

with domain  $D(A'_{\max}) = BV[-1,0]$  (the space of all functions of bounded variation on  $[-1,0]$ ). Here we identify  $BV[-1,0] \subset L^1[-1,0]$  with a subspace of  $C[-1,0]'$  by setting  $\langle f, \phi \rangle = \int_{-1}^0 f(x) \phi(x) dx$  ( $f \in C[-1,0]$ ,  $\phi \in BV[-1,0]$ ). For  $\phi \in BV[-1,0]$ ,  $d\phi$  denotes the linear form on  $C[-1,0]$  given by  $f \mapsto \int_{-1}^0 f(x) d\phi(x)$ .

We now show (2.16). Let  $f \in D(A'_{\max}) = C^1[-1,0]$ ,  $\phi \in D(A'_{\max}) = BV[-1,0]$ . By Lemma 2.4 and the chain rule (Prop. 2.3) we have

$|f(x)|' \quad (:= d^+/dt|_{t=x} |f(t)| = \operatorname{Re}[(\operatorname{sign} \bar{f})f'](x)$  (where  $f'(x) = (\operatorname{Ref})'(x) + i(\operatorname{Imf})'(x)$  in the complex case). Thus

$$\langle \operatorname{Re}[(\operatorname{sign} \bar{f})Af], \phi \rangle = \int_{-1}^0 |f(x)|' \phi(x) dx = \int_{-1}^0 \phi(x) d|f(x)| = \phi(0)|f(0)| - \phi(-1)|f(-1)| - \int_{-1}^0 |f(x)| d\phi(x) = \langle |f|, A'_{\max} \phi \rangle.$$

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**Example 2.13.** Let  $A$  on (the real or complex) space  $C[-1,0]$  be given by  $Af = f'$  with domain  $D(A) = \{f \in C^1[-1,0] : f'(0) = Lf\}$  where  $L \in M[-1,0] = C[-1,0]'$ . Then  $A$  is the generator of a lattice semigroup if and only if  $L = \alpha \delta_0$  for some  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $A$  is the generator of a lattice semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ . There exists  $\mu \in M[-1,0]$  satisfying  $\mu(\{0\}) = 0$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $L = \alpha \delta_0 + \mu$ . We claim that

$$(2.18) \quad |\langle f, \mu \rangle| = \langle |f|, \mu \rangle \quad \text{for all } f \in D(A) \text{ satisfying } f(0) = 0.$$

In fact, by the definition of  $A$  we have

$$(2.19) \quad \delta_0 \in D(A') \quad \text{and} \quad A'\delta_0 = L.$$

Moreover, by Thm. 2.5,  $A$  satisfies Kato's inequality (2.9). Since  $f(0) = 0$  this implies

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle f, \mu \rangle| &= |f'(0)| = \operatorname{Re}[(\operatorname{sign} f)(f')](0) \\ &= \langle \operatorname{Re}[(\operatorname{sign} f)(Af)], \delta_0 \rangle = \langle |f|, A'\delta_0 \rangle \quad (\text{by (2.9)}) \\ &= \langle |f|, \mu \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\phi(f) = f'(0) - \langle f, \mu \rangle$  defines a linear form on the space  $F = \{f \in C^1[-1,0] : f(0) = 0\}$  which is discontinuous for the supremum norm, the space  $D(A) = \ker \phi$  is dense in  $F$  and consequently dense in  $C_0[-1,0]$ . It follows that (2.18) holds for all  $f \in C_0[-1,0]$ . So by B-I, Sec. 2, there exist  $\beta \geq 0$  and  $x \in [-1,0)$  such that  $\mu = \beta \delta_x$ . Assume that  $\beta \neq 0$ . It is easy to see that there exists a real function  $f \in C^1[-1,0]$  satisfying  $f'(0) = \alpha f(0) + \beta f(x)$  and  $f(0)f(x) < 0$ . Hence  $f \in D(A)$  but  $\langle \operatorname{Re}[(\operatorname{sign} f)(Af)], \delta_0 \rangle = (\operatorname{sign} f(0))f'(0) = (\operatorname{sign} f(0))(\alpha f(0) + \beta f(x)) =$