

## NOTE ON LOCAL INTEGRATED C-COSINE FUNCTIONS AND ABSTRACT CAUCHY PROBLEMS

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**Abstract.** Let  $\alpha$  be a nonnegative number, and  $C : X \rightarrow X$  a bounded linear operator on a Banach space  $X$ . In this paper, we shall deduce some basic properties of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  and some generation theorems of local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine functions on  $X$  with or without the nondegeneracy, which can be applied to obtain some equivalence relations between the generation of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $A$  and the unique existence of solutions of the abstract Cauchy problem:

$$\text{ACP}(A, f, x, y) \quad \begin{cases} u''(t) = Au(t) + f(t) & \text{for } t \in (0, T_0), \\ u(0) = x, u'(0) = y, \end{cases}$$

just as the case of  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function when  $C : X \rightarrow X$  is injective and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  a closed linear operator in  $X$  such that  $CA \subset AC$ . Here  $0 < T_0 \leq \infty$ ,  $x, y \in X$ , and  $f$  is an  $X$ -valued function defined on a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  containing  $(0, T_0)$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X$  be a Banach space over  $\mathbb{F} (= \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C})$  with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , and let  $L(X)$  denote the set of all bounded linear operators from  $X$  into itself. For each  $0 < T_0 \leq \infty$ , we consider the following abstract Cauchy problem:

$$(1.1) \quad \text{ACP}(A, f, x, y) \quad \begin{cases} u''(t) = Au(t) + f(t) & \text{for } t \in (0, T_0), \\ u(0) = x, u'(0) = y, \end{cases}$$

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where  $x, y \in X$  are given,  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  is a closed linear operator, and  $f$  is an  $X$ -valued function defined on a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  containing  $(0, T_0)$ . A function  $u$  is called a strong solution of  $\text{ACP}(A, f, x, y)$ , if  $u \in C^2((0, T_0), X) \cap C^1([0, T_0], X) \cap C((0, T_0), [D(A)])$ , and satisfies  $\text{ACP}(A, f, x, y)$ . Here  $[D(A)]$  denotes the Banach space  $D(A)$  equipped with the graph norm  $\|x\|_A = \|x\| + \|Ax\|$  for  $x \in D(A)$ . For each  $C \in L(X)$  and  $\alpha > 0$ , a family  $C(\cdot) (= \{C(t) \mid 0 \leq t < T_0\})$  in  $L(X)$  is called a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  if it is strongly continuous,  $C(\cdot)C = CC(\cdot)$ , and satisfies

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} 2C(t)C(s)x = & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} C(r)Cx dr \right. \\ & + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r)Cx dr \\ & + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r)Cx dr \\ & \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r)Cx dr \right] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 \leq t, s, t+s < T_0$  and  $x \in X$  (see [12, 13]); or called a local (0-times integrated)  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  if it is strongly continuous,  $C(\cdot)C = CC(\cdot)$ , and satisfies

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & 2C(t)C(s)x \\ = & C(t+s)Cx + C(|t-s|)Cx \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq t, s, t+s < T_0 \text{ and } x \in X, \end{aligned}$$

(see [4, 6, 18, 20]), where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  denotes the Gamma function. Moreover, we say that  $C(\cdot)$  is nondegenerate, if  $x = 0$  whenever  $C(t)x = 0$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . In this case, its (integral) generator  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  is a closed linear operator in  $X$  defined by

$$D(A) = \{x \in X \mid \text{there exists a } y_x \in X \text{ such that } C(\cdot)x - j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx = \tilde{S}(\cdot)y_x \text{ on } [0, T_0)\}$$

and  $Ax = y_x$  for all  $x \in D(A)$ . Here  $j_\alpha(t) = \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$ ,  $S(s)z = \int_0^s C(r)z dr$ , and  $\tilde{S}(t)z = \int_0^t S(s)z ds$ . In general, a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated (resp., 0-times integrated)  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  is called an  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function (resp., (0-times integrated)  $C$ -cosine function) on  $X$  if  $T_0 = \infty$  (see [7, 10, 11, 15, 17, 23-25] (resp., [9, 22])); or called a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated cosine function on  $X$  if  $C = I$ , the identity operator on  $X$  (see [14, 20]), and a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated cosine function on  $X$  is also called an  $\alpha$ -times integrated cosine function on  $X$  if  $T_0 = \infty$  (see [2, 26]); or called a cosine function on  $X$  if  $\alpha = 0$  (see [1, 3, 5, 8, 19]). Moreover, a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated cosine function on  $X$  is not necessarily extendable to an  $\alpha$ -times

integrated cosine function on  $X$  except for  $\alpha = 0$  (see [5]), the nondegeneracy of a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  does not imply the injectivity of  $C$  except for  $T_0 = \infty$  (see [11]), and the injectivity of  $C$  does not imply the nondegeneracy of a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  except for  $\alpha = 0$  (see [18]). Some basic properties of a nondegenerate  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  have been established by many authors when  $\alpha = 0$  (see [9, 22]),  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$  (see [7, 15, 17, 23-25]), and  $\alpha > 0$  is arbitrary (see [11]), which can be applied to deduce some equivalence relations between the generation of a nondegenerate  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $A$  and the unique existence of strong or weak solutions of the abstract Cauchy problem  $ACP(A, f, x, y)$  with  $T_0 = \infty$  (see [7, 10, 11, 24]). The purpose of this paper is to investigate the following basic properties of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  when  $C$  is injective:

$$(1.4) \quad C(0) = C \text{ on } X \text{ if } \alpha = 0, \text{ and } C(0) = 0 \text{ (the zero operator) on } X \text{ if } \alpha > 0;$$

$$(1.5) \quad C^{-1}AC = A;$$

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} & \tilde{S}(t)x \in D(A) \quad \text{and } A\tilde{S}(t)x \\ & = C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)Cx \quad \text{for all } x \in X \quad \text{and } 0 \leq t < T_0; \end{aligned}$$

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & C(t)x \in D(A) \quad \text{and } AC(t)x \\ & = C(t)Ax \quad \text{for all } x \in D(A) \quad \text{and } 0 \leq t < T_0; \end{aligned}$$

$$(1.8) \quad C(t)C(s) = C(s)C(t) \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0;$$

and then deduce some equivalence relations between the generation of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function  $C(\cdot)$  on  $X$  with generator  $A$  and the unique existence of strong solutions of  $ACP(A, f, x, y)$ , just as some results in [12,13] concerning the unique existence of strong and weak solutions of  $ACP(A, f, x, y)$ . To do these, we shall first prove an important lemma which shows that a strongly continuous family  $C(\cdot)(= \{C(t) \mid 0 \leq t < T_0\})$  in  $L(X)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  (with closed subgenerator  $A$ ) is equivalent to  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha + 2)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  (with closed subgenerator  $A$ ), and then show that a strongly continuous family  $C(\cdot)(= \{C(t) \mid 0 \leq t < T_0\})$  in  $L(X)$  which commutes with  $C$  on  $X$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  is equivalent to  $\tilde{S}(t)[C(s) - j_\alpha(s)C] = [C(t) - j_\alpha(t)C]\tilde{S}(s)$  for all  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . We also show that  $j_\beta * C(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha + \beta + 1)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  (with closed subgenerator  $A$ ) if  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  (with closed subgenerator  $A$ ) and  $\beta > -1$ , which can be applied to show that its "only if" part is also true when  $\beta$  is a nonnegative integer, where  $f * C(t)x = \int_0^t f(t-s)C(s)x ds$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $f \in L^1_{loc}([0, T_0], \mathbb{F})$ . In order, we

