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# Construction of Dynamical Semigroups by Regularisation à la Kato

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#### Résumé

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# 1. Dynamical Semigroups

- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  be the Banach space of bounded operators with the subspace  $\mathfrak{C}_1 = \mathfrak{C}_1(\mathcal{H})$  of all trace-class operators. A bounded operator is positive  $u \geq 0$ , if  $(u \, x, x)_{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .
- Let  $\mathfrak{C}_1^+ = \{u \in \mathfrak{C}_1 : u \geq 0\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{C}_1^+$  is a closed cone with the trace-norm  $||u||_{\mathfrak{C}_1} = \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(u)$ , for all  $u \in \mathfrak{C}_1^+$ .
- Let  $\mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$  be the Banach space over  $\mathbb R$  of all self-adjoint operators of  $\mathfrak{C}_1$ , with generating positive cone  $\mathfrak{C}_1^+ \subset \mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$  on which the tracenorm is additive:  $\|u+v\|_{\mathfrak{C}_1} = \|u\|_{\mathfrak{C}_1} + \|v\|_{\mathfrak{C}_1}$ .

- Operator  $A: \mathfrak{D}(A) \to \mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$  with  $domain: \mathfrak{D}(A) \subset \mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$ , is called **positivity preserving** if  $Au \geq 0$  for all  $u \in \mathfrak{D}(A)^+ := \{u \in \mathfrak{D}(A): u \geq 0\}$ . A  $semigroup \{S_t\}_{t\geq 0}$  on  $\mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$  is called **positivity preserving** if the map  $S_t: \mathfrak{C}_1^+ \to \mathfrak{C}_1^+$ , for all  $t \geq 0$ .
- Let H be generator of the *positivity preserving* and **contraction**  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\{e^{-tH}\}_{t\geq 0}$  on  $\mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$  (*Dynamical Semigroup*). Let  $K\colon \mathfrak{D}(H)\to \mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$  be a **positivity preserving** operator such that

$$\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(Ku) \leq \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(Hu) , \ \forall u \in \mathfrak{D}(H)^{+}.$$

So, if the operator H is *positivity preserving*, then the operator K is H-bounded, but with the **relative bound** equals to **one**.

• Q: Whether operator (H - K), or its closed extension, is still generator of a  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\{T_t\}_{t\geq 0}$  ?

- **Kato** (1954) solved this perturbation problem when the operator H is a positivity preserving map. To this end he proposed a **regularisation** of the perturbation K by the one-parametric family  $\{rK\}_{r\in[0,1)}$  and by taking finally the limit  $r\uparrow 1$ .
- Our aim was *twofold*: to consider a more general (*functional*) regularisation à la Kato and to *relax* the condition that the **operator** *H* is positivity preserving to the condition that *H* is **generator** of a positivity preserving semigroup. The last is indispensable for construction of the *Quantum Dynamical Semigroups*.
- In the latter case, according the Kossakowski–Lindblad–Davies Ansatz, these semigroups must be completely positive and trace-preserving maps:  $\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(T_t w) = \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(w)$ ,  $w \in \mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{Sa}}$ .

# 2. Regularisation Theorem

- **Definition:** Let  $(K_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in J}$  be a **net** such that  $K_{\alpha} \colon \mathfrak{D}(H) \to \mathfrak{C}_{1}^{\mathsf{sa}}$  for all  $\alpha \in J$ . We call the family  $\{K_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in J}$  a **regularisation** of the operator K if the following *four* conditions are valid:
- $K_{\alpha}$  is positivity preserving for all  $\alpha \in J$ .
- For all  $\alpha \in J$  there exist  $a_{\alpha} \in [0, \infty)$  and  $b_{\alpha} \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(K_{\alpha}u) \leq a_{\alpha} \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(u) + b_{\alpha} \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(Hu)$$

for all  $u \in \mathfrak{D}(H)^+$ .

- $K_{\alpha} \leq K_{\beta} \leq K$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in J$  with  $\alpha \leq \beta$ .
- $\lim_{\alpha} ((K_{\alpha}u)x, x)_{\mathcal{H}} = ((Ku)x, x)_{\mathcal{H}}$  for all  $u \in \mathfrak{D}(H)^+$  and  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .
- Let J = [0,1) and  $K_r = rK$  for  $r \in J$   $(a_{\alpha} = 0, b_{\alpha} = r)$ . If  $\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(Ku) \leq \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(Hu)$ ,  $\forall u \in \mathfrak{D}(H)^+$ , and if H is positivity preserving, then  $\{K_r\}_{r \in J}$  is the one-parameter **Kato regularisation** of the operator K.

