

# REGULARITY PROPERTIES OF SOLUTIONS OF SOME ABSTRACT PARABOLIC EQUATIONS<sup>†</sup>

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## ABSTRACT

Consider the equation (i)  $(d/dt) - A(t)u(t) = f(t)$  where for  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $A(t)$  is a densely defined and closed linear operator in a Banach space  $X$ . Assume the existence of bounded projections  $E_i(t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , such that  $A(t)E_1(t)$  and  $-A(t)E_2(t)$  are infinitesimal generators of analytic semigroups and  $A(t)$  is completely reduced by the direct sum decomposition  $X = \sum_{i=1}^2 \oplus E_i(t)X$ . We show that any solution  $u(t)$  of (i) is in  $C^\infty(a, b)$  and satisfies the inequalities (1.2) provided that  $f(t)$  and  $A(t)$  are infinitely differentiable in  $[a, b]$  in a suitable sense. In case  $A(t)$  and  $f(t)$  are in a Gevrey class determined by the constants  $\{M_n\}$  we have (1.3). Applications are given to the study of solution of (i) where for  $t \in [a, b]$   $A(t)$  is the unbounded operator in  $H^{0,p}(G)$  associated with an elliptic boundary value problem that satisfies Agmon's conditions on the rays  $\lambda = \pm i\tau$ ,  $\tau > 0$ .

## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this work is to investigate differentiability properties of solutions of the equation

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{du}{dt} - A(t)u(t) = f(t)$$

where for each  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $A(t)$  is an unbounded operator in  $H^{0,p}(G)$  associated with an elliptic boundary value problem. It is assumed that for all sufficiently large real  $\tau$  and for  $\lambda = \pm i\tau$  we have  $\lambda \in \rho(A(t))$ , the resolvent set of  $A(t)$ , and  $\|(\lambda - A(t))^{-1}\| \leq C/|\lambda|$ .

Earlier results on the differentiability of solutions of the equation (1.1) in a Banach space were obtained by Agmon-Nirenberg [2] for  $A(t)$  independent of  $t$ .

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For  $p = 2$  differentiability properties of solutions of (1.1) follow from the results of [5] and [10]. The proofs in [5] and [10] depend on Hilbert space methods. Differentiability results and Gevrey classes of solutions of initial value problems associated with (1.1) are investigated in [9] assuming that for  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $A(t)$  is the infinitesimal generator of an analytic semi-group. Existence and uniqueness results for weak and strict solutions of a class of two-point problems associated with the equation (1.1) are derived in [4].

In Section 3 we consider the equation (1.1) where for each  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $A(t)$  is a densely defined and closed linear operator in a Banach space  $X$ . We assume that there exist bounded projections  $E_1(t)$  and  $E_2(t)$  in  $X$  such that  $A(t)E_1(t)$  and  $-A(t)E_2(t)$  are infinitesimal generators of analytic semigroups and that  $A(t)$  is completely reduced by the direct sum decomposition  $X = E_1(t)X \oplus E_2(t)X$ . Let  $u(t)$  be a solution of (1.1) in  $[a, b]$ . We prove that  $u(t) \in C^\infty(a, b)$  and that for every positive integer  $n$  there exists a constant  $C_n$  such that for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $t \in (a, b)$  we have

$$(1.2) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u(t) \right\| \leq C_n \left( \| E_1(a)u(a) \| (t - a)^{-n} + \| E_2(b)u(b) \| (b - t)^{-n} \right. \\ \left. + \left( \max_{\substack{k=0, \dots, n \\ t \in [a, b]}} \| f^k(t) \| + \max_{t \in [a, b]} \| u(t) \| \right) ((t - a)^{-n+1} + (b - t)^{-n+1}) \right)$$

provided that  $A(t)$  is infinitely differentiable in  $[a, b]$  in a suitable sense and that  $f(t) \in C^\infty[a, b]$ . In the special case when  $A(t)$  and  $f(t)$  belong to the Gevrey class  $\{M_n\}$  in an appropriate sense we prove the existence of constants  $C$  and  $H$  such that for  $t \in (a, b)$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  we have

$$(1.3) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n u}{dt^n} \right\| \leq CH^n M_n \left( (t - a)^{-n} \| E_1(a)u(a) \| + (b - t)^{-n} \| E_2(b)u(b) \| \right. \\ \left. + (t - a)^{-n+1} (b - t)^{-n+1} \left( \max_{t \in [a, b]} \| u(t) \| + \max_{t \in [a, b]} \| f(t) \| \right) \right).$$

Applications of the results of Section 3 to the above-mentioned parabolic, boundary value problems are given in Section 4.

**2. Notation and definitions**

Given two Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , we denote by  $B(X, Y)$  the space of bounded linear operators from  $X$  to  $Y$ . The domain of a closed and densely defined linear operator  $A$  in  $X$  is denoted by  $D(A)$ .  $\rho(A)$  is the resolvent set of  $A$ , and  $\sigma(A)$  is the

spectrum of  $A$ . The norm of an element  $u \in X$  is denoted by  $\|u\|_X$  and, when  $X$  is fixed, by  $\|u\|$ . For  $k=0, 1, \dots$   $C^k([a, b], X)$  is the space of  $k$  times continuously differentiable functions from the interval  $[a, b]$  to  $X$ . For  $u(t) \in C^k([a, b], X)$  and

$$j = 0, \dots, k, |u(t)|_j = \max_{t \in [a, b]} \left\| \frac{d^j}{dt^j} u(t) \right\|_X.$$

$C([a, b], X) = C^0([a, b], X)$  and  $C^\infty([a, b], X) = \bigcap_{k=0}^\infty C^k([a, b], X)$ . When  $X$  is fixed we set  $C^k[a, b] = C^k([a, b], X)$  and  $C^\infty[a, b] = C^\infty([a, b], X)$ . Denote by  $\{M_n\}$  a sequence of positive constants that satisfy the following requirements:

(2.1)  $M_{n+1} \leq d_0^n M_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$

(2.2)  $\binom{n}{j} M_{n-j} M_j \leq d_1 M_n$  for all  $n$  and  $j$  such that  $0 \leq j \leq n$ .

(2.3)  $M_n \leq M_{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

(2.4)  $M_{j+k} \leq d_2^{j+k} M_j M_k$  for all  $j$  and  $k \geq 0$ .

$d_0, d_1$  and  $d_2$  are positive constants. Let  $G(H_0, H, [a, b], X)$  be the subset of elements  $u(t)$  of  $C^\infty([a, b], X)$  that satisfy the inequalities  $|u(t)|_n \leq H_0 H^n N_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ .

We denote by  $G$  a bounded domain in  $R^v$  with a boundary  $\partial G$  of class  $C^\infty$ .  $\bar{G}$  is the closure of  $G$ .  $C^\infty(G)$  ( $C^\infty(\bar{G})$ ) is the set of  $l$  tuples of infinitely differentiable complex-valued functions that are defined in  $G(\bar{G})$ . As usual  $C_0^\infty(G)$  is the subset of  $C^\infty(G)$  consisting of those elements of  $C^\infty(G)$  the support of which is a compact subset of  $G$ . For  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $\omega = 0, 1, \dots$ ,  $H^{\omega,p}(G)$  is the completion of  $C^\infty(\bar{G})$  under the norm

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \leq \omega} \left( \int_G \|D^\alpha f(x)\|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

We use the standard notation

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_v), x' = (x_1, \dots, x_{v-1}), D_j = i(\partial/\partial x_j), D = (D_1, \dots, D_v),$$

and  $D^\alpha = D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_v^{\alpha_v}$ .  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_v)$  is a multi-index of non-negative integers,  $|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^v \alpha_i$  and for  $\zeta \in R^v$ ,  $\zeta^\alpha = \zeta_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \zeta_v^{\alpha_v}$ .  $R_+^v = \{x; x' \in R^{v-1}, x_v \geq 0\}$ . For  $\omega = 0, 1, \dots$   $f \in H^{\omega,p}(G)$  and  $L \in B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{\omega,p}(G))$ ,  $\|f\|_\omega$  and  $\|L\|_\omega$  denote the norms of  $f$  and  $L$  as elements of  $H^{\omega,p}(G)$  and  $B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{\omega,p}(G))$  respectively.  $\|f\| = \|f\|_0$  and  $\|L\| = \|L\|_0$ .

Let  $A(x, D)$  be an  $l \times l$  system of differential operators that is elliptic of order  $\omega$  in  $\bar{G}$  with coefficients that are infinitely differentiable in  $\bar{G}$ . Consider boundary

operators  $B_j(x, D), j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , such that  $B_j(x, D)$  is a  $1 \times l$  system of differential operators of order  $\omega_j < \omega$  with coefficients that are infinitely differentiable in  $\bar{G}$ . Denoted by  $H^{\omega,p}(G, \{B_j\})$  the completion of the set  $\{u: u \in C^\infty(\bar{G}), B_j(x, D)u = 0 \text{ on } \partial G \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l\}$  in  $H^{\omega,p}(G)$ . Let  $A_B^p$  be the unbounded linear operator in  $H^{\omega,p}(G)$  such that  $D(A_B^p) = H^{\omega,p}(G, \{B_j\})$  and  $A_B^p u = A(x, D)u$  for  $u \in D(A_B^p)$ .

For  $0 \leq \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < 2\pi$ , set  $\Gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \{\lambda; \lambda = re^{i\theta} \ r \geq 0, \alpha_1 \leq \theta \leq \alpha_2\}$  and let  $\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  be the boundary of  $\Gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ , that is, positively oriented with respect to  $\Gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ .

DEFINITION 2.1. For  $t \in [a, b]$ , let  $A(t)$  be a closed and densely defined linear operator in a Banach space  $X$ . Let  $[\alpha, \beta] \subseteq [a, b]$ . We say that  $u(t)$  is a solution of (1.1) in  $[\alpha, \beta]$  if  $u(t) \in C[\alpha, \beta] \cap C^1(\alpha, \beta)$ ; for  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  we have  $u(t) \in D(A(t))$  and  $du/dt - A(t)u(t) = f(t)$ .

**3. Two point problems for ordinary differential equations in a Banach space**

For  $t \in [a, b]$ , let  $A(t)$  be a closed and densely defined linear operator in a Banach space  $X$ . We assume in Theorem 3.3 below that  $A(t)$  satisfies the following conditions.

Condition I. For  $i = 1, 2$  and  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $E_i(t)$  is a bounded projection in  $X$  and  $A(t)$  is completely reduced by the direct sum decomposition  $X = \sum_{i=1}^2 E_i(t)X$ .

