

It suffices to show the translation property (T) for $f \in D(A)$ only. To that purpose we treat two cases separately.

1. Let $t \geq 0$, $s \in [-1, 0]$ and $t+s > 0$. It suffices to prove $T(-s)g(s) = g(0)$ for $g := T(t+s)f$. For arbitrary $g \in D(A)$ we define the map

$$h: [-t, 0] \rightarrow F \quad \text{by} \quad h(r) = \delta_r T(-r)g,$$

where δ_r denotes the point evaluation $f \mapsto f(r)$ on E .

For $\theta \neq 0$ we have

$$1/\theta \cdot (h(r+\theta) - h(r)) = 1/\theta \cdot (T(-r-\theta)g(r+\theta) - T(-r)g(r))$$

$$(1) \quad = 1/\theta \cdot (T(-r-\theta)g(r) - T(-r)g(r))$$

$$(2) \quad + 1/\theta \cdot (\delta_{r+\theta} - \delta_r) (T(-r-\theta)g - T(-r)g)$$

$$(3) \quad + 1/\theta \cdot (T(-r)g(r+\theta) - T(-r)g(r)).$$

As $\theta \rightarrow 0$, (1) converges to $-A[T(-r)g](r)$, (2) converges to zero and (3) converges to $A[T(-r)g](r)$. Thus h is continuously differentiable with derivative zero, whence $h(r) = h(0)$ for all $r \in [-t, 0]$. Taking $r = s$ yields $T(-s)g(s) = g(0)$.

2. Let $t \geq 0$, $s \in [-1, 0]$ and $t+s \leq 0$. As in the first case we show that the map $k: [0, t] \rightarrow F: r \mapsto [T(r)f](t+s-r)$ is continuously differentiable with derivative zero.

Thus $f(t+s) = k(0) = k(t) = T(t)f(s)$.

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The translation property (T) enables us to specify the correspondence between the semigroup $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ generated by the operator in (3.1) and the solution of the retarded Cauchy problem (RCP).

Corollary 3.2. For $g \in D(A)$ define $u: [-1, \infty) \rightarrow F$ by

$$u(t) := \begin{cases} g(t) & \text{if } -1 \leq t \leq 0 \\ T(t)g(0) & \text{if } 0 < t. \end{cases}$$

Then u is the unique solution of (RCP).

Proof. Evidently $u \in C([-1, \infty), F)$ for $g \in D(A)$.

From A-I, Prop. 1.6. (iii) and the definition of $D(A)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T(t)g(0) - g(0) &= [A(\int_0^t T(s)g \, ds)](0) \\ &= B[(\int_0^t T(s)g \, ds)(0)] + \phi(\int_0^t T(s)g \, ds) \\ &= B(\int_0^t T(s)g(0) \, ds) + \int_0^t \phi T(s)g \, ds \\ &= B(\int_0^t u(s) \, ds) + \int_0^t \phi T(s)g \, ds, \end{aligned}$$

since $\int_0^t T(s)g \, ds \in D(A)$.