

**MULTIPLIERS AND TENSOR PRODUCTS
 OF VECTOR VALUED $L^p(G, A)$ SPACES**

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Abstract. In this paper we define a normed space $A_p^q(G, A)$ and prove some properties of this space. In particular, we show that the space $\mathcal{L}^\vee(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{A})_{\mathcal{L}^\infty(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{A})}$ $\mathcal{L}^\Pi(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{A})$ is isometrically isomorphic to the space $A_q^p(G, A)$ and the space of multipliers from $L^p(G, A)$ to $L^{q'}(G, A^*)$ is isometrically isomorphic to the dual of the space $A_p^q(G, A)$ if G satisfies a property P_p^q .

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, we let G be a locally compact Abelian group with Haar measure dt , A be a commutative Banach algebra with identity of norm 1 and X be a Banach space. $C_0(G, X)$ denotes the Banach space of X -valued continuous functions on G vanish at infinity, under the supremum norm

$$\|f\|_{\infty X} = \sup_{t \in G} \|f(t)\|_X \quad \text{for } f \in C_0(G, X)$$

Let $C_c(G, X)$ be the space of all continuous and X -valued functions on G with compact support. and

$$L^p(G, X) = \{f : G \rightarrow X; f \text{ is measurable and } \|f(\cdot)\|_X \in L^p(G)\}$$

with the norm given by

$$\|f\|_{pX} = \left(\int_G \|f(t)\|_X^p dt \right)^{1/p}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty.$$

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It follows that $L^p(G, X)$ is a Banach space for $1 \leq p < \infty$. If $X = \mathbb{C}$, the set of complex numbers, then we write that $L^p(G, X) = L^p(G)$. If A is a commutative Banach algebra with identity of norm 1, then the space $L^1(G, A)$ is a commutative Banach algebra under convolution

$$f * g(t) = \int_G f(t-s)g(s)ds = \int_G f(s)g(t-s)ds$$

and the norm

$$\|f\|_{1A} = \int_G \|f(t)\|_A dt$$

for $f, g \in L^1(G, A)$, ([4], [6]).

For $1 < p < \infty$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, the dual space $L^p(G, X)^*$ is isometrically isomorphic to $L^q(G, X^*)$ if and only if X^* has the Radon-Nikodym property (RNP for brevity) in the wide sense (Lai [9]). (See Theorem 1.2 in [8]). Thus for $f \in L^p(G, X)$, $g \in L^q(G, X^*)$, the dual pair $\langle f(\cdot), g(\cdot) \rangle \in L^1(G)$ and Hölder inequality implies

$$\int_G |\langle f(\cdot), g(\cdot) \rangle| dt \leq \|f\|_{pX} \cdot \|g\|_{qX^*}.$$

In [8], Lai proved the following theorems.

Theorem A ([8; Theorem 2.2]). *Let $1 < p < \infty$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, $f \in L^p(G, A)$ and $g \in L^q(G, A)$. Then $f * g \in C_0(G, A)$ and*

$$\|f * g\|_{\infty A} \leq \|f\|_{pA} \cdot \|g\|_{qA}$$

Analogy to the scalar function case ([4] 20.18. Theorem) we can easily obtain the following;

Theorem B *Let $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} > 1$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} - 1 = \frac{1}{r}$. If $f \in L^p(G, A)$, $g \in L^q(G, A)$ then $f * g \in L^r(G, A)$ and*

$$\|f * g\|_{rA} \leq \|f\|_{pA} \cdot \|g\|_{qA}$$

A Banach space V is called a left (right) Banach A -module over a Banach algebra A if V is a left (right) module over A in the algebraic sense for some multiplication, $(a, v) \rightarrow a.v$, and satisfies $\|av\| \leq \|a\| \cdot \|v\|$ for all $a \in A, v \in V$. Again, we can assume that V is a Banach A -module. Then the closed linear subspace of V spanned by

$$AV = \{av | a \in A, v \in V\}$$

is called the essential part of V and is denoted by V_e . If $V = V_e$, then V is said to be an essential Banach A -module. In [8], Lai proved the following theorem.

