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If S is a left amenable semigroup, let ML(S) be the set of left invariant means on m(S), the space of bounded real-valued functions on S. We prove in this paper that a left invariant mean on m(S) is an exposed point of ML(S) if and only if it is the arithmetic average on a minimal finite left ideal of S. In particular, ML(S) has no exposed point when S is an infinite group. We also prove that if ML(S) has an exposed point, then it is the w\*-closed convex hull of all its exposed points. This gives another proof of the Granirer-Klawe theorem on the dimension of ML(S).

1. Introduction. For an arbitrary set X, let m(X) be the Banach space of bounded real-valued functions on X with the supremum norm. An element  $\mu \in m(X)^*$  is called a mean on m(X) if  $\mu$  is positive and  $\|\mu\| = 1$ . A finite mean on X is a positive element  $\mu \in l^1(X)$  with  $\|\mu\|_1 = 1$ , and such that the support of  $\mu$ , the set  $\{x \in X | \mu(x) > 0\}$ , is finite. Any finite mean, considered as an element of  $m(X)^*$ , is a mean. And the set of all finite means is  $w^*$ -dense in the set of all means on X (see Day [2]).

Let S be a semigroup. A mean  $\mu$  on m(S) is left invariant if  $\mu(f) = \mu(l_s f)$  for all  $f \in m(S)$  and  $s \in S$ , where  $l_s f \in m(S)$  is defined by  $(l_s f)(t) = f(st), t \in S$ . When m(S) has a left invariant mean, we say S is left amenable, and denote by ML(S) the set of all left invariant means on m(S). ML(S) is convex and w\*-compact in  $m(S)^*$  (cf. [2]). If  $s \in S$  and  $A \subset S$ , it is easy to see that  $\mu(\chi_{sA}) \ge \mu(\chi_A)$  for any  $\mu \in ML(S)$ .

For a mean  $\mu$  on m(S) and  $s \in S$ , we define  $s \cdot \mu \in m(S)^*$  by  $(s \cdot \mu)f = \mu(l_s f), f \in m(S)$ .  $s \cdot \mu$  is also a mean on m(S), and  $(st) \cdot \mu = s \cdot (t \cdot \mu)$  for  $s, t \in S$ . If  $\{\mu_{\lambda}\}$  is a net of means on m(S), we say that  $\{\mu_{\lambda}\}$  is w\*-convergent to left invariance if the net  $\{s \cdot \mu_{\lambda} - \mu_{\lambda}\}$  is w\*-convergent to 0 for each  $s \in S$ . Day [2] proved that S is left amenable if and only if there exists a net of finite means w\*-convergent to left invariance.

When S is left amenable, ML(S), as a w\*-compact convex set, is the w\*-closed convex hull of all its extreme points. It is natural to ask how many exposed points (with respect to the w\*-topology) ML(S) has. Chou

[1] proved that if G is a countable infinite amenable group, then ML(G)has no exposed points. Later, Granirer [4] studied intensively the existence of exposed points of subsets of ML(S) for a countable left amenable semigroup S. In particular, he proved [4, Cor. 4.1] that if S is a countable left amenable semigroup, then ML(S) has exposed points if and only if S has finite left ideals. In this paper we characterize the exposed points of ML(S) for an arbitrary left amenable semigroup S as the arithmetic averages on minimal finite left ideals. Thus we are abel to prove Chou and Granirer's results without the countability condition. We also prove that if ML(S) has an exposed point, then it is the w\*-closed convex hull of all its exposed points. This gives another proof of the Granirer-Klawe Theorem on the dimension of ML(S) (see [5]).

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In this section we are going to prove some 2. Some lemmas. lemmas which are used to obtain the main results. They are also of independent interest.

For convenience we write  $\mu(A)$  for  $\mu(\chi_A)$  when  $\mu$  is a mean and A is a subset of the underlying set or semigroup.

LEMMA 2.1. Let X be an infinite set,  $\{\mu_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  a net of finite means w\*-convergent to a mean  $\mu$ . Let  $\kappa$  be an infinite cardinal. If for each subset A of X,  $\mu(A) = 0$  whenever  $|A| < \kappa$ , then  $|\Lambda| > \kappa$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $|\Lambda| = \kappa$ . We are going to construct a function  $f \in$ m(X) such that  $\mu_{\lambda}(f)$  diverges.

