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# On the Analytic $\alpha$ -Lipschitz Vector-Valued Operators

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ABSTRACT: Let (X,d) be a non-empty compact metric space in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $(B, \| \cdot \|)$  be a commutative unital Banach algebra over the scalar field  $\mathbb{F}(=\mathbb{R} \ or \ \mathbb{C})$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . In this work, first we define the analytic  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz B-valued operators on X and denote the Banach algebra of all these operators by  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$ . When  $B=\mathbb{F}$ , we write  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X)$  instead of  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$ . Then we study some interesting results about  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$ , including the relationship between  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$  with  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X)$  and B, and also characterize the characters on  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$ .

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#### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, let (X, d) be a compact metric space in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $(B, \|.\|)$  be a commutative unital Banach algebra over the scalar field  $\mathbb{F}(=\mathbb{R} \ or \ \mathbb{C})$  with unit  $\mathbf{e}$ , C(X, B) be the set of all B-valued continuous operators on X, and also  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $0 < \alpha \le 1$ .

The dual space of B is the vector space  $B^*$  whose elements are the continuous linear functionals on B. The set of all multiplicative functionals on B is called spectrum of B; we denote it by  $\sigma(B)$ . Suppose that throughout this article,  $\Lambda \in \sigma(B)$  is arbitrary and fixed. Since  $\sigma(B)$  is a subset of the closed unit ball of  $B^*$ ,  $\| \Lambda \|$  is bounded, where

$$\| \Lambda \| = \sup \{ | \Lambda x | : x \in B, \| x \| \le 1 \}.$$

When  $B = \mathbb{F}$ , take  $\Lambda$  as the identity function  $\Lambda x = x$ .

Consider the set Y as follows

$$Y := \{(x, y) : x, y \in X , x \neq y\}.$$

For an operator  $f: X \to B$  and any  $(x, y) \in Y$  define

$$L_f^{\alpha}(x,y) := \frac{\left| \left( \Lambda o f \right)(x) - \left( \Lambda o f \right)(y) \right|}{d^{\alpha}(x,y)} ,$$

where  $d^{\alpha}(x,y) = (d(x,y))^{\alpha}$  and  $0 < \alpha \le 1$ . Now define

$$p_{\alpha}(f) := \sup_{x \neq y} L_f^{\alpha}(x, y) , \ 0 < \alpha \le 1,$$

which is called the *Lipschitz constant* of f. Also for  $0 < \alpha \le 1$  define

$$Lip^{\alpha}(X,B) := \{ f \in C(X,B) : p_{\alpha}(f) < +\infty \},$$

and for  $0 < \alpha < 1$  define

$$lip^{\alpha}(X, B) := \{ f \in Lip_{\alpha}(X, B) : \lim_{d(x, y) \to 0} L_f^{\alpha}(x, y) = 0 \}.$$

The elements of  $Lip^{\alpha}(X, B)$  and  $lip^{\alpha}(X, B)$  are called *big* and *little*  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz B-valued operators, respectively.

Now, for each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $f, g \in C(X, B)$  define

$$(f+g)(x) := f(x) + g(x), (\lambda f)(x) := \lambda f(x),$$

and the uniform norm  $\| \cdot \|_{\infty}$  on C(X, B) by

$$|| f ||_{\infty} := \sup_{x \in X} || f(x) ||$$
;  $f \in C(X, B)$ .

Also for any  $f \in Lip^{\alpha}(X, B)$  define

$$\parallel f \parallel_{\alpha} := p_{\alpha}(f) + \parallel f \parallel_{\infty}.$$

It is easy to see that  $(C(X,B), \|.\|_{\infty})$  becomes a Banach algebra over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

Cao, Zhang and Xu in [6] proved that  $(Lip^{\alpha}(X,B), \| . \|_{\alpha})$  is a Banach space over  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $(lip^{\alpha}(X,B), \| . \|_{\alpha})$  is a closed linear subspace of  $(Lip^{\alpha}(X,B), \| . \|_{\alpha})$  when B is a Banach space. We also studied some of the properties of these algebras in [14-17] when B is a commutative unital Banach algebra.

