

If  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is eventually norm-continuous then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t)f$  exists for every  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ .

Proof. Since the semigroup is positive and eventually norm-continuous its boundary spectrum is cyclic and bounded, i.e. we have  $P\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbb{R} = \{0\}$ . Moreover there exist  $t_0 > 0$  and  $\tau > 0$  such that  $\|T(t_0) - T(t_0 + \tau)\| < 1$ .

For bounded linear operators  $S \in L(L^1)$  one has  $\|S\| = \| |S| \|$  (see IV, Thm.1.5 of Schaefer (1974)) hence  $\| |T(t_0) - T(t_0 + \tau)| f \| < \|f\|$  for every  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ ,  $f \neq 0$ . This shows that condition (2) of Thm.2.6(a) can be true only when  $e_2 = 0$ , i.e.,  $X_2 = \emptyset$ .

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Corollary 2.10. Let  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be an irreducible semigroup on  $L^p(\mu)$  satisfying the assumptions of Thm.2.6.

If  $P\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbb{R} = \{0\}$  and if there exist  $0 \leq r < s$ , such that  $\inf\{T(r), T(s)\} > 0$  then there exists a strictly positive function  $h \in L^q(\mu)$  ( $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ) such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t)f = \langle f, h \rangle e$  for every  $f \in L^p(\mu)$ .

Proof. Since  $\inf\{T(r), T(s)\} > 0$  we have  $(\inf\{T(r), T(s)\})e > 0$  for the strictly positive fixed vector  $e$ . Since the regular operators on  $L^p(\mu)$  form a vector lattice it follows by [Schaefer (1974), II.1.4, Formula (5) & (5')] that  $|T(r) - T(s)|e = T(r)e + T(s)e - 2(\inf\{T(r), T(s)\})e < 2e$ . Consequently the first alternative of Thm.2.6(b) holds true with  $\tau := s - r$ . Equivalently, we have  $X_2 = \emptyset$  and by Cor.2.7  $Pf := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t)f$  exists for every  $f \in L^p(\mu)$ .

The limit  $P$  is a positive projection, satisfying  $PT(t) = T(t)P = P$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . It follows that  $\text{im } P \subset \ker A$  and  $\text{im } P' \subset \ker A'$ . Since  $P \neq 0$  ( $Pe = e$ ) we conclude that  $\ker A'$  contains positive elements. Now C-III, Prop.3.5(a)-(c) implies that  $P$  has the form  $P = h \otimes e$  for a strictly positive function  $h \in L^q(\mu) = (L^p(\mu))'$ .

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In a last corollary we consider the case where one operator  $T(t_0)$  is a kernel operator, i.e.,  $T(t_0)$  is induced by a  $\mu \otimes \mu$ -measurable kernel on  $X \times X$ . The corollary is of particular interest for semigroups on spaces  $\ell^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , where every positive operator is a kernel operator. For a precise definition and fundamental properties of kernel operators we refer to Sec.IV.9 of Schaefer (1974) or Chap.13 of Zaanen (1983). In particular we recall that the restriction of a kernel operator to a sublattice is again a kernel operator and that