

Polynomial decay of bounded C_0 -semigroups on Hilbert spaces

Project M

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A necessary spectral condition

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Assume $i\mathbb{R} \cap \sigma(A) = \emptyset$ and fix $\delta > 0$ s.t. $[-\delta, 0] \subseteq \rho(A)$. If

$$\|(i\tau - A)^{-1}\| \leq C(1 + |\tau|)^\alpha \quad (\tau \in \mathbb{R})$$

for $C, \alpha > 0$, then

$$|\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq C'(-\operatorname{Re} \lambda)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \quad (\lambda \in \sigma(A) \cap \{\operatorname{Re} z \geq -\delta\}).$$

Remarks

- ▶ Purely spectral condition not sufficient in general.
- ▶ Exception: e.g. X Hilbert space, A normal, and $\sigma(A) \subseteq \mathbb{C}_-$.

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