

## On semigroups with an infinitesimal operator

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**Abstract.** Let  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  be an iteration semigroup of linear continuous set-valued functions. If the semigroup has an infinitesimal operator then it is a uniformly continuous semigroup majorized by an exponential semigroup. Moreover, for sufficiently small  $t$  every linear selection of  $F^t$  is invertible and there exists an exponential semigroup  $\{f^t : t \geq 0\}$  of linear continuous selections  $f^t$  of  $F^t$ .

If  $X$  is a nonempty set, then  $n(X)$  denotes the set of all nonempty subsets of  $X$ . All linear spaces are over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We say that a nonempty subset  $C$  of a linear space is a *cone* if  $tC \subset C$  for every  $t > 0$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be linear spaces and  $C$  be a convex cone in  $X$ . The set-valued function (abbreviated to s.v. function)  $F : C \rightarrow n(Y)$  is called *superadditive* if

$$(1) \quad F(x) + F(y) \subset F(x + y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in C.$$

$F$  is said to be *additive* if equality holds in (1), and  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -*homogeneous* if

$$(2) \quad F(\lambda x) = \lambda F(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in C, \lambda \in \mathbb{Q}^+,$$

where  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  is the set of all positive rational numbers.  $F$  is *linear* if it is additive and (2) is satisfied for all  $\lambda > 0$ .

If  $X$  is a linear topological space, then  $b(X)$  denotes the set of all bounded elements of  $n(X)$ , and  $c(X)$  stands for the family of all compact elements of  $n(X)$ .

Now let  $X, Y$  be topological spaces. An s.v. function  $F : X \rightarrow n(Y)$  is called *lower semicontinuous* at  $x_0 \in X$  if for every open set  $G$  in  $Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \cap G \neq \emptyset$  there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  in  $X$  such that  $F(x) \cap G \neq \emptyset$  for  $x \in U$ . We say that  $F$  is lower semicontinuous in a set  $A \subset X$  if  $F$  is lower semicontinuous at every point  $x \in A$ .

We say that  $F : X \rightarrow n(Y)$  is *upper semicontinuous* at  $x_0 \in X$  if for every open set  $G \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset G$  there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$

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in  $X$  such that  $F(x) \subset G$  for  $x \in U$ ;  $F$  is called upper semicontinuous in a set  $A \subset X$  if it is upper semicontinuous at every point of  $A$ , and *continuous* if it is both lower and upper semicontinuous.

We recall a set-valued version of the Banach–Steinhaus theorem.

LEMMA 1 (Lemma 4 in [8]). *Let  $X, Y$  be normed spaces,  $C \subset X$  a convex cone of the second category in  $C$ , and  $\{F_i : i \in I\}$  a family of superadditive,  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -homogeneous and lower semicontinuous s.v. functions  $F_i : C \rightarrow n(Y)$ . If  $\bigcup_{i \in I} F_i(x) \in b(Y)$  for every  $x \in C$  then there exists a constant  $M \in (0, \infty)$  such that*

$$\sup_{i \in I} \|F_i(x)\| \leq M\|x\|, \quad x \in C,$$

where  $\|F_i(x)\| = \sup\{\|y\| : y \in F_i(x)\}$ .

Applying Lemma 1 to one s.v. function  $F : C \rightarrow b(Y)$ , we can define the norm of  $F$  by

$$(3) \quad \|F\| := \inf\{M > 0 : \forall x \in C \ \|F(x)\| \leq M\|x\|\}.$$

REMARK 1. There exists an open convex cone which is of the first category in itself.

*Proof.* This example is adapted from [8]. Let  $C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  denote the space of all bounded continuous functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $K := \{x \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) : \text{supp } x \in b(\mathbb{R})\}$  and  $\|x\| := \sup\{|x(t)| : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  for  $x \in K$ . Observe that  $(K, \|\cdot\|)$  is a normed space. Therefore  $K$  is an open convex cone in the space  $K$ . On the other hand, from the proof of Remark 1 in [8] it follows that  $K$  is of the first category in  $K$ . ■

Since not every convex cone with nonempty interior is of the second category in itself, in order to define the norm of a linear continuous s.v. function defined on such a cone, the following lemma will be useful.

