

Theorem 3.1. The operator A defined above is the generator of a semigroup $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ on E .

For every $f \in E$, $t \geq 0$ we have for a.e. $s \in [-1, 0]$

$$(3.3) \quad (T(t)f)(s) = \begin{cases} f(t+s) & \text{if } t+s \leq 0 \\ \phi(T(t+s)f) & \text{if } t+s > 0. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if $f \in D(A)$ then the translation property (T) (see B-IV, Thm.3.1) is satisfied.

Proof. Consider $E_1 := D(A)$ endowed with the graph norm and $A_1 := A$ restricted to $D(A_1) := D(A^2)$. By (A-I, 3.5) A_1 generates the semigroup $(T(t)|_{D(A)})_{t \geq 0}$. On E_1 point evaluation is a continuous mapping and therefore the translation property can be shown as in the proof of B-IV, Thm.3.1. Hence we obtain

$$(3.4) \quad (T(t)f)(s) = \begin{cases} f(t+s) & \text{if } t+s \leq 0 \\ \phi(T(t+s)f) & \text{if } t+s > 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} f(t+s) & \text{if } t+s \leq 0 \\ (T(t+s)f)(0) & \text{if } t+s > 0; \end{cases}$$

i.e. (3.3) is valid for $f \in D(A)$. It remains to show (3.3) for all $f \in E$. Fix $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and $s \in [-t, 0]$. For $t+s > 0$ the equality follows immediately by the continuity of ϕ from (3.4). For the case $t+s \leq 0$ we consider $g \in L^\infty[-1, 0]$ with $\text{supp } g \subset [-1, -t]$. Comparing (3.1) and (3.4) we see that $\langle (T(t) - T_0(t))f, g \rangle = 0$ for all $f \in D(A)$, and hence for all $f \in E$.

Consequently $(T(t) - T_0(t))f = 0$ a.e. on $[-1, -t]$ which shows $(T(t)f)(s) = f(t+s)$ for a.e. $s \in [-1, -t]$. □

The following corollary corresponds to B-IV, Cor.3.2 and assures the well-posedness of (RE):

Corollary 3.2. For every $f \in E$ the function u defined by

$$(3.5) \quad u(t) := \begin{cases} f(t) & \text{if } -1 \leq t \leq 0 \\ \phi(T(t)f) & \text{if } t > 0 \end{cases}$$

is the unique solution of (RE), in particular (RE) is well-posed. If $f \in D(A)$ then $u(t) = T(t)f(0)$ for $t > 0$.

Proof. As in the proof of B-IV, Cor.3.2 we have $u_t = T(t)f$ for $t \geq 0$ since $u_t(s) = u(t+s) = (T(t)f)(s)$ by the definition of u and by formula (3.3). Thus $u(t) = \phi(T(t)f) = \phi(u_t)$ if $t \geq 0$.

Also by the definition of u we have $u_0 = f$.

It remains to show uniqueness. Let w be a solution of (RE) with initial function $w_0 = 0$. Then