RELATIVE COHOMOLOGY OF BANACH ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Let A be a Banach algebra, not necessarily unital, and let B be a closed subalgebra of A. We establish a connection between the Banach cyclic cohomology group $\mathcal{HC}^n_B(A)$ of A and the Banach B-relative cyclic cohomology group $\mathcal{HC}^n_B(A)$ of A. We prove that, for a Banach algebra A with a bounded approximate identity and an amenable closed subalgebra B of A, up to topological isomorphism, $\mathcal{HC}^n(A) = \mathcal{HC}^n_B(A)$ for all $n \ge 0$. We also establish a connection between the Banach simplicial or cyclic cohomology groups of A and those of the quotient algebra A/I by an amenable closed bi-ideal I. The results are applied to the calculation of these groups for certain operator algebras, including von Neumann algebras and joins of operator algebras.

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Much interest has been attached in recent years to the computation of cyclic (co)homo-logy groups; see [18] for many references. Most of the literature has been devoted to the purely algebraic context, but there have also been papers addressing the calculation of the Banach version of these groups for Banach algebras, and in particular C^* -algebras: see, for example, [2], [24] and [13]. There is an effective tool for computing cyclic (co)homology: the Connes-Tsygan exact sequence, which connects the cyclic (co)homology of many algebras with their simplicial (co)homology. However, it remains the case that these groups can only be calculated for a restricted range of algebras. The purpose of this paper is

to describe a technique for the calculation of the Banach simplicial and cyclic cohomology groups of Banach algebras, to establish the basic properties of this technique and to apply it to some natural classes of algebras. The technique involves, for a Banach algebra A, not necessarily unital, the notion of Banach cyclic cohomology groups $\mathcal{HC}^n_B(A)$ of A relative to a closed subalgebra B of A. This concept was introduced and exploited by L. Kadison ([16]) in the algebraic theory. We establish a connection between the Banach cyclic cohomology group $\mathcal{HC}^{n}(A)$ of A and the Banach B-relative cyclic cohomology group $\mathcal{HC}^n_B(A)$ of A. The key result (Theorem 5.1) is that, for a Banach algebra A with a bounded approximate identity and an amenable closed subalgebra B of A, $\mathcal{HC}^n(A) = \mathcal{HC}^n_B(A)$ for all $n \ge 0$. With the aid of this theorem we show, for example, that if \mathcal{R} is a von Neumann algebra then, for each $n \ge 0$, $\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{R})$ is the direct sum of the cyclic cohomologies $\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{R}_{I_f})$ and $\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{R}_{II_1})$ of the finite von Neumann algebras \mathcal{R}_{I_f} and \mathcal{R}_{II_1} of types I and II appearing in the standard central direct summand decomposition of \mathcal{R} (Corollary 5.7). Another application is to A#B, the join of two norm closed unital operator algebras A and B. We show that, for each $n \ge 0$, $\mathcal{HC}^n(A \# B) = \mathcal{HC}^n(A) \oplus \mathcal{HC}^n(B)$ (Proposition 5.8). In this paper equality of cohomology groups means topological isomorphism of seminormed spaces.

In establishing the connection between the Banach cyclic cohomology groups and the Banach relative cyclic cohomology groups of a Banach algebra A, we need to know the connection between the Banach simplicial cohomology groups $\mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*)$ of A and its relative analogue $\mathcal{H}^n_B(A, A^*)$. Here A^* is the dual Banach space of A. In Section 2 we prove Theorem 2.6 that for a Banach algebra A, an amenable closed subalgebra B of A and a dual A-bimodule M, $\mathcal{H}^n(A, M) =$ $\mathcal{H}^n_B(A, M)$ for all $n \ge 0$. I am grateful to B.E. Johnson for suggesting that this result should be true. In the special case of a Banach algebra A with an identity, an amenable closed subalgebra B of A which contains the identity of A and a unital dual A-bimodule M, the identical result was proved by different methods by L. Kadison ([17]). E. Christensen and A.M. Sinclair in [3] used the same version of relative Hochschild cohomology group for the computation of the Hochschild cohomology groups of von Neumann algebras; see also [23].

In Section 4 we introduce the Banach relative cyclic cohomology of a Banach algebra and show that the relative Connes-Tsygan exact sequence exists for a Banach algebra with a bounded approximate identity. We do this using ideas of A.Ya. Helemskii ([13]). In this section we also show the existence of morphisms of certain Connes-Tsygan exact sequences.

The results of Section 2 allow us to find, in Section 3, a connection between the cohomology groups of a Banach algebra A and those of a quotient algebra

A/I by an amenable closed bi-ideal I. We prove (Theorem 3.1) that in this case, for a dual A/I-bimodule M, $\mathcal{H}^n(A, M) = \mathcal{H}^n(A/I, M)$ for all $n \ge 0$. Thus we obtain, in Theorem 3.4, the following information about the Banach simplicial cohomology groups: $\mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A/I, (A/I)^*)$ for all $n \ge 2$ and amenable I. A connection between the Banach cyclic cohomology groups of a Banach algebra A and those of a quotient algebra A/I by an amenable closed bi-ideal I is given in Theorem 5.4 of Section 5.

1. DEFINITIONS AND NOTATION

Let A be a Banach algebra, not necessarily unital, and let A_+ be the unitization of A. We denote by e_+ the adjoined identity and by e an identity of A when it exists.

We recall some notation and terminology used in the homological theory of Banach algebras. Let A be a Banach algebra, not necessarily unital, and let X be a Banach A-bimodule. We define an *n*-cochain to be a bounded *n*-linear operator of $A \times \cdots \times A$ into X and we denote the space of *n*-cochains by $C^n(A, X)$. For n = 0the space $C^0(A, X)$ is defined to be X. Let us consider the standard cohomological complex

$$(\mathcal{C}(A,X)) \qquad 0 \longrightarrow C^0(A,X) \xrightarrow{\delta^0} \cdots \longrightarrow C^n(A,X) \xrightarrow{\delta^n} C^{n+1}(A,X) \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

where the coboundary operator δ^n is defined by

$$(\delta^n f)(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = a_1 \cdot f(a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i f(a_1, \dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{n+1}) + (-1)^{n+1} f(a_1, \dots, a_n) \cdot a_{n+1}.$$

The kernel of δ^n in $C^n(A, X)$ is denoted by $Z^n(A, X)$ and its elements are called *n*-cocycles. The image of δ^{n-1} in $C^n(A, X)$ $(n \ge 1)$ is denoted by $N^n(A, X)$ and its elements are called *n*-coboundaries. An easy computation yields $\delta^{n+1} \circ \delta^n = 0$, $n \ge 0$. The *n*th cohomology group of C(A, X) is called *the n*th Banach cohomology group of A with coefficients in X. It is denoted by $\mathcal{H}^n(A, X)$. Thus $\mathcal{H}^n(A, X) = Z^n(A, X)/N^n(A, X)$; it is a complete seminormed space.

Recall that a Banach A-bimodule $M = (M_*)^*$, where M_* is a Banach Abimodule, is called *dual*. A Banach algebra A such that $\mathcal{H}^1(A, M) = \{0\}$ for all dual A-bimodules M is called *amenable*. A Banach algebra A such that $\mathcal{H}^1(A, X) = \{0\}$ for all Banach A-bimodules X is called *contractible*. Now let D be a closed subalgebra of A_+ . We denote by $C_D^n(A, X)$ the closed subspace of $C^n(A, X)$ of n-cochains ρ such that

$$\rho(da_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = d \cdot \rho(a_1, \dots, a_n),$$

 $\rho(a_1,\ldots,a_{i-1},a_id,a_{i+1},a_{i+2},\ldots,a_n) = \rho(a_1,\ldots,a_{i-1},a_i,da_{i+1},a_{i+2},\ldots,a_n)$ and

 $\rho(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n d) = \rho(a_1, \dots, a_n) \cdot d$

for all $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \in A$, $d \in D$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$. These cochains we shall call *D*-relative *n*-cochains. For n = 0 the space $C_D^0(A, X)$ is defined to be $\operatorname{Cen}_D X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in X \mid d \cdot x = x \cdot d \text{ for all } d \in D\}.$

Note that, for each $\rho \in C_D^n(A, X)$, $\delta^n \rho$ is also an *D*-relative cochain. Therefore there is a subcomplex in $\mathcal{C}(A, X)$ formed by the spaces $C_D^n(A, X)$. We denote this subcomplex by $\mathcal{C}_D(A, X)$. The kernel of δ^n in $C_D^n(A, X)$ is denoted by $Z_D^n(A, X)$ and its elements are called *D*-relative *n*-cocycles. The image of $\delta^{n-1}: C_D^{n-1}(A, X) \to C_D^n(A, X) \ (n \ge 1)$ is denoted by $N_D^n(A, X)$ and its elements are called *D*-relative *n*-coboundaries. The *n*th cohomology group of $\mathcal{C}_D(A, X)$ is called the *n*-dimensional Banach *D*-relative cohomology group of *A* with coefficients in *X*. It is denoted by $\mathcal{H}_D^n(A, X)$. When $D = \mathbb{C}e_+$ the subscript *D* is unnecessary and we omit it.

Throughout the paper id denotes the identity operator. We denote the projective tensor product of Banach spaces by $\widehat{\otimes}$ and the projective tensor product of left and right Banach A-bimodules by $\widehat{\otimes}_A$ ([20]). Let E and F be Banach spaces. The Banach space of bounded operators from E into F is denoted by $\mathcal{B}(E, F)$. Instead of $\mathcal{B}(E, E)$ we write $\mathcal{B}(E)$.

