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## Exponentially Bounded C-Semigroups and Integrated Semigroups

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## Introduction.

Let X be a Banach space. We denote by B(X) the set of all bounded linear operators from X into itself.

Let C be an injective operator in B(X). We do not assume that the range R(C) is dense in X. A family  $\{S(t): t \ge 0\}$  in B(X) is called an exponentially bounded C-semigroup on X, if

$$(0.1) S(t+s)C = S(t)S(s) for t, s \ge 0 ext{ and } S(0) = C,$$

$$(0.2) S(\cdot)x: [0, \infty) \to X ext{ is continuous for } x \in X,$$

(0.3) there are 
$$M \ge 0$$
 and  $a \in \mathbf{R} \equiv (-\infty, \infty)$  such that  $||S(t)|| \le Me^{at}$  for  $t \ge 0$ .

Let us define  $L_{\lambda} \in B(X)$  for  $\lambda > a$  by

$$L_{\lambda}x = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} S(t) x dt$$
 for  $x \in X$ .

Similarly as in the case of  $\overline{R(C)} = X$  (see [4]), we see that  $L_{\lambda}$  is injective for  $\lambda > a$  and the closed linear operator Z defined by

(0.4) 
$$\begin{cases} D(Z) = \{x \in X : Cx \in R(L_{\lambda})\} \\ Zx = (\lambda - L_{\lambda}^{-1}C)x \quad \text{for} \quad x \in D(Z) \end{cases}$$

is independent of  $\lambda > a$ . The operator Z will be called the generator of  $\{S(t): t \ge 0\}$ .

Recently, Davies and Pang [4] introduced the notion of an exponentially bounded C-semigroup under the assumption that R(C) is dense in X and gave a characterization of the generator of an exponentially bounded C-semigroup. (See [3] also.) Later, the authors [6, 9, 11] gave a characterization of the complete infinitesimal generator of an exponentially

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