

Ultrafilters on infinite discrete semigroups and multiplicative means

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ABSTRACT

In this paper by combining the concepts of ultrafilters and multiplicative means in a nice way we find a good tool for dealing with the Stone- \check{C} ech compactification of infinite discrete semigroups.

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Semigroup Compactification, Multiplicative Mean, Ultrafilter, Stone- \check{C} ech Compactification.

1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper (S, \cdot) will denote an infinite discrete semigroup. Let $B(S)$ be the C^* -algebra of all bounded complex-valued functions on S with supremum norm. Let $\Delta(S)$ denote the spectrum of $B(S)$. Then $\Delta(S)$ is a semigroup with multiplication defined by $\mu\nu(f) = \mu(T_\nu f)$, where

$T_\nu(f)(s) = \nu(L_s f)$ for $s \in S, \mu, \nu \in \Delta(S)$ and $f \in B(S)$. Furthermore, $\Delta(S)$ with the Gelfand topology (i.e. the relative weak* - topology inherited by $B(S)^*$) is a compact right topological semigroup such that the evaluation mapping $\varepsilon : S \rightarrow \Delta(S)$ is a continuous homomorphism with dense image and $\varepsilon(S) \subseteq \Lambda(\Delta(S)) = \{\mu \in \Delta(S) :$

$t \rightarrow \mu t : \Delta(S) \rightarrow \Delta(S)$ is continuous.}. We can extend $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ uniquely to $\hat{f} : \Delta(S) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $\hat{f}(\mu) = \mu(f)$ for every $\mu \in \Delta(S)$. On the other hand, $(\Delta(S), \varepsilon)$ is semigroup compactification of S . For more details the readers may see [1].

Let $P(S)$ be the set of all subsets of S then $\mathcal{A} \subseteq P(S)$ is called a filter if

- (i) $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{A}$,
- (ii) if $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ then $A \cap B \in \mathcal{A}$,
- (iii) if $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and $A \subseteq B$ then $B \in \mathcal{A}$.

If \mathcal{A} is a filter and there is not any filter \mathcal{B} such that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$, then \mathcal{A} will be called an ultrafilter.

For a discrete semigroup S , assume that $\beta S = \{p : p \text{ is an ultrafilter on } S\}$. For $A \subset S$ we let $\bar{A} = \{p \in \beta S : A \in p\}$.

The collection $\{\bar{A} : A \subseteq S\}$ forms a basis for a Hausdorff topology on βS . With this topology βS is the Stone- \check{C} ech compactification of S , (see [2], [3] for an extensive study of stone- \check{C} ech compactification from this point of view).

For $x \in S$, define $\hat{x} = \{A \subseteq S : x \in A\}$, and $e : S \rightarrow \beta S$ is defined by $e(x) = \hat{x}$ is continuous and embedding map. The operation “ \cdot ” on S extends uniquely to a multiplication \cdot (see definition 1.1) on βS under which the pair $(\beta S, e)$ is a semigroup compactification of S .

Definition 1.1. (i) Let \mathcal{A} be a filter on S . Then

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$$\bar{A} = \{p \in \beta S : A \subseteq p\}.$$

(ii) Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} be filters on S . Then $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} = \{A \subseteq S : \Omega_B(A) \in \mathcal{A}\}$ where for $A \subseteq S, \Omega_B(A) = \{x \in S : \lambda_x^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{B}\}$.

Note that \bar{A} is a closed subset of βS and that all closed subsets of βS are of this form. (see [3],[4]).

Lemma 1.2. Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} be filters on S . Then

- (i) $\bar{\mathcal{A}} = \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \bar{A}$ and $\bar{\mathcal{A}} = \bigcap_{p \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} p$
- (ii) $\Omega_{\mathcal{A}}(A) = \bigcap_{p \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \Omega_p(A)$ for every $A \subseteq S$
- (iii) $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \bar{\mathcal{B}} \subseteq \bar{\mathcal{A}}$

Proof: see [4]. \square

2. INTERACTION BETWEEN ULTRAFILTERS AND MULTIPLICATIVE MEANS

In this section we show the relation between ultrafilters and multiplicative means. In this section we define $Z(f) = \{x \in S : f(x) = 0\}$ for each $f \in B(S)$.

