



## Module Amenability of Restricted Semigroup Algebras Under Module Actions

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**Abstract.** In this article, we show that module amenability with the canonical action of restricted semigroup algebra  $l_r^1(S)$  and semigroup algebra  $l^1(S_r)$  are equivalent, where  $S_r$  is the restricted semigroup of associated to the inverse semigroup  $S$ . We use this to give a characterization of module amenability of restricted semigroup algebra  $l_r^1(S)$  with the canonical action, where  $S$  is a Clifford semigroup.

### 1. Introduction

The notion of module amenability for a Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  which is a Banach module over another Banach algebra  $\mathcal{U}$  is defined by Amini in [1]. He showed that for an inverse semigroup  $S$ , the semigroup algebra  $l^1(S)$  is module amenable as a  $l^1(E)$ -module with the multiplication right action and the trivial left action, where  $E$  is the set of idempotents of  $S$  if and only if  $S$  is amenable.

In this paper we show that module amenability of  $l^1(S)$  as an  $l^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action implies its module amenability as an  $l^1(E)$ -module with the trivial left action. The main difference is that the corresponding equivalence relation leads a Clifford homomorphic image. We characterize module amenability of the restricted semigroup algebra  $l_r^1(S)$  as an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action, for each Clifford semigroup  $S$ . Also we show that in the canonical action, the module amenability of the semigroup algebra  $l^1(S_r)$  and the restricted semigroup algebra  $l_r^1(S)$  are equivalent. This could be considered as the module version of a result of [6], [9], which asserts that the amenability of the semigroup algebra  $l^1(S_r)$  and the restricted semigroup algebra  $l_r^1(S)$  are equivalent.

Throughout this paper,  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  are Banach algebras such that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Banach  $\mathcal{U}$ -module with compatible actions

$$\alpha \cdot (ab) = (\alpha \cdot a)b, \quad (ab) \cdot \alpha = a(b \cdot \alpha) \quad (a, b \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathcal{U}),$$

and

$$\alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot a) = (\alpha\beta) \cdot a, \quad (a \cdot \beta) \cdot \alpha = a \cdot (\beta\alpha) \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{U}).$$

The Banach algebra  $\mathcal{U}$  acts trivially on  $\mathcal{A}$  from left (right) if for each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\alpha \cdot a = f(\alpha)a$  ( $a \cdot \alpha = f(\alpha)a$ ), where  $f$  is a continuous character on  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Let  $X$  be a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -module and a Banach  $\mathcal{U}$ -module with compatible actions

$$\alpha \cdot (a \cdot x) = (\alpha \cdot a) \cdot x, \quad a \cdot (\alpha \cdot x) = (a \cdot \alpha) \cdot x,$$

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$$(\alpha \cdot x) \cdot a = \alpha \cdot (x \cdot a) \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathcal{U}, x \in X);$$

and similarly for the right and two sided actions. We call  $X$  a  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module. If in addition,

$$\alpha \cdot x = x \cdot \alpha \quad (\alpha \in \mathcal{U}, x \in X)$$

then  $X$  is called a commutative  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module. If  $X$  is a commutative  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module, then so is  $X^*$ , under the actions

$$(\alpha \cdot f)(x) = f(x \cdot \alpha), \quad (a \cdot f)(x) = f(x \cdot a) \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathcal{U}, x \in X, f \in X^*)$$

and similarly for the right actions.

Let  $J$  be the closed ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  generated by elements of the form  $\alpha \cdot ab - ab \cdot \alpha$  for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{U}, a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{U}$  and  $X$  be as above. A bounded map  $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$  is called a module derivation if

$$D(a \pm b) = D(a) \pm D(b) \quad , \quad D(ab) = Da \cdot b + a \cdot Db \quad (a, b \in \mathcal{A})$$

and

$$D(\alpha \cdot a) = \alpha \cdot D(a) \quad , \quad D(a \cdot \alpha) = D(a) \cdot \alpha \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Note that  $D$  is not necessarily linear, but still its boundedness implies its norm continuity (since  $D$  preserves subtraction). When  $X$  is commutative, each  $x \in X$  defines a module derivation

$$\delta_x(a) = a \cdot x - x \cdot a \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}).$$

These are called inner module derivations.

