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# 2n-Weak module amenability of semigroup algebras

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**Abstract.** Let S be an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents E. We prove that the semigroup algebra  $\ell^1(S)$  is always 2n-weakly module amenable as an  $\ell^1(E)$ -module, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where E acts on S trivially from the left and by multiplication from the right. Our proof is based on a common fixed point property for semigroups.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach algebra, and let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -bimodule. A linear map D:  $\mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{X}$  is called a derivation if D(ab) = aD(b) + D(a)b for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . Each map of the form  $a \to ax - xa$ , where  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , is a continuous derivation which will be called an inner derivation.

For any Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $\mathcal{X}$ , its dual space  $\mathcal{X}^*$  is naturally equipped with a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -module structure via

 $\langle x, af \rangle = \langle xa, f \rangle$ ,  $\langle x, fa \rangle = \langle ax, f \rangle$   $(a \in \mathcal{A}, f \in \mathcal{X}^*, x \in \mathcal{X}).$ 

Note that the Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  itself is a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -bimodule under the algebra multiplication. So  $\mathcal{A}^{(n)}$ , the *n*-th dual space of  $\mathcal{A}$ , is naturally a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -bimodule in the

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above sense for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called n-weakly amenable if every continuous derivation from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}^{(n)}$  is inner. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is *n*-weakly amenable for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then it is called permanently weakly amenable.

The concept of *n*-weakly amenability was introduced by Dales, Ghahramani and Grønbæk in [8]. Johnson showed in [13] that for any locally compact group G, the group algebra  $L^1(G)$  is always 1-weakly amenable. It was shown further in [8] that  $L^1(G)$  is in fact *n*-weakly amenable for all odd numbers *n*. Whether this is still true for even numbers *n* was left open in [8]. Later in [12] Johnson proved that  $\ell^1(G)$  is 2*n*-weakly amenable for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  whenever *G* is a free group. The problem has been resolved affirmatively for general locally compact group *G* in [7] and in [14] independently, using a theory established in [15]. In [21], as an application of a common fixed point property for semigroups, a short proof to 2*m*-weak amenability of  $L^1(G)$  was presented. Mewomo in [16] investigate the *n*-weak amenability of semigroup algebras and showed that for a Rees matrix semigroup S,  $\ell^1(S)$  is *n*-weakly amenable when *n* is odd. Also he obtained a similar result for a regular semigroup *S* with finitely many idempotents.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  be Banach algebras such that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Banach  $\mathcal{U}$ -bimodule with compatible actions; that is,

$$\alpha.(ab) = (\alpha.a)b, \quad (ab).\alpha = a(b.\alpha) \ (a, b \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -bimodule and a Banach  $\mathcal{U}$ -bimodule with compatible actions; that is,

$$\alpha.(ax) = (\alpha.a)x, \quad a(\alpha.x) = (a.\alpha)x, \quad (\alpha.x)a = \alpha.(xa) \ (a \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathcal{U}, x \in \mathcal{X}),$$

and similarly for the right or two-sided actions. Then  $\mathcal{X}$  is called a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module, and is called a commutative Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module whenever  $\alpha . x = x . \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  be as above and  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module. A bounded map  $D : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{X}$  is called a module derivation if

$$D(a \pm b) = D(a) \pm D(b), \quad D(ab) = aD(b) + D(a)b \ (a, b \in \mathcal{A}),$$

and

$$D(\alpha.a) = \alpha.D(a), \quad D(a.\alpha) = D(a).\alpha \ (a \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Note that D is not necessarily linear and if there exists a constant M > 0 such that  $\| D(a) \| \leq M \| a \|$ , for each  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , then D is bounded and its boundedness implies its norm continuity. When  $\mathcal{X}$  is a commutative Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module, each  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  defines an  $\mathcal{U}$ -module derivation  $D_x(a) = ax - xa \ (a \in \mathcal{A})$ , these are called inner module derivations.

