# ON (h,k) -GROWTH OF EVOLUTION OPERATORS IN BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. The paper considers some concept of uniform and nonuniform asymptotical growth and polynomial growth as particular cases of (h,k)-stability of evolution operators in Banach spaces. Some illustrating examples clarify the relations between these properties.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let T be the set defined by  $T = \{(t,s) \in \mathbf{R}^2_+ : t \ge s \ge 0\}$  We recall that an operator-valued function  $\Phi : T \to B(X)$  is called an *evolution operator* on the Banach spaces X iff:

e<sub>1</sub>)  $\Phi(t,t) = \mathbf{I}$  ( the identity operator on X) for every  $t \ge 0$ ; e<sub>2</sub>)  $\Phi(t,s) \Phi(s,t_0) = \Phi(t,t_0)$  for all (t,s) and  $(s,t_0) \in T$ . Furthermore, if

e<sub>3</sub>) there are  $M \ge 1$  and a nondecreasing function  $\varphi : \mathbf{R}_+ \to [1, \infty)$  such that:

$$\|\Phi(t,s)\| \le M\varphi(t-s)$$
 for all  $(t,s) \in T$ 

then  $\Phi$  is called with *uniform growth*.

If  $h, k : \mathbf{R}_+ \to [1, \infty)$  then we introduce the concept of (h,k)-stability by **Definition 1.1.** If  $h, k : \mathbf{R}_+ \to (0, \infty)$  are nondecreasing functions then the evolution operator  $\Phi : T \to \mathcal{B}(X)$  is said to be (h,k)-stable (and we denote (h,k)-s) iff there are  $N \ge 1$  and  $t_0 \ge 0$  such that:

$$\frac{h(t)}{h(s)} \|\Phi(t, t_0) x_0\| \le Nk(s) \|\Phi(s, t_0) x_0\|$$
(1)

for all  $t \ge s \ge t_0 \ge 0$  and all  $x_0 \in X$ .

**Remark 1.1.** If  $h, k : \mathbf{R}_+ \to (0, \infty)$  are nondecreasing functions, then an evolution operator  $\Phi : T \to \mathcal{B}(X)$  is (h,k)-stable iff there are  $N \ge 1$  and  $t_0 \ge 0$  such that:

$$\frac{h(t)}{h(s)} \left\| \Phi(t,s)x \right\| \le Nk(s) \left\| x \right\|$$
(2)

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 0$ .

Another concepts of stability are given by

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The evolution operator  $\Phi: T \to \mathcal{B}(X)$  is called:

(i) uniformly exponentially stable ( and denote u.e.s) iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $t_0 \ge 0$ and  $\alpha > 0$  such that :

$$e^{\alpha(t-s)} \left\| \Phi(t,s)x \right\| \le N \|x\| \tag{3}$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 0$ ;

(ii) exponentially stable in the sense Barreira-Valls ( and denote B.V.e.s) iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $t_0 \ge 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta \ge 0$  such that:

$$e^{\alpha(t-s)} \left\| \Phi(t,s)x \right\| \le N e^{\beta s} \|x\| \tag{4}$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 0$ ; (iii)(nonuniformly) exponentially stable (and denote e.s) iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $t_0 \ge 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and a nondecreasing function  $k : \mathbf{R}_+ \to [1, \infty)$  such that:

$$e^{\alpha(t-s)} \left\| \Phi(t,s)x \right\| \le Nk(s) \|x\| \tag{5}$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 0$ .

The particular cases of (h,k)-stability considered in this paper are : the uniform exponential growth, the exponential growth in the sense Barreira-Valls, the non-uniform exponential growth, uniform polynomial growth, polynomial growth in the sense Barreira-Valls and non-uniform polinomial growth. In what follows we present some relations between these concepts ( implications and counterexamples).

#### 2. Exponential growth

Let  $\Phi: T \to B(X)$  be an evolution operator on Banach space X. **Definition 2.1.** The evolution operator  $\Phi: T \to \mathcal{B}(X)$  is with : (i) uniform exponential growth iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $t_0 \ge 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that :

$$\|\Phi(t,s)x\| \le N e^{\alpha(t-s)} \|x\| \tag{6}$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 0$ ; (ii) exponential growth in the sense Barreira-Valls iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $t_0 \ge 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ and  $\beta \ge 0$  such that:

$$\|\Phi(t,s)x\| \le N e^{\alpha(t-s)} e^{\beta s} \|x\| \tag{7}$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 0$ ;

(iii)(nonuniform) exponential growth iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $t_0 \ge 0$  and a nondecreasing function  $k : \mathbf{R}_+ \to [1, +\infty)$  such that:

$$\|\Phi(t,s)x\| \le Ne^{\alpha(t-s)}k(s) \|x\|$$
 (8)

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 0$ .