2. RELATIVE COHOMOLOGY OF BANACH ALGEBRAS

We need a strengthening of Theorem 4.1 of [15] to prove the isomorphism of the cohomology and the relative cohomology of a Banach algebra A for dual A-bimodules.

PROPOSITION 2.1. Let A be a Banach algebra, let B be an amenable closed subalgebra of A, let M be a dual A-bimodule and let $n \ge 1$. Suppose $\rho \in C^n(A, M)$ is such that

$$(\delta^n \rho)(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_{n+1} lies in B. Then there exists $\xi \in C^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that $(\rho - \delta^{n-1}\xi)(a_1, \ldots, a_n) = 0$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_n lies in B.

Proof. Is the same as that of Theorem 4.1 of [15].

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The following is essentially Lemma 4.1 of [21], but with a weakening of the hypothesis.

LEMMA 2.2. Let A be a Banach algebra, let B be a closed subalgebra of A, let X be a Banach A-bimodule and let $n \ge 1$. Suppose $\rho \in C^n(A, X)$ is such that

$$(\delta^n \rho)(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_{n+1} lies in B and

$$\rho(a_1,\ldots,a_n)=0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_n lies in B. Then $\rho \in C^n_B(A, X)$.

Proof. Is the same as that of Lemma 4.1 of [21].

COROLLARY 2.3. Let A be a Banach algebra, let B be an amenable closed subalgebra of A, let M be a dual A-bimodule and let $n \ge 1$. Suppose $\rho \in Z^n(A, M)$. Then there exists $\xi \in C^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that

$$(\rho - \delta^{n-1}\xi)(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_n lies in B. Moreover $(\rho - \delta^{n-1}\xi) \in Z^n_B(A, M)$.

PROPOSITION 2.4. Let A be a Banach algebra, let B be a closed subalgebra of A with a bounded approximate identity $e_{\nu}, \nu \in \Lambda$, let $M = (M_*)^*$ be a dual A-bimodule and let $n \ge 1$. Suppose $\rho \in C_B^n(A, M)$ is such that

(2.1)
$$(\delta^n \rho)(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_{n+1} lies in B. Then there exists $\xi_B \in C_B^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that

$$(\rho - \delta^{n-1}\xi_B)(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_n lies in B.

Proof. For n = 1, by assumption, for each $b \in B$ and $\nu \in \Lambda$,

$$0 = (\delta^{1} \rho)(e_{\nu}, b) = e_{\nu} \cdot \rho(b) - \rho(e_{\nu}b) + \rho(e_{\nu}) \cdot b = \rho(e_{\nu}) \cdot b,$$

since $\rho \in C^1_B(A, M)$ and $e_{\nu} \in B$. So we obtain

$$\rho(b) = \lim_{\nu} \rho(e_{\nu}b) = \lim_{\nu} \rho(e_{\nu}) \cdot b = 0$$

Hence we can take $\xi_B = 0$.

For n > 1, we construct, inductively on k, ξ_1, \ldots, ξ_k in $C_B^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that

$$(\rho - \delta^{n-1}\xi_k)(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_k lies in B for $1 \leq k \leq n$. The conclusion of the proposition then follows, with $\xi_B = \xi_n$.

To construct ξ_1 , we consider $g_{\nu} \in C^{n-1}(A, M)$ given by

$$g_{\nu}(a_1,\ldots,a_{n-1}) = \rho(e_{\nu},a_1,\ldots,a_{n-1}),$$

for $a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A$ and $\nu \in \Lambda$. Since the Banach space $C^{n-1}(A, M)$ is the dual space of $A \widehat{\otimes} \cdots \widehat{\otimes} A \widehat{\otimes} M_*$, for the bounded net $g_{\nu}, \nu \in \Lambda$, there exists a subnet $g_{\mu}, \mu \in \Lambda'$, which weak^{*} converges to some cochain $g \in C^{n-1}(A, M)$. It is routine to check that $g \in C^{n-1}_B(A, M)$.

By assumption, for each $b \in B$ and $\nu \in \Lambda$,

$$(2.2) \qquad 0 = \delta^{n} \rho(e_{\nu}, b, a_{2}, \dots, a_{n}) \\ = e_{\nu} \cdot \rho(b, a_{2}, \dots, a_{n}) - \rho(e_{\nu}b, a_{2}, \dots, a_{n}) + \rho(e_{\nu}, ba_{2}, \dots, a_{n}) \\ + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} \rho(e_{\nu}, b, a_{2}, \dots, a_{i}a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{n}) \\ + (-1)^{n+1} \rho(e_{\nu}, b, a_{2}, \dots, a_{n-1}) \cdot a_{n} \\ = \rho(e_{\nu}, ba_{2}, \dots, a_{n}) + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} \rho(e_{\nu}, b, a_{2}, \dots, a_{i}a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{n}) \\ + (-1)^{n+1} \rho(e_{\nu}, b, a_{2}, \dots, a_{n-1}) \cdot a_{n}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{split} \rho(b, a_2, \dots, a_n) &- \delta^{n-1} g(b, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &= \rho(b, a_2, \dots, a_n) - b \cdot g(a_2, \dots, a_n) + g(ba_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &+ \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} g(b, a_2, \dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) + (-1)^{n+1} g(b, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}) \cdot a_n \\ &= \rho(b, a_2, \dots, a_n) - \lim_{\mu} b \cdot \rho(e_{\mu}, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &+ \lim_{\mu} \left[\rho(e_{\mu}, ba_2, \dots, a_n) + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} \rho(e_{\mu}, b, a_2, \dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) \right. \\ &+ (-1)^{n+1} \rho(e_{\mu}, b, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}) \cdot a_n \Big]. \end{split}$$

The first two terms cancel, and the remaining ones add up to zero by (2.2). This proves the existence of a suitable cochain $\xi_1 = g$.

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Suppose now that $1 \leq k < n$, and a suitable cochain $\xi_k \in C_B^{n-1}(A, M)$ has been constructed. With $\rho - \delta^{n-1}\xi_k \in C_B^n(A, M)$ denoted by σ ,

(2.3)
$$\sigma(a_1,\ldots,a_n) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_k lies in B. In order to continue the inductive process (and so complete the proof of the theorem), it suffices to construct ζ in $C_B^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that $\sigma - \delta^{n-1}\zeta$ vanishes whenever any one of its first k + 1 arguments lies in B. For then we have $\rho - \delta^{n-1}(\xi_k + \zeta) = \sigma - \delta^{n-1}\zeta$, and we may take $\xi_{k+1} = \xi_k + \zeta$. To this end, we consider $g_{\nu} \in C^{n-1}(A, M)$ given by

$$g_{\nu}(a_1,\ldots,a_{n-1}) = \sigma(a_1,\ldots,a_k,e_{\nu},a_{k+1},\ldots,a_{n-1}),$$

for $a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A$ and $\nu \in \Lambda$. By the same arguments as in the case k = 1, there exists a subnet $g_{\mu}, \mu \in \Lambda'$, which weak^{*} converges to some cochain $g \in C^{n-1}(A, M)$. It can be checked that $g \in C^{n-1}_B(A, M)$ and

(2.4)
$$g(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_k lies in B.

In view of the assumption (2.1), for any $b \in B$ and $\nu \in \Lambda$,

$$\delta^{n} \sigma(a_{1}, \dots, a_{k}, e_{\nu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n}) = (\delta^{n} \rho - (\delta^{n} \circ \delta^{n-1})(\xi_{k}))(a_{1}, \dots, a_{k}, e_{\nu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n}) = 0.$$

Hence by the coboundary formula,

$$0 = \delta^{n} \sigma(a_{1}, \dots, a_{k}, e_{\nu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n}) = a_{1} \cdot \sigma(a_{2}, \dots, a_{k}, e_{\nu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n})$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{i} \sigma(a_{1}, \dots, a_{i}a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{k}, e_{\nu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n})$$

$$+ (-1)^{k} \sigma(a_{1}, \dots, a_{k}e_{\nu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n})$$

$$+ (-1)^{k+1} \sigma(a_{1}, \dots, a_{k}, e_{\nu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n})$$

$$+ \sum_{i=k+2}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} \sigma(a_{1}, \dots, a_{k}, e_{\nu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{i}a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{n})$$

$$+ (-1)^{n+1} \sigma(a_{1}, \dots, a_{k}, e_{\nu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n-1}) \cdot a_{n}.$$

By the inductive hypothesis (2.3) the first two terms vanish, and since $\sigma \in C^n_B(A, M)$, the third and fourth cancel. Thus

(2.5)
$$0 = (-1)^{k+2} \sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k, e_\nu, ba_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) + \sum_{i=k+2}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} \sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k, e_\nu, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) + (-1)^{n+1} \sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k, e_\nu, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n-1}) \cdot a_n.$$

Now consider

$$(\sigma - (-1)^k \delta^{n-1} g)(a_1, \dots, a_k, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) = \sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) + (-1)^{k+1} a_1 \cdot g(a_2, \dots, a_k, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{i+k+1} g(a_1, \dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_k, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) - g(a_1, \dots, a_k b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) + g(a_1, \dots, a_k, ba_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) + \sum_{i=k+2}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+k+1} g(a_1, \dots, a_k, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) + (-1)^{n+k+1} g(a_1, \dots, a_k, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n-1}) \cdot a_n.$$

