

# Regularization of a class of ill-posed Cauchy problems associated with generators of analytic semigroups

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**Abstract** This work is concerned the study of a class of ill-posed Cauchy problems associated with a densely defined linear operator  $A$  in a Banach space  $E$ . It is proved that if  $-A$  is the generator of an analytic semigroup, then there exists a family of regularizing operators by using the quasi-reversibility method, fractional powers and semigroups of linear operators.

## 1 Analytic Semigroups

### 1.1 Semigroups

We are interested here in linear equations of state defined by semigroups. Consider an equation of state of the form :

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = Ay(t) & 0 < t < T, \\ y(t_0) = y_0, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

this equation can be studied using an abstract approach depending on the properties of the operator  $A$ . We can also study it by considering the properties of its solution  $y$ . This second approach expresses, for an initial state  $y_0$  at time  $t_0$ , the solution at time  $t + s$ , which can be obtained indifferently from :

- the state  $y_0$ , and its evolution up to time  $t + s$ , or
- the state  $y_0$ , and its evolution until time  $t$ , then from the state at time  $t$  to the state at time  $t + s$ .

This naturally leads to considering the semigroup approach. Given a Hilbert space  $E$  representing the state space, we consider the following definition.

**Definition 1.1.** We call a strongly continuous semigroup a family  $(\Phi(t))_{t \geq 0}$  of operators of  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  satisfying the following properties :

1.  $\Phi(0) = I$ .
2.  $\Phi(t + s) = \Phi(t)\Phi(s)$ , for all  $t, s \geq 0$ .
3.  $\|\Phi(t)y - y\| \rightarrow 0$  when  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ , for all  $y \in E$ .

The family of operators  $(\Phi(t))_{t \geq 0}$  obviously depends on the dynamics  $A$  of the system. In addition, we have the following definition.

**Definition 1.2.** The infinitesimal generator of the semigroup  $(\Phi(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is the unbounded linear operator  $A$  defined by :

$$Ay = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Phi(t)y - y}{t}, \quad (1.2)$$

when this limit exists.

The domain of  $A$ , denoted  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , is the set of  $y$  in  $E$  such that this limit exists

$$\mathcal{D}(A) = \left\{ y \in E / \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Phi(t)y - y}{t} \text{ exist} \right\}. \quad (1.3)$$

Immediate properties of the semigroups are given in the following proposition [5].

- Proposition 1.3.** *1.  $\forall y \in \mathcal{D}(A) ; \Phi(t)y \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $\frac{d}{dt}\Phi(t)y = A\Phi(t)y = \Phi(t)Ay$ .  
 2.  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is a subspace dense in  $E$  ( $\overline{\mathcal{D}(A)} = E$ ).  
 3. The operator  $A$  is closed.*

**Property of exponential growth of semigroup**

**Lemma 1.4.** [2]

- 1. Let  $\Phi(t)$  be a strongly continuous semigroup then there exists  $M \geq 1$  and  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\|\Phi(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t}; \forall t \geq 0$ .  
 2. If  $\Phi(t)$  is a semigroup strongly continuous at the origin is the increase  $\|\Phi(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t}$ . Then  $\Phi(t)$  is strongly continuous at a point  $t > 0$ .*

**Semigroup and Laplace transform**

Let us define the application  $R_\lambda : E \rightarrow E$  by  $R_\lambda y = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t}\Phi(t)y dt$ . It is clear that  $R_\lambda$  is a linear operator. In addition we have

$$\|R_\lambda y\| \leq \int_0^\infty \|e^{-\lambda t}\Phi(t)y\| dt \leq \frac{M}{\text{Re } \lambda - \omega} \|y\|; \forall y \in E.$$

From which it follows that  $R_\lambda$  is a bounded linear operator.

**Definition 1.5.** The operator  $R(\lambda) = R_\lambda$  is called the Laplace transform of the semigroup  $\{\Phi(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ .

**Study of the growth of the Resolvent**

**Proposition 1.6.** [2]

$$(R(\lambda, A))^n = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda t} t^{n-1} \Phi(t) dt.$$

**Generalized Yosida approximation**

**Lemma 1.7.** [2] Let  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \subset E \rightarrow E$  be a linear operator satisfying the following properties:

- $A$  is a closed operator and  $\overline{\mathcal{D}(A)} = E$ .
- There exist  $\omega \geq 0$  and  $M \geq 1$  such that  $A_\omega \subset \rho(A)$  and for  $\lambda \in A_\omega$ ; we have

$$\|R(\lambda, A)^n\| \leq \frac{M}{(\text{Re } \lambda - \omega)^n}; \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

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$$\forall \lambda \in A_\omega : \lim_{\text{Re } \lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda R(\lambda, A) y = y; \forall y \in E,$$

thus

$$\lim_{\text{Re } \lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda A R(\lambda, A) y = Ay; \forall y \in \mathcal{D}(A).$$

**Remark 1.8.** We can say that the bounded operators  $\lambda A R(\lambda, A)$  are approximations for the unbounded operator  $A$ . This is the reason for introducing the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.9.** [2] The family  $\{A_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in A_\omega}$ ; where

$$A_\lambda = \lambda A R(\lambda, A) = \lambda^2 R(\lambda, A) - \lambda I,$$

is called the generalized Yosida approximation of operator  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.10.** [13] Let  $\{\Phi(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  be a strongly continuous semigroup in a Banach space  $E$  and let  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $M \geq 1$  such that  $\|\Phi(t)\| \leq e^{\omega t}, \forall t \geq 0$ . Then the generator  $(A, \mathcal{D}(A))$  of  $\{\Phi(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has the following equivalent properties :

1. If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $R(\lambda)y = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda\mu}\Phi(\mu)y d\mu$  exist  $\forall y \in E$ , then  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  and  $R(\lambda, A) = R(\lambda)$ .
2. If  $\text{Re } \lambda > \omega$  then  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  and the resolvent is given as in 1.
3.  $\|R(\lambda, A)\| \leq \frac{M}{\text{Re } \lambda - \omega}$ , for all  $\text{Re } \lambda > \omega$ .

**Corollary 1.11.** [13] For each  $\lambda_0 \in \rho(A)$  we have

$$d(\lambda_0, \sigma(A)) - \frac{1}{r(R(\lambda_0, A))} \geq \frac{1}{\|R(\lambda_0, A)\|}.$$

**Hille-Yosida theorem**

**Theorem 1.12.** [2] A linear operator  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \subset E \rightarrow E$  is the infinitesimal generator of a semi group  $\Phi(t)_{t \geq 0} \in \mathcal{SG}(M, \omega)$  if and only if

1.  $A$  is a closed operator and  $\overline{\mathcal{D}(A)} = E$ .
2. It exists  $\omega \geq 0$  and  $M \geq 1$  such that  $A_\omega \subset \rho(A)$  and for  $\lambda \in A_\omega$ ; we have

$$\|(\lambda I - A)^{-n}\| \leq \frac{M}{(\lambda - \omega)^n}; \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

**Definition 1.13.** For  $\lambda > \omega$  we define the approaching Yosida of  $A$  by  $A_\lambda = \lambda^2 R(\lambda, A) - \lambda I = \lambda A R(\lambda, A)$ . With

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +\infty} A_\lambda y = Ay; \forall y \in \mathcal{D}(A).$$

**1.2 Analytic Semigroups**

**Sectorial Operator**

**Definition 1.14.** A closed linear operator  $(A, \mathcal{D}(A))$ , of dense domain in a Banach space  $E$  is called sectorial (of angle  $\alpha$ ) if there exists  $\alpha, 0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  such that the sector

$$\Sigma_{\alpha + \frac{\pi}{2}} = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\arg \lambda| < \frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha - \{0\} \right\} \subset \rho(A).$$

And if for all  $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$ , there exists  $M_\beta \geq 1$  such that

$$\|R(\lambda, A)\| \leq \frac{M_\beta}{|\lambda|}, \forall 0 \neq \lambda \in \Sigma_{\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha - \beta}.$$

**Definition 1.15.** Let  $(A, \mathcal{D}(A))$  be a sectorial operator with angle  $\alpha$ . We define  $\Phi(0) = I$  and the operator  $\Phi(y)$  for  $y \in \Sigma_\alpha$  by

$$\Phi(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_\Gamma e^{\mu y} R(\mu, A) d\mu.$$

Where  $\Gamma$  is a piecewise smooth path (or piecewise smooth curve).

