

**INVARIANT MEANS AND FIXED POINT  
PROPERTIES FOR NON-EXPANSIVE  
REPRESENTATIONS OF TOPOLOGICAL SEMIGROUPS**

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*To Professor Ky Fan with admiration and respect*

**1. Introduction**

Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup, i.e.  $S$  is a semigroup with a Hausdorff topology such that for each  $a \in S$ , the mappings  $s \rightarrow a \cdot s$  and  $s \rightarrow s \cdot a$  from  $S$  into  $S$  are continuous. Let  $C$  be a non-empty subset of a Banach space  $E$  and  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  be a continuous representation of  $S$  as mappings from  $C$  to  $C$ , i.e. the map  $S \times C \rightarrow C$  defined by  $(s, x) \rightarrow T_s x$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $x \in C$ , is continuous when  $S \times C$  has the product topology. Let  $F(\mathcal{S})$  denote the set of common fixed points for  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $C$ .

It is well known that if  $S$  is left reversible (i.e. any two closed right ideals in  $S$  have non-void intersection), and each  $T_s$ ,  $s \in S$ , is a non-expansive self-map of  $C$ , then each of the following conditions implies  $F(\mathcal{S})$  is non-empty (see [15]):

- (a)  $C$  is compact and convex (see [21] and [9]);
- (b)  $C$  is weakly compact, convex, and has normal structure (see [19]);
- (c)  $S$  is discrete,  $C$  is weakly compact, convex, and each  $T_s$  is weakly continuous (see [10]);
- (d)  $C$  is a weak\*-compact convex subset of  $\ell^1$  ([20, Theorem 4]).

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It is also known that if  $AP(S)$ , the space of continuous almost periodic functions on  $S$ , has a left invariant mean,  $C$  is compact, convex, and each  $T_s$ ,  $s \in S$ , is a non-expansive self-map of  $C$ , then  $F(\mathcal{S}) \neq \emptyset$  (see [26] and [12]).

It is the purpose of this paper to study fixed point properties for non-expansive or asymptotically non-expansive representations of a semitopological semigroup  $S$  when  $S$  is left amenable or left subamenable (i.e. the space of bounded left uniformly continuous real-valued functions on  $S$  has a left invariant mean or submean). We prove (Theorem 4.5), among other things, that if  $CB(S)$ , the space of bounded continuous functions on  $S$ , has a left invariant submean (which is the case when  $S$  is left reversible as a discrete semigroup), then  $S$  has a certain fixed point property for asymptotically non-expansive representations on non-empty (but not necessarily convex) subsets of a Hilbert space. We also prove (Theorem 5.3) that if  $S$  is left amenable or  $S$  is a left subamenable discrete semigroup, then whenever  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  is a weak\*-jointly continuous non-expansive representation of  $S$  on a norm-separable weak\*-compact convex subset  $C$  of a dual Banach space,  $C$  contains a common fixed point for  $\mathcal{S}$ .

This paper is organized as follows: In Section 3, we introduce the notion of left invariant submean and the class of left subamenable semigroups. In Section 4, we study elements in  $F(\mathcal{S})$  determined by left invariant submeans when  $S$  is an asymptotically non-expansive representation of  $S$  acting on a non-empty (not necessarily convex) subset of a Hilbert space. Finally (in Section 5), we shall establish a fixed point property for  $S$  when  $\mathcal{S}$  is a representation of  $S$  as non-expansive self-maps of a weak\*-compact norm-separable subset of a dual Banach space and  $S$  is left amenable or  $S$  is a left subamenable discrete semigroup.

## 2. Some preliminaries

All topologies in this paper are assumed to be Hausdorff. If  $E$  is a Banach space and  $E^*$  its continuous dual, then the value of  $f \in E^*$  at  $x \in E$  will be denoted by  $f(x)$  or  $\langle f, x \rangle$ . Also if  $A \subseteq E$ , then  $\bar{A}$  and  $\overline{\text{co}} A$  will denote the closure of  $A$  and the closed convex hull of  $A$  in  $E$ , respectively.

Given a non-empty set  $S$ , we denote by  $\ell^\infty(S)$  the Banach space of bounded real-valued functions on  $S$  with the supremum norm. Let  $S$  be a semigroup. Then a subspace  $X$  of  $\ell^\infty(S)$  is *left* (resp. *right*) *translation invariant* if  $\ell_a(X) \subseteq X$  (resp.  $r_a(X) \subseteq X$ ) for all  $a \in S$ , where  $(\ell_a f)(s) = f(as)$  and  $(r_a f)(s) = f(sa)$ ,  $s \in S$ . If  $S$  is a semitopological semigroup, we denote by  $CB(S)$  the closed subalgebra of  $\ell^\infty(S)$  consisting of continuous functions. Let  $LUC(S)$  (resp.  $RUC(S)$ ) be the space of *left* (resp. *right*) *uniformly continuous functions* on  $S$ , i.e. all  $f \in CB(S)$  such that the mapping from  $S$  into  $CB(S)$  defined by  $s \rightarrow \ell_s f$  (resp.  $s \rightarrow r_s f$ ) is continuous when  $CB(S)$  has the sup norm topology. Then as is known [22] (see also [3]),  $LUC(S)$  and  $RUC(S)$  are left and right translation

invariant closed subalgebras of  $CB(S)$  containing constants. Note that when  $S$  is a topological group, then  $LUC(S)$  is precisely the space of right uniformly continuous functions on  $S$  defined in [6]. Also let  $AP(S)$  (resp.  $WAP(S)$ ) denote the space of almost periodic (resp. weakly almost periodic) functions  $f$  in  $CB(S)$ , i.e. all  $f \in CB(S)$  such that  $\{\ell_a f : a \in S\}$  is relatively compact in the norm (resp. weak) topology of  $CB(S)$ , or equivalently  $\{r_a f : a \in S\}$  is relatively compact in the norm (resp. weak) topology of  $CB(S)$ . Then as is known [3, p. 164],  $AP(S) \subseteq LUC(S) \cap RUC(S)$ , and  $AP(S) \subseteq WAP(S)$ . When  $S$  is a group, then  $WAP(S) \subseteq LUC(S) \cap RUC(S)$  (see [3, p. 167]).

A function  $f \in CB(S)$  is called *asymptotically left uniformly continuous* if for any  $s \in S$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $s$  and a *right ideal*  $J$  of  $S$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \|\ell_u f - \ell_s f\|_J = \sup\{|f(ut) - f(st)| : t \in J\} < \epsilon$$

for all  $u \in U$ . The closed linear span of the set of asymptotically left uniformly continuous functions on  $S$  is denoted by  $ALUC(S)$ . Similarly we define the closed subspace  $ARUC(S)$  of  $CB(S)$  with left and right interchanged. Clearly  $ALUC(S) \supseteq LUC(S)$ , and  $ARUC(S) \supseteq RUC(S)$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *For any semitopological semigroup  $S$ , the subspaces  $ALUC(S)$  and  $ARUC(S)$  are left and right translation invariant. Furthermore, if  $S$  is left reversible (resp. right reversible), then each function in  $ALUC(S)$  (resp.  $ARUC(S)$ ) is asymptotically left (resp. right) uniformly continuous. In this case,  $ALUC(S)$  (resp.  $ARUC(S)$ ) is even an algebra.*

