

estimated. However, the resolvent has to be known in the right half-plane instead of a right half-line.

On the other hand, given a strongly continuous semigroup, merely an estimate on a vertical line implies that the semigroup is holomorphic. More precisely, the following holds.

Corollary. A strongly continuous semigroup with generator  $A$  is holomorphic if and only if there exist  $w > \omega(A)$  and  $M \geq 0$  such that one has  $\|R(w + i\eta, A)\| \leq M/|\eta|$  for all  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Proof. In fact, assume that the condition holds. Since  $A - w$  is the generator of a bounded semigroup one has  $\|R(\lambda, A - w)\| \leq N/\operatorname{Re} \lambda$  for some  $N > 0$  and all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfying  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0$ . Consequently, for every  $\alpha \in (0, \pi/2)$ ,  $\|R(\lambda, A - w)\| \leq (|\lambda|/\operatorname{Re} \lambda) \cdot N/|\lambda| \leq N(\cos \alpha)^{-1}/|\lambda|$  for all  $\lambda \in S(\alpha)$ . The remaining estimate for a sector around the imaginary axis is given by the proof of Thm.1.14 and shows that  $A - w$  generates a holomorphic semigroup. The reverse implication is clear.  $\square$

We now prove the following extension of Cor.1.13.

Theorem 1.15. Let  $A$  be the generator of a strongly continuous group. Then  $A^2$  generates a holomorphic semigroup of angle  $\pi/2$ .

Proof. There exists  $w \geq 0$  such that  $(\pm A - w)$  generates a bounded semigroup. Consequently, there exists  $M \geq 0$  such that  $\|R(\mu, \pm A - w)\| \leq M/\operatorname{Re} \mu$  whenever  $\operatorname{Re} \mu > 0$ .

Let  $\alpha \in (0, \pi/2)$ . There exist  $r_0 \geq 0$  and  $\beta \in (0, \pi/2)$  such that  $S(\alpha + \pi/2) \setminus B(r_0) \subset \{z^2 : z \in S(\beta) + w\}$ .

[In fact, the line  $\{w + r(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta) : r \geq 0\}$  can be parameterized by  $z(t) = w + t + i \cdot t/\epsilon$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) (where  $\epsilon > 0$  depends on  $\beta$ ). Then  $z(t)^2 = (w+t)^2 - t^2/\epsilon^2 + i2t(w+t)/\epsilon$ .

Thus  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{Im} z(t)^2 / \operatorname{Re} z(t)^2 = 2\epsilon/(\epsilon^2 - 1)$ . Choose  $\beta \in (\pi/4, \pi/2)$  such that  $\tan(\alpha + \pi/2) > 2\epsilon/(\epsilon^2 - 1)$ .]

Now let  $\lambda \in S(\alpha + \pi/2) \setminus B(r_0)$ . Then there exist  $\theta \in (-\beta, \beta)$  and  $r \geq 0$  such that  $\lambda = (re^{i\theta} + w)^2$ . Thus  $(\lambda - A^2) = (re^{i\theta} + w - A)(re^{i\theta} + w - A)$ . Hence  $\lambda \in \rho(A^2)$  and  $R(\lambda, A^2) = R(re^{i\theta}, A - w)R(re^{i\theta}, -A - w)$ . We conclude that  $|\lambda| \cdot \|R(\lambda, A^2)\| \leq |\lambda| \cdot M^2 / (\cos \theta)^2 r^2 \leq (|\lambda|/r^2) \cdot M^2 / (\cos \beta)^2$ . Thus  $|\lambda| \cdot R(\lambda, A^2)$  is uniformly bounded for  $\lambda \in S(\alpha + \pi/2) \setminus B(r_0)$ .  $\square$