

## AMENABLE LOCALLY COMPACT SEMIGROUPS AND A FIXED POINT PROPERTY

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**Abstract.** For a locally compact semigroup  $S$ , we study a general fixed point property in terms of Banach left  $S$ -modules. We then use this property to give our main result which is a new characterization for left amenability of a large class of locally compact semigroups; finally, we investigate several examples which lead us to the conjecture that the main result remains true for all locally compact semigroups.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The notion of left amenability of semigroups was initiated by Day [4] and pursued by Lau and Takahashi [11, 12, 13], Namioka [14] and Saeidi [19] for discrete semigroups, and by Dzinotyweyi [7], Holmes and Lau [8], Paterson [15], Riazi and Wong [18] and Wong [22, 23, 24] for topological semigroups; see Berglund, Junghenn and Milnes [2], Dales, Lau, and Strauss [3] and Pier [16] for more details; see also Desaulniers, Nemati and the author [5] for a more general setting.

Let us recall that a locally compact semigroup  $S$ , is a semigroup with a locally compact Hausdorff topology whose binary operation is jointly continuous. As usual, let  $M(S)$  denote the Banach algebra of all complex Radon measures on  $S$  with the convolution product  $*$  and the total variation norm. The space of all measures  $\mu$  in  $M(S)$  for which the maps  $s \mapsto \delta_s * |\mu|$  and  $s \mapsto |\mu| * \delta_s$  from  $S$  into  $M(S)$  are weakly continuous is denoted by  $M_a(S)$ , where  $\delta_s$  denotes the Dirac measure at  $s \in S$ . It is known that  $M_a(S)$  is a closed two-sided  $L$ -ideal of  $M(S)$ ; see Baker and Baker

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[1], Dzinotyweyi [7] and Pourabbas and Riazi [17]. Denote by  $M_p(S)$  the set of all probability measures in  $M(S)$  and set

$$P_1(S) := M_a(S) \cap M_p(S).$$

The locally compact semigroup  $S$  is called foundation if the set  $F(S)$  is dense in  $S$ , where

$$F(S) := \bigcup \{\text{supp}(v) : v \in P_1(S)\}.$$

In this section, we give a result on left invariant nets which is need in the sequel. In the next section, we study a fixed point property in terms of Banach left  $S$ -modules to characterize left amenability of foundation semigroups; we finally give several examples which lead us to the conjecture that this result is valid for arbitrary locally compact semigroups.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $S$  be a locally compact semigroup. For  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq M_p(S)$ , we say that a net  $(v_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  in  $M_a(S)$  is  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant if

$$\mu * v_\lambda - v_\lambda \rightarrow 0$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathfrak{M}$  in the norm topology of  $M_a(S)$ .

Similarly, we define a *weakly  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant net*; i.e., the convergence of the limit in the definition of  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariance is only assumed to hold in the weak topology instead of in the norm topology.

**Proposition 1.2.** *Let  $S$  be a locally compact semigroup and let  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq M_p(S)$ . Then the convex hull of any weakly  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant net in  $P_1(S)$  contains an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant net.*

**Proof.** Let  $(v_\gamma)_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  be a weakly  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant net of measures in  $P_1(S)$ , and for each finite subset  $\mathfrak{F} = \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  of  $M_a(S)$ , set

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{F}} := \{(v_1 * v - v, \dots, v_m * v - v) : v \in \text{co}(\{v_\gamma : \gamma \in \Gamma\})\},$$

where  $\text{co}(\{v_\gamma : \gamma \in \Gamma\})$  denotes the convex hull of the set  $\{v_\gamma : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ . Now, consider the  $m$ -times  $\ell^1$ -direct sum  $\ell^1\text{-}\bigoplus_{n=1}^m M_a(S)$  of the Banach space  $M_a(S)$ , and note that 0 is in the weak closure of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{F}}$  in  $\ell^1\text{-}\bigoplus_{n=1}^m M_a(S)$ ; in fact, the net  $(v * v_\gamma - v_\gamma)_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  in  $M_a(S)$  converges to zero weakly for all  $v \in P_1(S)$ , and hence the net

$$((v_1 * v_\gamma - v_\gamma, \dots, v_m * v_\gamma - v_\gamma))_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{F}}$$

in  $\ell^1\text{-}\bigoplus_{n=1}^m M_a(S)$  converges to zero weakly. Since  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{F}}$  is convex, it follows that the norm closure of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{F}}$  in  $\ell^1\text{-}\bigoplus_{n=1}^m M_a(S)$  contains zero. Thus, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a measure  $v_{(\varepsilon, \mathfrak{F})} \in P_1(S)$  such that for each  $v \in \mathfrak{F}$ ,

$$\|v * v_{(\varepsilon, \mathfrak{F})} - v_{(\varepsilon, \mathfrak{F})}\| < \varepsilon.$$

