

INTEGRATED SEMIGROUPS, RELATIONS WITH GENERATORS

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Abstract

If $S_n = T * f_n$ and T is a C_0 -semigroup then the corresponding generator A is determined by $Ax = (n+1)! \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{S_n(h)x - \frac{h^n}{n!}x}{h^{n+1}}$, $x \in D(A)$.

The same holds for a general n -times integrated exponentially bounded semigroup if its infinitesimal generator is densely defined.

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1. Introduction

Integrated exponentially bounded semigroup of operators on Banach spaces were introduced by Arendt [2] and applied on abstract Cauchy problems with generators which do not generate C_0 semigroups (cf. [5], [7], [11], [16]). In [8], [9], [10] we studied this class of semigroups in relation to distributional semigroups. In this paper we analyse relations between an integrated semigroup and the corresponding infinitesimal generator. Using the fact that the n -th distribution derivative of an n -times integrated semigroup, with densely defined infinitesimal generator, is a distribution semigroup, we find A as a limit given in Abstract.

2. Preliminaries from the semigroup theory

We denote by E a Banach space with the norm $\|\cdot\|$; $L(E) = L(E, E)$ is a space of bounded linear operators from E into E . A family $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ in $L(E)$ is a *semigroup of bounded linear operators on E* if

- (i) $T(t)T(s) = T(t+s)$, for any $t, s \geq 0$,
- (ii) $T(0) = I$, where I is the identity operator on E .

If for a semigroup $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ the following condition holds:

- (iii) $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} T(t)x = x$, for any $x \in E$,

then $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is said to be a *strong continuous semigroup* or, simply, a C_0 -*semigroup*. A linear operator A , defined on the set

$$D(A) = \left\{ x \in E : \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{T(t)x - x}{t} \text{ exists} \right\}$$

by

$$Ax = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{T(t)x - x}{t} = \left. \frac{d^+ T(t)x}{dt} \right|_{t=0}, \quad x \in D(A),$$

is the *infinitesimal generator* of the semigroup $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$; $D(A)$ is the domain of A .

Let A be a linear operator E and let $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ be a C_0 -semigroup. It is well known that A is the infinitesimal generator of this semigroup iff there exists $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $(\omega, \infty) \subset \rho(A)$ and $R : \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega\} \rightarrow L(E)$, defined by $R(\lambda) = (\lambda I - A)^{-1} = \mathcal{L}(T)(\lambda)$, $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega$, where $\mathcal{L}(T)$ is the Laplace transformation of $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$.

3. Preliminaries from the distribution theory

For the properties of spaces $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$, $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R})$, $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$, their strong duals and $\mathcal{S}'(E) = L(\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}), E)$ we refer to [14], [15], [17] and for the space $S_+ = \{\varphi : |t^k \varphi^{(\nu)}(t)| < C_{k,\nu}, t \in [0, \infty), k, \nu \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$, ($\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$) and its dual \mathcal{S}'_+ , which consists of tempered distributions supported by $[0, \infty)$, we refer to [18].

Let $\mathcal{S}'(E) = L(\mathcal{S}, E)$ us denote the space of continuous linear functions $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow E$ with respect to the topology of uniform convergence on bounded sets

of \mathcal{S} . Denote $\mathcal{S}'_+(E) = L(\mathcal{S}_+, E)$. It is a subspace of $\mathcal{S}'(E)$ with elements supported by $[0, \infty)$. There holds:

Proposition 1. $\mathcal{S}'(E) = \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} E = L(\mathcal{S}, E)$ where the symbol $\hat{\otimes}$ means the completion of tensor product with respect to the ε - topology (which is equal to the π - topology since $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ is nuclear). Also, $\mathcal{S}'_+(E) = \mathcal{S}'_+ \hat{\otimes} E$.

Proof. It follows from [17], pp. 533-534.

The convolution of $f \in \mathcal{S}'_+(E)$ and $g \in \mathcal{S}'_+$ is defined by $\langle f * g, \varphi \rangle = \langle f, \check{g} * \varphi \rangle$, $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$, ($\check{g}(t) = g(-t)$). One can prove that $f * g = g * f \in \mathcal{S}'_+(E)$.

4. Distribution semigroups

Denote by \mathcal{D}_- a subset of $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ which consists of elements φ with $\text{supp } \varphi \subset (-\infty, a]$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$. By $\mathcal{D}'_+(E)$ is denoted the space $L(\mathcal{D}_-, E)$. Denote by \mathcal{D}_0 a subset of C_0^∞ whose elements are supported by $[0, \infty)$.