Condition II.  $E_i(t) \in C^\infty([a, b], B(X, X))$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

Condition III. There exist complex numbers  $\mu_i, i = 1, 2$ , such that for  $i = 1, 2$  the operator  $L_i(t) = (-1)^{i+1}(A(t)E_i(t) + \mu_i I)$  satisfies the following three conditions.

(i) For  $t \in [a, b]$ , the resolvent set of  $L_i(t)$  contains the closed sector  $\Gamma(-\frac{1}{2}\pi - \theta, \frac{1}{2}\pi + \theta)$  with  $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ .

(ii)  $L_i(t)^{-1} \in C^\infty([a, b], B(X, X))$ .

(iii) There exist constants  $B_n, n = 0, 1, \dots$ , for  $\lambda \in \Gamma(-\frac{1}{2}\pi - \theta, \frac{1}{2}\pi + \theta)$  and  $t \in [a, b]$ ; we have

$$(3.1) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} (\lambda - L(t))^{-1} \right\| \leq B_n |\lambda|^{-1} .$$

Suppose that  $L(t)$  satisfies (i), (ii), and (iii). The existence of an evolution operator  $U(t, \tau)$  associated with  $L(t)$  follows from the results of [6]. It is proved in [9] that  $U(t, \tau)$  is infinitely differentiable for  $a \leq \tau < t \leq b$  and for every pair  $m, n$  of non-negative integers there exists a constant  $C_{m,n}$  such that

$$(3.2) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^m U(t, \tau) \right\| \leq C_{m,n} |t - \tau|^{-n}.$$

Lemma 3.1 below is a corollary of the proofs in [9].

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $K(t, \tau) \in B(X, X)$  for  $a \leq \tau < t \leq b$ . Assume that for every pair  $m, n$  of non-negative integers there exists a constant  $C_{m,n}$  such that*

$$(3.3) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^m K(t, \tau) \right\| \leq C_{m,n} |t - \tau|^{-n}.$$

(i) *Let  $f(t) \in C[a, b] \cap C^n(a, b)$ . Then for  $t \in (a, b)$ ,  $r \in (a, t)$ , and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have*

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_a^t K(t, \tau) f(\tau) d\tau &= \int_a^r \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} K(t, \tau) f(\tau) d\tau \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1-k} \binom{n-1-k}{j} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^k \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^{n-1-k-j} K(t, r) \frac{d^j}{dt^j} f(r) \\ &+ \int_r^t \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^{n-k} K(t, r) \frac{d^k}{d\tau^k} f(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) *Let  $f(t) \in C^n[a, b]$ . Then for  $t \in (a, b]$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have*

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_a^t K(t, \tau) f(\tau) d\tau &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1-k} \binom{n-1-k}{j} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^k \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^{n-1-k-j} K(t, a) \frac{d^j}{dt^j} f(a) \\ &+ \int_a^t \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^{n-k} K(t, \tau) \frac{d^k}{d\tau^k} f(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 3.2. *Suppose that  $W_1(t, \tau) \in B(X, X)$  for  $a \leq \tau < t \leq b$ , and that  $W_2(t, \tau) \in B(X, X)$  for  $a \leq t < \tau \leq b$ . Assume that for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $W_i(t, \tau)$  is infinitely differentiable for  $t \neq \tau$  and that for every pair  $m, n$  of non-negative integers there exists a constant  $C_{m,n}$  such that estimate (3.2) holds for  $U(t, \tau) = W_i(t, \tau)$ .*

Let  $[\alpha, \beta] \subseteq [a, b]$ . Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Assume that  $C_{0,0}(\beta - \alpha) < 1$  and that  $2^{k-1}C_{0,0}(\beta - \alpha) < 1$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $g_i(t) \in C[\alpha, \beta] \cap C^n(\alpha, \beta)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Suppose that  $v_i(t) \in C[\alpha, \beta]$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and satisfies the relations

$$v_1(t) = g_1(t) + \int_a^t W_1(t, \tau) v_2(\tau) d\tau \text{ and } v_2(t) = g_2(t) + \int_t^\beta W_2(t, \tau) v_1(\tau) d\tau.$$

(i)  $v_i(t) \in C^n(\alpha, \beta)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , and there exists a constant  $K_n$  such that the estimate

$$(3.6) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} v_i(t) \right\| \leq K_n G((t - \alpha)^{-n+1} + (\beta - t)^{-n+1})$$

holds for  $i = 1, 2$  and  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  provided that for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$ , and  $j = 1, \dots, n$  we have

$$(3.7) \quad \|g_i(t)\| \leq G \text{ and}$$

$$(3.8) \quad \left\| \frac{d^j}{dt^j} g_i(t) \right\| \leq G((t - \alpha)^{-j+1} + (\beta - t)^{-j+1}).$$

(ii)  $v_i(t) \in C^n(\alpha, \beta)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , and there exists a constant  $K_n$  such that the estimates

$$(3.9) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} v_1(t) \right\| \leq K_n G((t - \alpha)^{-n} + (\beta - t)^{-n+1}) \text{ and}$$

$$(3.10) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} v_2(t) \right\| \leq K_n G((t - \alpha)^{-n+1} + (\beta - t)^{-n+1})$$

hold for  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  provided that  $g_2(t) \equiv 0$  in  $[\alpha, \beta]$ , that  $g_1(t) = h(t)$  and for  $j = 0, \dots, n$  and  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  we have

$$(3.11) \quad \left\| \frac{d^j}{dt^j} h(t) \right\| \leq G(t - \alpha)^{-j}.$$

PROOF. Let  $Q_1, Q_2$  be the bounded operators from  $C[\alpha, \beta]$  to  $C[\alpha, \beta]$  that are defined by

$$(3.12) \quad Q_1 g(t) = \int_{\alpha}^t W_1(t, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \text{ and}$$

$$(3.13) \quad Q_2 g(t) = \int_t^{\beta} W_2(t, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau$$

respectively. Let  $R_1 = Q_2 Q_1$  and set  $R_2 = Q_1 Q_2$ .

Let  $f(t) \in C[\alpha, \beta] \cap C^n(\alpha, \beta)$  and suppose that for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  and  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  we have

$$(3.14) \quad \|f(t)\| \leq F_0 \text{ and}$$

$$(3.15) \quad \left\| \frac{d^j}{dt^j} f(t) \right\| \leq F_j((t - \alpha)^{-j+1} + (\beta - t)^{-j+1}).$$

For  $j = 0, \dots, n$  let  $F'_j = \max_{i=0, \dots, j} F_i$ . For  $1 \leq k \leq n$  there exists a constant  $C_k$  such that for  $i = 1, 2$

$$(3.16) \quad \left\| \frac{d^k}{dt^k} Q_i f(t) \right\| \leq (C_k F'_{k-1} + 2^{k-1} C_{0,0} (\beta - \alpha) F_k) ((t - \alpha)^{-k+1} + (\beta - t)^{-k+1})$$

provided that  $f(t)$  satisfies (3.14) and (3.15). To verify the last assertion for  $i = 1$ , observe that  $(d^k/dt^k)Q_1 f(t)$  is given by the right-hand side of (3.4) with  $n = k$ ,  $K(t, \tau) = W_1(t, \tau)$ , and  $r = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + t)$ . Estimate (3.16) for  $i = 2$  is obtained similarly. Consequently for  $k = 1, \dots, n$  there exists a constant  $C_k$  such that

$$(3.17) \quad \left\| \frac{d^k}{dt^k} R_i f(t) \right\| \leq (C_k F'_{k-1} + (2^{k-1} C_{0,0} (\beta - \alpha))^2 F_k) ((t - \alpha)^{-k+1} + (\beta - t)^{-k+1})$$

for  $i = 1, 2$  and for  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$ . Hence for  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and  $j = 0, 1, \dots$  there exists a constant  $F_{k,j}$  such that

$$\left\| \frac{d^k}{dt^k} R_1^j f(t) \right\| \leq F_{k,j} ((t - \alpha)^{-k+1} + (\beta - t)^{-k+1}).$$

Set  $G_{0,j} = |R_1^j f(t)|_0$  and

$$G_{k,j} = \sup_{t \in (\alpha, \beta)} ((t - \alpha)^{-k+1} + (\beta - t)^{-k+1})^{-1} \left\| \frac{d^k}{dt^k} R_1^j f(t) \right\|.$$

Suppose that  $C_{0,0}(\beta - \alpha) \leq \rho < 1$  and that for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $2^{k-1} C_{0,0}(\beta - \alpha) \leq \rho < 1$ . Then  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} G_{0,j}$  converges and

$$(3.18) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} G_{0,j} \leq (1 - \rho^2)^{-1} G_{0,0}.$$

It also follows from (3.17) that for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} G_{k,j}$  converges and that

$$(3.19) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} G_{k,j} \leq (1 - \rho^2)^{-1} \left( C_k \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} G'_{k-1,j} + G_{k,0} \right).$$

Here

$$G'_{k-1,j} = \max_{0 \leq i \leq k-1} G_{i,j}.$$

This implies that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} R_1^j f(t) \in C[\alpha, \beta] \cap C^n(\alpha, \beta)$$

and that there exists a constant  $K_n$  such that for  $i = 1$  and  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  we have

$$(3.20) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} R_1^j f(t) \right\| \leq K_n F'_n ((t - \alpha)^{-n+1} + (\beta - t)^{-n+1}).$$

The same result holds also for  $i = 2$ . To complete the proof of (i) it is now sufficient to observe that since  $C_{0,0}(\beta - \alpha) < 1$ ,  $v_1(t)$  and  $v_2(t)$  are given by

$$(3.21) \quad v_1(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} R_2^j g_1(t) + Q_1 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} R_1^j g_2(t) \text{ and}$$

$$(3.22) \quad v_2(t) = Q_2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} R_2^j g_1(t) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} R_1^j g_2(t).$$

To prove (ii) one verifies, with the help of Lemma 3.1 (i) and (ii), the existence of constants  $k_i, i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $C_j, j = 1, \dots, n$  such that

$$(3.23) \quad \left\| \frac{d}{dt} Q_2 h(t) \right\| \leq K_1 G \ln(t - \alpha)$$

and in case  $n > 1$ ,

$$(3.24) \quad \left\| \frac{d^i}{dt^i} Q_2 h(t) \right\| \leq K_i G ((t - \alpha)^{-i+1} + (\beta - t)^{-i+1})$$

for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and for  $j = 1, \dots, n$

$$(3.25) \quad \left\| \frac{d^j}{dt^j} R_2 h(t) \right\| \leq C_j G ((t - \alpha)^{-j+1} + (\beta - t)^{-j+1}).$$

Let  $u_1(t), u_2(t)$  be the solution of the system of equations

$$(3.26) \quad u_1(t) = g_1(t) + Q_1 u_2(t) \text{ and}$$

$$(3.27) \quad u_2(t) = g_2(t) + Q_2 u_1(t)$$

with  $g_1(t) = R_2 h(t)$  and  $g_2(t) \equiv 0$ . Then  $v_1(t) = u_1(t) + h(t)$ ,  $v_2(t) = u_2(t) + Q_2 h(t)$ , and the assertion of (ii) follows from (i) and from estimates (3.23) and (3.24).