Proposition C ([8; Proposition 2.3]). Let X^* have the wide RNP. Then the Banach space $L^p(G, X)$ is an essential $L^1(G, A)$ - module under convolution such that for $f \in L^1(G, A)$ and $g \in L^p(G, X)$ we have

$$\|f * g\|_{pX} \leq \|f\|_{1A} \cdot \|g\|_{pX}.$$

Let V and W be a left and right Banach A -module respectively. Let $V \otimes_\gamma W$ denote the projective tensor product (Bonsall-Duncan,[1]) of V and W , and let K be the closed linear subspace of $V \otimes_\gamma W$ which is spanned by all the elements of the form

$$av - \omega - \nu - a\omega, \text{ for every } a \in A, v \in V, \omega \in W.$$

Then the A -module tensor product $V \otimes_A W$ is defined to be the quotient Banach space $(V \otimes_\gamma W) / K$. It is known that every element t of $V \otimes_A W$ is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad t = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu_i \otimes w_i, \quad \nu_i \in V, w_i \in W, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|\nu_i\| \|w_i\| < \infty.$$

It is a normed space under the norm

$$\|t\| = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|\nu_i\| \|w_i\| < \infty \right\}$$

where the infimum is taken over all possible representations for t .

If V and W are left (right) Banach A -modules, then a multiplier (or module homomorphism) from V to W is a bounded linear operator T from V to W , which commutes with module multiplication i.e. $T(av) = aT(v)$ for $a \in A$ and $v \in V$. We denote $Hom_A(V, W)$ or $M(V, W)$ as the space of multipliers from V to W .

Now let V and W be a left and right Banach A -module respectively. It is known that W^* , the dual of W , is a left Banach A -module. Rieffel in [11] proved that there is a natural isometric isomorphism

$$(1.2) \quad Hom_A(V, W^*) \cong (V \otimes_A W)^*$$

under which the linear functional t on $V \otimes_A W$, which corresponds to an operator $T \in Hom_A(V, W^*)$ has the value $\langle \omega, T(v) \rangle = t(v \otimes \omega)$ for $v \otimes \omega \in V \otimes_A W$ and the ultra weak*-topology on $Hom_A(V, W^*)$ corresponds to the weak*- topology on $(V \otimes_A W)^*$ (see Rieffel [11] and also Lai [6], [7]).

Rieffel [11,5.5.Theorem] proved that if G satisfies property P_p^q (see Def. 2, §3) then $L^p(G) \otimes L^q(G) \cong A_p^q$, for $1 \leq p, q < \infty$. By using the before-mentioned Rieffel's technique, in this study we will show that $L^p(G, A) \otimes_{L^1(G,A)} L^q(G, A^*) \cong A_p^q(G, A)$.

2. The Space $A_p^q(G, A)$

Throughout this section we let G be a locally compact Abelian group, A be a commutative Banach algebra with identity of norm 1.

In view of Theorem B, we can define a bilinear map b from $L^p(G, A) \times L^q(G, A)$ into $L^r(G, A)$ by

$$b(f, g) = \tilde{f} * g, f \in L^p(G, A), g \in L^q(G, A)$$

where $\tilde{f}(x) = f(-x)$. It is easy to see that $\|b\| \leq 1$. Then, b lifts to a linear map B from $L^p(G, A) \otimes L^q(G, A)$ into $L^r(G, A)$, $B(f \otimes g) = \tilde{f} * g$, where $f \in L^p(G, A)$, $g \in L^q(G, A)$ and $\|B\| \leq 1$ by the Theorem 6 in (Bonsall-Duncan, [1]).

