

Theorem 5.4. Let $T = (T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ be a τ -periodic semigroup on a Banach space E with generator A and associated spectral projections

$$P_n := \tau^{-1} \cdot \int_0^\tau \exp(-\nu_n s) T(s) ds, \quad \nu_n := 2\pi i n / \tau, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

For every $f \in D(A)$ one has $f = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P_n f$ and therefore

$$(i) \quad T(t)f = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(\nu_n t) P_n f \quad \text{if } f \in D(A),$$

$$(ii) \quad Af = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \nu_n P_n f \quad \text{if } f \in D(A^2).$$

Proof. It suffices to prove the first statement. Then (i) and (ii) follow by (5.3) and (5.4).

We assume $\tau = 2\pi$ and show first that $\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P_n f$ is summable for $f \in D(A)$: For $g := Af$ we obtain $P_n g = P_n Af = AP_n f = i n P_n f$. Take H to be a finite subset of $\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ and $\phi \in E'$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{n \in H} \langle P_n f, \phi \rangle \right| &= \left| \sum_{n \in H} (in)^{-1} \langle P_n g, \phi \rangle \right| \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{n \in H} n^{-2} \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{n \in H} |\langle P_n g, \phi \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

From Bessel's inequality we obtain for the second factor

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in H} |\langle P_n g, \phi \rangle|^2 &\leq 1/2\pi \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} |\langle T(s)g, \phi \rangle|^2 ds \\ &\leq \|\phi\|^2 \cdot 1/2\pi \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \|T(s)g\|^2 ds. \end{aligned}$$

With the constant $c := (1/2\pi \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \|T(s)g\|^2 ds)^{1/2}$ we obtain

$$\left\| \sum_{n \in H} P_n f \right\| \leq c \left(\sum_{n \in H} n^{-2} \right)^{1/2}$$

for every finite subset H of \mathbb{Z} , i.e. $\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P_n f$ is summable.

Next we set $h := \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P_n f$ and observe that for every $\phi' \in E'$ the Fourier coefficients of the continuous, τ -periodic functions

$$s \mapsto \langle T(s)h, \phi \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad s \mapsto \langle T(s)f, \phi \rangle$$

coincide. Therefore these functions are identical for $s \geq 0$ and in particular for $s = 0$, i.e. $\langle h, \phi \rangle = \langle f, \phi \rangle$. By the Hahn-Banach Theorem we obtain $f = h$.

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The above theorem contains rather precise information on periodic semigroups. In particular, it characterizes periodic semigroups by the fact that $\sigma(A)$ is contained in $i\alpha\mathbb{Z}$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and the eigenfunctions of A form a total subset of E .

If we suppose in addition that a periodic semigroup has a bounded generator it follows that the spectrum of its generator is bounded.