

## Summary

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### 3.3. Perturbations of infinitesimal generators

Theorem (perturbation by bounded operators)  
 $X$  Banach space,  $A$  infinitesimal generator of  $C_0$  semigroup  $T(t)$ ,  $\|T(t)\| \leq M e^{\omega t}$   $t \geq 0$ .

If  $B: X \rightarrow X$  is linear and bounded then  $A+B$  is the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$  semigroup  $S(t)$ ,  
 $\|S(t)\| \leq M e^{(\omega + M\|B\|)t}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

Proof Consider the integral equation:

$$(1) \quad S(t) = T(t) + \int_0^t T(t-s) B S(s) ds$$

We are going to show:

1° For any  $\sigma > \omega + M \|B\|$  eq (1) has a unique solution in the Banach space

$$C^{(\sigma)} = \left\{ U \in C([0, \infty), B(X, X)) \mid \sup_{t \geq 0} e^{-\sigma t} \|U(t)\|_{B(X, X)} < \infty \right\}$$

$$\text{and } \|S(t)\| \leq M e^{(\omega + M \|B\|)t}$$

2° The solution in part 1° is a  $\mathbb{R}_0$  semigroup of operators on  $X$  with infinitesimal generator

$$A + B : D(A) \rightarrow X.$$

Proof of 1° Let  $K : C^{(\sigma)} \rightarrow C^{(\sigma)}$

$$K U(t) = \int_0^t T(t-s) B U(s) ds.$$

where  $C^{(\sigma)}$  is endowed with the norm:

$$\|U(t)\|_{\sigma} = \sup_{t \geq 0} e^{-\sigma t} \|U(t)\|_{B(X, X)}$$

Then  $K$  is a contraction:

$$e^{-\delta t} \| (KU_1)(t) - (KU_2)(t) \|_{B(X, X)} \leq e^{-\delta t} \int_0^t M e^{\omega(t-s)} \|B\| e^{\delta s} \|U_1 - U_2\|_{\mathcal{D}} ds$$

$$\leq \|U_1 - U_2\|_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{M \|B\|}{\delta - \omega} (1 - e^{(\omega - \delta)t})$$

$$\Rightarrow \|KU_1 - KU_2\|_{\mathcal{D}} \leq \frac{M \|B\|}{\delta - \omega} \|U_1 - U_2\|_{\mathcal{D}}$$

$\Rightarrow K_T U(t) = T(t) + KU(t)$  is also a contraction and has a unique fixed point:

$$S = K_T U = T + \int_0^t K S \Leftrightarrow$$

$$S(t) = T(t) + \int_0^t T(t-s) B S(s) ds.$$

Apply the  $B(X, X)$  norm to the above:

$$\begin{aligned} \|S(t)\| &\leq \|T(t)\| + \int_0^t \|T(t-s)\| \|B\| \|S(s)\| ds \\ &\leq M e^{\omega t} + \int_0^t M e^{\omega(t-s)} \|B\| \|S(s)\| ds \end{aligned}$$

By Generalized Gronwall inequality

$\|S(t)\| \leq \chi(t)$  where  $\chi(t)$  is the soln of

$$\begin{cases} \chi(0) = M \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \chi'(t) = (\omega + M \|B\|) \chi(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi(t) = M e^{(\omega + M \|B\|)t}$$

Proof of 2<sup>o</sup> Semigroup properties:

(i)  $S(0) = T(0) = I_d$  ✓

(ii)  $S(t)S(t_0) = S(t+t_0) \quad \forall t, t_0 \geq 0$  ?

Fix  $t_0 \geq 0$ , multiply (1) to the right by  $S(t_0)$ .

Then  $\forall t \geq 0$ ,  $V(t) = S(t)S(t_0)$  satisfies:

$$(2) \quad V(t) = T(t)S(t_0) + (K V)(t)$$

But from (1) with  $t \mapsto t+t_0$  and  $V(t) = S(t+t_0)$ ,  $t \geq 0$   
we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3) \quad \psi(t) &= T(t+t_0) + \int_0^{t+t_0} T(t+t_0-s) B S(s) ds \\
&= T(t) T(t_0) + \int_0^{t_0} T(t) T(t_0-s) B S(s) ds \\
&\quad + \int_{t_0}^{t+t_0} T(t+t_0-s) B S(s) ds \quad \psi(s') \\
&= T(t) S(t_0) + \int_0^t T(t-s') B S(s'+t_0) ds' \\
&= T(t) S(t_0)x + (K\psi)(t)
\end{aligned}$$

So  $\psi$  and  $\psi'$  satisfy the same equation involving the contraction  $K$ . By uniqueness (ii) is satisfied.