If  $\mathcal{X}$  is a (commutative) Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module, then so is  $\mathcal{X}^*$ , where the actions of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\mathcal{X}^*$  are naturally defined as above. So by letting  $\mathcal{X}^{(0)} = \mathcal{X}$ , if we define  $\mathcal{X}^{(n)}$   $(n \in \mathbb{N})$  inductively by  $\mathcal{X}^{(n)} = (\mathcal{X}^{(n-1)})^*$ , then  $\mathcal{X}^{(n)}$  is a (commutative) Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module.

Note that when  $\mathcal{A}$  acts on itself by algebra multiplication, it is not in general a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module, as we have not assumed the compatibility condition  $a(\alpha.b) = (a.\alpha)b$   $(a, b \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathcal{U})$ . If we consider the closed ideal J of  $\mathcal{A}$  generated by elements of the form  $(a.\alpha)b - a(\alpha.b)$  for  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathcal{U}$ , then J is an  $\mathcal{U}$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{A}$ . So the quotient Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}/J$  is a Banach  $\mathcal{U}$ -module with compatible actions and hence from definition of J, when  $\mathcal{A}/J$  acts on itself by algebra multiplication, it is a Banach  $(\mathcal{A}/J)$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module. Therefore,  $(\mathcal{A}/J)^{(n)}$   $(n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a Banach  $(\mathcal{A}/J)$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module. In general  $\mathcal{A}/J$  is not a commutative  $\mathcal{U}$ -module. If  $\mathcal{A}/J$  is a commutative  $\mathcal{U}$ -module. If a commutative  $\mathcal{U}$ -module. Now it is clear when  $\mathcal{A}$  is a commutative  $\mathcal{U}$ -module, then  $J = \{0\}$  and hence by multiplication of  $\mathcal{A}$  from both sides,  $\mathcal{A}^{(n)}$   $(n \ge 0)$  is

a commutative Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module.

Let the Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach  $\mathcal{U}$ -module with compatible actions. From the above observations,  $(\mathcal{A}/J)^{(n)}$   $(n \ge 0)$  is a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module by the  $\mathcal{A}$ -module actions  $a\Phi = (a + J)\Phi$  and  $\Phi a = \Phi(a + J)$  for  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}, \Phi \in (\mathcal{A}/J)^{(n)}$  (the  $\mathcal{U}$ -module actions are similar to actions on  $(\mathcal{A}/J)^{(n)}$  as  $\mathcal{U}$ -module). Note that whenever  $\mathcal{A}/J$  is a commutative  $\mathcal{U}$ -module, then  $(\mathcal{A}/J)^{(n)}$   $(n \ge 0)$  is a commutative Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module by the above actions. Now we are ready to define the notion of n-weak module amenability. We say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is n-weakly module amenable  $(n \in \mathbb{N})$  if  $(\mathcal{A}/J)^{(n)}$  is a commutative Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module, and each continuous module derivation  $D : \mathcal{A} \to (\mathcal{A}/J)^{(n)}$  is inner; that is  $D(a) = D_{\Phi}(a) = a\Phi - \Phi a$  for some  $\Phi \in (\mathcal{A}/J)^{(n)}$  and all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Also  $\mathcal{A}$  is called permanently weakly module amenable if  $\mathcal{A}$  is n-weakly module amenable for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This definition is quite natural since  $(\mathcal{A}/J)^{(n)}$   $(n \ge 0)$  is always a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module.

The notion of weak module amenability of a Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  which is a Banach  $\mathcal{U}$ module with compatible actions is defined in [2], and studied in [1]. The main result of [2] is that the semigroup Banach algebra  $\ell^1(S)$  on an inverse semigroup S is weakly module amenable, as an  $\ell^1(E)$ -module, when S is commutative. The definition of weak module amenability is modified in [1] and the above result is proved for an arbitrary inverse semigroup (with trivial left action). Then the notion of n-weak module amenability is introduced in [5] and proved that  $\ell^1(S)$  is (2n+1)-weakly module amenable as an  $\ell^1(E)$ module, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where S is an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents E.

In this paper, we show that the inverse semigroup algebra  $\ell^1(S)$  is 2*n*-weakly module amenable as an  $\ell^1(E)$ -module, for every number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where E is the set of idempotents of S and E acts on S trivially from the left and by multiplication from the right. Our proof is based on a common fixed point property for semigroups. In fact in this article we show that a module version of the main result of [21] holds for inverse semigroups.

