Therefore $\|T(t)R(0,A)^nf\| \le C'e^{qt}\|f\|_{-\infty}^{\infty} (q^2+s^2)^{-1} ds = M \cdot e^{qt} \cdot \|f\|$ or $\|T(t)f\| \le M \cdot e^{qt}\|A^nf\|$ for $f \in D(A^n)$.

In view of the characterizations given in Section 1 of A-II, the semigroups occurring in the theorem are holomorphic if n = 1. In this case one may apply (1.7) to obtain the stronger statement (1.8).

Instead of making assumptions on the resolvent of A we now take a different view and characterize the property " $\omega(A)$ < 0" in terms of the semigroup (T(t))_{+>0} directly.

<u>Proposition</u> 1.10. Let A be the generator of the strongly continuous semigroup $(T(t))_{t\geq 0}$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) ω (A) < 0
- (b) $\lim_{t\to\infty} \|T(t)\| = 0$
- (c) ||T(t')|| < 1 for some t' > 0.

<u>Proof.</u> The only nontrivial implication (c) \rightarrow (a) follows from

Other less obvious characterizations of the property " $\omega(A)$ < 0" are given in the next theorem. The equivalence of (a) and (c) is known as Datko's Theorem.

Theorem 1.11. Let A be the generator of a strongly continuous semigroup $(T(t))_{t\geq 0}$ on a Banach space E . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) $\omega(A) < 0$.
- (b) s(A) < 0 and there is $t_O > 0$ such that $|\lambda| < 1$ for every $\lambda \in A\sigma(T(t_O))$.
- (c) For every (some) $p \ge 1$ exists $\int_0^\infty ||T(t)f||^p dt$ for every $f \in E$.

<u>Proof.</u> The implication "(a) \rightarrow (b)" follows from $r(T(t)) = e^{\omega(A)t} < 1$ and $s(A) \leq \omega(A) < 0$. For the point and residual spectrum the spectral mapping theorem is valid (see A-III,Thm.6.3). The approximate point spectrum is closed, hence the additional information in (ii)