**Definition 1.1.**  $\mathcal{A}$  is called module amenable (as an  $\mathcal{U}$ -module) if for any commutative  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -module  $X$ , each module derivation  $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X^*$  is inner.

**Definition 1.2.** A discrete semigroup  $S$  is called an inverse semigroup if for each  $x \in S$  there is a unique element  $x^* \in S$  such that  $xx^*x = x$  and  $x^*xx^* = x^*$ . An element  $e \in S$  is called an idempotent if  $e = e^2$ .

Throughout this paper  $S$  is an inverse semigroup with the set of idempotents  $E$ . An inverse semigroup whose idempotents are in the center is called a Clifford semigroup [3]. A Clifford semigroup  $S$  is called a semilattice if each element of  $S$  is idempotent [7]. It is easy to see that  $E$  is a commutative subsemigroup of  $S$  and  $l^1(E)$  can be regarded as a subalgebra of  $l^1(S)$ .

Let  $l^1(E)$  acts on  $l^1(S)$  by the multiplication from right and trivially from left, that is

$$\delta_e * \delta_s = \delta_s, \quad \delta_s \cdot \delta_e = \delta_{se} \quad (s \in S, e \in E).$$

In this case,  $J$  is the closed ideal generated by

$$\{\delta_s - \delta_{se} : s \in S, e \in E\}.$$

Consider an equivalence relation on  $S$  as follows

$$h \approx k \Leftrightarrow \delta_h - \delta_k \in J \quad (h, k \in S).$$

It is shown in [8] that the quotient  $S/\approx$  is a discrete group.

## 2. Module amenability of restricted semigroup algebras

Here we consider  $l^1(E)$  acts on  $l^1(S)$  with canonical actions, that is

$$\delta_e \cdot \delta_s = \delta_{es}, \quad \delta_s \cdot \delta_e = \delta_{se} \quad (s \in S, e \in E).$$

The closed ideal  $J_c$  of  $l^1(S)$  is generated by

$$\{\delta_{es} - \delta_{se} : s \in S, e \in E\}.$$

We consider an equivalence relation on  $S$  as follows

$$s \sim t \Leftrightarrow \delta_s - \delta_t \in J_c \quad (s, t \in S).$$

An equivalence relation  $R$  on a semigroup  $S$  is called a congruence if

$$(s, t) \in R \Rightarrow (as, at), (sa, ta) \in R \quad (s, t, a \in S).$$

Congruences on any semigroup provide some information about its homomorphic images[2].

Let  $\rho$  be a congruence on  $S$  and  $P$  a property of homomorphic image  $S/\rho$ , we call  $\rho$  a  $P$  congruence. A least congruence  $\rho$  such that  $S/\rho$  is a  $P$  congruence is called the least  $P$  congruence.

**Lemma 2.1.**  $\sim$  is the least Clifford congruence on  $S$ .

*Proof.* Since  $J_c$  is an ideal of  $l^1(S)$ ,  $\sim$  is a congruence. From definition of  $\sim$ , it follows that  $es \sim se$ . Thus  $S/\sim$  is a Clifford semigroup. Hence the least Clifford congruence  $\xi \subseteq \sim$ .

Let  $I_\gamma$  be the closed ideal of  $l^1(S)$  generated by

$$\{\delta_s - \delta_t : (s, t) \in \gamma\},$$

for each Clifford congruence  $\gamma$  on  $S$ . Clearly

$$s\gamma t \Leftrightarrow \delta_s - \delta_t \in I_\gamma \quad (s, t \in S).$$

Since  $(es, se) \in \gamma$ , it follows that  $\delta_{es} - \delta_{se} \in I_\gamma$ . Thus  $J_c \subseteq I_\gamma$  and so  $\sim \subseteq I_\gamma$ , for each Clifford congruence  $\gamma$ . Hence  $\sim \subseteq \xi$ .  $\square$

