

**$\alpha$  -DERIVATIONS AND THEIR NORM IN PROJECTIVE TENSOR PRODUCTS OF  
 $\Gamma$ -BANACH ALGEBRAS**

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $(V, \Gamma)$  and  $(V', \Gamma')$  be Gamma-Banach algebras over the fields  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  isomorphic to a field  $F$  which possesses a real valued valuation, and  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ , their projective tensor product. It is shown that if  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are  $\alpha$  - derivation and  $\alpha'$ - derivation on  $(V, \Gamma)$  and  $(V', \Gamma')$  respectively and  $u = \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i$  is an arbitrary element of  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ , then there exists an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$ - derivation  $D$  on  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$  satisfying the relation

$$D(u) = \sum_i [(D_1 x_i) \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes (D_2 y_i)]$$

and possessing many enlightening properties. The converse is also true under a certain restriction. Furthermore, the validity of the results  $\|D\| = \|D_1\| + \|D_2\|$  and  $\text{sp}(D) = \text{sp}(D_1) + \text{sp}(D_2)$  are fruitfully investigated.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

$\Gamma$ - Banach algebras and  $\alpha$  - derivations are generalisation of ordinary Banach algebras and derivations respectively. The set of all  $m \times n$  rectangular matrices and the set of all bounded linear transformations from an infinite dimensional normed linear space  $X$  into a Banach space  $Y$  are nice examples of  $\Gamma$ - Banach algebras which are not general Banach algebras. Similarly a derivation can't be defined on these spaces as there appears to be no natural way of introducing an algebraic multiplication into these. So, a new concept of derivation known as  $\alpha$ - derivation is introduced on a  $\Gamma$ - Banach algebra. Bhattacharya and Maity have defined a  $\Gamma$ - Banach algebra in their paper [1] and have discussed in their another paper [2] various tensor products of  $\Gamma$ - Banach algebras over fields which are isomorphic to another field with a real valued valuation by using semilinear transformations, [3]. Derivations and tensor products of general Banach algebras are discussed in many papers, [4.5.6.7.8]. Now there are some natural questions : Does every pair of derivations  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  on Gamma Banach algebras  $(V, \Gamma)$  and  $(V', \Gamma')$  respectively give rise to a derivation  $D$  on their projective tensor product? If yes, then can one estimate the norm of  $D$  with the help of norms of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ ? Can one evaluate the spectrum of  $D$  with the help

of those of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ ? Are the converses of the above problems true? We give affirmative answers to some of these questions. The useful terminologies are forwarded below :

**DEFINITION 1.1.** Let  $X(F_1)$  and  $Y(F_2)$  be given normed linear spaces over fields  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , which are isomorphic to a field  $F$  with a real valued valuation, (refer to Backman's book [9]). If  $u = \sum_i (x_i \otimes y_i)$  is an element of the algebraic tensor product  $X \otimes Y$ , then the projective norm  $p$  is defined by

$$p(u) = \inf \left\{ \sum_i \|x_i\| \|y_i\| : x_i \in X, y_i \in Y \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all finite representations of  $u$ . Further the weak norm  $w$  on  $u$  is defined by

$$w(u) = \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_i \zeta_1(f(x_i)) \cdot \zeta_2(g(y_i)) \right| : f \in X^*, g \in Y^*, \|f\| \leq 1, \|g\| \leq 1 \right\}.$$

[Here  $X^*$  and  $Y^*$  are respective dual spaces of  $X$  and  $Y$ ; and  $F_1, F_2$  are isomorphic to  $F$  under isomorphisms  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$ ]. The projective tensor product  $X \otimes_p Y$  and the weak tensor product  $X \otimes_w Y$  are the completions of  $X \otimes Y$  with their respective norms. For details, see Bonsall and Duncan's book [10].

**DEFINITION 1.2.** Let  $(V, \Gamma)$  be a  $\Gamma$ -Banach algebra and  $\alpha$ , a fixed element of  $\Gamma$ . Then  $\alpha$ -identity,  $1_\alpha$ , is an element of  $V$  satisfying the conditions  $x\alpha 1_\alpha = x$  and  $1_\alpha \alpha x = x$  for every  $x$  in  $V$ .