Assume that  $A(t)$  satisfies conditions I, II, and III and for  $i = 1, 2$ , set  $B_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^2 E_j^i(t) E_j(t) - \mu_i I$  and let  $L_i(t) = (-1)^{i+1} (A(t) E_i(t) + \mu_i I)$ . As in [4] let  $K_1(t, \tau)$ , for  $a \leq \tau \leq t \leq b$ , be the evolution operator associated with  $L_1(t) + B_1(t)$ . Let  $H(t, \tau)$ , for  $a \leq \tau \leq t \leq b$ , be the evolution operator associated with  $L_2(a + b - t) - B_2(a + b - t)$ , and for  $a \leq t \leq \tau \leq b$ , set  $K_2(t, \tau) = H(a + b - t, a + b - \tau)$ . Define  $W_1(t, \tau)$  for  $a \leq \tau \leq t \leq b$ ,  $W_2(t, \tau)$  for  $a \leq \tau \leq t \leq b$ , and  $W_2(t, \tau)$  for  $a \leq t \leq \tau \leq b$  by

$$(3.28) \quad W_i(t, \tau) = K_i(t, \tau) E_i(\tau) E_i^i(\tau).$$

It follows from [4, Lem. 3.3] that if  $u(t)$  is a solution of (1.1) in  $[\alpha, \beta] \subseteq [a, b]$  and, for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $u_i(t) = E_i(t)u(t)$ , then for  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$



$$(3.29) \quad u_1(t) = K_1(t, \alpha)u_\alpha + \int_\alpha^t K_1(t, \tau)E_1(\tau)f(\tau)d\tau + \int_\alpha^t W_1(t, \tau)u_2(\tau)d\tau$$

$$(3.30) \quad u_2(t) = K_2(t, \beta)u_\beta + \int_t^\beta K_2(t, \tau)E_2(\tau)f(\tau)d\tau + \int_t^\beta W_2(t, \tau)u_1(\tau)d\tau.$$

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Suppose that  $A(t)$  satisfies Conditions I, II, and III. Then every solution of (1.1) in  $[a, b]$  is in  $C^\infty(a, b)$  provided that  $f(t) \in C^\infty[a, b]$ . For  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  there exists a constant  $C_n$  such that if  $u(t)$  is a solution of (1.1) in  $[a, b]$  and  $f(t) \in C^\infty[a, b]$  then*

$$(3.31) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u(t) \right\| \leq C_n (\|E_1(a)u(a)\| (t-a)^{-n} + \|E_2(b)u(b)\| (b-t)^{-n} + (|f(t)|_n + |u(t)|_0)((t-a)^{-n+1} + (b-t)^{-n+1}))$$

for  $t \in (a, b)$ .

**PROOF.** The assumptions of the present theorem and the relation

$$(\lambda - (L_1(t) + B(t)))^{-1} = (I - (\lambda - L_1(t))^{-1}B(t))^{-1}(\lambda - L_1(t))^{-1}$$

that holds for  $\lambda \in \Gamma(-\frac{1}{2}\pi - \theta; \frac{1}{2}\pi + \theta)$  with

$$|\lambda| \geq 2B_0 \max_{t \in [a, b]} |B(t)|$$

imply that there exists a complex  $\mu$  such that  $L(t) = L_1(t) + B(t) + \mu I$  satisfies (i), (ii), and (iii) of Condition III. Let  $U(t, \tau)$  be the evolution operator associated with  $L(t)$ . Then  $K_1(t, \tau) = e^{-\mu(t-\tau)}U(t, \tau)$ . The above-mentioned results of [9] and the assumptions of the present theorem guarantee that for every pair  $m, n$  of non-negative integers and for  $i = 1$  there exist constants  $B_{m,n}$  and  $C_{m,n}$  such that

$$(3.32) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^m K_i(t, \tau) \right\| \leq B_{m,n} |t - \tau|^{-n} \text{ and}$$

$$(3.33) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^m W_i(t, \tau) \right\| \leq C_{m,n} |t - \tau|^{-n}.$$

The same result holds also for  $i = 2$ .

Let  $u(t)$  be a solution of (1.1) in  $[a, b]$ . For  $i = 1, 2$  set  $u_i(t) = E_i(t)u(t)$ . Let  $[\alpha, \beta] \subseteq [a, b]$ . Let  $0 < \rho < 1$ ; suppose that  $C_{0,0}(\beta - \alpha) \leq \rho$  and that  $2^{k-1}C_{0,0}(\beta, \alpha) \leq \rho$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $v_1^1(t), v_2^1(t)$  be the solution of (3.34) and (3.35) with  $g_1(t) = \int_\alpha^t K_1(t, \tau)E_1(\tau)f(\tau)d\tau$  and  $g_2(t) = \int_t^\beta K_2(t, \tau)E_2(\tau)f(\tau)d\tau$ . Observe that by Lemma 3.1 (ii) the functions  $g_i(t)$  satisfy the requirements of Lemma 3.2 (i). Let

$v_1^2(t), v_2^2(t)$  be the solution of (3.26) and (3.27) with  $g_1(t) = K_1(t, \alpha)E_1(\alpha)u(\alpha)$  and  $g_2(t) \equiv 0$ ; denote by  $v_1^3(t), v_2^3(t)$  the solution of (3.26) and (3.27) with  $g_1(t) \equiv 0$  and  $g_2(t) = K_2(t, \beta)E_2(\beta)u(\beta)$ . By [4, Lem. 3.3]  $u_i(t), i = 1, 2$ , satisfy the relations (3.29) and (3.30) and, since  $C_{0,0}(\beta - \alpha) < 1$ , we have  $u_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^3 v_i^j(t), i = 1, 2$ . Hence Lemma 3.2 (i) and (ii) guarantee that  $u_i(t) \in C^n(\alpha, \beta)$  and that for  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$

$$(3.34) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u(t) \right\| \leq C_n (\|E_1(\alpha)u(\alpha)\| (t - \alpha)^{-n} + \|E_2(\beta)u(\beta)\| (\beta - t)^{-n} + |f(t)|_n).$$

Consequently for every non-negative integer  $n, u(t) \in C^n(a, b)$  and there exists a constant  $C_n$  such that (3.31) is satisfied.

The following lemma is a consequence of the results of [9].

LEMMA 3.4. *Let  $K(t, \tau) \in B(X, X)$  for  $a \leq \tau < t \leq b$ . Suppose that there exist constants  $N_0$  and  $N$  such that for every pair  $m, n$  of non-negative integers we have*

$$(3.35) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^m K(t, \tau) \right\| \leq N_0 N^{m+n} M_n M_m (t - \tau)^{-n}.$$

(i) *Let  $[\alpha, \beta] \subseteq [a, b]$ . For  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  let  $r_n(t) = \alpha + n(t - \alpha)/(n + 1)$ . There exists a constant  $C$  such that for every positive integer  $n$  and  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  we have*

$$(3.36) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_{\alpha}^t K(t, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \right\| \\ & \leq C G_0 G^{n-1} (t - \alpha)^{-n+1} M_{n-1} + \int_{r_n(t)}^t \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} g(\tau) \right\| d\tau \end{aligned}$$

*provided that  $g(t) \in C[\alpha, \beta] \cap C^n(\alpha, \beta)$ , that for  $j = 0, \dots, n - 1$  we have*

$$(3.37) \quad \left\| \frac{d^j}{dt^j} g(t) \right\| \leq G_0 G^j M_j (t - \alpha)^{-j}$$

*and that  $G > \max(2N, 2N(b - a))$ .*

(ii) *Let  $f \in C^\infty[a, b]$  and assume that there exist constants  $F_0$  and  $F$  such that for every non-negative integer  $n$  and  $t \in [a, b]$  we have*

$$(3.38) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t) \right\| \leq F_0 F^n M_n.$$

*Then for every positive integer  $n$*

$$(3.39) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_{\alpha}^t K(t, \tau) f(\tau) d\tau \right\| \leq F_0 F M_n (t - \alpha)^{-n+1}.$$

Here  $F_0 = 6d_1 N_0 F_0$  and  $F = \max(1, F(b - a), 2N(b - a), 2N)$ . The proof of (i)

is part of the proof of [9, Th. 3.1]. The proof of (ii) is part of the proof of [9, Th. 3.3].

LEMMA 3.5. *Let  $W_1(t, \tau) \in B(X, X)$  for  $a \leq \tau < t \leq b$  and let  $W_2(t, \tau) \in B(X, X)$  for  $a \leq t \leq \tau \leq b$ . Suppose that for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $W_i(t, \tau)$  is infinitely differentiable for  $t \neq \tau$ . Assume that there exist constants  $N_0$  and  $N$  such that for every pair  $m, n$  of non-negative integers and for  $i = 1, 2$  we have*

$$(3.40) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^m W_i(t, \tau) \right\| \leq N_0 N^{m+n} M_m M_n (t - \tau)^{-n}.$$

Suppose that  $N_0 M_0^2 (\beta - \alpha) < \frac{1}{2}$ .

