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**Semigroups of Lipschitz
Operators**

— Introduction, Generation
and Approximation —

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1. Introduction. Let X be a real Banach space with norm $|\cdot|$ and D a subset of X .

Definition 1.1. A one-parameter family $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ of operators from D into itself is called a **semigroup (of operators)** on D if it satisfies the following conditions **(S1)** and **(S2)**.

(S1) For $x \in D$ and $t, s \geq 0$,

$$T(t)T(s)x = T(t+s)x, \quad T(0)x = x.$$

(S2) For $x \in D$ and $t \in [0, \infty)$,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow t} |T(t)x - T(s)x| = 0.$$

It is called a **semigroup of Lipschitz operators** on D if, in addition to **(S1)** and **(S2)**, it satisfies the following condition **(S3)**.

(S3) For $\tau > 0$, there exists $M_\tau \geq 1$ such that

$$|T(t)x - T(t)y| \leq M_\tau |x - y|$$

for $x, y \in D$ and $t \in [0, \tau]$.

Definition 1.2. Let $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ be a semi-group of operators on D . The operator A_0 defined by $D(A_0) = \left\{ x \in D; \lim_{h \downarrow 0} h^{-1}(T(h)x - x) \text{ exists} \right\}$ and $A_0x = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} h^{-1}(T(h)x - x)$ is called the **infinitesimal generator** of the semigroup.

Theorem 1.1. Let $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ be a semigroup on D . It is a semigroup of Lipschitz operators on D if and only if there exist $M \geq 1$ and $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$ such that

$$(1.1) \quad |T(t)x - T(t)y| \leq M e^{\omega t} |x - y|$$

for $t \in [0, \infty)$ and $x, y \in D$.

Proof. Let $|T(t)|_{Lip}$ denote the least Lipschitz constant of $T(t)$ and

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \log |T(t)|_{Lip}, & |T(t)|_{Lip} \neq 0 \\ -\infty, & |T(t)|_{Lip} = 0 \end{cases}$$

for $t \in [0, \infty)$. Then, we see that $f(\cdot)$ is Locally bounded and subadditive on $[0, \infty)$, which implies the necessity. Q.E.D.

Remark 1.1. If, for some $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$,

$|T(t)x - T(t)y| \leq e^{\omega t} |x - y|$, $t \in [0, \infty)$, $x, y \in D$, then the semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ is called to be *quasi-contractive* with respect to the norm $|\cdot|$ on D .

Theorem 1.2. Let $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ be a semi-group on D . It is a semigroup of Lipschitz operators on D if and only if there exist $M \geq 1$, $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$ and a metric d on D such that

$$(1.2) \quad |x - y| \leq d(x, y) \leq M|x - y|,$$

$$(1.3) \quad d(T(t)x, T(t)y) \leq e^{\omega t}d(x, y),$$

for $x, y \in D$.

Proof. To see the necessity, choose $M \geq 1$ and $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$ so that (1.1) holds, and then set

$$d(x, y) = \sup \left\{ e^{-\omega t} |T(t)x - T(t)y|; t \in [0, \infty) \right\}$$

for $x, y \in D$. Q.E.D.

Remark 1.2. There exists a nonnegative functional $V(\cdot, \cdot)$ on $X \times X$ such that

$$|V(x, y) - V(\hat{x}, \hat{y})| \leq M(|x - y| + |\hat{x} - \hat{y}|),$$

$$(x, y), (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in X \times X,$$

$$V(x, y) = d(x, y), (x, y) \in D \times D.$$

Remark 1.3. Let \hat{D} denote the set of $x \in D$ such that $t \rightarrow T(t)x$ is locally Lipschitz continuous on $[0, \infty)$. For $x \in \hat{D}$, there exists $L(x) = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} d(T(h)x, x)/h$ and

$$d(T(t)x, T(s)x) \leq L(x) \left| \int_s^t e^{\omega \sigma} d\sigma \right|, \quad t, s \geq 0.$$

Furthermore, if $x \in \hat{D}$ and $t \geq 0$, then $T(t)x \in \hat{D}$ and $L(T(t)x) \leq e^{\omega t}L(x)$.

Example 1.1. Let f be a continuous function \mathbf{R} such that $1/M \leq f(r) \leq 1$ for $r \in \mathbf{R}$, where $M \geq 1$ is a constant. Define $T(t)x = u(t)$, where $u(t)$ is the unique C^1 solution u of the initial value problem

$$\partial_t u = f(u), \quad u|_{t=0} = x \in \mathbf{R},$$

which is given by

$$u(t) = g^{-1}(t + g(x)), \quad g(r) = \int_0^r \frac{dr}{f(r)}.$$

The semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ on \mathbf{R} satisfies (1.2), (1.3) with $\omega = 0$ and the metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ on \mathbf{R} defined by $d(x, y) = |g(x) - g(y)|$ for $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$. But, for example, for $f(r) = (1/M + \sqrt{|r|}) \wedge 1$, there is no number $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$ such that $\text{sign}(x-y)(f(x) - f(y)) \leq \omega|x-y|$ for $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$ and $|T(t)x - T(t)y| \leq e^{\omega t}|x-y|$ for $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$. Indeed, $f(r) = 1/M + \sqrt{|r|}$ for $|r| \leq \sqrt{1 - 1/M}$ and $\text{sign}(x-y)(f(x) - f(y)) = |\sqrt{|x|} - \sqrt{|y|}|$ for $|x|, |y| \leq \sqrt{1 - 1/M}$.

