

is everywhere defined and therefore bounded (use Prop.1.9(i)). In general the precise extent of the domain $D(A)$ is essential for the characterization of the generator. But since the domain is canonically associated to the generator of a semigroup we shall write in most cases A instead of $(A, D(A))$.

As a first result we collect some information on the domain of the generator.

Proposition 1.6. For the generator A of a semigroup $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ on a Banach space E the following assertions hold:

(i) If $f \in D(A)$ then $T(t)f \in D(A)$ for every $t \geq 0$.

(ii) The map $t \mapsto T(t)f$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R}_+ if and only if $f \in D(A)$. In that case one has

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{d}{dt} T(t)f = AT(t)f = T(t)Af.$$

(iii) For every $f \in E$ and $t > 0$ the element $\int_0^t T(s)f ds$ belongs to $D(A)$ and one has

$$(1.3) \quad A \int_0^t T(s)f ds = T(t)f - f.$$

(iv) If $f \in D(A)$ then

$$(1.4) \quad \int_0^t T(s)Af ds = T(t)f - f.$$

(v) The domain $D(A)$ is dense in E .

The identity (1.2) is of great importance and shows how semigroups are related to certain Cauchy problems. We state this explicitly in the following theorem.

Theorem 1.7. Let $(A, D(A))$ be the generator of a strongly continuous semigroup $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ on the Banach space E . Then the 'abstract Cauchy problem'

$$(ACP) \quad \frac{d}{dt}\xi(t) = A\xi(t), \quad \xi(0) = f_0,$$

has a unique solution $\xi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow D(A)$ in $C^1(\mathbb{R}_+, E)$ for every $f_0 \in D(A)$. In fact, this solution is given by $\xi(t) := T(t)f_0$.