Lemma 2.1. (i) $\mathcal{U} = \{A \subseteq S : \mu \in \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)}\}$ is an ultrafilter for each $\mu \in \Delta(S)$,

(ii) Let $p \in \beta S$ be an ultrafilter, then there exists some $\mu \in \Delta(S)$ such that $\bigcap_{A \in p} \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} = \{\mu\}$,

(iii) Let $\mu \in \Delta(S)$, then there exists an ultrafilter $p \in \beta S$ such that $\bigcap_{A \in p} \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} = \{\mu\}$.

Proof: (i) since $\overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} \cap \overline{\mathcal{E}(B)} = \overline{\mathcal{E}(A \cap B)}$ for each $A \subseteq S$ and $B \subseteq S$ so \mathcal{U} is a filter. Then $\{\overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} : A \in \mathcal{U}\}$ has the finite intersection property and so there exists an ultrafilter p_μ on S such that $\bigcap_{A \in p_\mu} \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} = \{\mu\}$ and $\mathcal{U} \subseteq p_\mu$.

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcap_{A \in p_\mu} \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} &\subseteq \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{U}} \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} \\ &= \{\mu\} \end{aligned}$$

implies that $p_\mu \subseteq \mathcal{U}$. So \mathcal{U} is an ultrafilter.

(ii) Since p is an ultrafilter, so $\{\overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} : A \in p\}$ has the intersection property in $\Delta(S)$, and so $\{\mu\} \subseteq \bigcap_{A \in p} \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)}$ for some $\mu \in \Delta(S)$, and we can see that $p \subseteq \{A \subseteq S : \mu \in \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)}\}$. Hence $\bigcap_{A \in p} \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} = \{\mu\}$.

(iii) It follows from (i). \square

Let $A \subseteq S$, we define $\chi_A = 0$ if $x \in A$ otherwise $\chi_A = 1$. Suppose that \mathcal{A} is an ultrafilter on S , then there exists $\mu \in \Delta(S)$ such that $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} = \{\mu\}$, therefore \mathcal{A}^μ used to show an ultrafilter corresponding to $\mu \in \Delta(S)$ such that $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)} = \{\mu\}$. It is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^\mu &= \{A \subseteq S : \mu \in \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)}\} \\ &= \{A \subseteq S : \mu(\chi_A) = 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

since $\mu(\chi_A) = 0$ if and only if $\widehat{\chi_A}(\mu) = 0$ if and only if $\mu \in \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)}$. Hence

$$\beta S = \{\mathcal{A}^\mu : \mu \in \Delta(S)\}.$$

Lemma 2.2. (i) $\mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\nu = \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu}$ for each $\mu, \nu \in \Delta(S)$,

(ii) Let \mathcal{A} be a filter and \mathcal{A}^ν be an ultrafilter, then $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}^\nu = \bigcap_{A' \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\nu A'}$,

(iii) Let \mathcal{A} be a filter and \mathcal{A}^μ be an ultrafilter then we have $\mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A} \subseteq$

$$\bigcap_{A' \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\mu A'},$$

(iv) Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} be filters, then $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} \subseteq$

$$\bigcap_{A' \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}, A'' \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\mu A' A''}.$$