J.Lions (cf. [6]) introduced the notion of a distribution semigroup. Recall, an $L(E)$ valued distribution G is a *distribution semigroup* or *SGD*, if the following conditions are satisfied:

(D1.) $G \in \mathcal{D}'_+(L(E))$,

(D2) $G(\varphi * \psi, \cdot) = G(\varphi, G(\psi, \cdot))$, $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}_0$,

(D3) $\bigcap_{\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_0} N(G(\varphi, \cdot)) = \{0\}$,

(D4) The linear hull \mathfrak{R} of $\bigcup_{\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_0} R(G(\varphi, \cdot))$ is dense in E ,

(D5) For every $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ there exists a function $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow E$ such that $\text{supp } u \subset [0, \infty)$, $u(0) = x$ and u is continuous for $t \geq 0$ and $G(\varphi, x) = \int_0^\infty \varphi(t)u(t)dt$ for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_0$.

If, in addition, there exists $\xi_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

(D6) $e^{-\xi t}G \in \mathcal{S}'_+(L(E))$, for $\xi > \xi_0$,

then it is called the *exponential distribution semigroup* or *SGDE*.

5. Integrated semigroups

We involve the family of distributions

$$f_n(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{H(t)t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}, & n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ f_{n+n_1}^{(n_1)}(t), & -n \in \mathbb{N}_0, n_1 \in \mathbb{N}, n + n_1 > 0, t \in \mathbb{R}, \end{cases}$$

where H is Heaviside's function.

Let $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ be a C_0 -semigroup with the infinitesimal generator A . Put

$$(1) \quad S_n(t) = (T(s) * f_n(s))(t) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^t (t-s)^{n-1} T(s) ds, \quad t \geq 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where the integral is taken in Bochner's sense.

Then, we have

$$\mathcal{L}(S_n)(\lambda) = \mathcal{L}(T)(\lambda) \cdot \mathcal{L}(f_n)(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T(t) dt, \quad \operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega,$$

which gives

$$\mathcal{L}(S_n)(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda^n} R(\lambda, A), \quad \operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega.$$

Following W.Arendt [2], a strongly continuous family $(S_n(t))_{t \geq 0} \subset L(E)$ is called the n -times integrated semigroup, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if

$$(2) \quad S_n(t, S_n(s, x)) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left[\int_t^{t+s} (t+s-r)^{n-1} S_n(r, x) dr - \int_0^s (t+s-r)^{n-1} S_n(r, x) dr \right], \quad t, s \geq 0 \text{ and } S_n(0, x) = 0, \quad x \in E.$$

It is non-degenerate if $S_n(t, x) = 0$ for all $t \geq 0$ implies $x = 0$. It is exponentially bounded if there exists $M > 0$ and $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\|S_n(t)\| \leq M e^{\omega t}$, $t \geq 0$.

In particular, if $(T(t))_{t \geq 0} \subset L(E)$ is a C_0 semigroup, then S_n defined by (1) satisfies (2).

Let $(S_n(t))_{t \geq 0}$ be an n -times integrated semigroup, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $R(\lambda) = \lambda^n \mathcal{L}(S_n)$, where $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega$. Then, by the resolvent equation, $\ker R(\lambda)$ is independent of $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega$. Hence, by the uniqueness theorem, $R(\lambda)$ is injective iff $(S_n(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is non-degenerate. In this case there exists a unique operator A satisfying $(\omega, \infty) \subset \rho(A)$ such that $R(\lambda) = (\lambda I - A)^{-1}$ for all λ with $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega$. This operator is called the *generator* of $(S_n(t))_{t \geq 0}$. We put this in the following definition.

Definition 1 Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. An operator A is the generator of an n -times integrated semigroup $(S_n(t))_{t \geq 0}$ iff $(a, \infty) \subset \rho(A)$ for some $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and the function $\lambda \rightarrow \frac{(\lambda I - A)^{-1}}{\lambda^n} = \mathcal{L}(S_n)(\lambda)$, $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > a$, is injective.

6. Relations between A and $S_n(t)$

First we consider an n -times integrated semigroup of the form $T * f_n$ where T is a C_0 -semigroup.