#### 2. Main result

A discrete semigroup S is called an inverse semigroup if for each  $s \in S$  there is a unique element  $s^* \in S$  such that  $ss^*s = s$  and  $s^*ss^* = s^*$ . An element  $e \in S$  is called an idempotent if  $e = e^* = e^2$ . The set of idempotents of S is denoted by E. There is a natural order on E, defined by

$$e \leqslant d \Leftrightarrow ed = e \quad (e, d \in E),$$

and E is a commutative subsemigroup of S, which is also a semilattice [11, Theorem V.1.2]. Elements of the form  $ss^*$  are idempotents of S and in fact all elements of E are in this form.

The algebra  $\ell^1(E)$  could be regarded as a subalgebra of  $\ell^1(S)$ . Hence  $\ell^1(S)$  is a Banach algebra and a Banach  $\ell^1(E)$ -module with compatible actions. In this article we let  $\ell^1(E)$  act on  $\ell^1(S)$  by multiplication from right and trivially from left; that is,

$$\delta_e \cdot \delta_s = \delta_s, \quad \delta_s \cdot \delta_e = \delta_{se} = \delta_s * \delta_e \quad (s \in S, e \in E).$$

In this case, the ideal J (see section 1) is the closed linear span of  $\{\delta_{set} - \delta_{st} | s, t \in S, e \in E\}$ . With the notations of the previous section  $(\ell^1(S)/J)^{(n)}$   $(n \ge 0)$  is a Banach  $\ell^1(S)-\ell^1(E)$ -module. Note that we show the  $\ell^1(E)$ -module actions of  $f \in \ell^1(E)$  on  $\Phi \in (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(n)}$  by  $f.\Phi$  and  $\Phi.f$ , and also denote the  $\ell^1(S)$  module actions of  $f \in \ell^1(S)$  on  $\Phi \in (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(n)}$  by  $f\Phi$  and  $\Phi f$ . In the next remark, we give some properties of these module actions.

**Remark 1** With the above notation, for all  $e \in E$  and  $\Phi \in (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(n)}$   $(n \ge 0)$  we have the followings

(i)  $\delta_e \cdot \Phi = \Phi \cdot \delta_e;$ (ii)  $\delta_e \Phi = \Phi \delta_e = \Phi.$ 

**Proof.** For all  $e, d \in E$ , we have  $\delta_e - \delta_d = \delta_{ee} - \delta_{ede} - \delta_{dd} + \delta_{ded} \in J$ . So  $\delta_e + J = \delta_d + J$ . Now for any  $s \in S$  and  $e \in E$ , we find

$$\delta_{es} + J = (\delta_e + J)(\delta_s + J) = (\delta_{ss^*} + J)(\delta_s + J) = \delta_s + J.$$

Similarly, we get  $\delta_{se} + J = \delta_s + J$  for  $e \in E$  and  $s \in S$ . Hence, we have

$$\delta_{e} \cdot (\delta_{s} + J) = \delta_{s} + J = \delta_{se} + J = (\delta_{s} + J) \cdot \delta_{e}$$

and

$$\delta_e(\delta_s + J) = (\delta_e + J)(\delta_s + J) = \delta_{es} + J = \delta_s + J = \delta_{se} + J = (\delta_s + J)(\delta_e + J) = (\delta_s + J)\delta_e$$

for all  $e \in E$  and  $s \in S$ . Since  $lin\{\delta_s | s \in S\}$  is dense in  $\ell^1(S)$  and J is closed in  $\ell^1(S)$ , it follows that  $\delta_e (f + J) = (f + J) \delta_e$  and  $\delta_e (f + J) = f + J = (f + J) \delta_e$  for all  $e \in E$ and  $f \in \ell^1(S)$ . So, by induction on n, we arrive at  $\delta_e \Phi = \Phi \delta_e$  and  $\delta_e \Phi = \Phi \delta_e = \Phi$  for all  $e \in E$  and  $\Phi \in (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(n)}$   $(n \ge 0)$ .

