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## Evolutionsgleichungen: Exercise Sheet 4

Submission in pairs is possible. If you have any questions or need a hint, send a mail to [henrik.kreidler@uni-ulm.de](mailto:henrik.kreidler@uni-ulm.de).

Exercises marked with \* are bonus exercises.

1. Let  $q: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be continuous and  $M_q$  the associated *multiplication operator* on  $C_0(\mathbb{R})$ , i.e.,

$$D(M_q) := \{f \in C_0(\mathbb{R}) : qf \in C_0(\mathbb{R})\}, \\ M_q f := qf \text{ for all } f \in D(M_q).$$

- (i) Show that  $\sigma(M_q) = \overline{q(\mathbb{R})}$ . (2\*)

(Hint: Since  $\lambda - M_q = M_{\lambda - q}$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  it suffices to show that  $0 \notin \overline{q(\mathbb{R})}$  if and only if  $M_q$  is invertible with bounded inverse. Show – by looking at suitable functions – that the existence of a bounded inverse of  $M_q$  implies that  $|q|$  has a lower bound.)

- (ii) Apply the Hille-Yosida theorem to show that  $(M_q, D(M_q))$  generates a contractive  $C_0$ -semigroup if and only if  $\operatorname{Re} q(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . (4)

2. Consider the operator  $(A, D(A))$  on  $C_0((0, 1))$ , where (4)

$$C_0((0, 1)) := \{f \in C((0, 1)) : \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta \in (0, 1) \text{ with } |f(x)| \leq \varepsilon \text{ for } x \notin [\delta, 1 - \delta]\}$$

as well as  $D(A) := \{f \in C^2([0, 1]) : f, f'' \in C_0((0, 1))\}$  and  $Af := f''$  for  $f \in D(A)$ . Use the Lumer-Phillips theorem to show that  $(A, D(A))$  generates a contractive  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $C_0((0, 1))$ . (Hint: To see that the operator is dissipative, choose  $x \in (0, 1)$  with  $|f(x)| = \|f\|$ . Then find a suitable  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\mu := \alpha \cdot \delta_x \in J(f)$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \langle Af, \mu \rangle \leq 0$ ; here  $\delta_x$  denotes the evaluation in  $x$ .)

3. Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be open and (4)

$$H_0^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}) := \overline{C_c^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{R})}^{H^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R})} \subseteq H^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}).$$

For  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$  let  $a_{ij} \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$  with  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$  and assume that there is  $\alpha > 0$  with

$$\sum_{i,j} a_{i,j}(x) \xi_i \xi_j \geq \alpha \|\xi\|_2^2$$

for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and almost every  $x \in \Omega$ . We consider the *elliptic operator*  $(A, D(A))$  given by

$$D(A) := \left\{ u \in H_0^1(\Omega) : \sum_{i,j} D_i(a_{i,j} D_j u) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{R}) \right\}, \\ Au := \sum_{i,j} D_i(a_{i,j} D_j u) \text{ for } u \in D(A).$$

*A reminder:* Recall that by the lecture

$$\sum_{i,j} D_i(a_{i,j} D_j u) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$$

means that there is  $f \in L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$  with

$$-\int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j} (a_{i,j} D_j u) D_i \varphi \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi \, dx$$

for all  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$  and in this case we set

$$\sum_{i,j} D_i(a_{i,j} D_j u) := f.$$

Use the Lumer-Phillips theorem to show that  $(A, D(A))$  generates a contractive  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ .

(Hint: Show that

$$[u, v] := \int_{\Omega} uv \, dx + \sum_{i,j} \int_{\Omega} a_{ij} D_i u D_j v \, dx$$

for  $u, v \in H_0^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$  defines an inner product on  $H_0^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ , which is equivalent to the ordinary inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $H_0^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ , i.e., there are  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  with

$$\alpha(u, u) \leq [u, u] \leq \beta(u, u)$$

for all  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ . Then use (as in the lecture) the Riesz-Fréchet theorem for the Hilbert space  $(H_0^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}), [\cdot, \cdot])$  in order to show that  $I - A$  is surjective.)

4. Let  $(A, D(A))$  be a densely defined operator on a Banach space  $X$  and  $(A', D(A'))$  its adjoint. Show (4) that if  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$ , then also  $\lambda \in \rho(A')$  and  $R(\lambda, A)' = R(\lambda, A')$ .