show that the generator of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function  $C(\cdot)$  on  $X$  is the unique subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  which contains all subgenerators of  $C(\cdot)$  and each subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  is closable and its closure is also a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  when  $C(\cdot)$  has a subgenerator. In particular, which is also so when  $C$  is injective. This can be applied to show that  $CA \subset AC$  and  $C(\cdot)$  is a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $C^{-1}AC$  when  $C$  is injective and  $C(\cdot)$  is a strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$  with closed subgenerator  $A$ . In this case,  $C^{-1}\overline{A_0}C$  is the generator of  $C(\cdot)$  for each subgenerator  $A_0$  of  $C(\cdot)$ . Some illustrative examples concerning these theorems are also presented in the final part of this paper.

## 2. BASIC PROPERTIES FOR LOCAL $\alpha$ -TIMES INTEGRATED $C$ -COSINE FUNCTIONS

We first deduce an important lemma which can be applied to obtain an equivalence relation between the generation of a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function  $C(\cdot)$  on  $X$  and the equality of

$$(2.1) \quad \tilde{S}(t)[C(s) - j_\alpha(s)C] = [C(t) - j_\alpha(t)C]\tilde{S}(s)$$

for all  $0 \leq t, s, t+s < T_0$ , just as a result in [16] for the case of local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -semigroup when  $C(\cdot)$  is a strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$  commuting with  $C$  on  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$ . Then  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  if and only if  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha+2)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* We consider only the case  $\alpha > 0$ , for the case  $\alpha = 0$  can be treated similarly. In this case, we shall first show that

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right] \\ & = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \operatorname{sgn}(s-t) \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \operatorname{sgn}(t-s) \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) C x dr + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t + s - r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 & \quad + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s - t + r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t - s + r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t - s| + r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right] + 2j_\alpha(s) \tilde{S}(t) Cx \\
 (2.3) \quad & = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t + s - r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 & \quad + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s - t + r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t - s + r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t - s| + r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . Indeed, for  $0 \leq s \leq t < T_0$  with  $t + s < T_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t + s - r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \int_{t-s}^t (s - t + r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \int_0^s (t - s + r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right] \\
 & = \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t + s - r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr - j_{\alpha+1}(s) \tilde{S}(t) Cx \right] \\
 & \quad + [j_{\alpha+1}(s) \tilde{S}(t) Cx - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_{t-s}^t (s - t + r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr] \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_0^s (t - s + r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \\
 & = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t + s - r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 & \quad + \operatorname{sgn}(s - t) \int_{|t-s|}^t (s - t + r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr + \operatorname{sgn}(t - s) \int_{|t-s|}^s (t - s + r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t - s| + r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right. \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_{t-s}^t (s-t+r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^s (t-s+r)^\alpha \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right] + 2j_\alpha(s) \tilde{S}(t) C x \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr - 2j_\alpha(s) \tilde{S}(t) C x \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t-s}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr + 2j_\alpha(s) \tilde{S}(t) C x \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t-s}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

That is, (2.2) and (2.3) both hold for all  $0 \leq s \leq t < T_0$  with  $t+s < T_0$ . Similarly, we can show that (2.2) and (2.3) both also hold when  $0 \leq t \leq s < T_0$  with  $t+s < T_0$ . Clearly, the right-hand side of (2.3) is symmetric in  $t, s$  with  $0 \leq t, s, t+s < T_0$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right. \\
 & \quad + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right] + 2j_\alpha(t) \tilde{S}(s) C x \\
 (2.4) \quad &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right. \\
 & \quad + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) C x dr \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . Using integration by parts twice, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 & + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \\
 & \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right] \\
 (2.5) \quad & = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 & + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr \\
 & \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . Now if  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha + 2)$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$ . By (2.4) and (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\tilde{S}(t)C(s)x & = 2\frac{d^2}{ds^2}\tilde{S}(t)\tilde{S}(s)x \\
 & = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 & + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr \\
 & \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 2C(t)C(s)x & = 2\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\tilde{S}(t)C(s)x \\
 & = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 (2.6) \quad & + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx dr \\
 & + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx dr \\
 & \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx dr \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . Hence  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . Conversely, if  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . We shall first apply Fubini's theorem for double integrals twice to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2C(t)\tilde{S}(s)x \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 (2.7) \quad & + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr \\
 & \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr \right] + 2j_\alpha(t)\tilde{S}(s)Cx
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . Indeed, if  $x \in X$  is given, then for  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$  with  $t \geq s$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\tau \int_t^{t+s} (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx dr ds \\
 (2.8) \quad &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_t^{t+\tau} \int_{r-t}^\tau (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx ds dr \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_t^{t+\tau} (t+\tau-r)^\alpha C(r) Cx ds dr,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\tau \int_0^s (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx dr ds \\
 (2.9) \quad &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\tau \int_r^\tau (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx ds dr \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^\tau (t+\tau-r)^\alpha C(r) Cx dr - j_\alpha(t)S(\tau)Cx,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\tau \int_{t-s}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx dr ds \\
 (2.10) \quad &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t-\tau}^t \int_{t-r}^\tau (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx ds dr \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_{t-\tau}^t (\tau-t+r)^\alpha C(r) Cx dr,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\tau \int_0^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx dr ds \\
 (2.11) \quad &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\tau \int_r^\tau (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) Cx ds dr \\
 &= j_\alpha(t) S(\tau) Cx - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^\tau (t-\tau+r)^\alpha C(r) Cx dr.
 \end{aligned}$$

We observe from (2.8)-(2.11) that we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^s \int_t^{t+\tau} (t+\tau-r)^\alpha C(r) Cx dr d\tau \\
 (2.12) \quad &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \int_t^{t+s} (t+s-r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^s \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^\tau (t+\tau-r)^\alpha C(r) Cx dr - j_\alpha(t) S(\tau) Cx \right] d\tau \\
 (2.13) \quad &= \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \int_0^s (t+s-r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr - j_{\alpha+1}(t) S(s) Cx \right] - j_\alpha(t) \tilde{S}(s) Cx,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^s \int_{t-\tau}^t (\tau-t+r)^\alpha C(r) Cx dr d\tau \\
 (2.14) \quad &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \int_{t-s}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^s \left[ j_\alpha(t) S(\tau) Cx - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^\tau (t-\tau+r)^\alpha C(r) Cx dr \right] d\tau \\
 (2.15) \quad &= j_\alpha(t) \tilde{S}(s) Cx + \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \int_0^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha+1} C(r) Cx dr - j_{\alpha+1}(t) S(s) Cx \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.12)-(2.15), we obtain (2.7) for all  $0 \leq t, s, t+s < T_0$  with  $t \geq s$ . Similarly, we can show that (2.7) also holds when  $0 \leq t, s, t+s < T_0$  with  $s \geq t$ . By (2.3), (2.5) and (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2C(t) \tilde{S}(s) x \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right. \\
 & \quad + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha+1} \tilde{S}(r) Cx dr \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . Combining this and (2.2) with  $t = 0$ , we conclude that  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha + 2)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . ■