By (2.4), the second and third terms vanish. So, by definition of g, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma - (-1)^k \delta^{n-1} g)(a_1, \dots, a_k, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) \\ &= \sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) - \lim_{\mu} \sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k b, e_{\mu}, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) \\ &+ (-1)^k \lim_{\mu} [(-1)^{k+2} \sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k, e_{\mu}, ba_{k+2}, \dots, a_n) \\ &+ \sum_{i=k+2}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} \sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k, e_{\mu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{i}a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) \\ &+ (-1)^{n+1} \sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k, e_{\mu}, b, a_{k+2}, \dots, a_{n-1}) \cdot a_n]. \end{aligned}$$

The first two terms cancel, and the remaining ones add up to zero by (2.5). This shows that, if $\zeta = (-1)^k g$, then $(\sigma - \delta^{n-1}\zeta)(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$ vanishes when its (k+1)th argument lies in B. When $a_i = b \in B$ for some $i, 1 \leq i \leq k$, by the inductive hypothesis (2.3) and (2.4), we obtain

$$(\sigma - (-1)^k \delta^{n-1} g)(a_1, \dots, b, \dots, a_n)$$

= $(-1)^{k+i} g(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}b, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) + (-1)^{k+i+1} g(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, ba_{i+1}, \dots, a_n)$
= 0,

since $g \in C_B^{n-1}(A, M)$. Thus $(\sigma - \delta^{n-1}\zeta)(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$ vanishes when any of its first k + 1 arguments lies in B. As noted above, this completes the proof of the proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.5. Let A be a Banach algebra, let B be an amenable closed subalgebra of A, let M be a dual A-bimodule and let $n \ge 1$. Suppose $\rho \in C_B^n(A, M)$ $\cap N^n(A, M)$. Then there exists $\xi \in C_B^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that

$$\delta^{n-1}\xi = \rho$$

Proof. For n = 1, by Proposition 2.4, there exists $\xi_B \in C^0_B(A, M) = \text{Cen}_B M$ such that

$$(\rho - \delta^0 \xi_B)(a_1) = 0$$

if $a_1 \in B$. By assumption, there exists $\xi_1 \in C^0(A, M) = M$ such that $\rho = \delta^0 \xi_1$. Hence

$$(\rho - \delta^{0}\xi_{B})(a_{1}) = (\delta^{0}\xi_{1} - \delta^{0}\xi_{B})(a_{1}) = \delta^{0}(\xi_{1} - \xi_{B})(a_{1})$$
$$= a_{1} \cdot (\xi_{1} - \xi_{B}) - (\xi_{1} - \xi_{B}) \cdot a_{1} = 0$$

if $a_1 \in B$. This implies $\xi_1 - \xi_B \in \text{Cen}_B M$, and so $\xi_1 \in \text{Cen}_B M$.

For $n \ge 2$, by Proposition 2.4, there exists $\xi_B \in C_B^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that

$$(\rho - \delta^{n-1}\xi_B)(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_n lies in B, and by Lemma 2.2, $\rho_B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\rho - \delta^{n-1}\xi_B) \in C^n_B(A, M)$. By assumption, there exists $\xi_1 \in C^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that $\rho = \delta^{n-1}\xi_1$. Hence

$$\rho_B = \rho - \delta^{n-1} \xi_B = \delta^{n-1} \xi_1 - \delta^{n-1} \xi_B = \delta^{n-1} (\xi_1 - \xi_B)$$

Further, $\eta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \xi_1 - \xi_B$ satisfies the assumption of Proposition 2.1, and so there exists $\beta \in C^{n-2}(A, M)$ such that

$$\eta_B(a_1,\ldots,a_{n-1}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\eta - \delta^{n-2}\beta)(a_1,\ldots,a_{n-1}) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1} lies in *B*. Therefore

$$\rho_B = \delta^{n-1}(\xi_1 - \xi_B) = \delta^{n-1}\eta = \delta^{n-1}(\eta_B + \delta^{n-2}\beta) = \delta^{n-1}\eta_B$$

By Lemma 2.2, $\eta_B \in C_B^{n-1}(A, M)$; this implies

$$\rho = \rho_B + \delta^{n-1} \xi_B = \delta^{n-1} \eta_B + \delta^{n-1} \xi_B = \delta^{n-1} (\eta_B + \xi_B)$$

and so, for $\xi = \eta_B + \xi_B \in C^{n-1}_B(A, M)$, we have $\delta^{n-1}\xi = \rho$.

As was said in the introduction, the following result is based on a communication of B.E. Johnson.

THEOREM 2.6. Let A be a Banach algebra, let B be an amenable closed subalgebra of A and let M be a dual A-bimodule. Then

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A,M) = \mathcal{H}^n_B(A,M)$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Proof. The inclusion morphism of cochain objects $C_B^n(A, M) \to C^n(A, M)$ induces a morphism of complexes $\mathcal{C}_B(A, M) \to \mathcal{C}(A, M)$ and hence morphisms

$$\mathcal{F}_n: \mathcal{H}^n_B(A, M) \to \mathcal{H}^n(A, M)$$

given, for each $\rho \in Z_B^n(A, M)$, by $\mathcal{F}_n(\rho + N_B^n(A, M)) = \rho + N^n(A, M)$ (see, for example, [11], Section 0.5.3).

For n = 0 we have $\mathcal{H}^0_B(A, M) = \mathcal{H}^0(A, M) = \operatorname{Cen}_A(M)$. In the case where $n \ge 1$, the morphism \mathcal{F}_n is injective by Proposition 2.5 and surjective by Corollary 2.3. Hence, by Lemma 0.5.9 of [11], \mathcal{F}_n is a topological isomorphism.

In the particular case when A is a unital C^* -algebra, B is the C^* -algebra generated by an amenable group of unitaries and M is a dual normal A-bimodule, the statement of Theorem 2.6 is given in Theorem 3.2.7 of [23].

THEOREM 2.7. Let A be a Banach algebra, let B be a contractible closed subalgebra of A and let X be a Banach A-bimodule. Then

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A,X) = \mathcal{H}^n_B(A,X)$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Proof. It requires only minor modifications of that of Theorem 2.6, since $\mathcal{H}^1(A, X) = \{0\}$ for all Banach A-bimodules X and B has an identity (see [12]).

PROPOSITION 2.8. Let A_i be a Banach algebra with identity e_i , i = 1, ..., m, let A be the Banach algebra direct sum $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} A_i$ with some norm $\|\cdot\|_A$ such that $\|\cdot\|_A$ is equivalent to $\|\cdot\|_{A_i}$ on A_i , $1 \leq i \leq m$, and let X be a Banach A-bimodule. Then the canonical projections from A to A_i , i = 1, ..., m, induce a topological isomorphism of complexes $C_B(A, eXe) \to \bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} C(A_i, e_iXe_i)$, where B is the Banach subalgebra of A generated by $\{e_i, i = 1, ..., m\}$. Hence

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A,X) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{H}^n(A_i, e_i X e_i)$$

for all $n \ge 1$. If X is unital, then we have also

$$\mathcal{H}^0(A,X) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{H}^0(A_i, e_i X e_i).$$

(Here $e_i X e_i = \{e_i \cdot x \cdot e_i, x \in X\}$ is a Banach A-bimodule and $e = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i$.)

Proof. For n = 0 it can be checked that

$$C_B^0(A, eXe) = \operatorname{Cen}_B(eXe) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m (e_i Xe_i) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m C^0(A_i, e_i Xe_i).$$

For $n \ge 1$ and $\rho \in C^n_B(A, eXe)$, we have

$$\rho(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \rho\left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_1 e_i, a_2, \dots, a_n\right) = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i \cdot \rho(a_1 e_i, a_2 e_i, \dots, a_n e_i) \cdot e_i$$

for $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in A$. We define cochain maps from $C_B^n(A, eXe)$ to $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m C^n(A_i, e_iXe_i)$ and back by

$$\mathcal{I}_n: \rho \to (\rho_1, \dots, \rho_m)$$

where $\rho_i(a_1^i, \ldots, a_n^i) = \rho(a_1^i, \ldots, a_n^i)$ for $a_1^i, \ldots, a_n^i \in A_i$ and for $i = 1, \ldots, m$, and

$$\mathcal{G}_n:(\rho_1,\ldots,\rho_m)\to\rho$$

is given by $\rho(a_1, \ldots, a_n) = \sum_{i=1}^m \rho_i(a_1e_i, a_2e_i, \ldots, a_ne_i)$ for $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in A$.

It is clear that $\mathcal{J}_n \circ \hat{\mathcal{G}}_n = \operatorname{id}$, $\mathcal{G}_n \circ \mathcal{J}_n = \operatorname{id}$ and the maps \mathcal{J}_n and \mathcal{G}_n are bounded. It is routine to check that collections of $\{\mathcal{J}_n\}$ and $\{\mathcal{G}_n\}$ are morphisms of cochain complexes. Thus there is a topological isomorphism of complexes $\mathcal{C}_B(A, eXe) \to \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{C}(A_i, e_iXe_i)$, and so, for all $n \ge 0$,

$$\mathcal{H}^n_B(A, eXe) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{H}^n(A_i, e_iXe_i).$$

Note that $B = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{C}e_i$ is contractible. Hence, by Theorem 2.7, $\mathcal{H}^n(A, eXe) = \mathcal{H}^n_B(A, eXe)$ for all $n \ge 0$, and by [14], $\mathcal{H}^n(A, X) = \mathcal{H}^n(A, eXe)$ for all $n \ge 1$. The result now follows directly.

