

## Lecture Notes for Week 11 (First Draft)

*Dissipative Operators (Continued)*

**Theorem 11.1** (Lumer, Philips, 1961): Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset X$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is dense and that  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is linear.

- (a) If  $A$  is dissipative and there exists  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that  $\lambda_0 I - A$  is surjective then  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -contraction semigroup.
- (b) If  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -contraction semigroup then  $\lambda I - A$  is surjective for every  $\lambda > 0$  and for every semi-inner product  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  compatible with the norm on  $X$  we have

$$\operatorname{Re}[Ax, x] \leq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{D}(A).$$

In particular,  $A$  is dissipative.

**Proof:** Let  $\lambda_0 > 0$  be given. Assume that  $A$  is dissipative and that  $\lambda_0 I - A$  is surjective. Then, by Lemma 10.11,  $A$  is closed,  $\rho(A) \supset (0, \infty)$ , and

$$\|R(\lambda; A)\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{for all } \lambda > 0.$$

Consequently, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\|R(\lambda; A)^n\| \leq \|R(\lambda; A)\|^n \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \quad \text{for all } \lambda > 0.$$

It follows from the Hille-Yosida Theorem that  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup satisfying  $\|T(t)\| \leq 1$  for all  $t \geq 0$  (i.e., a contraction semigroup).

Assume now that  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -contraction semigroup. Then, by the Hille-Yosida Theorem,  $A$  is closed and  $\rho(A) \supset (0, \infty)$ . It follows that  $\lambda I - A$  is surjective for all  $\lambda > 0$ . Let  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  be a semi-inner product compatible with the norm on  $X$ . Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $h > 0$  be given. then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}[T(h)x - x, x] &= \operatorname{Re}[T(h)x, x] - \|x\|^2 \\ &\leq \|T(h)\| \cdot \|x\| - \|x\|^2 \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Using (1) we see that

$$\operatorname{Re}[Ax, x] = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{T(h)x - x}{h}, x \right] \leq 0. \quad \square$$

**Corollary 11.2:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\mathcal{D}(B) \subset X$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{D}(B)$  is dense and that  $B : \mathcal{D}(B) \rightarrow X$  is linear. Let  $\omega, \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  be given with  $\lambda_0 > \omega$ . Assume that  $\lambda_0 I - A$  is surjective and that there exists a semi-inner product compatible with the norm on  $X$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}[Bx, x] \leq \omega \|x\|^2 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{D}(B).$$

Then  $B$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup satisfying

$$\|T(t)\| \leq e^{\omega t} \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0.$$

**Proof:** Put  $\mathcal{D}(A) = \mathcal{D}(B)$ ,  $A = B - \omega I$ , and use Theorem 11.1.  $\square$

**Lemma 11.3:** Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset X$ . Assume that  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is linear and dissipative. Let  $\lambda_0 > 0$  be given and assume that  $\lambda_0 I - A$  is surjective. Then  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is dense.

**Remark 11.4:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space (not necessarily reflexive) and  $Z \subset X$  be a linear manifold. Then  $Z$  is dense if and only if for every  $y \in X$  there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $Z$  such that  $x_n \rightharpoonup y$  (weakly) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . [Indeed, if  $Z$  is dense, then for every  $y \in Z$  we can find a sequence of elements of  $Z$  that converges strongly to  $y$ . To see that the converse is true, if  $y \notin \operatorname{cl}(Z)$  then  $\operatorname{dist}(Z, y) > 0$  and by the Hahn-Banach Theorem we may choose a linear functional  $x^* \in X^*$  such that  $x^*(y) \neq 0$  and  $x^*(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in Z$ .]

**Proof of Lemma 11.13:** Let  $y \in X$  be given. We shall construct a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  such that  $x_n \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \rightharpoonup y$  (weakly) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

By Lemma 10.11, we know that  $A$  is closed and  $\rho(A) \supset (0, \infty)$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , put

$$x_n = \left( I - \frac{1}{n} A \right)^{-1} y = nR(n; A)y \in \mathcal{D}(A). \quad (2)$$

A simple computation shows that

$$A \left( \frac{x_n}{n} \right) = x_n - y \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (3)$$

Lemma 10.11 also ensures that  $\|R(n; A)\| \leq n^{-1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and consequently we have

$$\|x_n\| \leq n \|R(n; A)\| \cdot \|y\| \leq \|y\| \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since  $X$  is reflexive and  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is bounded, we may choose a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  and  $z \in X$  such that

$$x_{n_k} \rightharpoonup z \quad (\text{weakly}) \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

We want to show that  $z = y$ . Using (3) we see that

$$A \left( \frac{x_{n_k}}{n_k} \right) = x_{n_k} - y \rightharpoonup z - y \quad (\text{weakly}) \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

We also know that

$$\frac{x_{n_k}}{n_k} \rightharpoonup 0 \text{ (weakly) as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

(in fact; it converges strongly to 0). Since  $\text{Gr}(A)$  is closed and convex, it is weakly closed and we deduce that  $(0, z - y) \in \text{Gr}(A)$ . This implies that  $z = y$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 11.5** (Lumer-Philips Theorem for Hilbert Spaces): Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset X$ . Assume that  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is linear. Assume further that  $\text{Re}(Ax, x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  and that there exists  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that  $\lambda_0 I - A$  is surjective. Then  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -contraction semigroup.