Let  $X$  be a commutative  $l^1(S)$ - $l^1(E)$ -module. Throughout this paper we denote by  $\bullet$  the left and right actions of  $l^1(E)$  on  $X$  and by  $\cdot$  the left and right actions of  $l^1(S)$  on  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** If  $l^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action then  $l^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1(E)$ -module with the trivial left action.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $l^1(E)$  acts on  $l^1(S)$  with the trivial left action and the multiplication right action. Let  $X$  be a commutative  $l^1(S)$ - $l^1(E)$ -module and  $D : l^1(S) \rightarrow X^*$  be a module derivation. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{se} \cdot x &= \delta_s \cdot (\delta_e \bullet x) = \delta_s \cdot (x \bullet \delta_e) \\ &= (\delta_s \cdot x) \bullet \delta_e = \delta_e \bullet (\delta_s \cdot x) \\ &= (\delta_e \bullet \delta_s) \cdot x \\ &= \delta_s \cdot x. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $J \cdot X = 0$  and similarly  $X \cdot J = 0$ . Now since  $S/\approx$  is a group,  $es \approx se$  and so  $\delta_{es} - \delta_{se} \in J$ . It follows that  $X \cdot J_c = J_c \cdot X = 0$  and even if  $l^1(E)$  acts on  $l^1(S)$  with the canonical action,  $X$  is a commutative  $l^1(S)$ - $l^1(E)$ -module. In additions, we have

$$D(\delta_{se}) = D(\delta_s) \bullet \delta_e = \delta_e \bullet D(\delta_s) = D(\delta_s).$$

Therefore  $D|_J = 0$  and so  $D(\delta_{es} - \delta_{se}) = 0$ . Now if  $l^1(E)$  acts on  $l^1(S)$  with the canonical action, then we have

$$D(\delta_f \cdot \delta_s) = D(\delta_s \cdot \delta_f) = D(\delta_s) \bullet \delta_f = \delta_f \bullet D(\delta_s) \quad (f \in E, s \in S).$$

Hence  $D$  is a module derivation. So by assumption it is inner.  $\square$

Similar to the Proposition 2.1.5 of [10] we have the following Lemma.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $l^1(S)$  has a bounded approximate identity. Then  $l^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action if and only if each module derivation  $D : l^1(S) \rightarrow X^*$  is inner, for each pseudo-unital  $l^1(S)$ - $l^1(E)$ -module  $X$ .*

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $S$  be a semilattice. Then  $l^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action if and only if  $l^1(S)$  admits a bounded approximate identity.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $l^1(S)$  admits a bounded approximate identity  $(\lambda_i)$ . Consider a module derivation  $D : l^1(S) \rightarrow X^*$ . For each  $e \in S$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  we have

$$D(\lambda\delta_e) = \lambda\delta_e \bullet D(\delta_e) = \lambda D(\delta_e).$$

Thus  $D$  is a derivation. By Lemma 2.3, we may suppose that  $X$  is pseudo-unital  $l^1(S)$ -module. That is, for each  $x \in X$ , there exist  $f, g \in l^1(S)$  and there is  $y \in X$  such that  $x = f \cdot y \cdot g$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} D(\delta_e)(x) &= D(\delta_e)(f \cdot y \cdot g) \\ &= D(\delta_e)((\lim_i \lambda_i \cdot f) \cdot y \cdot g) \\ &= D(\delta_e)(\lim_i \lambda_i \cdot (f \cdot y \cdot g)) \\ &= \lim_i D(\delta_e) \cdot \lambda_i(f \cdot y \cdot g) \\ &= \lim_i D(\delta_e) \cdot \lambda_i(x). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $D(\delta_e)(x) = \lim_i \lambda_i \cdot D(\delta_e)(x)$ . From the equalities  $D(\delta_{ef}) = D(\delta_e) \bullet \delta_f = D(\delta_f) \bullet \delta_e$ , it follows that

$$D(\delta_e) \cdot \delta_{ef} = D(\delta_f) \cdot \delta_e, \tag{1}$$

for each  $e, f \in S$ . In addition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(\delta_{ef}) &= \delta_e \bullet D(\delta_{ef}) = \delta_e \bullet (\delta_e \cdot D(\delta_f) + D(\delta_e) \cdot \delta_f) \\ &= \delta_e \cdot D(\delta_f) + D(\delta_e) \cdot \delta_{ef}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$D(\delta_e) \cdot \delta_{ef} = D(\delta_e) \cdot \delta_f. \tag{2}$$