PROPOSITION 2.9. Let \mathcal{R} be a von Neumann algebra, let

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{f}}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{I}_{\infty}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{II}_{1}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{II}_{\infty}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{III}}$$

be the central direct summand decomposition of \mathcal{R} into von Neumann algebras of types I_f (finite), I_{∞} , II_1 , II_{∞} , III with the identity e of \mathcal{R} decomposing as $e = e_{I_f} \oplus e_{I_{\infty}} \oplus e_{II_1} \oplus e_{II_{\infty}} \oplus e_{III}$ ([22], Section 2.2), and let X be a Banach \mathcal{R} bimodule. Then

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(i) for all $n \ge 1$,

$$\mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{R}, X) = \mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{f}}}, e_{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{f}}} X e_{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{f}}}) \oplus \mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{I}_{\infty}}, e_{\mathrm{I}_{\infty}} X e_{\mathrm{I}_{\infty}})$$
$$\oplus \mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{II}_{1}}, e_{\mathrm{II}_{1}} X e_{\mathrm{II}_{1}}) \oplus \mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{II}_{\infty}}, e_{\mathrm{II}_{\infty}} X e_{\mathrm{II}_{\infty}}) \oplus \mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{III}}, e_{\mathrm{III}} X e_{\mathrm{III}});$$

(ii) in particular, for all $n \ge 0$,

$$\mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{R},\mathcal{R}^*)=\mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{I_f}},\mathcal{R}^*_{\mathrm{I_f}})\oplus\mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{II_1}},\mathcal{R}^*_{\mathrm{II_1}}).$$

Proof. Part (i) follows from Proposition 2.8. In part (ii) we apply (i) to the unital Banach \mathcal{R} -bimodule $X = \mathcal{R}^*$. By Proposition 2.2.4 of [22], for a properly infinite von Neumann algebra \mathcal{U} there exists a sequence (p_m) of mutually orthogonal, equivalent projections in \mathcal{U} with $p_m \sim e$. Thus, by Theorem 2.1 of [5], each hermitian element of \mathcal{U} is the sum of five commutators. Hence there are no non-zero bounded traces on \mathcal{U} . Thus, by virtue of Corollary 3.3 of [2], for a von Neumann algebra \mathcal{U} of one of the types I_{∞} , II_{∞} or III, the simplicial cohomology groups $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}^*) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$.

REMARK 2.10. As for finite von Neumann algebras of type I, by [22], Theorem 2.3.2, they are the l_{∞} -direct sum of type I_m von Neumann algebras \mathcal{R}_{I_m} , where $m < \infty$. By Theorem 2.3.3 and results of Section 1.22 of [22], \mathcal{R}_{I_m} is \ast isomorphic to the C^{*}-tensor product $Z \bigotimes \mathcal{B}(H)$, where Z is the centre of \mathcal{R}_{I_m} and dim(H) = m. Hence, by Theorem 7.9 of [14], finite von Neumann algebras \mathcal{R}_{I_m} of type I_m are amenable, and so their simplicial cohomology groups vanish $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{R}_{I_m}, \mathcal{R}^*_{I_m}) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 1$. It is still not clear to the author whether $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{R}_{I_f}, \mathcal{R}^*_{I_f}) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 2$.

Note that the statement of Proposition 2.9 (i) is proved in [23], Corollary 3.3.8, for the particular case of a *dual normal* \mathcal{R} -bimodule X.

Now let us consider two unital Banach algebras A_1 and A_2 , a unital Banach A_1 - A_2 -bimodule Y, and the natural triangular matrix algebra

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & Y \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ Y & A_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

with matrix multiplication and some norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{U}}$ such that $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{U}}$ is equivalent to $\|\cdot\|_{A_i}$ on A_i , $1 \leq i \leq 2$, and to $\|\cdot\|_Y$ on Y. For example,

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & y \\ 0 & r_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{\mathcal{U}} = \|r_1\|_{A_1} + \|r_2\|_{A_2} + \|y\|_{Y}.$$

Let e_{ii} , i = 1, 2, denote the idempotents $e_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{A_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $e_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e_{A_2} \end{bmatrix}$ respectively; and let $e = e_{11} + e_{22}$. Let us also consider the Banach subalgebra B of \mathcal{U} generated by $\{e_{ii}, i = 1, 2\}$.

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Now we shall give examples of operators algebras of such form. Let A and B be norm closed unital subalgebras of $\mathcal{B}(H)$ and $\mathcal{B}(K)$, where H and K are Hilbert spaces. Then the join of A and B, denoted by A#B, is the operator algebra on $H \oplus K$ consisting of operators represented by block-matrixes

$$\begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ u & a \end{bmatrix},$$

where $a \in A, b \in B$ and $u \in \mathcal{B}(H, K)$ (see [6]). It is easy to see that

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{A \# B} = \|a\|_A, \qquad \left\| \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{A \# B} = \|b\|_B$$

and

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ u & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{A \# B} = \|u\|_{\mathcal{B}(H,K)}.$$

PROPOSITION 2.11. Let A_1 and A_2 be unital Banach algebras, let Y be a unital Banach A_1 - A_2 -bimodule, let

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & Y \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad respectively, \quad \mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ Y & A_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

be the natural triangular matrix algebra with some norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{U}}$ such that $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{U}}$ is equivalent to $\|\cdot\|_{A_i}$ on A_i , $1 \leq i \leq 2$, and to $\|\cdot\|_Y$ on Y, and let X be a Banach \mathcal{U} -bimodule. Suppose that $e_{11}Xe_{22} = \{0\}$ or $e_{11}\mathcal{U}e_{22} = \{0\}$ (respectively, $e_{22}Xe_{11} = \{0\}$ or $e_{22}\mathcal{U}e_{11} = \{0\}$). Then the two canonical projections from \mathcal{U} to A_1 and to A_2 induce a topological isomorphism of complexes $\mathcal{C}_B(\mathcal{U}, eXe) \to \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 \mathcal{C}(A_i, e_{ii}Xe_{ii})$ and hence

$$\mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{U}, X) = \mathcal{H}^n(A_1, e_{11}Xe_{11}) \oplus \mathcal{H}^n(A_2, e_{22}Xe_{22})$$

for all $n \ge 1$. If X is unital, then we have also

$$\mathcal{H}^{0}(\mathcal{U}, X) = \mathcal{H}^{0}(A_{1}, e_{11}Xe_{11}) \oplus \mathcal{H}^{0}(A_{2}, e_{22}Xe_{22}).$$

Proof. We give a proof for the upper triangular form of \mathcal{U} . For the lower triangular case the proof requires insignificant changes.

One can see that, for $a = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & y \\ 0 & r_2 \end{bmatrix}$, we have $ae_{11} = e_{11}ae_{11}$, $e_{22}ae_{11} = 0$ and $e_{22}a = e_{22}ae_{22}$. For n = 0, it can be checked that

$$C_B^0(\mathcal{U}, eXe) = \operatorname{Cen}_B(eXe) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 (e_{ii}Xe_{ii}) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 C^0(A_i, e_{ii}Xe_{ii}).$$

For $n \ge 1$ and $\rho \in C^n_B(\mathcal{U}, eXe)$, we have

$$\rho(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (e_{11} + e_{22}) \cdot \rho(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \cdot (e_{11} + e_{22})$$

= $e_{11} \cdot \rho(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \cdot e_{11} + e_{11} \cdot \rho(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \cdot e_{22}$
+ $e_{22} \cdot \rho(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \cdot e_{11} + e_{22} \cdot \rho(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \cdot e_{22}.$

Note that

$$e_{22} \cdot \rho(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \cdot e_{11} = e_{22} \cdot \rho(e_{22}a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n e_{11}) \cdot e_{11}$$
$$= e_{22} \cdot \rho(e_{22}a_1e_{11}, e_{11}a_2e_{11}, \dots, e_{11}a_ne_{11}) \cdot e_{11} = 0,$$

since $e_{22}a_1e_{11} = 0$. As to the term $e_{11} \cdot \rho(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) \cdot e_{22}$, it is obvious that it is equal to 0, when $e_{11}Xe_{22} = \{0\}$. If the other condition is satisfied, that is, $e_{11}\mathcal{U}e_{22} = \{0\}$, we have the following:

$$e_{11} \cdot \rho(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \cdot e_{22} = e_{11} \cdot \rho(e_{11}a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n e_{22}) \cdot e_{22}$$

$$= e_{11} \cdot \rho(e_{11}a_1e_{11} + e_{11}a_1e_{22}, a_2, \dots, a_n e_{22}) \cdot e_{22}$$

$$= e_{11} \cdot \rho(e_{11}a_1e_{11}, e_{11}a_2e_{11} + e_{11}a_2e_{22}, \dots, a_n e_{22}) \cdot e_{22}$$

$$= e_{11} \cdot \rho(e_{11}a_1e_{11}, e_{11}a_2e_{11}, \dots, e_{11}a_ne_{22}) \cdot e_{22} = 0.$$

Thus

$$\rho(a_1, \dots, a_n) = e_{11} \cdot \rho(e_{11}a_1e_{11}, e_{11}a_2e_{11}, \dots, e_{11}a_ne_{11}) \cdot e_{11}$$
$$+ e_{22} \cdot \rho(e_{22}a_1e_{22}, e_{22}a_2e_{22}, \dots, e_{22}a_ne_{22}) \cdot e_{22},$$

for $a_0, \ldots, a_n \in A$.