Theorem 1 (Special form) Let $(S_n(t))_{t \geq 0} \subset L(E)$ be an n -times integrated exponentially bounded semigroup where

$$S_n(t) = (T(s) * f_n(s))(t) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^t (t-s)^{n-1} T(s) ds, \quad t \geq 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

(the integral is taken in Bochner's sense) and $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is a C_0 semigroup. Let A be the densely defined generator of $(S_n(t))_{t \geq 0}$. Then

$$Ax = (n+1)! \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{S_n(h)x - \frac{h^n}{n!}x}{h^{n+1}}, \quad x \in D(A).$$

Proof. Let $x \in E$. We have to show

$$A \frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda^n} x = \lambda \frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda^n} x - \frac{1}{\lambda^n} x,$$

where

$$\frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda^n} x = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} S_n(t) x dt, \quad \operatorname{Re} \lambda > \omega.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (n+1)! \frac{S_n(h) - \frac{h^n}{n!}}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} S_n(t) x dt \\ &= \frac{(n+1)!}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} S_n(h) S_n(t) x dt - \frac{n+1}{h} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} S_n(t) x dt \\ &= \frac{(n+1)!}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left[\int_h^{h+t} (h+t-r)^{n-1} S_n(r) dr - \int_0^t (h+t-r)^{n-1} S_n(r) dr \right] x dt \\ &\quad - \frac{n+1}{h} \frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda^n} = \frac{(n+1)n}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \int_h^{h+t} (h+t-r)^{n-1} S_n(r) x dr dt \\ &\quad - \frac{(n+1)n}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t (h+t-r)^{n-1} S_n(r) x dr dt - I_3 = I_1 - I_2 - I_3. \\ & \quad I_1 = \frac{(n+1)n}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \int_h^{h+t} (h+t-r)^{n-1} S_n(r) x dr dt \\ & \quad = \frac{(n+1)n}{h^{n+1}} \int_h^{\infty} S_n(r) \int_{r-h}^{\infty} (h+t-r)^{n-1} e^{-\lambda t} x dt dr \\ & \quad = \left| \begin{array}{l} h+t-r = u \\ dt = du \end{array} \right| = \frac{(n+1)n}{h^{n+1}} \int_h^{\infty} S_n(r) \int_0^{\infty} u^{n-1} e^{-\lambda(u+r-h)} x du dr \\ & \quad = \frac{(n+1)n}{h^{n+1}} e^{\lambda h} \int_h^{\infty} e^{-\lambda r} S_n(r) \int_0^{\infty} u^{n-1} e^{-\lambda u} x du dr \\ & \quad = \frac{(n+1)n e^{\lambda h} (n-1)!}{h^{n+1} \lambda^n} \int_h^{\infty} e^{-\lambda r} S_n(r) x dr. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &= \frac{(n+1)n}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t (h+t-r)^{n-1} S_n(r) x dr dt \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)n}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^\infty S_n(r) \int_h^\infty (h+t-r)^{n-1} e^{-\lambda t} x dt dr = \left| \begin{array}{l} h+t-r = u \\ dt = du \end{array} \right| \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)n}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^\infty S_n(r) \int_h^\infty u^{n-1} e^{-\lambda(u-h+r)} x du dr \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)!}{h^{n+1}} e^{\lambda h} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda r} S_n(r) \int_h^\infty u^{n-1} e^{-\lambda u} x du dr \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)n e^{\lambda h} R(\lambda)}{h^{n+1} \lambda^n} \int_h^\infty u^{n-1} e^{-\lambda u} x du.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(n+1)! \frac{S_n(h) - \frac{h^n}{n!}}{h^{n+1}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} S_n(t) x dt \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)! e^{\lambda h}}{h^{n+1} \lambda^n} \int_h^\infty e^{-\lambda r} S_n(r) x dr - \frac{(n+1)n e^{\lambda h} R(\lambda)}{h^{n+1} \lambda^n} \int_h^\infty u^{n-1} e^{-\lambda u} x du - \frac{n+1}{h} \frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda^n} \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)! e^{\lambda h} \int_h^\infty e^{-\lambda r} S_n(r) x dr - (n+1)n e^{\lambda h} R(\lambda) \int_h^\infty u^{n-1} e^{-\lambda u} x du - (n+1)h^n R(\lambda)x}{h^{n+1} \lambda^n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now by by L'Hospital rule, if $h \downarrow 0$, we obtain

$$A \frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda^n} x = \lambda \frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda^n} x - \frac{1}{\lambda^n} x.$$

For $x \in D(A)$, using $S_n(t)S_n(s) = S_n(s)S_n(t)$, $t, s \geq 0$, one can prove

$$\frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda^n} Ax = \lambda \frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda^n} x - \frac{1}{\lambda^n} x,$$

and A is the generator of an integrated semigroup $(S_n(t))_{t \geq 0} \subset L(E)$.