**PROOF.** We will only consider the space  $ALUC(S)$ . Let  $a \in S$  be fixed, and  $f$  be asymptotically left uniformly continuous. Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $s \in S$ , choose a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $s$  and a right ideal  $J$  such that  $\|\ell_u f - \ell_s f\|_J < \epsilon$  for all  $u \in U$ . Now (since left and right translations commute),

$$\|\ell_u(r_a f) - \ell_s(r_a f)\|_J = \|r_a(\ell_u f - \ell_s f)\|_J \leq \|\ell_u f - \ell_s f\|_J < \epsilon$$

(since  $J$  is a right ideal). Hence  $r_a f \in ALUC(S)$ . To show that  $\ell_a f \in ALUC(S)$ , we choose a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $as$  and a right ideal  $J$  such that

$$\|\ell_v f - \ell_{as} f\|_J < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } v \in V.$$

Now let  $U = a^{-1}V = \{u \in S : au \in V\}$ . Then if  $u \in U$ ,

$$\|\ell_u(\ell_a f) - \ell_s(\ell_a f)\|_J = \|\ell_{au} f - \ell_{as} f\|_J < \epsilon.$$

It is easy to see that the set  $\mathcal{L}$  of asymptotically left uniformly continuous functions on  $S$  is norm-closed; also if  $f \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\alpha f \in \mathcal{L}$ . Suppose  $S$  is left reversible and  $f, g \in \mathcal{L}$ . Let  $s \in S$ . Choose neighbourhoods  $U_f$  and  $U_g$

and right ideals  $J_f, J_g$  such that (2.1) holds for  $f$  and  $g$ . Let  $U = U_f \cap U_g$ , and  $J = \bar{J}_f \cap \bar{J}_g$ . Then  $J$  is a right ideal of  $S$ , and for any  $u \in U$ ,

$$\|\ell_u(f+g) - \ell_s(f+g)\|_J \leq \|\ell_u f - \ell_s f\|_{J_f} + \|\ell_u g - \ell_s g\|_{J_g} < 2\epsilon,$$

i.e.  $f+g \in \mathcal{L}$ . Similarly we show that  $f \cdot g \in \mathcal{L}$ .

PROPOSITION 2.2.

- (a) If  $S$  has no proper right (resp. left) ideal, then  $LUC(S) = ALUC(S)$  (resp.  $RUC(S) = ARUC(S)$ ).
- (b) If  $S$  has jointly continuous multiplication and contains a compact right (resp. left) ideal, then  $CB(S) = ALUC(S)$  (resp.  $CB(S) = ARUC(S)$ ).

PROOF. (a) is trivial.

(b) Let  $J$  be a compact right ideal of  $S$  and  $f \in CB(S)$ . Then, to show  $f \in ALUC(S)$ , it is sufficient to show that for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $s \in S$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $s$  such that

$$\|\ell_u f - \ell_s f\|_J < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } u \in U.$$

If not, there exists a net  $\{u_\alpha\}$  such that  $u_\alpha \rightarrow s$  and

$$\|\ell_{u_\alpha} f - \ell_s f\|_J \geq \epsilon \quad \text{for each } \alpha.$$

For  $\alpha$ , pick  $t_\alpha \in J$  such that

$$\|\ell_{u_\alpha} f - \ell_s f\|_J = |(\ell_{u_\alpha} f - \ell_s f)(t_\alpha)|.$$

By compactness of  $J$ , and by passing to a subnet, we may assume that  $t_\alpha \rightarrow t_0$  for some  $t_0 \in J$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \epsilon &\leq \|\ell_{u_\alpha} f - \ell_s f\|_J = |f(u_\alpha t_\alpha) - f(st_\alpha)| \\ &\leq |f(u_\alpha t_\alpha) - f(st_0)| + |f(st_0) - f(st_\alpha)| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

by joint continuity of multiplication in  $S$ .

Let  $S$  be a non-empty set and  $X$  be a subspace of  $\ell^\infty(S)$  containing constants. Then  $\mu \in X^*$  is called a *mean* on  $X$  if  $\|\mu\| = \mu(1) = 1$ . As is well known,  $\mu$  is a mean on  $X$  if and only if

$$\inf_{s \in S} f(s) \leq \mu(f) \leq \sup_{s \in S} f(s) \quad \text{for each } f \in X.$$

By a *submean* on  $X$ , we shall mean a real-valued function  $\mu$  on  $X$  with the following properties:

- (1)  $\mu(f+g) \leq \mu(f) + \mu(g)$  for every  $f, g \in X$ ;
- (2)  $\mu(\alpha f) = \alpha \mu(f)$  for every  $f \in X$  and  $\alpha \geq 0$ ;
- (3) for  $f, g \in X$ ,  $f \leq g$  implies  $\mu(f) \leq \mu(g)$ ;
- (4)  $\mu(c) = c$  for every constant function  $c$ .

REMARK 2.3. (a) Clearly every mean is a submean. The notion of submean was first introduced by Mizoguchi and Takahashi in [23].

(b) Let  $SM$  denote the set of submeans on  $X$ . For each  $\phi \in SM$ ,  $-\|f\| \leq \phi(f) \leq \|f\|$  by (3) and (4). Hence  $SM$  may be identified as a subset of the product space  $\prod_{f \in X} [-\|f\|, \|f\|]$ , which is compact by Tikhonov's Theorem. Hence  $SM$  is a compact convex subset of the product topological vector space  $\prod_{f \in X} \mathbb{R}_f$ , where each  $\mathbb{R}_f = \mathbb{R}$ .

Depending on time and circumstances, the value of a submean (or mean)  $\mu$  at  $f \in X$  will also be denoted by  $\mu(f)$ ,  $\langle \mu, f \rangle$  or  $\mu_t f(t)$ .

### 3. Subamenability and reversibility

In this section, we study the relation between invariant submeans on subspaces of  $CB(S)$  of a semitopological semigroup  $S$  and reversibility of  $S$ .

If  $S$  is a semigroup, and  $X \subseteq \ell^\infty(S)$  is a left translation invariant subspace of  $\ell^\infty(S)$  containing constants, a submean  $\mu$  on  $X$  is *left invariant* if  $\mu(\ell_a f) = \mu(f)$  for each  $a \in S$  and  $f \in X$ .

We abbreviate left invariant submean = *LISM* and left invariant mean = *LIM*.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup and  $X$  be a left translation invariant subspace of  $CB(S)$  containing constants and which separates closed subsets of  $S$ . If  $X$  has a LISM, then  $S$  is left reversible.*

PROOF. Let  $\mu$  be a LISM of  $X$ , and  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be disjoint non-empty closed right ideals of  $S$ . By assumption, there exists  $f \in X$  such that  $f \equiv 1$  on  $I_1$  and  $f \equiv 0$  on  $I_2$ . Now if  $a_1 \in I_1$ , then  $\ell_{a_1} f = 1$ . So  $\mu(f) = \mu(\ell_{a_1} f) = 1$ . But if  $a_2 \in I_2$ , then  $\ell_{a_2} f \equiv 0$ . So  $\mu(f) = \mu(\ell_{a_2} f) = 0$ , which is impossible.

COROLLARY 3.2. *If  $S$  is normal and  $CB(S)$  has a LISM, then  $S$  is left reversible.*

COROLLARY 3.3. *If  $S$  is normal and  $CB(S)$  has a LISM, then  $AP(S)$  has a LIM.*

PROOF. This follows from Corollary 3.2 and [12, Corollary 3.3].