Proof: (i) For a nonempty subset A of S , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{\mathcal{A}^\nu}(A) &= \{x \in S : \lambda_x^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{A}^\nu\} \\ &= Z(T_\nu(\chi_A)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $T_\nu \chi_A(t) = \nu(L_t \chi_A) = (\widehat{L_t \chi_A})(\nu)$ and $L_t \chi_A(x) = \chi_A(tx)$ for every $x, t \in S$ and for every $\nu \in \Delta(S)$, we conclude that $T_\nu \chi_A(t) = (\widehat{L_t \chi_A})(\nu)$ is a characteristic function. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu} &= \{A : \mu\nu \in \overline{\mathcal{E}(A)}\} \\ &= \{A : \mu(T_\nu(\chi_A)) = 0\} \\ &= \{A : Z(T_\nu(\chi_A)) \in \mathcal{A}^\mu\} \\ &= \{A : \Omega_{\mathcal{A}^\nu}(A) \in \mathcal{A}^\mu\} \\ &= \mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\nu. \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}^\mu &= \{A : \Omega_{\mathcal{A}^\mu}(A) \in \mathcal{A}\} \\
&= \{A : Z(T_\mu(\chi_A)) \in \mathcal{A}\} \\
&= \{A : Z(T_\mu(\chi_A)) \in \mathcal{A}^\nu, \forall \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}\} \\
&= \{A : A \in \mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\nu, \forall \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}\} \\
&= \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu}.
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Since

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_{\mathcal{A}}(A) &= \{x \in S : Z(L_x \chi_A) \in \mathcal{A}\} \\
&= \{x \in S : T_\nu(\chi_A)(x) = 0, \forall \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}\} \\
&= \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} Z(T_\nu(f)),
\end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A} &= \{A : \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} Z(T_\nu(\chi_A)) \in \mathcal{A}^\mu\} \\
&\subseteq \{A : Z(T_\nu(\chi_A)) \in \mathcal{A}^\mu, \forall \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}\} \\
&= \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu}
\end{aligned}$$

and we have $\mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A} \subseteq \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu}$.

(iv) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} &= \{A : \Omega_{\mathcal{B}}(A) \in \mathcal{A}\} \\
&= \{A : \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}} Z(T_\mu \chi_A) \in \mathcal{A}\} \\
&\subseteq \{A : Z(T_\mu \chi_A) \in \mathcal{A}, \forall \mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}\} \\
&= \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}} \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu}. \square
\end{aligned}$$

Now define the function $\phi : \Delta(S) \rightarrow \beta S$

by $\phi(\mu) = \mathcal{A}^\mu$. ϕ is one-to-one and onto, by Lemma 2.1. Since for every $A \subseteq S$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi^{-1}(\bar{\mathcal{A}}) &= \{\mu \in \Delta(S) : \mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}\} \\
&= \{\mu \in \Delta(S) : \mu \in \overline{\varepsilon(A)}\} \\
&= \overline{\varepsilon(A)},
\end{aligned}$$

so ϕ is continuous. By Lemma 2.2, it is obvious that ϕ is homomorphism.

Now by combining the concepts of ultrafilters and multiplicative means we prove some well-known results in a simpler way, Lemma 2.3, Lemma 2.4, Lemma 2.5, Lemma 2.7, Corollary 2.8 and Theorem 2.10 has proved in [4] and we will prove those by this methods.

Lemma 2.3. Suppose \mathcal{A} be a filter on S such that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}$, then $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ is a subsemi-group of βS .

Proof: By Lemma 2.3.4, we have

$\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} \subseteq \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\nu, \mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu}$. Therefore

$\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\nu$ for each $\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$.
Hence $\mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ for every

$$\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}. \square$$

Lemma 2.4. Let \mathcal{A} be a filter on S and $p \in \beta S$, then $\overline{\mathcal{A} + p} = \bar{\mathcal{A}} + p$.

Proof: Suppose that $p = \mathcal{A}^\mu$ for some $\mu \in \Delta(S)$. By Lemma 3.2, we have

$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}^\mu = \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\nu\mu}$. Therefore by lemma 1.2.

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}^\mu} &= \overline{\bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\nu\mu}} \\
&= \{\mathcal{A}^{\nu\mu} : \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}\} \\
&= \{\mathcal{A}^\nu + \mathcal{A}^\mu : \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}\} \\
&= \bar{\mathcal{A}} + \mathcal{A}^\mu. \square
\end{aligned}$$

Let \mathcal{A} be a filter on S , then $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ is a left ideal if and only if there exists $\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \beta S$ such that $\mathcal{A} = \{S\} + \mathcal{A}^\mu$. Also $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ will be a minimal left ideal if and only if μ be a minimal idempotent in $\Delta(S)$.