Consider the evolution equation

$$(1.4) \quad \partial_t u = Au, \quad t > 0$$

in X . Assume that, for $x \in D(A)$, there exists a norm $\|\cdot\|_x$ on X such that

$$|\xi| \leq \|\xi\|_x \leq M|\xi|, \quad x \in D(A), \quad \xi \in X$$

and $(x, \xi) \rightarrow \|\xi\|_x$ is continuous on $D(A) \times X$. Assume also, for any $x, y \in D(A)$, there exists a smooth curve $c = c(\theta)$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$, in $D(A)$ such that $c(0) = x$ and $c(1) = y$. Denote by $\Gamma(x, y)$ the set of such a curve $c = c(\theta)$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$, and define

$$d(x, y) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \|c'(\theta)\|_{c(\theta)} d\theta; \quad c \in \Gamma(x, y) \right\}.$$

Then, $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a metric on $D(A)$ such that $|x - y| \leq d(x, y)$ for $x, y \in D(A)$. It holds that $d(x, y) \leq M|x - y|$ for $x, y \in D(A)$ if $D(A)$ is convex.

Let $c \in \Gamma(x, y)$ and $u(t, \theta)$ the solution of (1.4) such that $u(0, \theta) = c(\theta)$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$. Assume $u(t, \theta)$ is smooth and set $\xi(t, \theta) = \partial_\theta u(t, \theta)$. Differentiating the both sides of (1.4) with respect to θ yields

$$(1.5) \quad \partial_t \xi = (\partial A)(u) \xi, \quad t > 0,$$

which is called the variation equation of (1.4). Here, we assumed that there exists the derivative $(\partial A)(u)\xi$ of A at u in the direction of ξ . If, for every such a solution $u(t, \theta)$,

$$(1.6) \quad \partial_t \|\xi\|_u \leq \omega \|\xi\|_u,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\xi\|_u &\leq e^{\omega t} \|c'\|_c, \\ d(u(t, 0), u(t, 1)) &\leq e^{\omega t} d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Setting $\|\xi\|_u = N(u, \xi)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \|\xi\|_u &= \partial_t N(u, \xi) = \partial_x N(u, \xi) \partial_t u + \partial_\xi N(u, \xi) \partial_t \xi \\ &= \partial_x N(u, \xi) Au + \partial_\xi N(u, \xi) (\partial A)(u) \xi. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if

$$\partial_x N(x, \xi) Ax + \partial_\xi N(x, \xi) (\partial A)(x) \xi \leq \omega N(x, \xi)$$

for $x \in D(A)$ and $\xi \in X$, then we can expect that (1.6) holds.

Example 1.2. Assume $f : R \rightarrow R$ in Example 1.1 is C^1 . The variation equation of $\partial_t u = f(u)$ is $\partial_t \xi = f'(u)\xi$, where ξ is the variation δu of u . Set $\|\xi\|_x = |\xi|/f(x)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \|\xi\|_u &= \partial_t \left(\frac{|\xi|}{f(u)} \right) \\ &= \frac{\text{sign}(\xi)(\partial_t \xi)f(u) - |\xi|f'(u)\partial_t u}{f(u)^2} \\ &= \frac{\text{sign}(\xi)f'(u)\xi f(u) - |\xi|f'(u)f(u)}{f(u)^2} = 0\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}d(x, y) &= \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \|c'(\theta)\|_{c(\theta)} d\theta; \ c \in \Gamma(x, y) \right\} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{|x - y|}{f(x + \theta(y - x))} d\theta = \left| \int_x^y \frac{dr}{f(r)} \right|.\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.3. Let $F \in C^1(\mathbf{R})$. Consider the scalar conservation law $\partial_t u + \partial_x F(u) = 0$, $-\infty < x < \infty$, $t > 0$. The variation equation for the variation $\xi = \delta u$ of u is

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \xi + \partial_x (F'(u)\xi) &= 0 \\ \partial_t \xi + (\partial_x F'(u))\xi + F'(u)\partial_x \xi &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t |\xi| &= (\partial_t \xi) \operatorname{sign}(\xi) \\ &= -((\partial_x F'(u))\xi + F'(u)\partial_x \xi) \operatorname{sign}(\xi) \\ &= -((\partial_x F'(u))|\xi| + F'(u)\partial_x |\xi|) \\ &= -\partial_x (F'(u)|\xi|),\end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\partial_t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\xi| dx = 0.$$

We have also

$$\begin{aligned}d(u, v) &= \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c'(\theta)| dx \right) d\theta; \ c \in \Gamma(u, v) \right\} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u - v| dx.\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.4. Consider the wave equation with a damping term:

$$(1.7) \quad \partial_t^2 w = \partial_x (\sigma(\partial_x w)) - \nu \partial_t w.$$

Here, $\nu > 0$ is a constant and σ a smooth increasing function such that

$$\sigma(0) = 0, \quad \sigma'(r) \geq \delta_0 > 0$$

and $\|\sigma^{(j)}\|_{L^\infty} < \infty$, $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

