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**A PERTURBATION THEORY FOR THE SEMIGROUP OF OPERATORS ON HILBERT SPACES OF SEQUENCES**

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**Abstract**

In this paper we fixate a perturbation result for  $C_0$ -semigroups on Hilbert spaces and use it to exhibit that certain sequence of operators of the form  $A_j u^j = i(u^j)^{(2k)} + V \cdot (u^j)^l$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  generates a semigroup that is strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ . Applications of  $C_0$ -semigroup perturbation theory are crucial for solving differential equations.

**Key Words:**  $C_0$ - Semigroup, A perturbation Theory, Sequence Operators, Hilbert Spaces

## 1. Introduction

A minimal condition in several of the known perturbation theorems is the relative boundedness of the perturbation of sequence  $B_j$  in terms of the given semigroup sequence of generators  $A_j$ . These relative boundedness requirements are typically described as

$$\|\sum_j B_j(\lambda_j - A_j)^{-1}\| \leq M < 1 \quad (1)$$

or

$$\|\sum_j(\lambda_j - A_j)^{-1}B_j x^j\| \leq M\|\sum_j x^j\| \quad (2)$$

on a certain subset of the complex plane. E.g., in the proof of the well-known result for bounded perturbations (see e.g. [5, Chapter III, Theorem 1.3], [7, Chapter 3, Theorem 1.1]) condition (1) is one of the main ideas. The Miyadera-Voigt, respectively Desch-Schappacher, perturbation theorem uses (1), respectively (2) (see [5, Chapter III, Section 3]). If  $A_j$  sequence of generates a bounded analytic semigroup, therefore condition (1), satisfied for every  $\lambda_j$  in the right half plane, is sufficient to exhibit that  $A_j + B_j$  again the sequence of generates an analytic semigroup. Obviously, this cannot be true for general  $C_0$ -semigroups. But in this article we want to explore what can be said about  $A_j + B_j$  if we only suppose the relative boundedness conditions (1) and (2) on a half plane. If the underlying space is a Hilbert space, we can exhibit that  $(A_j + B_j, D(A_j))$  the sequence of generates a semigroup that is strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ .

This article is organized as follows. In the second section we collect some facts about semigroups that are strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ . Section 3 contains the main results which are showed in Sections 4 and 5. In Section 6 we apply the theorem to certain differential operators.

## 2. Semigroups that are strongly continuous on $(0, \infty)$

Let  $X$  be a Banach space. By  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  we denote the Banach space of each bounded linear sequence of operators from  $X$  to  $X$ . If  $T^j: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$  is a strongly continuous mapping (i.e.,  $(1 + \varepsilon) \rightarrow T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j$  is continuous on  $(0, \infty)$  for each  $x^j \in X$ ) that satisfies the semigroup property  $T^j(1 + \varepsilon)T^j(1 + \varepsilon) = T^j(2 + 2\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon > -1$ ,

therefore we say that the families  $(T^j(1 + \varepsilon))_{\varepsilon > -1}$  is a semigroup that is strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ . Examples for such semigroups can be found in [3], [6, Section I.8] and [5, Chapter I, 5.9 (7)].

In this article we want to use Laplace transform methods. Therefore we will suppose from now on that the mapping  $T^j$  is locally integrable on  $(0, \infty)$  (i.e.,  $T^j \in L^1((0, (1 + \varepsilon)); \mathcal{L}(X))$ ) for every  $\varepsilon > -1$  and

$$\left\| \sum_j \int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} T^j(1 + \varepsilon) d(1 + \varepsilon) \right\| \leq M \sum_j e^{\omega^j(1+\varepsilon)} \quad \varepsilon > -1, \quad (3)$$

for some constants  $M$  and  $\omega^j$ . Therefore, due to [2, Proposition 1.4.5], we can define the Laplace transform for  $\lambda_j > \omega^j$ . Using integration by parts and the semigroup property, we find that  $(R(\lambda_j))_{\lambda_j > \omega^j}$  satisfies the resolvent equation  $R(\lambda_j) - R(\mu_j) = (\mu_j - \lambda_j)R(\lambda_j)R(\mu_j)$ . Therefore the following definition makes sense.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(T^j(1 + \varepsilon))_{\varepsilon > -1}$  be a semigroup on a Banach space  $X$  that is strongly continuous and locally integrable on  $(0, \infty)$  and satisfies the norm estimate (3). If there exists a linear sequence of operators  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  in  $X$ , where  $D(A_j) \subseteq X$  is the domain of  $A_j$ , such that  $(\omega^j, \infty)$  is contained in the resolvent set  $\rho(A_j)$  of  $A_j$  and  $\sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) := \sum_j (\lambda_j I - A_j)^{-1} = \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} T^j(1 + \varepsilon) d(1 + \varepsilon)$ ,  $\lambda_j > \omega^j$ , therefore  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  are called the sequence of generators of  $(T^j(1 + \varepsilon))_{\varepsilon > -1}$ .