Well order  $\Lambda$  as  $\{\lambda_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha < \kappa}$ . We define f by transfinite induction.

Let  $\alpha < \kappa$  be an ordinal. Suppose we have defined for each  $\beta < \alpha$  a function  $f_{\beta}$  with range  $\{0,1\}$  on a subset  $A_{\beta}$  of X, satisfying

- (1) If  $\beta$  is finite, then  $A_{\beta}$  is finite. If  $\beta$  is infinite, then  $|A_{\beta}| \leq |\beta|$ .
- (2) β<sub>1</sub> < β<sub>2</sub> < α ⇒ A<sub>β1</sub> ⊂ A<sub>β2</sub> and f<sub>β2</sub> ↾ A<sub>β1</sub> = f<sub>β1</sub>.
  (3) If β < α, then there exists λ', λ'' > λ<sub>β</sub> in Λ, such that the supports of  $\mu_{\lambda'}$  and  $\mu_{\lambda''}$  are contained in  $A_{\beta}$ , and  $\mu_{\lambda'}(f_{\beta}) < 1/4$ ,  $\mu_{\lambda''}(f_{\beta}) >$ 3/4.

If  $\alpha$  is finite, then  $\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_{\beta}$  is finite. If  $\alpha$  is infinite, then  $|\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_{\beta}| \le |\alpha|^2$  $= |\alpha|$ . In both cases  $\mu(\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_{\beta}) = 0$ .  $\mu_{\lambda} \xrightarrow{w^*} \mu$  implies that there exists  $\lambda' > \lambda_{\alpha}$  in  $\Lambda$ , such that  $\mu_{\lambda'}(X \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_{\beta}) > 3/4$ . Also since  $|\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_{\beta} \cup \operatorname{supp} \mu_{\lambda'}| < \kappa$ , there exists  $\lambda'' > \lambda_{\alpha}$  in  $\Lambda$  such that

$$\mu_{\lambda''}\left(X\setminus\left(\bigcup_{\beta<\alpha}A_{\beta}\cup\operatorname{supp}\mu_{\lambda'}\right)\right)>3/4.$$

Let  $A_{\alpha} = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_{\beta} \cup \operatorname{supp} \mu_{\lambda'} \cup \operatorname{supp} \mu_{\lambda''}$ , and define

$$f_{\alpha}(s) = \begin{cases} f_{\beta}(s), & \text{if } s \in A_{\beta} \text{ for some } \beta < \alpha, \\ 0, & \text{if } s \in \text{supp } \mu_{\lambda'} \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_{\beta}, \\ 1, & \text{if } s \in A_{\alpha} \setminus \Big(\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_{\beta} \cup \text{supp } \mu_{\lambda'}\Big). \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $A_{\alpha}$  and  $f_{\alpha}$  satisfy conditions (1)–(3).

Now let  $f = f_{\alpha}$  on  $A_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha < \kappa$ , and f = 0 on  $X \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_{\alpha}$ . Then  $\mu_{\lambda}(f)$  diverges. In fact

$$\liminf \mu_{\lambda}(f) \leq \frac{1}{4} < \frac{3}{4} \leq \limsup \mu_{\lambda}(f).$$

COROLLARY 2.2. Let S be an infinite left amenable right cancellative semigroup,  $\{\mu_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  a net of finite means w\*-convergent to a left invariant mean  $\mu$ . Then  $|\Lambda| > |S|$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A \subset S$  be such that |A| < |S|. Then it is not difficult to see that  $\mu(A) = 0$ . A proof can be found in [5, Prop. 2.5].

LEMMA 2.3. Let S be an infinite left amenable semigroup,  $\mu$  an extreme point of ML(S). Define the cardinal function  $\kappa(\mu) = \min\{|A| | A \subset S \text{ and } \mu(A) = 1\}$ . If  $\kappa(\mu)$  is infinite, then for each subset B of S,  $|B| < \kappa(\mu)$ implies  $\mu(B) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose the contrary that there is a set  $B \subset S$  such that  $|B| < \kappa(\mu)$  and  $\mu(B) > 0$ .