Taking $u = \partial_x w$ and $v = \partial_t w$, we can rewrite (1.7) as

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t u = \partial_x v \\ \partial_t v = \partial_x \sigma(u) - \nu v. \end{cases}$$

The variation equation for the variations $\xi = \delta u$ and $\eta = \delta v$ of u and v , respectively, is given by

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \xi = \partial_x \eta \\ \partial_t \eta = \partial_x (\sigma'(u) \xi) - \nu \eta. \end{cases}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma'(u) \partial_t |\xi|^2 + \partial_t |\eta|^2 \\ &= 2 \left(\partial_x (\sigma'(u) \xi \eta) - \nu |\eta|^2 \right) \leq 2 \partial_x (\sigma'(u) \xi \eta), \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned}
& \partial_t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma'(u)|\xi|^2 + |\eta|^2) dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma''(u)(\partial_t u)|\xi|^2 + \sigma'(u)\partial_t|\xi|^2 + \partial_t|\eta|^2) dx \\
&\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma''(u)(\partial_t u)|\xi|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma''(u)(\partial_x v)|\xi|^2 dx \\
&\leq \delta_0^{-1} \|\sigma''\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x v\|_{L^\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma'(u)|\xi|^2 dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if $\delta_0^{-1} \|\sigma''\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x v\|_{L^\infty} \leq 2\omega$, then

$$\partial_t \|(\xi, \eta)\|_{(u,v)} \leq \omega \|(\xi, \eta)\|_{(u,v)},$$

where

$$\|(\xi, \eta)\|_{(u,v)} = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma'(u)|\xi|^2 + |\eta|^2) dx \right)^{1/2}.$$

Hence,

$$\partial_t d((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) \leq \omega d((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})),$$

for the solutions (u, v) and (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) of (1.8) such that

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_0^{-1} \|\sigma''\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x v\|_{L^\infty} &\leq 2\omega, \\ \delta_0^{-1} \|\sigma''\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x \hat{v}\|_{L^\infty} &\leq 2\omega.\end{aligned}$$

Here

(1.9)

$$\begin{aligned}d((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) \\ = \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \|c'(\theta)\|_{c(\theta)} d\theta : \right. \\ \left. c(0) = (u, v), \quad c(1) = (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) \right\} \\ = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\left(\int_{\hat{u}}^u \sqrt{\sigma'(r)} dr \right)^2 + (v - \hat{v})^2 \right) dx \right)^{1/2}.\end{aligned}$$

We see that

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\delta_0 \wedge 1} \|(u, v) - (\hat{u}, \hat{v})\|_{L^2 \times L^2} &\leq d((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) \\ &\leq \sqrt{\|\sigma'\|_{L^\infty} \vee 1} \|(u, v) - (\hat{u}, \hat{v})\|_{L^2 \times L^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Let (u, v) be a solution of (1.8). Define $H(u, v)$ by

(1.10)

$$\begin{aligned} H(u, v) = & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^u \sigma(r) dr + \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) dx \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sigma'(u)(\partial_x u)^2 + (\nu u + \partial_x v)^2 \right) dx \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sigma'(u)(\partial_x^2 u)^2 + (\nu \partial_x u + \partial_x^2 v)^2 \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

We see that

$$(1.11) \quad \partial_t H(u, v) \leq (g(H(u, v)) - \nu) \|\partial_x u\|_{H^1}^2.$$

Here, g is a continuous, increasing and non-negative function on $[0, \infty)$ such that $g(0) = 0$. Choose $r_0 > 0$ such that $g(r_0) < \nu$, and define $D \subset L^2(\mathbf{R}) \times L^2(\mathbf{R})$ by

$$D = \{(u, v) \in H^2(\mathbf{R}) \times H^2(\mathbf{R}); H(u, v) \leq r_0\}.$$

From (1.11), it follows that the solution $(u(t, x), v(t, x))$ of (1.8) satisfies

$$(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot)) \in D, \quad t \in [0, \infty),$$

if $(u(0, \cdot), v(0, \cdot)) \in D$. We can choose ω such that

$$\delta_0^{-1} \|\sigma''\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x v\|_{L^\infty} \leq \delta_0^{-1} \|\sigma''\|_{L^\infty} \|v\|_{H^2} \leq 2\omega$$

for $(u, v) \in D$.

Example 1.5. Consider the wave equation of Kirchhoff type with a damping term:

$$(1.12) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t u = \partial_x v \\ \partial_t v = \beta' \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u|^2 dx \right) \partial_x u - \nu v. \end{cases}$$

Here, $\nu > 0$ is a constant and β a smooth increasing function such that

$$\beta(0) = 0, \quad \beta'(r) \geq \delta_0 > 0$$

and $\|\beta^{(j)}\|_{L^\infty} < \infty$, $j = 0, 1, 2$. The variation equation for the variations $\xi = \delta u$ and $\eta = \delta v$ of u and v , respectively, is given by