Lemma 2.5. Let \mathcal{A} be a filter on S , then $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ is a left ideal of βS if and only if $\Omega_{\mathcal{A}}(A) = S$, for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

Proof: Let $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ be a left ideal then there exists \mathcal{A}^μ such that $\mathcal{A} = \{S\} + \mathcal{A}^\mu$. So $Z(T_\mu(\chi_A)) = S$ for each $A \in \mathcal{A}$, by Definition 1.1. Since

$$\varepsilon(x)\varepsilon(y)\mu(\chi_A) = \varepsilon(y)(T_\mu \chi_A)(x) = 0$$

for each $x, y \in S$ and $A \in \mathcal{A}$, therefore $\varepsilon(x)\nu\mu(\chi_A) = 0$ for every $x \in S, \nu \in \Delta(S)$ and $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Hence $Z(T_{\nu\mu}(\chi_A)) = S$ for each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\nu \in \Delta(S)$ and so

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_{\mathcal{A}}(A) &= \bigcap_{\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} Z(T_\mu \chi_A) \\
&= \bigcap_{\nu \in \beta S} Z(T_{\nu\mu} \chi_A) = S.
\end{aligned}$$

Conversely, let $\Omega_{\mathcal{A}}(A) = S$, for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Therefore

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{A}}(A) = \bigcap_{\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} Z(T_\mu \chi_A) = S$$

implies that $\varepsilon(x)\mu(\chi_A) = T_\mu \chi_A(x) = 0$ for each $x \in S$ and $\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$. Therefore $\varepsilon(x)\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ for every

$x \in S$ and $\mu \in \bar{A}$, and so $\nu\mu \in \bar{A}$ for each $\nu \in \beta S$ and $\mu \in \bar{A}$. Now by Lemma 1.2, implies that $\beta S + \bar{A} \subseteq \bar{A}$ and so \bar{A} is a left ideal. \square

Lemma 2.6. Let \mathcal{A} be a filter on S , then $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ is a left ideal of βS if and only if $Z(T_\mu(\chi_A)) = S$ for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$, where $\mu \in \Delta(S)$ and $\bar{\mathcal{A}} = \beta S + \mathcal{A}^\mu$ and also $\mathcal{A} = \{A \subseteq S : Z(T_\mu(\chi_A)) = S\}$.

Proof: Obvious. \square

Lemma 2.7. Let \mathcal{A} be a filter on S , then $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ is a right ideal of βS if and only if $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A} + q$ for every $q \in \beta S$.

Proof: Let $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ be a right ideal, $Z(f) \in \mathcal{A}$ implies $Z(f) \in \mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\nu = \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu} \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$

for every $\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \beta S$ and every $\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$. On the other hand, for every $\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$, $Z(T_\nu f) \in \mathcal{A}^\mu$ and by Lemma 1.2 $Z(T_\nu f) \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ and so $Z(f) \in \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}^\mu$. Conversely, if for every $q = \mathcal{A}^\nu \in \beta S$, $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A} + q = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}^\nu$ then $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{A}^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\nu$. Therefore $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ is a right ideal of βS . \square

Suppose that $\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \beta S$ and $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^\mu + \{S\}$, then we have for every $\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \beta S$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}^\nu &= (\mathcal{A}^\mu + \{S\}) + \mathcal{A}^\nu \\ &= \mathcal{A}^\mu + (\{S\} + \mathcal{A}^\nu) \\ &= \mathcal{A}^\mu + \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\eta \in \beta S} \mathcal{A}^{\eta\nu}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{S\} \subseteq \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\eta \in \beta S} \mathcal{A}^{\eta\nu}$, hence

$\mathcal{A}^\mu + \{S\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\mu + \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\eta \in \beta S} \mathcal{A}^{\eta\nu}$, and so by Lemma 2.9 $\mathcal{A}^\mu + \{S\}$ is a right ideal.