From (1), (2), it follows that  $D(\delta_e) \cdot \delta_f = D(\delta_f) \cdot \delta_e$ , for each  $e, f \in S$ . Thus we have for each  $\lambda_i, D(\lambda_i) \cdot \delta_e = D(\delta_e) \cdot \lambda_i$  and so  $D(\delta_e) = \lim_i D(\lambda_i \cdot \delta_e) = \lim_i (D(\delta_e) \cdot \lambda_i + \lambda_i \cdot D(\delta_e))$ . This implies that  $D(\delta_e)(x) = \lim_i D(\delta_e) \cdot \lambda_i(x) + \lim_i \lambda_i \cdot D(\delta_e)(x) = 2D(\delta_e)(x)$ , for each  $x \in X$ . Hence  $D(\delta_e)(x) = 0$ , for  $x \in X$  and so  $D(\delta_e) = 0$ . Conversely, since  $l^1(S)$  is a commutative  $l^1(S)$ -module, it has a bounded approximate identity by [1].  $\square$

Note that by the above theorem, for semilattice  $S = (\mathbb{N}, \vee)$ ,  $l^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action. This example shows that module amenability of a semilattice algebra does not imply finiteness of the semilattice.

Consider the multiplication  $\circ$  on the Banach space  $l^1(S)$  by

$$\sum_{s \in S} f(s)\delta_s \circ \sum_{t \in S} g(t)\delta_t = \sum_{r \in S} \sum_{st=r, s^*s=tt^*} f(s)g(t)\delta_r,$$

if there are no elements  $t, s \in S$  with  $st = r$  and  $s^*s = tt^*$ , the multiplication is taken as zero. Under the usual  $l^1$ -norm,  $(l^1(S), \circ)$  is a Banach algebra. We denote this Banach algebra by  $l_r^1(S)$  as in [6]. In the particular case,

$$\delta_s \circ \delta_t = \begin{cases} \delta_{st} & s^*s = tt^* \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that  $l_r^1(E)$  could be regarded as a subalgebra of  $l_r^1(S)$ . Here we consider  $l_r^1(E)$  acts on  $l_r^1(S)$  with the canonical actions. The closed ideal  $J_B$  of  $l_r^1(S)$  is generated by

$$\{\delta_s \mid s \in S, ss^* \neq s^*s\}.$$

Consider an equivalence relation  $\sim_B$  on  $S$  as follows

$$s \sim_B t \iff \delta_s - \delta_t \in J_B \quad (s, t \in S).$$

Note that in general,  $\sim_B$  is not a congruence.

Let  $X$  be a commutative  $l_r^1(S)$ - $l_r^1(E)$ -module. Throughout the rest of this paper we denote left and right actions of  $l_r^1(E)$  on  $X$  by  $\bullet$  and left and right actions of  $l_r^1(S)$  on  $X$  by  $\cdot$ .

**Proposition 2.5.**  $l_r^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action if and only if  $l_r^1(S)/J_B$  is module amenable as an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module.