In view of this remark (i), we find that  $(\ell^1(S)/J)^{(n)}$   $(n \ge 0)$  is a commutative  $\ell^1(E)$ -module.

For an inverse semigroup S, the quotient  $S/\approx$  is a discrete group, where  $\approx$  is an equivalence relation on S as follows:

$$s \approx t \Leftrightarrow \delta_s - \delta_t \in J \quad (s, t \in S).$$

Indeed,  $S/\approx$  is homomorphic to the maximal group homomorphic image  $G_S$  [17] of S (see [3, 18, 19]). As in [20, Theorem 3.3], we may observe that  $\ell^1(S)/J \cong \ell^1(G_S)$ . Also see [10]. In [4, Remark 1] it is shown that all congruences on inverse semigroup S is equivalent and the similar properties holds for another class of semigroups such as E-inversive semigroup ,E-inversive E-semigroups and eventually inverse semigroups.

Since for proof of the main result we use a common fixed point property for semigroups, now we recall some notions related to common fixed point theory. Let S be a (discrete) semigroup. The space of all bounded complex valued functions on S is denoted by  $\ell^{\infty}(S)$ . It is a Banach space with the uniform supremum norm. In fact  $\ell^{\infty}(S) = (\ell^{1}(S))^{*}$ . For each  $s \in S$  and each  $f \in \ell^{\infty}(S)$  let  $\ell_s f$  be the left translate of f by s, that is  $\ell_s f(t) = f(st)$  $(t \in S)$  (the right translate  $r_s f$  is defined similarly). We recall that  $f \in \ell^{\infty}(S)$  is weakly almost periodic if its left orbit  $\mathcal{LO}(f) = \{\ell_s f \mid s \in S\}$  is relatively compact in the weak topology of  $\ell^{\infty}(S)$ . We denote by WAP(S) the space of all weakly almost periodic functions on S, which is a closed subspace of  $\ell^{\infty}(S)$  containing the constant function and invariant under the left and right translations. A linear functional  $m \in WAP(S)^*$  is a mean on WAP(S) if ||m|| = m(1) = 1. A mean m on WAP(S) is a left invariant mean (abbreviated LIM) if  $m(\ell_s f) = m(f)$  for all  $s \in S$ , and all  $f \in WAP(S)$ . If S is an inverse semigroup, it is well known that WAP(S) always has a LIM [9, Proposition 2]. Let C be a subset of a Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ . We say that  $\Gamma = \{T_s \mid s \in S\}$  is a representation of S on C if for each  $s \in S$ ,  $T_s$  is a mapping from C into C and  $T_{st}(x) = T_s(T_t(x))$  $(s, t \in S, x \in C)$ . We say that  $x \in C$  is a common fixed point for (the representation of) S if  $T_s(x) = x$  for all  $s \in S$ .

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach space and C a nonempty subset of  $\mathcal{X}$ . A mapping  $T : C \to C$  is called nonexpansive if  $|| T(x) - T(y) || \leq || x - y ||$  for all  $x, y \in C$ . The mapping T is called affine if C is convex and  $T(\gamma x + \eta y) = \gamma T(x) + \eta T(y)$  for all constants  $\gamma, \eta \geq 0$  with

 $\gamma + \eta = 1$  and  $x, y \in C$ . A representation  $\Gamma$  of a semigroup S on C acts as nonexpansive affine mappings, if each  $T_s$   $(s \in S)$  is nonexpansive and affine.

A Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$  is called *L*-embedded if there is a closed subspace  $\mathcal{X}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{X}^{**}$  such that  $\mathcal{X}^{**} = \mathcal{X} \oplus_{\ell^1} \mathcal{X}_0$ . The class of *L*-embedded Banach spaces includes all  $L^1(\Sigma, \mu)$  (the space of of all absolutely integrable functions on a measure space  $(\Sigma, \mu)$ ), preduals of von Neumann algebras, dual spaces of *M*-embedded Banach spaces and the Hardy space  $H_1$ . In particular, given a locally compact group *G*, the space  $L^1(G)$  is *L*-embedded. So are its even duals  $L^1(G)^{(2n)}$  ( $n \ge 0$ ). For more details, we refer the reader to [21] and the references therein. The next lemma is the common fixed point theorem for semigroups, which will be used in our proof to the main result.