Note that for  $\alpha = 1$  and  $B = \mathbb{F}$ , the space  $Lip^1(X, \mathbb{F})$  consisting of all Lipschitz functions from X into  $\mathbb{F}(=\mathbb{R}\ or\ \mathbb{C})$  has a series of interesting and important properties, which has been studied by many mathematicians, including the first of them Sherbert [13]. In [7, 18] some properties of Lipschitz scalar-valued functions are mentioned.

Let D be an open subset of X. An operator f of D into B is said to be analytic on D if, for every continuous linear functional  $\phi \in B^*$ , the scalar-valued function  $\phi \circ f$ 

is analytic on D in the usual sense. Note that we do not require D to be connected. For a full discussion of analytic complex-valued and vector-valued functions, see [2, 7]. The algebra of all continuous B-valued operators on X whose analytic in interior X is denoted by A(X,B). We write A(X) instead of  $A(X,\mathbb{F})$  ( $\mathbb{F}=\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ). Some of the properties of these algebras have been studied by certain mathematicians, see [1, 3-5, 8-11].

Finally, in this article, we introduce the analytic  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz B-valued operator algebras  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$  and we characterize their characters, also we study the relationship between of  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$  and B. We prove the main results of the article in several theorems.

## 2. Lip-analytic Operators

In this section, we introduce the analytic  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz vector-valued operator algebras  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$ , and we study some of their properties.

We write C(X) and  $Lip^{\alpha}(X)$  instead of  $C(X, \mathbb{F})$  and  $Lip^{\alpha}(X, \mathbb{F})$  respectively. By the Stone-Weierstrass theorem, we have

**Theorem 2.1.** [7]. A(X) is uniformly dense in C(X).

It is obvious that A(X, B) is a subalgebra of C(X, B). We have

**Theorem 2.2.** A(X,B) is uniformly dense in C(X,B).

**Proof.** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $f \in C(X, B)$  be arbitrary. We show that there exists  $g \in A(X, B)$  such that  $\| f - g \|_{\infty} < \epsilon$ . Since  $f \in C(X, B)$ ,  $\Lambda of \in C(X)$ . Then by Theorem 2.1, there is  $h \in A(X)$  such that  $\| \Lambda of - h \|_{\infty} < \epsilon$ . So

$$\sup_{x \in X} \left| (\Lambda o f)(x) - h(x) \right| < \epsilon.$$

Since  $\Lambda(\mathbf{e}) = 1$ ,  $h(x) = \Lambda(h(x)\mathbf{e})$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then

$$\sup_{x \in X} \left| \Lambda(f(x)) - \Lambda(h(x)\mathbf{e}) \right| < \epsilon.$$

Hence

$$\sup_{x \in X} \left| \Lambda ((f - h.\mathbf{e})(x)) \right| < \epsilon.$$

Since  $\Lambda \in \sigma(B)$  is arbitrary,  $\sup_{x \in X} \| (f - h.\mathbf{e})(x) \| < \epsilon$ . Thus  $\| f - h.\mathbf{e} \|_{\infty} < \epsilon$ . Now, take  $g := h.\mathbf{e}$ . Since  $h \in A(X)$  and  $\mathbf{e} \in B$ ,  $g \in A(X,B)$ . Therefore we conclude that  $\| f - g \| < \epsilon$  where  $g \in A(X,B)$ .

We have the similar Theorem 2.1 for the algebra of Lipschitz scalar-valued functions:

**Theorem 2.3.** [18].  $Lip^{\alpha}(X)$  is uniformly dense in C(X).

**Theorem 2.4.**  $Lip^{\alpha}(X, B)$  is uniformly dense in C(X, B).

**Proof.** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $f \in C(X, B)$  be arbitrary. We show that there exists  $h \in Lip^{\alpha}(X, B)$  such that  $\|h - f\|_{\infty} < \epsilon$ . Since  $f \in C(X, B)$ ,  $\Lambda of \in C(X)$ . So by Theorem 2.3, there exists  $g \in Lip^{\alpha}(X)$  such that  $\|g - \Lambda of\|_{\infty} < \epsilon$ . Define