**Proposition 1.16.** [13] Let  $(A, \mathcal{D}(A))$ , a sectorial operator with angle  $\alpha$  then for all  $y \in \Sigma_\alpha, \Phi(y)$  are linear operators bounded on  $E$  satisfying the following properties :

1.  $\|\Phi(t)\|$  is uniformly bounded “uniform boundedness” for  $y \in \Sigma_{\alpha'}$ , if  $0 < \alpha' < \alpha$ .
2. The application  $y \rightarrow \Phi(y)$  is analytic in  $\Sigma_\alpha$ .
3.  $\Phi(y_1 + y_2) = \Phi(y_1)\Phi(y_2)$  for all  $y_1, y_2 \in \Sigma_\alpha$ .
4. The application  $y \rightarrow \Phi(y)$  is strongly continuous in  $y \in \Sigma_{\alpha'} \cup \{0\}$ , if  $0 < \alpha' < \alpha$ .

**Analytic Semigroup**

**Definition 1.17.** A family of operators  $\{\Phi(y)\}_{y \in \Sigma_\alpha \cup \{0\}} \subset \mathcal{L}(E)$  is called analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  if :

1.  $\Phi(0) = I$  and  $\Phi(y_1 + y_2) = \Phi(y_1)\Phi(y_2), \forall y_1, y_2 \in \Sigma_\alpha.$
2. The application  $y \rightarrow \Phi(y)$  is analytic in  $\Sigma_\alpha.$
3.  $\lim_{\Sigma_{\alpha'} \ni y \rightarrow 0} \Phi(y)x = x, \forall x \in E$  and  $0 < \alpha' < \alpha.$

**Definition 1.18.** If in addition  $\|\Phi(t)\|$  is bounded in  $\Sigma_{\alpha'}$  for all  $0 < \alpha' < \alpha$ , then we say that  $\{\Phi(y)\}$  is a bounded analytic semigroup.

It can also be defined in the following equivalent way :

**Definition 1.19.** Let  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . If the  $\mathcal{C}_0$ -semigroup  $(\Phi(t))_{t \geq 0}$  admits an analytic extension in  $\Sigma_\alpha$  verifying :

$$\lim_{\Sigma_{\alpha'} \ni y \rightarrow 0} \Phi(y)x = x, \forall x \in E \text{ and } \beta \in (0, \alpha).$$

Then  $(\Phi(t))$  is said to be an analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha$  its generator is the generator of  $(\Phi(t))_{t \geq 0}$ . In addition, the analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha$  is said to be bounded if for each  $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$ , there exists  $M_\beta > 0$  such that  $\|\Phi(t)\| \leq M_\beta$  of all  $t \in \Sigma_\beta.$

It is known that, if  $A$  the generator of an analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha$ , then for each  $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$ , there exists  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $A - \omega$  is the generator of a bounded analytic semigroup of angle  $\beta$ . The following criterion on the semigroup generators will also be used in the following.

**Lemma 1.20.** [13] Let  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Then the following properties are equivalent :

1.  $A$  is the generator of a bounded analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha$ .
2. For all  $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$ , there exists  $M_\beta > 0$ , such that  $e^{\pm i\theta}A$  is the generator of a  $\mathcal{C}_0$ -semigroup  $(\Phi_\theta(t))_{t \geq 0}$ , satisfying :

$$\|\Phi_\theta(t)\| \leq M_\beta, \forall t \geq 0, \theta \in (0, \alpha).$$

3. The application  $]0, +\infty[ \ni t \rightarrow \Phi(t) \in \mathcal{B}(E)^1$ , is differentiable and there is a constant  $C > 0$ , such that

$$\|\Phi(t)\| \leq \frac{C}{t}, \forall t \geq 0.$$

4.  $A$  is the generator of a strongly continuous semigroup  $(\Phi(t))_{t \geq 0}$  in  $E$ , and there exists a constant  $C' > 0$ , such that for all  $r > 0, s \neq 0$ , we have

$$\|R(r + is, B)\| \leq \frac{C'}{|s|}.$$

5.  $A$  is sectorial.

We now move on to a small introduction to fractional exponents.