Now, let  $\Lambda$  be the set of all  $\lambda := (\varepsilon, \mathfrak{F})$  for which  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\mathfrak{F} \subseteq M_a(S)$  is a finite set. Then  $\Lambda$  is a directed set by setting  $(\varepsilon', \mathfrak{F}') \succ (\varepsilon, \mathfrak{F})$  if and only if  $\varepsilon' \leq \varepsilon$  and  $\mathfrak{F}' \supseteq \mathfrak{F}$ . So, the net  $(v_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  is an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant net.  $\square$

2. LEFT FIXED POINTS FOR  $S$ -MODULES

Let  $E$  be a Banach space, and let  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$  denote the Banach space of bounded linear operators on  $E^{**}$ . By the weak\* operator topology on  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ , we shall mean the locally convex topology of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$  determined by the family

$$T \mapsto |\langle T(\Psi), \phi \rangle|$$

of seminorms on  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ , where  $\Psi \in E^{**}$ ,  $\phi \in E^*$ ; this means that a net  $(T_\gamma) \subseteq \mathcal{B}(E^{**})$  converges to zero in the weak\* operator topology if and only if for each  $\Psi \in E^{**}$  and  $\phi \in E^*$ ,

$$\langle T_\gamma(\Psi), \phi \rangle \longrightarrow 0.$$

Now, let  $E$  be a Banach left  $S$ -module; that is, a Banach space  $E$  equipped with a map from  $S \times E$  into  $E$ , denoted by  $(s, \xi) \mapsto s \cdot \xi$  ( $s \in S, \xi \in E$ ) such that

$$s \cdot (t \cdot \xi) = (st) \cdot \xi$$

for all  $s, t \in S$  and  $\xi \in E$ , the map  $s \mapsto s \cdot \xi$  is continuous of  $S$  into  $E$  for all  $\xi \in E$ , and the map  $\xi \mapsto s \cdot \xi$  is a bounded linear operator on  $E$  for all  $s \in S$ ; i.e., there is a constant  $C > 0$  with

$$\|s \cdot \xi\| \leq C \|\xi\|$$

for all  $s \in S$  and  $\xi \in E$ . In this case, we define

$$\langle \phi \cdot \mu, \xi \rangle = \int_S \langle \phi, s \cdot \xi \rangle d\mu(s)$$

and

$$\langle \mu \cdot \Psi, \phi \rangle = \langle \Psi, \phi \cdot \mu \rangle$$

for all  $\xi \in E$ ,  $\phi \in E^*$ ,  $\Psi \in E^{**}$  and  $\mu \in M(S)$ . Any Banach left  $S$ -module  $E$  equipped with the map

$$(\mu, \xi) \mapsto \mu \cdot \xi$$

for all  $\mu \in M(S)$  and  $\xi \in E$  can be considered as a Banach left  $M(S)$ -module.

We denote by  $\mathcal{P}(S, E^{**})$  the closure of the set

$$\{T_v : v \in P_1(S)\}$$

in the weak\* operator topology of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ , where the operator  $T_v \in \mathcal{B}(E^{**})$  for each  $\Psi \in E^{**}$  is defined by

$$T_v(\Psi) = v \cdot \Psi.$$

Let us remark that  $P_1(S)$  with the convolution multiplication is a semigroup. In particular, the set

$$\{T_v : v \in P_1(S)\}$$

is a subsemigroup of the semigroup  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$  with the ordinary multiplication of linear operators, and as easily verified, so is its closure  $\mathcal{P}(S, E^{**})$  in the weak\* operator topology of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $S$  be a locally compact semigroup, let  $E$  be a Banach left  $S$ -module, and let  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq M_p(S)$ . We say that  $E$  has an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point if there exists  $T \in \mathcal{P}(S, E^{**})$  such that

$$T_\mu T = T \quad (\mu \in \mathfrak{M});$$

we call such an operator  $T$  an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point for  $E$ .