**DEFINITION 1.3.** A linear operator  $D$  of  $(V, \Gamma)$  into itself is called an  $\alpha$ -derivation if

$$D(x\alpha y) = (Dx)\alpha y + x\alpha(Dy), \quad x, y \in V.$$

Every  $x \in V$  gives rise to an  $\alpha$ -derivation  $D_x$  defined by  $D_x(y) = x\alpha y - y\alpha x$ . Such a derivation is called an  $\alpha$ -inner derivation. Further, if  $(V, \Gamma)$  is an involutive  $\Gamma$ -Banach algebra with an involution  $*$ , then an  $\alpha$ -derivation  $D$  is called an  $\alpha$ -star-derivation if  $Dx^* = -(Dx)^*$ ,  $x^*$  being the adjoint of  $x$ . Again, we define an operation  $\circ$  by  $xoy = x\alpha y + y\alpha x$ ,  $x, y \in V$ . A linear map  $D$  on  $(V, \Gamma)$  is called an  $\alpha$ -Jordan derivation if  $D(xoy) = (Dx)ooy + x\alpha(Dy)$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $V$ .

## 2. THE MAIN RESULTS

Throughout our discussion, unless stated otherwise,  $(V, \Gamma)$  and  $(V', \Gamma')$  are Gamma-Banach algebras over  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , isomorphic to  $F$  which possesses a real valued valuation;  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  are fixed elements of  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$ ; and  $1_\alpha, 1_{\alpha'}$  are  $\alpha$ -identity and  $\alpha'$ -identity of  $V$  and  $V'$  respectively. Moreover, suppose that  $\|1_\alpha\| = k_1 \neq 0$  and  $\|1_{\alpha'}\| = k_2 \neq 0$ .

The following proposition is fundamental for our purpose, and we refer to Bhattacharya and Maity [2] for its proof.

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** The projective tensor product  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$  with the projective norm is a  $\Gamma \otimes \Gamma'$ -Banach algebra over the field  $F$ , where multiplication is defined by the formula

$$(x \otimes y)(\gamma \otimes \delta)(x' \otimes y') = (x\gamma x') \otimes (y\delta y'), \text{ where } x, y \in V; x', y' \in V'; \gamma \in \Gamma; \delta \in \Gamma'.$$

**THEOREM 2.1.** Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be bounded  $\alpha$ -derivation and  $\alpha'$ -derivation on  $(V, \Gamma)$  and  $(V', \Gamma')$  respectively. Then

(i) there exists a bounded  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$ -derivation  $D$  on the projective tensor product  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$  defined

by the relation

$$D(u) = \sum_i \left[ (D_1 x_i) \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes (D_2 y_i) \right], \text{ for each vector } u = \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i \in (V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma').$$

- (ii) If  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ - inner derivations implemented by the elements  $r_\alpha \in V$  and  $s_\alpha \in V'$  respectively then  $D$  is an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$ - inner derivation implemented by  $r_\alpha \otimes 1_\alpha + 1_\alpha \otimes s_\alpha$ .
- (iii) If  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ - Jordan derivations, then  $D$  is an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$ - Jordan derivation.
- (iv) If  $(V, \Gamma)$  and  $(V', \Gamma')$  are involutive Gamma-Banach algebras, and if  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ - star derivations, then  $D$  is  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$ - star derivation.

**PROOF.** (i) We define a map  $D : (V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma') \rightarrow (V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$  by the rule

$$D(u) = \sum_i \left[ D_1 x_i \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes D_2 y_i \right], \text{ for each vector } u = \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i.$$

Clearly,  $D$  is well-defined. Before establishing the linearity of  $D$ , we first aim at proving the boundedness of  $D$ . For any arbitrary element  $u \in (V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the definition of the projective norm provides a finite representation  $\sum_{i=1}^n x'_i \otimes y'_i$  such that  $\|u\|_p + \varepsilon \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \|x'_i\| \|y'_i\|$ . Therefore, for this representation of  $u$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|Du\|_p &= \left\| \sum_i \left[ D_1 x'_i \otimes y'_i + x'_i \otimes D_2 y'_i \right] \right\|_p \\ &\leq \sum_i \left[ \|D_1 x'_i \otimes y'_i\|_p + \|x'_i \otimes D_2 y'_i\|_p \right] \\ &= \sum_i \left[ \|D_1 x'_i\| \|y'_i\| + \|x'_i\| \|D_2 y'_i\| \right]. \quad (\text{because a projective norm is a cross norm}) \\ &\leq (\|D_1\| + \|D_2\|) \sum_i \|x'_i\| \|y'_i\|, \quad (\text{because } D_1 \text{ and } D_2 \text{ are bounded}) \\ &\leq K (\|u\|_p + \varepsilon), \text{ where } K = \|D_1\| + \|D_2\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|Du\|_p \leq K (\|u\|_p + \varepsilon)$ . Since the left hand side is independent of  $\varepsilon$ , and  $\varepsilon$  was arbitrary, it follows that  $\|Du\|_p \leq K \|u\|_p$  for every  $u \in (V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ . Consequently,  $D$  is bounded.