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$  which commutes with  $C$  on  $X$ . Then  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  if and only if  $\tilde{S}(t)[C(s) - j_\alpha(s)C] = [C(t) - j_\alpha(t)C]\tilde{S}(s)$  for all  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed, if  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . By (2.3) and (2.4), we have  $2C(t)\tilde{S}(s)x + 2j_\alpha(s)\tilde{S}(t)Cx = 2\tilde{S}(t)C(s)x + 2j_\alpha(t)\tilde{S}(s)Cx$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$  or equivalently,  $\tilde{S}(t)[C(s) - j_\alpha(s)C] = [C(t) - j_\alpha(t)C]\tilde{S}(s)$  for all  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . Conversely, if (2.1) holds for all  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . We may assume that  $\alpha > 0$ , then  $\tilde{S}(t)C(s)x - C(t)\tilde{S}(s)x = j_\alpha(s)\tilde{S}(t)Cx - j_\alpha(t)\tilde{S}(s)Cx$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$ . Fix  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t + s < T_0$  with  $t \geq s$ , we have

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} & \tilde{S}(t+s-r)C(r)x - C(t+s-r)\tilde{S}(r)x \\ &= j_\alpha(r)\tilde{S}(t+s-r)Cx - j_\alpha(t+s-r)\tilde{S}(r)Cx \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 \leq r \leq t$ , and

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} & \tilde{S}(s-t+r)C(r)x - C(s-t+r)\tilde{S}(r)x \\ &= j_\alpha(r)\tilde{S}(s-t+r)Cx - j_\alpha(s-t+r)\tilde{S}(r)Cx \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t-s \leq r \leq t$ . Using integration by parts to left-hand sides of the integrations of (2.16)-(2.17) and change of variables to right-hand sides of the integrations of (2.16)-(2.17), we obtain

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} & S(t)\tilde{S}(s)x + \tilde{S}(t)S(s)x \\ &= \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) j_\alpha(t+s-r)\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} & S(t)\tilde{S}(s)x - \tilde{S}(t)S(s)x \\ &= \int_0^s j_\alpha(t-s+r)\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr - \int_{t-s}^t j_\alpha(s-t+r)\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\tilde{S}(t)S(s)x \\ &= \left( \int_0^{t+s} \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) j_\alpha(t+s-r)\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \\ & \quad + \int_{t-s}^t j_\alpha(s-t+r)\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr - \int_0^s j_\alpha(t-s+r)\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2\tilde{S}(t)C(s)x \\
 &= \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) j_{\alpha-1}(t+s-r)\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \\
 & \quad + \int_{t-s}^t j_{\alpha-1}(s-t+r)\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr + \int_0^s j_{\alpha-1}(t-s+r)\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \\
 & \quad - 2j_{\alpha}(t)\tilde{S}(s)Cx,
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2\tilde{S}(t)C(s)x + 2j_{\alpha}(t)\tilde{S}(s)Cx \\
 (2.20) \quad &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1}\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \right. \\
 & \quad + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1}\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1}\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1}\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can show that (2.20) also holds when  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t+s < T_0$  with  $s \geq t$ . Combining this with (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2\tilde{S}(t)C(s)x \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left( \int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right) (t+s-r)^{\alpha+1}\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \right. \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha+1}\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha+1}\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha+1}\tilde{S}(r)Cxdr \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s, t+s < T_0$ . Consequently,  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha+2)$ -times integrated C-cosine function on X. Similarly, we can show that the conclusion of this theorem is also true when  $\alpha = 0$ . ■

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on X and  $\beta > -1$ . Then  $j_{\beta} * C(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha + \beta + 1)$ -times integrated C-cosine function on X. Moreover,  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on X if it is a*

strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$  such that  $S(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha + 1)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ .

*Proof.* We set  $C_\beta(\cdot) = j_\beta * C(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{S}_\beta(\cdot) = j_1 * C_\beta(\cdot)$ . Then  $C_\beta(\cdot)C = CC_\beta(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{S}_\beta(\cdot)C = C\tilde{S}_\beta(\cdot)$ , so that for  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t < T_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [C_\beta(t) - j_{\alpha+\beta+1}(t)C]\tilde{S}_\beta(\cdot)x \\ &= [j_\beta * C(t) - j_\beta * j_\alpha(t)C]j_\beta * \tilde{S}(\cdot)x \\ &= j_\beta * ([j_\beta * C(t) - j_\beta * j_\alpha(t)C]\tilde{S}(\cdot)x) \\ &= j_\beta * \left( \int_0^t j_\beta(t-s)[C(s) - j_\alpha(s)C]\tilde{S}(\cdot)x ds \right) \\ &= j_\beta * \left( \int_0^t j_\beta(t-s)\tilde{S}(s)[C(\cdot) - j_\alpha(\cdot)C]x ds \right) \\ &= \int_0^t j_\beta(t-s)\tilde{S}(s)j_\beta * [C(\cdot) - j_\alpha(\cdot)C]x ds \\ &= j_\beta * \tilde{S}(t)j_\beta * [C(\cdot) - j_\alpha(\cdot)C]x \\ &= \tilde{S}_\beta(t)[C_\beta(\cdot) - j_{\alpha+\beta+1}(\cdot)C]x. \end{aligned}$$

on  $[0, s]$  for all  $0 < s < T_0$  with  $t + s < T_0$ . Hence  $C_\beta(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha + \beta + 1)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ , which together with Lemma 2.1 implies that  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  if it is a strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$  such that  $S(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha + 1)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . ■

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . Assume that  $CC(\cdot)x = 0$  on  $[0, t_0)$  for some  $x \in X$  and  $0 < t_0 < T_0$ . Then  $CC(\cdot)x = 0$  on  $[0, T_0)$ . In particular,  $C(t)x = 0$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$  if the injectivity of  $C$  is added.*

*Proof.* Indeed, if  $0 \leq t < T_0$  is given, then  $t + s < T_0$  for some  $0 < s < t_0$ . By hypothesis, we have  $\tilde{S}(s)C(t)x = C(t)\tilde{S}(s)x = 0$  and  $\tilde{S}(s)j_\alpha(t)Cx = j_\alpha(t)C\tilde{S}(s)x = 0$ . By (1.2) and (1.3), we also have  $C(s)\tilde{S}(t)x = \tilde{S}(t)C(s)x = 0$ . By Theorem 2.2, we have  $\tilde{S}(s)[C(t) - j_\alpha(t)C]x = [C(s) - j_\alpha(s)C]\tilde{S}(t)x$ , so that  $j_\alpha(s)\tilde{S}(t)Cx = j_\alpha(s)C\tilde{S}(t)x = 0$ . Hence  $\tilde{S}(t)Cx = 0$ . Since  $0 \leq t < T_0$  is arbitrary, we conclude that  $CC(t)x = C(t)Cx = 0$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . In particular,  $C(t)x = 0$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$  if the injectivity of  $C$  is added. ■