Using this definition, one can exhibit easily the following properties of the semigroup  $(T^j(1 + \varepsilon))_{\varepsilon > -1}$  and its sequence of generator  $A_j$ :

- (a) if  $x^j \in D(A_j)$ , therefore  $T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \in D(A_j)$  and  $A_j T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j = T^j(1 + \varepsilon)A_j x^j$  for every  $\varepsilon > -1$ ,
- (b) if  $x^j \in D(A_j)$  and  $\varepsilon > -1$ , therefore

$$\sum_j x^j = \sum_j T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - \int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} \sum_j T^j(1 + \varepsilon)A_j x^j d(1 + \varepsilon).$$

The properties (a) and (b) imply that for  $x^j \in D(A_j)$  the function  $u_x^j$ , defined by

$u_x^j(1 + \varepsilon) = T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j$  ( $\varepsilon > -1$ ) and  $u_x^j(0) = x^j$ , is a solution of the abstract Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} (u^j)' = A_j u^j (1 + \varepsilon), \quad \varepsilon > -1, \\ u^j(0) = x^j. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Here, by a solution of (4) we mean a function  $u^j \in C([0, \infty); X) \cap C^1((0, \infty); X)$  such that  $u^j(1 + \varepsilon) \in D(A_j)$  and  $(u^j)'(1 + \varepsilon) = A_j u^j(1 + \varepsilon)$  for every  $\varepsilon > -1$  and  $u^j(0) = x^j$

### 3. Main result

The main result is the following perturbation theorem for  $C_0$ -semigroups on Hilbert spaces.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  be the sequence of generators of a  $C_0$ -semigroup  $(T^j(1 + \varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \geq -1}$  on a Hilbert space  $X$  and let  $(B_j, D(B_j))$  be a closed sequence of operators in  $X$  such that  $D(B_j) \supseteq D(A_j)$ . We suppose that there exist constants  $0 \leq M < 1$  and  $(\lambda_j)_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the set  $\{\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} \lambda_j \geq (\lambda_j)_0\}$  is contained in the resolvent set of  $A_j$  and the estimates

$$\|\sum_j B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) x^j\| \leq M \|\sum_j x^j\| \quad (5)$$

and

$$\|\sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) B_j y^j\| \leq M \|\sum_j y^j\| \quad (6)$$

are satisfied for all  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_j \geq (\lambda_j)_0$  and all  $x^j \in X, y^j \in D(B_j)$ . Therefore  $(A_j + B_j, D(A_j))$  the sequence of generates a semigroup  $(S(1 + \varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \geq -1}$  that are strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Example 3.2.** Suppose  $X = L^2(0, \infty)$ . Define linear sequences of operators  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  and  $(B_j, D(B_j))$  by  $(A_j f_j)(x^j) := (f_j)'(x^j)$  and  $(B_j f_j)(x^j) := \frac{1}{3x^j} f_j(x^j)$  with maximal domains. Using Hardy's Inequality, we can exhibit that  $\|\sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) B_j x^j\|_2 \leq \frac{2}{3} \|\sum_j x^j\|_2$  for all  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_j > 0$ , i.e. condition (6) is satisfied. The "candidate" for the perturbed semigroup is  $S(1 + \varepsilon) f_j(x^j) := (x^j)^{-1/3} (x^j + (1 + \varepsilon))^{1/3} f_j(x^j + (1 + \varepsilon))$ . But  $S(1 + \varepsilon)$  is not a bounded sequence of operators on  $X$ .

To fixate Theorem 3.1 we shall use the following result about the sequence of generators for semigroups that are strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  be a closed, densely defined the sequence of operators on a Hilbert space  $X$  such that the resolvent  $R(\lambda_j, A_j)$  exists and is uniformly bounded on  $\{\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C} : Re\lambda_j \geq 0\}$ . Further, we suppose that there exists a constant  $C \geq 0$  such that

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j)x^j\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon)\right)^{1/2} \leq C \|\sum_j x^j\| \tag{7}$$

and

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), (A_j)^*)x^j\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon)\right)^{1/2} \leq C \|\sum_j x^j\| \tag{8}$$

For every  $x^j \in X$ . Therefore  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  the sequence of generates a semigroup  $(T^j(1 + \varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \geq -1}$  that is strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Example 3.4.** We regard the space  $X = L^2(\mathbb{R}) \times L^2(\mathbb{R})$  which is a Hilbert space if we choose the norm  $\|\sum_j (u^j, v^j)\|_X := \left(\|\sum_j u^j\|_2^2 + \|\sum_j v^j\|_2^2\right)^{1/2}$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \leq (\varepsilon + \beta) < 4k$  we define the function  $(1 + \varepsilon): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$(1 + \varepsilon)x^j = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - (x^j)^{2k} & (x^j)^{(\varepsilon+\beta)} \\ 0 & -1 - (x^j)^{2k} \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}$$

Therefore the multiplication sequence of operators, given by

$$A_j(u^j, v^j) = (1 + \varepsilon) \begin{pmatrix} u^j \\ v^j \end{pmatrix}, D(A_j) = \{(u^j, v^j) \in X : A_j(u^j, v^j) \in X\}, \tag{10}$$

satisfies the conditions of Theorem 3.3, Therefore  $A_j$  the sequence of generates a semigroup that are strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ . But if  $k < \frac{(\varepsilon+\beta)}{2} < 2k$ , therefore  $A_j$  is not strongly continuous at 0.

