

## 99. Characterization of Extremely Amenable Semigroups with a Unique Invariant Mean

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§ 1. Introduction. Let  $S$  be an abstract semigroup and  $m(S)$  the Banach space of all bounded real functions on  $S$  with the supremum norm. Let  $\psi$  be a mean on  $S$  i.e.,  $\psi$  is a linear functional on  $m(S)$  such that  $\|\psi\| = \psi(I_S) = 1$ , where in general  $I_A$  is the characteristic function of any subset  $A$  of  $S$ .  $\psi$  is called *multiplicative* if  $\psi(fg) = \psi(f)\psi(g)$  for any  $f, g \in m(S)$ .  $\psi$  is said to be *left [right] invariant* if  $\psi(f) = \psi({}_s f)$  [ $\psi(f) = \psi(f_s)$ ] for any  $f \in m(S)$  and  $s \in S$ , where  ${}_s f(t) = f(st)$  and  $f_s(t) = f(ts)$  ( $t \in S$ ). By  $LM(S)$  [ $RM(S)$ ] we denote the set of all left [right] invariant means on  $S$ , and by  $MLM(S)$  [ $MRM(S)$ ] denote the set of all multiplicative left [right] invariant means on  $S$ . Any element in  $LM(S) \cap RM(S)$  is called an *invariant mean* on  $S$ . We say that  $S$  is *left [right] amenable* if  $LM(S)$  [ $RM(S)$ ]  $\neq \phi$  (empty). In particular  $S$  is called *extremely left [right] amenable* if  $MLM(S)$  [ $MRM(S)$ ]  $\neq \phi$ . Further  $S$  is called *extremely amenable* if  $MLM(S) \cap MRM(S) \neq \phi$ . It is proved in Granirer [2] that  $S$  is extremely left amenable if and only if it has the following property:

(CRZ) For any  $a, b \in S$  there exists  $c \in S$  such that  $ac = bc = c$ .

Suppose now  $S$  is extremely left amenable. Let us introduce a pseudo-order relation " $\leq$ " in  $S$  defined as follows: For any  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a \leq b$  if either  $a = b$  or  $ab = b$ . Then by virtue of (CRZ),  $(S, \leq)$  is regarded as a directed set. A subset  $A$  of  $S$  is called *cofinal* (with respect to  $\leq$ ) if for any given  $s \in S$  there exists  $t \in A$  such that  $s \leq t$ . For any fixed  $p \in S$  we denote by  $\delta_p$  a mean on  $S$  defined by  $\delta_p(f) = f(p)$  ( $f \in m(S)$ ).

The purpose of this paper is to prove the following theorems concerning semigroups with a unique multiplicative invariant mean.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $S$  be extremely left amenable. The following conditions for  $S$  are equivalent:*

- (1)  $S$  admits a unique multiplicative left invariant mean.
- (2)  $S$  admits a unique left invariant mean.
- (3) For any subset  $A$  of  $S$  there exists  $t \in S$  such that either  $tS \subseteq A$  or  $tS \cap A = \phi$ .
- (4)  $S$  has the property that if a subset  $A$  of  $S$  satisfies  $sS \cap A \neq \phi$  for all  $s \in S$ , then  $tS \subseteq A$  for some  $t \in S$ .