(i) *Let  $g_i(t) \in C[\alpha, \beta] \cap C^\infty(\alpha, \beta)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Suppose that there exist constants  $G_0$  and  $G$  such that for  $i = 1, 2$  and for every positive integer  $n$  we have*

$$(3.41) \quad \|g_i(t)\| \leq G_0 M_0,$$

$$(3.42) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} g_1(t) \right\| \leq G_0 G^n M_n (t - \alpha)^{-n+1}, \text{ and}$$

$$(3.43) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} g_2(t) \right\| \leq G_0 G^n M_n (\beta - t)^{-n+1}.$$

*Let  $u_1(t), u_2(t)$  be the solution of (3.26) and (3.27). Suppose that the constants  $C_1$  and  $L$  satisfy the following conditions:  $C_1(\beta - \alpha)^2 \geq 4$ ,  $C_1(\beta - \alpha) \geq 4$ ,  $L \geq G(\beta - \alpha)$ , and  $L \geq 2C(\beta - \alpha)$  where  $C$  is the constant appearing in the right-hand side of (3.36). Then for every positive integer  $n$  and for  $i = 1, 2$  we have*

$$(3.44) \quad \|u_i(t)\| \leq 2G_0 M_0 \text{ and}$$

$$(3.45) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u_i(t) \right\| \leq C_1 G_0 L^n M_n (t - \alpha)^{-n+1} (\beta - t)^{-n+1}.$$

(ii) *Let  $g_1(t) \in C[\alpha, \beta] \cap C^\infty(\alpha, \beta)$  and suppose that there exist constants  $G_0$  and  $G$  such that for every non-negative integer  $n$  and for  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  we have*

$$(3.46) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} g_1(t) \right\| \leq G_0 G^n M_n (t - \alpha)^{-n}.$$

*Let  $u_1(t), u_2(t)$  be the solution of (3.26) and (3.27) with  $g_2(t) \equiv 0$  and  $g_1(t)$  as above. Suppose that the constants  $C_1$  and  $L$  satisfy the following conditions  $C_1(\beta - \alpha) \geq 4$ ,  $L \geq G(\beta - \alpha)$ , and  $L \geq 4C(\beta - \alpha)^2$  where  $C$  is the constant appearing in the right hand side of (3.36). Then for  $i = 1, 2$  and for every positive integer  $n$  we have*

$$(3.47) \quad \|u_i(t)\| \leq 2G_0 M_0 \text{ and}$$

$$(3.48) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u_i(t) \right\| \leq C_1 G_0 L^n M_n (t - \alpha)^{-n} (\beta - t)^{-n+1}.$$

PROOF. Estimate (3.44) follows from (3.41) and from the assumption that  $N_0 M_0^2 (\beta - \alpha) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $n$  be a positive integer. In case  $n > 1$  assume that estimate (3.45) holds for  $j = 1, \dots, n - 1$ . Then

$$(3.49) \quad \left\| \frac{d^j}{dt^j} u_1(t) \right\| \leq \frac{C_1 (\beta - \alpha)^2}{2} G_0 L^j M_j (t - \alpha)^{-j} (\beta - t)^{-j}$$

for  $j = 0, \dots, n - 1$  and it follows from Lemma 3.4 (i) that

$$(3.50) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u_1(t) \right\| \leq G_0 G^n M_n (t - \alpha)^{-n+1} + \frac{CC_1 G_0 (\beta - \alpha)^2}{2} \times \\ \times L^{n-1} (\beta - t)^{-n+1} (t - \alpha)^{-n+1} M_{n-1} + N_0 M_0^2 \int_{r_n(t)}^t \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u_2(\tau) \right\| d\tau.$$

Here  $r_n(t) = \alpha + n(t - \alpha)/(n + 1)$ . Let  $s_n(t) = t + (\beta - t)/(n + 1)$ . One verifies similarly that

$$(3.51) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u_2(t) \right\| \leq G_0 G^n M_n (\beta - t)^{-n+1} \\ + \frac{CC_1 G_0 (\beta - \alpha)^2}{2} L^{n-1} (t - \alpha)^{-n+1} (\beta - t)^{-n+1} M_{n-1} \\ + N_0 M_0^2 \int_t^{s_n(t)} \left\| \frac{d^n}{d\tau^n} u_1(\tau) \right\| d\tau.$$

For  $i = 1, 2$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  set  $v_i^n(t) = (t - \alpha)^{n-1} (\beta - t)^{n-1} \left\| (d^n/dt^n) u_i(t) \right\|$  and observe that by Lemma 3.2 (i),  $v_i^n(t)$  is bounded in  $[\alpha, \beta]$ . Since  $(t - \alpha)^{n-1} (\beta - t)^{n-1} \leq e(\tau - \alpha)^{n-1} (\beta - \tau)^{n-1}$  for  $r_n(t) \leq \tau \leq s_n(t)$  we find that

$$(3.52) \quad v_1^n(t) \leq G_0 G^n M_n (\beta - t)^{n-1} + \frac{CC_1 G_0 (\beta - \alpha)^2}{2} L^{n-1} M_{n-1} + N_0 M_0^2 e \int_{\alpha}^t v_2^n(\tau) d\tau$$

and that

$$(3.53) \quad v_2^n(t) \leq G_0 G^n M_n (t - \alpha)^{n-1} + \frac{CC_1 G_0 (\beta - \alpha)^2}{2} L^{n-1} M_{n-1} + N_0 M_0^2 e \int_t^{\beta} v_1^n(\tau) d\tau.$$

Let  $\eta_i^n = \sup_{t \in (\alpha, \beta)} v_i^n(t)$ . (3.52) and (3.53) guarantee that

$$(3.54) \quad \eta_1^n \leq G_0 (\beta - \alpha)^{-1} (G(\beta - \alpha))^n M_n + \frac{CC_1}{2L} (\beta - \alpha)^2 G_0 L^n M_n + \frac{1}{2} \eta_2^n$$

$$(3.55) \quad \eta_2^n \leq G_0(\beta - \alpha)^{-1}(G(\beta - \alpha))^n M_n + \frac{CC_1}{2L}(\beta - \alpha)^2 G_0 L^n M_n + \frac{1}{2} \eta_1^n.$$

Consequently for  $i = 1, 2$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  we have

$$(3.56) \quad \eta_i^n \leq 2G_0(\beta - \alpha)^{-1}(G(\beta - \alpha))^n M_n + \frac{CC_1}{L}(\beta - \alpha)^2 G_0 L^n M_n.$$

The assumptions on  $C_1$  and  $L$  and an induction on  $n$  ensure that (i) of Lemma 3.5 is true.

The proof of part (ii) is similar and uses Lemma 3.2 (ii).

Suppose that  $A(t)$  satisfies Condition I. In Theorem 3.6 below we assume that  $A(t)$  satisfies the following two conditions.

Condition II'. For  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $E_i(t) \in C^\infty([a, b], B(X, X))$ ; there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ , we have  $\|(d^n/dt^n)E_i(t)\| \leq H_0 H^n M_n$ .

Condition III'. For  $i = 1, 2$ , there exists a complex  $\mu_i$  such that for  $i = 1, 2$ , the operator  $L(t) = (-1)^{i+1}(A(t)E_i(t) + \mu_i I)$  satisfies conditions (i) and (ii) and the following condition:

(iii)' There exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that (iii) of Condition III is satisfied with  $B_n = H_0 H^n M_n$ .

It is proved in [9] that if  $L(t)$  satisfies (i) and (ii) of Condition III and (iii)' of Condition III' and  $U(t, \tau)$  is the evolution operator associated with  $L(t)$ , then there exist constants  $N_0$  and  $N$  such that for every pair  $m, n$  of non-negative integers and for  $a \leq \tau < t \leq b$  we have

$$(3.57) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)^m U(t, \tau) \right\| \leq N_0 N^{m+n} M_{m+n} |t - \tau|^{-n}.$$

Observe that if  $L(t)$  satisfies (i), (ii), and (iii)' and if  $B(t) \in C^\infty([a, b], B(X, X))$  and there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ , we have

$$\|(d^n/dt^n)B(t)\| \leq H_0 H^n M_n$$

then there exists a  $\mu$  such that  $L(t) + B(t) + \mu I$  satisfies (i), (ii), and (iii)'.

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Suppose that  $A(t)$  satisfies Conditions I, II', and III'. Let  $f(t) \in C^\infty[a, b]$  and assume that there exist constants  $F_0$  and  $F$  such that for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $t \in [a, b]$  we have  $\|d^n/dt^n f(t)\| \leq F_0 F^n M_n$ . Let  $u(t)$  be a solution of (1.1) in  $[a, b]$ . Then  $u(t) \in C^\infty(a, b)$  and there exist constants  $C$  and  $G$  such that for  $t \in (a, b)$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u(t) \right\| &\leq CG^n M_n ((t-a)^{-n} \|E_1(a)u(a)\| + (b-t)^{-n} \|E_2(b)u(b)\| \\ (3.58) \quad &+ (t-a)^{-n+1}(b-t)^{-n+1} (\|u(t)\|_0 + F_0)). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Since Conditions II' and III' hold, the above-mentioned results of [9] guarantee the existence of constants  $H_0, H, K_0,$  and  $K$  such that estimate (3.32) holds with  $B_{m,n} = H_0 H^{m+n} M_m M_n$  and estimate (3.33) holds with

$$C_{m,n} = K_0 K^{m+n} M_m M_n.$$

Theorem 3.3 ensures that  $u(t) \in C^\infty(a, b)$ . For  $i = 1, 2,$  let  $u_i(t) = E_i(t)u(t)$ . Let  $[\alpha, \beta] \subseteq [a, b]$  and suppose that  $K_0 M_0^2 (\beta - \alpha)e < \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $v_1^j(t), v_2^j(t), j = 1, 2, 3,$  be defined as in the proof of Theorem 3.3. Observe that by Lemma 3.4 (ii) the function  $g_1(t) = \int_a^t K_1(t, \tau) E_1(\tau) f(\tau) d\tau$  and  $g_2(t) = \int_t^b K_2(t, \tau) E_2(\tau) f(\tau) d\tau$  satisfy the requirements of Lemma 3.5 (i) with  $G_0 = CF_0$  and some positive constant  $C$ . For  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$  we have  $u(t) = \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{i=1}^2 v_i^j(t)$  and Lemma 3.5(i) and (ii) guarantee the existence of constants  $C$  and  $L$  such that for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u(t) \right\| &\leq CL^n M_n ((t-\alpha)^{-n} (\beta-t)^{-n+1} \|E_1(\alpha)u(\alpha)\| \\ (3.59) \quad &+ (t-\alpha)^{-n+1} (\beta-t)^{-n} \|E_2(\beta)u(\beta)\| + (t-\alpha)^{-n+1} (\beta-t)^{-n+1} F_0). \end{aligned}$$

Since (3.59) holds for every  $[\alpha, \beta] \subseteq [a, b]$  such that  $K_0 M_0^2 (\alpha - \beta)e < \frac{1}{2}$  there exist constants  $C$  and  $G$  such that (3.58) holds for  $n = 1, \dots$  and  $t \in (a, b)$ .

**4. Two point problems for parabolic equations**

We consider in this section the equation (1.1) where for each  $t \in [a, b], A(t) = A_B^p(t)$  is the unbounded operator in  $H^{0,p}(G)$  that is associated with an elliptic  $l \times l$  differential system  $A(t, x, D)$  of order  $\omega$  independent of  $t$  and with the boundary operators  $B_j(t, x, D)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ . Thus for each  $t \in [a, b], A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$  respectively satisfy the assumption on  $A(x, D)$  and on  $B_j(x, D)$  of Section 1. For  $t \in [a, b], D(A_B^p(t)) = H^{\omega,p}(G\{B_j(t)\})$  and for  $u \in D(A_B^p(t))$  we have  $A_B^p(t)u = A(t, x, D)u$ .