**Example 11.6** (Heat Equation): Let  $X = L^2[0, 1]$  and put

$$\mathcal{D}(A) = \{u \in AC[0, 1] : u' \in AC[0, 1], u'' \in L^2[0, 1], u(0) = u(1) = 0\},$$

$$Au = u'' \text{ for all } u \in \mathcal{D}(A).$$

We shall apply Theorem 11.5 to show that  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -contraction semigroup. Let  $u \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  be given. Using integration by parts, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} (Au, u) &= \int_0^1 u''(x) \overline{u(x)} dx \\ &= u'(x) \overline{u(x)} \Big|_{x=0}^1 - \int_0^1 u'(x) \overline{u'(x)} dx \\ &= - \int_0^1 |u'(x)|^2 dx \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We shall show that  $I - A$  is surjective. Let  $g \in L^2[0, 1]$  be given. We want to find  $v \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} v(x) - v''(x) = g(x) \text{ a.e. } x \in [0, 1] \\ v(0) = v(1) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

It is possible to appeal to (or to prove) general theorems that ensure the existence of a suitable solution to (4); however using techniques from elementary differential equations, we can simply exhibit a suitable solution of (4), namely

$$v(x) = k \sinh x + \int_0^x \sinh(y - x) g(y) dy,$$

where the constant  $k$  is given by

$$k = \frac{1}{\sinh 1} \int_0^1 \sinh(1 - y) dy.$$

(This solution is obtained by using variation of parameters to find the general solution of  $v - v'' = g$  and then choosing the constants so that  $v(0) = v(1) = 0$ .)

It follows from Theorem 11.5 that  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$  contraction semigroup  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$ . For  $u_0 \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  let us put

$$u(t, x) = (T(t)u_0)(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in [0, 1], \quad t \geq 0. \quad (5)$$

Then  $u$  is a solution of the initial-boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t(t, x) = u_{xx}(t, x) & x \in [0, 1], \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(t, 0) = u(t, 1) = 0 & t \geq 0 \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x) & x \in [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

for the *heat equation*  $u_t = u_{xx}$ . Here  $u_t$  and  $u_x$  indicate partial derivatives of  $u$  with respect to the first and second argument, respectively.

The semigroup  $T$  of this example has important regularizing properties that will be addressed later. Even if  $u_0 \notin \mathcal{D}(A)$ , the function  $u$  produced by (5) is very smooth on  $(0, \infty) \times [0, 1]$ .

### *Nonhomogeneous Differential Equations*

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset X$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is dense and that  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is linear and closed. Let  $\tau > 0$ ,  $f \in C([0, \tau]; X)$  and  $u_0 \in X$  be given.

Consider the nonhomogeneous initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u}(t) = Au(t) + f(t), & t \in (0, \tau] \\ u(0) = u_0. \end{cases} \quad (\text{NHIVP})$$

Suppose that  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$ . We “know” that in this case, the solution to (NHIVP) should be given by

$$u(t) = T(t)u_0 + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s)ds. \quad (6)$$

Equation (6) is known as the *variation of parameters formula*. We have seen that if  $u_0 \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  then the mapping  $t \rightarrow T(t)u_0$  is differentiable on  $[0, \tau]$  and takes values in  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ . What about the integral term in (6)? Let us put

$$v(t) = \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s)ds \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau].$$

It can easily happen that

$$\forall t \in (0, \tau], \quad v(t) \notin \mathcal{D}(A),$$

and

$$\forall t \in (0, \tau], \quad v \text{ is not differentiable at } t.$$

We shall illustrate how things can go wrong with a simple example.

**Example 11.7:** (See Example 8.5) Let  $X = BUC(\mathbb{R})$  and define  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  by

$$(T(t)w)(x) = w(x+t) \text{ for all } w \in X, x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0.$$

The infinitesimal generator  $A$  is given by

$$\mathcal{D}(A) = BUC^1(\mathbb{R}), \quad Aw = w' \text{ for all } w \in \mathcal{D}(A).$$

Let  $z \in X \setminus \mathcal{D}(A)$  be given and put

$$f(t) = T(t)z \text{ for all } t \in [0, \tau],$$

so that

$$(f(t))(x) = z(x+t) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0.$$

Observe that for all  $t \in [0, \tau]$  we have  $f(t) \notin \mathcal{D}(A)$ . [This is because a function in  $X$  belongs to  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  if and only if all of its translates belong to  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ .] Observe further that

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s) ds = \int_0^t T(t-s)T(s)z ds \\ &= \int_0^t T(t)z ds = tT(t)z. \end{aligned}$$

It follows immediately that for all  $t \in (0, \tau]$ ,  $v(t) \notin \mathcal{D}(A)$ . We also see that  $v$  is not differentiable.

The following lemma (whose proof will be a homework exercise) gives simple conditions which ensure that the integral term from the variation of parameters formula is differentiable and takes values in the domain of  $A$ .

