

# On the vanishing of the cohomology of stable $C^*$ -algebras

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## Abstract.

We concerned with the vanishing of the dihedral and reflexive cohomology groups of stable  $C^*$ -algebra. Wodzicki has proved that, the cyclic cohomology of stable  $C^*$ -algebra is vanished. We extend this fact to prove that the reflexive and dihedral cohomology of this class are also vanish.

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## 1- Introduction.

There are many studies interested in vanishing the cohomology group of operator algebras. For example, the third cohomology group  $H^3(l^1(Z_+), l^1(Z_+)) = 0$  where  $l^1(Z_+)$  is a unital semi-group algebra of  $N$  [15], also the third cyclic cohomology group  $HC^3(I, I) = 0$  where  $I$  is a nonunital Banach algebra  $l^1(Z)$  [15]. The dihedral cohomology  ${}^\varepsilon HD^n(A) = 0$ ,  $n \in N$ ,  $n$  is odd,  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ , where  $A$  is biflat algebra [4]. The class of algebra called Amenable algebras, that, is all continuous derivation from an algebra  $A$  into  $A$ -bimodule  $M$  are inner, is a good result of the vanishing of the  $I$ -St-dimensional cohomology of a Banach algebra  $A$ , with coefficient in  $A$ -bimodule  $M$  [8]. If  $A$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra without bounded traces or a nuclear  $C^*$ -algebra, the Hochschild and dihedral cohomology groups vanish ([12],[13]).

In the paper we study the vanishing cohomology groups (Reflexive and Dihedral) of some classes of  $C^*$ -algebra and give examples of nontrivial dihedral cohomology groups of a commutative Banach algebra under special condition.

## 2- Dihedral (Co)homology of operator algebra.

We recall the definition properties of Banach algebra and its homology from [1],[3] and [11]. Let  $A$  be a unital Banach algebra over a commutative ring  $k(k = \mathbb{C})$ . A complex  $C(A) = (C^*(A), b_*)$ , where  $C_n(A) = A \otimes \dots \otimes A$  is the tensor product of algebra  $(n + 1)$  times and  $b_*: C_n(A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(A)$  is the boundary operator

$$b_n(a_* \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_i a_{i-1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1}.$$

It is well known that  $b_{n-1}b_n = 0$ , and hence  $\ker b_n \supset \operatorname{Im} b_{n+1}$ .

$$H_n(A) = H(C(A)) = \frac{\ker b_n}{\operatorname{Im} b_{n-1}} \quad (1)$$

It is called the Hochschild homology of unital Banach algebras  $A$  with involutive and denote by  $(HH_*(A))$ .

If  $A$  is an unital Banach algebras, one acts on the complex  $C(A)$ , by the cyclic group of order  $(n+1)$  by means of the operator  $t_n: C_n(A) \rightarrow C_n(A)$

$$t_n(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = (-1)^n a_n \otimes a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1}.$$

The quotient complex  $CC_n(A) = \frac{C_n(A)}{\operatorname{Im}(1-t_n)}$  is a subcomplex of a complex  $CC_*(A)$ .

Consider the chain complex  $CC_*(A) = (CH_*(A), b_*)$  and the Connes-Tsygan bicomplex  $CC_*(A)$  (see [5]). Then

the subcomplex  $(\ker(1-t_*), b_*) \subset (CH_*(A), b_*)$  has the same homology as the complex  $(CC_*(A), b_*)$ ,

that is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_*(CC_*(A)) &= \mathcal{H}_*(CH_*(A), b_*) / \operatorname{Im}(1-t_*) = \mathcal{H}_*(CH_*(A), b_*) / \operatorname{Ker} N \\ &= \mathcal{H}_*(\operatorname{Im} N, b_*) = \mathcal{H}_*(\operatorname{Ker}(1-t_*), b_*), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} CH_n(A) &= A^{\otimes n+1} = A \otimes \dots \otimes A \quad (n+1 \text{ times}), \\ b_n, b_n^*: CH_n(A) &\rightarrow CH_{n-1}(A), \end{aligned}$$

Such that:

$$\begin{aligned} b_n^*(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i (a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_i a_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_n), \\ b_n(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) &= b_n^* + (-1)^n (a_n a \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1}), \\ t_n: CH_n(A) &\rightarrow CH_n(A), \end{aligned}$$

Such that  $t_n(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = (-1)^n (a_n \otimes a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1})$  and  $N_n = 1 = t_n^1 + \dots + t_n^n$ .