Next to establish the linearity, let  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes y_i$  and  $v = \sum_{j=1}^m r_j \otimes s_j$  be any two elements of

$(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ . Then  $u + v = \sum_{i=1}^{n+m} x_i \otimes y_i$ , where  $x_{n+j} = r_j$  and  $y_{n+j} = s_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } D(u + v) &= D\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n+m} x_i \otimes y_i\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+m} \left[ D_1 x_i \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes D_2 y_i \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ D_1 x_i \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes D_2 y_i \right] + \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+m} \left[ D_1 x_i \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes D_2 y_i \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ D_1 x_i \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes D_2 y_i \right] + \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ D_1 r_j \otimes s_j + r_j \otimes D_2 s_j \right] = D(u) + D(v). \end{aligned}$$

The boundedness of  $D$  implies that the result,  $D(u + v) = D(u) + D(v)$ , is also true for any infinite

representations of  $u$  and  $v$ . Similarly it can be shown easily that  $D(au) = aD(u)$  for any scalar  $a$ . Consequently  $D$  is a bounded linear map.

To show that  $D$  is an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$  - derivation, we suppose that  $u = x \otimes y$  and  $v = r \otimes s$  are any two elementary tensors of  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ . Then  $u \alpha \otimes \alpha' v = x \alpha r \otimes y \alpha' s$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(u \alpha \otimes \alpha' v) &= (D_1 x \alpha r) \otimes y \alpha' s + x \alpha r \otimes (D_2 y \alpha' s) \\
 &= [(D_1 x) \alpha r + x \alpha (D_1 r)] \otimes y \alpha' s + x \alpha r \otimes [(D_2 y) \alpha' s + y \alpha' (D_2 s)] \\
 &= [(D_1 x) \alpha r \otimes y \alpha' s + x \alpha r \otimes (D_2 y) \alpha' s] + [x \alpha (D_1 r) \otimes y \alpha' s + x \alpha r \otimes y \alpha' (D_2 s)] \\
 &= (Du) \alpha \otimes \alpha' v + u \alpha \otimes \alpha' (Dv).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if  $u = \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i$  and  $v = \sum_j r_j \otimes s_j$  be any two elements of  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ , then summing over  $i$  and  $j$  we can prove easily that  $D(u \alpha \otimes \alpha' v) = (Du) \alpha \otimes \alpha' v + u \alpha \otimes \alpha' (Dv)$ . so  $D$  is an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$  - derivation.

(ii) Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ - inner derivations implemented by the vectors  $r_0$  and  $s_0$  respectively.

$$\text{So, } D_1(x) = r_0 \alpha x - x \alpha r_0, \forall x \in V \text{ and } D_2(y) = s_0 \alpha' y - y \alpha' s_0, \forall y \in V'.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } D(u) &= \sum_i [D_1 x_i \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes D_2 y_i] \\
 &= \sum_i [(r_0 \alpha x_i - x_i \alpha r_0) \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes (s_0 \alpha' y_i - y_i \alpha' s_0)] \\
 &= \sum_i [r_0 \alpha x_i \otimes y_i - x_i \alpha r_0 \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes s_0 \alpha' y_i - x_i \otimes y_i \alpha' s_0] \\
 &= \sum_i [(r_0 \otimes 1_{\alpha'}) (\alpha \otimes \alpha') (x_i \otimes y_i) - (x_i \otimes y_i) (\alpha \otimes \alpha') (r_0 \otimes 1_{\alpha'}) \\
 &\quad + (1_{\alpha'} \otimes s_0) (\alpha \otimes \alpha') (x_i \otimes y_i) - (x_i \otimes y_i) (\alpha \otimes \alpha') (1_{\alpha'} \otimes s_0)] \\
 &= \sum_i [(r_0 \otimes 1_{\alpha'} + 1_{\alpha'} \otimes s_0) (\alpha \otimes \alpha') (x_i \otimes y_i) - (x_i \otimes y_i) (\alpha \otimes \alpha') (r_0 \otimes 1_{\alpha'} + 1_{\alpha'} \otimes s_0)] \\
 &= D_{t_0}(u), \text{ where } t_0 = r_0 \otimes 1_{\alpha'} + 1_{\alpha'} \otimes s_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $D$  is an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$  -inner derivation implemented by  $t_0$ .