**Note**

We can deduce that:

- (i)  $\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j)x^j\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon)\right)^{1/2} \leq \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), (A_j)^*)x^j\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon)\right)^{1/2}$
- (ii)  $\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j)x^j\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon)\right)^{1/2} \leq \frac{C}{M} \|\sum_j B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j)x^j\|$

$$(iii) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), (A_j)^*) x^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \leq \frac{C}{M} \left\| \sum_j B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) x^j \right\|$$

**Proof**

(i) From (7) and (8).

(ii) From (5) and (7).

(iii) From (5) and (8).

**4. Proof of Theorem 3.3**

We give a proof of Theorem 3.3. We first state two technical lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  be a closed sequence of operators in a Banach space  $X$  with

$0 \in \rho(A_j)$ . If we can find a subset  $G$  of  $\rho(A_j)$  and a constant  $M \geq 0$  such that

$\left\| \sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) \right\| \leq M$  on  $G$ , then there is a constant  $c \geq 0$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) x^j \right\| \leq \frac{c}{1 + \left\| \sum_j \lambda_j \right\|} \left\| \sum_j A_j x^j \right\| \quad \text{and} \quad \left\| \sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j)^2 y^j \right\| \leq \frac{c}{1 + \left\| \sum_j \lambda_j \right\|^2} \left\| \sum_j (A_j)^2 y^j \right\|$$

for all  $\lambda_j \in G$  and all  $x^j \in D(A_j)$ ,  $y^j \in D(A_j)^2$ .

**Proof.** For  $\lambda_j \in G \setminus \{0\}$  and  $x^j \in D(A_j)$  the resolvent  $R(\lambda_j, A_j)x^j$  can be written as

$$R(\lambda_j, A_j)x^j = \frac{1}{\lambda_j} (x^j + R(\lambda_j, A_j)A_j x^j). \quad \text{If } y^j \in D(A_j)^2 \text{ we obtain } R(\lambda_j, A_j)^2 y^j =$$

$$\frac{1}{(\lambda_j)^2} (y^j + 2R(\lambda_j, A_j)A_j y^j + R(\lambda_j, A_j)^2 (A_j)^2 y^j). \quad \text{Since } 0 \text{ is in the resolvent set of } A_j$$

and the resolvent are uniformly bounded on  $G$ , the lemma is proved.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  be a closed sequence of operators in a Banach space  $X$

such that  $\{\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re} \lambda_j \geq 0\} \subseteq \rho(A_j)$  and  $\left\| \sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) \right\| \leq M$  for all  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$  with

$\text{Re} \lambda_j \geq 0$ . For  $x^j \in X$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq -1$  we define

$$U(1 + \varepsilon) \sum_j x^j := \frac{1}{2\pi i(1 + \varepsilon)} \int_{(1 + \varepsilon) - i\infty}^{(1 + \varepsilon) + i\infty} \sum_j e^{\mu_j(1 + \varepsilon)} R(\mu_j, A_j)^2 x^j d\mu_j \quad (11)$$

Therefore ,

(a) if  $x^j \in D(A_j)^2$ , the integral in (11) are certainly convergent and does not depend on

$\varepsilon \geq -1$ ,

(b) for every  $x^j \in D(A_j)^2$  and all  $\varepsilon > -1$ , the limit

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(1+\varepsilon)-i(1+\varepsilon)}^{(1+\varepsilon)+i(1+\varepsilon)} \sum_j e^{\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} R(\mu_j, A_j) x^j d\mu_j \tag{12}$$

exists and are equals to  $U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j$ ,

(c) for  $x^j \in D(A_j)^2$  and  $Re\lambda_j > 0$ , we have that

$$\sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) x^j = \sum_j \frac{x^j}{\lambda_j} + \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j) d(1 + \varepsilon), \tag{13}$$

(d) the semigroup property

$$U(1 + \varepsilon)U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j = U(2 + 2\varepsilon)x^j$$

holds for all  $\varepsilon > -1$  and every  $x^j \in D(A_j)^4$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x^j \in D(A_j)^2$  and  $\varepsilon > -1$ .

(a) Lemma 4.1 implies that the integral in (11) converges absolutely. The independence of  $\varepsilon \geq -1$  is a consequence of Cauchy’s Theorem.