Therefore, the complex  $(\ker(1-t_*), b_*)$  is isomorphic to complex  $(CC_*(A), b_*)$ . The isomorphism between them

is given by the operator  $N_*: CC_*(A) \rightarrow (\ker(1-t_*), b_*)$ . Consequently, the action of the group  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  on the

complex  $CC_*(A)$ , by means of the operator  ${}^\varepsilon h$  is equal to action of  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  on the complex  $(\ker(1-t_*), b_*)$  by means of the operator

$${}^\varepsilon r: a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n \rightarrow (-1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \varepsilon a_n^* \otimes a_{n-1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes a_0^*,$$

where  $a^*$  is the image of element in  $a \in A$  under involution  $*$ :  $A \rightarrow A$ ,  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ . Since  ${}^\varepsilon h \cdot t_* = t_*^{-1} \cdot {}^\varepsilon h$ , then we have  $N_*({}^\varepsilon h) = ({}^\varepsilon h)N_*$ .

On the other hand, since  ${}^\varepsilon r_* = t_* \cdot {}^\varepsilon h_*$  then

$${}^\varepsilon h_* N_* = N_* \cdot {}^\varepsilon h_* = (N_* t_*) \cdot {}^\varepsilon h_* = N_*(t_* \cdot {}^\varepsilon h_*) = N_* \cdot {}^\varepsilon r_*.$$

So, the dihedral homology of  $A$  is given by formula:

$$\varepsilon HD_*(A) = H_*(\ker(1 - t_*) / (\text{Im}(1 - t_*) \cap \ker(1 - t_*))). \quad (3)$$

For a commutative unital Banach algebra  $A$ . We denote by  $C^n(A)$  ( $n = 0, 1, \dots$ ) the Banach space of continuous  $(n + 1)$ -linear functionals on  $A$ ; these functionals we shall later call  $n$ -dimensional cochains.

We let  $t_n: C^n(A) \rightarrow C^n(A)$ , ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) 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  $t_0 = I$ . We shall write  $t$  instead of  $t_n$  if it is clear which  $n$  we mean.

A cochain  $f$  satisfying  $tf = f$  is called cyclic. We let  $CC^n(A)$  denote the closed subspace of  $C^n(A)$  formed by the cyclic cochains. (In particular,  $CC^0(A) = C^0(A) = A^*$  where  $A^*$  is the dual Banach space of  $A$ ).

by proposition (4) in [4],  $\text{Im}(1 - t_n)$  is closed in  $C^n(A)$  and  $CC^n(A) = C^n(A) / \text{Im}(1 - t_n)$ . The induced operator  $d_n: CC^{n+1}(A) \rightarrow CC^n(A)$  in the respective quotient spaces. Thus, we obtain a quotient complex  $CC^*(A)$  of complex  $CC(A)$ . The cohomology of  $CC^*(A)$ , denoted by  $HC^n(A)$  is called the  $n$ -dimensional Banach cyclic cohomology group of  $A$ . We let  $r_n: C_n(A) \rightarrow C_n(A)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  denote the operator given by the formula:

$$r_n(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \in a_0^* \otimes a_n^* \otimes \dots \otimes a_1^*, \in = \pm 1,$$

where  $*$  is an involution on  $A$ .

Note that:  $\text{Im}(id_{t_n(A)} = 1 - t_n)$  is closed in  $C^n(A)$ .

The quotient complex,

$$CD^n(A) = \frac{C^n(A)}{\text{Im}(1 - t_n) + \text{Im}(1 - r_n)}$$

of a complex  $C^n(A)$ . The  $n$ -dimensional cohomology of  $CD^n(A)$  denoted by  $HD^n(A)$  is called  $n$ -dimensional dihedral cohomology group of a unital Banach algebra  $A$ .

We can similarly get the reflexive cohomology  $HR^n(A)$ .

### 3- Main result.

In this part we prove the main theorem of our study. We prove the vanishing state of  $C^*$ -algebra.

