

# Inner invariant extensions of Dirac measures on compactly cancellative topological semigroups

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## Abstract

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a left compactly cancellative foundation semigroup with identity  $e$  and  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  be its semigroup algebra. In this paper, we give a characterization for the existence of an inner invariant extension of  $\delta_e$  from  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  to a mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  in terms of asymptotically central bounded approximate identities in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$ . We also consider topological inner invariant means on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  to study strict inner amenability of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  and their relation with strict inner amenability of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $\mathcal{S}$  denotes a locally compact Hausdorff topological semigroup. The space of all bounded complex regular Borel measures on  $\mathcal{S}$  is denoted by  $M(\mathcal{S})$ . This space with the convolution multiplication  $*$  and the total variation norm defines a Banach algebra. The space of all measures  $\mu \in M(\mathcal{S})$  for which the maps  $x \mapsto \delta_x * |\mu|$  and  $x \mapsto |\mu| * \delta_x$  from  $\mathcal{S}$  into  $M(\mathcal{S})$  are weakly continuous is denoted by  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  (or  $\tilde{L}(\mathcal{S})$  as in [2]), where  $\delta_x$  denotes the Dirac measure at  $x$ .  $\mathcal{S}$  is called *foundation semigroup* if  $\mathcal{S}$  coincides with the closure of the set  $\bigcup \{\text{supp}(\mu) : \mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S})\}$ . It is well-known that  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  is a closed two-sided  $L$ -ideal

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of  $M(\mathcal{S})$ ; see [2]. Let us point out that the second dual  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$  of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  is a Banach algebra with the first Arens product  $\odot$  defined by the equations

$$(F \odot H)(f) = F(Hf), \quad (Hf)(\mu) = H(f\mu), \quad \text{and} \quad (f\mu)(\nu) = f(\mu * \nu)$$

for all  $F, H \in M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$ ,  $f \in M_a(\mathcal{S})^*$ , and  $\mu, \nu \in M_a(\mathcal{S})$ .

Denote by  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  the set of all complex-valued bounded functions  $g$  on  $\mathcal{S}$  that are  $\mu$ -measurable for all  $\mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S})$ . We identify functions in  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  that agree  $\mu$ -almost everywhere for all  $\mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S})$ . For every  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}; M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ , define

$$\|g\|_\infty = \sup\{ \|g\|_{\infty, |\mu|} : \mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S}) \},$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty, |\mu|}$  denotes the essential supremum norm with respect to  $|\mu|$ . Observe that  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  with the complex conjugation as involution, the pointwise operations and the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  is a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra. The duality

$$\tau(g)(\mu) := \mu(g) = \int_{\mathcal{S}} g \, d\mu$$

defines a linear mapping  $\tau$  from  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  into  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^*$ . It is well-known that if  $\mathcal{S}$  is a foundation semigroup with identity, then  $\tau$  is an isometric isomorphism of  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  onto  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^*$ ; see Proposition 3.6 of Sleijpen [27]. Given any  $\mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S})$  and  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ , define the complex-valued functions  $g \circ \mu$  and  $\mu \circ g$  on  $\mathcal{S}$  by

$$(g \circ \mu)(x) = \mu(xg) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mu \circ g)(x) = \mu(gx)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ , where  $(xg)(y) = g(xy)$  and  $(gx)(y) = g(yx)$  for all  $y \in \mathcal{S}$ . It is clear that  $g \circ \mu$  and  $\mu \circ g$  are in  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  with

$$\|g \circ \mu\|_\infty \leq \|g\|_\infty \|\mu\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mu \circ g\|_\infty \leq \|g\|_\infty \|\mu\|.$$

Let  $LUC(\mathcal{S})$  be the space of all *left uniformly continuous* on  $\mathcal{S}$ ; recall that a function  $g \in C_b(\mathcal{S})$  is called left uniformly continuous if the mapping  $x \mapsto {}_xg$  from  $\mathcal{S}$  into  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ -continuous, where  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  denotes the space of all bounded continuous complex-valued functions on  $\mathcal{S}$ ; as usual  $C_0(\mathcal{S})$  denotes the space of functions in  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  vanishing at infinity and  $C_c(\mathcal{S})$  denotes its subspace of functions with compact support.