(b) Integration by parts yields that for  $\varepsilon > -1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{(1+\varepsilon)-i(1+\varepsilon)}^{(1+\varepsilon)+i(1+\varepsilon)} \sum_j e^{\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} R(\mu_j, A_j) x^j d\mu_j \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 + \varepsilon)} \sum_j \left( e^{(1+\varepsilon)+i(1+\varepsilon)^2} R\left( \begin{matrix} (1 + \varepsilon) + \\ i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j \end{matrix} \right) x^j \right) - \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{(1+\varepsilon)-i(1+\varepsilon)^2} R\left( \begin{matrix} (1 + \varepsilon) - \\ i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j \end{matrix} \right) x^j \right) +$$

$$\frac{1}{(1+\varepsilon)} \int_{(1+\varepsilon)-i(1+\varepsilon)}^{(1+\varepsilon)+i(1+\varepsilon)} \sum_j e^{\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} R(\mu_j, A_j)^2 x^j d\mu_j.$$

By Lemma 4.1,  $\|\sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j) x^j\|$  converges to 0 if  $\|1 + \varepsilon\| \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore we have that the limit 12 exists and are equals to  $U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j$ .

(c) Let  $Re\lambda_j > 0$ . If  $x^j \in D(A_j)$ ,  $\varepsilon > -1$  and  $0 < (1 + \varepsilon) < Re\lambda_j$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j (U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(1+\varepsilon)-i\infty}^{(1+\varepsilon)+i\infty} \sum_j e^{\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} \left( R(\mu_j, A_j) x^j - \frac{x^j}{\mu_j} \right) d\mu_j \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(1+\varepsilon)-i\infty}^{(1+\varepsilon)+i\infty} \sum_j e^{\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} (R(\mu_j, A_j) A_j x^j) \frac{d\mu_j}{\mu_j} \end{aligned}$$

For  $x^j \in D(A_j)^2$ , Lemma 4.1 yields

$$\|\sum_j (R(\mu_j, A_j) A_j x^j)\| \leq \frac{c}{1+|\sum_j \mu_j|} \|\sum_j (A_j)^2 x^j\|. \text{ Therefore the above integral is}$$

absolutely convergent and  $\|\sum_j U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j\| \leq c' \|\sum_j (A_j)^2 x^j\|$  for every  $\varepsilon >$

–1. So we can form the Laplace transform of  $U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j$  and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_j \left( \lambda_j \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j) d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \\ &= \sum_j \left( \frac{\lambda_j}{2\pi i} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} \int_{(1+\varepsilon)-i\infty}^{(1+\varepsilon)+i\infty} e^{\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} R(\mu_j, A_j) A_j x^j \frac{d\mu_j}{\mu_j} d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \\ &= \sum_j \left( \frac{\lambda_j}{2\pi i} \int_{(1+\varepsilon)-i\infty}^{(1+\varepsilon)+i\infty} \int_0^\infty e^{(\mu_j - \lambda_j)(1+\varepsilon)} d(1 + \varepsilon) R(\mu_j, A_j) A_j x^j \frac{d\mu_j}{\mu_j} \right) \\ &= \sum_j \left( \frac{\lambda_j}{2\pi i} \int_{(1+\varepsilon)-i\infty}^{(1+\varepsilon)+i\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_j - \mu_j} R(\mu_j, A_j) A_j x^j \frac{d\mu_j}{\mu_j} \right) \\ &= \sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) A_j x^j = \sum_j (\lambda_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) x^j - x^j), \end{aligned}$$

using Fubini’s and Cauchy’s Theorems.

(d) Let  $\mu^j > \lambda_j > 0$ . Therefore integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_j \left( \frac{R(\lambda_j, A_j)x^j - R(\mu_j, A_j)x^j}{\mu_j - \lambda_j} \right) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \sum_j \left( e^{(\lambda_j - \mu_j)(1+\varepsilon)} R(\lambda_j, A_j)x^j d(1 + \varepsilon) - \frac{x^j}{\mu_j(\mu_j - \lambda_j)} \right) \\ & \quad - \sum_j \left( \frac{1}{\mu_j^j - \lambda_j} \int_0^\infty e^{(\lambda_j - \mu_j)(1+\varepsilon)} e^{(-\lambda_j)(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j) d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \\ &= \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{(\lambda_j - \mu_j)(1+\varepsilon)} \frac{x^j}{\lambda_j} d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \\ & \quad + \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{(\lambda_j - \mu_j)(1+\varepsilon)} d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j) d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \left( \sum_j \frac{x^j}{\mu_j (\mu_j - \lambda_j)} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{(\lambda_j - \mu_j)(1+\varepsilon)} d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \left( \int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} \sum_j e^{-\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j) d(1 \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + \varepsilon) \right) \right) \\
 & = \sum_j \left( \frac{x^j}{\lambda_j (\mu_j - \lambda_j)} - \frac{x^j}{\mu_j (\mu_j - \lambda_j)} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{(\lambda_j - \mu_j)(1+\varepsilon)} d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \left( \int_{(1+\varepsilon)}^\infty \sum_j e^{-\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j) d(1 \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + \varepsilon) \right) \right) \\
 & = \sum_j \left( \frac{\mu_j x^j - \lambda_j x^j}{\lambda_j \mu_j (\mu_j - \lambda_j)} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \left( \int_{(1+\varepsilon)}^\infty \sum_j e^{\lambda_j(0)} (U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j) d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \right) \\
 & = \left( \sum_j \frac{x^j}{\lambda_j \mu_j} + \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(2 + 2\varepsilon)x^j - x^j) d(1 + \varepsilon) \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Second hand, if  $x^j \in D(A_j)^4$ , therefore  $U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \in D(A_j)^2$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_j R(\mu_j, A_j) R(\lambda_j, A_j) x^j \\
 & = \sum_j \left( \frac{R(\lambda_j, A_j) x^j}{\mu_j} + \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1 + \varepsilon) R(\lambda_j, A_j) x^j - R(\lambda_j, A_j) x^j) d(1 \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \varepsilon) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_j \left( \frac{x^j}{\lambda_j \mu_j} + \frac{1}{\mu_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1+\varepsilon)x^j - x^j) \right) d(1+\varepsilon) \\
 &\quad + \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} \left( U(1+\varepsilon) \frac{x^j}{\lambda_j} - \frac{x^j}{\lambda_j} \right) d(1+\varepsilon) \\
 &\quad + \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} d(1+\varepsilon) \right) \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1+\varepsilon)(U(1+\varepsilon)x^j - x^j)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - (U(1+\varepsilon)x^j - x^j) \right) d(1+\varepsilon) \\
 &\quad \sum_j \frac{x^j}{\lambda_j \mu_j} + \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\mu_j(1+\varepsilon)} d(1+\varepsilon) \right) \left( \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} (U(1+\varepsilon)(U(1+\varepsilon)x^j - x^j)) \right) d(1 \\
 &\quad + \varepsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