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• Theorem 1: Let H be the generator of a **positivity preserving** contraction  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $\mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{Sa}}$ . Let  $K \colon \mathfrak{D}(H) \to \mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{Sa}}$  be a positivity preserving operator and suppose that

$$\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(Ku) \leq \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(Hu)$$

for all  $u \in \mathfrak{D}(H)^+$ . Let  $\{K_{\alpha}\}_{{\alpha} \in J}$  be a **regularisation** of K. Set  $L_{\alpha} = H - K_{\alpha}$  for all  ${\alpha} \in J$ . Then:

(a) For all  $\alpha \in J$  the operator  $L_{\alpha}$  is the generator of a positivity preserving contraction  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\{T_t^{\alpha} := e^{-tL_{\alpha}}\}_{t\geq 0}$  on  $\mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$ . (b) If t>0, then  $\lim_{\alpha} T_t^{\alpha} u$  exists on  $\mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$  for all  $u\in\mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{sa}}$ .

For all t>0 we define  $T_t\colon \mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{Sa}}\to \mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{Sa}}$  by  $T_tu=\lim_{\alpha}T_t^{\alpha}u$ . (c)  $\{T_t:=e^{-tL}\}_{t>0}$  is a positivity preserving contraction  $C_0$ semigroup on  $\mathfrak{C}_1^{\operatorname{Sa}}$  for which the generator  $L=(H-K)^{\sim}$  is a closed extension of the operator (H-K),  $\operatorname{dom}(H-K)=\operatorname{dom}(H)$ .

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- Theorem 2: Let L' be another closed extension of the operator (H-K), dom(H-K)=dom(H), such that L' generates a  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\{T'_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ . Then  $T'_t\geq T_t$  for all t>0.
- Remark: Similarly to the Kato one-parameter r-regularisation, the semigroup  $\{T_t\}_{t\geq 0}$  constructed in Theorem 1 by the functional regularisation  $\{K_\alpha\}_{\alpha\in J}$  is called minimal.
- Theorem 3: If in addition to conditions of Theorem 1, one supposes that

$$\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(Hu - Ku) = 0 , \forall u \in \operatorname{dom}(H) ,$$

and that  $\mathfrak{D}(H)$  is a *core* for the generator L. Then the positivity preserving contraction  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\{T_t = e^{-tL}\}_{t\geq 0}$  is **trace-preserving**:  $\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(T_tw) = \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(w), \ w \in \mathfrak{C}_1^{\mathrm{Sa}}$ .

# 3. Application: Open Quantum Oscillator

• Let b and  $b^*$  be the boson annihilation and creation operators defined in the Fock space  $\mathcal{H} = \mathfrak{F}$  generated by a cyclic vector  $\Omega$ . The **isolated** system is a quantum oscillator:

$$h = E b^* b$$
 ,  $E > 0$  .

Open system à la Kossakowski-Lindblad-Davies

*Formal* non-Hamiltonian evolution of density matrix  $\rho(t) \in \mathfrak{C}_1^{sa}$ :

$$\partial_t \rho(t) = -L\rho(t) , L = H - K ,$$

$$H\rho = i [h, \rho] + \frac{1}{2} \Big[ (\sigma_- b^* b + \sigma_+ b b^*) \rho + \rho (\sigma_- b^* b + \sigma_+ b b^*) \Big],$$

 $K \rho = \sigma_- b \rho b^* + \sigma_+ b^* \rho b$ , pumping – leaking rates:  $\sigma_{\pm} \ge 0$ .

# Photon-number cut-off regilarisation

- 1. Since in L:=H-K the operator K has **relative bound** one with respect to H, we consider a **regularisation** generated by the family of *projections*  $\{P_N\}_{N\in\mathbb{N}}$ , where for all  $N\in\mathbb{N}$  the projection  $P_N\colon \mathfrak{F}\to\mathfrak{F}_N$ .
- 2. The number of bosons in the subspace  $\mathfrak{F}_N$  is **bounded**: for  $\psi \in \mathfrak{F}$  one has  $b^*b(P_N\psi) \leq N\|\psi\|_{\mathfrak{F}}^2$ .  $\mathfrak{F}_N \subset \mathfrak{F}_{N+k}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{N \to \infty} P_N \psi = \psi$  for all  $\psi \in \mathfrak{F}$  verifying the conditions of regularisation in **Definition**.
- 3. For all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  define the **particle number cut-off** regularisation  $K_N \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{C}_1^{sa})$  of the operator K by

$$K_N \rho := \sigma_- (b^* P_N)^* \rho (b^* P_N) + \sigma_+ (b P_N)^* \rho (b P_N)$$

#### • Theorem 4:

If the parameters  $\sigma_{\pm}$  satisfy the condition  $\sigma_{+} < \sigma_{-}$ , then:

- (i) Domain dom(H) is a *core* for the generator
- $M = \lim_{N \to \infty} (H K_N)$  of a semigroup  $\{T_t\}_{t>0}$ .
- (ii) M is a closed extension of L.
- (iii) The semigroup  $\{T_t\}_{t>0}$  is minimal and trace-preserving.

# THANK YOU!