$$\eta: \mathbb{C} \to B$$

$$\eta(\lambda) := \lambda \mathbf{e}.$$

Since g is continuous,  $\eta o g$  is continuous. Also

$$p_{\alpha}(\eta o g) = \sup_{x \neq y} L_{\eta o g}^{\alpha}(x, y)$$

$$= \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{\| (\eta o g)(x) - (\eta o g)(y) \|}{d^{\alpha}(x, y)}$$

$$= \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{\| g(x) \mathbf{e} - g(y) \mathbf{e} \|}{d^{\alpha}(x, y)} \quad (\| \mathbf{e} \| = 1)$$

$$< p_{\alpha}(g) < \infty.$$

So  $\eta og \in Lip^{\alpha}(X, B)$ . Set  $h := \eta og$ . Now we show that  $\|h - f\|_{\infty} < \epsilon$ . Since  $\Lambda(\mathbf{e}) = 1$ , for all  $x \in X$  we have

$$\begin{split} \left| \Lambda \big( g(x) \mathbf{e} - f(x) \big) \right| &= \left| g(x) - (\Lambda o f)(x) \right| \\ &\leq \| g - \Lambda o f \|_{\infty} \\ &< \epsilon. \end{split}$$

This implies that

$$|\Lambda(\eta og - f)(x)| < \epsilon, \ x \in X.$$

Since  $\Lambda \in \sigma(B)$  is arbitrary,  $\| (\eta og - f)(x) \| < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in X$ . Consequently,  $\| \eta og - f \|_{\infty} < \epsilon$  or  $\| h - f \|_{\infty} < \epsilon$ . This completes the proof.

**Corollary 2.5.** By using Theorems 2.2 and 2.4, each element of A(X,B) can be approximated by elements of  $Lip^{\alpha}(X,B)$  with sup-norm. Also each element of  $Lip^{\alpha}(X,B)$  can be approximated by elements of A(X,B) with sup-norm.

**Definition 2.6.** Let D be an open subset of X. An operator f of D into B is said to be Lip-analytic on D if  $f \in Lip^{\alpha}(X,B) \cap A(X,B)$ .

The algebra of all Lip-analytic B-valued operators on X whose analytic in interior X is denoted by  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$ . When  $B = \mathbb{F}$ , we write  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X)$  instead of  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$ .

By Theorems 2.2 and 2.4, we can prove that:

**Theorem 2.7.**  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$  is uniformly dense in C(X,B).

Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be linear spaces. From [12], a tensor product of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  is a pair  $(T,\tau)$ , where T is a linear space and  $\tau: E_1 \times E_2 \to T$  is a bilinear map with the following (universal) property: For each linear space F and for each bilinear map  $V: E_1 \times E_2 \to F$ , there is a unique linear map  $U: T \to F$  such that  $V = U \circ \tau$ . We shall also use the standard notation for tensor products, we write  $E_1 \otimes E_2$  for T

and  $x_1 \otimes x_2 = \tau(x_1, x_2)$  for  $x_1 \in E_1$  and  $x_2 \in E_2$ . If  $Z \in E_1 \otimes E_2$ , then there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and for each j = 1, 2 there are  $x_j^{(1)}, ..., x_j^{(m)} \in E_j$  such that  $Z = \sum_{k=1}^m x_1^{(k)} \otimes x_2^{(k)}$ . Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be Banach spaces with dual spaces  $E_1^*$  and  $E_2^*$ . Then we define

for  $Z \in E_1 \otimes E_2$ 

$$||Z||_{\epsilon} = \sup \{ |\langle Z, \phi_1 \otimes \phi_2 \rangle| : \phi_j \in N_1[0, E_j^*], j = 1, 2 \},$$

where

$$Z = \sum_{k=1}^{m} x_1^{(k)} \otimes x_2^{(k)} \; ; \; (m \in \mathbb{N}, \; x_j^{(k)} \in E_j, \; j = 1, 2, \; 1 \le k \le m),$$

and

$$\langle Z, \phi_1 \otimes \phi_2 \rangle = \langle \sum_{k=1}^m x_1^{(k)} \otimes x_2^{(k)}, \phi_1 \otimes \phi_2 \rangle$$

$$= (\phi_1 \otimes \phi_2) \Big( \sum_{k=1}^m x_1^{(k)} \otimes x_2^{(k)} \Big)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^m (\phi_1 \otimes \phi_2) \Big( x_1^{(k)} \otimes x_2^{(k)} \Big)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^m \phi_1 \Big( x_1^{(k)} \Big) \phi_2 \Big( x_2^{(k)} \Big),$$

and  $N_1[0, E_i^*]$  is closed ball in  $E_i^*$  with radius 1 centered at 0. We call  $\|\cdot\|_{\epsilon}$  the injective norm on  $E_1 \otimes E_2$ .