Definition 1. *The range of B with the quotient norm will be denoted by $A_p^q(G, A)$.*

Thus $A_p^q(G, A)$ is a Banach space of functions defined on G , which can be viewed as a linear submanifold in $L^r(G, A)$. In view of the fact that every element of $L^p(G, A) \otimes L^q(G, A)$ has an expansion of the form (1.1), we can see that (see [8]) $A_p^q(G, A)$ consists of exactly those functions h on G , which has at least one expansion of the form

$$h = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f_i * g_i, f_i \in L^p(G, A), g_i \in L^q(G, A)$$

such that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_i\|_{pA} \cdot \|g_i\|_{qA} < \infty$. $A_p^q(G, A)$ is equipped with the norm

$$\|h\| = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_i\|_{pA} \|g_i\|_{qA} : f_i \in L^p(G, A), g_i \in L^q(G, A) \right\}$$

Applying relation (1.2) to the spaces $V = L^p(G, A)$ and $W = L^q(G, A)$ yields

$$\text{Hom}_{L^1(G,A)}(L^p(G, A), L^q(G, A^*)) \cong (L^p(G, A) \otimes_{L^1(G,A)} L^q(G, A))^*$$

for $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $1 \leq q < \infty$. We now turn to the problem of representing the dual space of $L^p(G, A) \otimes_{L^1(G,A)} L^q(G, A)$ as a function space. Lai [8] has shown that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{L^1(G,A)}(L^1(G, A), L^p(G, X^*)) &\cong (L^1(G, A) \otimes_{L^1(G,A)} L^q(G, X))^* \\ &\cong L^p(G, X^*) \end{aligned}$$

where $1 < p < \infty, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Thus we can assume that $p > 1$ and $q > 1$.

3. MULTIPLIERS FROM $L^p(G, A)$ TO $L^{q'}(G, A^*)$

In this section, we assume that G is not a compact Abelian group. Let K be the closed linear subspace of $L^p(G, A) \otimes_{L^1(G,A)} L^q(G, A)$, which is spanned by all the elements of the form

$$(\varphi * f) \otimes g - g \otimes (\tilde{\varphi} * f)$$

where $f \in L^p(G, A), g \in L^q(G, A)$ and $\varphi \in L^1(G, A)$. Then, the $L^1(G, A)$ -module tensor product $L^p(G, A) \otimes_{L^1(G,A)} L^q(G, A)$ is defined to be the quotient Banach space

$$L^p(G, A) \otimes_{L^1(G,A)} L^q(G, A) / K.$$

We denote by $L_s f$ the s -translation of f on G , that is,

$$L_s f(t) = f(t - s) \text{ for } t, s \in G.$$

A bounded linear operator T from $L^p(G, A)$ to $L^{q'}(G, A^*)$ is invariant if T commutes with the translation operators $L_s (s \in G)$. That is, $L_s T = T L_s, s \in G$.

Lemma 1. ([12; lemma 1].) *Let G be a non-compact locally compact Abelian group. Then*

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} \|f + L_s f\|_{pX} = 2^{1/p} \cdot \|f\|_{pX}$$

for $f \in L^p(G, X), 1 \leq p < \infty$.

Theorem 1. *If T is a bounded invariant operator from $L^p(G, A)$ to $L^{q'}(G, A^*)$ and $p > q'$ then $T \equiv 0$.*

Proof. Assume that $T \neq 0$. Since T is a linear bounded operator, there exists $c > 0$, such that

$$(3.1) \quad \|Tf\|_{q'A^*} \leq c \cdot \|f\|_{pA}, f \in L^p(G, A)$$

Since T is an invariant linear operator, we write

$$\|Tf + L_s T f\|_{q'A^*} \leq c \cdot \|f + L_s f\|_{pA}.$$

Also by Lemma 1 we have

$$2^{1/q'} \|Tf\|_{q'A^*} \leq c \cdot 2^{1/p} \|f\|_{pA}.$$

Hence, we find

$$\|Tf\|_{q'A^*} \leq c \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q'}} \|f\|_{pA}$$

and $c \cdot 2^{1/p-1/q'} < c$ if $p < q'$. But, this is a contradiction because c is the smallest constant satisfying the inequality (3.1). Therefore, $T \equiv 0$.