If B is finite, then there is an  $s \in S$  with  $\mu(\{s\}) > 0$ . For any  $t \in S$ ,  $\mu(\{ts\}) \ge \mu(\{s\})$ . So the left ideal I = Ss of S is finite, and  $0 < \mu(I) < 1$ since  $\kappa(\mu)$  is infinite. For any  $t \in S$ ,  $\mu(tI) \ge \mu(I)$  and  $tI \subset I$  give that  $\mu(tI) = \mu(I)$  and  $\mu(I\Delta tI) = 0$ .

Suppose B is infinite. Let  $x = \sup\{\mu(A) | A \subset S, |A| \le |B|\}$ . By taking countable union, we can get a subset I of S such that |I| = |B| and  $\mu(I) = x$ . For any  $t \in S$ ,  $\mu(I) \le \mu(tI) \le \mu(tI \cup I) \le x = \mu(I)$  since  $|I \cup tI| = |I| = |B|$ . So the equalities hold everywhere. Thus we also have

 $0 < \mu(I) < 1$ ,  $\mu(I) = \mu(tI)$  and  $\mu(I\Delta tI) = 0$ . Denote by  $t^{-1}(tI)$  the set  $\{s \in S \mid ts \in tI\}$ . It is easy to see that  $\mu(I\Delta t^{-1}(tI)) = 0$ , since  $t^{-1}(tI) \supset I$  and  $\mu(t^{-1}(tI)) = \mu(tI) = \mu(I)$ .

Let  $\mu_1 \in m(S)^*$  be defined by

$$\mu_1(f) = \frac{\mu(f \cdot \chi_I)}{\mu(I)}, \qquad f \in m(S).$$

Then  $\mu_1$  is positive,  $\|\mu_1\| = 1$ , and is left invariant:

$$\mu_{1}(l_{t}f) = \frac{\mu((l_{t}f) \cdot \chi_{I})}{\mu(I)} = \frac{\mu((l_{t}f) \cdot \chi_{I^{-1}(tI)})}{\mu(I)}$$
$$= \frac{\mu(l_{t}(f \cdot \chi_{tI}))}{\mu(I)} = \frac{\mu(f \cdot \chi_{II})}{\mu(I)} = \frac{\mu(f \cdot \chi_{I})}{\mu(I)} = \mu_{1}(f),$$

since  $\mu(I\Delta t^{-1}(tI)) = 0$  and  $\mu(I\Delta tI) = 0$ . Let  $\mu_2 = (\mu - \mu(I) \cdot \mu_1)/(1 - \mu(I))$ . Then for  $f \in m(S)$ ,

$$\mu_2(f) = \frac{\mu(f) - \mu(f \cdot \chi_I)}{1 - \mu(I)} = \frac{\mu(f \cdot \chi_{S \setminus I})}{\mu(S \setminus I)}.$$

So  $\mu_2$  is also in ML(S), and

$$\mu = \mu(I)\mu_1 + (1 - \mu(I))\mu_2$$

is not an extreme point.

LEMMA 2.4. Let S be a left amenable semigroup,  $\{\mu_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  a net of finite means w\*-convergent to left invariance. Then for any  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and any  $s_1, \ldots, s_n \in S$ , there exists a finite mean  $\mu'_{\alpha}$  which is a convex combination of elements  $\mu_{\beta}$ ,  $\beta > \alpha$ , such that

$$\|s_i\cdot\mu'_{\alpha}-\mu'_{\alpha}\|<\varepsilon, \qquad i=1,\ldots,n.$$

Proof. This was proved by Day [2, p. 524].

3. Main results. We are now ready to prove our main results concerning the exposed points of ML(S). In all cases we shall consider only the w\*-topology on ML(S).

THEOREM 3.1. Let S be a left amenable semigroup, and  $\mu$  an exposed point of ML(S) (if any). Then  $\mu$  is a finite mean.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an extreme point of ML(S) and define  $\kappa(\mu)$  as in Lemma 2.3. Suppose  $\mu$  is not a finite mean. Then  $\kappa(\mu)$  is infinite. Take  $A \subset S$  so that  $|A| = \kappa(\mu)$  and  $\mu(A) = 1$ . Then for any  $t \in S$ ,  $\mu(tA \cap A) = 1$  since  $\mu(tA) = 1$ . In particular  $tA \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ; i.e., there exist  $a, b \in A$  with ta = b. For fixed  $a, b \in A$ , let  $S_{(a,b)} = \{t \in S | ta = b\}$ . Then  $\bigcup \{S_{(a,b)} | a, b \in A\} = S$ .