(iii) The proof is routine.

(iv) Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be star derivations. If  $u = \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i$  is an element of  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ , then the adjoint of  $u$  is given by  $u^* = \sum_i x_i^* \otimes y_i^*$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Du^* &= D(\sum_i x_i^* \otimes y_i^*) \\
 &= \sum_i [D_1 x_i^* \otimes y_i^* + x_i^* \otimes D_2 y_i^*] \\
 &= \sum_i [-(D_1 x_i)^* \otimes y_i^* + x_i^* \otimes -(D_2 y_i)^*], \text{ because } D_1 \text{ and } D_2 \text{ are star derivation.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\sum_i \left[ (D_1 x_i)^* \otimes y_i^* + x_i^* \otimes (D_2 y_i)^* \right] = - (Du)^*. \text{ So, } D \text{ is a star-derivation. Q.E.D.}$$

**REMARK 2.1.** (i) The above theorem can be extended to the projective tensor product of  $n$  number of  $\Gamma$ - Banach algebras.

(ii) If  $u = x \otimes 1_\alpha \in (V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ , then from the definition of  $D$ , we get

$$Du = D_1 x \otimes 1_\alpha, \text{ because } D_2 1_\alpha = 0 \quad \dots \quad (2.1)$$

From this result, we can ascertain that for each derivation  $D$  on  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ , there may **not** exist derivations  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  on  $(V, \Gamma)$  and  $(V', \Gamma')$  respectively such that  $D$ ,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are connected by the relation given in Theorem 2.1. For example, let  $D'$  be an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$ - inner derivation implemented by an element  $r_\circ \otimes s_\circ$ , where  $s_\circ$  is not a scalar multiple of the identity element  $1_\alpha$ . Then

$D'u = (r_\circ \otimes s_\circ)(\alpha \otimes \alpha')u - u(\alpha \otimes \alpha')(r_\circ \otimes s_\circ)$ , for every  $u \in (V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$ . Now if  $u = x \otimes 1_\alpha$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} D'u &= (r_\circ \otimes s_\circ)(\alpha \otimes \alpha')(x \otimes 1_\alpha) - (x \otimes 1_\alpha)(\alpha \otimes \alpha')(r_\circ \otimes s_\circ) \\ &= r_\circ \alpha x \otimes s_\circ \alpha' 1_\alpha - x \alpha r_\circ \otimes 1_\alpha \alpha' s_\circ = (r_\circ \alpha x - x \alpha r_\circ) \otimes s_\circ \\ &= (D_{1_{r_\circ}} x) \otimes s_\circ, \text{ where } D_1 \text{ is a derivation on } (V, \Gamma) \text{ implemented by } r_\circ \quad \dots \quad (2.2) \end{aligned}$$

From the results (2.1) and (2.2) we can conclude that unless  $s_\circ$  is a scalar multiple of the identity element  $1_\alpha$ ,  $D'(x \otimes 1_\alpha)$  may not be of the form  $x_1 \otimes 1_\alpha$ , where  $x_1 \in V$ , [ $x_1$  may be different from  $x$ ]. This implies that  $D'$  may not equal  $D$  in general. However, we have a converse of Theorem 2.1 as follows. Recall that an element  $x \in V$  is called an  $\alpha$  - **idempotent element** if  $x \alpha x = x$ .