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . Assume that  $C$  is injective. Then (1.4)-(1.7) hold.*

*Proof.* It is easy to see from (1.2)(resp.,(1.3)), the nondegeneracy of  $C(\cdot)$  and the injectivity of  $C$  that (1.4) holds. Just as in the proof of [11, Prop. 1.5], we can show

that (1.5) also holds. Next, to show that (1.6) holds. Indeed, if  $0 \leq t_0 < T_0$  is fixed. Then for each  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq s < T_0$ , we set  $y = \tilde{S}(t_0)x$ . By Theorem 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{S}(r)[C(s) - j_\alpha(s)C]y \\ &= [C(r) - j_\alpha(r)C]\tilde{S}(s)y \\ &= \tilde{S}(s)[C(r) - j_\alpha(r)C]y \\ &= \tilde{S}(s)([C(r) - j_\alpha(r)C]\tilde{S}(t_0)x) \\ &= \tilde{S}(s)(\tilde{S}(r)[C(t_0) - j_\alpha(t_0)C]x) \\ &= [\tilde{S}(s)\tilde{S}(r)][C(t_0) - j_\alpha(t_0)C]x \\ &= \tilde{S}(r)\tilde{S}(s)[C(t_0) - j_\alpha(t_0)C]x \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 \leq r < T_0$  with  $r + s, r + t < T_0$ . Clearly,  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)$  is also nondegenerate. It follows from Lemma 2.4 that we have  $[C(s) - j_\alpha(s)C]y = \tilde{S}(s)[C(t_0) - j_\alpha(t_0)C]x$ . Since  $0 \leq s < T_0$  is arbitrary, we conclude that (1.6) holds. Now if  $x \in D(A)$  is given. By (1.6) and the definition of  $D(A)$ , we have  $A\tilde{S}(t)x = C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)Cx = \tilde{S}(t)Ax$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . By the closedness of  $A$ , we also have  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\tilde{S}(t)x \in D(A)$  and  $AC(t)x = A\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\tilde{S}(t)x = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}A\tilde{S}(t)x = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\tilde{S}(t)Ax = C(t)Ax$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . ■

Just as in the proof of [11, Lemma 1.6], the next lemma is also attained.

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $A$ . Assume that  $C$  is injective, and  $u \in C([0, t_0], X)$  satisfies  $u(\cdot) = Aj_1 * u(\cdot)$  on  $[0, t_0]$  for some  $0 < t_0 < T_0$ . Then  $u \equiv 0$  on  $[0, t_0]$ .*

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $A$ . Assume that  $C$  is injective. Then (1.8) holds.*

*Proof.* To show that  $C(t)C(s)x = C(s)C(t)x$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s < T_0$ , we need only to show that  $\tilde{S}(t)\tilde{S}(s)x = \tilde{S}(s)\tilde{S}(t)x$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t, s < T_0$ . Indeed, if  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq s < T_0$  are given. By (1.7) and the closedness of  $A$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{S}(\cdot)\tilde{S}(s)x - Aj_1 * \tilde{S}(\cdot)\tilde{S}(s)x \\ &= j_{\alpha+2}(\cdot)C\tilde{S}(s)x \\ &= \tilde{S}(s)j_{\alpha+2}(\cdot)Cx \\ &= \tilde{S}(s)[\tilde{S}(\cdot)x - Aj_1 * \tilde{S}(\cdot)x] \\ &= \tilde{S}(s)\tilde{S}(\cdot)x - \tilde{S}(s)Aj_1 * \tilde{S}(\cdot)x \\ &= \tilde{S}(s)\tilde{S}(\cdot)x - Aj_1 * \tilde{S}(s)\tilde{S}(\cdot)x \end{aligned}$$

on  $[0, T_0)$ , and so  $[\tilde{S}(\cdot)\tilde{S}(s)x - \tilde{S}(s)\tilde{S}(\cdot)x] = A_{j_1} * [\tilde{S}(\cdot)\tilde{S}(s)x - \tilde{S}(s)\tilde{S}(\cdot)x]$  on  $[0, T_0)$ . Hence  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)\tilde{S}(s)x = \tilde{S}(s)\tilde{S}(\cdot)x$  on  $[0, T_0)$ , which implies that  $\tilde{S}(t)\tilde{S}(s)x = \tilde{S}(s)\tilde{S}(t)x$  for all  $0 \leq t, s < T_0$ . Consequently, (1.8) holds. ■

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$ . A linear operator  $A$  in  $X$  is called a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  if

$$(2.21) \quad C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)Cx = \int_0^t \int_0^s C(r)Axdrds$$

for all  $x \in D(A)$  and  $0 \leq t < T_0$ , and

$$(2.22) \quad \int_0^t \int_0^s C(r)xdrds \in D(A) \quad \text{and} \quad A \int_0^t \int_0^s C(r)xdrds = C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)Cx$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . A subgenerator  $A$  of  $C(\cdot)$  is called the maximal subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  if it is an extension of each subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  to  $D(A)$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$  which commutes with  $C$  on  $X$ . Assume that  $C(\cdot)$  has a subgenerator. Then  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . Moreover,  $C(\cdot)$  is nondegenerate if the injectivity of  $C$  is added.

*Proof.* Indeed, if  $A$  is a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ . By (2.22), we have

$$[C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)C]\tilde{S}(\cdot)x = \tilde{S}(t)A\tilde{S}(\cdot)x = \tilde{S}(t)[C(\cdot)x - j_\alpha(\cdot)C]x$$

on  $[0, T_0)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . Applying Theorem 2.2, we get that  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . Now if the injectivity of  $C$  is added, and  $C(\cdot)x = 0$  on  $[0, T_0)$  for some  $x \in X$ . By (2.22), we have  $j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx = 0$  on  $[0, T_0)$ , and so  $Cx = 0$ . Hence  $x = 0$ , which implies that  $C(\cdot)$  is nondegenerate. ■

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ . Assume that  $C$  is injective. Then  $C(\cdot)$  is nondegenerate if and only if it has a subgenerator.

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  which has a subgenerator. Assume that  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  defined by

$$D(A) = \{x \in X \mid \text{there exists a unique } y_x \in X \text{ such that } C(\cdot)x - j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx = \tilde{S}(\cdot)y_x \text{ on } [0, T_0)\}$$

and  $Ax = y_x$  for all  $x \in D(A)$ , is a closed linear operator in  $X$ . Then  $A$  is the maximal subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ . Moreover, each subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  is closable and its closure is also a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ .

*Proof.* Indeed, if  $A_0$  is a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ . Clearly,  $A_0 \subset A$ . It is easy to see from Zorn's lemma that  $C(\cdot)$  has a subgenerator  $B$  which is an extension of  $A_0$ , but does not have a proper extension that is still a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ , which together with the definition of  $A$  implies that  $B$  is the maximal subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ . To show that  $A = B$  or equivalently,  $A \subset B$ , we shall first show that  $B$  is closable. Indeed, if  $x_k \in D(B)$ ,  $x_k \rightarrow 0$ , and  $Bx_k \rightarrow y$  in  $X$ . Then  $x_k \in D(A)$  and  $Ax_k = Bx_k \rightarrow y$ . By the closedness of  $A$ , we have  $y = 0$ . In order to show that  $B = \overline{B}$  (the closure of  $B$ ) or equivalently,  $\overline{B}$  is a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ . Indeed, if  $x \in D(\overline{B})$  is given, then  $x_k \rightarrow x$  and  $Bx_k \rightarrow \overline{B}x$  in  $X$  for sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  in  $D(B)$ . By (2.21), we have  $C(t)x_k - j_\alpha(t)Cx_k = \int_0^t \int_0^s C(r)Bx_k dr ds$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)Cx = \int_0^t \int_0^s C(r)\overline{B}x dr ds$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . Since  $B \subset \overline{B} \subset A$ , we also have  $C(t)z - j_\alpha(t)Cz = B \int_0^t \int_0^s C(r)z dr ds = \overline{B} \int_0^t \int_0^s C(r)z dr ds$  for all  $z \in X$  and  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . Consequently, the closure of  $B$  is a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ . Similarly, we can show that  $A$  is also a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  and each subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  is closable and its closure is also a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ . In particular,  $A = B$ . ■

**Corollary 2.12.** *Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $A$ . Assume that  $C(\cdot)$  has a subgenerator. Then  $A$  is the maximal subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ . Moreover, each subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  is closable and its closure is also a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ .*

**Corollary 2.13.** *Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $A$ . Assume that  $C$  is injective. Then  $A$  is the maximal subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ . Moreover, each subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$  is closable and its closure is also a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from (2.21), (2.22) and the definition of  $A$ . ■

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $A$  be a closed subgenerator of a strongly continuous family  $C(\cdot)$  in  $L(X)$ . Assume that  $C$  is injective. Then  $CA \subset AC$ , and  $C(\cdot)$  is a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $C^{-1}AC$ . In particular,  $C^{-1}\overline{A_0}C$  is the generator of  $C(\cdot)$  for each subgenerator  $A_0$  of  $C(\cdot)$ .*

*Proof.* We first show that  $CA \subset AC$ . Indeed, if  $x \in D(A)$  is given, then  $j_{\alpha+2}(t)Cx = \tilde{S}(t)x - j_1 * \tilde{S}(t)Ax \in D(A)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} Aj_{\alpha+2}(t)Cx &= A\tilde{S}(t)x - Aj_1 * \tilde{S}(t)Ax \\ &= A\tilde{S}(t)x - [\tilde{S}(t)Ax - j_{\alpha+2}(t)CAx] \\ &= j_{\alpha+2}(t)CAx \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ , so that  $CAx = ACx$ . Hence  $CA \subset AC$ . To show that  $C(\cdot)$  is a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$ . By Theorem 2.9, we

remain only to show that  $CC(\cdot) = C(\cdot)C$  or equivalently,  $C\tilde{S}(\cdot) = \tilde{S}(\cdot)C$ . Just as in the proof of Proposition 2.7, we have  $[\tilde{S}(\cdot)Cx - C\tilde{S}(\cdot)x] = Aj_1 * [\tilde{S}(\cdot)Cx - C\tilde{S}(\cdot)x]$  on  $[0, T_0)$ . By a parallel argument of [11, Lemma 1.6], we also have  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)Cx = C\tilde{S}(\cdot)x$  on  $[0, T_0)$ . Now if  $B$  denotes the generator of  $C(\cdot)$ . By Corollary 2.13, we have  $A \subset B$ . By (1.5), we also have  $C^{-1}AC \subset C^{-1}BC = B$ . Conversely, if  $x \in D(B)$  is given, then  $j_{\alpha+2}(t)Cx = \tilde{S}(t)x - j_1 * \tilde{S}(t)Bx \in D(A)$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ , so that  $Cx \in D(A)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} Aj_{\alpha+2}(\cdot)Cx &= A\tilde{S}(\cdot)x - Aj_1 * \tilde{S}(\cdot)Bx \\ &= A\tilde{S}(\cdot)x - [\tilde{S}(\cdot)Bx - j_{\alpha+2}(\cdot)CBx] \\ &= A\tilde{S}(\cdot)x - [B\tilde{S}(\cdot)x - j_{\alpha+2}(\cdot)CBx] \\ &= j_{\alpha+2}(\cdot)CBx \end{aligned}$$

on  $[0, T_0)$ . Hence  $ACx = CBx \in R(C)$ , which implies that  $x \in D(C^{-1}AC)$  and  $C^{-1}ACx = Bx$ . Consequently,  $B \subset C^{-1}AC$ . ■

**Remark 2.15.** Let  $C(\cdot)$  be a strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$ . Then  $C(\cdot)$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  with closed subgenerator  $A$  if and only if  $S(\cdot)$  is a local  $(\alpha + 1)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  with closed subgenerator  $A$ .

**Remark 2.16.** A strongly continuous family in  $L(X)$  may not have a subgenerator; a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  is degenerate when it has a subgenerator but does not have a maximal subgenerator; and a closed linear operator in  $X$  generates at most one nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  when  $C$  is injective.

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In the following, we always assume that  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $C \in L(X)$  is injective, and  $A$  a closed linear operator in  $X$  such that  $CA \subset AC$ . We first note some basic properties concerning the strong solutions of  $ACP(A, f, x, y)$ , just as results in [11] when  $A$  is the generator of a nondegenerate  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $A$  be a closed subgenerator of a nondegenerate local  $(\alpha + 1)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function  $C(\cdot)$  on  $X$ . Then for each  $x \in D(A)$   $C(\cdot)x$  is the unique solution of  $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$  in  $C([0, T_0), [D(A)])$ .*

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $A$  be a closed subgenerator of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function  $C(\cdot)$  on  $X$  and  $C^1 = \{x \in X \mid C(\cdot)x \text{ is continuously differentiable on } (0, T_0)\}$ . Then*

- (i)  $S(t)C^1 \subset D(A)$  for all  $0 < t < T_0$ ;
- (ii) for each  $x \in C^1$   $S(\cdot)x$  is the unique solution of  $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$ ;
- (iii) for each  $x \in D(A)$   $S(\cdot)x$  is the unique solution of  $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$  in  $C^1([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $A$  be the generator of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function  $C(\cdot)$  on  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . Assume that  $C(t)x \in R(C)$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ , and  $C^{-1}C(\cdot)x$  is continuously differentiable on  $(0, T_0)$ . Then  $C^{-1}S(t)x \in D(A)$  for all  $0 < t < T_0$ , and  $C^{-1}S(\cdot)x$  is the unique solution of  $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)x, 0, 0)$ .*

Applying Theorem 2.14, we can investigate an important result concerning the relation between the generation of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $A$  and the unique existence of strong solutions of  $ACP(A, f, x, y)$ , which has been established by another method in [11] when  $T_0 = \infty$  or in [9] when  $\alpha = 0$  and  $T_0 = \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *The following statements are equivalent :*

- (i)  $A$  is a subgenerator of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function  $C(\cdot)$  on  $X$ ;
- (ii) for each  $x \in X$  and  $g \in L^1_{loc}([0, T_0], X)$  the problem  $ACP(j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx + j_\alpha * Cg(\cdot), 0, 0)$  has a unique solution in  $C^2([0, T_0], X) \cap C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ ;
- (iii) for each  $x \in X$  the problem  $ACP(j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$  has a unique solution in  $C^2([0, T_0], X) \cap C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ ;
- (iv) for each  $x \in X$  the integral equation  $v(\cdot) = Aj_1 * v(\cdot) + j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx$  has a unique solution  $v(\cdot; x)$  in  $C([0, T_0], X)$ .