**Lemma 11.8:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup with infinitesimal generator  $A$ . Let  $X_A = \mathcal{D}(A)$  equipped with the graph norm

$$\|x\|_A = \|x\| + \|Ax\| \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{D}(A).$$

Let  $\tau > 0$  and

$$F \in C^1([0, \tau]; X), \quad G \in C([0, \tau]; X_A)$$

be given. Put

$$f(t) = F(t) + G(t), \quad v(t) = \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s) ds \text{ for all } t \in [0, \tau].$$

Then

$$v \in C^1([0, \tau]; X) \cap C([0, \tau]; X_A)$$

and

$$\dot{v}(t) = Av(t) + f(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau].$$

### *Weak Solutions*

Many authors define a “mild solution” of (NHIVP) via the variation of parameters formula (6). This approach is convenient, but not completely satisfactory, because one needs to know in advance that  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup. It is desirable to have a notion of weak solution of (NHIVP) that makes no appeal to any semigroup, and then prove that if  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup  $T$  the initial-value problem (NHIVP) has a unique weak solution and this solution is given by (6). The definition given here, as well as the theorem, is due to John Ball. Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset X$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is dense and that  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is linear and closed. We shall employ the adjoint  $A^*$  of  $A$ . Let  $X^*$  denote the dual space of  $X$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X^* \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  denote the duality pairing.

Suppose that  $u : [0, \tau] \rightarrow X$  is differentiable on  $(0, \tau]$ , and that  $u(t) \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  for all  $t \in (0, \tau]$  and that  $u$  satisfies

$$\dot{u}(t) = Au(t) + f(t), \quad t \in (0, \tau]. \quad (\text{NHODE})$$

Then for all  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*)$  we have

$$\langle x^*, \dot{u}(t) \rangle = \langle x^*, Au(t) \rangle + \langle x^*, f(t) \rangle \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, \tau].$$

We can rewrite this equation as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x^*, u(t) \rangle = \langle A^* x^*, u(t) \rangle + \langle x^*, f(t) \rangle, \quad t \in (0, \tau]. \quad (7)$$

Equation (7) makes sense for a much broader class of functions  $u$ . Moreover, if  $u$  is differentiable on  $(0, \tau]$ ,  $u(t) \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  for all  $t \in (0, \tau]$ , and  $u$  satisfies (7) for all  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*)$  then  $u$  also satisfies (NHODE). This motivates the following definition.

**Definition 11.9:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset X$ . Let  $\tau > 0$  and  $f \in C([0, \tau]; X)$  be given. Assume that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is dense and that  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is linear and closed. By a weak solution of (NHODE) we mean a function  $u \in C([0, \tau]; X)$  such that for every  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*)$  the function  $t \rightarrow \langle x^*, u(t) \rangle$  is absolutely continuous on  $[0, \tau]$  and satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x^*, u(t) \rangle = \langle A^* x^*, u(t) \rangle + \langle x^*, f(t) \rangle \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [0, \tau].$$

**Remark 11.10:** Notice that with  $f \in C([0, \tau]; X)$ , if  $u$  is a weak solution of (NHODE) then for every  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*)$  the mapping  $t \rightarrow \langle x^*, u(t) \rangle$  will actually belong to  $C^1[0, \tau]$  (rather than just to  $AC[0, 1]$ ). Definition 11.9 is still appropriate under

the weaker assumption that  $f \in L^1([0, \tau]; X)$ . Moreover, Theorem 11.11 below remains valid for  $f \in L^1([0, \tau]; X)$ . [Ball gave the definition and proved the theorem for  $f \in L^1([0, \tau]; X)$ .]

**Theorem 11.11:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset X$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is dense and that  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is linear and closed. Let  $\tau > 0$  and  $f \in C([0, \tau]; X)$  be given. Then (i) and (ii) below are equivalent.

- (i) For every  $u_0 \in X$ , (NHODE) has exactly one weak solution  $u \in C([0, \tau]; X)$  such that  $u(0) = u_0$ .
- (ii)  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$ .

Moreover, if (ii) [and hence also (i)] holds, then for each  $u_0 \in X$ , the unique weak solution  $u$  of (NHODE) satisfying  $u(0) = u_0$  is given by

$$u(t) = T(t)u_0 + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s) ds \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau].$$

In order to prove Theorem 11.11, we shall make use of the following lemma, which is of interest in its own right.

**Lemma 11.12:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset X$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is dense and that  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is linear and closed. Let  $x, z \in X$  be given and assume that

$$\langle v^*, z \rangle = \langle A^*v^*, x \rangle \quad \text{for all } v^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*). \quad (8)$$

Then  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $Ax = z$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $(x, z) \notin \text{Gr}(A)$ . Since  $\text{Gr}(A)$  is a closed subspace of  $X \times X$  the Hahn-Banach Theorem implies that we may choose  $x^*, y^* \in X^*$  satisfying

$$\langle x^*, x \rangle + \langle y^*, z \rangle \neq 0 \quad (9)$$

and

$$\langle x^*, y \rangle + \langle y^*, Ay \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathcal{D}(A). \quad (10)$$

It follows from (10) that

$$y^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*), \quad \text{and} \quad A^*y^* = -x^*. \quad (11)$$

Using (8) and (11) we obtain

$$\langle x^*, x \rangle = -\langle y^*, z \rangle,$$

which contradicts (9).  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 11.11:** Assume first that  $A$  generates a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$ . Let  $u_0 \in X$  be given and put

$$u(t) = T(t)u_0 + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s) ds, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau]. \quad (12)$$

Let  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*)$  be given.