LEMMA 2. *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $C \subset X$  a convex cone with nonempty interior, and  $F : C \rightarrow b(X)$  a superadditive,  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -homogeneous and upper semicontinuous s.v. function. Then there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that*

$$\|F(x)\| \leq M\|x\| \quad \text{for } x \in C.$$

*Proof.* Fix  $x_0 \in \text{Int } C$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there exists  $r > 0$  such that  $B(x_0, r) \subset C$ , where  $B(x_0, r)$  is the open ball with center at  $x_0$  and radius  $r$ . Since  $F$  is upper semicontinuous at  $x_0$ , there exists  $0 < \delta < r$  such that

$$F(y) \subset F(x_0) + B(0, \varepsilon) \quad \text{for } y \in B(x_0, \delta).$$

Let  $x \in B(0, \delta) \cap C$ . Then  $x + x_0 \in B(x_0, \delta) \cap C = B(x_0, \delta)$  and

$$F(x + x_0) \subset F(x_0) + B(0, \varepsilon).$$

By the above relation and superadditivity of  $F$ ,

$$F(x) + F(x_0) \subset F(x + x_0) \subset F(x_0) + B(0, \varepsilon) \subset F(x_0) + \text{cl } B(0, \varepsilon)$$

for all  $x \in B(0, \delta) \cap C$ . On account of the Rådström theorem (see [5]) we obtain

$$F(x) \subset \text{cl } B(0, \varepsilon) \quad \text{for all } x \in B(0, \delta) \cap C.$$

This means that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0, x \in C} F(x) = \{0\}$  and according to Lemma 2 in [8], the proof is complete.

For a function  $F$  satisfying the assumptions of the above lemma we can define the norm  $\|F\|$  in the same way as in (3).

If  $Y$  is a normed space, then  $h$  denotes the Hausdorff distance derived from the norm in  $Y$ .

LEMMA 3. *Let  $X, Y$  be normed spaces and  $C \subset X$  be a convex cone of the second category in  $C$ . Let  $\{F_t : t > 0\}$  be a family of superadditive,  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -homogeneous and lower semicontinuous s.v. functions  $F_t : C \rightarrow b(Y)$ . If there exists an s.v. function  $G : C \rightarrow b(Y)$  such that*

$$(4) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} h(F_t(x), G(x)) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in C,$$

then there exist  $M, T \in (0, \infty)$  such that

$$\|F_t\| \leq M \quad \text{for every } t \in (0, T].$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $G : C \rightarrow b(Y)$  is an s.v. function satisfying (4) and suppose that the assertion of the lemma is false. Then for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $t_n \in (0, 1/n)$  such that

$$\|F_{t_n}\| > n.$$

Therefore, according to Lemma 1, there exists an element  $x_0 \in C$  for which the set  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{t_n}(x_0)$  is not bounded. Thus

$$(5) \quad \sup\{\|F_{t_n}(x_0)\| : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \infty.$$

On the other hand, condition (4) implies that there exists  $T > 0$  with

$$(6) \quad F_t(x_0) \subset G(x_0) + S \quad \text{for } t \in (0, T),$$

where  $S$  is the closed unit ball in  $Y$ . Therefore

$$\|F_{t_n}(x_0)\| \leq \|G(x_0)\| + 1 \quad \text{for every } n > 1/T,$$

which contradicts (5).

From now on,  $\text{Id}$  stands for the map  $x \mapsto \{x\}$ , called the set-valued identity.

COROLLARY 1. *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $C \subset X$  a convex cone of the second category in  $C$ , and  $\{F_t : t > 0\}$  a family of superadditive,  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -homogeneous and lower semicontinuous set-valued functions  $F_t : C \rightarrow b(X)$ ,*

$t > 0$ . If there exists an s.v. function  $G : C \rightarrow b(X)$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} h\left(\frac{1}{t}(F_t(x) - x), G(x)\right) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in C,$$

then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|F_t - \text{Id}\| = 0.$$

*Proof.* According to Lemma 3, there exist positive constants  $T, M$  such that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{t}(F_t - \text{Id}) \right\| \leq M \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T].$$

Therefore

$$\|F_t - \text{Id}\| \leq tM \quad \text{for } t \in (0, T],$$

which proves the corollary.