**THEOREM 2.2.** The following results are true :

- If  $D$  is a derivation on  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$  such that  $D(\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i) = \sum_i z_i \otimes y_i$ ,  $z_i \in V$  and  $y_i$ 's are  $\alpha'$ - idempotent elements of  $V'$ , then there exists an  $\alpha'$ -derivation  $D_1$  on  $V$  defined by the rule  $D_1 x \otimes y = D(x \otimes y)$  for all  $x \in V$  and for every  $\alpha'$ - idempotent element  $y \in V'$ ;
- If  $D$  is bounded, so is  $D_1$ ;
- If  $D$  is an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$ -inner derivation implemented by an element  $w$  of the form  $w = \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i$ , where  $y_i$ 's are  $\alpha'$ - idempotent elements, then  $D_1$  is also an  $\alpha$ - inner derivation implemented by the element  $\sum_i x_i$ ;
- If  $(V, \Gamma)$  and  $(V', \Gamma')$  are involutive Gamma-Banach algebras, and  $D$  is a star derivation, then so is  $D_1$ ;
- If  $D$  is an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$ - Jordan derivation then  $D_1$  is an  $\alpha$ - Jordan derivation;
- If  $D$  is an  $\alpha \otimes \alpha'$ - derivation on  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$  such that  $D(\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i) = \sum_i x_i \otimes s_i$  for  $\alpha$ - idempotent elements  $x_i$ 's in  $V$ , and  $s_i \in V'$ , then there exists an  $\alpha'$ - derivation  $D_2$  on  $(V', \Gamma')$  given by the relation  $x \otimes D_2 y = D(x \otimes y)$  for every  $\alpha$ - idempotent element  $x \in V$  and for all elements  $y \in V'$ . The above results (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) are also true for  $D_2$ .

**PROOF.** (i) We define a map  $D_1 : V \rightarrow V$  by

$$D_1 x \otimes y = D(x \otimes y), \text{ for all } x \in V \text{ and for every } \alpha'-\text{idempotent element } y \in V'.$$

Clearly,  $D_1$  is well-defined. In particular, we have  $D_1 x \otimes 1_\alpha = D(x \otimes 1_\alpha)$ ,  $\forall x \in V$ . We first establish the linearity of  $D_1$ . Let  $x_1, x_2 \in V$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Then } D_1(x_1 + x_2) \otimes 1_{\alpha} &= D((x_1 + x_2) \otimes 1_{\alpha}) \\
&= D(x_1 \otimes 1_{\alpha} + x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha}) \\
&= D(x_1 \otimes 1_{\alpha}) + D(x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha}) \\
&= (D_1 x_1 \otimes 1_{\alpha} + D_1 x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha}) \\
&= (D_1 x_1 + D_1 x_2) \otimes 1_{\alpha}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } (D_1(x_1 + x_2) \otimes 1_{\alpha})(f, g) = ((D_1 x_1 + D_1 x_2) \otimes 1_{\alpha})(f, g), \quad \forall f \in V^*, \forall g \in V^*.$$

$$\text{This gives, } f(D_1(x_1 + x_2)) g(1_{\alpha}) = f(D_1 x_1 + D_1 x_2) g(1_{\alpha}), \quad \forall f \in V^*, \forall g \in V^*.$$

The Hahn-Banach theorem provides a functional  $g_0 \in V^*$  in such a way that  $g_0(1_{\alpha}) = \|1_{\alpha}\| = k_2$ .

$$\text{Then, } f(D_1(x_1 + x_2)) = f(D_1 x_1 + D_1 x_2), \forall f \in V^*. \text{ This yields, } D_1(x_1 + x_2) = D_1 x_1 + D_1 x_2.$$

By appealing to the same mechanism, we can show that  $D_1(ax) = aD_1(x)$  for any scalar  $a$ . So  $D_1$  is linear. Next, to show that  $D_1$  is an  $\alpha$ -derivation.