Corollary 2.8. Let S be a commutative semigroup. Then for any filter \mathcal{A} on S , $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ is an ideal of βS if and only if $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A} + q$, for any $q \in \beta S$.

Proof: Let $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ be an ideal of βS , it is obvious that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A} + q$.

Conversely, if S is a commutative semigroup then for every $x \in S$ and for every $\mu \in \Delta(S)$ we have $\varepsilon(x)\mu = \mu\varepsilon(x)$. If $\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ then for every $x \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} &\subseteq \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}^{\varepsilon(x)} \\ &= \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \mathcal{A}^{\varepsilon(x)\mu} \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\varepsilon(x)\mu} \\ &= \mathcal{A}^{\mu\varepsilon(x)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for every $\mathcal{A}^\nu \in \beta S$, $\mathcal{A}^{\nu\mu} \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$, and so $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ is a left ideal and the proof is completed. \square

Let $e \in \Delta(S)$ be a minimal idempotent and $\mathcal{A} \subseteq S$. If $T_{ve}(\chi_A)(s) = 0$ for every $s \in S$ and for some $\nu \in \Delta(S)$, then $\varepsilon(s)\nu e(\chi_A) = 0$ for every $s \in S$. Since $\overline{\varepsilon(S)} = \Delta(S)$ we will have $\mu e(\chi_A) = 0$ for each $\mu \in \Delta(S)$, and we have $A \in \mathcal{A}^{\mu e}$ for every $\mu \in \Delta(S)$. Therefore we have:

Theorem 2.9. Let $e \in \Delta(S)$ be a minimal idempotent, then

(i) $\mathcal{A}_\nu = \{A : Z(T_{ve}\chi_A) = S\}$ is a filter on S , for every $\nu \in \Delta(S)$.

(ii) $\mathcal{A}_\nu = \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \beta S} \mathcal{A}^{\mu e}$

(iii) $\bar{\mathcal{A}}_\nu$ is a minimal left ideal βS .

Proof: (i) Since

$$\begin{aligned} Z(T_{ve}(\bar{f}\bar{f} + g\bar{g})) &= Z(T_{ve}(\bar{f}\bar{f})) + T_{ve}(g\bar{g}) \\ &= Z(T_{ve}(f))(T_{ve}f) \\ &\quad \cap Z(T_{ve}(g)\overline{T_{ve}(g)}), \end{aligned}$$

$\emptyset \notin \mathcal{A}$ and since

$$Z(T_{ve}(f)) \subseteq Z(T_{ve}(f)T_{ve}(g)),$$

so \mathcal{A} is a filter.

(ii) If $A \in \mathcal{A}_\nu$ then we have $Z(T_{ve}\chi_A) = S$. Therefore $\varepsilon(x)\nu e(\chi_A) = 0$ for every $x \in S$. So $\mu e(\chi_A) = 0$ for every $\mu \in \Delta(S)$,

and we have $A \in \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \beta S} \mathcal{A}^{\mu e}$.

If $A \in \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}^\mu \in \beta S} \mathcal{A}^{\mu e}$, then $A \in \bigcap_{x \in S} \mathcal{A}^{\varepsilon(x)\nu e}$ and we have $\varepsilon(x)\nu e(\chi_A) = 0$ for every $x \in S$ and so $Z(T_{ve}\chi_A) = S$. Hence the proof is completed.

(iii) Obvious. \square

Definition 2.10. Let X be a non-empty set. We define

$$[X]^{< \omega} = \{F \subseteq X : \text{non empty and finite}\}.$$

Theorem 2.11. Let \mathcal{A} be a filter on S such that

\bar{A} is a left ideal of βS . Then the following statements are equivalent.

(i) \bar{A} is a minimal left ideal of βS .

(ii) For every $A \in \mathcal{A}^c$ there exists $F \in [S]^{<w}$ such that $\bigcup_{x \in F} (\lambda_x^{-1}(A^c)) \in \mathcal{A}$.