We define cochain maps from $C^n_B(\mathcal{U}, eXe)$ to $C^n(A_1, e_{11}Xe_{11}) \oplus C^n(A_2, e_{22}Xe_{22})$ and back by

$$\mathcal{L}_n: \rho \to (\rho_1, \rho_2)$$

where

$$\rho_1(r_1^1, \dots, r_n^1) = \rho\left(\begin{bmatrix} r_1^1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} r_n^1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

and

$$\rho_2(r_1^2, \dots, r_n^2) = \rho\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_1^2 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

for $r_1^i, ..., r_n^i \in A_i, i = 1, 2$, and

$$\mathcal{G}_n: (\rho_1, \rho_2) \to \rho$$

by $\rho(a_1,...,a_n) = \sum_{i=1}^2 e_{ii} \cdot \rho_i(e_{ii}a_1e_{ii},...,e_{ii}a_ne_{ii}) \cdot e_{ii}$ for $a_1,...,a_n \in A$.

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It is clear that $\mathcal{L}_n \circ \mathcal{G}_n = \text{id}$, $\mathcal{G}_n \circ \mathcal{L}_n = \text{id}$ and the maps \mathcal{L}_n and \mathcal{G}_n are bounded. It is routine to check that collections of $\{\mathcal{L}_n\}$ and $\{\mathcal{G}_n\}$ are morphisms of cochain complexes. Thus

$$\mathcal{H}^n_B(\mathcal{U}, eXe) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 \mathcal{H}^n(A_i, e_{ii}Xe_{ii}).$$

Note that $B = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{2} \mathbb{C}e_{ii}$ is contractible. Hence, by Theorem 2.7, $\mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{U}, eXe) = \mathcal{H}^{n}_{B}(\mathcal{U}, eXe)$ for all $n \ge 0$; and by [14], $\mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{U}, X) = \mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{U}, eXe)$ for all $n \ge 1$. The result now follows directly.

COROLLARY 2.12. Let A_1, A_2 and \mathcal{U} be as in Proposition 2.11. Then

$$\mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{U},\mathcal{U}^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A_1,A_1^*) \oplus \mathcal{H}^n(A_2,A_2^*)$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Note that in particular Corollary 2.12 applies whenever \mathcal{U} is the join $A_1 \# A_2$ of two unital operators algebras A_1 and A_2 .

Proof. We apply Proposition 2.11 to the unital Banach \mathcal{U} -bimodule $X = \mathcal{U}^*$. It can be checked that we have $e_{11}Xe_{22} = \{0\}$ for the upper triangular form of \mathcal{U} (respectively, $e_{22}Xe_{11} = \{0\}$ for the lower triangular form of \mathcal{U}).

The same assertion in a purely algebraic context was proved by L. Kadison in [16].

3. THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE COHOMOLOGIES OF A AND A/I

Recall Proposition 5.1 of [14] that a quotient algebra of an amenable algebra is amenable, and that an extension of an amenable algebra by an amenable bi-ideal is an amenable algebra (this can also be found in Corollary 35 and Proposition 39 of [10]). The following theorem gives some additional information about the cohomology of Banach algebras A and A/I without the assumption that A be amenable.

THEOREM 3.1. Let A be a Banach algebra and let I be a closed two-sided ideal of A. Suppose that I is an amenable Banach algebra and M is a dual A/I-bimodule. Then

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A,M) = \mathcal{H}^n(A/I,M)$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Proof. For n = 0 we have $\mathcal{H}^0(A, M) = \mathcal{H}^0(A/I, M) = \operatorname{Cen}_{A/I}(M)$. In the case where $n \ge 1$, the inclusion morphism of cochain objects $C^n(A/I, M) \to C^n(A, M)$ induces a morphism of complexes $\mathcal{C}(A/I, M) \to \mathcal{C}(A, M)$ and hence morphisms

$$\mathcal{L}_n: \mathcal{H}^n(A/I, M) \to \mathcal{H}^n(A, M)$$

given, for each $\widehat{\rho} \in Z^n(A/I, M)$, by

$$\mathcal{L}_n(\widehat{\rho} + N^n(A/I, M)) = \rho + N^n(A, M),$$

where $\rho(a_1, \ldots, a_n) = \widehat{\rho}(\theta(a_1), \ldots, \theta(a_n))$ and $\theta: A \to A/I$ is the natural epimorphism. It is straightforward to check that if $\widehat{\rho} = \delta^{n-1}\widehat{\xi}$ for some $\widehat{\xi} \in C^{n-1}(A/I, M)$ then $\rho = \delta^{n-1}\xi$ where $\xi(a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1}) = \widehat{\xi}(\theta(a_1), \ldots, \theta(a_{n-1}))$.

By Corollary 2.3, for $\eta \in Z^n(A, M)$, there exists $\xi \in C^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that

$$(\eta - \delta^{n-1}\xi)(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_n lies in *I*. We can therefore define

$$\eta_I \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \eta - \delta^{n-1} \xi \text{ and } \widehat{\eta}_I(a_1 + I, \dots, a_n + I) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \eta_I(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

Hence for each $\eta \in Z^n(A, M)$ there exists $\widehat{\eta}_I \in Z^n(A/I, M)$ such that

$$\mathcal{L}_n(\widehat{\eta}_I + N^n(A/I, M)) = \eta + N^n(A, M),$$

and so \mathcal{L}_n is surjective.

Let $\mathcal{L}_n(\widehat{\rho} + N^n(A/I, M)) = 0$, that is, $\rho(a_1, \ldots, a_n) = \widehat{\rho}(\theta(a_1), \ldots, \theta(a_n)) \in N^n(A, M)$. This implies that there is $\beta \in C^{n-1}(A, M)$ such that $\rho = \delta^{n-1}\beta$. Further, β satisfies the assumption of Proposition 2.1, and so there exists $\alpha \in C^{n-2}(A, M)$ such that

$$(\beta - \delta^{n-2}\alpha)(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) = 0$$

if any one of a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1} lies in *I*. We can define $\beta_I \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \beta - \delta^{n-2}\alpha$ and see that $\rho = \delta^{n-1}\beta = \delta^{n-1}\beta_I$. Therefore $\hat{\rho} = \delta^{n-1}\hat{\beta}_I$, where

$$\widehat{\beta}_I(a_1+I,\ldots,a_n+I) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \beta_I(a_1,\ldots,a_n).$$

This proves the injectivity of \mathcal{L}_n . Hence, by Lemma 0.5.9 of [11], \mathcal{L}_n is a topological isomorphism.

PROPOSITION 3.2. Let A be a Banach algebra and let I be a closed two-sided ideal of A. Suppose that I has a bounded approximate identity. Then $\mathcal{H}_{I}^{0}(A, I^{*}) =$ Cen_II^{*} and

$$\mathcal{H}^n_I(A, I^*) = \{0\}$$

for all $n \ge 1$.

Proof. Let us consider the Banach space $C_I^n(A, I^*)$ which is isometrically isomorphic to the Banach space ${}_{I}h_I(A\widehat{\otimes}_I \cdots \widehat{\otimes}_I A, I^*)$ of all Banach *I*-bimodule morphisms from $A\widehat{\otimes}_I \cdots \widehat{\otimes}_I A$ into I^* . The latter Banach space is isometrically isomorphic to $\operatorname{Cen}_I(A\widehat{\otimes}_I \cdots \widehat{\otimes}_I A\widehat{\otimes}_I I)^*$ by Proposition VII.2.17 of [11]. By virtue of the assumption, I has a bounded approximate identity, and so Proposition II.3.13 of [11] gives us an isomophism of Banach I-bimodules $A\widehat{\otimes}_I \cdots \widehat{\otimes}_I A\widehat{\otimes}_I I = I$. Therefore, there exists an isometric isomorphism of Banach spaces

$$\mathcal{F}_n: C^n_I(A, I^*) \to \operatorname{Cen}_I I^*$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Now it is routine to check that the diagram

is commutative, where $\eta^n(f) = 0$ for all even n and $\eta^n(f) = f$ for all odd n. The cohomology of the upper complex is, by definition, $\mathcal{H}^n_I(A, I^*)$. Thus the result now follows directly.

COROLLARY 3.3. Let A be a Banach algebra and let I be a closed two-sided ideal of A. Suppose that I is an amenable Banach algebra. Then $\mathcal{H}^0(A, I^*) = \text{Cen}_I I^*$ and

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A, I^*) = \{0\}$$

for all $n \ge 1$.

Proof. By Theorem 2.6, $\mathcal{H}^n(A, I^*) = \mathcal{H}^n_I(A, I^*)$ for all $n \ge 0$. Hence the result follows from Proposition 3.2.

THEOREM 3.4. Let A be a Banach algebra and let I be a closed two-sided ideal of A. Suppose that I is an amenable Banach algebra. Then

(i)

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A/I, (A/I)^*)$$

for all $n \ge 2$, and the natural map from $\mathcal{H}^1(A/I, (A/I)^*)$ into $\mathcal{H}^1(A, A^*)$ is surjective;

(ii) if $\text{Cen}_I I^* = \{0\}$ then

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A/I, (A/I)^*)$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Proof. We consider the short exact sequence of Banach A-bimodules

$$(\mathcal{I}) 0 \longleftarrow A/I \xleftarrow{j} A \xleftarrow{i} I \longleftarrow 0,$$

where i and j are the natural embedding and quotient mapping respectively, and its dual complex

$$(\mathcal{I}^*) \qquad \qquad 0 \longrightarrow (A/I)^* \xrightarrow{j^*} A^* \xrightarrow{i^*} I^* \longrightarrow 0.$$

By virtue of its amenability, I has a bounded approximate identity and so the complex (\mathcal{I}^*) is admissible. Hence, by Corollary III.4.11 of [11], there exists a long exact sequence

$$0 \to \mathcal{H}^{0}(A, (A/I)^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{0}(A, A^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{0}(A, I^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{1}(A, (A/I)^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{1}(A, A^{*})$$
$$\to \mathcal{H}^{1}(A, I^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{2}(A, (A/I)^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{2}(A, A^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{2}(A, I^{*}) \to \cdots$$
$$\cdots \to \mathcal{H}^{n-1}(A, I^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{n}(A, (A/I)^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{n}(A, A^{*}) \to \mathcal{H}^{n}(A, I^{*}) \to \cdots.$$

Recall that, by Corollary 3.3, $\mathcal{H}^n(A, I^*) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 1$. Thus $\mathcal{H}^n(A, (A/I)^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*)$ (see Lemma 0.5.9 of [11]) for all $n \ge 2$. Therefore, by Theorem 3.1,

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A/I, (A/I)^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A, (A/I)^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*)$$

for all $n \ge 2$.