For any  $x \in X$  we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t T(t-s) B S(s) x ds = Bx$$

Indeed for  $t > 0$  such that  $\|S(s)x - x\| < \epsilon \quad \forall 0 \leq s \leq t$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t T(t-s) B (S(s)x - x) ds \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t M e^{\omega(t-s)} \|B\| \cdot \epsilon ds \\
&\leq M e^{\omega t} \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t T(t-s) B S(s) x \, ds = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t T(t-s) B x \, ds \\ = Bx$$

Now

$$\frac{S(t)x - x}{t} = \frac{T(t)x - x}{t} + \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t T(t-s) B S(s) x \, ds$$

and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{S(t)x - x}{t}$  exists iff  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(t)x - x}{t}$

exists and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{S(t)x - x}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(t)x - x}{t} + Bx \rightarrow Ax$$

Hence  $A+B : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$  is the infinitesimal generator of  $S$ .

The theorem is completely proven! QED

Corollary: If  $A$  is the infinitesimal generator of the  $C_0$  semigroup of operators  $T(t): X \rightarrow X$ ,  $\|T(t)\| \leq M e^{\omega t}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , and  $B: X \rightarrow X$  is linear and bounded then the  $C_0$  semigroup generated by  $A+B$ ,  $S(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$  satisfies:

$$\|S(t) - T(t)\| \leq M e^{\omega t} (e^{M \|B\| t} - 1)$$

Proof From (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|S(t) - T(t)\| &\leq \int_0^t \|T(t-s)\| \|B\| \|S(s)\| ds \\ &\leq \int_0^t M e^{\omega(t-s)} \|B\| M e^{(\omega + M \|B\|)s} ds \\ &= M e^{\omega t} \int_0^t M \|B\| e^{M \|B\| s} ds \\ &= M e^{\omega t} (e^{M \|B\| t} - 1) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (perturbations of infinitesimal generators of contraction semigroups) Let  $A$  be the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$  semigroup of contractions. Let  $B$  be dissipative satisfying  $D(B) \supset D(A)$  and

$$\|Bx\| \leq \alpha \|Ax\| + \beta \|x\| \quad \text{for } x \in D(A)$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $\beta \geq 0$ . Then  $A+B$  is the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$  semigroup of contractions.

Proof By Lumer-Phillips:

$$\overline{D(A)} = X$$

$\forall x \in D(A), \forall x^* \in F(x) \quad \operatorname{Re} \langle Ax, x^* \rangle \leq 0$   
and  $\operatorname{Range}(I-A) = X$ .

Consequently:  $\overline{D(A+B)} = \overline{D(A)} = X$

$\forall x \in D(A+B) = D(A) \exists x^* \in F(x) : \operatorname{Re} \langle Bx, x^* \rangle \leq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} \langle (A+B)x, x^* \rangle \leq 0 \Rightarrow A+B$  is dissipative

It remains to show that  $\operatorname{Range}(I-A-B) = X$  after which Lumer-Phillips implies the conclusion

Lemma Let  $A, B$  be linear operators such that  $D(B) \supseteq D(A)$  and  $A + tB$  is dissipative for all  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . If

$$\|Bx\| \leq \alpha \|Ax\| + \beta \|x\| \quad \text{for } x \in D(A)$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ , and for some  $t_0 \in [0, 1]$

$\text{Range}(I - (A + t_0 B)) = X$  then for all  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$\text{Range}(I - (A + tB)) = X$$

Proof of Lemma: It suffices to show that  $\exists \delta > 0$  independent of  $t_0$  such that

$$\text{Range}(I - (A + tB)) = X \quad \forall t \in [0, 1], \|t - t_0\| \leq \delta$$

The result for  $t \in [0, 1]$  follows by applying the local result for  $t_0 \pm \delta, t_0 \pm 2\delta, \dots$

$$A + t_0 B \text{ dissipative} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|(I - (A + t_0 B))x\| \geq \|x\| \\ \text{Range}(I - (A + t_0 B)) = X \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$(I - (A + t_0 B))^{-1} = R(t_0) \text{ exists and } \|R(t_0)\| \leq 1$$

Next we show that  $\|BR(t_0)\|$  is bounded:

$$\|Bx\| \leq \alpha \|Ax\| + \beta \|x\| \leq \alpha \|(A + t_0 B)x\| + \alpha t_0 \|Bx\| + \beta \|x\|$$

$$\text{or } \|Bx\| \leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \|(A + t_0 B)x\| + \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha} \|x\|$$

$$(A + t_0 B)R(t_0) = R(t_0) - I$$

$$\Rightarrow \|BR(t_0)x\| \leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \|R(t_0) - I\| \|x\| + \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha} \|R(t_0)\| \|x\|$$

$$\text{or } \|BR(t_0)x\| \leq \frac{2\alpha + \beta}{1 - \alpha} \|x\|$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} I - (A + tB) &= I - (A + t_0B) + (t_0 - t)B \\ &= \underbrace{(I + (t_0 - t)BR(t_0))}_{\text{invertible}} \underbrace{(I - (A + t_0B))}_{\text{invertible}} \end{aligned}$$

if  $\delta \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\alpha + \beta}$

$$\text{So for } |t - t_0| \leq \delta \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\alpha + \beta}$$

$$\text{Range}(I - (A + tB)) = X.$$

This finishes the lemma and the proof of the Theorem QED.