REMARK 3.4. Corollary 3.2 is false without normality. Indeed, let  $S$  be the topological space which is regular and Hausdorff and  $CB(S)$  consists of constant functions only ([5]). Define on  $S$  the multiplication  $st = s$  for  $s, t \in S$ . Let  $a \in S$  be fixed. Define  $\mu(f) = f(a)$  for all  $f \in CB(S)$ . Then  $\mu$  is a LISM on  $CB(S)$ , but  $S$  is not left reversible.

If  $S$  is a left reversible semitopological semigroup, then  $(S, \preceq)$  is a directed system when the binary relation  $\preceq$  on  $S$  is defined by  $a \preceq b$  if and only if  $\{a\} \cup \overline{aS} \supseteq \{b\} \cup \overline{bS}$ ,  $a, b \in S$ .

LEMMA 3.5. *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup,  $J$  be a non-empty subset of  $S$  and  $f \in LUC(S)$ . If  $\sup\{f(t) : t \succeq u\} \geq \beta$  for each  $u \in J$ , then  $\sup\{f(t) : t \succeq p\} \geq \beta$  for each  $p \in \bar{J}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $p \in \bar{J}$  and  $\sup\{f(t) : t \succeq p\} \leq \beta - \delta$ ,  $\delta > 0$ . Then

$$f(ps) \leq \beta - \delta \quad \text{for each } s \in S \cup \{e\},$$

where  $xe = ex = e$ . Let  $u_\alpha \in J$  be a net such that  $u_\alpha \rightarrow p$ . Hence  $\|\ell_{u_\alpha} f - \ell_p f\| \rightarrow 0$ . Consequently, there exists  $\alpha_0$  such that

$$f(u_\alpha s) \leq \beta - \delta/2 \quad \text{for each } s \in S \cup \{e\}, \alpha \geq \alpha_0.$$

Hence for  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ , we have  $\sup\{f(t) : t \succeq u_\alpha\} \leq \beta - \delta/2$ , which contradicts the assumption.

A semitopological semigroup  $S$  is *left subamenable* if  $LUC(S)$  has a *LISM*.

PROPOSITION 3.6. *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup. If  $S$  is left reversible, then  $S$  is left subamenable.*

PROOF. For each  $f \in CB(S)$ , define

$$\mu(f) = \inf_s \sup_{t \succeq s} f(t).$$

Then  $\mu$  is a submean on  $CB(S)$ . Indeed, if  $f, g \in CB(S)$ , and  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose  $a, b \in S$  such that

$$\sup_{t \succeq a} f(t) \leq \mu(f) + \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{t \succeq b} g(t) \leq \mu(g) + \epsilon.$$

Let  $c \in \overline{aS} \cap \overline{bS}$  (which is non-empty by left reversibility). Then  $c \succeq a$  and  $c \succeq b$ . Hence

$$\sup_{t \succeq c} f(t) \leq \mu(f) + \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{t \succeq c} g(t) \leq \mu(g) + \epsilon.$$

So

$$\sup_{t \succeq c} (f(t) + g(t)) \leq \sup_{t \succeq c} f(t) + \sup_{t \succeq c} g(t) \leq \mu(f) + \mu(g) + 2\epsilon.$$

Consequently,  $\mu(f + g) \leq \mu(f) + \mu(g) + 2\epsilon$ . Since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, condition (1) for a submean holds. The proofs of conditions (2), (3) and (4) are routine.

To see that  $\mu$  is left invariant, let  $f \in LUC(S)$  and  $a \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\ell_a f) &= \inf_s \sup_{t \succeq s} f(at) = \inf_s \{\sup\{f(at) : t \in \overline{sS} \cup \{s\}\}\} \\ &= \inf_s \{\sup\{f(at) : t \in sS \cup \{s\}\}\} \\ &\quad \text{(by continuity of } f \text{ and multiplication in } S\text{)} \\ &= \inf_s \{\sup\{f(ast) : t \in S \cup \{e\}\}\} \quad \text{(where } se = s\text{)} \\ &= \inf_s \{\sup\{f(t) : t \in asS \cup \{as\}\}\} = \inf_s \sup_{t \succeq as} f(t) \geq \mu(f). \end{aligned}$$

To prove the reverse inequality, let  $\alpha = \mu(f)$  and  $\beta = \mu(\ell_a f)$ ,  $f \in LUC(S)$ . Then for each  $s \in S$ ,  $\sup_{t \succeq as} f(t) \geq \beta$ . Hence, by Lemma 3.5,

$$(3.1) \quad \sup_{t \succeq p} f(t) \geq \beta \quad \text{for all } p \in \overline{aS}.$$

If  $\alpha < \beta$ , let  $\epsilon = (\beta - \alpha)/2$ . Choose  $s_0$  such that  $\sup_{t \succeq s_0} f(t) < \alpha + \epsilon$ . Then for each  $s \succeq s_0$ ,  $\sup_{t \succeq s} f(t) < \alpha + \epsilon$ . Let  $p \in \overline{s_0 S} \cap \overline{aS}$ . Then  $p \succeq s_0$ ; so  $\sup_{t \succeq p} f(t) < \alpha + \epsilon$ , contradicting (3.1).

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *Let  $S$  be a discrete semigroup. Then  $S$  is left reversible if and only if  $S$  is left subamenable. In this case  $WAP(S)$  has a LIM.*

**PROOF.** The first statement follows from Corollary 3.2 and Proposition 3.6, and the last statement follows from [10] (see also [13] and Remark 5.7).

**PROPOSITION 3.8.** *Let  $S, T$  be semitopological semigroups, and  $\theta : S \rightarrow T$  a continuous homomorphism of  $S$  onto  $T$ . If  $S$  is left subamenable, then  $T$  is left subamenable.*

**PROOF.** Let  $\tilde{\theta} : LUC(T) \rightarrow LUC(S)$  be defined by  $\tilde{\theta}(f)(s) = f(\theta(s))$ . Let  $\mu$  be a left invariant submean on  $LUC(S)$ . Then  $\tilde{\mu}(f) = \mu(\tilde{\theta}(f))$  is a submean, and  $\tilde{\mu}(\ell_t f) = \mu(\tilde{\theta}(\ell_t f)) = \mu(\ell_s \tilde{\theta}(f)) = \mu(\tilde{\theta}(f)) = \tilde{\mu}(f)$ , where  $s \in S$  is such that  $\theta(s) = t$ .

**REMARK 3.9.** A subsemigroup of a left subamenable (even amenable) semigroup need not be left subamenable. Indeed, there is a solvable group  $G$  which contains a free subsemigroup  $S$  on 2-generators. Clearly  $G$  is amenable, and  $S$  is not left subamenable by Corollary 3.7 (see [7]).

**PROPOSITION 3.10.** *Let  $G$  be an amenable group, and  $S \subseteq G$  be a subsemigroup of  $G$ . Then  $S$  is left amenable if and only if  $S$  is left subamenable.*

**PROOF.** If  $S$  is left subamenable, then  $S$  is left reversible (Corollary 3.2), and so  $S$  must be left amenable [16, Theorem 1]. The converse is obvious.