Let  $X$  be a closed subspace of  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  containing the constant functions on  $\mathcal{S}$ . A mean on  $X$  is a functional  $M$  with  $\|M\| = M(1) = 1$ . If, moreover,  ${}_xg, g_x \in X$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $g \in X$ , we then say that  $m$  is *inner invariant* if

$$M({}_xg) = M(g_x) \quad (x \in \mathcal{S}, g \in X).$$

The study of inner invariant means was initiated by Effros [8] and pursued by Akemann [1], H. Choda and M. Choda [4], M. Choda [5, 6] for discrete groups, Lau and Paterson [17], Losert and Rindler [20], Yuan [28] for topological groups, and by Ling [19] and the second and third authors [22] for discrete semigroups.

For a foundation semigroup  $\mathcal{S}$  with identity  $e$ , the Dirac measure  $\delta_e$  is always an inner invariant mean on  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$ . Several authors have been studied the possibility of inner invariant extension of  $\delta_e$  to a mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S})$  in the case where  $\mathcal{S}$  is a locally

compact group; see [20] and [28]. Here, we consider the more general setting of left compactly cancellative topological semigroups; recall from [18] that  $\mathcal{S}$  is said to be *left compactly cancellative* if  $C^{-1}D$  is compact for all compact subsets  $C$  and  $D$  of  $\mathcal{S}$ . We give a characterization for the existence of an inner invariant extensions of  $\delta_e$  to a mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  in terms of asymptotically central bounded approximate identities in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$ . Motivated by an open problem arising from [24], we also consider topological inner invariant means on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  to study strict inner amenability of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  and their relation with strict inner amenability of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

## 2 Inner invariant extensions of Dirac measures

Let us recall that an element  $E$  in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$  is called a *mixed identity* if

$$\mu \odot E = E \odot \mu = \mu \quad (\mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S})).$$

It is easy to see that an element  $E$  of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$  is a mixed identity if and only if it is a weak\* cluster point of a bounded approximate identity in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$ ; see [3], page 146. Furthermore, any mixed identity is a right identity of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$  but not a left identity in general.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a foundation semigroup with identity  $e$ . Then any extension of  $\delta_e$  from  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  to  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  with norm one is a mixed identity.*

*Proof.* Let  $E$  be an extension of  $\delta_e$  from  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  to  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  with norm one. For every  $\mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S})$  and  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  we have

$$(\mu \circ g)(x) = (\mu * \delta_x)(g)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ ; it follows from the weak continuity of the map  $x \mapsto \mu * \delta_x$  from  $\mathcal{S}$  into  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  that  $\mu \circ g \in C_b(\mathcal{S})$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \odot E)(g) &= E(\mu \circ g) \\ &= (\mu \circ g)(e) \\ &= \mu(g); \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $\mu \odot E = \mu$ . Similarly  $E \odot \mu = \mu$ . Thus  $E$  is a mixed identity. ■

To prove the converse of Proposition 2.1, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a foundation semigroup with identity  $e$ . Suppose that  $M$  is a mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  with  $M(h) = h(e)$  for all  $h \in C_c(\mathcal{S})$ . Then  $M(g) = g(e)$  for all  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  continuous at  $e$ .*

*Proof.* Without loss of generality we may assume that  $g$  is non-negative and  $g(e) = 0$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let

$$V_\varepsilon = \{x \in \mathcal{S} : g(x) < \varepsilon\}.$$

Then  $V_\varepsilon$  is a neighbourhood of  $e$  by continuity of  $g$  at  $e$ . Hence there exists  $h \in C_c(\mathcal{S})$  with support in  $V_\varepsilon$  such that

$$0 \leq h \leq \|g\|_\infty \quad \text{and} \quad h(e) = \|g\|_\infty.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|g\|_\infty + M(g) &= h(e) + M(g) \\
 &= M(h) + M(g) \\
 &= M(h + g) \\
 &\leq \|h + g\|_\infty \\
 &= \|g\|_\infty + \varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $M(g) \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ ; hence  $M(g) = 0$  as required.  $\blacksquare$

The following theorem is indeed an improvement of Proposition 2.1 in [9].

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a left compactly cancellative foundation semigroup with identity  $e$ , and let  $E$  be an element of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$  with norm one. Then the following assertions are equivalent.*

- (a)  $E$  is a mixed identity.
- (b)  $E$  is a right identity.
- (c)  $E$  is an extension of  $\delta_e$  from  $C_0(\mathcal{S})$  to  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ .
- (d)  $E$  is an extension of  $\delta_e$  from  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  to  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ .

*Proof.* (a) $\implies$ (b). Let  $F \in M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$  and  $(\sigma_\alpha)$  be a net in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  which converges to  $F$  in the weak\* topology. Then

$$\sigma_\alpha \odot E \rightarrow F \odot E$$

in the weak\* topology. So the result follows from that  $\sigma_\alpha \odot E = \sigma_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha$ .

(b) $\implies$ (c). Let  $(\nu_\gamma)$  be a right approximate identity bounded by one converging to  $E$  in the weak\* topology. Then for each  $\mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S})$  and  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(\mu \circ g) &= \lim_\gamma \nu_\gamma(\mu \circ g) \\
 &= \lim_\gamma (\mu * \nu_\gamma)(g) \\
 &= \mu(g);
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $E(\mu \circ g) = (\mu \circ g)(e)$ . Now invoke Lemma 2.1 from [10], to conclude that

$$LUC(\mathcal{S}) = M_a(\mathcal{S}) \circ L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$$

and hence  $E(f) = f(e)$  for all  $f \in LUC(\mathcal{S})$ . Since  $\mathcal{S}$  is left compactly cancellative, from Lemma 1.2 of [11] it follows that

$$C_0(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq LUC(\mathcal{S}).$$

Thus  $E(f) = f(e)$  for all  $f \in C_0(\mathcal{S})$ .

(c) $\implies$ (d). By Lemma 2.2, we only need to show that  $E$  is a mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . To that end, let  $m$  be the restriction of  $E$  to  $LUC(\mathcal{S})$ . Then by Theorem 2 of [11], there is  $n \in C_0(\mathcal{S})^\perp$  such that

$$m = n + \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \|m\| = \|n\| + \|\mu\|,$$

where  $\mu \in LUC(\mathcal{S})^*$  is defined by  $\mu(f) = f(e)$  for all  $f \in LUC(\mathcal{S})$ . Since  $\|E\| = 1$ , we have  $\|m\| \leq 1$ , whence  $n = 0$ . Thus  $E(1) = m(1) = 1$ .

(d) $\implies$ (a). This follows from Proposition 2.1.  $\blacksquare$

Recall that a net  $(\mu_\gamma)$  in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  is called *asymptotically central* (resp. *weakly asymptotically central*) if

$$\delta_x * \mu_\gamma - \mu_\gamma * \delta_x \rightarrow 0$$

in the norm (resp. weak) topology for all  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ . In the following, let  $P_1(M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  denote the set of all probability measures in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a left compactly cancellative foundation semigroup with identity  $e$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (a)  $\delta_e$  has an inner invariant extension to a mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ .
- (b) There is a weakly asymptotically central approximate identity in  $P_1(M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ .
- (c) There is an asymptotically central approximate identity in  $P_1(M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that (a) holds, and let  $E$  be an extension of  $\delta_e$  from  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  to an inner invariant mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . Then  $E$  is a mixed identity by Proposition 2.1. Since  $\mathcal{S}$  is a foundation semigroup with identity, it follows from [27] that  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  is the predual of the commutative  $C^*$ -algebra  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ ; see also [12] and [23]. Thus  $P_1(M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  is weak\* dense in  $P_1(M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**})$ , the set of all means on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ ; see Lemma 2.1 in [16]. So, there is a net  $(\mu_\gamma)$  in  $P_1(M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  which converges to  $E$  in the weak\* topology. Thus,  $(\mu_\gamma)$  is a weak approximate identity for  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$ , and therefore we may find an approximate identity  $(\sigma_\alpha)$  in  $P_1(M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  which converges to  $E$  in the weak\* topology; see [3], page 146. Since  $E$  is inner invariant, it follows that

$$\delta_x * \sigma_\alpha - \sigma_\alpha * \delta_x \rightarrow 0 \quad (x \in \mathcal{S})$$

in the weak topology of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$ . That is,  $(\sigma_\alpha)$  a weakly asymptotically central approximate identity. A standard argument shows that (b) implies (c).

Finally, if there exists an asymptotically central approximate identity  $(\nu_\gamma)$  in  $P_1(M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ , then any weak\*-cluster point  $E$  of  $(\nu_\gamma)$  in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$  is an inner invariant mean. Also,  $E$  is a mixed identity with norm one, and hence it follows from Theorem 2.3 that  $E$  is an extension of  $\delta_e$  from  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  to  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . That is (a) holds. ■

### 3 Strict inner amenability

A closed subspace  $X$  of  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}; M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  is called *topologically inner invariant* if

$$\mu \circ g, g \circ \mu \in X \quad (\mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S}), g \in X).$$

Let  $X$  be a topologically inner invariant closed subspace of  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}; M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  containing the constant functions. We say that a mean  $M$  is *topological inner invariant* on  $X$  whenever

$$M(\mu \circ g) = M(g \circ \mu) \quad (\mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S}), g \in X).$$

The notion of topological inner invariant means was introduced and studied by the third author [24] for a large class of Banach algebras known as Lau algebras. The subject of Lau algebras originated with the paper [15] published in 1983 by Lau in which he referred to them as  $F$ -algebras. Later on, in his useful monograph, Pier [26] introduced the name Lau algebra.