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a commutative  $l_r^1(S)$ - $l_r^1(E)$ -module. Consider a module derivation  $D : l_r^1(S) \rightarrow X^*$ . For each  $s \in S$  such that  $ss^* \neq s^*s$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(\delta_s) &= D(\delta_s \circ \delta_{s^*s}) = D(\delta_s) \bullet \delta_{s^*s} \\ &= \delta_{s^*s} \bullet D(\delta_s) = D(\delta_{s^*s} \circ \delta_s) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $D|_{J_B} = 0$  and so  $\tilde{D} : l_r^1(S)/J_B \rightarrow X^*$  defined by  $\tilde{D}(\delta_s + J_B) = D(\delta_s)$  is a module derivation. We conclude that if  $l_r^1(S)/J_B$  is module amenable as  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action, then  $l_r^1(S)$  is module amenable as  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action. The converse follows using the module homomorphism  $\pi : l_r^1(S) \rightarrow l_r^1(S)/J_B$  and Proposition 2.5 of [1].  $\square$

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $S$  be a Clifford semigroup. Then  $l_r^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action if and only if  $l^1(S)$  is amenable.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $l_r^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action. Since  $S$  is a Clifford semigroup,  $l_r^1(S)$  is a commutative  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action. It follows from Proposition 2.2 of [1] that  $l_r^1(S)$  has a bounded approximate identity. From [6], it follows that  $E$  is finite. Let  $I$  be the closed principal ideal of  $S$  generated by  $e \in E$ . Thereby  $l_r^1(I)$  is an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the following compatible actions

$$\delta_f \cdot \delta_i := \delta_f \circ \delta_i, \quad \delta_i \cdot \delta_f := \delta_i \circ \delta_f \quad (f \in E, i \in I).$$

Consider the module homomorphism  $\varphi : l_r^1(S) \rightarrow l_r^1(I)$  defined by  $\varphi(\delta_s) = \delta_s \circ \delta_e$ . Thus  $l_r^1(I)$  is module amenable as an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action. Now put  $I_e = \{b \in I : S b S \subseteq I\}$ . Similarly  $I_e$  is an ideal of  $I$  and  $\psi : l_r^1(I) \rightarrow l_r^1(I/I_e)$  is a module homomorphism and so  $l_r^1(I/I_e)$  is module amenable as an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action, by Proposition 2.5 of [1]. Similarly  $I/I_e \cong \{0\} \cup G_e$  and  $l_r^1(\{0\} \cup G_e)$  is module amenable as an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action. We claim that  $l^1(G_e)$  is amenable. Let  $X$  be a  $l^1(G_e)$ -module and  $D : l^1(G_e) \rightarrow X^*$  be a derivation. Since  $l_r^1(\{0\} \cup G_e) = l^1(\{0\} \cup G_e) = l^1(G_e) \oplus \mathbb{C}\delta_0$ , with the following new definition,  $X$  is a commutative  $l^1(\{0\} \cup G_e)$ - $l^1(\{0, e\})$ -module with the compatible actions

$$x \cdot \delta_0 = \delta_0 \cdot x = 0.$$

Consider  $\tilde{D} : l^1(\{0\} \cup G_e) \rightarrow X^*$  defined by  $\tilde{D}(\delta_g) = D(\delta_g)$  ( $g \in G_e$ ) and  $D(\delta_0) = 0$ . Clearly if  $l^1(S)$  is an  $l^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action, then  $\tilde{D}$  is a module derivation and so it is inner. Therefore  $D$  is an inner derivation and this proves that  $l^1(G_e)$  is amenable. It follows that  $G_e$  is amenable and by [5],  $l^1(S)$  is amenable. The converse is clear.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $S$  be a semilattice. Then  $l_r^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l_r^1(E)$ -module with the canonical action if and only if  $S$  is finite.

*Proof.* It follows from the above proposition that  $l^1(S)$  is amenable. Since  $S$  is semilattice,  $S$  is finite. The converse is clear.  $\square$

Proposition 2.6 means that if  $l^1_r(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1_r(E)$ -module with the canonical action then  $l^1(S)$  is module amenable with the canonical action for each Clifford semigroup. The converse fails in general. For example let  $(\mathbb{N}, \vee)$  be the semigroup of positive integers with maximum operation, that is  $m \vee n = \max(m, n)$ . By Theorem 2.4,  $l^1(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1_r(E)$ -module with the canonical action but  $l^1_r(S)$  is not module amenable as an  $l^1_r(E)$ -module with the canonical action by Corollary 2.7.

