

## 29. On Inner Amenability of Clifford Semigroups

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**§0. Introduction.** The inner amenability of groups is investigated by many authors e.g., [4]-[8], [15] and [16]. In this paper we shall introduce the inner amenability for Clifford semigroups and show various necessary and sufficient conditions for Clifford semigroups to be inner amenable.

Throughout this paper  $S$  is a Clifford semigroup, i.e.,  $S$  is an inverse semigroup such that the set  $E_S$  of all idempotent elements in  $S$  is contained in the center  $Z(S)$  of  $S$  (cf. [9]). For any  $s \in S$  there corresponds a unique  $s^* \in S$ , the inverse of  $s$ , such that  $ss^*s = s$  and  $s^*ss^* = s^*$ . Since  $ss^*, s^*s \in E_S \subseteq Z(S)$ , we can define the inner endomorphism  $c(s)$  on  $S$  by  $c(s)t = sts^*$  ( $t \in S$ ).

For any space  $X$ , let  $B(X)$  be the Banach space of all bounded functions on  $X$  with the supremum norm. A mean  $\phi$  on  $X$  is a positive linear functional on  $B(X)$  such that  $\phi(1_X) = 1$ , where in general  $1_Y$  is the characteristic function of any  $Y \subseteq X$ . For brevity we write  $\phi(Y) = \phi(1_Y)$ .

For  $f \in B(S)$  and  $s \in S$  we define  $c(s)f \in B(S)$  by  $c(s)f(a) = f(sas^*)$ ,  $a \in S$ . A mean  $\phi$  on  $S$  is said to be *inner invariant* if  $\phi(c(s)f) = \phi(f)$  for any  $s \in S$  and  $f \in B(S)$ . A subset  $V \subseteq S$  is said to be *inner invariant* if  $c(s)^{-1}V = V$  for any  $s \in S$ , where  $c(s)^{-1}V = \{a \in S; sas^* \in V\}$ .  $S$  is said to be *inner amenable on an inner invariant subset  $V$*  if there exists an inner invariant mean  $\phi$  on  $S$  such that  $\phi(V) = 1$ .

In  $S$  we can introduce a congruence relation  $\rho$  by  $s_1(\rho)s_2, s_1, s_2 \in S$  if and only if  $s_1e = s_2e$  for some  $e \in E_S$  (cf. [9]). Then the quotient semigroup  $G_S = S/\rho$  becomes a group. We denote also by  $\rho$  the canonical homomorphism of  $S$  onto  $G_S$ . Then  $\rho(s^*) = \rho(s)^{-1}$ ,  $s \in S$ . Evidently  $\rho$  transforms the inner endomorphism  $c(s)$  to the inner automorphism  $c(\rho(s))$  on  $G_S$  induced by  $\rho(s)$ . We set  $Z_S = \rho^{-1}(Z(G_S))$ , where  $Z(G_S)$  is the center of  $G_S$ .

In the section 1 we establish the relation between the inner amenability of  $S$  and  $G_S$ . The section 2 gives various conditions for  $S$  to be inner amenable on any inner invariant subset of  $S$ , which are derived from author's papers [10]-[12] and [13]. Especially we show the fixed point theorem corresponding to the inner amenability of  $S$ . In section 3 we give some conditions for  $S$  to be inner amenable on  $S - Z_S$ , the complement of  $Z_S$  in  $S$ , which are generalizations of the main result in Paschke [8].

Throughout this paper  $V$  is an inner invariant subset of  $S$  and  $W = \rho(V)$ , which is also an inner invariant subset of  $G_S$ , i.e.,  $W = \rho(s)W\rho(s)^{-1}$  for any  $s \in S$ . We note that  $\rho^{-1}(W) \subseteq S$  is inner invariant for any inner

invariant  $W' \subseteq G_s$ .

**§1. Amenability of  $S$  and  $G_s$ .** By  $M(S)$  [resp.  $IM(S)$ ] we denote the space of all means [resp. inner invariant means] on  $S$ , and set  $M(S, A) = \{\phi \in M(S) ; \phi(A) = 1\}$  and  $IM(S, A) = M(S, A) \cap IM(S)$  for any  $A \subseteq S$ . Since  $E_s$  is a commutative subsemigroup of  $S$ , there exists a translation invariant mean  $\psi$  on  $E_s$  (cf. [1]), i.e.,  $\psi(h_e) = \psi(h)$  for any  $h \in B(E_s)$  and  $e \in E_s$ , where  $h_e(t) = h(te)$  ( $t \in E_s$ ). For any  $f \in B(S)$ , we define  $f^\wedge \in B(S)$  by  $f^\wedge(s) = \psi(sf)$ ,  $s \in S$ , where  $sf \in B(E_s)$  is given by  $sf(e) = f(se)$ ,  $e \in E_s$ . Since  $f^\wedge(se) = f^\wedge(s)$  for any  $s \in S$  and  $e \in E_s$  by the translation invariance of  $\psi$ ,  $f^\wedge$  is considered as a function on  $G_s$ . So for any  $f \in B(S)$  we define  $\rho f \in B(G_s)$  by  $\rho f(\rho(s)) = f^\wedge(s)$ ,  $s \in S$ . On the other hand, for any  $h \in B(G_s)$  we define  $\rho^*h \in B(S)$  by  $\rho^*h(s) = h(\rho(s))$ ,  $s \in S$ . The next is easily seen.