**PROPOSITION 3.11.** *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup and  $\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be subsemigroups of  $S$  with the induced topology such that  $\bigcup \{S_\alpha : \alpha \in I\} = S$  and for each  $\alpha, \beta \in I$ , there exists  $\gamma \in I$  such that  $S_\gamma \supseteq S_\alpha \cup S_\beta$ . If for each  $\alpha \in I$ ,  $S_\alpha$  is left subamenable, then  $S$  is left subamenable.*

**PROOF.** Partially order  $I$  by  $\alpha \succeq \beta$  if and only if  $S_\alpha \supseteq S_\beta$ . Then “ $\succeq$ ” makes  $I$  into a directed set. For  $f \in LUC(S)$ ,  $\alpha \in I$ , define a function  $P_\alpha f$  on  $S_\alpha$  by  $(P_\alpha f)(s) = f(s)$  if  $s \in S_\alpha$ . One readily checks that  $P_\alpha f \in LUC(S_\alpha)$  and  $\ell_a(P_\alpha f) = P_\alpha(\ell_a f)$  for  $a \in S_\alpha$ . For each  $\alpha \in I$ , let  $\mu_\alpha$  be a LISM on  $LUC(S_\alpha)$ . Define a submean  $\bar{\mu}_\alpha$  on  $LUC(S)$  by  $\bar{\mu}_\alpha(f) = \mu_\alpha(P_\alpha f)$ . Then  $\bar{\mu}_\alpha(\ell_a f) = \bar{\mu}_\alpha(f)$  for each  $a \in S_\alpha$ . Since the set  $SM$  of submeans on  $LUC(S)$  is compact in the

topology of pointwise convergence (see Remark 2.3(b)), by passing to a subnet if necessary, we may assume that  $\bar{\mu}_\alpha \rightarrow \mu$  for a submean  $\mu$  on  $LUC(S)$ . Then, as is readily checked,  $\mu$  is a *LISM* on  $LUC(S)$ .

#### 4. Asymptotically non-expansive representations

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $C$  be a non-empty subset of a Banach space  $E$ . Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  be a representation of  $S$  as mappings from  $C$  into  $E$ . We say that  $\mathcal{S}$  is *left asymptotically non-expansive* if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x \in C$ , there exists a *left ideal*  $J$  of  $S$  such that

$$\|T_s x - T_s y\| \leq \|x - y\| + \epsilon$$

for each  $s \in J$  and  $y \in C$ .

Note that our notion of left asymptotic non-expansiveness differs from a similar notion used in [8]. It coincides with the notion of asymptotic non-expansiveness defined in [11] for the commutative semigroups  $\mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  and  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  with addition.

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$ . Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_t : t \in S\}$  be a left asymptotically non-expansive semigroup on  $C$  such that for each  $s \in S$ ,  $T_s$  is continuous. Then  $F(\mathcal{S})$  is closed and convex.*

**PROOF.** It is sufficient to show  $z = (x + y)/2 \in F(\mathcal{S})$  if  $x, y \in F(\mathcal{S})$ . We first show that for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $t_0 \in S$  such that

$$\|T_{t_0} z - z\| < \epsilon \quad \text{for every } t \in S.$$

If not, there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for each  $s \in S$ , there is  $t_s \in S$  with  $\|T_{t_s} z - z\| \geq \epsilon$ . For such  $\epsilon$ , choose  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  such that

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\|x - y\| + \epsilon_0\right) \left(1 - \delta\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\frac{1}{2}\|x - y\| + \epsilon_0}\right)\right) < \epsilon,$$

where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of  $E$ . Then choose  $u \in S$  such that

$$\sup_t \sup_{f \in C} (\|T_{tu} z - T_{tu} f\| - \|z - f\|) < \epsilon_0.$$

Hence, we have

$$\|T_{tu} z - x\| < \|z - x\| + \epsilon_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|T_{tu} z - y\| < \|z - y\| + \epsilon_0$$

for every  $t \in S$ . Therefore, for each  $t \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{tu} z - z\| &= \left\| \frac{T_{tu} z - x + T_{tu} z - y}{2} \right\| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\|x - y\| + \epsilon_0\right) \left(1 - \delta\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\frac{1}{2}\|x - y\| + \epsilon_0}\right)\right) < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$



On the other hand, for such  $u \in S$ , there exists  $t_u \in S$  such that  $\|T_{t_u}z - z\| \geq \epsilon$ . This is a contradiction.

Suppose  $S$  is a non-empty set, and let  $X$  be a subspace of  $\ell^\infty(S)$  containing constants. Let  $\mu$  be a submean on  $X$ ,  $E$  be a Banach space,  $\Phi : S \rightarrow E$  be a bounded function, and  $K$  be a closed convex subset of  $E$ . Suppose that for each  $x \in K$ , the real-valued function  $f$  on  $S$  defined by

$$f_x(t) = \|\Phi(t) - x\|^2 \quad \text{for all } t \in S$$

belongs to  $X$ . Then setting

$$r(x) = \langle \mu, f_x \rangle \quad \text{for all } x \in K,$$

we define  $r = \inf_{x \in K} r(x)$  and  $M_\mu = \{y \in K : r(y) = r\}$ .

LEMMA 4.2. *The non-negative real-valued function  $r$  on  $K$  is continuous, convex and  $r(x_n) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $E$  is reflexive or  $K$  is weakly compact, then  $M_\mu$  is a non-empty closed convex subset of  $K$ . Furthermore, if  $E$  is a Hilbert space, then  $M_\mu$  contains a unique element  $y$  and  $r + \|y - x\| \leq r(x)$  for all  $x \in K$ .*

PROOF. We first observe that  $r$  is continuous and convex on  $K$ . Indeed, if  $x, y \in K$ , then for each  $t \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (4.1) \quad & \|\Phi(t) - y\|^2 - \|\Phi(t) - x\|^2 \\ &= (\|\Phi(t) - y\| + \|\Phi(t) - x\|)(\|\Phi(t) - y\| - \|\Phi(t) - x\|) \\ &\leq \gamma(\|\Phi(t) - y\| - \|\Phi(t) - x\|) \leq \gamma\|x - y\| \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma = 2\alpha + \|x\| + \|y\|$ , with  $\alpha = \{\|\Phi(t)\| : t \in S\} < \infty$  by boundedness of  $\Phi$ . Also we have by (4.1),

$$\|\Phi(t) - y\|^2 \leq \|\Phi(t) - x\|^2 + \gamma\|x - y\|.$$

Hence

$$\langle \mu, f_y \rangle \leq \langle \mu, f_x \rangle + \gamma\|x - y\|.$$

Similarly

$$\langle \mu, f_x \rangle \leq \langle \mu, f_y \rangle + \gamma\|x - y\|.$$

So  $|r(x) - r(y)| \leq \gamma\|x - y\|$ . This implies that  $r$  is continuous on  $K$ . Also, if  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$  and  $x, y \in K$ , then

$$\|\Phi(t) - (\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y)\|^2 \leq \lambda\|\Phi(t) - x\|^2 + (1 - \lambda)\|\Phi(t) - y\|^2.$$

Hence  $f_{\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y}(t) \leq \lambda f_x(t) + (1 - \lambda)f_y(t)$ . So, by the properties of a submean,

$$r(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda r(x) + (1 - \lambda)r(y),$$

i.e.  $r$  is a convex function. Finally, since  $\|\Phi(t) - x\|^2 \geq (\|x\| - \alpha)^2$  for  $\|x\| \geq \alpha + 1$ , we have  $r(x_n) \geq (\|x_n\| - \alpha)^2 \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

That  $M_\mu$  is closed and convex follows from continuity and convexity of  $r$ . Also, if  $E$  is reflexive, then  $M_\mu$  is non-empty by [2, p. 89]. If  $K$  is weakly compact, for each  $n$ , let  $K_n = \{x \in K : r(x) \leq r + 1/n\}$ . Then each  $K_n$  is norm closed and convex by continuity and convexity of  $r$ . Hence  $K_n$  is also weakly closed. Since  $\{K_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  has finite intersection property, it follows that the set  $M_\mu = \bigcap K_n$  is closed, convex and non-empty. The last statement was proved in [23, Lemma 1].

