Theorem 3.6.  $\square$

#### 4. Application to $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$ and examples

The following result is analogous to [4, Proposition 3.5].

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a Banach algebra,  $\mathfrak{B} = (\mathfrak{B}_*)^*$  is a dual Banach algebra,  $\theta : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  is a continuous homomorphism with  $w^*$ -dense range and  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{B})$ . If  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi \circ \theta$ -amenable, then  $\mathfrak{B}$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable.*

**PROOF.** Take  $m \in \mathfrak{A}^{**}$  with  $m(\varphi \circ \theta) = 1$  and  $m(f \cdot a) = (\varphi \circ \theta)(a)m(f)$  for all  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $f \in \mathfrak{A}^*$ . Define  $n \in \sigma wc(\mathfrak{B}^*)^*$  by  $n(g) = m(g \circ \theta)$  for  $g \in \sigma wc(\mathfrak{B}^*)$ . Note that  $\varphi \in \sigma wc(\mathfrak{B}^*)$  as  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{B}_*$  (see also [7, Lemma 2.3]). Then  $n(\varphi) = m(\varphi \circ \theta) = 1$ . For  $a, a' \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $g \in \sigma wc(\mathfrak{B}^*)$ ,

$$n(g \cdot \theta(a)) = m((g \cdot \theta(a)) \circ \theta) = m((g \circ \theta) \cdot a) = (\varphi \circ \theta)(a)m(g \circ \theta) = (\varphi \circ \theta)(a)n(g),$$

because

$$\langle (g \cdot \theta(a)) \circ \theta, a' \rangle = \langle g, \theta(a)\theta(a') \rangle = \langle (g \circ \theta) \cdot a, a' \rangle.$$

Next, for an arbitrary element  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$ , there is a net  $(a_i)_i \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\theta(a_i) \xrightarrow{w^*} b$ . For each  $g \in \sigma wc(\mathfrak{B}^*)$ , we then have  $g \cdot \theta(a_i) \xrightarrow{wk} g \cdot b$ . Hence,

$$n(g \cdot b) = \lim_i n(g \cdot \theta(a_i)) = \lim_i \varphi(\theta(a_i))n(g) = \varphi(b)n(g).$$

Thus,  $\mathfrak{B}$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable, by Theorem 3.6(iii).  $\square$

**REMARK 4.2.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ . By Proposition 2.3, there exists a unique element  $\tilde{\varphi} \in \Delta_{w^*}(WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)$  extending  $\varphi$ . We shall henceforth keep the notation  $\tilde{\varphi}$ .

**COROLLARY 4.3.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ . If  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable, then  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -amenable.*

**PROOF.** As  $\varphi = \tilde{\varphi} \circ \iota$ , this is a consequence of Remark 4.2 and Theorem 4.1.  $\square$

**EXAMPLE 4.4.** Let  $G$  be a locally compact group and let  $A(G)$  and  $VN(G) = A(G)^*$  be the Fourier algebra and the von Neumann algebra of  $G$ , respectively. From [4, Example 2.6],  $A(G)$  is  $\varphi_t$ -amenable for every  $t \in G$ , where  $\varphi_t$  is the point evaluation at  $t \in G$ , that is,  $\varphi_t(f) = f(t)$ ,  $f \in A(G)$ . So, by Corollary 4.3,  $WAP(VN(G))^*$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}_t$ -amenable for every  $t \in G$ .

The converse of Corollary 4.3 holds for dual Banach algebras as follows.

**THEOREM 4.5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathfrak{A}_*)^*$  be a dual Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\mathfrak{A})$ . Then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable if and only if  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -amenable.*

**PROOF.** Since  $\mathfrak{A}_* \subseteq \sigma wc(\mathfrak{A}^*) \subseteq WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)$  from [10], there exists an inclusion map  $\varepsilon : \mathfrak{A}_* \rightarrow WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)$ . Then  $\varepsilon^*$  is an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule homomorphism from  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  onto  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Suppose that  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -amenable. Let  $E$  be a Banach  $\mathfrak{A}$ -bimodule for which  $a \cdot x = \varphi(a)x$  for all  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $x \in E$  and let  $D : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow E^*$  be a derivation. We turn  $E$  into a Banach  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$ -bimodule through

$$\Lambda \cdot x := \tilde{\varphi}(\Lambda)x \quad \text{and} \quad x \cdot \Lambda := \varepsilon^*(\Lambda) \cdot x \quad (x \in E, \Lambda \in WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*).$$