**Lemma 1.** (1)  $\rho(1_w) = 1_w$  and  $\rho(c(s)f) = c(\rho(s))\rho f$  for  $f \in B(S)$  and  $s \in S$ .  
 (2)  $\rho^*(1_w) = 1_w$  and  $\rho^*(c(\rho(s))h) = c(s)\rho^*h$  for any  $h \in B(G_s)$  and  $s \in S$ .

Let  $\phi^\wedge \in IM(G_s, W)$  and define  $\phi \in M(S)$  by  $\phi(f) = \phi^\wedge(\rho f)$ ,  $f \in B(S)$ . Then we see from Lemma 1(1) that  $\phi \in IM(S, V)$ . Conversely for any  $\phi \in IM(S, V)$ , we define  $\phi^\wedge \in M(G_s)$  by  $\phi^\wedge(h) = \phi(\rho^*h)$ ,  $h \in B(G_s)$ . Then  $\phi^\wedge \in IM(G_s, W)$ . Therefore we have

**Theorem 1.**  $S$  is inner amenable on  $V$  if and only if  $G_s$  is inner amenable on  $W$ .

The above is analogous to the fact that  $S$  is amenable if and only if so is  $G_s$  (cf. [3]). Let  $E = \rho^{-1}(\{e\})$ , where  $e$  is the identity in  $G_s$ . Evidently  $G_s$  is inner amenable on  $\{e\}$  and  $Z(G_s)$  respectively. So from Theorem 1 we have

**Corollary 1.**  $S$  is inner amenable on  $E$  and  $Z_s$  respectively.

For any  $s \in S$  we define a map  $c^*(s)$  on  $M(S)$  by  $c^*(s)\phi(f) = \phi(c(s)f)$ ,  $f \in B(S)$ . Then the map  $c^*$  is a homomorphism of  $S$  to the semigroup of all continuous affine maps on  $M(S)$ . Moreover we see that  $c^*(s)\phi \in M(S, V)$  for any  $\phi \in M(S, V)$  and  $s \in S$ .  $M(S)$  and  $M(S, V)$  are  $w^*$ -compact convex subsets of the dual space  $B(S)^*$ . From these facts and Day's fixed point theorem (cf. [1], [2]) we have

**Theorem 2.** If  $S$  is amenable, then  $S$  is inner amenable on  $V$ .

Let  $\phi \in IM(S)$  and  $\alpha = \phi(V)$ . We suppose  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and define the means  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  on  $S$  by  $\phi_1(f) = \alpha^{-1}\phi(1_w f)$  and  $\phi_2(f) = (1 - \alpha)^{-1}\phi(1_{S-V}f)$ ,  $f \in B(S)$ , respectively. Then  $\phi_1 \in IM(S, V)$  and  $\phi_2 \in IM(S, S - V)$ . So we have

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\phi \in IM(S)$  and  $\alpha = \phi(V)$ . Then  $S$  is inner amenable on  $V$  [resp.  $S - V$ ] if  $\alpha > 0$  [resp.  $\alpha < 1$ ].

From Corollary 1 and the proof of Theorem 3, we see that every  $\phi \in IM(S)$  is expressed in the convex linear combination of  $\phi_1 \in IM(S, Z_s)$  and  $\phi_2 \in IM(S, S - Z_s)$ .

**§2. Characterizations of inner amenability.** In order to state the main theorem we begin with some notations. For any  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , let  $L_p(S)$  be the

usual Banach space of functions on  $S$  with respect to the counting measure on  $S$ . We set:

$M_p(S) = \{h \in L_p(S) ; h \geq 0 \text{ and } \|h\|_p = 1\}$ ,  $F_p(S) = \{h \in M_p(S) ; \text{supp}(h) \text{ is finite}\}$ , and for any  $A \subseteq S$ ,

$L_p(S, A) = \{h \in L_p(S) ; \text{supp}(h) \subseteq A\}$ ,  $M_p(S, A) = L_p(S, A) \cap M_p(S)$ ,  $F_p(S, A) = M_p(S, A) \cap F_p(S)$ .