For the duration of this work we use the notation and definitions of [3]. It is proved in [3] that if  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$  satisfy Agmon's conditions on the rays  $l\pi/2$  and  $(l - \pi)/2,$  then there exist bounded projections  $E_1(t)$  and  $E_2(t)$  in  $H^{0,p}(G)$  such that  $A_B^p(t)E_1(t)$  and  $-A_B^p(t)E_2(t)$  are infinitesimal

generators of analytic semigroups and  $A_B^p(t)$  is completely reduced by the direct sum decomposition

$$H^{0,p}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \oplus E_i(t)H^{0,p}(G).$$

Observe that Agmon's conditions for  $A(x, D)$ ,  $B_j(x, D)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , and the ray  $l_\theta$  guarantee the existence of constants  $C$  and  $R$  such that for  $\lambda \in l_\theta$  with  $|\lambda| \geq R$  we have  $\lambda \in \rho(A_B^p)$  and  $\|(\lambda - A_B^p)^{-1}\| \leq C/|\lambda|$ . (See [1] and [7].) In this section we show that with adequate regularity assumptions on the coefficients of  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , locally  $E_1(t)$  and  $E_2(t)$  may be chosen so that  $A_B^p(t)$  satisfies the assumptions of the theorems in Section 2.

As in [3], denote by  $P_0(\lambda, t)$  the zeroth order parametrix for  $(\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1}$  of Seeley [7] that is well defined for  $\lambda \in l_\theta$  provided that  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$  satisfy Agmon's conditions on  $l_\theta$ . Recall that

$$(4.1) \quad P_0(\lambda, t) = \sum_{j=1}^N C_j(\lambda, t) - \sum_{j=m+1}^N D_j(\lambda, t)$$

and for  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$ ,  $C_j(\lambda, t)f$  and  $D_j(\lambda, t)f$  are given in terms of local coordinates by

$$(4.2) \quad C_j(\lambda, t)f(x) = (2\pi)^{-v} \psi_j(x) \int e^{ix\xi} \phi(\xi, \lambda) (\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda)^{-1} \tilde{\phi}_j f(\xi) d\xi$$

and

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} &D_j(\lambda, t)f(x) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-v+1} \psi_j(x) \int e^{ix'\xi'} \theta'(\xi', \lambda) d(t, x', x_v, \xi', s, \lambda) \tilde{\phi}_j f_v(\xi', s) d\xi' ds. \end{aligned}$$

For  $g \in C_0^\infty(R^v)$  we use the notation  $\tilde{g}(\xi) = \int_{R^v} e^{ix\xi} g(x) dx$  and

$$\tilde{g}_v(\xi', x_v) = \int_{R^{v-1}} e^{ix'\xi'} g(x) dx'.$$

The scalar functions  $\phi_j(x)$  and  $\psi_j(x)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N$ , are in  $C^\infty(\bar{G})$  and for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , the support of  $\phi_j(x)$  and  $\psi_j(x)$  is disjoint from  $\partial\bar{G}$ .  $\theta(\xi, \lambda)$  is infinitely differentiable in  $R^v \times l_\theta$  where  $\theta(\xi, \lambda) = 0$  for  $|\xi|^2 + |\lambda|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\theta(\xi, \lambda) = 1$  for  $|\xi|^2 + |\lambda|^2 \geq 1$ . Similarly  $\theta'(\xi', \lambda)$  is infinitely differentiable in  $R^{v-1} \times l_\theta$  where  $\theta'(\xi', \lambda) = 0$  for  $|\xi'|^2 + |\lambda|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\theta'(\xi', \lambda) = 1$  for  $|\xi'| + |\lambda|^2 \geq 1$ .  $\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi)$  is the symbol of the principal part of  $A(t, x, D)$ . Recall that if Agmon's conditions are satisfied by  $A(x, D)$  and  $B_j(x, D)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$  on  $l_\theta$ , then  $\sigma_\omega A(x, \xi) - \lambda$  is a regular matrix for  $(\xi, \lambda) \in R^v \times l_\theta$  such that  $|\xi|^2 + |\lambda|^2 \neq 0$ . Also for every set of

integers  $l, m,$  and  $p$  and for every pair of multi-indices  $\delta'$  and  $e'$  of length  $\nu - 1$  there exist constants  $c$  and  $c_1$  such that for  $x_\nu \geq 0, s \geq 0,$  and for  $(\xi', \lambda) \in R^{\nu-1} \times I_\theta$  such that  $|\xi'|^2 + |\lambda|^2 \neq 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| D_x^{\delta'} D_{\xi'}^{e'} s' \frac{\partial^m}{\partial x_\nu^m} \frac{\partial^p}{\partial \lambda^p} \tilde{d}(x', x_\nu, \xi', s, \lambda) \right| \\
 (4.4) \quad & \leq c \exp(-c_1(x_\nu + s)) (|\xi'| + |\lambda|^{1/\omega}) (|\xi'| + |\lambda|^{1/\omega})^{1-\omega-|e'|-\omega p+m-l}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(See [7].)

LEMMA 4.1. *Suppose that any of the coefficients  $a(t, x)$  of  $A(t, x, D)$  is infinitely differentiable in  $[a, b] \times \bar{G}$  and that for every multi-index  $\alpha$  there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $n = 0, 1 \dots$  and  $(t, x) \in [a, b] \times \bar{G}$  we have*

$$\left| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial x^\alpha} a(t, x) \right| \leq H_0 H^n M_n.$$

(i) *Let  $\pi/2 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < 3\pi/2.$  Suppose that  $\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda$  is regular for  $(t, x) \in [a, b] \times \bar{G}$  and  $(\xi, \lambda) \in R^\nu \times \gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  such that  $|\xi|^2 + |\lambda|^2 \neq 0.$  Let  $1 \leq j \leq N.$  Then*

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} e^{\lambda \tau} C_j(\lambda, t) d\lambda f$$

*exists for every  $f \in H^{0,p}(G).$  For  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $f \in H^{0,p}(G)$  set*

$$Q_j(t)f = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} e^{\lambda \tau} C_j(\lambda, t) d\lambda f.$$

*Then there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that*

$$Q_j(t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

(ii) *Let  $0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < 2\pi$  and assume that  $\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda$  is regular for  $(t, x) \in [a, b] \times \bar{G}$  and  $(\xi, \lambda) \in R^\nu \times I_\theta$  such that  $|\xi|^2 + |\lambda|^2 \neq 0.$  Let  $1 \leq j \leq N.$  For  $\mu \notin \gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  set*

$$S_j(\mu, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} C_j(\lambda, t) (\mu - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda.$$

*Then for  $t \in [a, b],$   $S_j(\mu, t)$  is analytic in the complement of  $\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2).$  For every sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for*

$$\mu \notin \Gamma(\alpha_1 - \varepsilon, \alpha_1 + \varepsilon) \cap \Gamma(\alpha_2 - \varepsilon, \alpha_2 + \varepsilon)$$

*we have*



$$S_j(\mu, t) \in G(|\mu|^{-1}H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

(iii) Suppose that  $\sigma_\omega A(t, x, D) - \lambda$  is regular for  $(t, x) \in [a, b] \times \bar{G}$  and  $(\xi, \lambda) \in R^v \times I_\theta$  such that  $|\xi|^2 + |\lambda|^2 \neq 0$ . Let  $1 \leq j \leq N$ . There exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $\lambda \in I_\theta$  we have  $C_j(\lambda, t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{\omega,p}(G)))$  and  $|\lambda| C_j(\lambda, t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^p_0(G), H^p_0(G)))$ .

PROOF. Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $0 < R < \infty$ . Suppose that  $K(x, \xi)$  vanishes for  $|x| \geq R$  and that  $|\xi|^{|\beta|} |D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta k(x, \xi)| \leq 1$  for  $|\alpha| \leq v - 1$  and  $|\beta| \leq v$ . [8, Lem. 1] ensures the existence of a constant  $C = C(p, v, R)$  such that for every  $f \in C^\infty_0(G)$  we have

$$(4.5) \quad \|(2\pi)^{-v} \int e^{ix\xi} k(x\xi) \tilde{f}(\xi) d\xi\|_{L_p(R^v)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_p(R^v)}.$$

To prove part a set

$$a_1(t, x, \xi, \tau) = \frac{\psi(x)}{2\pi i} x(\xi) \int_{L^-(|\xi|)} e^{\lambda\tau} (\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda.$$

Here  $\tau \geq 0$  and for  $|\xi| > 0$ ,  $L^-(|\xi|)$  is the boundary of

$$\Gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \cap \{\lambda; r_1 |\xi| \leq |\lambda|^{1/\omega} \leq r_2 |\xi|\};$$

$r_i, i = 1, 2$ , are chosen so that for all  $x$  and  $\xi \neq 0$  and for  $t \in [a, b]$  the eigenvalues of  $\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi)$  are contained in  $\Gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \cap \{\lambda; 2r_1 |\xi| \leq |\lambda|^{1/\omega} \leq \frac{1}{2} r_2 |\xi|\}$ .  $\chi(\xi)$  is infinitely differentiable in  $R^v$ ,  $\chi(\xi) = 0$  for  $|\xi| \leq 1$  and  $\chi(\xi) = 1$  for  $|\xi| \geq 2$ . Let  $a_2(t, x, \xi, \tau) = 0$  for  $|\xi| \geq 2$  and for  $|\xi| \leq 2$  set

$$a_2(t, x, \xi, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \psi(x) (1 - \chi(\xi)) \int e^{\lambda\tau} \theta(\xi, \lambda) (\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda$$

where  $\partial$  is the boundary of  $\Gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \cap \{\lambda; |\lambda|^{1/\omega} \leq 2r_2\}$ . Finally for  $\xi \neq 0$  and  $\tau \geq 0$  set

$$a_3(t, x, \xi, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \psi(x) \chi(\xi) \int_{L^-(|\xi|)} e^{\lambda\tau} \lambda^{-1} (\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda.$$