Now, by Proposition 2.2, the derivation  $D\varepsilon^* : WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^* \rightarrow E^*$  is inner. Thus, there exists  $x \in E$  such that  $(D\varepsilon^*)(\Lambda) = \Lambda \cdot x - x \cdot \Lambda$  for all  $\Lambda \in WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$ . Consequently,  $Da = a \cdot x - x \cdot a, a \in \mathfrak{A}$ . Again by Proposition 2.2,  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable.  $\square$

We write  $\mathbb{D}$  for the open unit disk. For the discrete convolution algebra  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}^+)$ , it is known that  $\Delta(\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}^+)) \equiv \mathbb{D}$  under the bijective map  $z \mapsto \varphi_z$ , where  $\varphi_z$  is the point evaluation at  $z$ , that is,  $\varphi_z(\sum_{n=0}^\infty c_n \delta_n) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty c_n z^n$ . It is not hard to see that  $\Delta_{w^*}(\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}^+)) = \mathbb{D}$ . It was shown in [4, Example 2.5] that  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}^+)$  is  $\varphi_z$ -amenable when  $|z| = 1$  and it is not  $\varphi_z$ -amenable if  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Hence, by Corollary 4.3,  $WAP(\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^+))^*$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}_z$ -amenable when  $|z| = 1$ . As  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}^+)$  is a dual Banach algebra, we conclude from Theorem 4.5 that  $WAP(\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^+))^*$  is not  $\tilde{\varphi}_z$ -amenable for each  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Notice that  $WAP(\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^+))^*$  is not amenable. To see this, we first observe that there exists a continuous homomorphism from  $WAP(\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^+))^*$  onto  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}^+)$  by the universal property (with  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}^+)$  and the identity map in place of  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\theta$ , respectively). Therefore, amenability of  $WAP(\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^+))^*$  forces  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}^+)$  to be amenable, which is not the case.

Putting all these results together gives the following example.

- EXAMPLE 4.6.** (i)  $WAP(\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^+))^*$  is not amenable;
- (ii)  $WAP(\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^+))^*$  is not  $\tilde{\varphi}_z$ -amenable for each  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ;
- (iii)  $WAP(\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^+))^*$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}_z$ -amenable when  $|z| = 1$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a continuous representation on a Banach space  $E$ . We use  $\tilde{\varrho} : WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^* \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  for the unique  $w^*$ -continuous representation obtained by Proposition 2.3.

**LEMMA 4.7.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra, let  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a continuous representation and  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ . Then every  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$  is exactly a  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \tilde{\varrho}(WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)^\varphi$  and vice versa.*

**PROOF.** The same argument as that in the proof of [1, Proposition 6.15] shows that  $\varrho(\mathfrak{A})^c = \tilde{\varrho}(WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)^c$ . To complete the proof, we show that  $\tilde{\varrho}(WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)^\varphi = \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ . It is obvious that  $\tilde{\varrho}(WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)^\varphi \subseteq \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ . For the converse, suppose that  $T \in \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ . Thus,  $\langle \varrho(a)T, \eta \rangle = \varphi(a)\langle T, \eta \rangle$  for each  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $\eta \in E^* \hat{\otimes} E$ . Take  $\Psi \in WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  and take a bounded net  $(a_i) \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$  which converges to  $\Psi$  in the  $w^*$ -topology on  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$ . Then, for  $x \in E, \mu \in E^*$  and  $T \in \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mu, \tilde{\varrho}(\Psi)T(x) \rangle &= \langle \mu \otimes T(x), \tilde{\varrho}(\Psi) \rangle = \langle \Psi, \varrho_*(\mu \otimes T(x)) \rangle = \lim_i \langle \varrho_*(\mu \otimes T(x)), a_i \rangle \\ &= \lim_i \langle \mu, \varrho(a_i)T(x) \rangle = \lim_i \varphi(a_i)\langle \mu, T(x) \rangle = \langle \mu, \tilde{\varphi}(\Psi)T(x) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$



so that  $T \in \tilde{\varrho}(\text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*))^{\tilde{\varphi}}$ , as required. □

The next step is a useful characterisation.

**THEOREM 4.8.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -amenable;
- (ii) whenever  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a continuous representation on a reflexive Banach space  $E$ , there exists a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ .

**PROOF.** (i)  $\implies$  (ii) Let  $\varrho : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a continuous representation on a reflexive Banach space  $E$  and let  $\tilde{\varrho} : \text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^* \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  be its unique extension to a  $w^*$ -continuous representation. By Theorem 3.6,  $\text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  is  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -injective and there exists a  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \tilde{\varrho}(\text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)^{\tilde{\varphi}}$  by Definition 3.2. Now, by Lemma 4.7,  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$  is indeed a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation.

(ii)  $\implies$  (i) Suppose that  $\varrho : \text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^* \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a  $w^*$ -continuous representation on a reflexive Banach space  $E$ . Thus,  $\varrho|_{\mathfrak{A}} : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a continuous representation. By the assumption, there exists a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\mathfrak{A})^\varphi$ . Again by Lemma 4.7,  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \tilde{\varrho}(\text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)^{\tilde{\varphi}}$  is a  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -quasi expectation, as required. □

### 5. For $\text{WAP}(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge)^*)^*$

Let  $\mathbb{N}_\wedge$  be the semigroup  $\mathbb{N}$  with the product  $m \wedge n = \min\{m, n\}$  for  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In this section, we write  $\varphi$  for the augmentation character on  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge)$ , which is given by  $\varphi(\sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i \delta_i) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i$ . In the light of Theorem 4.8, we will show that  $\text{WAP}(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge)^*)^*$  is not  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -amenable. To this end, some preliminaries are needed.

Let  $E$  be a Banach space with a normalised basis  $(e_n)_n$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we consider the linear functional  $f_n \in E^*$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , given by  $\langle f_n, \sum \alpha_i e_i \rangle = \alpha_n$ . Throughout the section, we use the notation  $\varrho$  for the representation  $\varrho : \ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$  given by

$$\varrho(\delta_n)(e_m) = \begin{cases} e_m & \text{for } m \leq n \\ 0 & \text{for } m > n \end{cases} \quad (m, n \in \mathbb{N})$$

and linearity. In fact,  $\varrho(\delta_n)$  is the projection onto the linear span of  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ . It is standard that each element of  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  can be considered as a matrix with respect to the basis  $(e_n)_n$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{E}_{i,j}$  the matrix with 1 in the  $(i, j)$ th place and 0 elsewhere.

The next result shows that the set  $\varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$  consists of all matrices in  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  with zero entries from the second row on.

**LEMMA 5.1.**  $\varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi = \{T = (a_{i,j})_{i,j} \in \mathcal{L}(E) : a_{i,j} = 0 \text{ for } i \geq 2\}$ .

**PROOF.** Set  $\mathcal{R} = \{T = (a_{i,j})_{i,j} \in \mathcal{L}(E) : a_{i,j} = 0 \text{ for } i \geq 2\}$  and notice that  $\varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi = \{T \in \mathcal{L}(E) : \varrho(\delta_n)T = \varphi(\delta_n)T = T\}$ . It is easily checked that  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$ .

Conversely, for  $T \in \varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$ ,

$$\mathcal{E}_{n,n}T = (\varrho(\delta_n) - \varrho(\delta_{n-1}))T = \varrho(\delta_n)T - \varrho(\delta_{n-1})T = T - T = 0 \quad (n \geq 2).$$

A simple verification then shows that

$$0 = \mathcal{E}_{n,n}T(e_m) = \langle f_n, T(e_m) \rangle e_n \quad (m \geq 1, n \geq 2)$$

and therefore  $\langle f_n, T(e_m) \rangle = 0$  for  $m \geq 1, n \geq 2$ . So,  $T(e_m) \in \mathbb{C}e_1$  for each  $m \geq 1$ , which proves that  $T \in \mathcal{R}$ . □

**REMARK 5.2.** Compared to Lemma 5.1,  $\varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^c$  is exactly the set of all diagonal matrices in  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  [1].

We write  $P_\varphi : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$  for the *canonical projection onto  $\varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$*  defined by  $T = (a_{i,j})_{i,j} \mapsto P_\varphi(T) = (b_{i,j})_{i,j}$ , where  $b_{1,j} = a_{1,j}$  and  $b_{i,j} = 0$  for  $i \geq 2$  and all  $j$ . Next, we show that every  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$  must be the canonical projection onto  $\varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$ .