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \xi = \partial_x \eta \\ \partial_t \eta = \beta'(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) \partial_x \xi - \nu \eta + 2\beta''(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) \langle u, \xi \rangle_{L^2} \partial_x u. \end{cases}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_t (\beta'(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) \|\xi\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\eta\|_{L^2}^2) \\ & \leq 2\beta''(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) \|(u, v)\|_{H^1 \times H^1} \\ & \quad \times (1 + 2/\delta_0) (\beta(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) \|\xi\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\eta\|_{L^2}^2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if $(1+2/\delta_0)\|\beta''\|_{L^\infty}\|(u,v)\|_{H^1 \times H^1} \leq \omega$, then

$$\partial_t \|(\xi, \eta)\|_{(u,v)} \leq \omega \|(\xi, \eta)\|_{(u,v)},$$

where

$$\|(\xi, \eta)\|_{(u,v)} = (\beta'(\|u\|_{L^2}^2)\|\xi\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\eta\|_{L^2}^2)^{1/2}.$$

The metric

$$d((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \|c'(\theta)\|_{c(\theta)} d\theta : c(0) = (u, v), c(1) = (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) \right\}$$

cannot be written as an explicit form. Set

(1.13)

$$V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) = (\beta'(\|u\|_{L^2}^2)\|u - \hat{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|v - \hat{v}\|_{L^2}^2)^{1/2}.$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) &\leq \omega V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) \\ \sqrt{\delta_0 \wedge 1} \|(u, v) - (\hat{u}, \hat{v})\|_{L^2 \times L^2} &\leq V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) \\ &\leq \sqrt{\|\beta'\|_{L^\infty} \vee 1} \|(u, v) - (\hat{u}, \hat{v})\|_{L^2 \times L^2}, \end{aligned}$$

for the solutions (u, v) and (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) of (1.8) such that

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + 2/\delta_0)\|\beta''\|_{L^\infty}\|(u, v)\|_{H^1 \times H^1} &\leq \omega \\ (1 + 2/\delta_0)\|\beta''\|_{L^\infty}\|(\hat{u}, \hat{v})\|_{H^1 \times H^1} &\leq \omega. \end{aligned}$$

Let (u, v) be a solution of of (1.12). Define $H(u, v)$ by

(1.14)

$$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\beta(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) + \|v\|_{L^2}^2 + \beta'(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) \|\partial_x u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nu u + \partial_x v\|_{L^2}^2 \right).$$

We see that

(1.15)

$$\partial_t H(u, v) \leq \left((2\|\beta''\|_{L^\infty}/\sqrt{\delta_0}) H(u, v) - \nu\delta_0 \right) \|\partial_x u\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Choose $r_0 > 0$ such that $(2\|\beta''\|_{L^\infty}/\sqrt{\delta_0})r_0 \leq \nu\delta_0$, and define $D \subset L^2(\mathbf{R}) \times L^2(\mathbf{R})$ by

$$D = \{(u, v) \in H^1(\mathbf{R}) \times H^1(\mathbf{R}); H(u, v) \leq r_0\}.$$

From (1.15), it follows that the solution $(u(t, x), v(t, x))$ of (1.12) satisfies

$$(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot)) \in D, \quad t \in [0, \infty),$$

if $(u(0, \cdot), v(0, \cdot)) \in D$. We can choose ω such that

$$(1 + 2/\delta_0) \|\beta''\|_{L^\infty} \|(u, v)\|_{H^1 \times H^1} \leq \omega$$

for $(u, v) \in D$.

2. Basic properties of Infinitesimal generators.

Let D be a closed subset of X . Let $M \geq m > 0$ and $V(\cdot, \cdot)$ a nonnegative Lipschitz continuous functional on $X \times X$ such that

(2.1)

$$|V(x, y) - V(x', y')| \leq M(|x - x'| + |y - y'|), \\ \text{for } (x, y), (x', y') \in X \times X,$$

(2.2)

$$m|x - y| \leq V(x, y) \leq M|x - y|, \text{ for } x, y \in D.$$

Remark 2.1. The functional $V(\cdot, \cdot)$ is not assumed to satisfy the triangle inequality. But, it is a pseudo-metric on D in the sense that

$$V(x_0, x_N) \leq M|x_0 - x_N| \leq M \sum_{i=1}^N |x_{i-1} - x_i| \\ \leq \frac{M}{m} \sum_{i=1}^N V(x_{i-1}, x_i), \text{ for } x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N \in D.$$

Definition 2.1. Let $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ be a semi-group on D . If, for some $\omega \in R$,

$$V(T(t)x, T(t)y) \leq e^{\omega t}V(x, y), \quad t \in [0, \infty), \quad x, y \in D.$$

then the semigroup is called to be **pseudo-contractive** with respect to $V(\cdot, \cdot)$. The class of such a semigroup is denoted by $\mathcal{S}(V(\cdot, \cdot), D, \omega)$.

Define $D_+V, D^+V : (X \times X) \times (X \times X) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} & D_+V(x, y)(\xi, \eta) \\ &= \liminf_{h \downarrow 0} (V(x + h\xi, y + h\eta) - V(x, y))/h \\ & D^+V(x, y)(\xi, \eta) \\ &= \limsup_{h \downarrow 0} (V(x + h\xi, y + h\eta) - V(x, y))/h \end{aligned}$$

for $(x, y) \in X \times X$ and $(\xi, \eta) \in X \times X$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)} \in \mathcal{S}(V(\cdot, \cdot), D, \omega)$ and A_0 the infinitesimal generator. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & D^+V(x, y)(A_0x, A_0y) \leq \omega V(x, y), \quad x, y \in D(A_0), \\ & V(T(t)x, y) - V(x, y) + \int_0^t D^+V(T(\tau)x, y)(0, A_0y) d\tau \\ & \leq \omega \int_0^t V(T(\tau)x, y) d\tau \\ & x \in D, \quad y \in D(A_0), \quad t \in [0, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