#### Definition 3.1:

$AC^*$ -algebra  $A$  is called stable if it is isomorphic to the tensor product algebra  $(K \otimes A)$ , where  $K$  is the algebra of compact operators on a separable infinite-dimensional Hilbert space.

In ([2], [6]) we find the definitions of the simplicial, cyclic, reflexive and dihedral cohomology of operator algebra. Following [10] the relation between Hochschild, cyclic, reflexive and dihedral cohomology is given by the following commutative diagram  $\mathfrak{C}(A)$ :

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & {}^{-\alpha}HR^{n+1}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{-\alpha}HD^{n+1}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{\alpha}HD^{n+3}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{-\alpha}HR^{n+2}(A) & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ \dots & \rightarrow & {}^{\alpha}HR^{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{\alpha}HD^{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{-\alpha}HD^{n+1}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{\alpha}HR^n(A) & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ \dots & \rightarrow & H^{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & HC^{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & HC^{n+1}(A) & \rightarrow & H^n(A) & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots & \rightarrow & {}^{-\alpha}HR^{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{-\alpha}HD^{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{\alpha}HD^{n+1}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{-\alpha}HR^n(A) & \rightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\
 \dots & \rightarrow & {}^{\alpha}HR^{n-3}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{\alpha}HD^{n-+3}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{-\alpha}HD^{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & {}^{\alpha}HR^n(A) & \rightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & 
 \end{array}$$

Suppose that  $M_m$  is the algebra of matrices of ordered  $m$  with  $m$  coefficients in algebra  $A$  over ring  $k$  with identity. Then the natural isomorphism  $HH^*(M_m(A)) \approx HH^*(A)$  holds [7]. It is called a Morita equivalence. Following [44] the cyclic cohomology is Morita equivalence. If  $A$  be involutive algebra with identity, the following assertion holds [see [9]].

Proposition 3.2:

There exists an isomorphism;

$$Tr_*: {}^{\alpha}HD^*(M_m(A)) \rightarrow {}^{\alpha}HD^*(A)$$

for all and  $m > 1$  and  $n > 0$ .

We shall denote by the  $B^*(A)$  the reflexive or dihedral cohomology ( ${}^{\alpha}HR^*(A)$  or  ${}^{\alpha}HD^*(A)$ ) of algebra  $A$ .

Our aim now is to prove the following assertion [14].

Theorem 3.3:

Let  $A$  be a stable  $C^*$ -algebra, then the reflexive and dihedral cohomology of  $A$  vanishes, i.e

$${}^{\alpha}HR^*(A) = 0, \quad {}^{\alpha}HD^*(A) = 0, \quad \alpha = \pm 1.$$

Firstly, we need the following facts:

Lemma 3.4: [4]

Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra without unit, and for  $k > 0$ , let  $M_k(A)$  is the  $C^*$ -algebra of matrices over  $A$ , and  $i: A \rightarrow M_k(A)$  is an inclusion mapping such that,

$$a \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a quasi-isomorphism.

**Proof:**

Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra without unit. If we adjoin  $A$  with an identity element we get  $\bar{A} = A \oplus \mathbb{C}$ . Consider the following short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \bar{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \rightarrow 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $\bar{A}$  is algebra  $A$  with unit. We have the corresponding inclusion of algebra extensions

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \rightarrow & \bar{A} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{C} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 M_k(A) & \rightarrow & M_k(\bar{A}) & \rightarrow & M_k(\mathbb{C})
 \end{array} \quad (2)$$

Following [13] and [14], since  $M_k(A)$  is  $C^*$ -algebra, it is excision in Hochschild and cyclic homology, this fact is extended to reflexive and dihedral cohomology,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 \rightarrow B_*(A) & \rightarrow & B_*(\bar{A}) & \rightarrow & B_*(\mathbb{C}) & \rightarrow & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 \rightarrow B_*(M_k(A)) & \rightarrow & B_*(M_k(\bar{A})) & \rightarrow & B_*(M_k(\mathbb{C})) & \rightarrow & 0
 \end{array} \quad (3)$$

Where  $B_*(\bar{A}) \rightarrow B_*(M_k(\bar{A}))$  and  $B_*(M_k(\mathbb{C})) \rightarrow B_*(\mathbb{C})$  are isomorphisms in view of the Morita invariance in reflexive and dihedral cohomology, then  $B^*(A) \xrightarrow{\sim} B^*M_k(A)$ .

