

(b) This can be deduced easily from (a) as follows:

If $Ah = (\alpha + i\beta)h$, $A|h| = \alpha|h|$, then we have by A-III, Cor.6.4 :

$$e^{-\alpha t} T(t)h = e^{i\beta t} h \text{ and } e^{-\alpha t} T(t)|h| = |h| \text{ for every } t \geq 0.$$

Hence by (a) $e^{-\alpha t} T(t)h^{[n]} = e^{in\beta t} h^{[n]}$ ($t \geq 0$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$), which is equivalent to $Ah^{[n]} = (\alpha + in\beta)h^{[n]}$. If h does not have zeros, then $e^{-\alpha t} T(t) = e^{-\alpha t} e^{i\beta t} S_h^{-1} T(t) S_h$ for every $t \geq 0$ which is equivalent to the final statement of (b).

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Before we state a first cyclicity result we give the definition and illustrate it by some examples.

Definition 2.5. A subset $M \subset \mathbb{C}$ is called imaginary additively cyclic (or simply cyclic), if it satisfies the following condition:

$\alpha + i\beta \in M$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ implies that $\alpha + ik\beta \in M$ for every $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Every subset of \mathbb{R} is cyclic. On the other hand, if M is cyclic and $M \not\subset \mathbb{R}$, then M has to be unbounded.

For a subset M of $i\mathbb{R}$ we give the following equivalent conditions:

- (i) M is imaginary additively cyclic;
- (ii) M is the union of (additive) subgroups of $i\mathbb{R}$;
- (iii) $M = \bigcup_{\alpha \in S} i\alpha\mathbb{Z}$ for some set $S \subset \mathbb{R}$.

Here are some concrete cyclic subsets of $i\mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \{0\}, \quad M_2 = i\mathbb{R}, \quad M_3 = i\alpha\mathbb{Z} \quad (\alpha > 0), \\ M_4 &= i\alpha\mathbb{Z} + i\beta\mathbb{Z} = \{in\alpha + im\beta : n, m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad (\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}), \\ M_5 &= \{0\} \cup \{i\lambda : \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, |\lambda| \geq 1\}, \\ M_6 &= \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \{i\lambda : \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, n\alpha \leq |\lambda| \leq n\beta\} \quad (0 < \alpha \leq \beta, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}). \end{aligned}$$

In the following we consider the boundary spectrum of several semigroups. The letter M_i refers to the sets just defined.

Examples 2.6. (a) For the Laplacian Δ on \mathbb{R}^n or the second derivative on $[0,1]$ with Neumann boundary conditions the boundary spectrum is M_1 .

(b) The first derivative on \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{R}_+ is an example where the boundary spectrum of the generator is M_2 .

(c) The rotation semigroup on $C(\Gamma)$ (see A-III, Ex.5.6) with period $2\pi/\alpha$ has boundary spectrum M_3 .