

is a subset of  $m$  linearly independent vectors which (by assumption) is contained in  $L$ .

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The surprising fact in the following theorem is the conclusion that every point in the boundary spectrum is a simple algebraic pole if only  $s(A)$  is supposed to be a pole.

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $T$  be an irreducible semigroup on a Banach lattice and let  $A$  be its generator.

If  $s(A)$  is a pole of the resolvent then there exists  $\alpha \geq 0$  such that  $\sigma_b(A) = s(A) + i\alpha\mathbb{Z}$ . Moreover,  $\sigma_b(A)$  contains only algebraically simple poles.

**Proof.** We will assume that  $s(A) = 0$ . Assuming first that every element of  $\sigma_b(A)$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  one can conclude as follows: By Thm.3.8(a) we know that  $\sigma_b(A)$  is an additive subgroup of  $i\mathbb{R}$ . Since it is a closed subset and  $0$  is an isolated point it follows that  $\sigma_b(A) = i\alpha\mathbb{Z}$  for some  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Moreover as a consequence of (3.13), for every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  we obtain

$$(3.15) \quad R(\lambda + ik\alpha, A) = S_h^{-k} \circ R(\lambda, A) \circ S_h^k \quad (\lambda \in \rho(A), k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

By Prop.3.5(d)  $0$  is an algebraically simple pole. Then (3.15) implies that every point  $ik\alpha$  has the same property.

We now show that every element  $i\beta$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . By Prop.3.5(d) the residue of  $R(\cdot, A)$  in  $\lambda = 0$  has the form  $P = \phi \otimes u$  with  $\phi(u) = 1$ . Given an ultrafilter  $U$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  which is finer than the Frechet filter, then  $\lim_U \phi(f_n)$  exists for every bounded sequence  $(f_n) \subset E$ . Using this fact it is easy to see that the canonical extension  $P_U$  of  $P$  to the  $U$ -product  $E_U$  of  $E$  has the following form:

$$(3.16) \quad P_U = \hat{\phi} \otimes \hat{u} \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{u} := (u, u, u, \dots) + c_U(E) \in E_U \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\phi} \in (E_U)' \\ \text{is given by} \quad \hat{\phi}((f_n) + c_U(E)) := \lim_U \phi(f_n) \quad ((f_n) + c_U(E) \in E_U).$$

Given  $i\beta \in \sigma_b(A)$  then  $i\beta \in A\sigma(A)$  hence  $1 \in A\sigma(\lambda R(\lambda + i\beta, A))$ . Assuming  $i\beta \notin P\sigma(A)$ , then  $1 \notin P\sigma(\lambda R(\lambda + i\beta, A))$ . Then Lemma 3.10 implies that  $M := \ker(1 - \lambda R(\lambda + i\beta, A)_U)$  is infinite dimensional (and independent of  $\lambda$  by Prop.2.6(a).) For  $\hat{f} \in M$  we have

$$|\hat{f}| = |\gamma R(\gamma + i\beta, A)_U \hat{f}| \leq \gamma R(\gamma, A)_U |\hat{f}| \quad \text{for every } \gamma > 0.$$

It follows that  $\phi(|\hat{f}|) = P_U |\hat{f}| = \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow 0} \gamma R(\gamma, A)_U |\hat{f}| \geq |\hat{f}|$ .

Thus considering the closed ideal  $I := \{\hat{f} \in E_U : \phi(|\hat{f}|) = 0\}$  we have