**Claim:** Given  $x \in X$  let us put  $w(t) = \langle x^*, T(t)x \rangle$  for all  $t \in [0, \tau]$ . Then  $w \in C^1[0, \tau]$  and  $\dot{w}(t) = \langle A^*x^*, T(t)x \rangle$  for all  $t \in [0, \tau]$ .

The claim is immediate if  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$ . If  $x \notin \mathcal{D}(A)$ , we may choose a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and put  $w_n(t) = \langle A^*x^*, T(t)x_n \rangle$ . Then  $w_n \rightarrow w$  uniformly on  $[0, \tau]$  and the sequence  $\{\dot{w}_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of derivatives also converges uniformly on  $[0, \tau]$ . It follows that  $w \in C^1[0, \tau]$  and  $\dot{w}(t) = \langle A^*x^*, T(t)x \rangle$  for all  $t \in [0, \tau]$ .

To handle the integral term in (12), observe that by the claim

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle x^*, T(t-s)f(s) \rangle = \langle A^*x^*, T(t-s)f(s) \rangle. \quad (13)$$

The right-hand side of (13) is jointly continuous in  $s$  and  $t$  and consequently we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \langle x^*, T(t-s)f(s) \rangle ds = \langle x^*, f(t) \rangle + \int_0^t \langle A^*x^*, T(t-s)f(s) \rangle ds. \quad (14)$$

It follows that the mapping  $t \rightarrow \langle x^*, u(t) \rangle$  is continuously differentiable and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \langle x^*, u(t) \rangle &= \langle A^*x^*, T(t)u_0 \rangle + \int_0^t \langle A^*x^*, T(t-s)f(s) \rangle ds + \langle x^*, f(t) \rangle \\ &= \langle A^*x^*, u(t) \rangle + \langle x^*, f(t) \rangle \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau]. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $\tilde{u}$  is another weak solution with  $\tilde{u}(0) = u_0$ . Put

$$w(t) = u(t) - \tilde{u}(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau],$$

and

$$W(t) = \int_0^t w(s) ds \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau].$$

Observe that  $W \in C^1([0, \tau]; X)$ . Using the definition of weak solution and integrating with respect to time, we find that for all  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*)$  and  $t \in [0, \tau]$

$$\langle x^*, w(t) \rangle = \langle A^*x^*, \int_0^t w(s) ds \rangle,$$

and consequently

$$\langle x^*, \dot{W}(t) \rangle = \langle A^*x^*, W(t) \rangle.$$



It follows from Lemma 11.12 that

$$W(t) \in \mathcal{D}(A) \quad \text{and} \quad AW(t) = \dot{W}(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau].$$

Now fix  $t \in (0, \tau]$  and define  $z : [0, t] \rightarrow X$  by

$$z(s) = T(t-s)W(s) \quad \text{for all } s \in [0, t].$$

Then  $z$  is differentiable,  $z(0) = 0$  (since  $W(0) = 0$ ), and

$$\dot{z}(s) = T(t-s)AW(s) - T(t-s)AW(s) = 0 \quad \text{for all } s \in [0, t].$$

We conclude that  $z$  is constant on  $[0, t]$ ; in particular

$$0 = z(0) = z(t) = W(t).$$

Since  $W(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in [0, \tau]$ , we have  $w(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in [0, \tau]$  and  $u(t) = \tilde{u}(t)$  for all  $t \in [0, \tau]$ .

Assume now that for every  $u_0 \in X$ , (NHODE) has exactly one weak solution  $u$  satisfying  $u(0) = u_0$ . Let us denote the value of this solution at time  $t$  by  $u(t; u_0)$ . Now for each  $u_0 \in X$  we can define

$$T(t)u_0 = u(t; u_0) - u(t; 0) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau]. \quad (15)$$

Observe that for all  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x^*, T(t)u_0 \rangle = \langle A^*x^*, T(t)u_0 \rangle \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau].$$

(In other words,  $t \rightarrow T(t)u_0$  is a weak solution of  $\dot{u} = Au$ .) For  $t > \tau$ , we choose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in [0, \tau]$  such that  $t = n\tau + s$  and we define

$$T(t)u_0 = T(s)T(\tau)^n u_0.$$

It is not too difficult to show that  $T$  is a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup. This is left as an exercise. [Notice that the only weak solution of  $\dot{w} = Aw$  on  $[0, \tau]$  satisfying  $w(0) = 0$  is identically 0 on  $[0, \tau]$ ; otherwise there would be multiple weak solutions of (NHODE) on  $[0, \tau]$  satisfying the same initial condition. This observation is useful for establishing the semigroup property. To establish continuity of  $T$  in the strong operator topology, consider the graph of the mapping  $x \rightarrow T(\cdot)x$  from  $X$  to  $C([0, \tau]; X)$ .]

Let  $\hat{A}$  be the infinitesimal generator of  $T$ . We need to show that  $\hat{A} = A$ . To accomplish this we shall first show that  $A$  is an extension of  $\hat{A}$ . Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}(\hat{A})$  and  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*)$  be given. Then we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x^*, T(t)x \rangle = \langle A^*x^*, T(t)x \rangle,$$

and evaluating this expression at  $t = 0$  we find that

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \langle x^*, T(t)x \rangle \right|_{t=0} = \langle A^* x^*, x \rangle. \quad (16)$$

Since  $\hat{A}$  is the infinitesimal generator of  $T$  we also have

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \langle x^*, T(t)x \rangle \right|_{t=0} = \langle x^*, \hat{A}x \rangle. \quad (17)$$

It follows from (16) and (17) that

$$\langle x^*, \hat{A}x \rangle = \langle A^* x^*, x \rangle \quad \text{for all } x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*).$$

Lemma 11.12 implies that  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $Ax = \hat{A}x$ .