Let T be a distribution semigroup. Recall the definition of $T(f, x)$, $x \in D(T(f))$ where $f \in \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{R})$, $\text{supp } f \subset [0, \infty)$ ([6]). The domain of $T(f, \cdot)$, $D(T(f)) \subset$

E , is the set of x for which there exists a sequence $\{\rho_\nu\}$ in C_0^∞ , with $\text{supp}\rho_\nu \subset [0, \infty)$, $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$, such that

$$\rho_\nu \rightarrow \delta, \nu \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } T(\rho_\nu, x) \rightarrow x, T(f * \rho_\nu, x) \text{ converges when } \nu \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then, $\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} T(f * \rho_\nu, x)$ does not depend on ρ_ν and it is the value of $T(f, \cdot)$ at x . As usual we define $\overline{T(f, \cdot)}$ as the closure of $T(f, \cdot)$ (cf. [6]). Note $D(T(f))$ is dense in E . We have

$$\overline{T(-\delta', x)} = Ax, \quad x \in D(A), \quad \overline{T(\delta, x)} = x, \quad x \in E.$$

Proposition 2. *Let $f \in \mathcal{K}'_{1+}(E)$. Then, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for every $n \geq n_0$, there exist a strongly continuous function $F_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow E$, $\text{supp}F_n \subset [0, \infty)$, and positive constants m_n and C_n , such that*

$$\|F_n(t)\| \leq C_n e^{m_n t}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad f = F_n^{(n)} \quad ({}^{(n)} \text{ is the distribution } n\text{-th derivative}).$$

$$\text{Let } S_n(\cdot, x) = T(\cdot, x) * f_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$\langle S_n(s, x), \varphi(s) \rangle = \langle T(s, x), (\check{f}_n * \varphi)(s) \rangle, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_-, \quad x \in E,$$

where

$$(\check{f}_n * \varphi)(x) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_x^\infty (t-x)^{n-1} \varphi(t) dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Using Proposition 2 one can simply prove

$$S_n(t, x) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \langle S_n(s, x), \rho_\nu(t-s) \rangle, \quad t > 0,$$

$$S_n(\varphi^{(n)}, x) = (-1)^n T(\varphi, x), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_0, \quad x \in E.$$

As above, we define $D(S_n(f))$ for an $f \in \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{R})$, $\text{supp}f \subset [0, \infty)$. Then, $D(T(f)) = D(S_n(f^{(n)}))$ and

$$\overline{S_n(f^{(n)}, x)} = (-1)^n \overline{T(f, x)}, \quad x \in D(T(f)),$$

$$\overline{S_n(h, x)} = \overline{S_n(\delta(t-h), x)}, \quad x \in E.$$

In particular

$$(-1)^n \overline{S_n(\delta^{(n)}, x)} = x, \quad x \in E,$$

$$(-1)^n \overline{S_n(-\delta^{(n+1)}, x)} = Ax, \quad x \in D(A).$$

Arendt (see [2]) remarked that a densely defined operator A is the generator of an exponentially bounded distribution semigroup if and only if A generates an n -times integrated, non-degenerated, exponentially bounded semigroup for some $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. This follows from his results in [2] and Sova's results in [13].

Now we will consider the general case.

Theorem 2. (General) *Let $(S_n(t))_{t \geq 0}$ be an n -times integrated exponentially bounded semigroup, $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and A be its densely defined generator. Then*

$$Ax = (n+1)! \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{S_n(h)x - \frac{h^n}{n!}x}{h^{n+1}}, \quad x \in D(A).$$

Proof. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$. Since,

$$\frac{(n+1)!}{h^{n+1}} \left(\varphi(h) - \frac{h^n}{n!} \varphi^{(n)}(0) \right) \rightarrow \varphi^{(n+1)}(0), \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0,$$

it follows

$$\frac{(n+1)!}{h^{n+1}} \left\langle \delta(t-h) - \frac{h^n}{n!} (-1)^n \delta^{(n)}(t), \varphi(t) \right\rangle \rightarrow (-1)^{n+1} \left\langle \delta^{(n+1)}(t), \varphi(t) \right\rangle, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D} \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

Then, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)! \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{S_n(h, x) - \frac{h^n}{n!}x}{h^{n+1}} &= (n+1)! \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{\overline{S_n(\delta(t-h), x)} - \overline{S_n\left(\frac{h^n}{n!}(-1)^n \delta^{(n)}(t), x\right)}}{h^{n+1}} \\ &= (n+1)! \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{\overline{S_n\left(\delta(t-h) - \frac{h^n}{n!}(-1)^n \delta^{(n)}(t), x\right)}}{h^{n+1}} \\ &= \overline{S_n((-1)^{n+1} \delta^{(n+1)}(t), x)} = \overline{S_0(-\delta, x)} = Ax. \end{aligned}$$

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