Pick  $f \in m(S)$  with ||f|| = 1, and choose a net  $\{\mu_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  of finite means w\*-convergent to  $\mu$ . Then  $\{\mu_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is w\*-convergent to left invariance and  $\mu_{\alpha}(f) \to \mu(f)$ .

Let  $\Lambda$  be the set of all finite nonempty subsets of  $A \times A$ , directed by inclusion. Then  $\Lambda$  is a directed set with  $|\Lambda| = |A| = \kappa(\mu)$ . Take  $F = \{(a_i, b_i) | i = 1, ..., n\} \in \Lambda$ . There exists  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  such that for any  $\beta > \alpha$ ,  $|\mu_{\beta}(f) - \mu(f)| < 1/2n$ . By the finite intersection property on right ideals (see [3]),  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} a_i S \neq \emptyset$ . Choose  $a \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} a_i S$  (a is not necessarily in A), say  $a = a_i s_i$ , i = 1, ..., n. By Lemma 2.4, there exists a finite mean  $\mu'_{\alpha}$ which is a convex combination of elements  $\mu_{\beta}$ ,  $\beta > \alpha$ , such that

$$\|a\cdot\mu'_{\alpha}-\mu'_{\alpha}\|<\frac{1}{2n}$$

and

$$\left\| (b_i s_i) \cdot \mu'_{\alpha} - \mu'_{\alpha} \right\| < \frac{1}{2n}, \qquad i = 1, \ldots, n.$$

For  $t \in S_{(a_i, b_i)}$ , we have

$$\left\|t\cdot\left(a\cdot\mu'_{\alpha}\right)-a\cdot\mu'_{\alpha}\right\|=\left\|(b_{i}s_{i})\cdot\mu'_{\alpha}-a\cdot\mu'_{\alpha}\right\|<\frac{1}{n}.$$

Also

$$\left|\left(a\cdot\mu'_{\alpha}\right)(f)-\mu(f)\right|<\frac{1}{n}.$$

Define  $\mu_F = a \cdot \mu'_{\alpha}$ . Then the net  $\{\mu_F\}_{F \in \Lambda}$  w\*-converges to left invariance and  $\lim \mu_F(f) = \mu(f)$ . Since  $\mu$  is an extreme point of ML(S), by Lemma 2.3, for any  $B \subset S$ ,  $|B| < \kappa(\mu)$  implies  $\mu(B) = 0$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $\{\mu_F\}_{F \in \Lambda}$  does not converge to  $\mu$  since  $|\Lambda| = |A| = \kappa(\mu)$ . So it has a w\*-cluster point  $\mu_1$  different from  $\mu$ . Since  $\mu_1 \in ML(S)$  and  $\mu_1(f) = \mu(f)$ ,  $\mu$  is not an exposed point of ML(S).

For a finite nonempty set  $I \subset S$ , the arithmetic average on I is the finite mean  $\mu$  such that for each  $a \in I$ ,  $\mu(\{a\}) = 1/|I|$ .

THEOREM 3.2. Let S be a left amenable semigroup. Then  $\mu$  is an exposed point of ML(S) if and only if it is the arithmetic average on a minimal finite left ideal of S.

*Proof.* Let I be a minimal finite left ideal of S. By a result of Mitchell ([6, pp. 256-257]), there exists  $\mu \in ML(S)$  with  $\mu(I) = 1$ . Since Ia = I for any  $a \in I$ , I is right cancellative. Also  $\mu(aI) = \mu(I)$  implies that aI = I for any  $a \in S$ . Thus I is left cancellative and in fact a finite group.  $\mu$  as the unique invariant mean on I is the arithmetic average on I. Let f be the characteristic function of I. Then  $\mu(f) = 1$ . For any  $\mu_1 \in ML(S)$ , if  $\mu_1(f) = \mu_1(I) = 1$ , then by the above argument,  $\mu = \mu_1$ . Thus  $\mu$  is an exposed point of ML(S). (Remark. Part of the proof is adopted from [3, Thm. 4.1].)