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Note that $\operatorname{Cen}_A A^*$ coincides with the space $A^{\operatorname{tr}} = \{f \in A^* \mid f(ab) = f(ba)$ for all $a, b \in A\}$ of continuous traces on A.

Theorem 3.4 applies whenever I is a nuclear C^* -algebra. Other examples are given by the Banach algebra $A = \mathcal{B}(E)$ of all bounded operators on a Banach space E with the property (A), which was defined in [7], and the closed ideal $I = \mathcal{K}(E)$ of compact operators on E. In this case $\mathcal{K}(E)$ is amenable ([7]). The property (A) implies that $\mathcal{K}(E)$ contains a bounded sequence of projections of unbounded finite rank, and from this it is easy to show (via embedding of matrix algebras) that there is no non-zero bounded trace on $\mathcal{K}(E)$. Thus we can see from Theorem 3.4 (ii) that, for a Banach space E with the property (A), $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{B}(E), \mathcal{B}(E)^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(\mathcal{B}(E)/\mathcal{K}(E), (\mathcal{B}(E)/\mathcal{K}(E))^*)$ for all $n \ge 0$. Several classes of Banach spaces have the property (A): l_p ; 1 ; <math>C(K), where K is a compact Hausdorff space; $L_p(\Omega, \mu)$; $1 , where <math>(\Omega, \mu)$ is a measure space (for details and more examples see [14] and [7]).

In the case of C^* -algebras, we know that the Banach simplicial cohomology groups vanish for C^* -algebras without non-zero bounded traces [2], Corollary 3.3. Therefore, for an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space H, we obtain

$$\mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{B}(H)/\mathcal{K}(H),(\mathcal{B}(H)/\mathcal{K}(H))^{*}) = \mathcal{H}^{n}(\mathcal{B}(H),\mathcal{B}(H)^{*}) = \{0\}$$

for all $n \ge 0$, since $\mathcal{K}(H)^{\text{tr}} = \{0\}$ by [1], Theorem 2 and $\mathcal{B}(H)^{\text{tr}} = \{0\}$ by [9]. One can also see directly that the Calkin algebra has no non-zero bounded trace, and hence has trivial Banach simplicial cohomology.

Recall from [4], Sections 4.2, 4.3, that a C^* -algebra A is called CCR (or *liminary*) if $\pi(A) = \mathcal{K}(H)$ for each irreducible representation (π, H) of A. A C^* -algebra A is called GCR (or *postliminary*) if each non-zero quotient of A has a non-zero closed two-sided CCR-ideal. Finally we say that A is NGCR (or *antiliminary*) if it contains no non-zero closed two-sided CCR-ideal. By [4], Propositions 4.3.3 and 4.3.6, each C^* -algebra A has a largest closed two-sided GCR-ideal I_{α} , and A/I_{α} is NGCR. The following result allow us to reduce the computation of the simplicial cohomology groups of C^* -algebras to the case of NGCR-algebras.

PROPOSITION 3.5. Let A be a C^* -algebra. Then

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A/I_\alpha, (A/I_\alpha)^*)$$

for all $n \ge 1$.

Proof. By [8], Corollary 4.2, $\mathcal{H}^1(A, A^*) = \{0\}$ for every C^* -algebra A. By Theorem 7.9 of [14], I_{α} is amenable. Thus the result directly follows from Theorem 3.4 (i).

4. THE EXISTENCE OF THE CONNES-TSYGAN EXACT SEQUENCE

Let A be a Banach algebra, not necessarily unital, and let D be a closed subalgebra of A_+ . In this section we introduce the Banach version of the concept of D-relative cyclic cohomology $\mathcal{HC}_D^n(A)$ (compare with [16]). We also show that the D-relative Connes-Tsygan exact sequence exists for every Banach algebra A with a bounded approximate identity. This is accomplished with the aid of ideas from [13].

When $D = \mathbb{C}e_+$ the subscript D is unnecessary and we omit it. We denote by $C_D^n(A)$, $n = 0, 1, \ldots$, the Banach space of continuous (n + 1)-linear functionals on A such that

$$f(da_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = f(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n d)$$

and, for j = 0, 1, ..., n - 1,

$$f(a_0, \dots, a_j d, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_n) = f(a_0, \dots, a_j, da_{j+1}, \dots, a_n)$$

for all $d \in D$ and $a_0, \ldots, a_n \in A$; these functionals we shall call *D*-relative *n*-cochains. We let

$$t_n: C_D^n(A) \to C_D^n(A), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

denote the operator given by

$$t_n f(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = (-1)^n f(a_1, \dots, a_n, a_0),$$

and we set $t_0 = id$. The important point is that $t_n f$ is a *D*-relative cochain since

$$t_n f(da_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = (-1)^n f(a_1, \dots, a_n, da_0)$$

= $(-1)^n f(a_1, \dots, a_n, da_0) = t_n f(a_0, \dots, a_n, da_0)$

and the other identities follow just as readily. A cochain $f \in C_D^n(A)$ satisfying $t_n f = f$ is called *cyclic*. We let $CC_D^n(A)$ denote the closed subspace of $C_D^n(A)$ formed by the cyclic cochains. In particular,

$$CC_D^0(A) = C_D^0(A) = \text{Cen}_D A^* = \{ f \in A^* \mid f(da) = f(ad) \text{ for all } a \in A, d \in D \}.$$

From the *D*-relative cochains we form the standard cohomology complex $\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}_D(A)$:

$$0 \longrightarrow C_D^0(A) \xrightarrow{\delta^0} \cdots \longrightarrow C_D^n(A) \xrightarrow{\delta^n} C_D^{n+1}(A) \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

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where the continuous operator δ^n is given by the formula

$$(\delta^{n} f)(a_{0}, a_{1}, \dots, a_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} (-1)^{i} f(a_{0}, \dots, a_{i} a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{n+1}) + (-1)^{n+1} f(a_{n+1} a_{0}, \dots, a_{n}).$$

One can easily check that $\delta^{n+1} \circ \delta^n$ is indeed 0 for all n and that each $\delta^n f$ is again a D-relative cochain. It is not difficult to verify that every δ^n sends a cyclic cochain again to a cyclic one. Therefore there is a subcomplex in $\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}_D(A)$ formed by the spaces $CC_D^n(A)$. We denote this subcomplex by $\widetilde{\mathcal{CC}}_D(A)$, and its differentials are denoted by

$$\delta c^n : CC^n_D(A) \to CC^{n+1}_D(A).$$

Note that $\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}_D(A)$ is a subcomplex of $\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}(A)$ and $\widetilde{\mathcal{CC}}_D(A)$ is a subcomplex of $\widetilde{\mathcal{CC}}(A)$ respectively.

DEFINITION 4.1. The *n*th cohomology of $\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}_D(A)$, denoted by $\mathcal{H}_D^n(A)$, is called the *n*th Banach D-relative simplicial, or Hochschild, cohomology group of the Banach algebra A. The *n*th cohomology of $\widetilde{\mathcal{CC}}_D(A)$, denoted by $\mathcal{HC}_D^n(A)$, is called the *n*th Banach D-relative cyclic cohomology group of A.

Note that, by definition, $\delta c^0 = \delta^0$, so that $\mathcal{HC}_D^0(A) = \mathcal{H}_D^0(A)$ coincides with the space $A^{\text{tr}} = \{f \in A^* \mid f(ab) = f(ba) \text{ for all } a, b \in A\}$. We define $\mathcal{HC}_D^{-1}(A)$ to be $\{0\}$.

REMARK 4.2. The canonical identification of (n + 1)-linear functionals on A and n-linear operators from A to A^* shows that $\mathcal{H}_D^n(A)$ is just another way of writing $\mathcal{H}_D^n(A, A^*)$.

Further, we need the following complex $\widetilde{CR}_D(A)$:

$$0 \longrightarrow C_D^0(A) \xrightarrow{\delta r^0} \cdots \longrightarrow C_D^n(A) \xrightarrow{\delta r^n} C_D^{n+1}(A) \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

where the continuous operator δr^n is given by the formula

$$(\delta r^n f)(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i f(a_0, \dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{n+1}).$$

The *n*th cohomology of $\widetilde{\mathcal{CR}}_D(A)$ is denoted by $\mathcal{HR}_D^n(A)$.