**Definition 1.21.** Let  $-A$  be the generator of an analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ ) and let  $0 \in \rho(A)$  for  $b > 0$ , the fractional power of  $A$  is defined as follows :

$$A^{-b} = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\gamma)} \mu^{-b} R(\lambda, A) d\mu, \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha < \gamma < \pi.$$

Here and in the following  $\lambda^b$  is considered as the main branch. In this definition, the function  $\mu \rightarrow \mu^{-b}$  is a branch of the fractional power function in  $\mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}^-$ , i.e.

$$\mu^{-b} = e^{-b \ln \mu}, \ln \mu = \ln |\mu| + i\theta, -\pi < \theta = \arg \mu < \pi.$$

In this work, we need several properties of fractional powers which are grouped in the following lemma :

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<sup>1</sup> $\mathcal{B}$  is the Banach algebra.

**Lemma 1.22.** [13].

1.  $A^{-b} \in \mathcal{B}(E)$  is injective for  $b > 0$ .
2.  $A^b$  is a closed operator and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset \mathcal{D}(A^{b'})$  for  $b > b' > 0$ .
3.  $A^b x = A^{b-n} A^n x$ , for  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A^n)$ ,  $n > b$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
4. If  $B \subset A^b$  and  $\mathcal{D}(B) \subset \mathcal{D}(A^{b'})$ ,  $b > b' > 0$  then  $B$  is closable and  $\overline{B} = A^b$ , where  $\overline{B}$  is the closure of  $B$ .

**Analytic semigroup generated by  $-A^b$  and  $A - \varepsilon A^b$**

In this part we show that the two operators  $-A^b$  and  $A - \varepsilon A^b$  are generators of analytic semigroups under certain appropriate conditions on the operator  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.23.** [13] Let  $-A$  be the generator of a bounded analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ) and let  $0 \in \rho(A)$ . Then  $-A^b$  is the generator of a bounded analytic semigroup of angle  $(\frac{\pi}{2} - (\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha))b$ , where  $b \in (1, \frac{\pi}{\pi - 2\alpha})$ .

**Theorem 1.24.** [13] Suppose that the operator  $A$  satisfies the conditions of the theorem 1.10. Let  $A_\varepsilon = A - \varepsilon A^b$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $b \in (1, \frac{\pi}{\pi - 2\alpha})$ . Then for all  $\beta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} - (\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha)b)$ ,  $A_\varepsilon$  is the generator of an analytic semigroup  $\{\Phi_\varepsilon(t)\}$  of angle  $\beta$ , satisfying :  $\|\Phi_\varepsilon(t)\| \leq M \exp(C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{1-b}}t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ , where  $M$  and  $C$  are positive constants independent of  $\varepsilon$ .

**2 Regularization of a class of ill-posed Cauchy problems associated with generators of analytic semigroups**

The ill-posed Cauchy problems are practical problems, have received a lot of attention since the 1960s of the last century. For this reason, the objective of this domain was to study the following abstract Cauchy problem :

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = Ay(t); 0 < t \leq T, \\ y(0) = x, \end{cases} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $-A$  is the generator of an analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha$  in the Banach space  $E$ , where  $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** The function  $y : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow E$  is called classical solution of (2.1) if :

1.  $y \in \mathcal{C}([0, +\infty], \mathcal{D}(A))$  provides the norm of the graph.
2.  $y \in \mathcal{C}^1([0, +\infty], E)$ .
3.  $y$  checks the equation (2.1) and checks the initial condition  $y(0) = x$  with  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** [1] For a closed operator  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \subset E \rightarrow E$  associated with the problem (2.1) is well posed if and only if  $A$  is the generator of a strongly continuous semigroup.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup of bounded operators, if  $\forall t > 0, T^{-1}(t)$  exists and it is bounded, then  $\Phi(t) = T^{-1}(t)$  is a  $C_0$ -semigroup of bounded operators where its infinitesimal generator is  $-A$ . In addition if

$$U(t) = \begin{cases} T(t) & \text{for } t \geq 0, \\ T^{-1}(-t) & \text{for } t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $U(t)$  is a strongly continuous group of bounded operators.

*Proof.* We show that  $\Phi(t)$  is a strongly continuous semigroup.

- ✓  $\Phi(t) = T^{-1}(0) = I$ .
- ✓  $\Phi(t + s) = [T(t + s)]^{-1} = [T(t).T(s)]^{-1} = T^{-1}(s).T^{-1}(t)$ , hence

$$\Phi(t + s) = \Phi(s).\Phi(t).$$

✓ Now we show the strong continuity of  $\Phi(t)$ .