Now

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} & |\xi|^\beta D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta (a_3(t, x, \xi, \tau) - a_3(t, x, \xi, 0)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} |\xi|^\beta D_x^\alpha \psi(x) \chi(\xi) \int_{L^-(|\xi|)} \frac{e^{\lambda\tau} - 1}{\lambda} D_\xi^\beta (\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\pi i} |\xi|^\beta \sum_{\substack{|\xi| \neq 0 \\ \varepsilon \leq \beta}} \binom{\beta}{\varepsilon} D_x^\alpha \psi(x) D_\xi^\varepsilon \chi(\xi) \int_{L^-(|\xi|)} \frac{e^{\lambda\tau} - 1}{\lambda} D_\xi^{\beta-\varepsilon} (\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Considerations of homogeneity imply that the first term on the right-hand side of (4.6) tends to zero as  $\tau$  tends to zero uniformly with respect to  $(t, x) \in [a, b] \times \bar{G}$  and  $\xi \in R^v$ . Since  $D^\alpha \chi(\xi) = 0$  for  $|\alpha| \neq 0$  and  $\xi$  such that  $|\xi| \leq 1$  or  $|\xi| \geq 2$ , the same result also holds for the second term on the right-hand side of (4.6). Consequently for  $i = 3$  we have

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} |\xi|^p |D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta (a_i(t, x, \xi, \tau) - a_i(t, x, \xi, 0))| = 0$$

uniformly with respect to  $(t, x) \in [a, b] \times \bar{G}$  and  $\xi \in R^v$ . The same result holds also for  $i = 2$ . Note that for  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$  and  $\tau > 0$  we have

$$(4.7) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} e^{\lambda\tau} C_j(\lambda, t) d\lambda f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \int e^{ix\xi} a_i(t, x, \xi, \tau) \tilde{\phi}_j f(\xi) d\xi$$

and for  $\tau \geq 0$  we have

$$(4.8) \quad \int e^{ix\xi} a_1(t, x, \xi, \tau) \tilde{\phi}_j f(\xi) d\xi = \int e^{ix\xi} a_3(t, x, \xi, \tau) \overbrace{A(t, x, D) \phi_j f(\xi)} \xi.$$

Let  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$ , (4.7), (4.8), and [8, Lem. 1] that we have cited above guarantee the existence of

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} e^{\lambda\tau} C_j(\lambda, \tau) d\lambda f$$

and that

$$(4.9) \quad \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} e^{\lambda\tau} C_j(\lambda, \tau) d\lambda f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \int e^{ix\xi} a_i(t, x, \xi, 0) \tilde{\phi}_j f(\xi) d\xi.$$

To ensure the existence of  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \int e^{\lambda\tau} C_j(\lambda, t) d\lambda f$  for every  $f \in H^{0,p}(G)$ , it is now sufficient to observe that by [3, Lem. 4.2], for every  $t \in [a, b]$  there exists a constant  $C_t$  such that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} e^{\lambda\tau} C_j(\lambda, t) d\lambda \right\| \leq C_t$$

for  $\tau > 0$ . Note that it follows from the assumptions on  $\{M_n\}$  and on  $\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi)$  that for every pair of multi-indices  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $(t, x) \in [a, b] \times \bar{G}$ ,  $\xi \neq 0$  and  $\lambda \in L^-(|\xi|)$  we have

$$(4.10) \quad \left| D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} (\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda)^{-1} \right| \leq H_0 H^m M_n (|\xi| + |\lambda|^{1/\omega})^{-\omega - |\beta|}.$$

(4.10), (4.9), the definition of  $a_i(t, x, \xi, 0)$ , and the above-mentioned [8, Lem. 1] guarantee the existence of constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that

$$Q_f(t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

Let  $b_1(t, x, \xi, \mu) = a_1(t, x, \xi, 0)(\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \mu)^{-1}$ . Set  $b_2(t, x, \xi, \mu) = 0$  for  $|\xi| \geq 2$  and for  $|\xi| < 2$  set

$$b_2(t, x, \xi, \mu) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \psi(x)(1 - \chi(\xi)) \int_a \theta(\xi, \lambda)(\sigma_\omega A(t, x, \xi) - \lambda)^{-1}(\mu - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda.$$

Then for  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$  we have

$$S_j(\mu, t)(x) = (2\pi)^{-\nu} \sum_{i=1}^2 \int e^{ix\xi} b_i(t, x, \xi, \mu) \phi_j \tilde{f}(\xi) d\xi$$

and arguments similar to those used above ensure the validity of (ii); (iii) is checked similarly.

LEMMA 4.2. *Suppose that any one of the coefficients  $a(t, x)$  of  $A(t, x, D)$  or of  $B_j(t, x, D)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , is infinitely differentiable in  $[a, b] \times \bar{G}$ . Assume that for every multi-index  $\alpha$  there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $n = 0, 1 \dots$  and  $(t, x) \in [a, b] \times \bar{G}$  we have  $|(\partial^n / \partial t^n) a(t, x)| \leq H_0 H^n M_n$ . Assume that for  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$ , for  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , satisfy Agmon's conditions on the ray  $l_\theta$ . Let  $m + 1 \leq j \leq N$ . Then there exists a constant  $c_1$  such that for every pair of multi-indices  $\delta'$  and  $\varepsilon'$  and for every set of integers  $l, m$ , and  $p$  there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $n = 0, 1 \dots$  we have*

$$(4.11) \quad D_x^{\delta'} D_\xi^{\varepsilon'} s^l \frac{\partial^m}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial^p}{\partial \lambda^l} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \tilde{d}_j(t, x', x_v, \xi', s, l) \leq H_0 H^n M_n \exp(-c_1(x_v + s)(|\xi'| + |\lambda|^{1/\omega})) (|\xi'| + |\lambda|^{1/\omega})^{1-\omega-|\varepsilon'|-l+m-\omega p}.$$

Note that for  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$  independent of  $t$  and for  $n = 0$ , estimate (4.11) coincides with the above-mentioned estimate (4.4). We can use the same proof as in [7, (3.4)] with obvious modifications to derive estimate (4.11). [7, Lem. 3, (II)] is used to investigate the dependence of  $d(t, x', x_v, \xi', s, \lambda)$  on  $t$ .

LEMMA 4.3. *Let the assumptions of Lemma 4.2 be satisfied.*

(i) *There exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $\lambda \in l_\theta$*

$$D_j(\lambda, t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))) \text{ and} \\ |\lambda| D_j(\lambda, t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

(ii)  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \int_{l_\theta} e^{\lambda s} D_j(\lambda, t) d\lambda f$  exists for every  $f \in H^{0,p}(G)$  and  $t \in [a, b]$ . For  $f \in H^{0,p}(G)$  set  $P_j f(t) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \int_{l_\theta} e^{\lambda s} D_j(\lambda, t) d\lambda f$ . There exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that  $P_j f(t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G)))$ .

(iii) For  $\mu \notin l_\theta$ , set

$$W_j(\mu, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{l_\theta} D_j(\lambda, t) (\mu - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda.$$

For  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $W_j(\mu, t)$  is analytic in the complement of  $l_\theta$ . For every sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $\mu \notin \Gamma(\theta - \varepsilon, \theta + \varepsilon)$  we have

$$W_j(\mu, t) \in G(|\mu|^{-1}H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

PROOF. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Suppose that  $k(x', x_v, \xi', s)$  has support in  $|x'| \leq R$  and satisfies the estimate  $|\xi'|^{|\beta'|} |D_x^\alpha D_\xi^{\beta'} k(x', x_v, \xi', s)| \leq (x_v + s)^{-1}$  for  $s > 0, x_v > 0, |\beta'| \leq \nu$ , and  $|\alpha'| \leq \nu$ . [8, Lem. 2] ensures the existence of a constant  $C = C(p, \nu, R)$  such that the estimate

$$\left\| (2\pi)^{-\nu+1} \int e^{ix'\xi'} k(x', x_v, \xi', s) \tilde{g}_\nu(\xi', s) d\xi', ds \right\|_{L_p(R^\nu)} \leq \|g\|_{L_p(R^\nu)}$$

holds for every  $g \in C_0^\infty(R^\nu)$  with support in the interior of  $R_+^\nu$ . This result and estimate (4.11) with  $s = 0, l = 0, p = 0, |\varepsilon'| \leq \delta, |\delta'| \leq \nu + i, m \leq k$ , and  $i + k \leq \omega$  imply that (i) is true.

Let  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$ . Then using local coordinates as in (4.3) we find that

$$(4.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & D_j(\lambda, t)f(x) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\nu+1} \psi_j(x) \int e^{ix'\xi'} \theta'(\xi', \lambda) s \tilde{d}(t, x', x_v, \xi', s, \lambda) \phi_j s^{-1} f_\nu(\xi', s) d\xi' ds. \end{aligned}$$

Estimate (4.11) with  $l = 1, |\delta'| \leq \nu, |\varepsilon'| \leq \nu, m = p = 0$  and [8, Lem. 2] (that we have cited above) ensure that for every  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$  and for  $n = 0, 1 \dots$  there exists a constant  $C_{(n,f)}$  such that for  $t \in [a, b]$  we have

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} D_j(\lambda, t)f \right\| \leq C_{(n,f)} (1 + |\lambda|^{1+1/\omega})^{-1}.$$

Consequently

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{l_\theta} e^{\lambda\tau} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} D_j(\lambda, t) d\lambda f$$

exists for  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$ .

Suppose that  $k(x', x_v, \xi', s, r)$  vanishes for  $|x'| \leq R$  and that there exists a constant  $c$  such that  $|D_x^\alpha D_\xi^{\beta'} k(x', x_v, \xi', s, r)| \leq$

$\exp(-c(x_v + s)(|\xi'| + r)) (|\xi'| + r) \cdot (|\xi'| + r)^{1-\omega-|\beta'|}$  for  $|\alpha'| \leq \nu$  and  $|\beta'| \leq \nu$

and with  $\omega \geq 1$ . [8, Lem. 3] ensures the existence of a constant  $C = C(p, c, R, \nu)$  such that for  $g \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$  with support in interior of  $\mathbb{R}_+^\nu$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (2\pi)^{-\nu+1} \int e^{ix'\xi'} \left( \int_{r_1}^{r_2} r^{\omega-1} k(x', x_\nu, \xi', s, r) dr \right) \tilde{g}_\nu(x', s) d\xi' ds \right\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}_+^\nu)} \\ & \leq C \|g\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}_+^\nu)}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\tau > 0$  and  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  set

$$P_{n,j}(t, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{l_0} e^{\lambda t} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} D_j(\lambda, t) d\lambda.$$

Estimate (4.11) with  $|e'| \leq \nu$ ,  $|\delta'| \leq \nu$ ,  $m = l = p = 0$ , and [8, Lem. 3] (that we have cited above) ensure the existence of constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $\tau > 0$ , and  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ , we have

$$(4.13) \quad \|P_{n,j}(t, \tau)\| \leq H_0 H^n M_n.$$

Since, as we have checked above,  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} P_{n,j}(t, \tau)f$  exists for every  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$  we conclude, using (4.13), that  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} P_{n,j}(t, \tau)f$  exists for every  $f \in H^{0,p}(G)$ . It also follows from (4.13) that there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that

$$P_j(t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

Part (iii) is proved similarly.