Now let  $x \in X$  and  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*)$  be given. By the definition of weak solution and the construction of  $T$  we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x^*, T(t)x \rangle = \langle A^* x^*, T(t)x \rangle \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau]. \quad (18)$$

Integration of (18) gives

$$\langle x^*, T(t)x \rangle - \langle x^*, x \rangle = \langle A^* x^*, \int_0^t T(s)x ds \rangle \quad \text{for all } x \in X, x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*). \quad (19)$$

Consequently we also have

$$\langle x^*, T(t)Ax \rangle - \langle x^*, Ax \rangle = \langle A^* x^*, \int_0^t T(s)Ax ds \rangle \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{D}(A), x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A^*). \quad (20)$$

Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $t \in [0, \tau]$  be given. Applying Lemma 11.12 to (19) and (20) we conclude that

$$\int_0^t T(s)x ds \in \mathcal{D}(A), \quad \int_0^t T(s)Ax ds \in \mathcal{D}(A),$$

and

$$T(t)x = x + A \int_0^t T(s)x ds, \quad (21)$$

$$T(t)Ax = Ax + A \int_0^t T(s)Ax ds. \quad (22)$$

Now put

$$V(t) = \int_0^t T(s)Ax ds - A \int_0^t T(s)x ds \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau],$$

and observe that  $V \in C([0, \tau]; X)$  by virtue of (21). Clearly  $V(0) = 0$ . Let  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  be given. Using (21) and (22) and some straightforward computations we find that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x^*, V(t) \rangle = \langle A^* x^*, V(t) \rangle, \quad t \in [0, \tau].$$

As noted above, the only weak solution of  $\dot{w} = Aw$ ,  $w(0) = 0$  on  $[0, \tau]$  is the zero solution so we can conclude that  $V(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in [0, \tau]$  which yields

$$\int_0^t T(s)Ax \, ds = A \int_0^t T(s)x \, ds \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \tau]. \quad (23)$$

Using (21) and (23) we find that

$$T(h)x - x = \int_0^h T(s)Ax \, ds \quad \text{for all } h \in (0, \tau].$$

We can conclude that

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{T(h)x - x}{h} = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h T(s)Ax \, ds = Ax.$$

It follows that  $x \in \mathcal{D}(\hat{A})$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

### Compact Semigroups

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup. Let  $t_0 > 0$  be given. If  $T(t_0)$  is compact and  $t > t_0$  then  $T(t)$  is also compact because

$$T(t) = (T(t - t_0))T(t_0)$$

and the product of a bounded operator with a compact one is compact.

It follows that the set of all  $t \in [0, \infty)$  such that  $T(t)$  is compact is an interval of the form  $[\tau, \infty)$  or  $(\tau, \infty)$  with  $\tau \geq 0$ . Recall that the identity operator is compact if and only if  $X$  is finite-dimensional, so we want to be careful about making any assumptions that might imply  $T(0)$  is compact. Semigroups having the property that  $\{t \in [0, \infty) : T(t) \in \mathcal{C}(X; X)\}$  is a nonempty proper subset of  $(0, \infty)$  are referred to as *eventually compact*. In 1953, Phillips gave an example which showed that the class of eventually compact semigroups is not stable under bounded perturbations of the infinitesimal generator. We shall focus here on linear  $C_0$ -semigroups having the property that  $T(t)$  is compact for every  $t > 0$ . (This class of semigroups is, in fact, stable under bounded perturbations of the infinitesimal generator.)

**Definition 11.13:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup. We say that  $T$  is compact on  $(0, \infty)$  provided that  $T(t) \in \mathcal{C}(X; X)$  for every  $t > 0$ .

Our first result says that semigroups that are compact on  $(0, \infty)$  are continuous in the uniform operator topology on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Lemma 11.14:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup. Assume that  $T$  is compact on  $(0, \infty)$ . Then  $T$  is continuous in the uniform operator topology on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Proof:** Put

$$M = \sup\{\|T(s)\| : s \in [0, 1]\}, \quad (24)$$

and notice that  $M \geq 1$ . Let  $t, \epsilon > 0$  be given and put

$$U_t = \{T(t)x : x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1\},$$

$$\eta = \frac{\epsilon}{2(M+1)}. \quad (25)$$

The set  $U_t$  is totally bounded since its closure is compact. Therefore we may choose  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N \in \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$  such that

$$U_t \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^N B_\eta(T(t)x_k) \quad (26)$$

Since each of the mappings  $s \rightarrow T(s)x_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$  is continuous at  $t$  we may choose  $\delta \in (0, 1]$  such that

$$\|T(t+h)x_k - T(t)x_k\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ for all } h \in (0, \delta), k = 1, 2, \dots, N. \quad (27)$$

Let  $x \in X$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$  be given. In view of (26) we may choose  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  such that

$$\|T(t)x - T(t)x_k\| < \eta. \quad (28)$$

For  $h \geq 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(t+h)x - T(t)x &= T(t+h)x - T(t+h)x_k + T(t+h)x_k - T(t)x_k \\ &\quad + T(t)x_k - T(t)x \\ &= T(h)[T(t)x - T(t)x_k] + (T(t+h)x_k - T(t)x_k) \\ &\quad + (T(t)x_k - T(t)x). \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Taking norms in (29) and using (24), (25), (27), (28) we find that for all  $h \in [0, \delta)$

$$\|T(t+h)x - T(t)x\| < M\eta + \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \eta \leq \epsilon.$$

This establishes right continuity in the uniform operator topology at  $t$ .

