

$$(1.5) \quad \omega_1(A) = \inf\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda : \text{weak-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} T(s) ds \text{ exists}\} \\ = \inf\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda : \text{uniform-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} T(s) ds \text{ exists}\}.$$

(b) In the equations (1.4) and (1.5) the term "Re  $\lambda$ " may be replaced by " $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ " (use (1.1)).

Proof of Thm.1.4. The equality  $\omega_1(A) = \inf\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda : \int_0^\infty \|e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f\| dt \text{ exists for all } f \in D(A)\}$  follows from the definition of  $\omega_1(A)$  and the lemma used in the proof of Thm.1.3.

We prove  $\omega_1(A) = \inf\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda : \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} T(s)f ds \text{ exists for every } f \in E\}$ . The identity

$$T(t)f = e^{\lambda t}(f - \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} T(s)(\lambda - A)f ds)$$

yields

$$\omega_1(A) \leq \inf\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda : \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f dt \text{ exists for every } f \in \operatorname{im}(\lambda - A)\}.$$

Therefore

$$\omega_1(A) \leq \inf\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda : \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f dt \text{ exists for every } f \in E\} =: b.$$

Take  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega_1(A)$ . Then  $\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f dt$  exists for every  $f \in D(A)$ . Define  $g := \int_0^1 e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f dt$ . Then  $g \in D(A)$  and  $\int_0^n e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f dt = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{-\lambda k} T(k)g$ . Since  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega_1(A)$  it follows that the sum converges for every  $g \in D(A)$ . Therefore the integral converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) for every  $f \in E$ . For every  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  define a bounded operator  $T_t$  by  $f \mapsto \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} T(s)f ds$ . As seen above,  $T_n f$  converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) for every  $f \in E$ . It follows from the Uniform Boundedness Principle that the family  $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly bounded.

For every  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t' \in [0, 1]$  such that  $T_t = T_{t'} + e^{-\lambda t} T(t')T_n$ . Since the operator families on the right side of the equation are uniformly bounded the same is true for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . Since  $(T_t f)_{t \geq 0}$  converges for every  $f \in D(A)$  it follows that  $(T_t f)_{t \geq 0}$  converges for every  $f \in E$ . Thus  $b \leq \omega_1(A)$ . □

The inequality

$$\omega(A) \geq \inf\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda : \int_0^\infty \|e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f\| dt \text{ exists for every } f \in E\}$$

in combination with the lemma of Thm.1.3 implies that the growth bound  $\omega(A)$  coincides with the abscissa of absolute convergence of the Laplace transform of  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ; i.e.,

$$(1.6) \quad \omega(A) = \inf\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda : \int_0^\infty \|e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f\| dt \text{ exists for every } f \in E\}.$$

As seen in A-I, Prop.1.11, if  $\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f dt$  exists for every  $f \in E$ , then  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  and  $R(\lambda, A)f = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t)f dt$ . This and Thm.1.4 yield the following corollary.