An immediate consequence of Lemmas 4.1 and 4.3 and of the relation (4.1) is the following lemma.

LEMMA 4.4. *Suppose that the assumptions of Lemma 4.2 are satisfied for  $\theta = \alpha_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , with  $\pi/2 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < 3\pi/2$ .*

(i) *There exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\lambda \in l_{\alpha_i}$  we have*

$$P_0(\lambda, t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G)))$$

and

$$|\lambda| P_0(\lambda, t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

(ii)  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} 1/(2\pi i) \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} e^{\lambda t} P_0(\lambda, t) d\lambda f$  exists for every  $f \in H^{0,p}(G)$ . For  $f \in H^{0,p}(G)$  set

$$B(t)f = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} e^{\lambda t} P_0(\lambda, t) d\lambda f.$$

There exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that

$$B(t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

(iii) For  $\mu \notin \gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  let

$$R(\mu, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} P_0(\lambda, t)(\mu - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda$$

For  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $R(\mu, t)$  is analytic in the complement of  $\gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ . For every sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for

$$\mu \notin \Gamma(\alpha_1 - \varepsilon, \alpha_1 + \varepsilon) \cup \gamma(\alpha_2 - \varepsilon, \alpha_2 + \varepsilon)$$

we have  $R(\mu, t) \in G(|\mu|^{-1}H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G)))$ .

LEMMA 4.5. Let the assumptions of Lemma 4.2 be satisfied.

(i) For  $\lambda \in l_\theta$  and  $t \in [a, b]$  let  $W(\lambda, t)$  be the bounded operator in  $H^{0,p}(G)$  such that for  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$ ,  $W(\lambda, t)f = ((\lambda - A(t))P_0(\lambda, t) - I)f$ . There exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $\lambda \in l_\theta$  we have

$$(1 + |\lambda|^{1-\omega})W(\lambda, t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

(ii) For  $\lambda \in l_\theta$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$ , and  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$  let  $G_j(\lambda, t)$  be the bounded operator from  $H^{0,p}(G)$  to  $H^{\omega-\omega_j,p}(G)$  such that for  $f \in C_0^\infty(G)$ ,  $G_j(\lambda, t)f = B_j(t)P_0(\lambda, t)f$ . There exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $\lambda \in l_\theta$  we have

$$G_j(\lambda, t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{\omega-\omega_j,p}(G)))$$

and

$$|\lambda|^{1-\omega_j/\omega} G_j(\lambda t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

The proof of this lemma is similar to the proofs of [7, Lem. 4, 5, and 6].

The following results are proved in Tanabe [9]. Let the assumptions of Lemma 4.2 be satisfied for  $\theta$  such that  $\alpha_1 \leq \theta \leq \alpha_2$ . There exists a constant  $R$  such that  $\lambda \in \rho(A_B^p(t))$  for  $\lambda \in \Gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  with  $|\lambda| \geq R$  and for  $t \in [a, b]$ ,

$$(\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1} \in C^\infty([a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{\omega,p}(G)))$$

for  $\lambda \in \Gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  with  $|\lambda| \geq R$  and there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $\lambda \in \Gamma(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  with  $|\lambda| \geq R$  and  $n = 0, 1 \dots$  we have

$$(4.14) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} (\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1} \right\|_\omega + |\lambda| \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} (\lambda - A_B^p(t)) \right\|_0 \leq H_0 H^n M_n.$$

These results are proved in [9] for  $l = 1$  and the same proof applies also to systems.

LEMMA 4.6. Let the assumptions of Lemma 4.2 be satisfied. There exist constants  $H_0, H$ , and  $R$  such that for  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $\lambda \in l_\theta$  with  $|\lambda| \geq R$  and  $n = 0, 1 \dots$  we have  $\lambda \in \rho(A_B^p(t))$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} ((\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1} - P_0(\lambda, t)) \right\|_\omega \\
 (4.15) \quad & + |\lambda| \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} (\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1} - P_0(\lambda, t) \right\|_0 \\
 & \leq H_0 H^n M_n (1 + |\lambda|^{1/\omega})^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Choose  $R$  so that  $\lambda \in \rho(A_B^p(t))$  provided that  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $\lambda \in I_\theta$ , and  $|\lambda| \geq R$ . For  $t, \lambda$  as above, set  $u(t, \lambda) = ((\lambda - A_B(t))^{-1} - P_0(\lambda, t))f$ . Then

$$(4.16) \quad (\lambda - A(t))u(t, \lambda) = W(t, \lambda)f$$

and for  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$

$$(4.17) \quad B_j(t)u(t, \lambda) = G_j(t, \lambda)f \text{ on } \partial G$$

where  $W(t, \lambda)$  and  $G_j(t, \lambda)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , are defined as in Lemma 4.5. Using Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5 and the above-mentioned results of Tanabe we find that

$$(4.18) \quad (\lambda - A(t)) \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} u(t, \lambda) = - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} A^{n-i}(t) \frac{\partial^i}{\partial t^i} u(t, \lambda) + \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} W(t, \lambda)f$$

and on  $\partial G$

$$(4.19) \quad B_j(t) \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} u(t, \lambda) = - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} B_j^{n-i}(t) \frac{\partial^i}{\partial t^i} u(t, \lambda) + \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} G_j(t, \lambda)f.$$

Here  $A^k(t)$  denotes the differential system obtained from  $A(t, x, D)$  by differentiating each of the coefficients of  $A(t, x, D)$ , with respect to  $t$ ,  $k$  times;  $B_j^k(t)$  is defined similarly.

Observe that there exist constants  $C$  and  $R$  such that

$$(4.20) \quad \|v\|_\omega + |\lambda| \|v\|_0 \leq C(\|f\|_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{1}{2}\omega l} \|g_j\|_{\omega-\omega_j} + |\lambda|^{1-\omega_j/\omega} \|g_j\|_0)$$

provided that  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $v \in H^{\omega,p}(G)$ ,  $(A(t) - \lambda)v = f$ ,  $g_j \in H^{\omega-\omega_j,p}(G)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ ,  $B_j(t)v = g_j$  on  $\partial G$  for  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ ,  $\lambda \in I_\theta$ , and  $|\lambda| \geq R$  (see [9]). The assumptions of the present lemma, Lemma 4.5 and the *a priori* estimate (4.20) guarantee the existence of constants  $B_0$  and  $B$  such that for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $t \in [a, b]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_{\omega} + |\lambda| \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_0 \\
 (4.21) \quad & \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} B_0 B^{n-i} M_{n-i} \left\| \frac{\partial^i}{\partial t^i} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_{\omega} + B_0 B^n M_n (1 + |\lambda|^{1-\omega})^{-1} \|f\|_0 \\
 & + \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{1}{2}\omega l} |\lambda|^{1-\omega_j/\omega} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} B_0 B^{n-i} M_{n-i} \left\| \frac{\partial^i}{\partial t^i} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_{\omega_j}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Estimate (4.21) and the estimate  $\|f\|_{\omega_j} \leq C \|f\|_{\omega}^{\omega_j/\omega} \|f\|_0^{1-\omega_j/\omega}$  that holds for every  $f \in H^{\omega, p}(G)$  and  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$  with an appropriate constant  $C$ , guarantee the existence of constants  $B_0$  and  $B$  such that for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $t \in [a, b]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_{\omega} + |\lambda| \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_0 \\
 (4.22) \quad & \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} B_0 B^{n-i} M_{n-i} \left( \left\| \frac{\partial^i}{\partial t^i} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_{\omega} + |\lambda| \left\| \frac{\partial^i}{\partial t^i} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_0 \right) \\
 & + B_0 B^n M_n (1 + |\lambda|^{1/\omega})^{-1} \|f\|_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The relations (4.16) and (4.17), Lemma 4.5, and the *a priori* estimate (4.20) ensure the existence of a constant  $H_0 > 2B_0$  such that

$$(4.23) \quad \left\| u(t, \lambda) \right\|_{\omega} + |\lambda| \left\| u(t, \lambda) \right\|_0 \leq H_0 M_0 (1 + |\lambda|^{1/\omega})^{-1} \|f\|_0.$$

Estimates (4.23) and (4.22), the assumptions on  $\{M_n\}$ , and an induction on  $n$  guarantee that the estimate

$$(4.24) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_{\omega} + |\lambda| \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} u(t, \lambda) \right\|_0 \leq H_0 H^n M_n (1 + |\lambda|^{1/\omega})^{-1} \|f\|_0$$

holds for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  provided that  $H > \max(2B, 4d_1 B_0 B)$ .

Let  $0 \leq \theta_1 < \theta_2 < 2\pi$  and suppose that  $\theta_2 - \theta_1 \leq \pi$ . Assume that  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , satisfy Agmon's conditions on the ray  $l_{\theta_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Suppose that for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $l_{\theta_i} \subset \rho(A_B^p(t))$ . The results of [3] ensure the existence of a bounded projection  $E_p(t, \theta_1, \theta_2)$  in  $H^{0, p}(G)$  that satisfies the following requirements: for  $f \in D(A_B(t))$  we have  $E_p(t, \theta_1, \theta_2)f \in D(A_B(t))$  and  $A_B(t)E_p(t, \theta_1, \theta_2)f = E_p(t, \theta_1, \theta_2)A_B^p(t)f$ . Also  $\sigma(A_B^p(t)E_p(t, \theta_1, \theta_2)) - \{0\} = \sigma(A_B^p(t)) \cap \Gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  and there exists a constant  $c(t)$  such that for  $\lambda \notin \Gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  we have

$$\left\| (\lambda - A_B^p(t)E_p(t, \theta_1, \theta_2))^{-1} \right\| \leq c(t) |\lambda|^{-1}.$$

We remark that arguments similar to those used in the proof of part (ii) of



Lemma 4.7 below may be used to extend the above-mentioned result to the case  $\theta_1 - \theta_2 > \pi$ . Note that in case  $\pi/2 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < 3\pi/2$  we have

$$(4.25) \quad E_p(t, \theta_1, \theta_2)f = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \int_{\gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)} e^{\lambda\tau} (\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1} d\lambda f$$

for every  $f \in H^{0,p}(G)$ . (See [3].)