LEMMA 4.3. *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup, and let  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  be a left asymptotically non-expansive continuous representation of  $S$  as self-maps of a non-empty subset  $C$  of a Banach space  $E$ . If  $C$  contains an element  $z$  of bounded orbit, then the function  $f_x(t) = \|T_t z - x\|^2$ ,  $t \in S$ , belongs to  $ARUC(S)$  for each  $x \in E$ . Furthermore, if  $\mathcal{S}$  is non-expansive, then each  $f_x \in RUC(S)$ .*

PROOF. Clearly the functions  $f_x$ ,  $x \in E$ , are bounded and continuous. To see that  $f = f_x \in ARUC(S)$ , let  $\gamma = 2 \sup_{t \in S} \|T_t z - x\|$ . Then for  $s \in S$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $s$  and a left ideal  $J$  of  $S$  such that

- (i)  $\|T_u z - T_s z\| < \epsilon$  for all  $u \in U$ ,
- (ii)  $\|T_t(T_s z) - T_t y\| \leq \|T_s z - y\| + \epsilon$  for all  $t \in J$  and  $y \in C$ .

Then for  $u \in U$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|r_u f - r_s f\|_J &= \sup_{t \in J} \{|r_u f(t) - r_s f(t)|\} \\ &= \sup_{t \in J} |f(tu) - f(ts)| = \sup_{t \in J} \left| \|T_{tu} z - x\|^2 - \|T_{ts} z - x\|^2 \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in J} |(\|T_{tu} z - x\| + \|T_{ts} z - x\|) \cdot (\|T_{tu} z - x\| - \|T_{ts} z - x\|)| \\ &\leq \gamma \sup_{t \in J} \|T_{tu} z - T_{ts} z\| = \gamma \sup_{t \in J} \|T_t(T_u z) - T_t(T_s z)\| \\ &\leq \gamma(\|T_u z - T_s z\| + \epsilon) \quad (\text{by (ii)}) \\ &\leq 2\gamma\epsilon \quad (\text{by (i)}), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $f_x \in ARUC(S)$ .

The proof of the second statement is similar.

THEOREM 4.4. *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup, and  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$ . Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  be a left asymptotically non-expansive continuous representation of  $S$  as self-maps of  $C$ . If  $C$  contains an element  $z$  such that  $\{T_t z : t \in S\}$  is bounded, let  $M_\mu = \{y \in C : r(y) = r\}$ , where  $r = \inf_{x \in C} r(x)$ ,  $r(x) = \mu_t \|T_t z - x\|^2$  and  $\mu$  is a submean on  $ARUC(S)$ .*

- (a) *If  $E$  is reflexive or  $C$  is weakly compact, then  $M_\mu$  is a non-empty closed convex subset of  $C$ .*

- (b) If  $\mu$  is a LISM on  $ARUC(S)$ , then for any  $y \in M_\mu$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a left ideal  $J$  of  $S$  such that  $r(T_sy) < r + \epsilon$  for all  $s \in J$ .
- (c) If  $\mathcal{S}$  is non-expansive, and  $\mu$  is a LISM on  $RUC(S)$ , then  $M_\mu$  is  $\mathcal{S}$ -invariant.

PROOF. (a) is a consequence of Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3.

(b) If  $\mu$  is a LISM on  $ARUC(S)$ ,  $y \in M$ , and  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose a left ideal  $J \subseteq S$  such that

$$\|T_sy - T_sy'\| \leq \|y - y'\| + \delta \quad \text{for all } s \in J, y' \in C,$$

where  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\delta^2 + 2\delta\gamma < \epsilon$ , and  $\gamma = \sup_{t \in S} \|T_tz - y\|^2$ . Then for any  $t \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_t(\|T_tz - T_sy\|^2) &= \mu_t\|T_{st}z - T_sy\|^2 && \text{(by invariance of } \mu) \\ &\leq \mu_t(\|T_tz - y\| + \delta)^2 && \text{(since } T_tz \in C) \\ &\leq \mu_t(\|T_tz - y\|^2 + \delta^2 + 2\delta\gamma) \leq r + \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $r(T_sy) < r + \epsilon$  for all  $s \in J$ .

(c) If  $\mathcal{S}$  is non-expansive, then each  $f_x \in RUC(S)$  (Lemma 4.3). Hence if  $\mu$  is a LISM on  $RUC(S)$ ,  $y \in M_\mu$ , and  $s \in S$ , we have

$$\mu_t\|T_tz - T_sy\|^2 = \mu_t\|T_{st}z - T_sy\|^2 \leq \mu_t\|T_tz - y\|^2.$$

Hence  $T_sy \in M_\mu$ .

THEOREM 4.5. *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup. If  $ARUC(S)$  has a LISM, then  $S$  has the following fixed point property:*

- (H) *Whenever  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  is a left asymptotically non-expansive continuous representation of  $S$  on a non-empty subset  $C$  of a Hilbert space such that for some  $z \in C$ ,  $\{T_tz : t \in S\}$  is bounded and*

$$\bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{\text{co}} \{T_{st}z : t \in S\} \subseteq C,$$

*then  $C$  contains a common fixed point for  $\mathcal{S}$ .*

REMARK 4.6. Note that the condition  $\bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{\text{co}} \{T_{st}z : t \in S\} \subseteq C$  is automatically satisfied when  $C$  is closed, convex and  $\mathcal{S}$ -invariant.

PROOF OF THEOREM 4.5. Let  $\mu$  be a LISM on  $ARUC(S)$ . By Lemma 4.3, for each  $x \in H$ , the function  $f_x(t) = \|T_tz - x\|^2$ ,  $t \in S$ , is in  $ARUC(S)$ . Let  $M_\mu = \{y \in H : r(y) = r\}$ , where  $r = \inf\{r(x) : x \in H\}$  and  $r(x) = \langle \mu, f_x \rangle$ . By Lemma 4.2,  $M_\mu$  contains a unique element  $y$  such that

$$(4.2) \quad r + \|y - x\|^2 \leq r(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in H.$$

