

# New results on semigroups of analytic functions

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- $G(z) = -z$  for the dilation semigroup ( $b = 0$ ,  $P(z) = 1$ )
- $G(z) = iz$  for the rotation semigroup ( $b = 0$ ,  $P(z) = -i$ )
- $G(z) = -(z - 1)$  for  $\varphi_t(z) = e^{-t}z + 1 - e^{-t}$  ( $b = 1$ ,  $P(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$ )

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- 3 *There are plenty of semigroups (but not all) which generate semigroups of operators in the disk algebra.*

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It is known that  $VMOA$  is the closure of the polynomials in  $BMOA$  and that  $(VMOA)^{**} = BMOA$ .

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Let  $(\varphi_t)$  be a semigroup and  $X$  be one of the spaces *VMOA* or *bloch*. Denote by  $\Gamma$  the generator of the induced composition semigroup  $(S_t)$  on  $X$  and let  $\lambda \in \rho(\Gamma)$ . Then

- (1)  $[\varphi_t, BMOA] = VMOA$  if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(\lambda, \Gamma) = (\lambda I - \Gamma)^{-1}$  is weakly compact on *VMOA*.
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Next let  $I$  be an interval in  $\partial\mathbb{D}$  and  $R(I)$  the corresponding Carleson rectangle.



For  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{R(I)} |(f \circ \varphi_t)'(z) - f'(z)|^2 (1 - |z|^2) dA(z) \\ &= \int_{R(I)} \left| \int_0^t (m \circ \varphi_s)'(z) ds \right|^2 (1 - |z|^2) dA(z) \\ &\leq \int_{R(I)} t \left( \int_0^1 |(m \circ \varphi_s)'(z)|^2 ds \right) (1 - |z|^2) dA(z) \end{aligned}$$

where we have applied Cauchy-Schwarz in the inside integral.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f \circ \varphi_t - f\|_* &= \sup_{I \subseteq \partial\mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{1}{|I|} \int_{R(I)} |(f \circ \varphi_t)'(z) - f'(z)|^2 (1 - |z|^2) dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\leq \sup_{I \subseteq \partial\mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{1}{|I|} \int_{R(I)} t \left( \int_0^1 |(m \circ \varphi_s)'(z)|^2 ds \right) (1 - |z|^2) dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\leq \sup_{I \subseteq \partial\mathbb{D}} \left( t \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{|I|} \int_{R(I)} |(m \circ \varphi_s)'(z)|^2 (1 - |z|^2) dA(z) \right) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\leq \left( t \int_0^1 \|m \circ \varphi_s\|_*^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\leq \sqrt{t} \sup_{s \in [0,1]} \|m \circ \varphi_s\|_* \\
 &\leq \sqrt{t} C \|m\|_* \sup_{s \in [0,1]} (1 - \log(1 - \varphi_s(0))) \leq C' \sqrt{t},
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $\|m \circ \psi\|_* \leq C \|m\|_* \log\left(\frac{e}{1 - \psi(0)}\right)$  for any  $\psi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  analytic.

Therefore  $f \in [\varphi_t, BMOA]$ .