For an arbitrary inverse semigroup  $S$  with the set of idempotents  $E$ , the restricted product of elements  $x$  and  $y$  of  $S$  is  $xy$  if  $x^*x = yy^*$  and undefined, otherwise. The set  $S$  with this restricted product forms a discrete groupoid [4]. If we adjoin a zero element  $0$  to this groupoid and put  $0^* = 0$ , then we get an inverse semigroup  $S_r$  with the multiplication rule

$$x \diamond y = \begin{cases} xy & x^*x = yy^* \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for each  $x, y \in S \cup \{0\}$ . The inverse semigroup  $S_r$  is called the restricted semigroup of  $S$  (see[6]). Note that  $(l^1(E \cup \{0\}), \diamond)$  could be regarded as a subalgebra of  $l^1(S_r)$  and we denote this Banach algebra by  $l^1(E_r)$ . Thereby  $l^1(S_r)$  is an  $l^1(E_r)$ -module with the canonical action. The closed ideal  $J_r$  of  $l^1(S_r)$  is generated by

$$\{\delta_s - \delta_0 \mid s \in S, s^*s \neq ss^*\}.$$

We consider an equivalence relation  $\sim_r$  on  $S_r$  as follows

$$s \sim_r t \iff \delta_s - \delta_t \in J_r \quad (s, t \in S_r).$$

**Proposition 2.8.**  $\sim_r$  is the least Clifford congruence on  $S_r$ .

*Proof.* From definition of  $J_r, s \sim_r t$  for each  $s, t \in S$  such that  $ss^* \neq s^*s$  and  $tt^* \neq t^*t$ . Since each element  $s$  such that  $ss^* = s^*s$  is contained in a maximal subgroup of  $S$ ,  $S$  is a semilattice of groups. Thus  $S/\sim_r$  is a Clifford semigroup by Theorem 4.2.1 of [3]. Thus  $\sim_r$  is a Clifford equivalence. Suppose that  $s \sim_r t$  and  $l \in S$ . Since  $\delta_s - \delta_t \in J_r$ , it follows that  $\delta_l \cdot (\delta_s - \delta_t) \in J_r$  and  $(\delta_s - \delta_t) \cdot \delta_l \in J_r$ . Thus  $\delta_{l \circ s} - \delta_{l \circ t} \in J_r$  and  $\delta_{s \circ l} - \delta_{t \circ l} \in J_r$  and so  $\sim_r$  is a congruence on  $S_r$ . Finally suppose that  $\rho$  is a Clifford congruence on  $S_r$ . Let  $I_\rho$  be the closed ideal of  $l^1(S_r)$  generated by  $\{\delta_s - \delta_t : (s, t) \in \rho\}$ . Clearly

$$s \rho t \iff \delta_s - \delta_t \in I_\rho.$$

Since for each  $s \in S$  such that  $ss^* \neq s^*s$  we have  $(s, 0) \in \rho$ , it follows that  $\delta_s - \delta_0 \in I_\rho$ , for each Clifford congruence  $\rho$ . Thus  $J_r \subseteq I_\rho$  and so for each Clifford congruence  $\rho, \sim_r \subseteq \rho$ . Hence  $\sim_r$  is the least Clifford congruence on  $S_r$ .  $\square$

Note that  $\delta_s \circ \delta_t = 0$  in  $l^1_r(S)$  but  $\delta_s \cdot \delta_t = \delta_0$  in  $l^1(S_r)$ , for each  $s, t \in S$  such that  $s^*s \neq tt^*$ . Thus  $l^1_r(S)$  is not a subalgebra of  $l^1(S_r)$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $S$  be an inverse semigroup. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i):  $l^1_r(S)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1_r(E)$ -module with the canonical action.
- (ii):  $l^1(S_r)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1(E_r)$ -module with the canonical action.
- (iii):  $l^1(S_r/\sim_r)$  is amenable.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $X$  is a commutative  $l^1(S_r)$ - $l^1(E_r)$ -module and  $D : l^1(S_r) \rightarrow X^*$  is a module derivation. Then the following module actions are well-defined