Remark In general one cannot allow  $\alpha = 1$  in the previous theorem or lemma. However if  $X$  is reflexive (or  $B^*$  has dense domain in  $X^*$ ) then under the assumptions of the previous theorem with  $\alpha = 1$  one has that  $\overline{A + B}$  is the infinitesimal generator of a semigroup of contractions.

### 3.4 The abstract Cauchy Problem (the bounded operator case)

Consider  $X$  a Banach space and

$B: X \rightarrow X$  linear and bounded.

(1) The homogeneous Cauchy problem

$$(1) \begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} = B u & t > 0 \\ u(0) = x \in X \end{cases}$$

Def  $u: [0, T) \rightarrow X$  continuous, continuously differentiable on  $(0, T)$  and satisfying (1) is called a classical solution of (1).

Lemma (integral form) The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $u$  is a classical solution of (1) on  $[0, T)$
  - (ii)  $u: [0, T) \rightarrow X$  is continuous and satisfies
- $$(2) \quad u(t) = x + \int_0^t B u(s) ds \quad \forall 0 \leq t < T.$$

Proof (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) by integration (Riemann integrals on Banach spaces)  
(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i).

$B: X \rightarrow X$  is continuous  
 $\Rightarrow BV: [0, T) \rightarrow X$  is continuous  
 $\Rightarrow t \rightarrow \int_0^t BV(s) ds$  differentiable on  $[0, T)$

(by properties of Riemann integrals)

Differentiating (2) we get

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = BV(t) \quad t \geq 0$$

Since right hand side is continuous on  $[0, T)$   
we get that  $V$  is a classical solution of (1).

Remarks 1° (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) is not valid in general  
for unbounded operators  $B$ !

2° Proof of (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) shows that  
classical solutions are actually continuously  
differentiable on  $[0, T)$ .

Theorem: (1) has a unique classical solution given by the uniform continuous semigroup of bounded operators generated by  $B$ :

$$U(t) = e^{tB} x \quad t \geq 0$$

Proof: Uniqueness: Let  $U_1: [0, T_1) \rightarrow X$   
 $U_2: [0, T_2) \rightarrow X$   
be two classical solutions. We show that

$$U_1 \equiv U_2 \text{ on } [0, T_1) \cap [0, T_2).$$

WLOG we can assume  $T_1 \leq T_2$

Claim for any  $\tilde{T} < T$  (2) has a unique solution in

$$C([0, \tilde{T}], X) = \{v: [0, \tilde{T}] \rightarrow X \mid v \text{ continuous}\}.$$

Indeed endow  $C([0, \tilde{T}], X)$  with the Beberlei norm:

$$\|v\|_{\sigma} = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq \tilde{T}} e^{-\sigma t} \|v(t)\|$$

with  $\delta > \|B\|$  fixed. Then

$(C([0, \tilde{T}], X), \|\cdot\|_\delta)$  is a Banach

space (with the norm equivalent with the standard  
Supremum norm)

Let  $K: C([0, \tilde{T}], X) \rightarrow C([0, \tilde{T}], X)$

$$(Kv)(t) = \int_0^t B v(s) ds$$

Then  $K$  is well defined and a contraction  
with Lipschitz constant  $\|B\|/\delta$ :

$$\|Kv_1 - Kv_2\|_\delta \leq \frac{\|B\|}{\delta} \|v_1 - v_2\|_\delta.$$

(2) is equivalent with

$$U = x + KU$$

which by contraction principle has a unique  
solution in the space of continuous functions.  
The claim is proven.

Now  $U_1, U_2$  are continuous sol's of (2) on  $[0, T_1)$ , hence on  $[0, \tilde{T}]$  for all  $\tilde{T} < T_1$ .  
 So they must coincide with the unique sol of (2) on  $[0, \tilde{T}]$ . Hence

$$U_1(t) = U_2(t) \quad \forall 0 \leq t \leq \tilde{T}, \quad \forall \tilde{T} < T_1$$

$\Rightarrow U_1 \equiv U_2$  on  $[0, T_1)$ . Uniqueness is proven!

