

Semigroups and Evolution Equations

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Chapter 1. Semigroups and their generators

§ 1 C_0 -semigroups.

X Banach space.

$\mathcal{L}(X) := \{ S: X \rightarrow X : \text{linear, continuous} \}$

$$\|S\| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Sx\|$$

$\mathcal{L}(X)$ is a Banach space

$S_n \rightarrow S$ in $\mathcal{L}(X) : \Leftrightarrow \|S_n - S\| \rightarrow 0$

convergence in operator norm

$$S_n \rightarrow S \text{ strongly } \Leftrightarrow S_n x \rightarrow Sx \text{ in } X \\ \forall x \in X$$

(this is much weaker).

$\mathcal{L}(X)$ is a Banach algebra:

$$S_1, S_2 \in \mathcal{L}(X) \Rightarrow S_1 \circ S_2 \in \mathcal{L}(X) \text{ \& } \\ \|S_1 S_2\| \leq \|S_1\| \|S_2\|.$$

(1.1) Definition. A C_0 -semigroup on X
is a mapping $T: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$
such that

$$(a) \quad T(t+s) = T(t) T(s)$$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{t \downarrow 0} T(t)x = x \quad \forall x \in X$$

C_0 -semigroup = strongly continuous semigroup

Frequently $T(0) := I \quad (T(t))_{t \geq 0} = T.$

(1.2) Properties: 1. ~~A.~~ Put $T(0) = I$

Then $T(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$ is
strongly continuous

2. $\exists M, \omega \quad \|T(t)\| \leq M e^{\omega t} \quad (t \geq 0)$

(at most exponential growth).

Recall: Uniform boundedness principle.

Proof: a) $\exists \tau > 0 \quad M = \sup_{0 < t \leq \tau} \|T(t)\| < \infty.$

Otherwise, $\exists t_n \downarrow 0 \quad \|T(t_n)\| \rightarrow \infty.$

UBP $\Rightarrow \exists x \quad \|T(t_n)x\| \rightarrow \infty$

b) Let $t > 0$. $\exists! n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \quad t = n\tau + s$
 $0 \leq s < \tau. \quad \|T(t)\| = \|T(n\tau)T(s)\|$

$= \|T(t)^n T(s)\| \leq M \cdot M^n.$

$\omega = \log M. \quad M^n = e^{\omega n} \leq e^{\omega t}$

Thus $\|T(t)\| \leq M e^{\omega t}$

c) Let $x \in X$, $t > 0$

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ case } t_n \downarrow t \Rightarrow T(t_n)x - T(t)x =$$

$$T(t_n - t)T(t)x - T(t)x \rightarrow 0.$$

2nd case $t_n \uparrow t$.

$$T(t_n)x - T(t)x = T(t_n)(x - T(t - t_n)x)$$

$$\rightarrow 0. \quad \square$$

Lemma. $S_n \rightarrow S$ strongly
 $x_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow S_n x_n \rightarrow Sx$.

Proof. $\sup \|S_n\| < \infty$ UBP

$$S_n x_n - Sx = S_n(x_n - x) + S_n x - Sx \quad \square$$

Examples of semigroups.

(1.3) Example. $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$

$$e^{tA} := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} A^n$$

$$\|e^{tA} - I\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (t \downarrow 0)$$

(1.4) Equicontinuity Lemma.

$$S_n \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y), \quad \|S_n\| \leq M.$$

Equivalent.

(i) $\exists X_0$ dense in X such that
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n x$ exists $\forall x \in X$

(ii) $\exists S \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ $S_n x \rightarrow Sx$
 uniformly on compact subsets.

Proof. Assume (i)

a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n x =: Sx$ exists $\forall x \in X$

Let $x \in X$, $\varepsilon > 0$. $\exists x_0 \in X_0$ $\|x - x_0\| \leq \varepsilon$.