Theorem 2. *If $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} < 1$ and $1 \leq p, q < \infty$ then*

$$L^p(G, A) \quad L^1(G, A) \quad L^q(G, A) = \{0\}$$

Proof. If $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} < 1$ then, $p > q'$, where $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1$. Moreover, we have

$$(3.2) \quad \left(L^p(G, A) \quad L^1(G, A) \quad L^q(G, A) \right)^* \equiv \text{Hom}_{L^1(G, A)} \left(L^p(G, A), L^{q'}(G, A^*) \right)$$

(see Theorem 1.4 in Rieffel, [11]). From (3.2), Theorem 1 and the Hahn-Banach theorem, we obtain

$$L^p(G, A) \quad L^1(G, A) \quad L^q(G, A) = \{0\}.$$

This completes the proof.

It is known that the X -valued space $C_c(G, X)$ of continuous functions with compact support in G is dense in $L^p(G, X)$, $1 \leq p < \infty$. The following lemma is easily proved.

Lemma 2. *Let $1 < p, q < \infty$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \geq 1$ and $q' = 2p$. Given any $\varphi \in C_c(G, A)$, define T_φ by $T_\varphi(f) = f_* \varphi$, $f \in L^p(G, A)$. Then, $T_\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{L^1(G, A)} \left(L^p(G, A), L^{q'}(G, A^*) \right)$ and the inequality*

$$\|T_\varphi\|_{q', A} \|\varphi\|_{q, A}$$

holds.

Proof. For all $f \in L^p(G, A)$ and $g \in L^1(G, A)$ we have

$$T_\varphi(g_* f) = (g_* f)_* \varphi = g_* (f_* \varphi) = g_* T_\varphi(f).$$

That means T_φ is a $L^1(G, A)$ -homomorphism. Since $q' = 2p$, we have $\frac{1}{q'} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} - 1$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \geq 1$. Hence, if we apply Theorem B, we have

$$f * \varphi \in L^{q'}(G, A) \text{ and } \|T_\varphi(f)\|_{q',A} \leq \|f\|_{p,A} \|\varphi\|_{q,A},$$

for $f \in L^p(G, A)$ and $\varphi \in C_c(G, A) \subset L^q(G, A)$. Therefore, we find

$$\| \|T_\varphi\| \|_{q',A} \cdot \| \varphi \| \|_{q,A},$$

where $\| \cdot \|_{q',A}$ and $\| \cdot \|_{q,A}$ are operator norms on $L^{q'}(G, A)$ and $L^q(G, A)$, respectively. Thus T_φ is continuous. Consequently,

$$T_\varphi \in Hom_{L^1(G,A)} \left(L^p(G, A), L^{q'}(G, A^*) \right).$$

Definition 2. A locally compact Abelian group G is said to satisfy property P_p^q if every element of $Hom_{L^1(G,A)} \left(L^p(G, A), L^{q'}(G, A^*) \right)$ can be approximated in the ultraweak operator topology by operators of the form $T_\varphi, \varphi \in C_c(G, A)$.

Theorem 3. Let G be a locally compact Abelian group. If $q' = 2p, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} - 1 = \frac{1}{r}$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \geq 1$ then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) G satisfies property P_p^q .
- (b) The kernel of B is K and

$$L^p(G, A) \quad_{L^1(G,A)} \quad L^q(G, A) \equiv A_p^q(G, A).$$

Proof. Assume that G satisfies property P_p^q . It is obvious that $K \subset Ker B$. To show $Ker B \subset K$, it suffices to show $K^\perp \subset (Ker B)^\perp$. Let $F \in K^\perp$. From the isometric isomorphism