We have  $x = T(s)y$  for  $s > 0$ , then :

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(t)x - x\| &= \|T^{-1}(t)x - x\| \\ &= \|T^{-1}(t)T(t)T(s-t)y - T(s)y\| \\ &= \|T(s-t)y - T(s)y\| \rightarrow 0, \text{ when } t \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\Phi(t)$  is strongly continuous. Finally, for  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Phi(t)x - x}{t} = \frac{T^{-1}(t)x - x}{t} = -Ax.$$

So  $-A$  is the infinitesimal generator of  $\Phi(t)$ . □

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be a strongly continuous semigroup of bounded operators. If  $0 \in \rho(T(t_0))$  for a certain  $t_0 > 0$ , then  $0 \in \rho(T(t))$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $T(t)$  can be extended into a  $\mathcal{C}_0$ -semigroup (strongly continuous group).*

*Proof.* Since  $0 \in \rho(T(t_0))$  then by lemma 2.3  $T(nt_0)$  is bijective,  $\forall n \geq 1$ .

Let  $T(t)x = 0$ , choose  $n$  such that  $nt_0 > t$ . We have

$$T(nt_0)x = T(nt_0 - t)T(t)x.$$

So  $T(t)x = 0$  implies that  $x = 0$ . Then  $T(t)$  is injective for all  $t > 0$ .

According to the semi-group properties  $\text{Im } T(t) \supset \text{Im } T(t_0)$ , for  $t \leq t_0$ .

For  $t > t_0$ , let  $t = kt_0 + t_1$ , with  $0 \leq t_1 < t_0$ , thus  $T(t) = [T(t_0)]^k T(t_1)$ , and therefore

$$\text{Im } T(t) \subset \text{Im } T(t_0).$$

So we have :  $\text{Im } T(t) = E, \forall t > 0$ . This is the proof that the operator is surjective.

$T(t)$  is bijective and  $\text{Im } T(t) = E$ , for all  $t > 0$ , and according to the closed graph theorem

$$0 \in \rho(T(t)), \forall t > 0.$$

□

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $-A$  be the generator of an analytic semigroup  $(\Phi(t))$  and let  $0 \in \rho(\Phi(t_0))$  for some  $t_0 > 0$ . Then  $A \in \mathcal{B}(E)$ .*

*Proof.* We can assume without loss of generality that  $-A$  is the generator of a bounded analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha$  for a certain  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , otherwise we consider the analytic semigroup  $\{e^{\omega t}\Phi(t)\}$  generator  $(\omega - A)$  for a certain  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$0 \in \rho(\Phi(t_0)) \implies 0 \in \rho(\Phi(t)), \forall t \geq 0,$$

thus  $0 \in \rho\{e^{\omega t}\Phi(t)\}$  “according to the theorem 2.4”.

If  $(\omega - A)$  is the generator of an analytic semigroup of angle  $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$ , then  $A$  is a generator of a  $\mathcal{C}_0$ -semigroup, and according to the Hille-Yosida theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned} \exists M, \omega' \geq 0 : \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re } \lambda > \omega' \} &\subset \rho(A) \\ \text{and } \|R(\lambda, A)\| &\leq \frac{M}{\text{Re } \lambda - \omega'}, \text{ Re } \lambda > \omega'. \end{aligned}$$

As  $A$  generates a  $\mathcal{C}_0$ -semigroup  $\Phi^{-1}(t)$ , and according to the lemma 2.3,  $\Phi^{-1}(t)$  bounded, then we can extend it to a analytic semigroup.

And as  $-A$  is the generator of an analytic semigroup  $(\Phi(t))$  of angle  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  then  $A$  is the generator of an analytic semigroup of angle  $\beta \in (\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha, \frac{\pi}{2}) \subset (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

Then there is a constant  $M_\beta > 0$  such that

$$\|R(\lambda, A)\| \leq \frac{M_\beta}{|\lambda|}, \text{ Re } \lambda > 2\omega', |\arg \lambda| \leq \beta.$$

So we have :

$$\begin{cases} 1) \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\arg \lambda| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha \} \subset \rho(A), \\ 2) \exists M_\beta > 0 : \|R(\lambda, A)\| \leq \frac{M_\beta}{|\lambda|}, |\arg \lambda| \leq \beta, \end{cases}$$

where the constant  $M_\beta$  can be replaced by a larger one if necessary, so

$$\|R(\lambda, A)\| \leq \frac{M_\beta}{|\lambda|}, \quad |\lambda| > 2\omega'.$$