Let  $(E_1, \| . \|_1)$  and  $(E_2, \| . \|_2)$  be Banach spaces. Then their injective tensor product  $E_1 \otimes E_2$  is the completion of  $E_1 \otimes E_2$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_{\epsilon}$ . For every  $Z \in E_1 \check{\otimes} E_2$ , we have

$$\parallel Z \parallel_{\epsilon} = \sup \left\{ \parallel \left( id \otimes \phi \right)(Z) \parallel_{1} : \phi \in N_{1}[0, E_{2}^{*}] \right\},$$

where

$$(id \otimes \phi)(a \otimes b) = a\phi(b)$$
;  $(a \in E_1, b \in E_2)$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be Banach spaces. A norm  $\| \cdot \|$  on  $E_1 \otimes E_2$  is called a cross norm if

$$||x_1 \otimes x_2|| = ||x_1|| ||x_2|| \quad (x_1 \in E_1, x_2 \in E_2).$$

**Proposition 2.9.** [12]. Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be Banach spaces. Then  $\|\cdot\|_{\epsilon}$  is a cross norm on  $E_1 \otimes E_2$ .

## 3. The Main Results

In this section, we present the main results of the article.

**Theorem 3.1.**  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X)\check{\otimes}B$ .

**Proof.** It is straightforward to prove that the mapping

$$Lip_A^{\alpha}(X) \times B \to Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B), \quad (f, b) \longmapsto fb$$
 (3.1)

is bilinear. So from the defining property of the algebraic tensor product  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X)\otimes B$ , it follows that (1) extends to a linear map

$$S: Lip_A^{\alpha}(X) \otimes B \longrightarrow Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$$
  
$$S(f \otimes b) := fb ,$$

where

$$(fb)(x) := f(x)b \; ; \; (x \in X).$$

Then

$$\| S(f \otimes b) \|_{\alpha} = \| fb \|_{\alpha} = \| fb \|_{\infty} + p_{\alpha}(fb)$$

$$= \| f \|_{\infty} \| b \| + p_{\alpha}(f) \| b \|$$

$$= (\| f \|_{\infty} + p_{\alpha}(f)) \| b \|$$

$$= \| f \|_{\alpha} \| b \|$$

$$= \| f \otimes b \|_{\epsilon} .$$

Therefore S is an isometry and thus injective with closed range. It remains to be shows that it has dense range as well.

Let  $f \in Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Being the continuous image of a compact space,  $K := f(X) \subset B$  is compact. We may thus find  $b_1,...,b_n \in B$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n N(b_i,\epsilon)$ , where  $N(b_i,\epsilon)$  is a neighborhood with radius  $\epsilon$  centered at  $b_i$ . Let  $U_j := f^{-1}\big(N(b_j,\epsilon)\big)$  for j=1,...,n. Choose  $f_1,...,f_n \in Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$  such that  $supp(f_j) \subset U_j$  for j=1,...,n, and  $\Lambda o(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i) = 1$ . Then for every  $x \in X$  we have

$$\| (f - \sum_{i=1}^{n} S(\Lambda o f_{i} \otimes b_{i}))(x) \| = \| (f - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\Lambda o f_{i}) b_{i})(x) \|$$

$$= \| f(x) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\Lambda o f_{i})(x) b_{i} \|$$

$$= \| f(x) (\Lambda o (\sum_{i=1}^{n} f_{i}))(x) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\Lambda o f_{i})(x) b_{i} \|$$

$$= \| f(x) \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\Lambda o f_{i})(x) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\Lambda o f_{i})(x) b_{i} \|$$

$$= \| \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\Lambda o f_i)(x) (f(x) - b_i) \|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} | (\Lambda o f_i)(x) | \| f(x) - b_i \|.$$

It easy to see that the right hand side of the above relation is less than  $\epsilon$ . So we conclude that  $\overline{R_S} = Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$ . This completes the proof.