LEMMA 4. Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $C \subset X$  a convex cone with nonempty interior, and  $\{F_t : t > 0\}$  a family of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F_t : C \rightarrow b(X)$ ,  $t > 0$ , such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|F_t - \text{Id}\| = 0$ . Then there exists a constant  $T > 0$  such that each linear selection of  $F_t$  ( $0 < t < T$ ) is invertible.

*Proof.* According to Lemma 5 in [8] there exists a positive constant  $M$  such that for every linear continuous s.v. function  $F$ ,

$$(7) \quad h(F(x), F(y)) \leq M\|F\| \|x - y\|, \quad x, y \in C.$$

By our assumptions, there exists  $T > 0$  such that

$$(8) \quad \|F_t - \text{Id}\| < \frac{1}{2M}, \quad 0 < t < T.$$

Fix  $t \in (0, T)$  and let  $f_t$  be a linear selection of  $F_t$ . Since  $\text{Int } C \neq \emptyset$ , we have  $X = C - C$ . Thus there exists a unique linear extension  $\widehat{f}_t$  of  $f_t$  to the space  $X$ , which is defined as follows:

$$\widehat{f}_t(x - y) = f_t(x) - f_t(y), \quad x, y \in C.$$

By (7) and (8), for all  $x, y \in C$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\widehat{f}_t(x - y) - (x - y)\| &= \|(f_t(x) - x) - (f_t(y) - y)\| \leq M\|f_t - \text{id}\| \|x - y\| \\ &\leq M\|F_t - \text{Id}\| \|x - y\| < \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore  $\|\widehat{f}_t - \text{id}\| < 1$ , which completes the proof. ■

Combining Lemma 4 with Corollary 1, we get

COROLLARY 2. Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $C \subset X$  a convex cone of the second category in  $C$  with nonempty interior, and  $\{F_t : t > 0\}$  a family of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F_t : C \rightarrow b(X)$ ,  $t > 0$ . Assume that there

exists an s.v. function  $G : C \rightarrow b(X)$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} h \left( \frac{1}{t} (F_t(x) - x), G(x) \right) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in C.$$

Then there exists a constant  $T > 0$  such that each linear selection of  $F_t$ ,  $0 < t < T$ , is invertible.

The composition  $G \circ F$  of s.v. functions  $F : X \rightarrow n(Y)$  and  $G : Y \rightarrow n(Z)$  is the s.v. function given as follows:

$$(G \circ F)(x) := G(F(x)) \quad \text{for } x \in X.$$

A family  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  of s.v. functions  $F^t : X \rightarrow n(X)$  is called an *iteration semigroup* if

$$F^t \circ F^s = F^{t+s} \quad \text{for all } s, t \geq 0.$$

Let  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  be an iteration semigroup of s.v. functions, defined on a cone  $C$  in a normed space  $X$  with values in  $b(C)$ . It is *continuous* if the s.v. function  $t \mapsto F^t(x)$  is continuous for every  $x \in C$ . The semigroup  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  has an *infinitesimal operator* if there exists an s.v. function  $G : C \rightarrow b(X)$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} h(t^{-1}(F^t(x) - x), G(x)) = 0$ , for every  $x \in C$ . Then  $G$  is called an infinitesimal operator of the semigroup.

Let  $C$  be a convex cone of the second category in itself with nonempty interior. By Corollary 1, a semigroup of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F^t : C \rightarrow b(C)$  which has an infinitesimal operator is uniformly continuous, that is,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|F^t - \text{Id}\| = 0$ . Moreover, for sufficiently small  $t$  every linear selection of  $F^t$  is invertible (see Corollary 2).

According to Lemmas 4 and 5 of [8] we obtain a more general version of Theorem 1 of [2] (the proof runs in much the same way).

