

$$(2.5) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t)f = 0 \quad \text{for every } f \in \text{im}(\text{Id} - T(1)) .$$

That is,  $\text{im}(\text{Id} - T(1)) \subset F$ . Since  $\ker A = \bigcap_{t \geq 0} \ker(\text{Id} - T(t)) = \ker(\text{Id} - T(1))$  (cf. A-III, Cor. 6.4) we have  $\text{im}(\text{Id} - T(1)) + \ker(\text{Id} - T(1)) \subset F$ .

Since power bounded operators on a reflexive Banach space are mean ergodic (e.g., see Krengel (1985), Chap. 2, Thm. 1.2) we obtain that  $\text{im}(\text{Id} - T(1)) + \ker(\text{Id} - T(1))$  is dense in  $E$ , hence  $F = E$ .

□

Strong convergence of the semigroup  $T = (T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  implies strong convergence of the Césaro means  $C(t)f := \frac{1}{t} \cdot \int_0^t T(s)f \, ds$ ,  $f \in E$  which (by definition) is mean ergodicity of the semigroup  $T$  (see Davies (1980), Chap. 5.1). On the other hand an inspection of the proof of Thm. 2.5 shows that reflexivity of the underlying space can be replaced by the assumption that  $T$  is a mean ergodic semigroup.

This remark also shows where to look for examples of semigroups not converging as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ : Consider the positive contraction  $R$  defined by  $(Rf)(x) := f(x+1)$  on  $E = L^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $T(t) := e^{t(R-\text{Id})}$  defines a positive norm-continuous semigroup on  $E$ . Since  $\ker(R - \text{Id}) = \text{Fix } R = \{0\}$  but  $\|T(t)f\| = e^{-t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|R^n f\| t^n / n! = \|f\| > 0$  for every  $0 < f \in E$  we see that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t)$  does not exist for the strong operator topology.

Finally we remark that in Thm. 2.5 'eventual norm-continuity' is crucial as well. This can be seen by considering the translation (semi-) groups on  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ .

In the next few results we study semigroups which are not necessarily eventually norm-continuous, but restrict our attention to positive semigroups on  $L^p$ -spaces ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ). The essential tool will be the following '0-2 law' which we quote from Greiner (1982), Thm. 3.7.

If  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a measure space and  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is a positive semigroup on  $L^p(\mu)$  then we call a subset  $C \in \Sigma$   $(T(t))$ -invariant if the principal ideal generated by the characteristic function  $1_C$  is  $(T(t))$ -invariant in the usual sense.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be a positive contraction semigroup on  $L^p(\mu)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , and assume that there exists a strictly positive fixed function  $e \in \ker A$ . Then the following holds:

(a) For every  $\tau > 0$  there exists a disjoint decomposition  $X = X_0 \cup X_2$  into  $(T(t))$ -invariant measurable subsets such that