Following [13] we consider the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{CC}}_D(A) \xrightarrow{\overline{i}} \widetilde{\mathcal{C}}_D(A) \xrightarrow{\overline{M}} \widetilde{\mathcal{CR}}_D(A) \xrightarrow{\overline{N}} \widetilde{\mathcal{CC}}_D(A) \longrightarrow 0$$

of complexes in the category of Banach spaces and continuous operators, where \bar{i} denotes the natural inclusion

$$i_n : CC_D^n(A) \to C_D^n(A),$$

 $M_n = \mathrm{id} - t_n : C_D^n(A) \to C_D^n(A)$

and

$$N_n = \mathrm{id} + t_n + \dots + t_n^n : C_D^n(A) \to CC_D^n(A).$$

PROPOSITION 4.3. Let A be a Banach algebra and let D be a closed subalgebra of A_+ . Then the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{CC}}_D(A) \xrightarrow{\overline{i}} \widetilde{\mathcal{C}}_D(A) \xrightarrow{\overline{M}} \widetilde{\mathcal{CR}}_D(A) \xrightarrow{\overline{N}} \widetilde{\mathcal{CC}}_D(A) \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact.

The proof is the same as that of Proposition 4 of [13]. \blacksquare

PROPOSITION 4.4. Let A be a Banach algebra and let D be a closed subalgebra of A_+ . Suppose that A has a left or right bounded approximate identity $e_{\nu}, \nu \in \Lambda$, such that, for any $d \in D \cap A$, $\lim_{\nu} de_{\nu} = \lim_{\nu} e_{\nu}d$. Then $\mathcal{HR}^n_D(A) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$.

Proof. Let $e_{\nu}, \nu \in \Lambda$, be a left bounded approximate identity. For $f \in C_D^n(A)$ we define $g_{\nu} \in C^{n-1}(A)$ by

$$g_{\nu}(a_0,\ldots,a_{n-1}) = f(e_{\nu},a_0,\ldots,a_{n-1}),$$

for $a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A$ and $\nu \in \Lambda$. Since the Banach space $C^{n-1}(A)$ is the dual space of $A \widehat{\otimes} \cdots \widehat{\otimes} A$, for the bounded net $g_{\nu}, \nu \in \Lambda$, there exists a subnet $g_{\mu}, \mu \in \Lambda'$, which weak^{*} converges to some cochain $g \in C^{n-1}(A)$. It can be checked that $g \in C_D^{n-1}(A)$.

For each $f \in C_D^n(A)$ such that $\delta r^n(f) = 0$ and for each $\nu \in \Lambda$,

(4.1)
$$0 = \delta r^n f(e_\nu, a_0, \dots, a_n)$$
$$= f(e_\nu a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} f(e_\nu, a_0, \dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n).$$

Thus we obtain

$$\delta r^{n-1}g(a_0,\ldots,a_n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i g(a_0,\ldots,a_i a_{i+1},\ldots,a_n)$$
$$= \lim_{\mu} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i f(e_{\mu},a_0,\ldots,a_i a_{i+1},\ldots,a_n) = f(a_0,a_1,\ldots,a_n),$$

by (4.1).

Note that in the case where $D = \mathbb{C}e_+$ it is easy to see that the statement of Proposition 4.4 is true for every Banach algebra with left or right bounded approximate identity. That and other conditions on the vanishing of $\mathcal{HR}^n(A)$ are given in detail in [13], Section 2.

PROPOSITION 4.5. Let A be a Banach algebra and let D be a closed subalgebra of A_+ . Suppose that A has a left or right bounded approximate identity $e_{\nu}, \nu \in \Lambda$, such that, for any $d \in D \cap A$, $\lim_{\nu} de_{\nu} = \lim_{\nu} e_{\nu} d$. Then the D-relative Connes-Tsygan exact sequence for A

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}^n_D(A) \xrightarrow{B^n} \mathcal{H}\mathcal{C}^{n-1}_D(A) \xrightarrow{S^n} \mathcal{H}\mathcal{C}^{n+1}_D(A) \xrightarrow{I^{n+1}} \mathcal{H}^{n+1}_D(A) \xrightarrow{B^{n+1}} \mathcal{H}\mathcal{C}^n_D(A) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

exists.

Proof. It follows from Propositions 4.3 and 4.4 by the same arguments as that of [13]. The mappings B^n, S^n and I^n are natural ones; their definitions are analogous to those in [13].

PROPOSITION 4.6. Let A be a Banach algebra and let D be a closed subalgebra of A_+ . Suppose that A has a left or right bounded approximate identity $e_{\nu}, \nu \in \Lambda$, such that, for any $d \in D \cap A$, $\lim_{\nu} de_{\nu} = \lim_{\nu} e_{\nu} d$. Then the inclusion morphism of cochain objects $C_D^n(A, A^*) \to C^n(A, A^*)$ induces a morphism of Connes-Tsygan exact sequences for A, that is, a commutative diagram

Proof. Note that the inclusion morphism of cochain objects $C_D^n(A, A^*) \rightarrow C^n(A, A^*)$ gives morphisms of two pairs short exact sequences of complexes

and

where $\widetilde{\mathcal{CS}}_D(A)$ is the subcomplex $\operatorname{Im}(\overline{M}) = \operatorname{Ker}(\overline{N})$ of $\widetilde{\mathcal{CR}}_D(A)$.

By the cohomology analogue of Proposition II.4.2 of [19], a morphism of two short exact sequences of complexes induces a morphism of long exact cohomology sequences. Hence we have two commutative diagrams

and

Note that, by [11], Section 0.5.4, these long exact cohomology sequences consist of complete seminormed spaces and continuous operators. By Proposition 4.4, $\mathcal{HR}_D^n(A) = \mathcal{HR}^n(A) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$. Thus we can see from (**) and Propositon 8 of [13] that there exists a commutative diagram

for all $n \ge 0$. By setting $\mathcal{HC}_D^{n-1}(A)$ instead of $\mathcal{HS}_D^n(A)$ and $\mathcal{HC}^{n-1}(A)$ instead of $\mathcal{HS}^n(A)$ in (*), we get the required commutative diagram.

PROPOSITION 4.7. Let A and D be Banach algebras with right or left bounded approximate identities. Suppose there exists a continuous homomorphism $\kappa : A \to D$. Then the associated morphism of cochain objects $C^n(D, D^*) \to C^n(A, A^*)$ induces a morphism of Connes-Tzygan exact sequences for A, that is, a commutative diagram

Proof. It requires only minor modifications of that of Proposition 4.6.

5. RELATIVE CYCLIC COHOMOLOGY OF BANACH ALGEBRAS

THEOREM 5.1. Let A be a Banach algebra and let B be an amenable closed subalgebra of A. Suppose that A has a left or right bounded approximate identity $e_{\nu}, \nu \in \Lambda$, such that, for any $b \in B$, $\lim_{\nu \to \infty} be_{\nu} = \lim_{\nu \to \infty} e_{\nu}b$. Then

$$\mathcal{HC}^n(A) = \mathcal{HC}^n_B(A)$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Proof. Consider the commutative diagram of Proposition 4.6

$$\cdots \ \mathcal{H}^{n}_{B}(A) \longrightarrow \mathcal{HC}^{n-1}_{B}(A) \longrightarrow \mathcal{HC}^{n+1}_{B}(A) \longrightarrow \mathcal{HC}^{n+1}_{B}(A) \longrightarrow \mathcal{HC}^{n}_{B}(A) \cdots$$

$$\downarrow^{\mathcal{F}_{n}} \qquad \downarrow^{\mathcal{G}_{n-1}} \qquad \downarrow^{\mathcal{G}_{n+1}} \qquad \downarrow^{\mathcal{F}_{n+1}} \qquad \downarrow^{\mathcal{G}_{n}}$$

$$\cdots \ \mathcal{H}^{n}(A) \longrightarrow \mathcal{HC}^{n-1}(A) \longrightarrow \mathcal{HC}^{n+1}(A) \longrightarrow \mathcal{HC}^{n}(A) \longrightarrow \mathcal{HC}^{n}(A) \cdots$$

Note that $\mathcal{HC}^{-1}(A) = \mathcal{HC}_B^{-1}(A) = \{0\}$ and $\mathcal{HC}^0(A) = \mathcal{HC}_B^0(A) = A^{\text{tr}}$. Thus \mathcal{G}_{-1} and \mathcal{G}_0 are topological isomorphisms. By Theorem 2.6, $\mathcal{H}^n(A) = \mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*) =$ $\mathcal{H}_B^n(A, A^*) = \mathcal{H}_B^n(A)$ for all $n \ge 0$, that is, \mathcal{F}_i is a topological isomorphism for each $i \ge 0$. As an induction hypothesis suppose that the vertical map $\mathcal{G}_i : \mathcal{HC}_B^i(A) \to$ $\mathcal{HC}^i(A)$ is an isomorphism for each $i \le n$. Then it follows from the five lemma of [19], Lemma 1.3.3, that the middle vertical map \mathcal{G}_{n+1} above is an isomorphism. Hence by Lemma 0.5.9 of [11], \mathcal{G}_{n+1} is a topological isomorphism.

We note that the assumptions of Theorem 5.1 are obviously satisfied by all C^* -algebras A and all nuclear C^* -subalgebras B of A_+ . Recall that all nuclear C^* -algebras and only these C^* -algebras are amenable. For example, all GCR-algebras, in particular, all commutative C^* -algebras are amenable. Other examples are given by the Banach algebra $A = \mathcal{B}(E)$ and $B = \mathcal{K}(E)$, where E is a Banach space with the property (A) (see [7]).