For each  $s \in S$ , let  $Q_s$  be the metric projection of  $H$  onto  $\overline{\text{co}}\{T_{st}z : t \in S\}$ . Then by [24],  $Q_s$  is non-expansive, and for each  $t \in S$ ,

$$(4.3) \quad \|T_{st}z - Q_s y\|^2 = \|Q_s T_{st}z - Q_s y\|^2 \leq \|T_{st}z - y\|^2.$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_t \|T_t z - Q_s y\|^2 &= \mu_t \|T_{st}z - Q_s y\|^2 \\ &\leq \mu_t \|T_{st}z - y\|^2 \quad (\text{by (4.3)}) \\ &= \mu_t \|T_t z - y\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and thus  $Q_s y = y$ . This implies  $y \in \overline{\text{co}}\{T_{st}z : t \in S\}$  for every  $s \in S$  and hence  $y \in \bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{\text{co}}\{T_{st}z : t \in S\} \subseteq C$ . We shall now show that  $T_s y = y$  for all  $s \in S$ . In fact, since  $T_t z \in C$  for each  $t \in S$  and  $\{T_t z : t \in S\}$  is bounded, for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $s_0 \in S$  such that

$$\|T_{s s_0} y - T_{s s_0} T_t z\|^2 < \|y - T_t z\|^2 + \epsilon^2$$

for all  $s, t \in S$ . Then

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \mu_t \|T_{s s_0} y - T_t z\|^2 &= \mu_t \|T_{s s_0} y - T_{s s_0} T_t z\|^2 \\ &= \mu_t \|T_{s s_0} y - T_{s s_0} T_t z\|^2 \leq \mu_t \|y - T_t z\|^2 + \epsilon^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $s \in S$ . On the other hand, since

$$\|y - x\|^2 \leq \mu_t \|T_t z - x\|^2 - \mu_t \|T_t z - y\|^2 \quad (\text{by (4.2)})$$

for all  $x \in H$ , we have for each  $s \in S$ ,

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \|y - T_{s s_0} y\|^2 &\leq \mu_t \|T_t z - T_{s s_0} y\|^2 - \mu_t \|T_t z - y\|^2 \\ &\leq \mu_t \|y - T_t z\|^2 + \epsilon^2 - \mu_t \|T_t z - y\|^2 = \epsilon^2. \end{aligned}$$

Fix  $s \in S$ , and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then, from continuity of  $T_s$  at  $y$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$(4.6) \quad \|y - f\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|T_s y - T_s f\| < \epsilon/2, \quad f \in C.$$

By (4.5), we may choose  $s_0 \in S$  such that  $\|T_{t s_0} y - y\| < \min\{\epsilon/2, \delta\}$  for every  $t \in S$ . Then by (4.6), we have for each  $t \in S$ ,

$$\|T_s y - y\| \leq \|T_s y - T_s T_{t s_0} y\| + \|T_{t s_0} y - y\| < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon.$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we have  $T_s y = y$  for every  $s \in S$ . This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 4.7. *Any discrete left subamenable semigroup has the fixed point property (H).*

PROOF. This follows from Corollary 3.2.

Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  be a left asymptotically non-expansive continuous representation of  $S$  on a non-empty subset  $C$  of a Hilbert space and  $z \in C$  such that  $\{T_t z : t \in S\}$  is bounded and  $\bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{\text{co}}\{T_{st} z : t \in S\} \subseteq C$ . Then for each  $x \in H$ , the function  $h(t) = \langle T_t z, x \rangle$  is in  $ARUC(S)$ . If  $\mu$  is a mean on  $ARUC(S)$ , by the Riesz representation theorem, there exists  $z_\mu \in H$  such that  $\mu_t \langle T_t z, x \rangle = \langle z_\mu, x \rangle$  for each  $x \in H$  [27].

A net of means  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  on  $ARUC(S)$  is called *asymptotically invariant* ([24], [29]) if for each  $f \in ARUC(S)$  and  $a \in S$ ,

$$\mu_\alpha(r_a f) - \mu_\alpha(f) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_\alpha(\ell_a f) - \mu_\alpha(f) \rightarrow 0.$$

THEOREM 4.8. *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup and  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  be a left asymptotically non-expansive continuous representation of  $S$  on a non-empty subset  $C$  of a Hilbert space. Assume that there exists  $z \in C$  such that  $\{T_t z : t \in S\}$  is bounded and  $\bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{\text{co}}\{T_{st} z : t \in S\} \subseteq C$ . If  $\mu$  is a left invariant mean on  $ARUC(S)$ , then  $z_\mu$  is a common fixed point for  $\mathcal{S}$  such that*

$$r(z_\mu) = \inf_{y \in H} r(y), \quad \text{where} \quad r(y) = \mu_t \|T_t z - y\|^2.$$

Furthermore, if  $\mu$  is an invariant mean on  $ARUC(S)$ , then for any asymptotically invariant net  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  of means on  $ARUC(S)$ , the net  $z_{\mu_\alpha}$  converges weakly to  $z_\mu$ . In particular, if  $\psi$  is another invariant mean on  $ARUC(S)$ , then  $z_\mu = z_\psi$ .

PROOF. Observe that if for any  $x \in H$  and  $t \in S$ ,

$$\|z_\mu - x\|^2 = \|T_t z - x\|^2 - \|T_t z - z_\mu\|^2 - 2 \langle T_t z - z_\mu, z_\mu - x \rangle,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \|z_\mu - x\|^2 &= \mu_t (\|T_t z - x\|^2 - \|T_t z - z_\mu\|^2 - 2 \langle T_t z - z_\mu, z_\mu - x \rangle) \\ &= \mu_t \|T_t z - x\|^2 - \mu_t \|T_t z - z_\mu\|^2 - 2 \langle z_\mu - z_\mu, z_\mu - x \rangle \\ &= \mu_t \|T_t z - x\|^2 - \mu_t \|T_t z - z_\mu\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $M_\mu$  consists of the single point  $z_\mu$ . So, by the proof of Theorem 4.5,  $z_\mu$  is a common fixed point for  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $r(z_\mu) = r$ .

If  $\mu$  is an invariant mean on  $ARUC(S)$ , then

$$\mu_t \|T_t z - x\|^2 \leq \inf_s \sup_t \|T_{ts} z - x\|^2 \quad (\text{by right invariance of } \mu),$$

for each  $x \in H$  [28]. On the other hand, for any  $y \in F(\mathcal{S})$  and  $s \in S$ ,

$$\inf_u \sup_t (\|y - T_{tu} T_s z\|^2 - \|y - T_s z\|^2) \leq 0$$

and hence

$$\inf_u \sup_t \|T_{tu}z - y\|^2 \leq \inf_u \sup_t \|T_{tus}z - y\|^2 = \inf_u \sup_t \|T_{tu}T_s z - y\|^2 \leq \|T_s z - y\|^2.$$

So, we have

$$\inf_u \sup_t \|T_{tu}z - y\|^2 \leq \mu_s \|T_s z - y\|^2.$$

Therefore, for each  $y \in F(\mathcal{S})$ ,

$$\mu_t \|T_t z - y\|^2 = \inf_s \sup_t \|T_{ts}z - y\|^2.$$

Hence if  $\psi$  is another invariant mean on  $ARUC(S)$ , then  $z_\psi \in F(\mathcal{S})$ ; hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_t \|T_t z - z_\mu\|^2 &= \inf_s \sup_t \|T_{ts}z - z_\mu\|^2 \leq \mu_t \|T_t z - z_\psi\|^2 \\ &= \inf_s \sup_t \|T_{ts}z - z_\psi\|^2 = \psi_t \|T_t z - z_\psi\|^2 \leq \psi_t \|T_t z - z_\mu\|^2 \\ &= \inf_s \sup_t \|T_{ts}z - z_\mu\|^2 = \mu_t \|T_t z - z_\mu\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu_t \|T_t z - z_\mu\|^2 = \mu_t \|T_t z - z_\psi\|^2$ . By uniqueness of the element in  $M_\mu$ , we have  $z_\mu = z_\psi$ .