It should be noted that the notion of left fixed point is already in Holmes and Lau [8] which establishes a fixed point theorem for semigroups of certain mappings on a compact convex subset of a locally convex space.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $S$  be a locally compact semigroup and let  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq M_p(S)$ . If there exists an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant net in  $P_1(S)$ , then every left Banach  $S$ -module  $E$  has an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point.*

**Proof.** Choose a constant  $C > 0$  satisfying

$$\|s \cdot \xi\| \leq C \|\xi\|$$

for all  $s \in S$  and  $\xi \in E$ , and note that for each  $v \in P_1(S)$  and  $\Psi \in E^{**}$ ,

$$\|T_v(\Psi)\| = \|v \cdot \Psi\| \leq C \|\Psi\|.$$

Hence, the set

$$\{T_v : v \in P_1(S)\} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(E^{**})$$

is bounded by  $C$ , and therefore its closure  $\mathcal{P}(S, E^{**})$  is also bounded by  $C$ .

Now, let  $(v_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant net in  $P_1(S)$ . Then, without loss of generality, we may assume that there exists an operator  $T \in \mathcal{P}(S, E^{**})$  such that

$$T_{v_\lambda} - T \rightarrow 0$$

in the weak\* operator topology of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ . Indeed, considering the projective tensor product  $E^{**} \widehat{\otimes} E^*$ , we make the canonical identification of the dual space  $(E^{**} \widehat{\otimes} E^*)^*$  of  $E^{**} \widehat{\otimes} E^*$  with the Banach space  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ ; moreover, the weak\* operator topology of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$  coincides with the weak\* topology of  $(E^{**} \widehat{\otimes} E^*)^*$  on bounded subsets of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ ; since  $\mathcal{P}(S, E^{**})$  is a bounded subset of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ , it is compact in the weak\* operator topology of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$  by the Banach-Alaoglu theorem; see for example [6], Corollary VIII.2.2; in particular, the net

$$(T_{v_\lambda}) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(S, E^{**})$$

has a cluster point  $T \in \mathcal{P}(S, E^{**})$  in the weak\* operator topology of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ .

Next, let  $\mu \in \mathfrak{M}$  and let  $T_\mu^* : E^{***} \rightarrow E^{***}$  denote the adjoint operator of  $T_\mu \in \mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ . Then for each  $\phi \in E^*$  and  $\Psi \in E^{**}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_\mu^*(\phi), \Psi \rangle &= \langle \phi, T_\mu(\Psi) \rangle \\ &= \langle \phi, \mu \cdot \Psi \rangle \\ &= \langle \phi \cdot \mu, \Psi \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

whence

$$T_\mu^*(\phi) = \phi \cdot \mu.$$

In particular,  $T_\mu^*(\phi) \in E^*$ . This shows that

$$\langle (T_\mu T_{v_\lambda} - T_\mu T)(\Psi), \phi \rangle = \langle (T_{v_\lambda} - T)(\Psi), T_\mu^*(\phi) \rangle \longrightarrow 0.$$

It follows that

$$T_\mu T_{v_\lambda} - T_\mu T \rightarrow 0$$

in the weak\* operator topology of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ . Moreover, for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,

$$\|T_\mu T_{v_\lambda} - T_{v_\lambda}\| \leq C \|\mu * v_\lambda - v_\lambda\|$$

which shows that

$$T_\mu T_{v_\lambda} - T_{v_\lambda} \rightarrow 0$$

in the norm topology and of course in the weak\* operator topology of  $\mathcal{B}(E^{**})$ . But, for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,

$$T_\mu T - T = (T_\mu T - T_\mu T_{v_\lambda}) + (T_\mu T_{v_\lambda} - T_{v_\lambda}) + (T_{v_\lambda} - T)$$

whence  $T_\mu T = T$  as required.  $\square$

Let us recall that  $M_a(S)^{**}$  with the first Arens product  $\diamond$  defined by

$$\langle \mathbf{F} \diamond \mathbf{G}, f \rangle = \langle \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} f \rangle$$

for  $f \in M_a(S)^*$  and  $\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} \in M_a(S)^{**}$  is a Banach algebra, where  $\mathbf{G}f \in M_a(S)^*$  is defined by

$$\langle \mathbf{G}f, v \rangle = \langle \mathbf{G}, f v \rangle$$

for all  $v \in M_a(S)$ ; here,  $f\mu \in M_a(S)^*$  is defined by

$$\langle f\mu, v \rangle = \langle f, \mu * v \rangle$$

for all  $\mu \in M(S)$  and  $v \in M_a(S)$ . For each  $v \in M_a(S)$ , let  $v$  also denote the functional in  $M_a(S)^{**}$  defined by the formula

$$f \mapsto \langle f, v \rangle \quad (f \in M_a(S)^*);$$

this induces a linear isometric embedding of  $M_a(S)$  into  $M_a(S)^{**}$ . In particular,  $\mathbf{F} \diamond v$ ,  $\sigma \diamond \mathbf{F}$  and  $\sigma \diamond v$  make sense as elements of  $M_a(S)^{**}$  for all  $\sigma, v \in M_a(S)$  and  $\mathbf{F} \in M_a(S)^{**}$ ; moreover,  $\sigma \diamond v = \sigma * v$ .