**Lemma 2.1** ([21, Theorem 2]) Let S be a discrete semigroup and  $\Gamma$  a representation of S on an L-embedded Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$  as nonexpansive affine mappings. Suppose that WAP(S) has a LIM and suppose that there is a nonempty bounded set  $B \subset \mathcal{X}$  such that  $B \subseteq \overline{T_s(B)}$  for all  $s \in S$ , then  $\mathcal{X}$  contains a common fixed point for S.

We now can prove the main result of the paper.

**Theorem 2.2** Let S be an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents E. Consider  $\ell^1(S)$  as a Banach module over  $\ell^1(E)$  with the trivial left action and natural right action. Then the semigroup algebra  $\ell^1(S)$  is 2n-weakly module amenable as an  $\ell^1(E)$ -module for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $D: \ell^1(S) \to (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$  be a continuous module derivation. Since  $ss^* \in E$  for all  $s \in S$ , from Remark 1(ii), we have

$$D(\delta_{ss^*}) = D(\delta_{ss^*ss^*}) = D(\delta_{ss^*} * \delta_{ss^*}) = \delta_{ss^*}D(\delta_{ss^*}) + D(\delta_{ss^*})\delta_{ss^*} = 2D(\delta_{ss^*}).$$

Hence,  $D(\delta_{ss^*}) = 0$  for all  $s \in S$ . Define  $\phi : S \to (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$  by  $\phi(s) = D(\delta_s)\delta_{s^*}$  for  $s \in S$ . We see that

$$\phi(st) = D(\delta_s * \delta_t)\delta_{(st)^*} = (\delta_s D(\delta_t))\delta_{t^*} * \delta_{s^*} + (D(\delta_s)\delta_t)\delta_{t^*} * \delta_{s^*}$$

$$= \delta_s (D(\delta_t)\delta_{t^*})\delta_{s^*} + (D(\delta_s)\delta_{tt^*})\delta_{s^*}$$

$$= \delta_s (D(\delta_t)\delta_{t^*})\delta_{s^*} + D(\delta_s)\delta_{s^*}$$

$$= \delta_s \phi(t)\delta_{s^*} + \phi(s),$$
(1)

for all  $s, t \in S$ . Let  $B = \phi(S)$ . Then B is a nonempty bounded subset of  $(\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$ . For any  $s \in S$  define the mapping  $T_s : (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)} \to (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$  by

$$T_s(\Phi) = \delta_s \Phi \delta_{s^*} + \phi(s) \quad (\Phi \in (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)})$$

Clearly, each  $T_s$   $(s \in S)$  is an affine mapping and for every  $\Phi, \Psi \in (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$  and  $s \in S$ , we have

$$|| T_s(\Phi) - T_s(\Psi) || = || \delta_s \Phi \delta_{s^*} + \phi(s) - \delta_s \Psi \delta_{s^*} + \phi(s) || \leq || \Phi - \Psi ||.$$

So each  $T_s$   $(s \in S)$  is nonexpansive. Now by using (1) for any  $s,t \in S$  and  $\Phi,\Psi \in (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$ , we find

$$T_{st}(\Phi) = \delta_{st} \Phi \delta_{(st)^*} + \phi(st) = \delta_s (\delta_t \Phi \delta_{t^*}) \delta_{s^*} + \delta_s \phi(t) \delta_{s^*} + \phi(s)$$
$$= \delta_s T_t(\Phi) \delta_{s^*} + \phi(s)$$
$$= T_s(T_t(\Phi)).$$