$\exists n_0$ $\|S_n x_0 - S_m x_0\| \leq \varepsilon$ $\forall n, m \geq n_0$

$$\Rightarrow \|S_n x - S_m x\| \leq \|S_n(x - x_0)\| + \|S_n x_0 - S_m x_0\|$$

$$+ \|\cancel{S_m - S_n} x_0\| \leq M\varepsilon + \varepsilon \quad n, m \geq n_0$$

$\Rightarrow (S_n x)$ CS

$\Rightarrow Sx := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n x$ exists for all
 $x \in X$. Clearly $S \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$

b) uniformly on compact subsets.

Let $K \subset X$ be compact, $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\exists y_1, \dots, y_m \quad K \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^m B(y_j, \varepsilon)$$

$$\exists n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0 \quad \|S_n y_j - S y_j\| \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall j=1, \dots, m$$

$$\text{Let } x \in K. \quad \exists j \quad \|x - y_j\| \leq \varepsilon. \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_n x - S x\| &\leq \|(S_n - S)(x - y_j)\| + \|S_n y_j - S y_j\| \\ &\leq 2M\varepsilon + \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq n_0. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

(1.5) Proposition. Let $T: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$

be a semigroup such that $\|T(t)\| \leq M$
 $0 < t \leq 1$. If $\exists X_0 \subset X$ dense such
 that $T(t)x_0 \rightarrow x_0 \quad (t \downarrow 0) \quad \forall x_0 \in X_0$,
 then T is a C_0 -semigroup.

Re. $T: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$ semigroup: \Leftrightarrow
 $T(t+s) = T(t)T(s).$

Proof. Let $t_n \downarrow t \Rightarrow T(t_n)x_0 \rightarrow x_0 = Ix_0$
 $\forall x_0 \in X_0$ Equicontinuity lemma $\Rightarrow T(t_n)x \rightarrow x$
 $\forall x \in X. \quad \square$

(1.6) Example (diagonal semigroup).

Let $X = \ell^2$, $\lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_n \leq \omega$.

Let $T(t)x = (e^{i\lambda_n t} x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Then T is a C_0 -semigroup.

Proof. a)
$$\begin{aligned} \|T(t)x\|^2 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |e^{i\lambda_n t} x_n|^2 \\ &\leq e^{2\operatorname{Re} \lambda_n t} \sum |x_n|^2 \\ &\leq e^{2\omega t} \|x\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\|T(t)\| \leq e^{\omega t}$.

b) $X_0 = C_0 = \{x \in \ell^2 : \exists n_0 \text{ } x_n = 0 \text{ if } n > n_0\}$
finitely supported sequences

C_0 is dense in X .

$$\begin{aligned} x \in C_0 & \quad (T(t)x)_k = e^{i\lambda_k t} x_k \rightarrow x_k \\ t \rightarrow 0 & \Rightarrow T(t)x \rightarrow x \quad (t \downarrow 0) \quad \forall x \in C_0. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1.6 \Rightarrow claim \square

$T(t) \rightarrow I$ in $\mathcal{L}(\ell^2)$ as $t \downarrow 0$

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iff $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_n| < \infty$. (exercise).

(1.7) Example (Shift semigroup).

Let $X = L^p(\mathbb{R})$, $1 \leq p < \infty$

$$(T(t)f)(x) = f(x+t).$$

Then T is a C_0 -semigroup.

Proof. a) $\|T(t)f\| = \|f\| \quad \forall f$

Thus $\|T(t)\| \leq 1$.

b) Let $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R})$ (continuous vanishing outside a compact set). Then f is uniformly continuous; i.e. let $\varepsilon > 0$.

Then $\exists \delta > 0$ $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \varepsilon$ if $|x - y| \leq \delta$.

Let $a > 0$ such that $f(x) = 0$ for $|x| > a$. Let $0 < t \leq \delta$

$$\| (T(t)f)(x) - f(x) \|_p^p \leq$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x+t) - f(x)|^p = \int_{-a}^{a+t} \varepsilon^p \leq (2a+1) \varepsilon^p$$

Thus $\|T(t)f - f\|_p \rightarrow 0 \quad (t \downarrow 0)$.

Proposition 1.5 \Rightarrow claim. \square