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space, and  $C \subset X$  a convex cone of the second category in  $C$  with nonempty interior. If  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  is an iteration semigroup of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F^t : C \rightarrow c(C)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , satisfying the conditions*

- (i)  $F^0 = \text{Id}$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|F^t - \text{Id}\| = 0$ ,

then there exist constants  $M > 0$  and  $\omega \geq 0$  with the property that

$$(9) \quad \|F^t\| \leq M e^{\omega t}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Moreover, if  $B$  is a bounded subset of  $C$ , then

$$(10) \quad \forall s_0 \geq 0 \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x \in B \forall s \geq 0 (|s - s_0| < \delta \Rightarrow h(F^s(x), F^{s_0}(x)) < \varepsilon).$$

**REMARK 2.** An iteration semigroup satisfying the assumptions of Theorem 1 is continuous.

COROLLARY 3. Let  $X$  be a normed space, and  $C \subset X$  a convex cone of the second category in  $C$  with nonempty interior. If  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  is an iteration semigroup of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F^t : C \rightarrow c(C)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , satisfying the conditions

- (i)  $F^0 = \text{Id}$ ,
- (ii) there exists an s.v. function  $G : C \rightarrow b(X)$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{-1}(F^t(x) - x) = G(x) \quad \text{for every } x \in C,$$

then there exists constants  $M > 0$  and  $\omega \geq 0$  with the property that

$$\|F^t\| \leq M e^{\omega t}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Moreover, if  $B$  is a bounded subset of  $C$ , then

$$\forall_{s_0 \geq 0} \forall_{\varepsilon > 0} \exists \delta > 0 \forall_{x \in B} \forall_{s \geq 0} (|s - s_0| < \delta \Rightarrow h(F^s(x), F^{s_0}(x)) < \varepsilon).$$

If  $X$  is a linear space, then we say that an iteration semigroup  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  is *concave* if

$$F^{\lambda s + (1-\lambda)t}(x) \subset \lambda F^s(x) + (1-\lambda)F^t(x)$$

for all  $s, t \geq 0$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in X$ .

Observe that a concave iteration semigroup satisfying the assumptions of Theorem 1 in [3] also fulfils the assumptions of the above corollary.

Let  $C$  be a convex cone in a normed space  $X$ . If  $g : C \rightarrow C$  is an additive and positively homogeneous continuous operator, then  $e^{tg} : C \rightarrow C$  is defined as follows:

$$e^{tg}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i g^i(x)}{i!}, \quad x \in C, \quad t \geq 0.$$

LEMMA 5. Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $C$  a convex cone in  $X$  with nonempty interior, and  $T$  a positive number. Let  $\{f^t : t \in [0, T]\}$  be a family of linear continuous operators from  $C$  into  $C$  satisfying the conditions

- (i)  $f^0 = \text{id}$ ,
- (ii)  $f^t \circ f^s = f^{t+s}$  for  $t, s, t+s \in [0, T]$ ,
- (iii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|f^t - \text{id}\| = 0$ .

Then there exists a unique linear continuous operator  $g : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $f^t(x) = e^{tg}(x)$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\tilde{f}^t$  be an extension of  $f^t$  to  $X = C - C$  defined as follows:

$$\tilde{f}^t(x_1 - x_2) = f^t(x_1) - f^t(x_2), \quad t \in [0, T], \quad x_1, x_2 \in C.$$

Note that  $\{\tilde{f}^t : t \in [0, T]\}$  is a family of linear continuous operators satisfying (i)–(iii). Indeed, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in C$ ,  $t, s, t+s \in [0, T]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{f}^t \circ \tilde{f}^s)(x_1 - x_2) &= \tilde{f}^t(\tilde{f}^s(x_1 - x_2)) = \tilde{f}^t(f^s(x_1) - f^s(x_2)) \\ &= \tilde{f}^t(f^s(x_1)) - \tilde{f}^t(f^s(x_2)) = f^t(f^s(x_1)) - f^t(f^s(x_2)) \\ &= f^{t+s}(x_1) - f^{t+s}(x_2) = \tilde{f}^{t+s}(x_1 - x_2). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 5 in [8], there exists  $M > 0$  such that for every  $t \geq 0$  and  $x, y \in C$ ,

$$\|(f^t - \text{id})(x) - (f^t - \text{id})(y)\| \leq M\|f^t - \text{id}\|\|x - y\|$$

and consequently  $\|\tilde{f}^t - \text{id}\| \leq M\|f^t - \text{id}\|$ , which together with condition (iii) gives