By the uniqueness theorem for the Laplace transform we obtain that

$$U(2 + 2\varepsilon)x^j - x^j = U(1 + \varepsilon)U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j \tag{14}$$

for almost all  $\varepsilon > -1$  and for all  $x^j \in D(A_j)^4$ . For fixed  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ , the functions  $(1 + \varepsilon) \mapsto U(2 + 2\varepsilon)x^j$  and  $(1 + \varepsilon) \mapsto U(1 + \varepsilon)U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j$  both are continuous. So the equation (14) holds for every  $\varepsilon > -1$ . By exchanging the roles of  $(1 + \varepsilon)$  we obtain

$$U(2 + 2\varepsilon)x^j = U(1 + \varepsilon)U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j$$

for every  $\varepsilon > -1$  and all  $x^j \in D(A_j)^4$ .

**Proof of Theorem 3.3.** Prove the theorem in four steps. Here,  $c$  is always an appropriate constant, and by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  we denote the inner product on  $X$ .

Step 1:  $A_j$  “candidate” for the semigroup

Apply the inverse Fourier transform to  $R(i \cdot, A_j)x^j \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, X)$ : Take  $\varepsilon > -1$  and  $x^j \in X$  and define

$$\begin{aligned}
 T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j &:= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \sum_j e^{i(1+\varepsilon)^2} R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j)x^j d(1 + \\
 \varepsilon) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \sum_j e^{\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} R(\lambda_j, A_j)x^j d\lambda_j.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X$  is a Hilbert space, Plancherel’s theorem yields  $T^j(\cdot)x^j \in L^2((0, \infty), X)$  and

$$\left( \int_0^\infty \|\sum_j T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \leq c \|\sum_j x^j\| \text{ for every } x^j \in X. \text{ Clearly, } T^j \text{ are}$$

linear in  $x^j$ , and from Lemma 4.2 (d) we know that the semigroup property  $T^j(1 + \varepsilon)T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j = T^j(2 + 2\varepsilon)x^j$  are satisfied whenever  $x^j \in D(A_j)^4$ . and  $\varepsilon > -1$ .

Step 2: Boundedness of  $T^j(1 + \varepsilon)$

First we regard the adjoint sequence of operators  $(A_j)^*$ . As in step 1 we can exhibit that

$(T^j)^*(\cdot)x^j$ , defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j (T^j)^*(1 + \varepsilon)x^j &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_j e^{i(1+\varepsilon)^2} R(i(1 + \varepsilon), (A_j)^*)x^j d(1 + \varepsilon) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \sum_j e^{\lambda_j(1+\varepsilon)} R(\lambda_j, (A_j)^*)x^j d\lambda_j, \varepsilon > -1, \end{aligned}$$

are in  $L^2((0, \infty), X)$  for every  $x^j \in X$  and  $\left( \int_0^\infty \|\sum_j (T^j)^*(1 + \varepsilon)x^j\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \leq c \|\sum_j x^j\|$ . It is easy to see that  $\langle y^j, T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \rangle = \langle (T^j)^*(1 + \varepsilon)y^j, x^j \rangle$  for  $x^j, y^j \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > -1$ .