Left continuity in the uniform operator topology at  $t$  follows easily from right continuity at  $\frac{t}{2}$  and the observation

$$\|T(t-h) - T(t)\| \leq \left\| T\left(\frac{t}{2} - h\right) \right\| \cdot \left\| T\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) - T\left(\frac{t}{2} + h\right) \right\|. \quad \square$$

Before stating our next result about compact semigroups we make a simple, but useful, observation concerning compactness of resolvents of closed operators.

**Proposition 11.15:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset X$ . Assume that  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is linear and closed. Let  $\lambda, \mu \in \rho(A)$  be given and assume that  $R(\mu; A) \in \mathcal{C}(X; X)$ . Then  $R(\lambda; A) \in \mathcal{C}(X; X)$ .

**Proof:** By Proposition 7.26, we have

$$R(\lambda; A) = R(\mu; A) + (\mu - \lambda)R(\lambda; A)R(\mu; A).$$

The conclusion now follows from the facts the product of a bounded operator with a compact one is compact and linear combinations of compact operators are compact.  $\square$

**Theorem 11.16:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup with infinitesimal generator  $A$ . Assume that  $T$  is continuous in the uniform operator topology on  $(0, \infty)$ . The following three statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $T$  is compact on  $(0, \infty)$ .
- (ii) There exists  $\lambda_0 \in \rho(A)$  such that  $R(\lambda_0; A)$  is compact.
- (iii)  $R(\lambda; A)$  is compact for every  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$ .

**Proof:** In view of Proposition 11.15, we already know that (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii). Choose  $M, \omega \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\|T(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t} \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0.$$

Assume first that (i) holds. Let  $\lambda > \omega$  be given. By Lemma 9.6, we know that  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  and

$$R(\lambda; A)x = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t)x \, dt \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

Since  $T$  is continuous in the uniform operator topology on  $(0, \infty)$  (and because of our bound for  $\|T(t)\|$ ), we know that the integral

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t) \, dt \tag{30}$$

converges in the uniform operator topology. (The lack of continuity at the left end-point does not cause any difficulties.) It follows that

$$R(\lambda; A) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t) \, dt.$$

For each  $\epsilon > 0$ , put

$$R_\epsilon(\lambda; A) = \int_\epsilon^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t) \, dt \tag{31}$$

and observe that the integral converges in the uniform operator topology. Since  $T(t)$  is compact for every  $t > 0$  we can conclude that  $R_\epsilon(\lambda; A)$  is compact for every  $\epsilon > 0$ . On the other hand, for every  $x \in X$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$  and every  $\epsilon > 0$  we have

$$\|R(\lambda; A)x - R_\epsilon(\lambda; A)x\| \leq \left\| \int_0^\epsilon e^{-\lambda t} T(t)x dt \right\| \leq \epsilon M. \quad (32)$$

It follows that  $R(\lambda; A)$  is the uniform limit of compact operators and is therefore compact.

Assume now that (iii) holds. We have  $\rho(A) \supset (\omega, \infty)$  and

$$R(\lambda; A) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} T(s) ds \quad \text{for all } \lambda > \omega. \quad (33)$$

The integral in (33) converges in the uniform operator topology.

Let  $t > 0$  and  $\lambda > \omega$  be given. It follows from (33) that

$$\lambda R(\lambda; A)T(t) = \lambda \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} T(t+s) ds,$$

and consequently

$$\lambda R(\lambda; A)T(t) - T(t) = \lambda \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} [T(t+s) - T(t)] ds. \quad (34)$$

We therefore find that for every  $\delta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda R(\lambda; A)T(t) - T(t)\| &\leq \int_0^\delta \lambda e^{-\lambda s} \|T(t+s) - T(t)\| ds \\ &\quad + \int_\delta^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda s} \|T(t+s) - T(t)\| ds \\ &\leq \sup_{0 \leq s \leq \delta} \|T(t+s) - T(t)\| \\ &\quad + \frac{2\lambda M e^{\omega(t+\delta)} e^{-\lambda \delta}}{\lambda - \omega}. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. We may choose  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{0 \leq s \leq \delta} \|T(t+s) - T(t)\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad (36)$$

Then we choose  $\Lambda$  such that

$$\frac{2\lambda M e^{\omega(t+\delta)} e^{-\lambda \delta}}{\lambda - \omega} < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \text{for all } \lambda > \Lambda. \quad (37)$$

It follows that (35), (36), and (37) that

$$\|\lambda R(\lambda; A)T(t) - T(t)\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since  $\lambda R(\lambda; A)T(t)$  is compact for every  $\lambda > \omega$  we conclude that  $T(t)$  is compact.  $\square$

**Remark 11.17:** Theorem 11.16 is not completely satisfactory because it does not characterize semigroups that are compact on  $(0, \infty)$  solely in terms of properties of the infinitesimal generators  $A$ . The difficulty is in ensuring continuity in the uniform operator topology on  $(0, \infty)$ . I do not know of a nice characterization of semigroups that are continuous in the uniform operator topology on  $(0, \infty)$  solely in terms of the generators of such semigroups.