**Remark 2.1.** The evolution operator  $\Phi : T \to \mathcal{B}(X)$  is with *exponential growth in* the sense Barreira-Valls iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $t_0 \ge 0$ , a > 0 and  $0 < b \le a$  such that:

$$\|\Phi(t,s)x\| \le Ne^{at}e^{-bs} \|x\|$$
(9)

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{E}^-$  the set of all functions  $f : \mathbf{R}_+ \to [1, \infty)$  with the property that there is  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $f(t) = e^{-\alpha t}$  for every  $t \ge 0$ .

Remark 2.2. We have that:

i)  $\Phi$  is u.e.g. iff there is  $h \in \mathcal{E}^-$  such that  $\Phi$  is (h, h)-stable;

ii)  $\Phi$  is B.V.e.g. iff there are  $h, k \in \mathcal{E}^-$  such that  $\Phi$  is (h, k)-stable;

iii)  $\Phi$  is e.g. iff there exist  $h \in \mathcal{E}^-$  such that  $\Phi$  is (h, k)-stable.

**Remark 2.3.** It is obvious that:  $u.e.g \Rightarrow B.V.e.g \Rightarrow e.g$ 

**Example 2.1.**(*Evolution operator with B.V.e.g and without u.e.g*)

Let  $u : \mathbf{R}_+ \to (0, \infty)$  be the function defined by u(t) = exp(3t - tcost). Then  $\Phi: T \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}), \Phi(t, s)x = \frac{u(t)}{u(s)}x$  is an evolution operator on  $X = \mathbf{R}$  with:

$$|\Phi(t,s)x| = |x| \exp(3t - t\cos t - 3s + s\cos s) \le |x| \exp(4t - 2s)$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 = 1$ . This shows, by Remark 2.1. with a = 4 and b = 2 that  $\Phi$  is with B.V.e.g. If we suppose that  $\Phi$  is with u.e.g then there exist  $N \ge 1$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that:  $exp(3t - tcost - 3s + scoss) \le Nexp\alpha(t - s)$  for all  $t \ge s \ge t_0 \ge 0$ . For  $t = 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $s = 2n\pi$  we obtain a contradiction.

**Proposition 2.1.** If the evolution operator  $\Phi$  is u.e.s then it is with u.e.g.

*Proof.* It is immediate from Definition 1.2 and Definition 2.1.

**Proposition 2.2.** If the evolution operator  $\Phi$  is B.V.e.s then it is with B.V.e.g.

*Proof.* If the evolution operator  $\Phi$  is B.V.e.s then there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $\beta > 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and  $t_0 > 0$  such that:

$$\|\Phi(t,s)x\| \le Ne^{-\alpha t}e^{\beta s}\|x\| \le Ne^{(\alpha+2\beta)t}e^{-\beta s}\|x\|$$

for all  $t \ge s \ge t_0$  and all  $x \in X$ .

**Proposition 2.3** If the evolution operator  $\Phi$  is e.s then it is with e.g. *Proof.* It is trivial.

## 3. POLYNOMIAL GROWTH

**Definition 3.1.** The evolution operator  $\Phi: T \to \mathcal{B}(X)$  is said to be with: (i) uniform polynomial growth ( and denote u.p.g) iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and  $t_0 \ge 1$  such that :

$$t^{-\alpha}s^{\alpha}\|\Phi(t,s)x\| \le N\|x\| \tag{10}$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 1$ ;

(ii) polynomial growth in the sense Barreira-Valls ( and denote B.V.p.g) iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta \ge 0$  and  $t_0 \ge 1$  such that:

$$t^{-\alpha}s^{\alpha} \left\| \Phi(t,s)x \right\| \le Ns^{\beta} \|x\| \tag{11}$$

for all  $t \ge s \ge t_0 \ge 1$  and all  $x \in X$ ;

(iii)(nonuniform) polynomial growth (and denote p.g) iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $t_0 \ge 1$  and a nondecreasing function  $k : \mathbf{R}_+ \to (0, \infty)$  such that:

$$t^{-\alpha}s^{\alpha} \left\| \Phi(t,s)x \right\| \le Nk(s) \|x\| \tag{12}$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 1$ .