$$K^\perp \cong \left(L^p(G, A) \quad_{L^1(G,A)} \quad L^q(G, A) \right)^* \cong Hom_{L^1(G,A)} \left(L^p(G, A), L^{q'}(G, A^*) \right),$$

there is a multiplier $T \in Hom_{L^1(G,A)} \left(L^p(G, A), L^{q'}(G, A^*) \right)$ corresponding F such that

$$(3.3) \quad \langle t, F \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle g_i, T f_i \rangle$$

where $t \in Ker B, t = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f_i \quad g_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_i\|_{pA} \cdot \|g_i\|_{qA} < \infty$. Furthermore, since G satisfies property P_p^q , there exist operators net $(T_{\varphi_j}), \varphi_j \in C_c(G, A)$ such that

$$(3.4) \quad \lim_j \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle g_i, T_{\varphi_j} f_i \rangle = \lim_j \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle g_i, f_i * \varphi_j \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle g_i, T f_i \rangle.$$

We also note that

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle g_i, f_{i*} \varphi_j \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle \tilde{f}_i * g_i, \varphi_j \rangle.$$

Again, if we use the Hölder inequality and the equality (3.5) then we obtain

$$(3.6) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle g_i, f_{i*} \varphi_j \rangle \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle \tilde{f}_i * g_i, \varphi_j \rangle \right| \leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \tilde{f}_i * g_i \right\|_{rA} \cdot \|\varphi_j\|_{r'A^*} = 0.$$

Hence, if we combine (3.4) and (3.6) then

$$\langle t, F \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle g_i, T f_i \rangle = 0.$$

Therefore, $\langle t, F \rangle = 0$ for all $t \in \text{Ker} B$. That means $F \in (\text{Ker} B)^{\perp}$. Hence $K = \text{Ker} B$. This proves that

$$L^p(G, A) \text{ }_{L^1(G, A)} L^q(G, A) \cong A_p^q(G, A).$$

Suppose conversely that $\text{Ker} B = K$. We will illustrate that the set $N = \{T_{\varphi} | \varphi \in C_c(G, A)\}$ is everywhere dense in $\text{Hom}_{L^1(G, A)}(L^p(G, A), L^q(G, A^*))$ in the ultraweak* operator topology. Let M be the set of all linear functionals which corresponds to the operators T_{φ} . If we prove that M is everywhere dense in $(L^p(G, A) \text{ }_{L^1(G, A)} L^q(G, A))^*$ in the weak*-topology then we complete the proof. Since

$$(L^p(G, A) \text{ }_{L^1(G, A)} L^q(G, A))^* \cong (\text{Ker} B)^{\perp},$$

$\langle t, F \rangle = 0$ for all $t \in \text{Ker} B$ and $F \in M$ i.e., $t \in M^{\perp}$. That means $\text{Ker} B \subset M^{\perp}$. Conversely, if we use (3.5) to obtain that

$$(3.7) \quad \langle \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \tilde{f}_i * g_i, \varphi \rangle = \langle t, F \rangle = 0.$$

Also, by using the equality (3.7) and the Hahn-Banach theorem, we find that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \tilde{f}_i * g_i = 0$. Therefore, $M^{\perp} \subset \text{Ker} B$. Consequently, $M^{\perp} = \text{Ker} B$. This proves the assertion.

Corollary 1. *Let G be a locally compact Abelian group and $q' = 2p, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \geq 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} - 1 = \frac{1}{r}, \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1$. If G satisfies the property P_p^q , then we have the identification*

$$\text{Hom}_{L^1(G,A)} \left(L^p(G, A), L^{q'}(G, A^*) \right) \cong (A_p^q(G, A))^*$$

Proof. By Theorem 3 and the isometric isomorphism (1.2), one can obtain that

$$\text{Hom}_{L^1(G,A)} \left(L^p(G, A), L^{q'}(G, A^*) \right) \cong (L^p(G, A) \quad_{L^1(G,A)} L^q(G, A))^*$$

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