In this case,  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)x + \tilde{S} * g(\cdot)$  is the unique solution of  $ACP(j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx + j_\alpha * Cg(\cdot), 0, 0)$  and  $v(\cdot; x) = C(\cdot)x$ .

*Proof.* We first show that “(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii)” holds. Indeed, if  $x \in X$  and  $g \in L^1_{loc}([0, T_0], X)$  are given. We set  $u(\cdot) = \tilde{S}(\cdot)x + \tilde{S} * g(\cdot)$ , then  $u \in C^2([0, T_0], X) \cap C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ ,  $u(0) = u'(0) = 0$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} Au(t) &= A\tilde{S}(t)x + A \int_0^t \tilde{S}(t-s)g(s)ds \\ &= C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)Cx + \int_0^t [C(t-s) - j_\alpha(t-s)C]g(s)ds \\ &= C(t)x + \int_0^t C(t-s)g(s)ds - [j_\alpha(t)Cx + j_\alpha * Cg(t)] \\ &= u''(t) - [j_\alpha(t)Cx + j_\alpha * Cg(t)] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . Hence  $u$  is a solution of  $\text{ACP}(j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx + j_\alpha * Cg(\cdot), 0, 0)$  in  $C^2([0, T_0], X) \cap C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ . The uniqueness of solutions for  $\text{ACP}(j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx + j_\alpha * Cg(\cdot), 0, 0)$  follows directly from the uniqueness of solutions for  $\text{ACP}(0, 0, 0)$ . Clearly, "(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii)" holds, and (iii) and (iv) both are equivalent. We remain only to show that "(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i)" holds. Indeed, if  $C(t) : X \rightarrow X$  is defined by  $C(t)x = v(\cdot; x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . Clearly,  $C(\cdot)$  is strongly continuous, and satisfies (2.22). Combining the uniqueness of solutions for the integral equation  $v(\cdot) = Aj_1 * v(\cdot) + j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx$  with the assumption  $CA \subset AC$ , we have  $v(\cdot; Cx) = Cv(\cdot; x)$  for each  $x \in X$ , which implies that  $C(t)$  for  $0 \leq t < T_0$  are linear, and commute with  $C$ . Now let  $\{t_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  be an increasing sequence in  $(0, T_0)$  such that  $t_k \rightarrow T_0$ , and  $C([0, T_0], X)$  a Frechet space with the quasi-norm  $|\cdot|$  defined by  $|v| = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{\|v\|_k}{2^k(1+\|v\|_k)}$  for  $v \in C([0, T_0], X)$ . Here  $\|v\|_k = \max_{t \in [0, t_k]} \|v(t)\|$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . To show that  $C(\cdot)$  is a family in  $L(X)$ , we need only to the linear map  $\eta : X \rightarrow C([0, T_0], X)$  defined by  $\eta(x) = v(\cdot; x)$  for  $x \in X$ , is continuous or equivalently,  $\eta : X \rightarrow C([0, T_0], X)$  is a closed linear operator. Indeed, if  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $x_k \rightarrow x$  in  $X$  and  $\eta(x_k) \rightarrow v$  in  $C([0, T_0], X)$ , then  $v(\cdot; x_k) = Aj_1 * v(\cdot; x_k) + j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx_k$  on  $[0, T_0]$ . Combining the closedness of  $A$  with the uniform convergence of  $\{\eta(x_k)\}_{k=1}^\infty$  on  $[0, t_k]$ , we have  $v(\cdot) = Aj_1 * v(\cdot) + j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx$  on  $[0, T_0]$ . By the uniqueness of solutions for integral equations, we have  $v(\cdot) = v(\cdot; x) = \eta(x)$ . Consequently,  $\eta : X \rightarrow C([0, T_0], X)$  is a closed linear operator. To show that  $A$  is a subgenerator of  $C(\cdot)$ , we remain only to show that  $\tilde{S}(t)A \subset A\tilde{S}(t)$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . Indeed, if  $x \in D(A)$  is given, then  $\tilde{S}(t)x - j_{\alpha+2}(t)Cx = Aj_1 * \tilde{S}(t)x = j_1 * A\tilde{S}(t)x$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{S}(t)Ax - Aj_1 * \tilde{S}(t)Ax \\ &= j_{\alpha+2}(t)CAx \\ &= Aj_{\alpha+2}(t)Cx \\ &= A\tilde{S}(t)x - Aj_1 * \tilde{S}(t)Ax \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . Hence  $Aj_1 * [\tilde{S}(\cdot)Ax - A\tilde{S}(\cdot)x] = \tilde{S}(\cdot)Ax - A\tilde{S}(\cdot)x$  on  $[0, T_0]$ . By the uniqueness of solutions of  $\text{ACP}(0, 0, 0)$ , we have  $\tilde{S}(\cdot)Ax = A\tilde{S}(\cdot)x$  on  $[0, T_0]$ . Applying Theorem 2.11, we get that  $C(\cdot)$  is a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  with subgenerator  $A$ .  $\blacksquare$

By slightly modifying the proof of [11, Theorem 2.4], we can apply Theorem 3.4 to obtain the next result.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Assume that  $R(C) \subset R(\lambda - A)$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , and  $\text{ACP}(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)x, 0, 0)$  has a unique solution in  $C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$  for each  $x \in D(A)$  with  $(\lambda - A)x \in R(C)$ . Then  $A$  is a subgenerator of a nondegenerate local  $(\alpha + 1)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly, it suffices to show that the integral equation

$$(3.1) \quad v(\cdot) = A \int_0^{\cdot} \int_0^s v(r) dr ds + j_{\alpha+1}(\cdot)Cx$$

has a (unique) solution  $v(\cdot; x)$  in  $C([0, T_0), X)$  for each  $x \in X$ . Indeed, if  $x \in X$  is given, then there exists a  $y_x \in D(A)$  such that  $(\lambda - A)y_x = Cx$ . By hypothesis,  $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)y_x, 0, 0)$  has a unique solution  $u(\cdot; y_x)$  in  $C([0, T_0), [D(A)])$ . By the closedness of  $A$  and the continuity of  $Au(\cdot)$ , we have  $\int_0^t \int_0^s u(r; y_x) dr ds \in D(A)$  and

$$A \int_0^t \int_0^s u(r; y_x) dr ds = \int_0^t \int_0^s Au(r; y_x) dr ds = u(t; y_x) - j_{\alpha+1}(t)y_x \in D(A)$$

for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ , so that

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} (\lambda - A)u(t; y_x) &= (\lambda - A)[A \int_0^t \int_0^s u(r; y_x) dr ds + j_{\alpha+1}(t)y_x] \\ &= A \int_0^t \int_0^s (\lambda - A)u(r; y_x) dr ds + j_{\alpha+1}(t)Cx \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . Hence  $v(\cdot; x) = (\lambda - A)u(\cdot; y_x)$  is a solution of (3.1) in  $C([0, T_0), X)$ . ■

