

Mild Solutions of Stochastic Navier-Stokes Equations-I

Semigroup Theory

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Linear operator A defined by

$$D(A) = \{x \in X : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(t)x - x}{t} \text{ exists}\}$$

and

$$Ax = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(t)x - x}{t} = \left. \frac{d^+ T(t)x}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \quad \text{for } x \in D(A)$$

is the **infinitesimal generator** of the semigroup $T(t)$. $D(A)$ is called the domain of A .

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A semigroup $T(t)$, $0 \leq t < \infty$ of bounded linear operators on X is a **strongly continuous semigroup** of bounded linear operators if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} T(t)x = x \quad \text{for every } x \in X \quad (1)$$

We usually call it **C_0 -semigroup**.

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proof: First, there exists a constant $\eta > 0$ such that $\|T(t)\|$ is bounded for $t \in [0, \eta]$. Suppose this is false, then there exists a sequence $\{t_n\}, t_n \geq 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0$ such that

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