

108. Remarks on Pseudo-resolvents and Infinitesimal Generators of Semi-groups

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Let X be a Banach space and $E(X)$ the algebra of all bounded linear operators on X to X . As is well known, a linear operator A in X is the infinitesimal generator of a semi-group $\{U(t)\}$, $0 < t < \infty$, $U(t) \in E(X)$, if i) A is densely defined, ii) the resolvent $(\lambda I - A)^{-1} \in E(X)$ exists for sufficiently large real λ and $\|(\lambda I - A)^{-1}\| = O(\lambda^{-1})$ for $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$ and iii) certain additional conditions are satisfied according to the types of semi-groups considered.¹⁾

The object of the present note is to point out that i) is a consequence of ii), provided that the underlying space X is locally sequentially weakly compact (abbr. l.s.w.c.). In particular this is the case if X is reflexive.²⁾ This will be shown below as a consequence of a general theorem on pseudo-resolvents.³⁾ A pseudo-resolvent $J(\lambda)$ is a function on a subset D of the complex plane to $E(X)$ satisfying the resolvent equation

$$(1) \quad J(\lambda) - J(\mu) = -(\lambda - \mu)J(\lambda)J(\mu), \quad \lambda, \mu \in D.$$

It follows directly from (1) that all $J(\lambda)$, $\lambda \in D$, have a common null space N and a common range R , which will be called respectively the null space and the range of the pseudo-resolvent under consideration. N is a closed subspace of X , but R need not be closed; we denote by $[R]$ the closure of R . Note that $J(\lambda)$ is a resolvent (of a closed linear operator A) if and only if $N = \{0\}$; in this case R coincides with the domain of A .

Theorem. *Let $J(\lambda)$, $\lambda \in D$, be a pseudo-resolvent with the null space N and the range R . Let there be a sequence $\{\lambda_n\}$, $n=1, 2, \dots$, such that*

$$(2) \quad \lambda_n \in D, \quad |\lambda_n| \rightarrow +\infty, \quad \|\lambda_n J(\lambda_n)\| \leq M = \text{const.}$$

Then we have

$$(3) \quad N \cap [R] = \{0\}.$$

If, in particular, X is l.s.w.c., then

$$(4) \quad X = N \oplus [R].$$

1) See E. Hille and R. S. Phillips: Functional analysis and semi-groups, Am. Math. Soc. Colloq. Publ., Vol. 31, Theorems 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.4.1 and 12.5.1.

2) When X is a Hilbert space, this fact was noted by C. Foias, Bull. Soc. Math. France, **85**, 263 (1957).

3) Hille and Phillips: Footnote 1), pp. 126 and 183.