Suppose  $\mu$  is an exposed point of ML(S). Then  $\mu$  is a finite mean by Theorem 3.1. Let I be the support of  $\mu$ . For  $a \in I$  and  $t \in S$ ,  $\mu(\{ta\}) \ge$  $\mu(\{a\}) > 0$ , so  $ta \in I$ . Thus I is a left ideal and it contains a minimal left ideal  $I_1$ . If  $I \neq I_1$ , then as in the proof of Lemma 2.3 we have  $0 < \mu(I_1) < 1$ and  $\mu(I_1 \Delta tI_1) = 0$  for any  $t \in S$ . These give that  $\mu$  is not an extreme point of ML(S). So I must be a minimal finite left ideal. By the proof of the first part,  $\mu$  is the arithmetic average on I.

COROLLARY 3.3. For any left amenable semigroup S, ML(S) has exposed points if and only if S has finite left ideals. The number of exposed points of ML(S) is exactly the number of minimal finite left ideals of S.

COROLLARY 3.4. If S is a right cancellative, left amenable infinite semigroup, then ML(S) has no exposed points.

*Proof.* For any  $s \in S$ , |Ss| = |S|. So S does not have finite left ideals.

COROLLARY 3.5. If dim(ML(S)) <  $\infty$ , then S has finite left ideals.

*Proof.* If dim $(ML(S)) < \infty$ , then ML(S) is a compact convex subset of a Banach space. So it has exposed points.

COROLLARY 3.6. Different exposed points of ML(S) are linearly independent.

Corollary 3.3 extends [4], Corollary 4.1. Corollary 3.5 is the main result of Klawe [5].

Suppose S is an infinite left amenable semigroup and K is an invariant subset of  $\beta S$ . Let M(S, K) denote the set of all  $\mu \in ML(S)$  with its support contained in K (see [1] for the definitions). Chou [1] proved that if G is a countably infinite amenable group, then M(G, K)

has no exposed points. He asked whether this holds for any infinite amenable group. Our Corollary 3.4 gives a partial answer to this problem with  $K = \beta G$ .

Motivated by Granirer [3, Thm. 3.1], we get the following generalization.

THEOREM 3.7. If ML(S) has exposed points, then it is the w\*-closed convex hull of all its exposed points.

*Proof.* Suppose ML(S) has exposed points. Then S has finite left ideals. Let  $\{I_{\alpha}\}$  be the class of all its minimal finite left ideals and  $A = \bigcup I_{\alpha}$ . Then A is a right ideal of S since for any  $s \in S$ ,  $I_{\alpha}s$  is also a minimal left ideal. For any  $\mu \in ML(S)$ ,  $\mu(A) = 1$ . Thus  $\mu$  is the w\*-limit of a net  $\{\mu_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  of finite means with supports in A. For each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , define

$$\mu_{\lambda}' = \sum_{\alpha} \mu_{\lambda}(I_{\alpha}) \varphi_{\alpha},$$

where  $\varphi_{\alpha}$  is the arithmetic average on  $I_{\alpha}$ . Then  $\mu'_{\lambda}$  is a convex combination of some  $\varphi_{\alpha}$ . Take a minimal finite left ideal  $I_0 = \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$ . For any  $I_{\alpha}$  and any  $a \in I_{\alpha}$ , it is easy to see that  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot \mu_{\lambda}(a) = \mu_{\lambda}(I_{\alpha})$ . So  $\mu'_{\lambda} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot \mu_{\lambda}$ . Since  $\{\mu_{\lambda}\}$  converges to left invariance, we obtain that  $\{\mu'_{\lambda}\}$  converges to  $\mu$  in the w\*-topology.

COROLLARY 3.8. (Granirer-Klawe Theorem. See [5].) For any left amenable semigroup S,  $\dim(ML(S)) = n$  if and only if S contains exactly n minimal finite left ideals.

*Proof.* If S has n minimal finite ideals, then ML(S) has n exposed points. By Corollary 3.6,  $\dim(ML(S)) \ge n$ . By Theorem 3.7, ML(S) is the convex hull of those exposed points. So  $\dim(ML(S)) = n$ .

On the other hand, if  $\dim(ML(S)) = n$ , by Corollary 3.5, S has finite left ideals. Again by Corollary 3.6, S has only finitely many minimal finite left ideals. By the proof of the first part, this number is n.

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