Now let  $\varepsilon > -1, x^j \in D(A_j)^4$  and  $y^j \in X$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \varepsilon) \sum_j \langle y^j, T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \rangle &= \int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} \sum_j \langle y^j, T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \rangle d(1 + \varepsilon) \\ &= \int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} \sum_j \langle y^j, T^j(0)T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \rangle d(1 + \varepsilon) \\ &= \int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} \sum_j \langle (T^j)^*(0)y^j, T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \rangle d(1 + \varepsilon) \\ &\leq \int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} \left\| \sum_j (T^j)^*(0)y^j \right\| \left\| \sum_j T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \right\| d(1 + \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

and we can estimate

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} \left\| \sum_j (T^j)^*(0)y^j \right\| \left\| \sum_j T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \right\| d(1 + \varepsilon) \\ &\leq \left( \int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} \left\| \sum_j (T^j)^*(0)y^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_0^{(1+\varepsilon)} \left\| \sum_j T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \left( \int_0^\infty \left\| \sum_j (T^j)^* (1 + \varepsilon) y^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_0^\infty \left\| \sum_j T^j (1 + \varepsilon) x^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \leq c \left\| \sum_j x^j \right\| \left\| \sum_j y^j \right\|.$$

This yields  $\left\| \sum_j T^j (1 + \varepsilon) x^j \right\| \leq \frac{c}{1 + \varepsilon} \left\| \sum_j x^j \right\|$  for  $x^j \in D(A_j)^4$ . Since  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  are densely defined and injective,  $D(A_j)^4$  are dense in  $X$ . So we have showed that  $T(1 + \varepsilon) \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ . Furthermore, the semigroup property  $T^j(1 + \varepsilon)T^j(1 + \varepsilon) = T^j(2 + 2\varepsilon)$  are satisfied for every  $\varepsilon > -1$ .

Step 3: The generator of  $(T^j(1 + \varepsilon))_{\varepsilon > -1}$

Let  $Re\lambda_j > 0$ . We want of prove that  $\sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) = \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\lambda_j(1 + \varepsilon)} T^j(1 + \varepsilon) d(1 + \varepsilon)$ .

In Lemma 4.2 (c) we have already proved that  $\sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j)x^j = \sum_j \frac{x^j}{\lambda_j} + \int_0^\infty \sum_j e^{-\lambda_j(1 + \varepsilon)} (U(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j) d(1 + \varepsilon)$  for every  $x^j \in D(A_j)^2$ . Since  $(\int_0^\infty \left\| \sum_j T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon))^{1/2} \leq c \left\| \sum_j x^j \right\|$  and  $D(A_j)^2$  are dense in  $X$ , the assertion is proved.

Step 4: Strong continuity on  $(0, \infty)$

Finally, we exhibit that  $(1 + \varepsilon) \mapsto T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j$  are continuous on  $(0, \infty)$  for every  $x^j \in X$ .

For  $x^j \in D(A_j)^2$ , Lemma 4.1 yields that  $T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j - x^j =$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \sum_j e^{\lambda_j(1 + \varepsilon)} R(\lambda_j, A_j) A_j x^j \frac{d\lambda_j}{\lambda_j}$$

converges absolutely and uniformly on compact intervals.

Therefore  $(1 + \varepsilon) \mapsto T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j$  are continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  if  $x^j \in D(A_j)^2$ . Since  $D(A_j)^2$  are dense in  $X$  and  $(1 + \varepsilon)T^j(1 + \varepsilon)$  are uniformly bounded (Step 2), the mapping  $(1 + \varepsilon) \mapsto T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j$  are continuous on  $(0, \infty)$  for each  $x^j \in X$ . This proves the theorem.

### 5. Proof of Theorem 3.1

The following lemma is implicit in the standard presentations of perturbation theory

([5, Chapter III], [7, Chapter 3]).

**Lemma 5.1.** Let  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  and  $(B_j, D(B_j))$  be closed sequence of operators on a Banach space  $X$  where  $(A_j) \subseteq D(B_j)$ . Assume that  $A_j$  and  $(A_j)^*$  are densely defined and that the resolvent set of  $A_j$  are nonempty. If there exists  $0 \leq M < 1$  and  $\emptyset \neq G \subseteq \rho(A_j)$  such that

$$\|\sum_j B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j)x^j\| \leq M\|\sum_j x^j\| \text{ for all } x^j \in X \text{ and all } \lambda_j \in G$$

and

$$\|\sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j)B_jx^j\| \leq M\|\sum_j x^j\| \text{ for all } x^j \in D(B_j) \text{ and all } \lambda_j \in G, \quad (15)$$

therefore the sequence of operators  $(A_j + B_j, D(A_j))$  are closed and  $G \subseteq \rho(A_j + B_j)$ .

Moreover we have that

$$R(\lambda_j, A_j + B_j) = [I - R(\lambda_j, A_j)B_j]^{-1}R(\lambda_j, A_j) \quad (16)$$

and

$$R(\lambda_j, (A_j + B_j)^*) = [I - R(\lambda_j, (A_j)^*)(B_j)^*]^{-1}R(\lambda_j, (A_j)^*) \quad (17)$$

for all  $\lambda_j \in G$ .

