

A CONDITION OF UNIFORM EXPONENTIAL STABILITY FOR SEMIGROUPS

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Abstract. The aim of this paper is to prove that the uniform exponential stability of a strongly continuous semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ (acting on a complex Hilbert space H) can be derived as a consequence of the well behavior of its numerical range in a suitable Orlicz space. More precisely, assuming that there exists an Orlicz space $E = (L^\Phi, \rho^\Phi)$ over $\mathbf{R}_+$ such that

$$\liminf_{\alpha \downarrow 0} [\alpha \| \exp_{-\alpha} \|_{E^*}] = 0$$

and

$$\sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \rho^\Phi(|\langle T(\cdot)x, x \rangle|) \leq M < \infty,$$

then the uniform growth bound ω_0 of the semigroup verifies an estimate of the form

$$\omega_0 \leq M_\beta := \beta - (2M \| \exp_{-\beta} \|_{E^*})^{-1} < 0$$

for some positive number β . As an application, the well posedness of an abstract infinite time Cauchy problem is discussed.

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