

$t + S(t)\tilde{g}$  is not differentiable in  $t' \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

Assume that there exists a solution of (RCP). By the preceding considerations

$$u(t) = S(t)g(0) + \int_0^t S(t-s)\phi(u_s) ds = S(t)\tilde{g} + \int_0^t S(t-s)\phi(u_s) ds.$$

Thus  $u$  is not differentiable in  $t'$  and we have a contradiction.

Corollary 3.3. Keep the above notation and let  $F$  be finite dimensional. Then the solution semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  in  $E$  corresponding to (RCP) is compact for each  $t > 1$  and therefore is eventually norm continuous.

Proof. Let  $t > 1$ . By the translation property (T) we have  $T(t)f(s) = T(t+s)f(0)$ . Whenever  $t + s > 0$  then Rem.2 following Cor.3.2 shows that  $(T(t)f)(s) = (T(t+s)f)(0) = u(t+s)$  is differentiable with respect to  $s \in [-1, 0]$  for each  $f \in E$ .

Since  $t > 1$  we thus have  $T(t)f \in C^1([-1, 0], F)$  for all  $f \in E$ . The closed graph theorem yields the continuity of  $T(t)$  from  $E$  into  $C^1$ . Hence  $T(t)$  maps the unit ball of  $E$  into a bounded set of  $C^1([-1, 0], F)$ . Again we use the assertion that  $\dim F < \infty$  and obtain by the theorem of Arzela-Ascoli that every bounded set of  $C^1([-1, 0], F)$  is relatively compact in  $E$ . Thus  $T(t)$  is compact for each  $t > 1$ .

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The assertion of Cor.3.3 remains true if  $(S(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is a compact semigroup on a (not necessarily finite dimensional) Banach space  $F$  (see [Travis-Webb (1974)]).

In order to describe the asymptotic behavior of the solutions of (RCP) it is enough to examine the corresponding semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  on  $E$ . Indeed, Cor.3.2 shows that the solutions  $u$  are given by  $u(t) = T(t)g(0)$  for all  $t > 0$  and thus the long term behavior of  $u$  can be deduced from that one of  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ . Our approach is based on the characterization of the stability of the semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  by the location of the spectrum  $\sigma(A)$  of the generator  $A$  as developed in A-IV, Sec.1, B-IV, Sec.1 and C-IV, Sec.1.

We define, for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , operators  $\phi_\lambda \in L(F)$  by

$$(3.3) \quad \phi_\lambda x := \phi(\varepsilon_\lambda \otimes x), \quad x \in F.$$

Since  $\phi_\lambda$  is bounded the operator  $B + \phi_\lambda$  is a generator on  $F$ . The spectrum of  $A$  can now be characterized in terms of the spectrum of the operators  $B + \phi_\lambda$ .