Finally, if  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  is an asymptotically invariant net, and  $\mu$  is a cluster point of  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  in the weak\*-topology, then  $\mu$  is an invariant mean on  $ARUC(S)$ . Hence if  $\{z_{\mu_\beta}\}$  is a subnet of the net  $\{z_{\mu_\alpha}\}$  such that  $z_{\mu_\beta}$  converges weakly to some  $y$  in  $H$ , then, since a cluster point  $\psi$  of  $\{\mu_{\alpha_\beta}\}$  is also a cluster point of  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$ ,  $\psi$  is an invariant mean. So,  $y = z_\psi = z_\mu$  by the above. This implies that  $z_{\mu_\alpha}$  converges weakly to  $z_\mu$ .

## 5. Weak\*-compact convex sets

In this section, we shall establish a fixed point property for representations of a semitopological semigroup  $S$  as non-expansive self-maps of norm-separable and weak\*-compact convex sets of a dual Banach space when  $S$  is *left amenable*, i.e.  $LUC(S)$  has a *LIM* (see [14] for various properties of such semigroups), or a discrete left subamenable semigroup.

LEMMA 5.1. *Let  $S$  be a left amenable semitopological semigroup or a discrete left subamenable semigroup. Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space such that  $S \times X \rightarrow X$ ,  $(s, x) \rightarrow s \cdot x$ , is a jointly continuous action of  $S$  on  $X$ . Then there exists a compact  $S$ -invariant subset  $K$  of  $X$  satisfying:*

- (1)  $\overline{S(x)} = K$  for each  $x \in K$ ,
- (2)  $s(K) = K$  for every  $s \in S$ .

PROOF. We first assume that  $S$  is amenable. By Zorn's lemma, there exists a non-empty closed subset  $K$  of  $X$  which is minimal with respect to being closed and invariant under each element of  $S$ . Let  $y \in K$ . Define  $(T_y f)(s) = f(s \cdot y)$ ,

$s \in S$ ,  $f \in C(K)$ . Then  $T_y f \in LUC(S)$ . Indeed,  $T_y f \in CB(S)$ . If  $a_\alpha \rightarrow a$  and  $\|\ell_{a_\alpha} T_y f - \ell_a T_y f\| \rightarrow 0$ , we may assume, by passing to a subnet if necessary, that there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$\|\ell_{a_\alpha} T_y f - \ell_a T_y f\| \geq \epsilon \quad \text{for any } \alpha.$$

Now

$$\|\ell_{a_\alpha} T_y f - \ell_a T_y f\| = \sup_{s \in S} \{|f(a_\alpha s y) - f(s y)|\} = \sup_{z \in \overline{O(y)}} \{|f(a_\alpha z) - f(z)|\}.$$

Since  $\overline{O(y)}$  is compact, where  $O(y) = \{t \cdot y : t \in S\}$ , and  $z \rightarrow |f(a_\alpha z) - f(z)|$  is continuous on  $\overline{O(y)}$ , we may find  $z_\alpha \in \overline{O(y)}$  such that  $\|\ell_{a_\alpha} T_y f - \ell_a T_y f\| = |f(a_\alpha z_\alpha) - f(z_\alpha)|$  for each  $\alpha$ . Again by passing to a subnet, we may assume that  $z_\alpha \rightarrow z_0$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &= \|\ell_{a_\alpha} T_y f - \ell_a T_y f\| = |f(a_\alpha z_\alpha) - f(z_\alpha)| \\ &\leq |f(a_\alpha z_\alpha) - f(a z_0)| + |f(a z_0) - f(a z_\alpha)| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

by joint continuity of the action of  $S$  on  $X$ . Let  $m$  be a LIM on  $LUC(S)$ . Define a positive norm one functional  $\phi$  on  $C(K)$  by  $\phi(f) = m(T_y f)$  for all  $f \in C(K)$ . Then, as is readily checked,  $\phi(s f) = \phi(f)$  for all  $s \in S$  and  $f \in C(K)$ , where  $s f(x) = f(s \cdot x)$ ,  $x \in K$ ,  $s \in S$ . Let  $\mu$  be the probability measure on  $K$  corresponding to  $\phi$ . Then  $\mu(B) = \mu(a^{-1} B)$  for all  $a \in S$  and for each Borel subset  $B$  of  $K$ . Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be the family of all closed subsets  $B$  of  $K$  such that  $\mu(B) = 1$ , and let  $K_0 = \bigcap \mathfrak{S}$ . Then  $K_0$  is non-empty. Also if  $B \in \mathfrak{S}$  and  $s \in S$ , then  $s^{-1} B \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Hence  $s^{-1} K_0 \supseteq K_0$  or  $K_0 \supseteq s K_0$ . By minimality of  $K$ ,  $K = K_0$ . Since  $\mu(a K) = \mu(a^{-1}(a K)) = \mu(K) = 1$ ,  $a K \in \mathfrak{S}$  for each  $a \in S$ . Therefore  $K \supseteq a K \supseteq K_0 = K$ ; hence  $a K = K$ . So (2) holds; (1) follows by minimality of  $K$ .

If  $S$  is a discrete left subamenable semigroup, then  $S$  is left reversible (Corollary 3.2). Hence by Lemma 2 in [10, Chapter 2], any minimal invariant subset  $K$  of  $X$  satisfies (1) and (2).

LEMMA 5.2. *Let  $E$  be a Banach space, and  $\tau$  be a Hausdorff locally convex topology on  $E$  weaker than the norm topology; let  $K$  be a  $\tau$ -compact norm-separable subset of  $E$  and let  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  be a representation of a semigroup  $S$  as non-expansive and  $\tau$ - $\tau$ -continuous self-maps of  $K$  such that for each  $x \in K$ ,  $\{T_t x : t \in S\}$  is  $\tau$ -dense in  $K$ . Then for any  $z \in K$  and any  $\tau$ -neighbourhood  $V$  of 0, there exist  $t_1, \dots, t_p \in S$  such that  $K = \bigcup_{j=1}^p \{T_{s_j}^{-1}[(z + V) \cap K]\}$  where  $s_j = t_j t_{j-1} \dots t_1$ . Furthermore, if each  $T_s$  is onto and  $\{x \in E : \|x\| \leq 1\}$  is  $\tau$ -closed, then the  $\tau$ -topology agrees with the norm topology on  $K$ . In particular,  $K$  is norm-compact.*

PROOF. We follow an idea of Hsu in [10, Chapter 2, Lemma 3]. Fix  $z \in K$  and a  $\tau$ -neighbourhood  $V$  of 0. For  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $N_\epsilon = \{x \in E : \|x\| < \epsilon\}$ . Choose a  $\tau$ -open neighbourhood  $V_1$  of 0 such that  $V_1 + V_1 \subseteq V$ . Since  $V_1$  is also a norm neighbourhood of 0, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $N_\delta \subseteq V_1$ . Cover  $K$  by countably many sets  $x_i + N_\delta$ ,  $x_i \in K$ . Since  $\{T_t x_1 : t \in S\}$  is  $\tau$ -dense in  $K$ , we can choose  $t_1 \in S$  such that  $T_{t_1} x_1 \in (z + V_1) \cap K$ . By induction, we can choose a sequence  $\{t_j\}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ , in  $S$  such that  $T_{s_j} x_j \in (z + V_1) \cap K$  where  $s_j = t_j t_{j-1} \dots t_1$ . Since each  $T_s$  is non-expansive, we have

$$T_{s_j}[(x_j + N_\delta) \cap K] \subseteq (z + N_\delta + V_1) \cap K \subseteq (z + V) \cap K.$$

Consequently,  $\{T_{s_j}^{-1}[(z + V) \cap K]\}_{j=1}^\infty$  is a  $\tau$ -open covering of  $K$ . Since  $K$  is  $\tau$ -compact, there exists  $p$  such that  $K = \bigcup_{j=1}^p T_{s_j}^{-1}[(z + V) \cap K]$ .

