

Proposition 1.11. Let A be the generator of a positive, stable semigroup $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ on a Banach lattice E . Let $F(\cdot)$ be a locally integrable function from \mathbb{R}_+ into E . If there are $G(\cdot) \in C_0(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$, $f_0 \in \text{im } A$ and $g_0 \in \text{im } A_+$ such that $|F(s) - f_0| \leq G(s)g_0$ for every $s \geq 0$, then every mild solution $u(\cdot)$ of (1.6) converges as $t \rightarrow \infty$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t) = -h$ where $h \in D(A)$ with $Ah = -f_0$.

Proof. Recall that every solution of (1.6) satisfies

$$(1.7) \quad u(t) = T(t)f + \int_0^t T(t-s)f_0 \, ds + \int_0^t T(t-s)(F(s) - f_0) \, ds.$$

By the stability of the semigroup and $f \in D(A)$, the first term converges to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Since $f_0 \in \text{im } A$, the second term converges to $h := \int_0^\infty T(s)f_0 \, ds \in \text{im } A$ (A-IV, Thm.1.16) and $Ah = -f_0$. Define $H(s) := F(s) - f_0 = H_+(s) - H_-(s)$. We have to show that $\int_0^t T(t-s)H_\pm(s) \, ds \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Again, the assumption $g_0 \in \text{im } A$ is equivalent to the existence of $\int_0^\infty T(t)g_0 \, dt$. Choose

(i) a constant M such that

$$0 \leq H_\pm(s) \leq H_+(s) + H_-(s) = |H(s)| \leq G(s)g_0 \leq Mg_0$$

(ii) a constant t' such that $\|\int_{t'}^\infty T(s)g_0 \, ds\| \leq \epsilon/(2M)$ and $G(s) \leq \epsilon/2 \|\int_0^\infty T(s)g_0 \, ds\|$ for every $s \geq t'$.

Then, for $t > 2t'$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^t T(t)H_\pm(s) \, ds \leq \int_0^t T(t)G(s)g_0 \, ds \\ &= \int_0^{t'} T(t)G(s)g_0 \, ds + \int_{t'}^t T(t)G(s)g_0 \, ds \\ &\leq M \int_{t-t'}^t T(t)g_0 \, ds + \epsilon/2 \|\int_0^\infty T(t)g_0 \, ds\|^{-1} \int_0^{t-t'} T(t)g_0 \, ds \\ &\leq M \int_{t'}^\infty T(t)g_0 \, ds + \epsilon/2 \|\int_0^\infty T(t)g_0 \, ds\|^{-1} \int_0^\infty T(t)g_0 \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\|\int_0^t T(t)H_\pm(s) \, ds\| \leq \epsilon$ for every $t > 2t'$.

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We conclude with a result similar to the previous proposition. Instead of uniform stability we now require $s(A) < 0$ while the assumption on the forcing term is weaker than in Prop.1.11.

Proposition 1.12. Let $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ be a positive semigroup with $s(A) < 0$. Assume that the forcing term F has values in $D(A)$, that it is continuous with respect to the graph norm and that $f_0 := \|\cdot\|_A - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t)$ exists.

Then for every solution $u(\cdot)$ of (1.6) we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t) = -A^{-1}f_0$.

(Note, that the assumptions imply that (1.6) has a unique strong solution, see [Pazy (1983), Thm.4.2.4].)