$$\begin{aligned}
D_1(x_1 \alpha x_2) \otimes 1_{\alpha} &= D(x_1 \alpha x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha}) \quad (x_1, x_2 \in V) \\
&= D[(x_1 \otimes 1_{\alpha})(\alpha \otimes \alpha') (x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha})] \\
&= (D(x_1 \otimes 1_{\alpha}))(\alpha \otimes \alpha') (x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha}) + (x_1 \otimes 1_{\alpha})(\alpha \otimes \alpha') D(x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha}) \\
&\quad (\text{because } D \text{ is an } \alpha \otimes \alpha' \text{-derivation}) \\
&= (D_1 x_1 \otimes 1_{\alpha})(\alpha \otimes \alpha') (x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha}) + (x_1 \otimes 1_{\alpha})(\alpha \otimes \alpha') (D_1 x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha}) \\
&= (D_1 x_1) \alpha x_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha} + (x_1 \alpha (D_1 x_2)) \otimes 1_{\alpha} = [(D_1 x_1) \alpha x_2 + x_1 \alpha (D_1 x_2)] \otimes 1_{\alpha}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } D_1(x_1 \alpha x_2) = (D_1 x_1) \alpha x_2 + x_1 \alpha (D_1 x_2). \text{ Therefore, } D_1 \text{ is an } \alpha \text{-derivation. The rest of the results are routine.}$$

### 3. THE NORM OF D

We now shift our attention to study the possibility of the result,  $\|D\| = \|D_1\| + \|D_2\|$ , when  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are related as in Theorem 2.1.

**THEOREM 3.1.** If  $D$ ,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are related as in Theorem 2.1, then

$$\|D\| \leq \|D_1\| + \|D_2\| \leq 2\|D\|.$$

**PROOF.** For each  $u \in (V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')$  with  $\|u\|_p = 1$  and for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists a$  (finite) representation

$$u = \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i \text{ such that } \|u\|_p + \varepsilon \geq \sum_i \|x_i\| \|y_i\|.$$

$$\text{Now, } \|D\| = \sup_u \{\|Du\|_p : \|u\|_p = 1\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sup_u \left\{ \left\| \sum_i [D_1 x_i \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes D_2 y_i] \right\|_p : \|u\|_p = 1 \right\} \\
 &\leq \sup_u \left\{ \sum_i \left[ \|D_1 x_i\|_p \|y_i\|_p + \|x_i\|_p \|D_2 y_i\|_p \right] : \|u\|_p = 1 \right\} \\
 &= \sup_u \left\{ \sum_i \left[ \|D_1\| \|x_i\| \|y_i\| + \|x_i\| \|D_2\| \|y_i\| \right] : \|u\|_p = 1 \right\} \\
 &\leq \sup_u \left\{ \sum_i \left[ \|D_1\| \|x_i\| \|y_i\| + \|x_i\| \|D_2\| \|y_i\| \right] : \|u\|_p = 1 \right\} \\
 &\leq (\|D_1\| + \|D_2\|) \sup_u \left\{ 1 + \varepsilon : \|u\|_p = 1 \right\} \\
 &= (\|D_1\| + \|D_2\|)(1 + \varepsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  was arbitrary, it follows that  $\|D\| \leq \|D_1\| + \|D_2\|$  . . . . . (3.1)

Next, let  $x \in V$  be such that  $\|x\| = 1$ . Then  $\|x/k_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha'}\| = \|x/k_2\| \|1_{\alpha'}\| = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \|D\| &= \sup_u \left\{ \|Du\|_p : \|u\|_p = 1 \right\} \\
 &\geq \|D(x/k_2 \otimes 1_{\alpha'})\|_p = \|D_1(x/k_2) \otimes 1_{\alpha'}\|_p, (\text{Since } D_2(1_{\alpha'}) = 0) = \|D_1 x\|
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|D_1 x\| \leq \|D\|$  for every  $x \in V$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . This gives  $\|D_1\| \leq \|D\|$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $\|D_2\| \leq \|D\|$ . Hence, we have  $\|D_1\| + \|D_2\| \leq 2\|D\|$  . . . . . (3.2)

The inequalities (3.1) and (3.2) together imply  $\|D\| \leq \|D_1\| + \|D_2\| \leq 2\|D\|$ . Q.E.D.

Our next question is - can one improve the above result - ? We illustrate the possibility with the help of examples :

Let  $V$  be the set of  $2 \times 3$  rectangular matrices and  $\Gamma$  be the set of all  $3 \times 2$  rectangular matrices with real (or complex) entries. Then  $V$  and  $\Gamma$  are Banach spaces under usual matrix addition, scalar multiplication, and the norm defined by  $\|A\|_{\infty} = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$ , where  $A = (a_{ij})$ . Then  $(V, \Gamma)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -Banach algebra. Now the following result is true :

**THEOREM 3.2.** For a fixed  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , each  $\alpha$ -derivation on  $V$  is inner.