### *Differentiable Semigroups*

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup with infinitesimal generator  $A$ . We know that for  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$ , the mapping  $t \rightarrow T(t)x$  is differentiable on  $[0, \infty)$ . We are interested here in semigroups having the property that for every  $x \in X$ , the mapping  $t \rightarrow T(t)x$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$ . Such semigroups will be called *differentiable semigroups*. There are two (equivalent) basic approaches to making a definition of differentiable semigroup – one can require differentiability on  $(0, \infty)$  of the mapping  $t \rightarrow T(t)x$  for every  $x \in X$  or one can require that  $T(t) : X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(A)$  for all  $t > 0$ . (It is also possible to study semigroups that are *eventually differentiable*, i.e. semigroups for which there exists  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that for every  $x \in X$ , the mapping  $t \rightarrow T(t)x$  is differentiable on  $(t_0, \infty)$ . We shall not do so here. The interested reader is referred to Section 2.4 of Pazy.)

**Definition 11.18:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup. We say that  $T$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  provided that for all  $x \in X$ , the mapping  $t \rightarrow T(t)x$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Proposition 11.19:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup with infinitesimal generator  $A$ . The following two statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $T$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$ .
- (ii)  $T(t)[X] \subset \mathcal{D}(A)$  for all  $t > 0$ .

Moreover if (i) [and hence also (ii)] holds we have  $T'(t)x = AT(t)x$  for every  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

**Proof:** Assume that (i) holds and let  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$  be given. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} T'(t)x &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(t+h)x - T(t)x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{T(t+h)x - T(t)x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \left( \frac{T(h) - I}{h} \right) T(t)x. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $T(t)x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $AT(t)x = T'(t)x$ .

Assume now that (ii) holds and let  $t > 0$  be given. Then we know that  $T(\cdot)x$  is right differentiable at  $t$  with right derivative equal to  $AT(t)x$ . We need to show that the left derivative exists and also equals  $AT(t)x$ . Let  $h \in (0, t)$  be given and observe

$$T(t)x - T(t-h)x = T\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) [T(h) - I] T\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) x.$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{T(t-h)x - T(t)x}{-h} = T\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) AT\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) x = AT(t)x. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 11.20:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup. Assume that  $T$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$ . Then

(a) The mapping  $t \rightarrow T(t)$  is of class  $C^\infty$  in the uniform operator topology on  $(0, \infty)$ .

(b) For every  $t > 0$ ,  $T(t) : X \rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{D}(A^n)$ .

(c) For every  $t > 0$  and every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A^n T(t) \in \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  and

$$T^{(n)}(t) = A^n T(t) = \left( AT\left(\frac{t}{n}\right) \right)^n.$$

Before proving the theorem we observe that if an operator-valued function  $V$  is differentiable in the strong operator topology and the derivative is continuous in the uniform operator topology then  $V$  is differentiable in the uniform operator topology.

**Lemma 11.21:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $J \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open interval. Assume that  $V : J \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  is differentiable on  $J$  in the strong operator topology with derivative  $V'$ , i.e.

$$\forall t \in J, x \in X, \quad V'(t)x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{V(t+h)x - V(t)x}{h}.$$



Assume further that the mapping  $t \rightarrow V'(t)$  is continuous in the uniform operator topology. Then  $V$  is differentiable on  $J$  in the uniform operator topology, i.e.

$$\forall t \in J, \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{V(t+h) - V(t)}{h} - V'(t) \right\| = 0. \quad (38)$$

**Proof:** For every  $x \in X$  and every  $t_1, t_2 \in J$  we have

$$V(t_2)x - V(t_1)x = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} V'(s)x \, ds.$$

Since  $V'$  is continuous in the uniform operator topology, the integral

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} V'(s) \, ds$$

exists in the uniform operator topology, so we must have

$$V(t_1) - V(t_2) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} V'(s) \, ds \quad \text{for all } t_1, t_2 \in J. \quad (39)$$

It follows from (39) (and continuity of  $V'$ ) that (38) holds.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 11.20:** Let  $x \in X$  be given. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , consider the statement

(S<sub>n</sub>) For every  $t > 0$ ,  $T(t)x \in \mathcal{D}(A^n)$ ,  $T(\cdot)x$  is  $n$ -times differentiable at  $t$ ,

$$T^{(n)}(t)x = A^n T(t)x = \left( AT \left( \frac{t}{n} \right) \right)^n x,$$

and  $A^n T(t) \in \mathcal{L}(X; X)$ .

We use induction to show that (S<sub>n</sub>) holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Base Case:* Let  $t > 0$  be given. By the definition of differentiable semigroup, we know that  $T(\cdot)x$  is differentiable at  $t$ , and by Proposition 11.19, we know that  $T(t)x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$ . We also have

$$T'(t)x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(t+h)x - T(t)x}{h} = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \left( \frac{T(h) - I}{h} \right) T(t)x = AT(t)x.$$

Since  $A$  is closed and  $T(t) \in \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  we conclude that  $AT(t)$  is closed. By the Closed Graph Theorem, we have  $AT(t) \in \mathcal{L}(X; X)$ .

