On the Differentiability and Compactness of Semi-Groups of Linear Operators*

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1. Introduction. Let X be a Banach space, T(t), $0 \le t < \infty$ a strongly continuous semigroup of bounded linear operators on X. Let A be the infinitesimal generator of T(t). A is usually a closed linear unbounded operator with domain D[A] dense in X. Similarly for t > 0 the operator T'(t) = AT(t) is ordinarily an unbounded linear operator whose domain includes D[A].

In this note we shall deal mainly with two questions. The first question is to characterize the generator of a semi-group T(t) for which T'(t) is a bounded operator defined on all of X for $t \ge t_0 > 0$ (differentiability) or for every t > 0 (C^{∞}). In Section 2 we give necessary and sufficient conditions for differentiability and C^{∞} .

The second question is to give necessary and sufficient conditions for T(t) to be compact for every $t \ge t_0 > 0$ or for every t > 0. In Section 3 we deal with this question.

In Section 4 we are concerned with the stability of the previous properties with respect to perturbations of the infinitesimal generator A by a bounded operator B. We show that differentiability and ultimate compactness are unstable while compactness for every t > 0 is a stable property.

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2. Differentiability. In the remainder of this paper we consider strongly continuous semigroups, T(t), of bounded operators on X (see [1], Chapter VIII) satisfying

$$(2.1) ||T(t)|| \leq Me^{\omega t}.$$

The infinitesimal generator A of T(t) is defined by

(2.2)
$$Ax = \lim_{t \to 0^+} t^{-1}(T(t) - I)x,$$

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