3. Generation of Semigroups. Let $A \subset X \times X$. Consider the initial value problem for the differential inclusion

$$(\text{DI}) \quad \partial_t u(t) \in Au(t), \quad t > 0.$$

Definition 3.1. (1) A function $u \in C^1([a, b] : X)$ is called a **classical solution** of (DI) on $[a, b]$ if it satisfies (DI) for all $t \in [a, b]$. A function $u : [a, b] \rightarrow X$ which is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable a.e. on (a, b) is called a **strong solution** of (DI) if it satisfies (DI) for a.a. $t \in [a, b]$.

(2) A function $u \in C^1([0, \infty) : X)$ is called a **classical solution** of (DI) on $[0, \infty)$ if it satisfies (DI) for all $t \in [0, \infty)$. A function $u : [0, \infty) \rightarrow X$ is called a **strong solution** of (DI) on $[0, \infty)$ if $u|_{[a,b]}$ is a strong solution of (DI) on $[a, b]$ for any bounded $[a, b]$ of $[0, \infty)$.

Theorem 3.1. Let $\omega \in R$ and $A : D \rightarrow X$ a continuous (single-valued) operator. Assume A satisfies (1) and (2) below.

(1) For any $x, y \in D$,

$$D_+ V(x, y)(Ax, Ay) \leq \omega V(x, y).$$

(2) For any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $x \in D$, there exist $\lambda \in (0, \varepsilon)$ and $x_\lambda \in D$ such that

$$|\lambda^{-1}(x_\lambda - x) - Ax| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Then, there exists $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)} \in \mathcal{S}(V(\cdot, \cdot), D, \omega)$ such that A is the infinitesimal generator and, for $x \in D$, $u(t) = T(t)x$ is the unique classical solution of

$$\partial_t u(t) = Au(t), \quad t \geq 0, \quad u(0) = x.$$

Remark 3.1. The conditions (1) and (2) are necessary for A to be the infinitesimal generator of a semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)} \in \mathcal{S}(V(\cdot, \cdot), D, \omega)$.

Example 3.1. Consider the wave equation (1.8) with a damping term:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \partial_x v \\ \partial_t v = \partial_x \sigma(u) - \nu v. \end{cases}$$

Let $X = L^2(\mathbf{R}) \times L^2(\mathbf{R})$ be the Hilbert space with norm $\|(u, v)\|_X = (\|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|v\|_{L^2}^2)^{1/2}$. Define a metric $V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) = d((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v}))$ on X by (1.9):

$$d((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) = \left(\left(\int_{\hat{u}}^u \sqrt{\sigma'(r)} dr \right)^2 + (v - \hat{v})^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

and a functional $H(\cdot, \cdot)$ by (1.14):

$$\begin{aligned} H(u, v) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^u \sigma(r) dr + \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) dx \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma'(u)(\partial_x u)^2 + (\nu u + \partial_x v)^2) dx \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma'(u)(\partial_x^2 u)^2 + (\nu \partial_x u + \partial_x^2 v)^2) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Let $r_0 > 0$ and define an operator A by

$$\begin{aligned} A(u, v) &= (\partial_x v, \partial_x \sigma(u) - \nu v), \quad (u, v) \in D(A) \\ D &= D(A) \\ &= \{(u, v) \in H^2(\mathbf{R}) \times H^2(\mathbf{R}); H(u, v) \leq r_0\}. \end{aligned}$$

If $r_0 > 0$ is sufficiently small, then the following holds.

(1) $D = D(A)$ is closed in X .

(2) $A : D \rightarrow X$ is Hölder continuous:

$$\|A(u, v) - A(\hat{u}, \hat{v})\|_X \leq C\|(u, v) - (\hat{u}, \hat{v})\|_X^{1/2},$$

$$(u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) \in D.$$

(3) For some $\omega \in R$,

$$D_+ V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) (A(u, v), A(\hat{u}, \hat{v}))$$

$$\leq \omega V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})), (u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) \in D.$$

(4) For any $(u_0, v_0) \in D$, there exists $\lambda_0 > 0$ such that, for any $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_0]$, there exists $(u_\lambda, v_\lambda) \in D$ satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \lambda^{-1}(u_\lambda - u_0) = \partial_x v_\lambda \\ \lambda^{-1}(v_\lambda - v_0) = \sigma''(u_0)\partial_x u_\lambda - \nu v_\lambda \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \|\lambda^{-1}((u_\lambda, v_\lambda) - (u_0, v_0)) - A(u_0, v_0)\|_X = 0.$$

(5) There exists a semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)} \in \mathcal{S}(V(\cdot, \cdot), D, \omega)$ such that, for $(u_0, v_0) \in D$, $(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot)) = T(t)(u_0, v_0)$ is the unique classical solution of

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot)) &= A(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot)), \quad t \in [0, \infty) \\ (u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot))|_{t=0} &= (u_0, v_0).\end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.2. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. A function $u : [a, b] \rightarrow X$ is called an **ε -approximate solution** of (DI) on $[a, b]$, if there exist a partition $a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = b$ of $[a, b]$ and a sequence $(x_i, \xi_i) \in A$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ such that

$$(\varepsilon 1) \quad u(t) = x_i, \quad t \in (t_{i-1}, t_i], \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N,$$

$$(\varepsilon 2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i - x_{i-1} - (t_i - t_{i-1})\xi_i| \leq \varepsilon,$$

$$(\varepsilon 3) \quad \max_{i=1,2,\dots,N} (t_i - t_{i-1}) \leq \varepsilon,$$

where, $x_0 = u(a)$.