Proposition 3.5:

Suppose that  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra, then the following isomorphism exists  $B^{n+1}(K \otimes A) \approx B^n(K \otimes q_1 \otimes A)$ .

Where  $q_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  is the algebra of continuous functions on the  $n$ -sphere which vanish at the Northern pole.

Proof:

Consider the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow J \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow 0 \quad (4)$$

where  $J$  is the algebra of continuous functions on the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ , that vanish at the left end,  $\ker p = q_1$ .

Tensoring the sequence (4) by  $(K \otimes A)$  we get the following exact and split sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (K \otimes q_1 \otimes A) \rightarrow (K \otimes J \otimes A) \rightarrow (K \otimes A) \rightarrow 0 \quad (5)$$

the sequence (5) induces the long exact sequence in dihedral and reflexive cohomology (see [9]).

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow B^{n+1}(K \otimes J \otimes A) \rightarrow B^{n+1}(K \otimes A) \xrightarrow{\partial} B^n(K \otimes q_1 \otimes A) \rightarrow B^n(K \otimes J \otimes A) \\ \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where the connecting homomorphism  $\partial$  is commute with the canonical maps:  $HR^n \xrightarrow{I} HD^n$ ,  $HR^n \rightarrow HR^n$ , and  $HD^n \rightarrow HD^n$ . To show that  $B^*(K \otimes J \otimes A) = 0$ , consider for a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  a functor  $F(A) = F(K \otimes A)$  from a category of  $C^*$ -algebra to a category of graded complex vector spaces, clearly  $F$  is stable and split-exact on the collection of the split  $C^*$ - extensions (see [8]). It is known that any functor with these two properties (stable and split-exact) is homotopy invariant. Since the identity and zero endomorphisms of  $(J \otimes A)$  are homotopic, then  $F(J \otimes A) = B^*(K \otimes J \otimes A) = 0$ . using this result and sequence (6) we can easily deduce  $B^{n+1}(K \otimes A) \approx B^n(K \otimes q_1 \otimes A)$ .

Proof theorem 3.3:

From the above proposition we obtain the following commutative diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} {}^\alpha HR^n(K \otimes A) & \xrightarrow{I} & {}^\alpha HD^n(K \otimes A) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ {}^\alpha HR^0(K \otimes q_n \otimes A) & = & {}^\alpha HD^0(K \otimes q_n \otimes A) \end{array} \quad (7)$$

From the above diagram we obtain thus the isomorphism:

$$I: {}^\alpha HR^*(K \otimes A) \xrightarrow{I} {}^\alpha HD^*(K \otimes A).$$

The Connes long exact sequence related the reflexive and dihedral cohomology is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow {}^\alpha HR^1(K \otimes A) \rightarrow {}^\alpha HD^0(K \otimes A) \rightarrow -{}^\alpha HD^2(K \otimes A) \rightarrow {}^\alpha HR^2(K \otimes A) \\ \rightarrow {}^\alpha HD^1(K \otimes A) \xrightarrow{s} -{}^\alpha HD^3(K \otimes A) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow {}^\alpha HR^n(K \otimes A) \\ \rightarrow {}^\alpha HD^{n-1}(K \otimes A) \xrightarrow{s} -{}^\alpha HD^{n+1}(K \otimes A) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where  $s$  is a periodic operator. From the diagram (7) and the sequence (8) we have;

$${}^\alpha HD^*(K \otimes A) = {}^\alpha HR^*(K \otimes A) = 0, \quad \alpha = \pm 1$$

Example 3.6:

Let  $u = \mathcal{F}(H)/k$  be the Calkin algebra then,

$${}^\alpha HR^*(u) = {}^\alpha HD^*(u) = 0.$$

Example 3.7:

Let  $\mathcal{F}(H)$  denote the algebra of bounded operators on an infinite dimensional Hilbert space  $H$ . Then

$${}^\alpha HR^*(\mathcal{F}(H)) = 0 \text{ and } {}^\alpha HD^*(\mathcal{F}(H)) = 0.$$

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