*Inductive Step:* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be given and assume that (S<sub>n</sub>) holds. Let  $t > 0$  and  $h \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|h| < \frac{t}{n+1}$  be given. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} T^{(n)}(t+h)x - T^{(n)}(t)x &= A^n [T(t+h)x - T(t)x] \\ &= A^n T \left( \frac{nt}{n+1} \right) \left[ T \left( \frac{t}{n+1} + h \right) x - T \left( \frac{t}{n+1} \right) x \right] \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Dividing by  $h$ , letting  $h \rightarrow 0$ , and using the fact  $A$  commutes with  $T(\frac{t}{2})$  on  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} T^{(n+1)}(t)x &= A^n T\left(\frac{nt}{n+1}\right) T'\left(\frac{t}{n+1}\right)x \\ &= A^n T\left(\frac{nt}{n+1}\right) AT\left(\frac{t}{n+1}\right)x \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

Using the semigroup property and the fact that  $A$  commutes with  $T(\cdot)$  on the domain of  $A$  we infer from (41) that

$$T^{(n+1)}(t)x = A^{n+1}T(t)x.$$

On the other hand, we know that

$$A^n T\left(\frac{nt}{n+1}\right) = \left(AT\left(\frac{t}{n+1}\right)\right)^n,$$

so we also conclude from (41) that

$$T^{(n+1)}(t) = \left(AT\left(\frac{t}{n+1}\right)\right)^{n+1}.$$

The Closed Graph Theorem implies that  $A^{n+1}T(t) \in \mathcal{L}(X; X)$ .

We conclude that  $(S_n)$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We have shown that  $T(\cdot)$  is of class  $C^\infty$  in the strong operator topology. It remains to establish infinite differentiability in the uniform operator topology. In view of Lemma 11.21, it suffices to show that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $T^{(n)}$  is continuous in the uniform operator topology on  $(0, \infty)$ .

We choose  $M \geq 1$  and  $\omega \geq 0$  such that

$$\|T(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t} \text{ for all } t \geq 0.$$

Let  $n \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in X$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$ , and  $t_1, t_2 \in (0, \infty)$  with  $t_1 \leq t_2$  be given. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} T^{(n)}(t_2)x - T^{(n)}(t_1)x &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} A^{n+1}T(s)x \, ds \\ &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} A^{n+1}T(t_1)T(s-t_1)x \, ds. \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Taking norms in (42) and then taking the supremum over all  $x \in X$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$  we find that

$$\|T^{(n)}(t_2) - T^{(n)}(t_1)\| \leq (t_2 - t_1)Me^{\omega(t_2-t_1)}\|A^{(n+1)}T(t_1)\|.$$

It follows that  $T^{(n)}$  is continuous in the uniform operator topology for every  $n \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$ .

This completes the proof  $\square$ .

If the generator  $A$  of a differentiable semigroup  $T$  is unbounded then  $\|AT(t)\|$  blows up as  $t \downarrow 0$ . We shall show that if  $A$  is unbounded then

$$\limsup_{t \downarrow 0} t^{-1} \|AT(t)\| \geq e^{-1}.$$

There is no upper limit to how fast  $\|AT(t)\|$  can blow up as  $t \downarrow 0$ .

In 1995, Renardy gave an example (in Hilbert space) of a linear operator  $A$  generating a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup that is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  and an everywhere-defined bounded linear operator  $L$  such that the semigroup generated by  $A + L$  fails to be differentiable. (In fact, it is not even eventually differentiable.) Subsequently, Doytchinov, Hrusa, and Watson gave a sharp growth condition on  $\|AT(t)\|$  as  $t \downarrow 0$  for a differentiable semigroup  $T$  with infinitesimal generator  $A$  which guarantees that the semigroup generated by  $A + L$  will be differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  for every  $L \in \mathcal{L}(X; X)$ .

We close this section by stating a theorem of Pazy (and a corollary) that characterizes generators of differentiable semigroups in terms of spectral properties. In order to state these results, it is convenient to introduce a family of subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Given  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b > 0$ , put

$$\Sigma_{b,a} = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) > a - b \log |\operatorname{Im}(\lambda)|\}. \quad (43)$$

**Theorem 11.22:** Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space and let  $M, \omega \in \mathbb{R}$  be given. Let  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup satisfying  $\|T(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t}$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and having infinitesimal generator  $A$ . Then  $T$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  if and only if for every  $b > 0$  there exist constants  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $C > 0$  such that  $\rho(A) \supset \Sigma_{b,a}$  and

$$\|R(\lambda; A)\| \leq C |\operatorname{Im}(\lambda)| \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in \Sigma_{b,a} \text{ with } \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \leq \omega.$$

**Corollary 11.23:** Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space and let  $M, \omega \in \mathbb{R}$  be given. Let  $T : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X; X)$  be a linear  $C_0$ -semigroup satisfying  $\|T(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t}$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and having infinitesimal generator  $A$ . Let  $\mu > \omega$  be given and assume

$$\limsup_{|\tau| \rightarrow \infty} \log |\tau| \cdot \|R(\mu + i\tau; A)\| = 0.$$

Then  $T$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$ . [The variable  $\tau$  in the limit above is real.]

Proofs of Theorem 11.22 and Corollary 11.23 are given in Section 2.4 of Pazy.