Using this lemma and Theorem 3.3, we can exhibit Theorem 3.1.

**Proof of Theorem 3.1.** We can suppose that  $\max \{\omega^j(T^j), (\lambda_j)_0\} < 0$ . Else we regard  $(A_j - \omega^j, D(A_j))$  instead of  $(A_j, D(A_j))$ , where  $\omega^j > \max \{\omega^j(T^j), (\lambda_j)_0\}$ .

For  $x^j \in X$  we define the function  $u_x^j: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$  by

$$u_x^j(1 + \varepsilon) := \begin{cases} T^j(1 + \varepsilon)x^j, & \varepsilon \geq -1, \\ 0, & \varepsilon < -1. \end{cases}$$

Since  $\omega^j(T^j) < 0$ , the function  $u_x^j$  are in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, X)$  and there is a constant  $c \geq 0$  such that

$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\sum_j u_x^j(1 + \varepsilon)\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon)\right)^{1/2} \leq c\|\sum_j x^j\|$ . By Plancherel's Theorem the

Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}u_x^j$  of  $u_x^j$  are also  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, X)$  and  $\|\sum_j \mathcal{F}u_x^j\|_2 = \sqrt{2\pi}\|\sum_j u_x^j\|_2$ .

Second hand, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j ((\mathcal{F}u_x^j)(1 + \varepsilon)) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_j e^{-i(1+\varepsilon)^2} u_x^j (1 + \varepsilon) d(1 + \varepsilon) \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \sum_j e^{-i(1+\varepsilon)^2} T^j (1 + \varepsilon) x^j d(1 + \varepsilon) = R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j) x^j \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(1 + \varepsilon) \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore

$$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j) x^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \leq c\sqrt{2\pi} \left\| \sum_j x^j \right\|. \tag{18}$$

Using Lemma 5.1, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j + B_j) x^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_j [I - R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j) B_j]^{-1} R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j) x^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1 - M} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_j R(i(1 + \varepsilon), A_j) x^j \right\|^2 d(1 + \varepsilon) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{c\sqrt{2\pi}}{1 - M} \left\| \sum_j x^j \right\| \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x^j \in X$ .

We now regard  $(A + B)^*$ . As before we can exhibit that

$$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_j R(i \cdot, A_j + B_j)^* x^j \right\|^2 \right) \leq \frac{c\sqrt{2\pi}}{1 - M} \left\| \sum_j x^j \right\|$$

for every  $x^j \in X$ . So we can apply Theorem 3.3.

### 6. Application to Ordinary Differential Operators

Let  $X$  be the Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . We regard the sequence of operators  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  in  $X$  defined by

$$A_j u^j := i(u^j)^{2k}, \quad D(A_j) := W^{2k,2}(\mathbb{R}) = \{u^j \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) : (u^j)^{2k} \in L^2(\mathbb{R})\}. \tag{19}$$

Here  $(u^j)^{2k}$  denotes the  $2k$ th (distributional) derivative of the function  $u^j$ . It is well known that  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  sequence of generates a  $C_0$ -semigroup on .

One can compute that  $\mathbb{C} \setminus (i\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \rho(A_j)$  and that for  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (i\mathbb{R})$  the resolvent of  $A_j$

are given by

$$\sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) f_j(x^j) = \frac{i}{2k} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_j \frac{e^{-\mu_j |x^j - (1+\varepsilon)|}}{(-\mu_j)^{2k-1}} f_j(1 + \varepsilon) d(1 + \varepsilon) \quad , x^j \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $f_j$  are a function in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mu_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, k$ ) are the  $k$  solutions of the equation  $\lambda_j - i(\mu_j)^{2k} = 0$  with  $Re \mu_j > 0$ .

We now define the sequence of operators  $(B_j, D(B_j))$  by

$$B_j f_j := V \cdot f_j^{(l)}, \quad D(B_j) := \{f_j \in X : V \cdot f_j^{(l)} \in X\}, \quad (20)$$

where  $V$  is a potential in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $l < k$ .

We want to look at  $B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j)$ . Take  $f_j \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , i.e.,  $f_j$  are in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and has compact support. For  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}/(i\mathbb{R})$  we compute

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_j B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) f_j(x^j) \\ &= \sum_j V(x^j) \cdot \frac{i}{2k} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_j \left( \int_{-\infty}^{x^j} \frac{e^{-\mu_j (x^j - (1+\varepsilon))}}{(-\mu_j)^{2k-l-1}} f_j(1 + \varepsilon) d(1 + \varepsilon) \right. \\ & \left. - \int_{-\infty}^{x^j} \frac{e^{-\mu_j (x^j - (1+\varepsilon))}}{(-\mu_j)^{2k-l-1}} f_j(1 + \varepsilon) d(1 + \varepsilon) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, if  $g^j \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  we find