Every  $h \in M_1(S)$  is identified with a mean on  $S$  defined by  $h(f) = \sum \{h(s)f(s) ; s \in S\}$ . So  $M_1(S)$  [resp.  $M_1(S, A)$ ] is regarded as a subset of  $M(S)$  [resp.  $M(S, A)$ ]. We note that  $F_1(S)$  [resp.  $F_1(S, A)$ ] is weakly\* dense in  $M(S)$  [resp.  $M(S, A)$ ].

For  $s \in S$  we put  $R(s) = \{a \in S ; ss^*a = s^*sa = a\}$ . Since  $ss^*, s^*s \in E_S \subseteq Z(S)$ ,  $R(s)$  is an ideal of  $S$  and  $R(s) = c(s)S = c(s)R(s)$ .  $c(s)$  and  $c(s^*)$  are bijective on  $R(s)$ , and  $c(s^*) = c(s)^{-1}$  on  $R(s)$ . Let  $P(S)$  be the family of all finite subsets of  $S$ . For  $K \in P(S)$  we set  $R(K) = \cap \{R(s) ; s \in K\}$ , which is also an ideal of  $S$ . We see that  $\rho(R(K)) = G_S$  and that  $\phi(V \cap R(K)) = 1$  for any  $\phi \in M(S, V)$  such that  $c^*(s)\phi = \phi$  for all  $s \in K$ .

Let us fix  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . For  $s \in S$  we define an linear operator  $c_p(s)$  on  $L_p(S)$  by  $c_p(s)h(a) = h(s^*as)$  if  $a \in R(s)$  and  $c_p(s)h(a) = 0$  if  $a \notin R(s)$  for  $h \in L_p(S)$ . Then  $c_1(s)h = c^*(s)h$  for  $h \in M_1(S, R(s))$ , and  $c_p(s)$  induces an isometry on  $L_p(S, R(s))$ . Moreover we see that  $c_p(s)c_p(t) = c_p(st)$  for  $s, t \in S$  from the relation  $R(st) = R(s) \cap R(t)$ .

Now we consider the following condition  $(P)_p$ : For any  $K \in P(S)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $h \in F_p(S, R(K))$  such that  $\|c_p(s)h - h\|_p < \varepsilon$  for all  $s \in K$ . By the same method as in [14] we see that  $(P)_p \Leftrightarrow (P)_q$  for any  $p, q \in [1, \infty)$ . Under these notations, the next theorem is derived from author's papers [10], [11] and [13].

**Theorem 4.** *The following conditions are mutually equivalent.*

- (1)  $S$  is inner amenable on  $V$ .
- (2) There exists a net  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$  in  $F_1(S, V)$  such that  $w^*\text{-}\lim_\alpha (c^*(s)\phi_\alpha - \phi_\alpha) = 0$  for any  $s \in S$ .
- (3) There exists a net  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$  in  $F_1(S, V)$  such that  $\lim_\alpha \|c^*(s)\phi_\alpha - \phi_\alpha\|_1 = 0$  for any  $s \in S$ .
- (4)  $(P)_1$  holds.
- (5)  $(P)_p$  holds for some  $p \in (1, \infty)$ .
- (6) For any  $K \in P(S)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a finite subset  $A \subseteq S$  such that  $|A - sAs^*| = |sAs^* - A| < \varepsilon |A|$  for all  $s \in K$ ,

where  $|B|$  denotes the cardinality of any finite set  $B$ .

We show the fixed point property corresponding to the inner amenability of  $S$ . A compact affine conjugate action of  $S$  is a quadruplet  $\{Q, T, \pi, \tau\}$  with the following properties (a)–(c):

- (a)  $Q$  is a compact convex subset of a locally convex topological linear space  $T$ ,
- (b)  $\pi$  is a homomorphism of  $S$  to the semigroup of all continuous affine maps on  $Q$ ,
- (c)  $\tau$  is a map of  $S$  to  $Q$  such that  $\tau(sts^*) = \pi(s)\tau(t)$  for any  $s, t \in S$ .

We define a map  $\delta$  of  $S$  to  $M(S)$  by  $\delta(s)f = f(s)$  ( $s \in S, f \in B(S)$ ). Then we see that  $c^*(s)\delta(t)(f) = f(sts^*) = \delta(sts^*)f$  for any  $s, t \in S$  and  $f \in B(S)$ . So  $\{M(S), B(S)^*, c^*, \delta\}$  is a compact affine conjugate action of  $S$ . We denote by  $\text{Co}(A)$  the convex hull of any subset  $A$  of a linear space.

**Theorem 5.** *The following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $S$  is inner amenable on  $V$ .
- (2) For any given compact affine conjugate action  $\{Q, T, \pi, \tau\}$  of  $S$ , there exists a point  $p$  in the closure of  $\text{Co}(\{\tau(s) ; s \in V\})$  such that  $\pi(s)p = p$  for all  $s \in S$ .