Definition 3.3. (1) A function $u \in C([a, b] : X)$ is called a **mild solution** of (DI) on $[a, b]$, if, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists an ε -approximate solution u_ε of (DI) on $[a, b(\varepsilon)]$ such that

$$\sup_{t \in [a,b]} |u(t) - u_\varepsilon(t)| \leq \varepsilon, \quad b \leq b(\varepsilon) < b + \varepsilon.$$

(2) A function $u \in C([0, \infty) : X)$ is called a **mild solution** of (DI) on $[0, \infty)$, if $u|_{[a,b]}$ is a mild solution of (DI) on $[a, b]$ for any bounded $[a, b] \subset [0, \infty)$.

Theorem 3.2. Let $\omega \in R$ and $A \subset X \times X$ such that $D = \overline{D(A)}$. Assume A satisfies (1) and (2) below.

(1) For any $(x_0, y_0) \in D \times D$, there exists a neighborhood $W(\subset X \times X)$ of (x_0, y_0) such that

$$\limsup_{\lambda \downarrow 0, \mu \downarrow 0} \left(\sup \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (V(x, y) - V(x - \lambda \xi, y)) / \lambda \\ & + (V(x, y) - V(x, y - \mu \eta)) / \mu - \omega V(x, y); \\ & (x, y) \in W, (x, \xi), (y, \eta) \in A \end{aligned} \right\} \right) \leq 0.$$

(2) For any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $x \in D$, there exist $\lambda \in (0, \varepsilon)$ and $(x_\lambda, \xi_\lambda) \in A$ such that

$$|x_\lambda - x| \leq \varepsilon, \quad |\lambda^{-1}(x_\lambda - x) - \xi_\lambda| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Then, there exists $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)} \in \mathcal{S}(V(\cdot, \cdot), D, \omega)$ such that, for any $x \in D$, $u(\cdot) = T(\cdot)x$ is the unique mild solution of

$$\partial_t u(t) \in Au(t), \quad t \geq 0, \quad u(0) = x.$$

Remark 3.5. If $V : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is convex, then the condition (1) is equivalent to the next.

$$0 \leq D_+ V(x, y)(-\xi, 0) + D_+ V(x, y)(0, -\eta) \\ + \omega V(x, y), \quad (x, \xi), (y, \eta) \in A.$$

Remark 3.6. If $D = D(A)$ and $A : D(A) \rightarrow X$ is continuous, then the condition (2) is equivalent to (2) in Theorem 3.1.

Proof.

(1) If u and \hat{u} are mild solutions of (DI) on $[a, b]$, then

$$V(u(t), \hat{u}(t)) \leq e^{\omega(t-a)} V(u(a), \hat{u}(a)), \quad t \in [a, b].$$

(2) If, for any $x \in D$, there exist $\tau_x > 0$ and a mild solution of (DI) on $[0, \tau_x]$ satisfying $u(0) = x$, then, for any $x \in D$, there exists a mild solution of (DI) on $[0, \infty)$ satisfying $u(0) = x$.

(3) Let $[a, b] \subset [0, \infty)$ and, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, let u_ε be an ε - approximate solution of (DI) on $[a_\varepsilon, b_\varepsilon]$ such that $[a, b] \subset [a_\varepsilon, b_\varepsilon]$. If $\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} u_\varepsilon(a) = x \in D$ and

$$(3.1) \quad \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \downarrow 0, |t-s| \rightarrow 0 \\ t, s \in [a, b]}} |u_\varepsilon(t) - u_\varepsilon(s)| = 0,$$

then there exists a mild solution u of (DI) on $[a, b]$ such that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \left(\sup_{t \in [a, b]} |u(t) - u_\varepsilon(t)| \right) = 0.$$

(4) For any $x \in D$, there exists $\tau_x > 0$ such that, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exist $\tau_\varepsilon \geq \tau_x$ and ε - approximate solution u_ε of (DI) on $[0, \tau_\varepsilon]$ satisfying $u_\varepsilon(0) = x$ and (3.1) with $[a, b] = [0, \tau_x]$.

Q.E.D.