Since  $\alpha$ -derivations on a finite dimensional  $\Gamma$ -Banach algebra are all inner, the result follows immediately, see [10].

We show below with an example in the  $\Gamma$ -Banach algebra of  $2 \times 3$  rectangular matrices that the equality  $\|D\| = \|D_1\| + \|D_2\|$  holds.

### AN EXAMPLE 3.1.

Let  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  be a fixed element in  $\Gamma$ , and let  $D_{1\alpha}$  and  $D_{2\alpha}$  be two  $\alpha$ -derivations on  $V$  implemented by  $A_{\alpha}$  and  $B_{\alpha}$  respectively, where  $A_{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B_{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

Now  $\|A_{\alpha}\| = 2$  and  $\|B_{\alpha}\| = 3$ . and  $D_{1\alpha}(A) = A_{\alpha}\alpha A - A\alpha A_{\alpha}$ ,  $\forall A \in V$ .

Then  $\|D_{1\alpha} A\| \leq 2\|A_{\alpha}\| \|\alpha\| \|A\| = 2\|A_{\alpha}\| \|A\|$ , because  $\|\alpha\| = 1$ .

Hence,  $\|D_{1\alpha}\| \leq 2\|A_{\alpha}\| = 2.2 = 4$ . Next, suppose that  $X_{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Then  $\|X_{\alpha}\| = 1$ .

Also  $\| A_o \alpha X_o - X_o \alpha A_o \| = \| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \| = 4$ . Hence  $\| D_{1\alpha} \| = 4$

Similarly we can show that  $\| D_{2\alpha} \| = 6$ . So  $\| D_{1\alpha} \| + \| D_{2\alpha} \| = 4 + 6 = 10$ .

If  $D$  is the derivation defined by the relation as in Theorem 3.1, then we always have

$$\| D \| \leq \| D_{1\alpha} \| + \| D_{2\alpha} \| = 10 \quad \dots \quad (3.1)$$

Next, consider the element  $u_o = e_1 \otimes e_1$ , where  $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\| u_o \|_p = 1$ .

Now,  $\| D \| \geq \| Du_o \|_p$

$$= \| D_{1\alpha} e_1 \otimes e_1 + e_1 \otimes D_{2\alpha} e_1 \|_p$$

$$\geq \| D_{1\alpha} e_1 \otimes e_1 + e_1 \otimes D_{2\alpha} e_1 \|_w$$

(because the projective norm is always greater than or equal to the weak norm)

$$= \sup \left\{ | f(D_{1\alpha} e_1) g(e_1) + f(e_1) g(D_{2\alpha} e_1) | : f, g \in V^*, \| f \| = \| g \| = 1 \right\} \quad (3.2)$$

Again  $D_{1\alpha} e_1 = A_o \alpha e_1 - e_1 \alpha A_o$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_{2\alpha} e_1 = B_o \alpha e_1 - e_1 \alpha B_o$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We know that if we define

$f_i(e_j) = 1$  if  $i = j$  and  $= 0$  if  $i \neq j$ , then  $\{ f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 \}$  is a basis for  $V^*$

In (3.2) put  $f = g = f_i$ . Then we find that  $\| D \| \geq 10$ .  $\dots$  (3.3)

The inequalities (3.1) and (3.3) combinedly give  $\| D \| = 10$ . Hence  $\| D \| = \| D_{1\alpha} \| + \| D_{2\alpha} \|$

### ANOTHER EXAMPLE 3.2.

Next we wish to illustrate that the result in Theorem 3.1 cannot be improved in general. If we assume  $V$  and  $\Gamma$  represent the same set of all  $2 \times 2$  real matrices, then  $(V, \Gamma)$  is a particular  $\Gamma$  - Banach

algebra with the usual operations. The ordinary identity matrix  $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is the identity of  $(V, \Gamma)$  under multiplication.