PROPOSITION 5.2. Let A be a Banach algebra for which one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(i) A has a left or right bounded approximate identity;

(ii) A coincides with the topological square $\overline{A^2}$ of A, and that either A is a flat right Banach A-module or \mathbb{C} is a flat left Banach A-module.

 $Then \ the \ following \ are \ equivalent:$

(a) $\mathcal{HC}^n(A) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$;

(b) $\mathcal{HC}_n(A) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$;

(c) $\mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$;

(d) $\mathcal{H}_n(A, A) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$.

The definition of flat module can be found in [11], and the definition of Banach cyclic homology of a Banach algebra can be found, for example, in [13], Section 5.

Proof. The assumption gives the existence the Connes-Tsygan exact sequence for cohomology of A ([13], Theorems 15 and 16). We can see from this exact sequence that the vanishing of $\mathcal{HC}^n(A)$ for all $n \ge 0$ is equivalent to the vanishing of the simplicial cohomology $\mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*)$ for all $n \ge 0$. The latter relation is equvalent to the vanishing of the simplicial homology $\mathcal{H}_n(A, A)$ for all $n \ge 0$ ([14], Corollary 1.3). As was noted in [13], Section 5, for the given assumption, the canonical Connes-Tsygan exact sequence for homology of A also exists. Thus it is easy to see from the Connes-Tsygan exact sequence for homology of A that all these relations are equivalent to the vanishing of the cyclic homology $\mathcal{HC}_n(A)$ for all $n \ge 0$.

COROLLARY 5.3. Let A be a C^* -algebra without non-zero bounded traces. Then

$$\mathcal{H}_n(A,A) = \{0\} \quad and \quad \mathcal{HC}_n(A) = \{0\}$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Proof. It follows from Proposition 5.2 and [2], Theorem 4.1 and Corollary 3.3, which show that $\mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*) = \{0\}$ and $\mathcal{HC}^n(A) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$.

Note that in particular Corollary 5.3 applies whenever A is a properly infinite von Neumann algebra (see Proposition 2.8), or a stable C^* -algebra, that is, an algebra isomorphic to its C^* -tensor product with $\mathcal{K}(H)$ ([5], Theorem 1.1). Recall that the vanishing of the Banach (and algebraic) simplicial and cyclic homology groups of stable C^* -algebras, of $\mathcal{B}(H)$ and the vanishing of the algebraic simplicial and cyclic homology groups of the Calkin algebra on a separable Hilbert space Hwas given in [24].

THEOREM 5.4. Let A be a Banach algebra with a right or left bounded approximate identity and let I be a closed two-sided ideal of A. Suppose that I is an amenable Banach algebra. Then

(i) for all even $n \ge 0$ the natural map from $\mathcal{HC}^n(A/I)$ into $\mathcal{HC}^n(A)$ is injective, and for all odd $n \ge 1$ the natural map from $\mathcal{HC}^n(A/I)$ into $\mathcal{HC}^n(A)$ is surjective;

(ii) if $I^{tr} = \{0\}$ (that is, $Cen_I I^* = \{0\}$) then

$$\mathcal{HC}^n(A) = \mathcal{HC}^n(A/I)$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

 $Proof. \ {\rm Consider}$ the commutative diagram of Proposition 4.7 for the Banach algebras A and A/I

Note that the maps $\mathcal{G}_0 : \mathcal{HC}^0(A/I) \to \mathcal{HC}^0(A) : f \to f \circ \theta$ and $\mathcal{L}_0 : \mathcal{H}^0(A/I) \to \mathcal{H}^0(A) : f \to f \circ \theta$ are injective. Here $\theta : A \to A/I$ is the natural quotient mapping. By Theorem 3.4,

$$\mathcal{H}^n(A) = \mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A/I, (A/I)^*) = \mathcal{H}^n(A/I),$$

so that \mathcal{L}_n is a topological isomorphism for all $n \ge 2$ and the natural map \mathcal{L}_1 from $\mathcal{H}^1(A/I, (A/I)^*)$ into $\mathcal{H}^1(A, A^*)$ is surjective. Then it follows from the five lemma that the middle vertical map \mathcal{G}_1 above is surjective. Suppose, inductively, that the vertical map, for each $i \leq n$,

$$\mathcal{G}_i: \mathcal{HC}^i(A/I) \to \mathcal{HC}^i(A)$$

is injective if i is even and surjective if i is odd. The result then follows from the five lemma. \blacksquare

One can see that in particular Theorem 5.4 applies whenever A is a C^* algebra and I is an amenable closed ideal. We noted in remark after Theorem 3.4 that $\mathcal{K}(E)^{\mathrm{tr}} = \{0\}$ for a Banach space with the property (A). Thus one can see from the following theorem that $\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{B}(E)) = \mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{B}(E)/\mathcal{K}(E))$ for all $n \ge 0$. In particular, for an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space H, we have $\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{B}(H)/\mathcal{K}(H)) = \mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{B}(H)) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$; and, by Corollary 5.3, $\mathcal{HC}_n(\mathcal{B}(H)/\mathcal{K}(H)) = \mathcal{HC}_n(\mathcal{B}(H)) = \{0\}$ for all $n \ge 0$.

PROPOSITION 5.5. Let A and D be Banach algebras with right or left bounded approximate identities and let $\kappa : A \to D$ be a continuous homomorphism. If κ induces a topological isomorphism

$$\mathcal{H}^n(D, D^*) \to \mathcal{H}^n(A, A^*)$$

for all $n \ge 0$, then it induces a topological isomorphism

$$\mathcal{HC}^n(D) \to \mathcal{HC}^n(A)$$

for all $n \ge 0$, and conversely.

Proof. The forward implication is a repetition of that of Theorem 5.1 with the commutative diagram of Proposition 4.7. The converse statement follows easily from the five lemma. \blacksquare

PROPOSITION 5.6. Let A_i be a Banach algebra with identity $e_i, i = 1, ..., m$, and let A be the Banach algebra direct sum $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} A_i$ with some norm $\|\cdot\|_A$ such that $\|\cdot\|_A$ is equivalent to $\|\cdot\|_{A_i}$ on $A_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$. Then

$$\mathcal{HC}^n(A) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{HC}^n(A_i)$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Proof. By Theorem 5.1, $\mathcal{HC}^n(A) = \mathcal{HC}^n_B(A)$, where $n \ge 0$ and B is the Banach subalgebra of A generated by $\{e_i, i = 1, ..., m\}$. By Proposition 2.8, the

canonical projections from A to A_i , i = 1, ..., m, induce a topological isomorphism of complexes $\mathcal{C}_B(A, A^*) \to \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{C}(A_i, A_i^*)$. It can be checked that they also induce a topological isomorphism of subcomplexes $\mathcal{CC}_B(A) \to \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{CC}(A_i)$. Thus $\mathcal{HC}_B^n(A) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{HC}^n(A_i)$. The result now follows directly.

COROLLARY 5.7. Let \mathcal{R} be a von Neumann algebra, let

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{f}}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{I}_{\infty}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{II}_{1}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{II}_{\infty}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{III}}$$

be the central direct summand decomposition of \mathcal{R} into von Neumann algebras of types $I_f, I_{\infty}, II_1, II_{\infty}, III$. Then

$$\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{R})=\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{I_f}})\oplus\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{II_1}})$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Proof. As we noted in the proof of Proposition 2.9, there are no non-zero bounded traces on $\mathcal{R}_{I_{\infty}}, \mathcal{R}_{II_{\infty}}$ and \mathcal{R}_{III} . Thus, by Theorem 4.1 of [2], their Banach cyclic cohomology groups vanish for all $n \ge 0$.

Note that, by Theorem 25 of [13], for a von Neumann algebra \mathcal{R}_{I_m} of type I_m , where $m < \infty$, we have $\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{R}_{I_m}) = \mathcal{R}_{I_m}^{tr}$ for all even n, and $\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{R}_{I_m}) = \{0\}$ for all odd n.

PROPOSITION 5.8. Let A_1 and A_2 be unital Banach algebras, let Y be a unital Banach A_1 - A_2 -bimodule, let

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & Y \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad respectively, \quad \mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ Y & A_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

be the natural triangular matrix algebra with some norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{U}}$ such that $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{U}}$ is equivalent to $\|\cdot\|_{A_i}$ on A_i , $1 \leq i \leq 2$, and to $\|\cdot\|_Y$ on Y. Then the two canonical projections from \mathcal{U} to A_1 and A_2 induce a topological isomorphism

$$\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{HC}^n(A_1) \oplus \mathcal{HC}^n(A_2)$$

for all $n \ge 0$.

Note that in particular Proposition 5.8 applies whenever \mathcal{U} is the join $A_1 \# A_2$ of two unital operators algebras A_1 and A_2 .

Proof. By Theorem 5.1, we obtain $\mathcal{HC}^n(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{HC}^n_B(\mathcal{U})$ for all $n \ge 0$, where the contractible subalgebra B of \mathcal{U} was defined before Proposition 2.11. By Proposition 2.11, the two canonical projections from \mathcal{U} to A_1 and to A_2 induce a topological isomorphism of complexes $\mathcal{C}_B(\mathcal{U},\mathcal{U}^*) \to \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 \mathcal{C}(A_i,A_i^*)$. It can be checked that they also induce a topological isomorphism of subcomplexes $\mathcal{CC}_B(\mathcal{U}) \to \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 \mathcal{CC}(A_i)$. Thus $\mathcal{HC}^n_B(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{HC}^n(A_1) \oplus \mathcal{HC}^n(A_2)$. The result now follows directly.

The algebraic version of such statement was given in [16], Theorem 9 by L. Kadison.

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