Proof : (i) \rightarrow (ii) : Suppose that \bar{A} is a minimal left ideal of βS and assume further that exists $A \in \mathcal{A}^c$ for each $F \in [S]^{<w}$ such that $\bigcup_{x \in F} (\lambda_x^{-1}(A^c)) \notin \mathcal{A}$. Then $\{B \cap (\bigcap (\lambda_x^{-1}(A))) : B \in \mathcal{A}, F \in [S]^{<w}\} = \mathcal{H}$ has finite intersection property. Therefore $\mu e \in \bigcap_{D \in \mathcal{H}} \overline{\mathcal{E}(D)}$ for some $e, \mu \in \Delta(S)$ and e is a minimal idempotent. Then $\lambda_x^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{A}^{\mu e}$ for every $x \in S$, Hence we have $Z(T_{\mu e}(\chi_A)) = S$ and so by Lemma 3.9, $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and this contradicts the fact that $A \notin \mathcal{A}$.

(ii) \rightarrow (i): Since \bar{A} is a left ideal in βS , so $\bar{A} = \beta S + A^\mu$ for some $\mu \in \beta S$. If \bar{A} is not a minimal left ideal of βS , then there exists a minimal idempotent $e \in \beta S$ such that $\bar{B} = \beta S + A^e \subseteq \bar{A}$. Hence there exists $A \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $Z(T_e \chi_A) = S$ and $Z(T_\mu \chi_A) \neq S$, so $A \notin \mathcal{A}$. Then there exists an $F \in [S]^{<w}$ such that $\bigcup_{x \in F} (\lambda_x^{-1}(A^c)) \in \mathcal{A}$. Since $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$, we have $(\bigcap_{x \in F} (\lambda_x^{-1}(A)))^c \in \mathcal{B}$, but if $A \in \mathcal{B}$ then $\lambda_x^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{B}$ for every $x \in S$, so $(\bigcap_{x \in F} (\lambda_x^{-1}(A)))^c \in \mathcal{B}$, and this is a contradiction. \square

3. TRANSLATION INVARIANT ULTRAFILTERS

In this section we define almost translation invariant filters and ultrafilters. An ultrafilter p on S is called almost translation invariant if $A \in p$ implies that $\{x \in S : \lambda_x^{-1}(A) \in p\} \in p$. Since p is an ultrafilter, it is clear that p is almost translation invariant if and only if $p + p = p$, that is p is an idempotent. We will prove the following theorem in a simpler manner than Theorem 2.1 in [4].

Theorem 3.1. Let S be an infinite semigroup. If for any finite subset F of S there exists $x \in F^c$ such that $\lambda_x^{-1}(F)$ is a finite subset of S . Then there exists a non-fixed almost translation invariant ultrafilter on S .

Proof : Let $\mathcal{A} = \{A \subseteq S : A^c \text{ is finite}\}$. We define $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \{x \in A : \lambda_x^{-1}(A^c) \text{ is finite}\}$. Since for every $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$, we have $\widetilde{A \cap B} = \tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}$, therefore $\{\tilde{A} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ has finite intersection property. Now suppose that \mathcal{B} is a filter generated by $\{\tilde{A} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$. It is obvious that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$. If $x \in \tilde{A}$ and $A \in \mathcal{A}$ then $\lambda_x^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{A}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_x^{-1}(\tilde{A}) &= \{t : xt \in \tilde{A}\} \\ &= \{t : \lambda_{xt}^{-1}(A^c) \text{ is finite and } xt \in A\} \\ &= \widetilde{\lambda_x^{-1}(A)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\tilde{A}} &= \{x : \lambda_x^{-1}(\tilde{A}) = \widetilde{\lambda_x^{-1}(A)} \in \mathcal{B}\} \\ &\subseteq \{x : \lambda_x^{-1}(\tilde{A}) \in \mathcal{B}\} \end{aligned}$$

so that for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$, $\tilde{A} \in \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{B}$, and we will have $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{B}$. Now by Lemma 3.2 of [4], $\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ is a closed subsemigroup of βS , hence $\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ has an idempotent, by [1. chapter 1. Theorem 3.11]. It is obvious that every $p \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}$ is a non fixed ultrafilter.

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