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|\tilde{f}^t - \text{id}\| = 0.$$

Take any  $t > T$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough that  $t/n \in [0, T]$  and define  $\tilde{f}^t := (\tilde{f}^{t/n})^n$ . This function is well defined. If  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  are so chosen that  $t/n, t/m \in [0, T]$  then  $t/nm \in [0, T]$ . Hence

$$(\tilde{f}^{t/m})^m = [(\tilde{f}^{t/nm})^n]^m = [(\tilde{f}^{t/nm})^m]^n = (\tilde{f}^{t/n})^n.$$

Since  $\{\tilde{f}^t : t \geq 0\}$  is a uniformly continuous iteration semigroup of linear continuous operators, there exists a unique linear continuous operator  $g : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $\tilde{f}^t = e^{tg}$  for  $t \geq 0$  (cf. Corollary 1.4 in [4]), which completes the proof.

An element  $x$  of a nonempty set  $A$  in a linear space  $X$  is called an *extreme point* of  $A$  if there is no  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and two different  $x_1, x_2 \in A$  such that  $x = \lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2$ . We denote by  $\text{Ext } A$  the set of all extreme points of  $A$ .

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $Y$  a linear space, and  $F : X \rightarrow n(Y)$  an s.v. function. We say that a selection  $f$  of  $F$  is *extreme* if  $f(x) \in \text{Ext } F(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

REMARK 3. Let  $X, Y$  be normed spaces,  $C \subset X$  an open convex cone, and  $x_0 \in C$ . If  $f$  is an additive selection of an additive lower semicontinuous s.v. function  $F : C \rightarrow n(Y)$  such that  $f(x_0) \in \text{Ext } F(x_0)$  then  $f$  is extreme, linear and continuous.

*Proof.* According to Nikodem's theorem (Th. 5.4 in [1]) a selection  $f$  such that  $f(x_0) \in \text{Ext } F(x_0)$  is unique and  $f(x) \in \text{Ext } F(x)$  for  $x \in C$ . Since  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for each  $x \in C$  and  $F$  is continuous, by Theorems 5.2 and 5.3 in [1],  $f$  is linear continuous.

The following lemma is a generalization of Lemma 4 in [2]. The separability of  $X$  is not necessary.

LEMMA 6. Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $C$  an open convex cone in  $X$ , and  $x_0 \in C$ . Let  $F, G : C \rightarrow n(C)$  be additive lower semicontinuous s.v. functions such that every extreme additive selection of  $F$  is invertible. Then for each additive selection  $h$  of  $F \circ G$  such that

$$h(x_0) \in \text{Ext } (F \circ G)(x_0)$$

there exist unique additive selections  $f$  and  $g$  of  $F$  and  $G$  respectively for which

$$h = f \circ g.$$

Moreover,  $f$  and  $g$  are extreme, linear and continuous.

*Proof.* There exists a point  $y_0 \in G(x_0)$  such that  $h(x_0) \in \text{Ext } F(y_0)$ . According to Nikodem's theorem (Th. 5.4 in [1]) there exists exactly one additive selection  $f$  of  $F$  such that  $h(x_0) = f(y_0)$  and  $f(x) \in \text{Ext } F(x)$  for  $x \in C$ .

We will show that  $y_0 \in \text{Ext } G(x_0)$  and it is unique.