As pointed out in [23],  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  is a Lau algebra for all foundation semigroups  $\mathcal{S}$  with identity; in this case, any mixed identity with norm one in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$  is a topological inner invariant mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . Following [24],  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  is called *strictly inner amenable* if there is a topological inner invariant mean  $m$  on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}; M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  which is not a mixed identity.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a left compactly cancellative foundation semigroup with identity  $e$ , and suppose that there is a topological inner invariant mean on  $LUC(\mathcal{S})$  not equal to  $\delta_e$ . Then  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  is strictly inner amenable.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $M$  is a topological inner invariant mean on  $LUC(\mathcal{S})$  not equal to  $\delta_e$ , and  $\tilde{M}$  is an extension of  $M$  from  $LUC(\mathcal{S})$  to a mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . Then for  $\mu \in M_a(\mathcal{S})$  and  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  we have

$$\|\nu_\gamma \circ (\mu \circ g) - \mu \circ g\|_\infty = \|(\nu_\gamma * \mu - \mu) \circ g\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$\|\mu \circ (\nu_\gamma \circ g) - \mu \circ g\|_\infty = \|(\mu * \nu_\gamma - \mu) \circ g\|_\infty \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $(\nu_\gamma)$  is an approximate identity of probability measures for  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$ ; see [23]. It follows that

$$\lim_\gamma \tilde{M}(\nu_\gamma \circ (\mu \circ g)) = \tilde{M}(\mu \circ g) = \lim_\gamma \tilde{M}(\mu \circ (\nu_\gamma \circ g)).$$

For every  $\gamma$  we have  $\nu_\gamma \circ g \in LUC(\mathcal{S})$ ; see Lemma 2.1 from [10]. Therefore

$$M(\mu \circ (\nu_\gamma \circ g)) = M((\nu_\gamma \circ g) \circ \mu);$$

That is,

$$\tilde{M}(\mu \circ (\nu_\gamma \circ g)) = \tilde{M}((\nu_\gamma \circ g) \circ \mu);$$

moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu_\gamma \odot \tilde{M})(\mu \circ g) &= \tilde{M}(\nu_\gamma \circ (\mu \circ g)), \\ \tilde{M}((\nu_\gamma \circ g) \circ \mu) &= (\nu_\gamma \odot \tilde{M})(g \circ \mu). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_\gamma (\nu_\gamma \odot \tilde{M})(\mu \circ g) = \lim_\gamma (\nu_\gamma \odot \tilde{M})(g \circ \mu).$$

Let  $E$  be a weak\* cluster point of  $(\nu_\gamma)$ , Then  $E$  is a mixed identity and  $\nu_\gamma \odot \tilde{M}$  converges to  $E \odot \tilde{M}$  in the weak\* topology of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$ , and hence we get

$$(E \odot \tilde{M})(\mu \circ g) = (E \odot \tilde{M})(g \circ \mu).$$

This means that  $E \odot \tilde{M}$  is a topological inner invariant mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . Since  $\tilde{M}$  is not a mixed identity,  $E \odot \tilde{M}$  cannot be a mixed identity; that is  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  is strictly inner amenable. ■

The following example shows that there is a locally compact non-discrete semigroup satisfying the hypothesis of Proposition 3.1 which is not a subset of any group.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $T := \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be the discrete semigroup with the operation  $xy = 0$  for all  $x, y \in T \setminus \{1\}$  and  $x1 = 1x = x$  for all  $x \in T$ . Then

$$\mathcal{S} := T \times SO(n, \mathbb{R})$$

is a compact foundation non-abelian semigroup with identity; see for example Palmer [25], page 80. It follows from the proof of Lemma 6.3 and Proposition 6.4 in [14] that  $LUC(\mathcal{S})$  has an invariant mean  $M$ ; that is,  $M({}_xg) = M(g_x) = M(g)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $g \in LUC(\mathcal{S})$ . In particular,  $M$  is not equal to the Dirac measure at the identity element of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Thus

$$M(\mu \circ g) = M(g \circ \mu) = M(g)$$

for all  $\mu \in P_1(M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  and  $g \in LUC(\mathcal{S})$ ; see [7], Lemma 2.3 and its proof, page 74. That is,  $M$  is also a topological inner invariant mean on  $LUC(\mathcal{S})$ .

