SOME HOLOMORPHIC SEMI-GROUPS

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In this note we state some basic spectral properties of a class of operators associated with a representation of a Lie group. We merely indicate the proofs since we intend to give details in another context.

Let T(.) be a strongly continuous representation of the Lie group \mathfrak{G} in the Banach space \mathfrak{X} . For a in \mathfrak{A} , the Lie algebra of \mathfrak{G} , let A(a) be the infinitesimal generator of the one-parameter group, $T(\exp(ta))$, $-\infty < t < \infty$, and let $A^*(a)$ be the adjoint of A(a). It is known that

$$\mathfrak{W}_{k} = \left\{ x \in \mathfrak{X} \mid x \in \text{Domain}(A(a_{1}) \cdots A(a_{k})) \text{ for all } a_{1}, \dots, a_{k} \in \mathfrak{A} \right\}$$

is dense in X and that

$$\mathfrak{W}_k^* = \left\{ x^* \in \mathfrak{X}^* \mid x^* \in \text{Domain}(A^*(a_1) \cdots A^*(a_k)) \text{ for all } a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathfrak{A} \right\}$$

is dense in \mathfrak{X}^* in the weak* topology. Let $\{e_1, \ldots, e_n\}$ be a basis for \mathfrak{A} and set $A_i = A(e_i)$, $A_i^* = A^*(e_i)$. If $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_k)$, $1 \leq \alpha_i \leq n$, is a sequence of integers we denote a product such as $A_{\alpha_1} \cdots A_{\alpha_k}$ by A_{α} ; $|\alpha| = k$ is the length of α . The operator $B^\circ = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha A_\alpha$ (the coefficients are complex numbers) is defined on \mathfrak{W}_m and denoting α in reversed order by α^* , the operator $\widetilde{B}^\circ = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha A_{\alpha^*}^*$ is defined on \mathfrak{W}_m^* . The closure B of B° and the weak* closure \widetilde{B} of \widetilde{B}° are well-defined operators. If for any real n-vector, $\xi = (\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_n)$, $\left|\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha \xi_\alpha\right| \geq \rho \|\xi\|^m$ ($\rho > 0$ is fixed and $\|\xi\|$ is the ordinary Euclidean norm) then

Theorem 1. The adjoint B^* of B is \widetilde{B} .

To prove this we observe that if $B^*x_1^* = x_2^*$ then¹ for $x = \mathfrak{X}$, $x_1^*(T(g)x)$ is a weak solution of the equation

$$\sum_{|\alpha|\leqslant m} a_{\alpha} R_{\alpha^*} \Big\{ x_1^* \big(T(g)x \big) \Big\} = x_2^* \big(T(g)x \big) ;$$

 R_i is the infinitesimal transformation

$$R_i f(g) = \lim_{t \to 0} t^{-1} \left\{ f\left(\exp(te_i)g\right) - f(g) \right\}$$

We use the properties of weak solutions of elliptic equations to show that x_1^* is in \mathfrak{W}_{m-1}^* and then apply an adaptation² of the mollifier technique.

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¹Nelson, E., and W. F. Stinespring, *Amer.J.Math.*, **81**, 547–560 (1959).

²Langlands, R. P., On Lie Semi-Groups (submitted to Canad.J.Math.).

If the stronger condition

$$(-1)^{j-1} \operatorname{Re}\left\{\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_{\alpha} \xi_{\alpha}\right\} \ge \rho \|\xi\|^m,$$

with 2j = m, is fulfilled then

Theorem 2. The operator B is the infinitesimal generator of a semi-group, S(t), of class $H(\phi_1, \phi_2)$, for some ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 .³

The theorem is equivalent to an inequality $||R(\lambda, B)|| \leq M/[\rho(\lambda, S)]$ for the norm of the resolvent of B; M is a constant and $\rho(\lambda, S)$ is the distance of λ from a sector

$$S = \left\{ \zeta \mid \psi_2 \leqslant \arg(\zeta - \zeta_0) \leqslant \psi_1 \right\}, \qquad \frac{\pi}{2} < \psi_2 \leqslant \pi \leqslant \psi_1 < 3\pi/2.$$

To obtain the inequality we observe that

$$x^* \big(T(g)(B - \lambda)x \big) = \sum_{|\alpha| \le m} a_{\alpha} L_{\alpha} x^* \big(T(g)x \big) - \lambda x^* \big(T(g)x \big),$$

with

$$L_{i}f(g) = \lim_{t \to 0} t^{-1} \Big\{ f\big(g \exp(te_{i})\big) - f(g) \Big\}$$

partially invert this equation in a neighborhood of the identity using a parametrix; and then establish appropriate estimates⁴ for the parametrix. It is of interest to note that if a_{α} is real when $|\alpha| = m$, S(t) is holomorphic in a half-plane.

The semi-groups, S(t), have a canonical representation. Let μ be a left-invariant Haar measure on \mathfrak{G} , then

Theorem 3. There is a unique function h(t,g) (defined for t in an open sector containing $(0,\infty)$) in $L_1(\mu)$ for each t and such that for all representations $T(\cdot)$ of \mathfrak{G}

$$S(t)x = \int_{\mathfrak{G}} h(t,g)T(g)x\mu(dg).$$

The integral is a Bochner integral and h(t, g) is analytic in t and g. We remark finally that, when t is in the interior of the domain of S(.) and x is in X, S(t)x is an analytic vector.

The above results generalize theorems of Nelson⁵ and Nelson and Stinespring.⁶

³For terminology see Hille, E., and R. S. Phillips, *Functional Analysis and Semi-Groups*.

⁴These are essentially estimates for the resolvents of strongly elliptic differential operators with constant coefficients and are obtained from estimates for the fundamental solution of the associated parabolic equation similar to those of Silov G. E., (*Usp.Mat.Nauk.*, **10**, 89–100 (1955)).

⁵Ann.Math., **70**, 572–615 (1959).

⁶Nelson, E., and W. F. Stinespring, Amer.J.Math., 81, 547–560 (1959).

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