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_j |\langle g^j, B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) f_j \rangle| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2k |\sum_j \lambda_j|^{1-(l+1)/(2k)}} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_j \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g^j(x^j)| |V(x^j)| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-Re\mu_j |x^j - (1+\varepsilon)|} |f_j(1 + \varepsilon)| d(1 + \varepsilon) dx^j \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2k |\sum_j \lambda_j|^{1-(l+1)/(2k)}} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_j \left( \frac{1}{Re\mu_j} \right)^{1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g^j(x^j)| |V(x^j)| dx^j \|f_j\|_2 \\ & \leq \frac{\|V\|_2}{2 |\sum_j \lambda_j|^{1-(l+1)/(2k)}} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_j \left( \frac{1}{Re\mu_j} \right)^{1/2} \|g^j\|_2 \|f_j\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  is dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , we have shown the estimate

$$\left\| \sum_j B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) \right\| \leq \frac{\|V\|_2}{2 |\sum_j \lambda_j|^{1-(l+1)/(2k)}} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_j \left( \frac{1}{Re\mu_j} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\leq \frac{\|V\|_2}{2|\sum_j \lambda_j|^{1-(l+1)/(2k)} \min \{(Re\mu_j)^{1/2} : j = 1, \dots, k\}}$$

If  $\lambda_j = (1 + \varepsilon)e^{i\varphi_j}$  with  $\varepsilon > -1$  and  $\varphi_j \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , therefore a careful computation yields

$$\min \{(Re\mu_j)^{1/2} : j = 1, \dots, k\} = |\lambda|^{1/(4k)} (\cos \psi_k)^{1/2},$$

where

$$\psi_k = \begin{cases} \frac{\varphi_j}{2k} - \frac{\pi}{4k} + \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \\ \frac{\varphi_j}{2k} + \frac{\pi}{4k} - \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Since  $|\lambda_j| = Re \lambda_j (1 + \tan^2 \varphi_j)^{1/2} = \frac{Re \lambda_j}{\cos \varphi_j}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\lambda_j|^{1-(l+1)/(2k)} \min \{(Re\mu_j)^{1/2} : j = 1, \dots, k\} \\ &= |\lambda_j|^{1-(l+1)/(2k)+1/(4k)} (\cos \psi_k)^{1/2} \\ &= (Re\lambda_j)^{1-l/(2k)-1/(4k)} \frac{(\cos \psi_k)^{1/2}}{(\cos \varphi_j)^{1-l/(2k)-1/(4k)}} \\ &= (Re\lambda_j)^{1-l/(2k)-1/(4k)} \left(\frac{\cos \psi_k}{\cos \varphi_j}\right)^{1/2} (\cos \varphi_j)^{-1/2+l/(2k)+1/(4k)}. \end{aligned}$$

But  $-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{l}{2k} + \frac{1}{4k} = \frac{1}{2k} \left(l - k + \frac{1}{2}\right) \leq 0$ , and  $\frac{\cos \psi_k}{\cos \varphi_j}$  is bounded from below by a constant  $c > 0$  for all  $\varphi_j \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Therefore

$$|\lambda_j|^{1-(l+1)/(2k)} \min \{(Re\mu_j)^{1/2} : j = 1, \dots, k\} \geq c (Re\lambda_j)^{1-l/(2k)-1/(4k)}.$$

This exhibits the estimate

$$\left\| \sum_j B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j) \right\| \leq \frac{\|V\|_2}{2c (Re \sum_j \lambda_j)^{1-l/(2k)-1/(4k)}}. \tag{21}$$

We now can fixate the following proposition.

**Proposition 6.1.** Let  $X = L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  be defined as in (20). If  $(B_j, D(B_j))$  are given by

$$B_j f_j := V \cdot f_j^{(l)}, \quad D(B_j) := \{f_j \in X : V \cdot f_j^{(l)} \in X\},$$

where  $V$  is a potential in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $l < k$ , therefore the sequence



$(A_j + B_j, D(A_j))$  generates a semigroup on  $X$  that are strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Proof.** Since  $1 - l/(2k) - 1/(4k) > 0$  by assumption, we obtain from (21) that there is  $M < 1$  such that

$$\|\sum_j B_j R(\lambda_j, A_j)\| \leq M$$

If  $Re\lambda_j$  are large enough. It is easy to see that the same is true for  $(A_j)^*$  and  $(B_j)^*$  instead of  $A_j$  and  $B_j$ . This yields  $\|\sum_j R(\lambda_j, A_j)B_j f_j\| \leq M \|\sum_j f_j\|$  for  $f_j \in D(B_j)$  and we can apply Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 6.2.** Let  $X = L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $(A_j, D(A_j))$  be defined as in 20. If  $V \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $(B_j, D(B_j))$  are defined as

$$B_j f_j := V \cdot f_j, \quad D(B_j) := \{f_j \in X : V \cdot f_j \in X\},$$

Therefore the sequence  $(A_j + B_j, D(A_j))$  generates a semigroup on  $X$  that are strongly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Proof.** We split  $V$  into an  $L^2$ -part and a bounded part. The bounded part can be estimated by the Hille-Yosida theorem. For the  $L^2$ -part, we use again (21) as in the proof of Proposition 6.1.

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