And according to the proposition ([8] page 63) we obtain  $A \in \mathcal{B}(E)$ . □

The problem (2.1) is generally ill-posed. For this, consider the inverse problem corresponding to (2.1)

$$\begin{cases} v'(t) = -Av(t); 0 < t < T, \\ v(0) = u. \end{cases} \tag{2.2}$$

Like  $-A$  the generator of an analytic semigroup in  $E$ , Cauchy’s problem (2.2) is well-posed. This means that (2.2) admits a solution for each  $u \in E$ , and (2.2) is stable. Let us denote by  $(\Phi(t))_{t \geq 0}$  the semigroup generated by  $-A$ . Then  $v(t) = \Phi(t)u, 0 \leq t \leq T$ , is the only solution of (2.2). On the other hand if  $y(t), (0 \leq t \leq T)$  is the solution of (2.1). Then  $y(T - t), (0 \leq t < T)$  is obviously the solution of (2.2) with the initial element  $y(T) = u$ . By the uniqueness of the solutions of (2.2) we obtain that

$$v(t) = y(T - t); 0 \leq t < T.$$

That is

$$\Phi(t)y(T) = y(T - t); 0 \leq t < T.$$

For  $t = T$ , we have

$$\Phi(T)y(T) = y(0) = x.$$

For the change of variable  $t = T - t$ , the operator  $A$  generates the semigroup  $\Phi(T - t)$ , where  $y(T) = u$ . Hence

$$y(t) = \Phi(T - t)y(T).$$

Then

$$\Phi(t)y(t) = \Phi(t)\Phi(T - t)y(T); 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

That is

$$\Phi(t)y(t) = \Phi(T)y(T) = x; 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Since  $\Phi(t)$  is invertible for each  $t \geq 0$  ([8] page 69), we obtain

$$y(t) = \Phi^{-1}(t)x \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

According to the proposition 2.5,  $\Phi^{-1}(t), t \geq 0$  is not a family of bounded linear operators. So (2.1) is not stable. An important method for dealing with the ill-posed Cauchy problem (2.1) is the quasi-reversibility method. This method leads to the regularization of (2.1). Using the solution of the well-posed Cauchy problem :

$$\begin{cases} y'_\varepsilon(t) = (A - \varepsilon A^b)y_\varepsilon(t); 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ y_\varepsilon(0) = x. \end{cases} \tag{2.3}$$

Approach the solution of (2.1) where  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $A^b, (b > 1)$  is defined as the fractional power. The main result of this work is : If  $-A$  the generator of an analytic semigroup. Then there is the family of regularized for the ill-posed Cauchy problem (2.1). Using the quasi-reversibility method.

### 2.1 Regularization of 2.1

We start with the definition of regularization families for the operators.

**Definition 2.6.** A family  $\{R_\varepsilon, t, \varepsilon > 0, t \in [0, T]\} \subset \mathcal{B}(E)$  is called a regularization family of operators for (2.1) if for each solution  $y(t), (0 \leq t \leq T)$  of (2.1) with the initial element  $x$  and for all  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $\varepsilon(\delta) > 0$  such that :

1.  $\varepsilon(\delta) \rightarrow 0, (\delta \rightarrow 0)$ .
2.  $\|R_{\varepsilon(\delta), t}x_\delta - y(t)\| \rightarrow 0, (\delta \rightarrow 0)$  for each  $t \in [0, T]$ , when  $\|x_\delta - x\| \leq \delta$ .

We note that the regularization family of operators for (2.1) is not trivial if the problem (2.1) does not have the solution  $y(t) \equiv 0$  only.

Indeed, it is known (Voir [8] page 67) that (2.1) has a unique solution for each initial element  $x \in D$ , where  $D$  is a subspace dense in  $E$ .