Combining Theorem 3.4 with Theorem 3.5, the next theorem is also attained.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Assume that  $R(C) \subset R(\lambda - A)$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , and  $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)x, 0, 0)$  has a unique solution in  $C^1([0, T_0), [D(A)])$  for each  $x \in D(A)$  with  $(\lambda - A)x \in R(C)$ . Then  $A$  is a subgenerator of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed, if  $x \in X$  is given, and  $u(\cdot; y_x)$  and  $v(\cdot; x)$  both are given as in the proof of Theorem 3.5. By hypothesis,  $v(\cdot; x)$  is continuously differentiable on  $[0, T_0)$  and  $v'(t; x) = (\lambda - A)u'(t; y_x)$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . By (3.2), we also have  $v'(t; x) = A \int_0^t v(r; x) dr + j_{\alpha}(t)Cx$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ . In particular,  $v'(0; x) = 0$ , and so  $v'(\cdot; x) = Aj_1 * v'(\cdot; x) + j_{\alpha}(\cdot)Cx$  on  $[0, T_0)$ . Hence  $v'(\cdot; x)$  is a (unique) solution of the integral equation  $v(\cdot) = Aj_1 * v(\cdot) + j_{\alpha}(\cdot)Cx$  in  $C([0, T_0), X)$ . ■

Since  $C^{-1}AC = A$  and  $R((\lambda - A)^{-1}C) = C(D(A))$  if  $\rho(A) \neq \emptyset$  (see [21]), we can apply Proposition 3.1, Theorem 3.5 and Theorem 3.6 to obtain the next two corollaries.

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $A : D(A) \rightarrow X$  be a closed linear operator with nonempty resolvent set. Then  $A$  is the generator of a nondegenerate local  $(\alpha+1)$ -times integrated*

$C$ -cosine function on  $X$  if and only if for each  $x \in D(A)$   $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$  has a unique solution in  $C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ .

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $A : D(A) \rightarrow X$  be a closed linear operator with nonempty resolvent set. Then  $A$  is the generator of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function on  $X$  if and only if for each  $x \in D(A)$   $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$  has a unique solution in  $C^1([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ .*

Just as in [11, Theorems 2.9 and 2.10], we can apply Theorem 3.4 to obtain the next two theorems.

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $A : D(A) \rightarrow X$  be a densely defined closed linear operator. Then the following are equivalent :*

- (i)  $A$  is a subgenerator of a nondegenerate local  $(\alpha + 1)$ -times integrated  $C$ -cosine function  $S(\cdot)$  on  $X$ ;
- (ii) for each  $x \in D(A)$   $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$  has a unique solution  $u(\cdot; Cx)$  in  $C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$  which depends continuously on  $x$ . That is, if  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(D(A), \|\cdot\|)$ , then  $\{u(\cdot; Cx_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges uniformly on compact subsets of  $[0, T_0]$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). It is easy to see from the definition of a subgenerator of  $S(\cdot)$  that  $S(\cdot)x$  is the unique solution of  $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$  in  $C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$  which depends continuously on  $x \in D(A)$ . (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). In view of Theorem 3.4, we need only to show that for each  $x \in X$  (3.1) has a unique solution  $v(\cdot; x)$  in  $C([0, T_0], X)$ . Indeed, if  $x \in X$  is given. By the denseness of  $D(A)$ , we have  $x_m \rightarrow x$  in  $X$  for some sequence  $\{x_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$  in  $D(A)$ . We set  $u(\cdot; Cx_m)$  to denote the unique solution of  $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx_m, 0, 0)$  in  $C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ . By hypothesis, we have  $u(\cdot; Cx_m) \rightarrow u(\cdot)$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $[0, T_0]$  for some  $u \in C([0, T_0], X)$ , so that  $\int_0^t \int_0^s u(r; Cx_m) dr ds \rightarrow \int_0^t \int_0^s u(r) dr ds$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $[0, T_0]$ . Since  $Au(\cdot; Cx_m) = u''(\cdot; Cx_m) - j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx_m$  on  $(0, T_0)$ , we have

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & A \int_0^t \int_0^s u(r; Cx_m) dr ds \\ &= \int_0^t \int_0^s Au(r; Cx_m) dr ds = u(\cdot; Cx_m) - j_{\alpha+1}(\cdot)Cx_m \end{aligned}$$

on  $[0, T_0]$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Clearly, the right-hand side of the last equality of (3.3) converges uniformly to  $u(\cdot) - j_{\alpha+1}(\cdot)Cx$  on compact subsets of  $[0, T_0]$ . It follows from the closedness of  $A$  that  $\int_0^t \int_0^s u(r) dr ds \in D(A)$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$  and  $A \int_0^t \int_0^s u(r) dr ds = u(\cdot) - j_{\alpha+1}(\cdot)Cx$  on  $[0, T_0]$ , which implies that  $u(\cdot)$  is a (unique) solution of (3.1) in  $C([0, T_0], X)$ . ■

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $A : D(A) \rightarrow X$  be a densely defined (closed) linear operator. Then the following are equivalent :*

- (i) *A is a subgenerator of a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function  $C(\cdot)$  on X;*
- (ii) *for each  $x \in D(A)$   $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$  has a unique solution  $u(\cdot; Cx)$  in  $C^1([0, T_0], [D(A)])$  which depends continuously differentiable on  $x$ . That is, if  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(D(A), \|\cdot\|)$ , then  $\{u(\cdot; Cx_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{u'(\cdot; Cx_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  both converge uniformly on compact subsets of  $[0, T_0]$ .*