LEMMA 4.7. *Let  $\pi/2 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < 3\pi/2$ . Suppose that the assumptions of Lemma 4.2 are satisfied for  $\theta = \theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Assume that for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $I_{\theta_i} \subset \rho(A_B^p(t))$ . For  $t \in [a, b]$  set  $E_p(t) = E_p(t, \theta_1, \theta_2)$ .*

(i) *There exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that*

$$E_p(t) \in G(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

(ii) *There exists a complex  $\mu_0$  such that conditions (i), (ii), and (iii)' of Section 3 are satisfied by  $L(t) = A_B^p(t) + \mu_0 I$ .*

PROOF. Part (i) is an immediate consequence of (4.25), of Lemma 4.4 (ii), and of Lemma 4.6.

It follows from the assumptions of the present lemma that there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $t \in [a, b]$  we have  $\Gamma(\theta_1 - \delta, \theta_1) \cup \Gamma(\theta_2, \theta_2 + \delta) \subset \rho(A_B^p(t))$ . Let

$$\mu \in \Gamma(\theta_1 - \delta, \theta_1) \cup \Gamma(\theta_2, \theta_2 + \delta) - \gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2).$$

Then

$$(\mu - A_B^p(t)E_p(t))^{-1} = (\mu - A_B^p(t))^{-1}E_p(t) + \mu^{-1}(I - E_p(t)).$$

The resolvent equation,

$$(\mu - A_B^p(t))^{-1}(\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1} = (\mu - \lambda)^{-1}((\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1} - (\mu - A_B^p(t))^{-1})$$

combined with (4.25) implies that

$$(\mu - A_B^p(t))^{-1}E_p(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)} (\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1}(\mu - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda.$$

Consequently for  $\mu \in \Gamma(\theta_1 - \delta, \theta_1) \cup \Gamma(\theta_2, \theta_2 + \delta) - \gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  we have

$$(4.26) \quad (\mu - A_B^p(t)E_p(t))^{-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)} (\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1}(\mu - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda + \mu^{-1}(I - E_p(t)).$$

The right-hand side of (4.26) is analytic in the complement of  $\gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  and since  $\sigma(A_B^p(t)E_p(t)) \subset \Gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ , the relation (4.26) holds for  $\mu \notin \Gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ . The validity of (4.26) for  $\mu \notin \Gamma(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ , Lemma 4.4 (iii), Lemma 4.6, and (i) of the present lemma ensure that for every sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $\mu \notin \Gamma(\theta_1 - \varepsilon, \theta_2 + \varepsilon)$  we have

$$(\mu - A_B^p(t)E_p(t))^{-1} \in G(|\mu|^{-1}(H_0, H, [a, b], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))))$$

and consequently the assertion of part (ii) is true.

**THEOREM 4.8.** *Let  $\{M_n\}$  be a sequence of positive constants that satisfy the requirements (2.1) through (2.4). Denote by  $a(t, x)$  any of the coefficients of  $A(t, x, D)$  or of  $B_j(t, x, D)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ . Assume that  $a(t, x)$  is infinitely differentiable in  $[a, b] \times \bar{G}$  and that for every multi-index  $\alpha$  there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $(t, x) \in [a, b] \times \bar{G}$  we have*

$$\left| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \frac{\partial_\alpha}{\partial x_\alpha} a(t, x) \right| \leq H_0 H^n M_n.$$

*Assume that for  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , satisfy Agmon's conditions on the rays  $l_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}$  and  $l_{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}$ . Suppose that  $f(t) \in G(F_0, F, [a, b])$ . Let  $u(t) \in C[a, b] \cap C^1(a, b)$ . Suppose that for  $t \in (a, b)$  we have  $u(t) \in D(A_B^p(t))$  and*

$$(4.27) \quad \frac{du}{dt} - A_B^p(t)u(t) = f(t).$$

*Then  $u(t) \in C^\infty(a, b)$  and there exist constants  $C$  and  $B$  such that for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $t \in (a, b)$  we have*

$$(4.28) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u(t) \right\| \leq B^n M_n \left( (t-a)^{-n} \|E_1(a)u(a)\| + (b-t)^{-n} \|E_2(b)u(b)\| \right. \\ \left. + (t-a)^{-n+1} (b-t)^{-n+1} \left( \max_{t \in [a,b]} \|u(t)\| + F_0 \right) \right).$$

*$E_1(a)$  and  $E_2(b)$  are bounded projections in  $H^{0,p}(G)$  such that  $A_B^p(a)E_1(a)$  and  $-A_B^p(b)E_2(b)$  are infinitesimal generators of analytic semigroups.*

**PROOF.** To prove Theorem 4.8 it is sufficient to verify that for every  $t_0 \in [a, b]$  there exists an  $r > 0$  such that  $A_B^p(t)$  satisfies the requirements of Theorem 3.6 in the interval  $[a, b] \cap \{t; |t - t_0| \leq r\}$ . Let  $t_0 \in [a, b]$  and suppose that

$$0 \in \rho(A_B^p(t_0)).$$

The assumptions of the present theorem guarantee the existence of a  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $\theta \in [-\frac{1}{2}\pi - \delta, -\frac{1}{2}\pi + \delta] \cup [\frac{1}{2}\pi - \delta, \frac{1}{2}\pi + \delta]$ ,  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$   $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , satisfy Agmon's conditions on  $l_\theta$ . Choose  $R$  so that for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $\lambda \in \delta(\frac{1}{2}\pi - \delta, \frac{1}{2}\pi + \delta) \cup (\frac{1}{2}\pi - \delta, \frac{1}{2}\pi + \delta)$  with  $|\lambda| \geq R$  we have  $\lambda \in \rho(A_B^p(t_0))$  and estimate (4.14) holds. Noting the discreteness of the spectrum of  $A_B^p(t_0)$ , choose  $\delta$  so that in addition to the above-mentioned assumptions the rays  $l - \frac{1}{2}\pi - \delta$ ,  $l - \frac{1}{2}\pi + \delta$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}\pi l - \delta$ , and  $\frac{1}{2}\pi l + \delta$  belong to  $\rho(A_B(t_0))$ . Let  $\partial$  be the

boundary of  $\{\lambda; |\lambda| \leq R, \lambda \in \Gamma(-\frac{1}{2}\pi - \delta, -\frac{1}{2}\pi + \delta) \cup \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}\pi - \delta, \frac{1}{2}\pi + \delta)\}$ . The relation  $\partial \subset \rho(A_B^p(t_0))$ , the compactness of  $\partial$  and the validity of (4.14) for some  $\lambda$  ensure the existence of positive constants  $r, H_0$  and  $H$  such that for  $t \in [a, b]$  with  $|t - t_0| \leq r$  and  $\lambda \in \partial$  we have  $\lambda \in \rho(A_B^p(t))$  and

$$(4.29) \quad \left\| \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} (\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1} \right\| \leq H_0 H^n M_n.$$

Set  $[\alpha, \beta] = [a, b] \cap \{t; |t - t_0| \leq r\}$  and for  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$  let

$$E_p^0(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial} (\lambda - A_B^p(t))^{-1} d\lambda.$$

It follows from estimate (4.29) that there exist constants  $H_0$  and  $H$  such that

$$E_p^0(t) \in G(H_0, H, [\alpha, \beta], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G)))$$

and

$$A_B^p(t)E_p^0(t) \in G(H_0, H, [\alpha, \beta], B(H^{0,p}(G), H^{0,p}(G))).$$

For  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$ , let  $E_1(t) = E_p(t, \frac{1}{2}\pi + \delta, 3\pi/2 - \delta) + E_p^0(t)$  and set  $E_2(t) = E_p(t, -\frac{1}{2}\pi + \delta, \frac{1}{2}\pi - \delta)$ . The results of [3] guarantee that for  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$ ,  $A_B^p(t)$  is completely reduced by the direct sum decomposition

$$H^{0,p}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \oplus E_i(t)H^{0,p}(G).$$

Consequently Lemma 4.7 and the above-mentioned properties of  $E_p^0(t)$  and  $A_B^p(t)E_p^0(t)$  guarantee that  $A_B^p(t)$  satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 3.6 in  $[\alpha, \beta]$ . In case  $t_0 \in [a, b]$  and  $0 \notin \rho(A_B^p(t_0))$ , a result of the same type is obtained by considering the family  $A_B^p(t) - \lambda_0 I$  where  $\lambda_0 \in \rho(A_B^p(t_0))$ .

Note that Theorem 4.8 extends the results of [9] where it is assumed that for each  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $A_B^p(t)$  is the infinitesimal generator of an analytic semigroup. In this case there exist constants  $H_0, H, G_0$ , and  $G$  such that for  $n \geq 1$  and  $t \in (a, b)$  we have

$$(4.30) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u(t) \right\| \leq H_0 H^n M_n (t - a)^{-n} \|u(a)\| + G_0 G^n M_n (t - a)^{-n+1}.$$

See [9].

We state without proof the Theorem 4.9 that can be proved with the help of Theorem 3.3. by a method similar to that used in Theorem 4.8.

**THEOREM 4.9.** *Assume that the coefficients of  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , are infinitely differentiable in  $[a, b] \times \bar{G}$ . Suppose that for*

$t \in [a, b]$ ,  $A(t, x, D)$  and  $B_j(t, x, D)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\omega l$ , satisfy Agmon's conditions on the rays  $l_{+\pi}$  and  $l_{-\pi}$ . Let  $u(t) \in C[a, b] \cap C^1(a, b)$ , and suppose that for  $t \in (a, b)$ ,  $u(t) \in D(A_B^p(t))$  and  $du/dt - A_B^p(t)u(t) = f(t)$ . Then  $u(t) \in C^\infty(a, b)$  and for every positive integer  $n$  there exists a constant  $C_n$  such that for  $t \in (a, b)$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  we have

$$(4.31) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{dt^n} u(t) \right\| \leq C_n((t-a)^{-n} \|E_1(a)u(a)\| + (b-t)^{-n} \|E_2(b)u(b)\| + (t-a)^{-n+1}(b-t)^{-n+1} \left( \max_{t \in [a,b]} \|u(t)\| + \max_{\substack{k=0, \dots, n \\ t \in [a,b]}} \left\| \frac{d^k}{dt^k} f(t) \right\| \right).$$

$E_1(a)$  and  $E_2(b)$  are bounded projections in  $H^{0,p}(G)$  such that  $A_B^p(a)E_1(a)$  and  $-A_B^p(b)E_2(b)$  are infinitesimal generators of analytic semigroups.

Note that for  $p = 2$ , or for  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $A_B^p(t)$  independent of  $t$ , the assumptions of Theorem 4.9 and the results of [10] and [2] respectively guarantee that  $u(t) \in C^\infty(a, b)$ .

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