Now if each  $T_s$  is onto and  $\{x \in E : \|x\| \leq 1\}$  is  $\tau$ -closed, let  $\epsilon > 0$  be fixed. Cover  $K$  by countably many sets  $y_i + \frac{1}{2}N_\epsilon$ ,  $y_i \in K$ ; as  $K$  is  $\tau$ -compact, hence second category in itself, there is a point  $y \in K$  and a  $\tau$ -open set  $W$  such that

$$K \cap (\frac{1}{2}N_\epsilon + y) \supseteq W \cap K \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $z \in W \cap K$  and  $V$  be a  $\tau$ -open neighbourhood of 0 such that  $z + V \subseteq W$ . So we have  $(z + V) \cap K = \emptyset$  and

$$(5.1) \quad (z + V) \cap K \subseteq (y + \frac{1}{2}N_\epsilon) \cap K \subseteq (z + N_\epsilon) \cap K.$$

By the above, we can find  $t_1, \dots, t_p \in S$  such that  $K = \bigcup_{j=1}^p T_{s_j}^{-1}[(z + V) \cap K]$ , where  $s_j = t_j t_{j-1} \dots t_1$ . Since each  $T_s$  is onto, we have

$$\begin{aligned} K &= T_{s_p} K = T_{s_p} \left\{ \bigcup_{j=1}^p T_{s_j}^{-1}[(z + V) \cap K] \right\} \\ &\subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^p \{T_{t_p t_{p-1} \dots t_{j+1}}[(z + V) \cap K]\} \\ &\subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^p \{T_{t_p t_{p-1} \dots t_{j+1}}[(z + N_\epsilon) \cap K]\} \quad (\text{by (5.1)}) \\ &\subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^p \{T_{t_p t_{p-1} \dots t_{j+1}}(z) + N_\epsilon\} \end{aligned}$$

by non-expansiveness of  $T_s$ ,  $s \in S$ . Consequently,  $K$  is totally bounded. So  $K$  is norm-compact. Since the topology  $\tau$  on  $K$  is Hausdorff and weaker than the norm topology, it follows that they must agree on  $K$ .



**THEOREM 5.3.** *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup. If either  $S$  is left amenable or  $S$  is a left subamenable discrete semigroup, then  $S$  has the following fixed point property:*

- (F) *Whenever  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  is a representation of  $S$  as norm non-expansive mappings of a norm-separable weak\*-compact convex subset  $C$  of a dual Banach space such that the map  $S \times C \rightarrow C$ ,  $(s, x) \rightarrow T_s x$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $x \in C$ , is jointly continuous when  $C$  has the weak\*-topology, then there exists a common fixed point for  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $C$ .*

**PROOF.** We shall prove the theorem for the case of  $LUC(S)$  having a *LIM*. The proof of the left subamenable case is similar using Theorem 5.1 and Corollary 3.7.

By Zorn's lemma, there exists a non-empty weak\*-compact convex subset  $X$  of  $C$  which is minimal with respect to being weak\*-closed, convex and invariant under each element of  $\mathcal{S}$ . A second application of Zorn's lemma shows that there is a non-empty subset  $F$  of  $X$  which is minimal with respect to being weak\*-closed and invariant under each element of  $\mathcal{S}$ . By Lemma 5.2,  $F$  is norm-compact. If  $F$  consists of one point, we are done. Otherwise, let  $r = \text{diam}(F)$ . Then by [4, Lemma 1], there is  $u \in \overline{\text{co}} F \subseteq X$  such that

$$r_0 = \sup\{\|u - x\| : x \in F\} < r.$$

Let  $X_0 = X \cap \bigcap_{x \in F} B[x, r_0]$ , where  $B[x, r_0] = \{y \in E : \|x - y\| \leq r_0\}$  (which is weak\*-closed). Then  $u \in X_0$  and  $X_0$  is a non-empty weak\*-closed convex proper subset of  $X$ . Furthermore, if  $x \in X_0$ , then  $x \in X$  and  $F \subseteq B[x, r_0]$ . Hence for any  $a \in S$ ,  $F = a \cdot F \subseteq B[a \cdot x, r_0]$  by non-expansiveness of  $S$  on  $X$ . It follows that  $aX_0 \subseteq X_0$ , contradicting the minimality of  $X$ . Consequently,  $F$  must consist of a single point.

**REMARK 5.4.** (a) Let (F') denote the same fixed point property as (F) with the separability condition removed. Then an argument similar to the proof of Theorem 1 of [22] shows that (F')  $\Rightarrow$   $LUC(S)$  has a *LIM*. In particular,  $S$  left subamenable  $\Rightarrow$  (F') in general. However, we do not know if  $LUC(S)$  has a *LIM*  $\Rightarrow$  (F'). (See [12, Problem 5].)

(b) T. C. Lim [20, Theorem 4] shows that if  $S$  is left reversible (topologically) and  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  is a continuous representation of  $S$  as non-expansive self-maps of a weak\*-compact convex subset  $C$  of  $\ell^1$  (which is separable), then  $C$  contains a common fixed point for  $\mathcal{S}$  *without* the assumption that the map  $\psi : (s, x) \rightarrow T_s x$  from  $S \times C$  to  $C$  is jointly continuous when  $C$  has the weak\*-topology. However, this weak\*-continuity condition on  $\psi$  cannot be entirely dropped in general. Indeed, it follows from Alspach's example [1] that there exists a representation of the commutative semigroup  $S = (\mathbb{N}, +)$ ,  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , as

non-expansive mappings of a weakly compact convex subset  $C$  of the separable Banach space  $L_1[0, 1]$ . Then  $C$ , regarded as a subset of  $L_1[0, 1]**$ , is norm-separable, weak\*-compact, and convex.

**COROLLARY 5.5.** *Let  $S$  be a semitopological semigroup. If  $S$  is left amenable or if  $S$  is a left subamenable discrete semigroup, then  $S$  has the following fixed point property:*

- (G) *Whenever  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_s : s \in S\}$  is a representation of  $S$  as norm non-expansive mappings on a norm-separable weakly compact convex subset of a Banach space  $E$  such that the map  $S \times C \rightarrow C$ ,  $(s, x) \rightarrow T_s x$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $x \in C$ , is jointly continuous when  $C$  has the weak topology, then there exists a common fixed point for  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $C$ .*

**PROOF.** Embed  $C$  in  $E**$ . Then  $C$  is norm-separable, weak\*-compact and convex.

**REMARK 5.6.** (a) Corollary 5.5 follows from Hsu [10] for the case when  $S$  is discrete and left subamenable (using Corollary 3.2).

(b) We do not know whether a left subamenable semitopological semigroup would have fixed point properties (F) or (G).

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