The main result of this work is as follows :

**Theorem 2.7.** *Suppose that  $-A$  is the generator of an analytic semigroup, then there exists a regularization family of operators for the problem (2.1).*

*Proof.* We first consider the case where  $-A$  is the generator of a bounded analytic semigroup of angle  $\alpha$  and  $0 \in \rho(A)$ , where  $(0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2})$ , let  $y(t) (0 \leq t \leq T)$  a solution of (2.1) with the initial element  $x$ , checking :

$$\|x_\delta - x\| \leq \delta.$$

By using the quasi-reversibility method for (2.3) with the initial element  $x_\delta$ , the approximate problem admits a unique solution

$$y_{\varepsilon, \delta}(t) = V_\varepsilon(t)x_\delta.$$

Where  $V_\varepsilon(t)$  is the semigroup generated by  $A_\varepsilon$  in the theorem 1.23.

We define

$$R_{\varepsilon, t} = V_\varepsilon(t) \text{ for } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Then

$$\{R_{\varepsilon, t}, \varepsilon > 0, t \in [0, T]\} \subset \mathcal{B}(E).$$

When  $t = 0$  it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_{\varepsilon, 0}x_\delta - y(0)\| &= \|V_\varepsilon(0)x_\delta - y(0)\| \\ &= \|x_\delta - x\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } \delta \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

When  $t \in [0, T]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_{\varepsilon, t}x_\delta - y(t)\| &\leq \|R_{\varepsilon, t}x_\delta - R_{\varepsilon, t}x\| + \|R_{\varepsilon, t}x - y(t)\| \\ &= \Delta_1 + \Delta_2, \varepsilon > 0. \end{aligned}$$

For estimate  $\Delta_2$ , we note that  $x = \Phi(t) y(t)$ . Using the inverse problem (2.2) where  $\{\Phi(t)\}$  is the semigroup generated by  $-A$ .

According to the representation of the analytic semigroup we have

$$\Phi(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\eta)} e^{\lambda t} R(\lambda, -A) d\lambda.$$

Where  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \eta < \pi - \gamma$ .

According to the proof of the theorem 1.24 (see [13]), the resolving identity and the Cauchy theorem that

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\varepsilon, t}x &= V_\varepsilon(t)x = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\gamma)} e^{(\mu - \varepsilon\mu^b)t} R(\mu, A) x d\mu \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\gamma)} e^{(\mu - \varepsilon\mu^b)t} R(\mu, A) \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\eta)} e^{\lambda t} R(\lambda, -A) d\lambda \right\} y(t) d\mu. \end{aligned}$$



Where  $\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha < \gamma < \frac{\pi}{2b}$ .

Because  $x = \Phi(t) y(t)$ . We have

$$R_{\varepsilon,t}x = - \left( \frac{1}{2\pi i} \right)^2 \int_{\Gamma(\gamma)} e^{(\mu - \varepsilon\mu^b)t} \left\{ \int_{\Gamma(\eta)} e^{\lambda t} \frac{R(\mu, A) + R(\lambda, -A)}{\mu + \lambda} y(t) d\lambda \right\} d\mu,$$

since

$$R(\mu, A) \times R(\lambda, -A) = \frac{R(\mu, A) + R(\lambda, -A)}{\mu + \lambda}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\varepsilon,t}x &= - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\gamma)} e^{(\mu - \varepsilon\mu^b)t} R(\mu, A) \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\eta)} e^{\lambda t} (\mu + \lambda)^{-1} y(t) d\lambda \right\} d\mu \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\eta)} e^{\lambda t} R(\lambda, -A) \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\gamma)} (\mu + \lambda)^{-1} e^{(\mu - \varepsilon\mu^b)t} y(t) d\mu \right\} d\lambda \\ &= - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\eta)} e^{(\mu - \varepsilon\mu^b)t - \mu t} R(\mu, A) y(t) d\mu, \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\eta)} \frac{e^{\lambda t}}{\lambda - (-\mu)} y(t) d\lambda = e^{-\mu t} y(t) \text{ and } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\eta)} (\mu + \lambda)^{-1} e^{(\mu - \varepsilon\mu^b)t} y(t) d\mu = 0.$$

According to the proof of the theorem 1.23 (see [13]),  $R_{\varepsilon,t}x = U(\varepsilon t)y(t)$  where  $\{U(t)\}$  is the semigroup generated by  $-A^b$  in the theorem 1.10. By the strong continuity of  $\{U(t)\}$  we obtain :

$$\Delta_2 = \|R_{\varepsilon,t}x - y(t)\| = \|U(\varepsilon t)u(t) - y(t)\| \rightarrow 0, (\delta \rightarrow 0). \tag{2.4}$$

