# Amenability in inverse semigroups

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### Overview

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# (1) Introduction (groups)

### Groups and amenability

### Theorem-Definitions (von Neumann-Tarski-Følner 19~~)

G countable and discrete group. TFAE:

1. *G* is amenable, i.e.,  $\mu$ :  $\mathcal{P}(G) \rightarrow [0,1]$  normalized such that

$$\mu(A \sqcup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$$
 and  $\mu(g^{-1}A) = \mu(A)$ .

2. G is not paradoxical:  $\not \exists g_i, h_j \in G, A_i, B_j \subset G$  such that

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Questions: Alternative point of view? Amenability forwards?

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### Proposition (Ara, Lledó, M. - 2019)

 $\mu$  is invariant  $\Leftrightarrow$  both following conditions are satisfied:

- 1. Domain-measure:  $\mu(A) = \mu(sA)$  for all  $A \subset D_{s*s}$ .
- 2. Localization:  $\mu(B) = \mu(B \cap D_{s^*s})$  for all  $s \in S, B \subset S$ .

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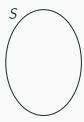
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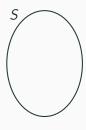
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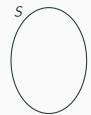
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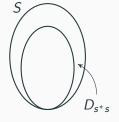
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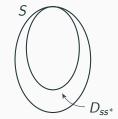




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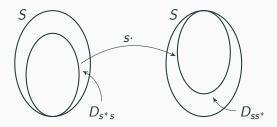
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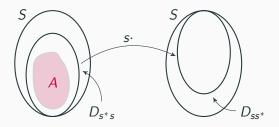
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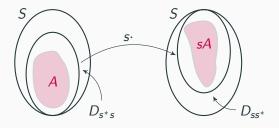
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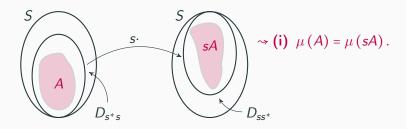
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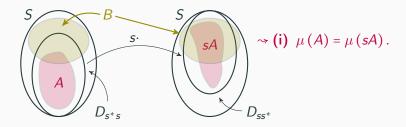
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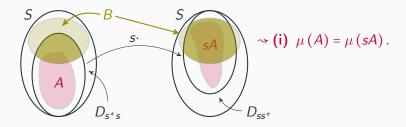
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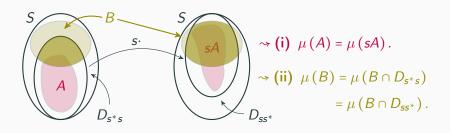
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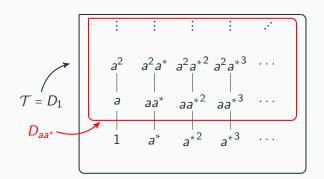
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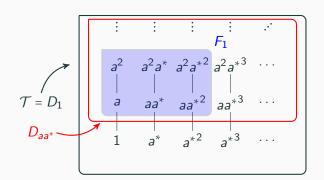
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#### Future research:

- 1. Do these results have analogues in groupoid theory? Within the domains?
- 2. Relation to other properties?
  - Soficity of *S* (Ceccherini-Silberstein & Coornaert, 2014).
  - Property A (in metric spaces).
  - Exactness of S.
  - Approximation properties of some operator algebras.

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