With an argument similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can prove that:

**Theorem 3.2.** A(X,B) is isometrically isomorphic to  $A(X) \check{\otimes} B$ .

Define the canonical embedding

$$j: Lip_A^{\alpha}(X) \to Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$$
  
 $j(h) := h \otimes \mathbf{e}$ ,

such that

$$(h \otimes \mathbf{e})(x) := h(x)\mathbf{e} \; ; \; x \in X.$$

By Theorem 3.1, the map j is well defined. Let  $\chi$  be a arbitrary and fixed character on  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$ . Then there is  $z\in X$  such that  $\chi oj$  is the evaluation at z, indeed  $\chi oj=\delta_z$  where  $\delta_z(f)=f(z)$ .

Define  $\varphi(\omega) := \omega - z$ ,  $(\omega \in X)$ . It is clear that  $\varphi \in A(X)$ , and we have

$$p_{\alpha}(\varphi) = \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)|}{|x - y|^{\alpha}} = \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{|(x - z) - (y - z)|}{|x - y|^{\alpha}}$$
$$= \sup_{x \neq y} |x - y|^{1 - \alpha} < \infty.$$

So  $\varphi \in Lip^{\alpha}(X)$ , and consequently  $\varphi \in Lip_A^{\alpha}(X)$ .

Now consider

$$I := \{ f \in Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B) : f(z) = 0 \}.$$

It is obvious that I is nonempty and an ideal in  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** I is contained in the kernel of  $\chi$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in I$  be arbitrary. Then  $f \in A(X, B)$ . So f has a Taylor series expansion  $f(\omega) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(z)}{n!} (\omega - z)^n$  around z. Define

$$g(\omega) := \begin{cases} \frac{f(\omega)}{\omega - z} \; ; \quad \omega \neq z \; , \\ f'(z) \; ; \quad \omega = z. \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $\Lambda og$  is analytic in the interior of X, so  $g \in A(X, B)$ . For  $\omega = z$ , it is obvious that  $g \in Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$ , and for  $\omega \neq z$  we have

$$f(\omega) = (\omega - z)g(\omega) = \varphi(\omega)g(\omega).$$

It can be easily proved that  $g \in Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$ . Then for every  $\omega \in X$  with  $\omega \neq z$ , we have

$$f(\omega) = \varphi(\omega)g(\omega) = \varphi(\omega)\mathbf{e}g(\omega)$$
$$= (\varphi \otimes \mathbf{e})(\omega)g(\omega) = ((\varphi \otimes \mathbf{e})g)(\omega)$$
$$= (j(\varphi)g)(\omega).$$

So  $f = j(\varphi)g$ . Therefore

$$\chi(f) = \chi(j(\varphi)g) = \chi(j(\varphi))\chi(g)$$

$$= (\chi o j)(\varphi)\chi(g) = \delta_z(\varphi)\chi(g)$$

$$= \varphi(z)\chi(g) = 0 \times \chi(g) = 0.$$

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So  $f \in ker\chi$ , and that means  $I \subset ker\chi$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.4.** Every character  $\chi$  on  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X,B)$  is of form  $\chi = \psi o \delta_z$  for some character  $\psi$  on B and some  $z \in X$ , where  $\delta_z(f) = f(z)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\chi$  be an arbitrary character on  $Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B)$ . Then there is  $z \in X$  such that  $\chi oj$  is the evaluation at z, indeed  $\chi oj = \delta_z$  where  $\delta_z(f) = f(z)$ . Define

$$I := \{ f \in Lip_A^{\alpha}(X, B) : f(z) = 0 \}.$$

By Theorem 3.3, I is contained in the kernel of  $\chi$ . It is clear that  $ker\delta_z = I$ . Therefore  $ker\delta_z \subset ker\chi$ . We obtain the desired factorization  $\chi = \psi o\delta_z$  for some character  $\psi$  on B.

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