Example 3.2. Consider the wave equation (1.12) of Kirchhoff type with a damping term:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \partial_x v \\ \partial_t v = \beta' \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u|^2 dx \right) \partial_x u - \nu v. \end{cases}$$

Let $X = L^2(\mathbf{R}) \times L^2(\mathbf{R})$ be the Hilbert Space with norm $\|(u, v)\|_X = (\|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|v\|_{L^2}^2)^{1/2}$. Define a functional $V(\cdot, \cdot)$ on $X \times X$ by (1.13):

$$V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) = (\beta'(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) \|u - \hat{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|v - \hat{v}\|_{L^2}^2)^{1/2}$$

and a functional $H(\cdot, \cdot)$ by (1.14):

$$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\beta(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) + \|v\|_{L^2}^2 + \beta'(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) \|\partial_x u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nu u + \partial_x v\|_{L^2}^2 \right).$$

We see the functional $V(\cdot, \cdot)$ satisfies the conditions (2.1) and (2.2):

$$\begin{aligned} |V(x, y) - V(x', y')| &\leq M(|x - x'| + |y - y'|), \\ \text{for } (x, y), (x', y') \in X \times X, \\ m|x - y| \leq V(x, y) \leq M|x - y|, \text{ for } x, y \in D. \end{aligned}$$

Let $r_0 > 0$ and define an operator A by

(3.2)

$$A(u, v) = (\partial_x v, \beta'(\|u\|_{L^2}^2) \partial_x u - \nu v), \quad (u, v) \in D(A)$$

$$D = D(A) =$$

(3.3)

$$\{(u, v) \in H^1(\mathbf{R}) \times H^1(\mathbf{R}) : H(u, v) \leq r_0\}.$$

If $r_0 > 0$ is sufficiently small, then the following holds.

(1) $D = D(A)$ is closed in X .

(2) For some $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$\limsup_{\lambda \downarrow 0, \mu \downarrow 0} \left(\sup \left\{ -\omega V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) + (V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) - V((u, v) - \lambda A(u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v}))) / \lambda + (V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v})) - V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) - \mu A(\hat{u}, \hat{v}))) / \mu; (u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) \in D(A) \right\} \right) \leq 0.$$

(3) For any $(u_0, v_0) \in D$, there exists $\lambda_0 > 0$ such that, for any $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_0]$, there exist

$(u_\lambda, v_\lambda) \in D$ satisfying

$$\begin{cases} u_\lambda - u_0 = \lambda \partial_x v_\lambda \\ v_\lambda - v_0 = \lambda \beta'(\|u_0\|_{L^2}^2) \partial_x u_\lambda - \lambda \nu v_\lambda \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \|(u_\lambda, v_\lambda) - (u_0, v_0)\|_X = 0,$$

$$\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \left\| \lambda^{-1} ((u_\lambda, v_\lambda) - (u_0, v_0)) - A(u_\lambda, v_\lambda) \right\|_X = 0.$$

(4) There exists a semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)} \in \mathcal{S}(V(\cdot, \cdot), D, \omega)$ such that, for $(u_0, v_0) \in D$, $(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot)) = T(t)(u_0, v_0)$ is the unique mild solution of

$$\partial_t(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot)) = A(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot)), \quad t \in [0, \infty)$$

$$(3.4) \quad (u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot))|_{t=0} = (u_0, v_0).$$

Remark 3.8. In fact, A is the infinitesimal generator of the semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ and, for any $(u_0, v_0) \in D$, $(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot)) = T(t)(u_0, v_0)$ is the unique strong solution of (3.4).

4.Approximation by Discrete Semigroups. Let $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ be a semigroup of Lipschitz operators on D and, for $h \in (0, h_0]$, C_h a Lipschitz operator on D_h into itself, where $D \subset D_h \subset X$.

Theorem 4.1. Assume $\{C_h\}_{h \in (0, h_0]}$ satisfies (S) and (C) below.

(S) For $\tau > 0$, there exists $M_\tau \geq 1$ such that

$$|C_h^n x - C_h^n y| \leq M_\tau |x - y|$$

for $x, y \in D_h$, $h \in (0, h_0]$ and $n = 1, 2, \dots$ such that $nh \in (0, \tau]$.

(C) There exists a dense subset D_0 of D such that

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \int_0^\tau \frac{1}{h} |T(t+h)x - C_h T(t)x| dt = 0$$

for $x \in D_0$ and $\tau > 0$.

Then

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \left(\sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} |T(t)x - C_h^{[t/h]} x| \right) = 0$$

for $x \in D$ and $\tau > 0$, where $[a]$ denotes the greatest integer not greater than a .

Lemma 4.1. Assume $\{C_h\}_{h \in (0, h_0]}$ satisfies (S). Let $\tau > 0$ and $u \in C([0, \tau] : X)$ such that $u([0, \tau]) \subset D$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & |u(t) - C_h^{[t/h]} u(0)| \\ & \leq \frac{M_\tau}{h} \int_0^\tau |u(s+h) - C_h u(s)| ds + (1 + M_\tau) \\ & \quad \times \sup \left\{ |u(s) - u(\hat{s})|; s, \hat{s} \in [0, \tau + h_0], |s - \hat{s}| \leq h \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in [0, \tau]$ and $h \in (0, h_0]$.

Theorem 4.2. Let $u \in C([0, \tau] : X)$ be Lipschitz continuous and $u([0, \tau]) \subset \hat{D}$. If $s \rightarrow \lim_{h \downarrow 0} |T(h)u(s) - u(s)|/h$ is essentially bounded on $[0, \tau]$ and

$$\liminf_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} |u(s+h) - T(h)u(s)| = 0$$

for a.a. $s \in (0, \tau)$, then $u(t) = T(t)u(0)$ for all $t \in [0, \tau]$.