An element  $\mathbf{M}$  in the second dual  $M_a(S)^{**}$  of  $M_a(S)$  is said to be a mean on  $M_a(S)^*$  if

$$\|\mathbf{M}\| = \langle \mathbf{M}, \varphi_1 \rangle = 1,$$

where  $\varphi_1 \in M_a(S)^*$  is defined for each  $v \in M_a(S)$  by

$$\langle \varphi_1, v \rangle = v(S).$$

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $S$  be a locally compact semigroup. For  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq M_p(S)$ , we say that a mean  $\mathbf{M}$  on  $M_a(S)^*$  is  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant if

$$\langle \mathbf{M}, f\mu \rangle = \langle \mathbf{M}, f \rangle$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $f \in M_a(S)^*$ ; we also say that  $S$  is  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left amenable if there exists an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant mean on  $M_a(S)^*$ .

Before we give the main result of this paper, let us remark that  $M_a(S)$  equipped with the map

$$(s, v) \mapsto s \cdot v$$

defined by

$$s \cdot v = \delta_s * v \quad (v \in M_a(S), s \in S),$$

is a Banach left  $S$ -module; note that in this case we have

$$f \cdot \mu = f\mu \quad \text{and} \quad v \cdot F = v \diamond F$$

for all  $\mu \in M(S)$ ,  $v \in M_a(S)$ ,  $f \in M_a(S)^*$  and  $F \in M_a(S)^{**}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $S$  be a foundation semigroup with identity and let  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq M_p(S)$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent.*

- (a)  $S$  is  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left amenable.
- (b) Every Banach left  $S$ -module  $E$  has an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point.
- (c) The Banach left  $S$ -module  $M_a(S)$  has an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point.

**Proof.** Suppose that (a) holds, and let  $\mathbf{M}$  be an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant mean on  $M_a(S)^*$ . Since  $S$  is a foundation semigroup with identity, it follows from [20] that  $M_a(S)$  is the predual of a von Neumann algebra; see also [21]. Thus  $P_1(S)$  is weak\* dense in the set of all means on  $M_a(S)^*$ ; see [9], Lemma 2.1. So, there is a net  $(v_\gamma)_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  in  $P_1(S)$  such that  $v_\gamma \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  in the weak\* topology of  $M_a(S)^{**}$ . For each  $\mu \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $f \in M_a(S)^*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mu * v_\gamma - v_\gamma, f \rangle &= \langle v_\gamma, f\mu - f \rangle \\ &\rightarrow \langle \mathbf{M}, f\mu - f \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for each  $\mu \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,

$$\mu * v_\gamma - v_\gamma \rightarrow 0$$

in the weak topology of  $M_a(S)$ . That is,  $(v_\gamma)_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  is a weakly  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant net in  $P_1(S)$ , and hence there is an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant net in the set

$$\text{co}(\{v_\gamma : \gamma \in \Gamma\}) \subseteq P_1(S)$$

by Proposition 1.2. Now, appeal to Lemma 2.2 to conclude that (b) holds.

That (b) implies (c) is trivial.

Now, suppose that (c) holds. To prove (a) choose an element  $T$  of  $\mathcal{P}(S, M_a(S)^{**})$  with

$$T_\mu T = T$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathfrak{M}$ , and find a net  $(\sigma_\beta)_{\beta \in \square}$  in  $P_1(S)$  such that

$$\langle T_{\sigma_\beta}(F), f \rangle \rightarrow \langle T(F), f \rangle$$

for all  $F \in M_a(S)^{**}$  and  $f \in M_a(S)^*$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $(\sigma_\beta)_{\beta \in \square}$  converges to a mean  $\mathbf{M}$  in  $M_a(S)^{**}$ .

We show that  $\mathbf{M}$  is an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant mean on  $M_a(S)^*$ . For this end, recall from the assumption that  $S$  is a foundation semigroup with identity, and hence  $M_a(S)$  has a bounded approximate identity  $(u_\iota)_{\iota \in I}$  of measures in  $P_1(S)$ ; see [20], Theorem 5.16. Let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a weak\* cluster point of  $(u_\iota)_{\iota \in I}$  in  $M_a(S)^{**}$ . Then

$$\sigma \diamond \mathbf{U} = \sigma$$

for all  $\sigma \in M_a(S)$  by the weak\* continuity properties of the first Arens product  $\diamond$ , and hence for each  $\mu \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $f \in M_a(S)^*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle M, f\mu \rangle &= \lim_{\beta} \langle \mu * \sigma_{\beta} \diamond U, f \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\beta} \langle (T_{\mu} T_{\sigma_{\beta}})(U), f \rangle \\
 &= \langle (T_{\mu} T)(U), f \rangle \\
 &= \langle T(U), f \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\beta} \langle T_{\sigma_{\beta}}(U), f \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\beta} \langle \sigma_{\beta} \diamond U, f \rangle \\
 &= \lim_{\beta} \langle \sigma_{\beta}, f \rangle \\
 &= \langle M, f \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $M$  is an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant mean on  $M_a(S)^*$  as required.  $\square$