Existence  $U(t) = e^{tB}x$  is a classical solution of (1) on  $[0, \infty)$  follows from the properties of  $e^{tB}$ , see Lecture 11. QED

(ii) The inhomogeneous problem

Consider

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dU}{dt} = BU + f(t) & t > 0 \\ U(0) = x \in X \end{cases}$$

where  $B: X \rightarrow X$  is bounded and  $f: (0, T) \rightarrow X$ .  
 The definition of classical solutions is as before

Theorem (i) If  $U$  is a classical solution of (3) and  $f \in L^1([0, T], X)$  then  $U$  satisfies:

$$(4) \quad U(t) = e^{tB} x + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)B} f(s) ds \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$$

(ii) If  $f \in L^1([0, T], X) \cap C([0, T], X)$  then (4) is the classical solution of (3).

Proof (i) Consider first  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . Consider

$$g: [0, t] \rightarrow X, \quad g(s) = e^{(t-s)B} U(s)$$

Since  $U(s)$  is a classical solution hence differentiable on  $(0, t)$  we have for  $0 < s < t$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dg}{ds} &= -e^{(t-s)B} B U(s) + e^{(t-s)B} U'(s) \\ &= e^{(t-s)B} B U(s) + e^{(t-s)B} [B U(s) + f(s)] \\ &= \underbrace{e^{(t-s)B} f(s)}_{\in L^1(0, T)}. \end{aligned}$$

integrating on  $(0, T)$  we get

$$g(t) - g(0) = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)B} f(s) ds$$

$$\Leftrightarrow U(t) - e^{tB} x = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)B} f(s) ds$$

(ii) By (i) the local solution is unique.  $U(t)$  given by (4) is evidently continuous on  $[0, T)$  and  $U(0) = x$ .

Since  $f$  is continuous on  $(0, T)$

$\Rightarrow t \rightarrow \int_0^t e^{(t-s)B} f(s) ds$  is differentiable on  $(0, T)$

$$\text{and } \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t e^{(t-s)B} f(s) ds = \underbrace{f(t) + B \int_0^t e^{(t-s)B} f(s) ds}_{\text{continuous on } (0, T)}$$

Hence  $U(t)$  given by (4) is continuously differentiable on  $(0, T)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dU}{dt} &= B e^{tB} x + f(t) + B \int_0^t e^{(t-s)B} f(s) ds \\ &= B (e^{tB} x + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)B} f(s) ds) + f(t) \\ &= B U(t) + f(t) \end{aligned} \quad \text{QED}$$

Remark If  $f(t)$  is not continuous on  $(0, T)$ ,  
(3) has no classical solutions.

Def If  $f \in L^1([0, T], X)$  then  $U$  given by  
(4) is called a mild solution

Theorem (i) If  $U$  is a mild solution of  
(3) then  $\exists \{f_n\} \in L^1([0, T], X)$   $f_n \xrightarrow{L^1} f$   
and  $\{x_n\} \in X$   $x_n \rightarrow x$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dU_n}{dt} = BU_n + f_n(t) \\ U_n(0) = x_n \end{cases}$$

has classical solutions and  $U_n \rightarrow U$  in  $C([0, T], X)$ .

(ii) If  $U$  is a mild solution of (3)  
then  $\frac{dU}{dt}$  exists almost everywhere  $\frac{dU}{dt} \in L^1([0, T], X)$

and  $\frac{dU}{dt} = BU + f(t)$  a.e. (in other

words  $U$  is a strong solution of (3)).

Proof (i)  $f \in C^1([0, T], X)$

$\Rightarrow \exists \{f_n\} \in C([0, T], X)$  such that

$f_n \xrightarrow{L^1} f$  (i.e.:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \|f(t) - f_n(t)\| dt = 0.)$$

Then by previous theorem part (ii):

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dV_n}{dt} = B V_n + f_n(t) \\ V_n(0) = x \end{cases}$$

has classical solution  $V_n$  given by:

$$V_n(t) = e^{tB} x + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)B} f_n(s) ds$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|V_n(t) - V(t)\| &\leq \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\|B\|} \|f_n(s) - f(s)\| ds \\ &\leq e^{T\|B\|} \|f_n - f\|_{L^1([0, T], X)} \quad \text{QED} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $e^{t\beta} \int_0^t \underbrace{e^{-s\beta} f(s)}_{\in L((0,T), X)} ds$  is differentiable a.e.

with derivative:

$$\beta e^{t\beta} \int_0^t e^{-s\beta} f(s) ds + e^{t\beta} e^{-t\beta} f(t) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

Since  $e^{t\beta}$  is differentiable everywhere  $\Rightarrow$   $U$  given by (4) is differentiable a.e.:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dU}{dt} &= \beta e^{t\beta} U + \beta e^{t\beta} \int_0^t e^{-s\beta} f(s) ds + f(t) \\ &= \beta U(t) + f(t) \quad \text{a.e.} \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$