

On the convergence of nonlinear semi-groups II

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§ 1. Introduction.

Let X be a Banach space and let $\{T(\xi); \xi \geq 0\}$ be a family of (nonlinear) operators from X into itself satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $T(0) = I$ (the identity) and $T(\xi + \eta) = T(\xi)T(\eta)$ for $\xi, \eta \geq 0$.
- (ii) For each $x \in X$, $T(\xi)x$ is strongly continuous in $\xi \geq 0$.
- (iii) There is a constant $\omega \geq 0$ such that

$$\|T(\xi)x - T(\xi)y\| \leq e^{\omega\xi} \|x - y\|$$

for $x, y \in X$ and $\xi \geq 0$.

We call such a family $\{T(\xi); \xi \geq 0\}$ simply *nonlinear semi-group of local type*. In particular, if $\omega = 0$, it is called a *nonlinear contraction semi-group*. We define the *infinitesimal generator* A_0 of $\{T(\xi); \xi \geq 0\}$ by

$$(1.1) \quad A_0x = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \delta^{-1}(T(\delta) - I)x$$

and the *weak infinitesimal generator* A' by

$$(1.2) \quad A'x = w\text{-}\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \delta^{-1}(T(\delta) - I)x,$$

where the notation "*w-lim*" means the weak limit in X .

Throughout this paper it is assumed that the dual X^* of X is uniformly convex. Our purpose is to prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. *Let $\{T^{(k)}(\xi); \xi \geq 0\}_{k=1,2,3,\dots}$ be a sequence of nonlinear semi-groups of local type satisfying the stability condition*

$$(1.3) \quad \|T^{(k)}(\xi)x - T^{(k)}(\xi)y\| \leq e^{\omega\xi} \|x - y\|$$

for $\xi \geq 0$, k and $x, y \in X$, where ω is a non-negative constant independent of x, y, ξ and k . Let $A^{(k)}$ be the weak infinitesimal generator of $\{T^{(k)}(\xi); \xi \geq 0\}$ and assume $R(I - h_k A^{(k)}) = X$ for some $h_k \in (0, 1/\omega)$, and define $Ax = \lim_k A^{(k)}x$.

Suppose that

- (a) $D(A)$ (the domain of A) is dense in X ,
- (b) $\overline{R(I - h_0 A)} = X$ for some $h_0 \in (0, 1/\omega)$,

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