Suppose that  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,  $y_1, y_2 \in G(x_0)$  and  $y_0 = \lambda y_1 + (1 - \lambda)y_2$ . Then  $f(y_1), f(y_2) \in F(G(x_0))$  and

$$h(x_0) = f(y_0) = \lambda f(y_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(y_2) \in \text{Ext } (F \circ G)(x_0),$$

hence  $f(y_1) = f(y_2) = f(y_0)$ . Since  $f$  is invertible we have  $y_1 = y_2 = y_0$ .

Now suppose that there exists  $z \neq y_0$  such that  $z \in \text{Ext } G(x_0)$  and  $h(x_0) \in \text{Ext } F(z)$ . Then for every  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$h(x_0) = \lambda h(x_0) + (1 - \lambda)h(x_0) \in \lambda F(z) + (1 - \lambda)F(y_0) = F(\lambda z + (1 - \lambda)y_0).$$

Since  $h(x_0)$  is an extreme point of  $F(G(x_0))$  it cannot be expressed as a convex combination of elements of the set  $F(\lambda z + (1 - \lambda)y_0) \subset F(G(x_0))$ . Hence  $h(x_0) \in \text{Ext } F(\lambda z + (1 - \lambda)y_0)$ . On account of Nikodem's theorem there exists a unique extreme additive selection  $\tilde{f}$  of  $F$  such that  $h(x_0) = \tilde{f}(\lambda z + (1 - \lambda)y_0)$ . Remark 3 shows that  $\tilde{f}$  is linear and therefore

$$(11) \quad h(x_0) = \tilde{f}(\lambda z + (1 - \lambda)y_0) = \lambda \tilde{f}(z) + (1 - \lambda)\tilde{f}(y_0).$$

Since  $h(x_0) \in \text{Ext } (F \circ G)(x_0)$  and  $\tilde{f}(z), \tilde{f}(y_0) \in (F \circ G)(x_0)$ , (11) shows that  $h(x_0) = \tilde{f}(z) = \tilde{f}(y_0)$  and so  $z = y_0$ .

Again by Nikodem's theorem there exists exactly one additive selection  $g$  of the additive s.v. function  $G$  such that  $y_0 = g(x_0)$  and  $g(x) \in \text{Ext } G(x)$  for  $x \in C$ .

Therefore  $h(x_0) = f(y_0) = f(g(x_0)) = (f \circ g)(x_0)$  and  $h, f \circ g$  are additive selections of  $F \circ G$ , which yields  $h = f \circ g$ . On account of Remark 3 both  $f$  and  $g$  are linear continuous, which completes the proof.

By induction, we get the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 4.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $C$  an open convex cone in  $X$ ,  $x_0 \in C$ , and  $n \geq 2$  a positive integer. Let  $F_1, \dots, F_n : C \rightarrow c(C)$  be additive lower semicontinuous s.v. functions such that every extreme additive selection of  $F_i$  is invertible for  $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$ . Then for every additive selection  $h$  of  $F_n \circ \dots \circ F_1$  satisfying*

$$h(x_0) \in \text{Ext}(F_n \circ \dots \circ F_1)(x_0)$$



there exist unique additive selections  $f_i$  of  $F_i$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , such that

$$h = f_n \circ \dots \circ f_1.$$

Moreover each  $f_i$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , is extreme, linear and continuous.

Combining Lemma 4 and the above corollary gives us a lemma which will be useful later.

LEMMA 7. *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $C \subset X$  an open convex cone. Let  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  be an iteration semigroup of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F^t : C \rightarrow c(C)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , satisfying the condition*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|F^t - \text{Id}\| = 0.$$

*Then every extreme linear selection of  $F^t$  ( $t > 0$ ) is invertible.*

*Proof.* According to Lemma 4, there exists a constant  $T > 0$  such that each linear continuous selection of  $F^t$  ( $0 < t < T$ ) is invertible.

It remains to show that the assertion is true for  $t > T$ . Fix  $t_0 > T$ ,  $x_0 \in C$  and a linear selection  $f$  of  $F^{t_0}$  such that  $f(x_0) \in \text{Ext } F^{t_0}(x_0)$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be large enough that  $t_0/n \in (0, T)$ . Then  $f(x_0) \in \text{Ext } F^{t_0}(x_0) = \text{Ext } (F^{t_0/n})^n(x_0)$ . Hence, on account of Corollary 4, there exist unique linear selections  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  such that

$$f = f_n \circ \dots \circ f_1.$$

Since each function  $f_i$  ( $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ) is invertible, so is  $f$ .