So,  $\Gamma = \{T_s \mid s \in S\}$  defines a representation of S on  $(\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$  which is nonexpansive and affine. From definition of  $T_s$  and (1), for any  $s, t \in S$  it follows that  $T_s(\phi(t)) = \delta_s \phi(t) \delta_{s^*} + \phi(s) = \phi(st)$ . Therefore  $T_s(B) \subseteq B$   $(s \in S)$ . Let  $\Phi \in B$ . Now by Remark 1(ii) and the fact that  $D(\delta_{ss^*}) = 0$   $(s \in S)$ , we have

$$T_s(T_{s^*}(\Phi))=T_{ss^*}(\Phi)=\delta_{ss^*}\Phi\delta_{ss^*}+\phi(ss^*)=\Phi\quad(s\in S).$$

Since  $T_{s^*}(\Phi) \in B$ , it follows that  $T_s(B) = B$  for each  $s \in S$ . Here S is regarded as a discrete semigroup.

Since  $\ell^1(S)/J \cong \ell^1(G_S)$ , where  $G_S$  is the maximal group homomorphic image, it follows that  $(\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$  is *L*-embedded. Also WAP(S) has a LIM. So by Lemma 2.1, there is  $\Upsilon \in (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$  such that  $T_s(\Upsilon) = \Upsilon$  for all  $s \in S$  or  $\delta_s \Upsilon \delta_{s^*} + \phi(s) = \Upsilon$ for all  $s \in S$ . So  $\delta_s \Upsilon \delta_{s^*} + D(\delta_s) \delta_{s^*} = \Upsilon$   $(s \in S)$ . Hence, we have  $D(\delta_s) = \Upsilon \delta_s - \delta_s \Upsilon$ for all  $s \in S$ . By definition of left module action of  $\ell^1(E)$  on  $\ell^1(S)$ , we have  $\delta_e \delta_s = \delta_s$  $(e \in E, s \in S)$ . Since  $lin\{\delta_s | s \in S\}$  is dense in  $\ell^1(S)$ , we find  $\delta_e f = f$  for all  $e \in E$  and  $f \in \ell^1(S)$ . Hence  $\delta_e (f + J) = f + J$   $(e \in E, f \in \ell^1(S))$ . Furthermore a routine inductive argument shows that for each  $e \in E$  and  $\Phi \in (\ell^1(S)/J)^{(2n)}$   $(n \ge 0)$ , we have  $\delta_e \Phi = \Phi$ . From this result and the fact that D is a module mapping, for any  $s \in S$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  we have

$$D(\lambda \delta_s) = D(\lambda \delta_{ss^*} . \delta_s)$$
  
=  $\lambda \delta_{ss^*} . D(\delta_s)$   
=  $\lambda \delta_{ss^*} . (\Upsilon \delta_s - \delta_s \Upsilon)$   
=  $\lambda \delta_{ss^*} . (\Upsilon \delta_s) - \lambda (\delta_{ss^*} . \delta_s) \Upsilon$   
=  $\lambda (\Upsilon \delta_s - \delta_s \Upsilon).$ 

Since D is additive, we get  $D(f) = \Upsilon f - f \Upsilon$  for any  $f \in \ell^1(S)$  of finite support. But D is continuous and functions of finite support are dense in  $\ell^1(S)$ . Hence, we have

$$D(f) = \Upsilon f - f\Upsilon = D_{(-\Upsilon)}(f) \quad (f \in \ell^1(S)).$$

Therefore, D is inner. The proof is complete.

In [5], it has been proved that  $\ell^1(S)$  is (2n+1)-weakly module amenable as an  $\ell^1(E)$ module, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where S is an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents E. From this result and above theorem we get the next corollary.

**Corollary 2.3** Let S be an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents E. Consider  $\ell^1(S)$  as a Banach module over  $\ell^1(E)$  with the trivial left action and natural right action. Then the semigroup algebra  $\ell^1(S)$  is permanently weakly module amenable as an  $\ell^1(E)$ -module.

It should be noted that a similar result with the Corollary 2.4 of this paper has been obtained in [6] by a different proof.

With the notations in previous corollary, we have the next result.

**Corollary 2.4** Each continuous module derivation  $D : \ell^1(S) \to (\ell^1(G_S))^{(n)} \ (n \in \mathbb{N})$  is inner.

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