**Remark 3.1.** The evolution operator  $\Phi: T \to \mathcal{B}(X)$  is with *polynomial growth* in the sense Barreira-Valls iff there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $t_0 \ge 1$ , a > 0 and  $0 < b \le a$  such that:

$$\|\Phi(t,s)x\| \le Nt^{a}s^{-b} \|x\| \tag{13}$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 1$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}^-$  the set of all functions  $f : \mathbf{R}_+ \to [1, \infty)$  with the property that there is  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $f(t) = t^{-\alpha}$  for every  $t \ge 0$ .

Remark 3.2. The preceding definition shows that:

i)  $\Phi$  is u.p.g. iff there are  $h \in \mathcal{P}^-$  and  $k = const. \geq 1$  such that  $\Phi$  is (h, k)-stable; ii)  $\Phi$  is B.V.p.g. iff there are  $h \in \mathcal{P}^-$  and  $k \in \mathcal{P}^+$  such that  $\Phi$  is (h, k)-stable; iii)  $\Phi$  is p.g. iff there are  $h \in \mathcal{P}^-$  and a nondecreasing function  $k : \mathbf{R}_+ \to (0, \infty)$ 

such that  $\Phi$  is (h, k)-stable.

**Remark 3.3.** It is obvious that:  $u.p.g \Rightarrow B.V.p.g \Rightarrow p.g$ The following examples show that the converse implications are not valid. **Example 3.1.** (*Evolution operator with B.V.p.g and without u.p.g.*) The evolution operator (on  $\mathbf{R}$ ) $\Phi: \Delta \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}), \Phi(t,s)x = \frac{(t+1)^2(s+1)^{cosln(s+1)}}{(s+1)^2(t+1)^{cosln(t+1)}}x$  satisfies the inequality  $s |\Phi(t,s)x| \leq \frac{s}{(s+1)}(t+1)^3 |x| \leq 8t^3 |x|, t^{-3}s^3 |\Phi(t,s)x| \leq 8s^2 |x|$  for all  $(t,s,x) \in \Delta \times \mathbf{R}$  with  $s \geq t_0 = 1$ . It follows that  $\Phi$  is with B.V.p.g. If we suppose that  $\Phi$  is with u.p.g. then there are  $N \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$  and  $t_0 \geq 1$  such that :

$$s^{\alpha}(t+1)^{2}(s+1)^{cosln(s+1)} \leq Nt^{\alpha}(s+1)^{2}(t+1)^{cosln(t+1)}$$

for all  $t \ge s \ge t_0 \ge 1$ .

From here, for  $t = exp(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}) - 1$  and  $s = exp(2n\pi) - 1$  taking  $n \to \infty$  we obtain a contradiction.

**Example 3.2.** (Evolution operator with p.g. and without B.V.p.g.) Let  $u : \mathbf{R}_+ \to [1, \infty)$  be a function with  $u(n) = e^n$  and  $u\left(n + \frac{1}{n}\right) = e^2$  for every  $n \in \mathbf{N}^*$ .

Then

$$\Phi: \Delta \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}), \Phi(t,s)x = \frac{t^2 u(s)}{s^2 u(t)}x$$

is an evolution operator on  $\mathbf{R}$  with the property

$$|\Phi(t,s)x| = \frac{t^2 u(s) |x|}{s^2 u(t)} \le N(s) t^2 s^{-2} |x|$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times \mathbf{R}$ , where

$$N(s) = 1 + u(s)$$

This shows that  $\Phi$  is with p.g.

If we suppose that  $\Phi$  is B.V.p.s then there are  $N \ge 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta \ge 0$  and  $t_0 > 0$  such that

$$s^{\alpha-\beta-2}u(s) \le Nt^{\alpha-2}u(t)$$

for all  $t \ge s \ge t_0$ .

Then for s = n and  $t = n + \frac{1}{n}$  we obtain a contradiction and hence  $\Phi$  does not have B.V.p.g.

**Proposition 3.1.** If the evolution operator  $\Phi$  is with u.p.g then it has u.e.g.

*Proof.* Using the fact that the function  $\varphi(t) = \frac{e^t}{t}$  is nondecreasing on  $[1, +\infty)$  we obtain that if  $\Phi$  is with u.p.g then by Definition 2.1 we have:

$$\|\Phi(t,t_0)x\| \le Nt^{\alpha}s^{-\alpha} \|x\| \le Ne^{\alpha t}e^{-\alpha s} \|x\| \le Ne^{\alpha(t-s)} \|x\|$$

for all  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$  with  $s \ge t_0 \ge 1$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** If the evolution operator  $\Phi$  has p.g then it is with e.g.

*Proof.* It is immediate from Definition 2.1 and Definition 3.1, using the inequality  $t \leq e^t$  for all  $t \geq 1$ .

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