Note that if  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  is an iteration semigroup with an infinitesimal operator, then every extreme linear selection of  $F^t$  is invertible.

The next theorem is a refinement of Theorem 2 in [2]; the assumption that there exists a finite cone-basis is omitted. Moreover the assertion is stronger.

THEOREM 2. *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $C \subset X$  an open convex cone. Let  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  be an iteration semigroup of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F^t : C \rightarrow c(C)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , satisfying the conditions*

- (i)  $F^0 = \text{Id}$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|F^t - \text{Id}\| = 0$ .

*Then for every  $t_0 > 0$ ,  $x_0 \in C$  and  $y_0 \in \text{Ext } F^{t_0}(x_0)$  there exists exactly one iteration semigroup  $\{f^t : t \geq 0\}$  of linear selections  $f^t$  of  $F^t$  with the property  $f^{t_0}(x_0) = y_0$ .*

*Moreover,  $f^t$  is extreme for every  $t \in [0, t_0]$  and there exists a unique linear continuous operator  $g : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $f^t(x) = e^{tg}(x)$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and  $x \in C$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  be an iteration semigroup satisfying our assumptions. By Lemma 7 every extreme linear selection of  $F^t$  is invertible

for  $t > 0$ . Fix  $t_0 > 0$ ,  $x_0 \in C$  and  $y_0 \in \text{Ext } F^{t_0}(x_0)$ . Then there exists exactly one extreme linear selection  $a^{t_0}$  of  $F^{t_0}$  such that

$$(12) \quad a^{t_0}(x_0) = y_0.$$

Let  $t, s, t + s \in [0, t_0]$ . Then  $\text{Ext } F^{t_0}(x) = \text{Ext } (F^{t_0-(t+s)} \circ F^{t+s})(x)$  for all  $x \in C$ . On account of Lemma 6, there exist unique extreme linear selections  $a^{t_0-(t+s)}$ ,  $f^{t+s}$  of  $F^{t_0-(t+s)}$ ,  $F^{t+s}$  respectively, such that

$$(13) \quad a^{t_0} = a^{t_0-(t+s)} \circ f^{t+s}.$$

Similarly, there exist unique extreme linear selections  $g^t, h^s$  of  $F^t, F^s$  respectively, such that

$$(14) \quad a^{t_0} = a^{t_0-(t+s)} \circ g^t \circ h^s.$$

Since  $a^{t_0-(t+s)}$  is invertible, from (13) and (14) we conclude that for every  $t, s, t + s \in [0, t_0]$ ,

$$(15) \quad f^{t+s} = g^t \circ h^s.$$

In this way we have defined the families of linear functions  $\{f^t : t \in [0, t_0]\}$ ,  $\{g^t : t \in [0, t_0]\}$  and  $\{h^t : t \in [0, t_0]\}$  satisfying the Pexider equation (15). Taking in (15)  $s = 0$  and next  $t = 0$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f^t &= g^t \circ h^0 = g^t \circ \text{id} = g^t & \text{for } t \in [0, t_0], \\ f^s &= g^0 \circ h^s = \text{id} \circ h^s = h^s & \text{for } s \in [0, t_0]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for all  $t, s \in [0, t_0]$  such that  $t + s \in [0, t_0]$  we have  $f^t = g^t = h^t$ .

Therefore  $\{f^t : t \in [0, t_0]\}$  is a family of extreme linear continuous selections of functions from  $\{F^t : t \in [0, t_0]\}$ , respectively, such that

$$(16) \quad f^{t+s} = f^t \circ f^s \quad \text{for } t, s, t + s \in [0, t_0].$$

Moreover, since  $a^{t_0}(x_0) = y_0$ , substituting  $t + s = t_0$  in (13) we obtain  $f^{t_0}(x_0) = y_0$ .