Theorem 4.3. $\{C_h\}_{h \in (0, h_0]}$ satisfies (S) if and only if there exist $M \geq 1$, $\omega \geq 0$ and $V_h : D_h \times D_h \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, $h \in (0, h_0]$, such that

$$V_h(C_h x, C_h y) \leq e^{\omega h} V_h(x, y)$$

$$|x - y| \leq V_h(x, y) \leq M|x - y|$$

for $h \in (0, h_0]$ and $x, y \in D_h$.

Theorem 4.4. Let A_0 be the infinitesimal generator of $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$. Assume that there exists a dense subset D_0 of D such that $u(t) = T(t)x$ is the strong solution of

$$\partial_t(t) = A_0 u(t), \quad t > 0; \quad u(0) = x.$$

for any $x \in D_0$. Then the next (C'') implies (C).

(C'') For $x \in D_0$ and $\tau > 0$,

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \left(\int_0^\tau |A_h T(t)x - A_0 T(t)x| dt \right) = 0,$$

where $A_h x = h^{-1}(C_h x - x)$ for $x \in D_h$.

Example 4.1. Consider the initial value problem for (1.12):

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \partial_x v \\ \partial_t v = \beta' \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u|^2 dx \right) \partial_x u - \nu v. \end{cases}$$

and the difference scheme of Friedrichs-Lax's type for the initial value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{h} \left(u_h^n(x) - \frac{1}{2} (u_h^{n-1}(x+k) + u_h^{n-1}(x-k)) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2k} (v_h^{n-1}(x+k) - v_h^{n-1}(x-k)), \\ & n = 1, 2, \dots, -\infty < x < \infty \\ & \frac{1}{h} \left(v_h^n(x) - \frac{1}{2} (v_h^{n-1}(x+k) + v_h^{n-1}(x-k)) \right) \\ &= \beta' \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u_h^n(x)|^2 dx \right) \frac{1}{2k} (u_h^{n-1}(x+k) - u_h^{n-1}(x-k)) \\ & \quad - \frac{\nu}{2} (v_h^{n-1}(x+k) + v_h^{n-1}(x-k)), \\ & n = 1, 2, \dots, -\infty < x < \infty, \\ & u_h^0(x) = u_0(x), \quad v_h^0(x) = v_0(x), \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where $h > 0$ and $k > 0$ represent the differencing in time and in space, respectively.

Let $E_0 > 0$, the ratio $r = h/k$ kept as a constant as $h \downarrow 0$, and $r\sqrt{\beta'(E_0/\delta_0)} < 1$. Let $X = L^2(\mathbf{R}) \times L^2(\mathbf{R})$ and define $V(\cdot, \cdot)$ by (1.13), A with $D = D(A)$ by (3.2) and (3.3), as in Example 3.2. Set $E : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$E(u, v) = \frac{1}{2}\beta\left(\|u\|_{L^2}^2\right) + \frac{1}{2}\|v\|_{L^2}^2$$

and, for $h > 0$, $H_h : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} H_h(u, v) &= E(u, v) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\beta'\left(\|u\|_{L^2}^2\right)\left\|\frac{1}{2k}(u(\cdot + k) - u(\cdot - k))\right\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\left\|\frac{1}{2k}(v(\cdot + k) - v(\cdot - k))\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\nu}{2}(u(\cdot + k) + u(\cdot - k))\right\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Let $r_h > 0$ and define D_h by

$$D_h = \left\{ (u, v) \in L^2(\mathbf{R}) \times L^2(\mathbf{R}); \right. \\ \left. E(u, v) \leq E_0, \quad H_h(u, v) \leq r_h \right\}.$$

and $C_h : D_h \rightarrow X$ by

$$C_h(u, v) = (u_h, v_h) \quad (u, v) \in D_h, \quad h \in (0, h_0]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} u_h(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(u(x+k) + u(x-k)) \\ &\quad + \frac{h}{2k}(v(x+k) - v(x-k)) \\ v_h(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(v(x+k) + v(x-k)) \\ &\quad + \beta' \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u_h(x)|^2 dx \right) \frac{h}{2k} (u(x+k) - u(x-k)) \\ &\quad - \frac{\nu h}{2} (v(x+k) + v(x-k)) \end{aligned}$$

for $h \in (0, h_0]$.

Let $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ be the semigroup in Example 3.2. If $r_0 > 0$, $h_0 > 0$, and $r_h > 0$, $h \in (0, h_0]$, are suitably chosen, then the following holds.

(1) For each $h \in (0, h_0]$, $D = D(A) \subset D_h$ and C_h maps D_h into itself.

(2) There exists $\omega \geq 0$ such that

$$V(C_h(u, v), C_h(\hat{u}, \hat{v})) \leq e^{h\omega} V((u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v}))$$

for $(u, v), (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) \in D_h$ and $h \in (0, h_0]$.

(3) For $(u_0, v_0) \in D$ and $\tau > 0$,

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \int_0^\tau \|A_h T(t)(u_0, v_0) - A_0 T(t)(u_0, v_0)\|_X dt = 0$$

where A_0 is the infinitesimal generator of the semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ and

$$A_h(u, v) = \frac{1}{h}(C_h(u, v) - (u, v)) \\ (u, v) \in D_h, \quad h \in (0, h_0].$$

(4)

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \left(\sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \|T(t)(u_0, v_0) - C_h^{[t/h]}(u_0, v_0)\|_X \right) = 0$$

for $(u_0, v_0) \in D$ and $\tau > 0$.