We say that a Banach left  $S$ -module  $E$  has a *left fixed point* if it has a  $\delta_S$ -left fixed point, where

$$\delta_S := \{\delta_s : s \in S\};$$

recall that  $S$  is called *left amenable* if there exists a left invariant mean on  $M_a(S)^*$ ; that is, a  $\delta_S$ -left invariant mean on  $M_a(S)^*$ .

Our last result is the following consequence of Theorem 2.4.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $S$  be a foundation semigroup with identity. Then the following assertions are equivalent.*

- (a)  $S$  is left amenable.
- (b) Every Banach left  $S$ -module  $E$  has a left fixed point.
- (c) The Banach left  $S$ -module  $M_a(S)$  has a left fixed point.

This result should be compared with Theorem 5.1 of Lau and Paterson [10] in the case where  $S$  is a locally compact group.

We now give some motivating examples of foundation or non-foundation semigroups with or without identity for which our main result is valid.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $S$  be the set  $[0, 1]$  with the locally compact Hausdorff topology induced from the real line and let  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq M_p(S)$ .

(a) *A foundation semigroup with identity.* Endow  $S$  with the operation  $xy = \min\{x + y, 1\}$  for all  $x, y \in S$  and note that  $S$  is a locally compact semigroup with identity. Since

$$M_a(S) = L^1([0, 1]) \oplus \mathbb{C} \delta_1,$$

it follows that  $S$  is foundation. Moreover,

$$P_1(S) = \{f \in L^1([0, 1]) : f \geq 0, \|f\|_1 = 1\} \cup \{\delta_1\}$$

and

$$T_{\delta_1} \in \mathcal{P}(S, E^{**}),$$

for all Banach left  $S$ -modules  $E$ . Therefore,  $E$  has an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point and  $S$  is  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left amenable. In fact,  $T_{\delta_1}$  is an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point for  $E$  and  $\delta_1$  is an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant mean on  $M_a(S)^*$ .

(b) *A foundation semigroup without identity.* Endow  $S$  with the operation  $xy = 0$  for all  $x, y \in S$  and note that  $S$  is a locally compact semigroup without identity. Since

$$M_a(S) = M(S),$$

it follows that  $S$  is foundation. Moreover,

$$P_1(S) = M_p(S) \text{ and } \mathcal{P}(S, E^{**}) = \{0\}$$

for all Banach left  $S$ -modules  $E$ . Therefore,  $E$  has no  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point and  $S$  is not  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left amenable.

(c) *A non-foundation semigroup with identity.* Endow  $S$  with the usual multiplication and note that  $S$  is a locally compact semigroup with identity. Since

$$M_a(S) = \mathbb{C} \delta_0,$$

it follows that  $S$  is non-foundation. Moreover,

$$P_1(S) = \{\delta_0\} \text{ and } \mathcal{P}(S, E^{**}) = \{T_{\delta_0}\}$$

for all Banach left  $S$ -modules  $E$ . Therefore,  $E$  has an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point and  $S$  is  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left amenable. In fact,  $T_{\delta_0}$  is an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point for  $E$  and  $\delta_0$  is an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left invariant mean on  $M_a(S)^*$ .

(d) *A non-foundation semigroup without identity.* Endow  $S$  with the operation  $xy = y$  for all  $x, y \in S$  and note that  $S$  is a locally compact semigroup without identity. Since

$$M_a(S) = \{0\},$$

it follows that  $S$  is non-foundation. Moreover,

$$P_1(S) = \emptyset \text{ and } \mathcal{P}(S, E^{**}) = \emptyset$$

for all Banach left  $S$ -modules  $E$ . That is,  $E$  has no  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point and  $S$  is not  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left amenable.

Motivated by these examples, we give the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 2.7.** *Let  $S$  be an arbitrary locally compact semigroup and  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq M_p(S)$ . Does  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left amenability of  $S$  is equivalent to that every Banach left  $S$ -module  $E$  has an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -left fixed point?*

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