$$\delta_s *_B x = \begin{cases} 0 & \delta_s \cdot x = \delta_0 \cdot y \text{ (for some } y \in X) \\ \delta_s \cdot x & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for each  $s \in S$  and similarly for the right action. Also  $l^1_r(E)$  acts on  $X$  by the following action

$$\delta_e \bullet_B x = \begin{cases} 0 & \delta_e \bullet x = \delta_0 \bullet y (\text{for some } y \in X) \\ \delta_s \bullet x & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $X$  is a commutative  $l^1_r(S)$ - $l^1_r(E)$ -module. Consider  $\tilde{D} : l^1_r(S) \rightarrow X^*$  defined by

$$\tilde{D}(\delta_s) = \begin{cases} D(\delta_s) & D(\delta_s) \neq D(\delta_0) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$\tilde{D}$  extends to a module derivation and so it is inner. Therefore  $D$  is inner.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose that  $X$  is a commutative  $l^1_r(S)$ - $l^1_r(E)$ -module. It is enough to define  $\delta_0 \cdot x = \delta_0 \bullet x = 0$ , then  $X$  is a commutative  $l^1(S_r)$ - $l^1(E_r)$ -module. Let  $D : l^1_r(S) \rightarrow X^*$  be a module derivation. Consider  $\tilde{D} : l^1(S_r) \rightarrow X^*$  defined by

$$\tilde{D}(\delta_s) = \begin{cases} D(\delta_s) & s \in S \\ 0 & s = 0. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $\tilde{D}$  extends to a module derivation and so it is inner. Therefore  $D$  is inner.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Since  $l^1(S_r)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1(E_r)$ -module with the canonical action, it follows from Proposition 2.5 of [1] that  $l^1(S_r / \sim_r)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1_r(E_r)$ -module with the canonical action. Now by Propositions 2.6, 2.8,  $l^1(S_r / \sim_r)$  is amenable.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $X$  be a commutative  $l^1(S_r)$ - $l^1(E_r)$ -module. Since  $J_r \cdot X = X \cdot J_r = 0$ , the following module actions are well-defined

$$(\delta_s + J_r) \cdot x := \delta_s + J_r, \quad x \cdot (\delta_s + J_r) := x \cdot \delta_s \quad (x \in X, \delta_s \in l^1(S_r)),$$

therefore  $X$  is an  $l^1(S_r)/J_r$ -module. Suppose that  $D : l^1(S_r) \rightarrow X^*$  is a module derivation, and consider  $\tilde{D} : l^1(S_r)/J_r \rightarrow X^*$  defined by  $\tilde{D}(\delta_s + J_r) = D(\delta_s)$  ( $s \in S_r$ ). We have

$$\begin{aligned} D(\delta_s) &= D(\delta_s \cdot \delta_{s^*s}) \\ &= D(\delta_s) \bullet \delta_{s^*s} \\ &= \delta_{s^*s} \bullet D(\delta_s) \\ &= D(\delta_{s^*s} \cdot \delta_s) \\ &= D(\delta_{s^*s \circ s}) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

By the above observation,  $\tilde{D}$  is also well-defined. Moreover,

$$D(\lambda \delta_s) = \lambda \delta_s \bullet D(\delta_s) = \lambda D(\delta_s) \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}).$$

Thus  $D$  is linear and so  $\tilde{D}$  is linear. Hence  $\tilde{D}$  is inner. Therefore  $D$  is an inner module derivation. So  $l^1(S_r)/J_r$  is module amenable as an  $l^1(E_r)$ -module with the canonical action and it follows from proposition 2.5 of [1] and  $l^1(S_r / \sim_r) \cong l^1(S_r)/J_r$  that  $l^1(S_r / \sim_r)$  is module amenable as an  $l^1(E_r)$ -module with the canonical action.  $\square$

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