When  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0, (\delta \rightarrow 0)$ . Concerning  $\Delta_1$ , it follows from Theorem 1.23 that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= \|R_{\varepsilon,t}x_\delta - R_{\varepsilon,t}x\| \leq \|x_\delta - x\| \cdot \|R_{\varepsilon,t}\| \\ &\leq \delta \|R_{\varepsilon,t}\| \leq \delta \|V_\varepsilon(t)\| \\ &\leq \delta M \exp \left( C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{1-b}} t \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $C, M > 0$  are independent of  $\varepsilon$  and  $t$ . We choose

$$\varepsilon = \left[ -TC \left( \ln \sqrt{\delta} \right)^{-1} \right]^{b-1}, 0 < \delta < 1. \tag{2.5}$$

Then  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0, (\delta \rightarrow 0)$  and  $\Delta_1 \leq \delta M \exp \left( C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{1-b}} T \right)$  of (2.5), we find

$$\Delta_1 \leq \delta M \exp \left( TC \left( \left[ -TC \left( \ln \sqrt{\delta} \right)^{-1} \right]^{b-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-b}} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &\leq \delta M \exp \left( TC \left[ -TC \left( \ln \sqrt{\delta} \right)^{-1} \right]^{-1} \right) \\ &\leq \delta M \exp \left( -\ln \sqrt{\delta} \right) = \frac{\delta M}{\sqrt{\delta}} = \sqrt{\delta} M. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\Delta_1 \leq \sqrt{\delta} M \rightarrow 0, (\delta \rightarrow 0). \tag{2.6}$$

By combining (2.4) with (2.6), we get

$$\forall t \in [0, T], \|R_{\varepsilon,t}x_\delta - y(t)\| \rightarrow 0; (\delta \rightarrow 0).$$

So  $\{R_{\varepsilon,t}\}$  is a regularization family of operators of (2.1). Let us deal with the general case when  $-A$  is the generator of an analytic semigroup. From the remark appearing after the definition 1.18 there exists a constant  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(A - \omega)$  is the generator of a bounded analytic semigroup and  $0 \in \rho(A - \omega)$ . As above, there is a family of regularizing operators  $\{R_{\varepsilon,t}\}$  for the problem :

$$\begin{cases} v'(t) = (A - \omega)v(t), 0 < t \leq T, \\ v(0) = x. \end{cases} \tag{2.7}$$

Let  $y(t)$ ,  $(0 \leq t \leq T)$  be a solution of (2.1) with the initial element  $x$ . So

$$v(t) = e^{-\omega t}y(t), 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

is the solution of (2.7) with the initial element  $x$ . So for each  $t \in [0, T]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{\omega t}R_{\varepsilon(\delta),t}x_\delta - y(t)\| &= e^{\omega t} \|R_{\varepsilon(\delta),t}x_\delta - e^{-\omega t}y(t)\| \\ &\leq e^{\omega t} \|R_{\varepsilon(\delta),t}x_\delta - v(t)\| \rightarrow 0; (\delta \rightarrow 0). \end{aligned}$$

That is to say  $\{e^{\omega t}R_{\varepsilon,t}\}$  is the regularization family of operators for (2.1). □

**Remark 2.8.** From the proof of the theorem 2.7 and (Theorem 1.24 (see [13])) we can give the representation of the regularization family of operators for (2.1) as follows :

$$R_{\varepsilon,t} = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(\gamma)} e^{(w+\mu-\varepsilon\mu^b)t} R(w + \mu, A) d\mu; \varepsilon > 0, t > 0.$$

Where  $\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha < \delta < \frac{\pi}{2b}$  and  $\omega$  is the bound in the exponential estimate of the semigroup  $e^{-At}, t \geq 0$ .

### 3 Conclusion

Our contribution in this work is the ill-posed inverse problems. Exactly study the regularization of a class of ill-posed Cauchy problems associated with generators of analytic semigroups.

The method of regularization is consists in replacing an ill-posed problem by a well-posed problem and whose solutions are approximations of the solutions of the initial problem.

For this, the first section consists of a reminder of some mathematical concepts and properties of the theory of analytic semigroups.

The second section is devoted to the example of ill-posed Cauchy problem associated with the generators of analytic semigroups.

As a perspective, we propose to study an ill-posed inverse problem by the Tikhonov regularization method or the Lavrentiv method.

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