*Sketch of proof.* Let  $\phi \in IM(S, V)$ . We note that  $\phi$  is in the  $w^*$ -closure of  $\text{Co}(\{\delta(s) ; s \in V\})$ . According to Lemma 2.1 in [12], any compact affine conjugate action  $\{Q, T, \pi, \tau\}$  of  $S$  induces a continuous affine map  $\tau^\wedge$  of  $M(S)$  to  $Q$  such that  $\tau^\wedge(\delta(s)) = \tau(s)$  for any  $s \in S$  and  $\tau^\wedge(c^*(s)\phi) = \pi(s)\tau^\wedge(\phi)$  for any  $(s, \phi) \in S \times M(S)$ . So  $p = \tau^\wedge(\phi)$  is the desired point in the closure of  $\text{Co}(\{\tau(s) ; s \in V\})$ . Conversely suppose (2). Applying (2) to the compact affine conjugate action  $\{M(S), B(S)^*, c^*, \delta\}$  of  $S$ , we get an inner invariant mean in  $M(S, V)$ .

**§3. Inner amenability on  $S - Z_S$ .** As noted in Corollary 1,  $S$  is inner amenable on  $Z_S$ . In this section let us show some conditions for  $S$  to be inner amenable on  $S - Z_S$ . For brevity we write  $G = G_S$  and  $Z = Z(G_S)$ . By virtue of Theorem 1, it suffices to consider the conditions for  $G$  to be inner amenable on  $G - Z$  instead of the inner amenability of  $S$  on  $S - Z_S$ . Let  $H(G)$  be the  $C^*$ -algebra of all bounded linear operators on the Hilbert space  $L_2(G)$  and  $C^*(c_2, G)$  be the  $C^*$ -subalgebra of  $H(G)$  generated by the unitary operators  $c_2(g), g \in G$ , on  $L_2(G)$ , where  $c_2(g)h(a) = h(g^{-1}ag), a \in G, h \in L_2(G)$ . We define  $P_Z \in H(G)$  by  $P_Zh = 1_Zh, h \in L_2(G)$ . Let us fix a point  $w$  in  $Z$  and put  $w = 1_{\{w\}} \in L_2(G)$ . The next theorem is a generalization of the main result in Paschke [8].

**Theorem 6.** *The following conditions are mutually equivalent.*

- (1)  $S$  is inner amenable on  $S - Z_S$ , i.e.,  $G$  is inner amenable on  $G - Z$ .
- (2)  $P_Z$  is not contained in  $C^*(c_2, G)$ .
- (3) There exists a state  $\omega$  on  $H(G)$  such that  $\omega(P_Z) = 0$  and  $\omega(c_2(g)) = 1$  for all  $g \in G$ .

*Sketch of proof.* Suppose (1). Since  $G$  is inner amenable both on  $G - Z$  and  $Z$ , it follows from Proposition 4.7 in [6] that  $\|P_Z - T\| \geq 1/2$  for any  $T \in C^*(c_2, G)$ . So (1) implies (2). We note that  $P_Zc_2(g) = c_2(g)P_Z = P_Z$  for any  $g \in G$  and  $P_ZT = TP_Z = \langle Tw, w \rangle P_Z$  for any  $T \in C^*(c_2, G)$ . So it follows from (2) that the direct sum  $C^*(c_2, P_Z, G)$  of  $C^*(c_2, G)$  and the 1-dimensional algebra generated by  $P_Z$  becomes also a  $C^*$ -subalgebra of  $H(G)$ . Let us define a state  $\phi$  on  $C^*(c_2, P_Z, G)$  by  $\phi(T + cP_Z) = \langle Tw, w \rangle, T \in C^*(c_2, G), c \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\phi(P_Z) = 0$  and  $\phi(c_2(g)) = 1$  for any  $g \in G$ . Hence any extending state  $\omega$  on  $H(G)$  of  $\phi$  satisfies (3). Finally let  $\omega$  be a state on  $H(G)$  as in (3). Then by the unitarity of  $c_2(g), \omega(c_2(g)T) = \omega(Tc_2(g)) = \omega(T)$  for any  $g \in G$  and  $T \in H(G)$ . For any  $f \in B(G)$  we define  $m(f) \in H(G)$  by  $m(f)h = fh, h \in L_2(G)$ , and define  $\phi \in M(G)$  by

$\phi(f) = \omega(m(f))$ ,  $f \in B(G)$ . Since  $m(c(g)f) = c_2(g)^{-1}m(f)c_2(g)$ , we have  $\phi(c(g)f) = \omega(c_2(g)^{-1}m(f)c_2(g)) = \omega(f)$  for any  $g \in G$  and  $f \in B(G)$ , and  $\phi(Z) = \omega(m(1_Z)) = \omega(P_Z) = 0$ . Therefore  $\phi \in IM(S, V)$ .

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