If  $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $e_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\beta = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$  is the standard basis for  $(V, \Gamma)$ . For a simple example, let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be derivations on  $(V, \Gamma)$  implemented by the

matrices  $A_\circ = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B_\circ = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively. Then the matrix representations of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$

with respect to the basis  $\beta$  are respectively

$$[D_1]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [D_2]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -7 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So,  $\|D_1\| = 3$  and  $\|D_2\| = 7$ . Again,  $\gamma = \{e_i \otimes e_j \mid i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  is a basis for  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V, \Gamma)$  and the matrix representation of  $D$  with respect to the basis  $\gamma$  is

$$[D]_\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 & 0 & -7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 3 & 0 & -7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 1 & 0 & -7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 2 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $\|D\| = 7$ . Thus the strict inequality  $\|D\| < \|D_1\| + \|D_2\| < 2\|D\|$  holds.

#### 4. THE SPECTRUM OF D

We next devote to studying the validity of the result  $\text{sp}(D) = \text{sp}(D_1) + \text{sp}(D_2)$ . Recall that  $\text{sp}(D_i)$  consists of all scalars  $\lambda_i$  such that  $D_i - \lambda_i I_i$  is singular. Analogous definitions apply to  $\text{sp}(D_2)$  and  $\text{sp}(D)$ . Further, for the singularity and invertibility of a rectangular matrix, see Joshi [11].

**THEOREM 4.1.** The derivations  $D$ ,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are defined as in Theorem 2.1. Then

$$\text{sp}(D_1) + \text{sp}(D_2) \subseteq \text{sp}(D)$$

**PROOF.** Let  $\lambda_1 \in \text{sp}(D_1)$  and  $\lambda_2 \in \text{sp}(D_2)$ .

$\Rightarrow D_1 - \lambda_1 I_1$  and  $D_2 - \lambda_2 I_2$  are singular

$\Rightarrow \exists$  nonzero vectors  $x_\circ \in V$  and  $y_\circ \in V'$  such that  $(D_1 - \lambda_1 I_1)x_\circ = 0$  and  $(D_2 - \lambda_2 I_2)y_\circ = 0$

Now,  $x_\circ \otimes y_\circ$  is a non-zero element in  $(V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V, \Gamma')$ .

Again,  $[D - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)I](x_0 \otimes y_0) = D(x_0 \otimes y_0) - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(x_0 \otimes y_0)$

$$= D_1 x_0 \otimes y_0 + x_0 \otimes D_2 y_0 - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) x_0 \otimes y_0$$

$$= (D_1 - \lambda_1 I_1) x_0 \otimes y_0 + x_0 \otimes (D_2 - \lambda_2 I_2) y_0 = 0$$

So,  $D - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)I$  is singular and hence  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \in \text{sp}(D)$ . Thus, we obtain  $\text{sp}(D_1) + \text{sp}(D_2) \subseteq \text{sp}(D)$ . Q.E.D

**REMARK 4.1.** (i) We conjecture that the above result cannot be improved in general.

(ii) However, the equality holds in finite dimensional  $\Gamma$ -Banach algebras. For, if  $\dim(V, \Gamma) = m$ ,  $\dim(V', \Gamma') = n$ , then  $\dim((V, \Gamma) \otimes_p (V', \Gamma')) = mn$ . So,  $\text{sp}(D_1)$ ,  $\text{sp}(D_2)$  and  $\text{sp}(D)$  have  $m, n$  and  $mn$  eigenvalues respectively. Again,  $\text{sp}(D_1) + \text{sp}(D_2)$  gives  $mn$  values which are precisely the eigenvalues of  $D$ .

Further, we have the following illuminating result.

**THEOREM 4.2.** As usual, let  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  and  $D$  be derivations connected by the relation as in Theorem 2.1(i). If  $(V, \Gamma)$  and  $(V', \Gamma')$  are finite dimensional Gamma-Banach algebras,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are implemented by  $r \in V$  and  $s \in V'$  respectively, then

$$\text{sp}(D_1) = \{ a = \lambda - \mu \mid \lambda, \mu \in \text{sp}(r) \},$$

$$\text{sp}(D_2) = \{ b = \lambda' - \mu' \mid \lambda', \mu' \in \text{sp}(s) \}$$

$$\text{and } \text{sp}(D) = \{ a + b \mid a \in \text{sp}(D_1), b \in \text{sp}(D_2) \}.$$

**PROOF.** The first two results will follow from Proposition 9, §18, Ch2 in [10], and the last result will follow from Remark 4.1 (ii). Q.E.D.

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