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a foundation semigroup with identity  $e$ . As pointed out  $\delta_e$  is always an inner invariant mean on  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$ . We say that  $\mathcal{S}$  is *strictly inner amenable* if there is an inner invariant mean  $m$  on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  which is not an extension of  $\delta_e$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a non-discrete foundation semigroup with identity  $e$ . If there is a topological inner invariant mean in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$ , then  $\mathcal{S}$  is strictly inner amenable.*

*Proof.* Let  $M \in M_a(\mathcal{S})$  be a topological inner invariant mean. Then  $M$  is in the center of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$ , and so  $M \circ g = g \circ M$  for all  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . This implies that for any  $x \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} M({}_xg) &= \int_{\mathcal{S}} g(xy) dM(y) \\ &= (M \circ g)(x) \\ &= (g \circ M)(x) \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{S}} g(yx) dM(y) \\ &= M(g_x). \end{aligned}$$

So,  $M$  is an inner invariant mean. Finally, since  $\mathcal{S}$  is not discrete,  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  does not have identity; see [2]. It follows that  $M$  is not a mixed identity. Now the proof is complete by Proposition 2.1. ■

It is an open problem arising from [24] whether strict inner amenability of a locally compact group  $G$  is equivalent to strict inner amenability of  $L^1(G)$ ?

In [21], Memarbashi and Riazi proved that strict inner amenability of  $G$  implies strict inner amenability of  $L^1(G)$ . The first and second authors [13] have recently shown that the converse is not true; however, they have proved that the converse is true if  $\delta_e$  has an inner invariant extension to a mean on  $L^\infty(G)$ . Here, we show that the later result remains valid for certain topological semigroups.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a left compactly cancellative foundation semigroup with identity  $e$ . Suppose that  $\delta_e$  has an inner invariant extension from  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  to a mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . Then strict inner amenability of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  implies strict inner amenability of  $\mathcal{S}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\delta_e$  has an inner invariant extension to from  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  to a mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ , it follows from Theorem 2.4 that  $M_a(\mathcal{S})$  has an approximate identity  $(\nu_\gamma)$  of probability measures such that

$$\|\delta_x * \nu_\gamma - \nu_\gamma * \delta_x\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (x \in \mathcal{S}).$$

For each  $x \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  we have

$$\nu_\gamma \circ ({}_xg) = (\delta_x * \nu_\gamma) \circ g \quad \text{and} \quad (g_x) \circ \nu_\gamma = g \circ (\nu_\gamma * \delta_x).$$

Now, let  $M$  be a topological inner invariant mean on  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu_\gamma \odot M)({}_xg) &= M(\nu_\gamma \circ g_x) \\ &= M((\delta_x * \nu_\gamma) \circ g) \\ &= M(g \circ (\delta_x * \nu_\gamma)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu_\gamma \odot M)(g_x) &= M(\nu_\gamma \circ g_x) \\ &= M(g_x \circ \nu_\gamma) \\ &= M(g \circ (\nu_\gamma * \delta_x)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |(\nu_\gamma \odot M)({}_xg - g_x)| &= |M(\nu_\gamma \circ {}_xg - \nu_\gamma \circ g_x)| \\ &= |M(g \circ (\delta_x * \nu_\gamma) - g \circ (\nu_\gamma * \delta_x))| \\ &\leq \|M\| \|g\|_\infty \|\delta_x * \nu_\gamma - \nu_\gamma * \delta_x\| \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Next, let  $E$  be a weak\* cluster point of  $(\nu_\gamma)$  in  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$ . Since  $\nu_\gamma \odot M$  converging to  $E \odot M$  in the weak\* topology of  $M_a(\mathcal{S})^{**}$ , it follows that

$$(E \odot M)({}_xg) = (E \odot M)(g_x)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $g \in L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$ . That is  $E \odot M$  is inner invariant. Since  $M$  is not a mixed identity, it follows that  $E \odot M$  is not a mixed identity. Therefore,  $E \odot M$  is not an extension of  $\delta_e$  from  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  to  $L^\infty(\mathcal{S}, M_a(\mathcal{S}))$  by Theorem 2.3 and the proof is complete.  $\blacksquare$

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