**LEMMA 5.3.** *Let  $Q : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$  be a  $\varphi$ -quasi expectation. Then  $Q = P_\varphi$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ . From Remark 5.2,  $\mathcal{E}_{n,n}, \mathcal{E}_{m,m} \in \varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^c$ . Then

$$\langle f_m, T(e_n) \rangle Q(\mathcal{E}_{m,n}) = Q(\mathcal{E}_{m,m}T\mathcal{E}_{n,n}) = \mathcal{E}_{m,m}Q(T)\mathcal{E}_{n,n} = \langle f_m, Q(T)(e_n) \rangle \mathcal{E}_{m,n}.$$

As  $\mathcal{E}_{m,n}$  is not in  $\varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$  for  $m > 1$  by Lemma 5.1, it follows that  $\langle f_m, Q(T)(e_n) \rangle = 0$  for  $m > 1$ . Thus,  $Q(T)(e_n) \in \mathbb{C}e_1$  for each  $n$ . Next, since  $\mathcal{E}_{1,n} \in \varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f_1, T(e_n) \rangle \mathcal{E}_{1,n} &= \langle f_1, T(e_n) \rangle Q(\mathcal{E}_{1,n}) = Q(\mathcal{E}_{1,1}T\mathcal{E}_{n,n}) \\ &= \mathcal{E}_{1,1}Q(T)\mathcal{E}_{n,n} = \langle f_1, Q(T)(e_n) \rangle \mathcal{E}_{1,n} \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $Q(T)(e_n) = \langle f_1, T(e_n) \rangle e_1$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , as required. □

**THEOREM 5.4.** *The algebra  $WAP(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge)^*)^*$  is not  $\tilde{\varphi}$ -amenable.*

**PROOF.** By Theorem 4.8 and Lemma 5.3, it suffices to find a reflexive Banach space  $E$  such that  $P_\varphi$  is not bounded. It is clear that there is an isometric isomorphism  $\Theta$  from  $\varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^c$  onto  $\varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^\varphi$ . From [1, Theorem 7.6], there is a reflexive Banach space  $E$  for which the canonical projection  $P_c : \mathcal{L}(E) \rightarrow \varrho(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge))^c$  is not bounded. Thus,  $P_\varphi = \Theta \circ P_c$  is not bounded, as required. □

A combination of Corollary 4.3 and Theorem 5.4 yields the following result.

**COROLLARY 5.5.** *The algebra  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_\wedge)$  is not  $\varphi$ -amenable.*

### Appendix A

In this section, we show that  $\Delta_{w^*}(WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)$  contains  $\Delta(\mathfrak{A})$  as a subset, as pointed out by an anonymous referee in response to a previous version of this work.

**PROPOSITION A.1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra. Then  $\Delta(\mathfrak{A}) \subseteq \Delta_{w^*}(WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)$ .*

**PROOF.** Take  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ , so that  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{A}^*$ . Then  $\langle b, a \cdot \varphi \rangle = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$  for every  $a, b \in \mathfrak{A}$ , so that  $a \cdot \varphi = \varphi(a)\varphi$ . Similarly,  $\varphi \cdot a = \varphi(a)\varphi$ . So, obviously,  $\varphi \in WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)$ . Hence, we may treat  $\varphi$  as a bounded linear map on  $WAP(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$ . As a consequence,  $\varphi$  is

$w^*$ -continuous. Next, for  $\Psi \in \text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  and  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ , it follows that  $\langle a, \Psi \cdot \varphi \rangle = \langle \varphi \cdot a, \Psi \rangle = \varphi(a)\langle \varphi, \Psi \rangle$ , so that  $\Psi \cdot \varphi = \langle \varphi, \Psi \rangle \varphi$ . Then, for each  $\Phi, \Psi \in \text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$ ,

$$\langle \varphi, \Phi \Psi \rangle = \langle \Psi \cdot \varphi, \Phi \rangle = \langle \langle \varphi, \Psi \rangle \varphi, \Phi \rangle = \langle \varphi, \Psi \rangle \langle \varphi, \Phi \rangle.$$

Thus,  $\varphi \in \Delta_{w^*}(\text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*)$ . □

The following consequence should be compared with Corollary 4.3.

**COROLLARY A.2.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $\varphi \in \Delta(\mathfrak{A})$ . If  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\varphi \circ \iota$ -amenable, then  $\text{WAP}(\mathfrak{A}^*)^*$  is  $\varphi$ -amenable.*

**PROOF.** This is immediate by Proposition A.1 and Theorem 4.1. □

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