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). For each  $0 \leq t < T_0$  and  $x \in X$ , we set  $S(t)x = \int_0^t C(r)xdr$ . Then  $S(\cdot)x$  is the unique solution of  $ACP(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$  in  $C^1([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ . Now if  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(D(A), \|\cdot\|)$ . We set  $u(\cdot; Cx_n) = S(\cdot)x_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\{u(\cdot; Cx_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{u'(\cdot; Cx_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  both converge uniformly on compact subsets of  $[0, T_0]$ . (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). For each  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq t < T_0$ , we define  $u(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u(t; Cx_n)$  whenever  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a sequence in  $D(A)$  which converges to  $x$  in  $X$ . By hypothesis,  $u(\cdot; Cx_m) \rightarrow u(\cdot)$  and  $u'(\cdot; Cx_m) \rightarrow u'(\cdot)$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $[0, T_0]$  for some  $u \in C^1([0, T_0], X)$ . Just as in the proof of Theorem 3.9, we also have

$$(3.4) \quad A \int_0^t \int_0^s u'(r; Cx_m)drds = A \int_0^t u(r; Cx_m)drds = u'(\cdot; Cx_m) - j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx_m$$

on  $[0, T_0]$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Similarly, we also have  $A \int_0^t \int_0^s u'(r)drds = u'(\cdot) - j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx$  on  $[0, T_0]$ , which implies that  $u'(\cdot)$  is a solution of the integral equation  $v(\cdot) = Aj_1 * v(\cdot) + j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx$  in  $C([0, T_0], X)$ . The uniqueness of solutions for the integral equation  $v(\cdot) = Aj_1 * v(\cdot) + j_\alpha(\cdot)Cx$  in  $C([0, T_0], X)$  follows from the uniqueness of solutions for the integral equation (3.1) in  $C([0, T_0], X)$ . ■

We end this paper with several illustrative examples.

**Example 1.** Let  $X = C_b(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $C(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$  be bounded linear operators on  $X$  defined by  $C(t)f(x) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x+t) + f(x-t)]$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then for each  $\beta > -1$ ,  $j_\beta * C(\cdot)$  is a  $(\beta + 1)$ -times integrated cosine function on  $X$  with generator  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ , but  $C(\cdot)$  is not a cosine function on  $X$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $k$  be a fixed nonnegative integer, and let  $C(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$  and  $C$  be bounded linear operators on  $c_0$  ( the family of all convergent sequences in  $\mathbb{F}$  with limit 0 ) defined by  $C(t)x = \{x_n(n - k)e^{-n} \int_0^t j_{\alpha-1}(t - s) \cosh nsds\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $Cx = \{x_n(n - k)e^{-n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  for all  $x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in c_0$ , then  $\{C(t)|0 \leq t < 1\}$  is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $c_0$  which is degenerate except for  $k = 0$  and generator  $A$  defined by  $Ax = \{n^2x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  for all  $x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in c_0$

with  $\{n^2x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in c_0$ , and for each  $r > 1$   $\{C(t)|0 \leq t < r\}$  is not a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $c_0$ . Now if  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $A_a : c_0 \rightarrow c_0$  for  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  defined by  $A_ax = \{n^2y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  for all  $x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in c_0$  with  $\{n^2x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in c_0$ , are subgenerators of  $\{C(t)|0 \leq t < 1\}$  which do not have proper extensions that are still subgenerators of  $\{C(t)|0 \leq t < 1\}$ . Here  $y_n = ak^2x_k$  if  $n = k$ , and  $y_n = n^2x_n$  otherwise. Consequently,  $\{C(t)|0 \leq t < 1\}$  does not have a maximal subgenerator.

**Example 3.** Let  $C \in L(X)$  be fixed, and let  $C(\cdot)$  be an  $\alpha$ -times integrated C-cosine function on  $X$  defined by  $C(t) = j_\alpha(t)C$  for  $t \geq 0$ . Then  $C(\cdot)$  is nondegenerate with generator  $0$  ( the zero operator on  $X$ ) if and only if  $C$  is injective. Now if  $D(\cdot)$  is a nondegenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated D-cosine function on a Banach space  $Y$  over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Then  $\tilde{C}(\cdot)$  defined by  $\tilde{C}(t)(x, y) = (C(t)x, D(t)y)$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$  and  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , is a local  $\alpha$ -times integrated (C,D)-cosine function on the product Banach space  $X \times Y$ . Here  $(C, D) : X \times Y \rightarrow X \times Y$  is defined by  $(C, D)(x, y) = (Cx, Dy)$  for all  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . In this case,  $\tilde{C}(\cdot)$  is nondegenerate with generator  $(0, D)$  defined by  $(0, D)(x, y) = (0, Dy)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $y \in D$  if and only if  $C$  is injective. Next if  $X$  is the direct sum of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  for some nonzero subspaces  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  of  $X$ ,  $C : X \rightarrow X$  is the projection of  $X$  to a nonzero subspace of  $X_1$ , and  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is the projection of  $X$  to a nonzero subspace of  $X_2$ , then  $A : X \rightarrow X$  and the zero operator on  $X$  are subgenerators of  $C(\cdot)$  which do not have common proper extensions that are still subgenerators of  $\{C(t)|0 \leq t < 1\}$ . In particular,  $C(\cdot)$  does not have a maximal subgenerator. Similarly, we can show that  $(0, D)$  and  $(A, D)$  are subgenerators of the degenerate local  $\alpha$ -times integrated (C, D)-cosine function  $\tilde{C}(\cdot)$  on  $X \times Y$  which do not have common proper extensions that are still subgenerators of  $\tilde{C}(\cdot)$ . In particular,  $\tilde{C}(\cdot)$  does not have a maximal subgenerator.

**Example 4.** Let  $X = C_b(\mathbb{R})$  ( or  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ), and  $A$  be the maximal differential operator in  $X$  defined by  $Au = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j D^j u$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  for all  $u \in D(A)$ , then  $UC_b(\mathbb{R})$  (or  $C_0(\mathbb{R})$ ) =  $\overline{D(A)}$ . Here  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $D^j u(x) = u^{(j)}(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is shown in [2, Theorem 6.7] that  $A$  generates an exponentially bounded, norm continuous 1-times integrated cosine function  $C(\cdot)$  on  $X$  which is defined by  $(C(t)f)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}(\tilde{\phi}_t * f)(x)$  for all  $f \in X$  and  $t \geq 0$  if the real-valued polynomial  $p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j (ix)^j$  satisfies  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} p(x) < \infty$ . Here  $\tilde{\phi}_t$  denotes the inverse Fourier transform of  $\phi_t$  with  $\phi_t(x) = \int_0^t \cosh(\sqrt{p(x)}s) ds$ . Applying Theorem 3.4, we get that for each  $f \in X$  and continuous function  $g$  on  $[0, T_0) \times \mathbb{R}$  with  $\int_0^t \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |g(s, x)| ds < \infty$  for all  $0 \leq t < T_0$ , the function  $u$  on  $[0, T_0) \times \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $u(t, x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^\infty (t - s) \tilde{\phi}_s(x - y) f(y) dy ds + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^t \int_0^{t-r} \int_{-\infty}^\infty (t - r - s) \tilde{\phi}_s(x - y) g(s, y) dy ds dr$  for all

$0 \leq t < T_0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , is the unique solution of

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u(t, x)}{\partial t^2} \\ = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j u(t, x) + tf(x) + \int_0^t (t-s)g(s, x)ds \text{ for } t \in (0, T_0) \text{ and a.e. } x \in \mathbb{R}, \\ u(0, x) = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, x) = 0 \text{ for a.e. } x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

in  $C^2([0, T_0], X) \cap C([0, T_0], [D(A)])$ .

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