Observe that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|f^t - \text{id}\| = 0$ , since  $\|f^t - \text{id}\| \leq \|F^t - \text{Id}\|$ . Therefore, by Lemma 5, there exists a unique linear continuous operator  $g$  such that  $f^t = e^{tg}$  for  $t \in [0, t_0]$  and  $e^{t_0g}(x) = f^{t_0}(x) = y_0$ .

Take  $t > t_0$  and  $x \in C$ . There exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough to have  $t/n \in [0, t_0]$ . Since  $f^{t/n}(x) \in \text{Ext } F^{t/n}(x)$  and  $f^t = (f^{t/n})^n$ , we have  $f^t(x) \in F^t(x)$ ,  $x \in C$ , which finishes our proof.

**COROLLARY 5.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $C \subset X$  an open convex cone. Let  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  be an iteration semigroup of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F^t : C \rightarrow c(C)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , satisfying the conditions*

- (i)  $F^0 = \text{Id}$ ,
- (ii) *there exists a set-valued function  $G : C \rightarrow b(X)$  such that*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (F^t(x) - x) = G(x) \quad \text{for } x \in C.$$

Then for every  $t_0 > 0$ ,  $x_0 \in C$  and  $y_0 \in \text{Ext } F^{t_0}(x_0)$  there exists exactly one iteration semigroup  $\{f^t : t \geq 0\}$  of linear selections  $f^t$  of  $F^t$  with the property  $f^{t_0}(x_0) = y_0$ .

Moreover,  $f^t$  is extreme for  $t \in [0, t_0]$  and there exists a unique linear continuous operator  $g : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $g(x) \in G(x)$  and  $f^t(x) = e^{tg}(x)$  for every  $x \in C$  and  $t \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  be an iteration semigroup satisfying our assumptions. According to Corollary 1, the semigroup also fulfills all assumptions of the above theorem. Therefore there exists a unique linear continuous operator  $g : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $f^t(x) = e^{tg}(x)$  for every  $x \in C$  and  $t \geq 0$ . Hence

$$(17) \quad \frac{e^{tg}(x) - x}{t} = \frac{f^t(x) - x}{t} \in \frac{F^t(x) - x}{t}, \quad x \in C, t \geq 0.$$

Fix any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in C$ . According to assumption (ii), there exists  $T_1 > 0$  such that

$$(18) \quad \frac{F^t(x) - x}{t} \subset G(x) + \varepsilon S \quad \text{for all } 0 < t < T_1.$$

Combining (17) with (18), we can write

$$\frac{e^{tg}(x) - x}{t} \in G(x) + \varepsilon S \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T_1).$$

Consequently,

$$g(x) \in G(x) + \varepsilon S.$$

Since  $G(x)$  is compact, as a limit of a sequence in the complete space  $c(C)$ ,

$$g(x) \in G(x), \quad x \in C,$$

and the proof is complete.

**COROLLARY 6.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $C \subset X$  a convex cone with nonempty interior. Let  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  be an iteration semigroup of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F^t : C \rightarrow c(C)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , satisfying the conditions*

- (i)  $F^0 = \text{Id}$ ,
- (ii)  $F^t(\text{Int } C) \subset \text{Int } C$ ,  $t > 0$ ,
- (iii) *there exists a set-valued function  $G : C \rightarrow c(C)$  such that*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (F^t(x) - x) = G(x) \quad \text{for } x \in C.$$

Then for every  $t_0 > 0$ ,  $x_0 \in \text{Int } C$  and  $y_0 \in \text{Ext } F^{t_0}(x_0)$  there exists exactly one iteration semigroup  $\{f^t : t \geq 0\}$  of linear selections  $f^t$  of  $F^t$  with the property  $f^{t_0}(x_0) = y_0$ .

Moreover,  $f^t(x) \in \text{Ext } F^t(x)$  for  $x \in \text{Int } C$  and  $t \in [0, t_0]$ , and there exists a unique linear continuous operator  $g : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $g(x) \in G(x)$  ( $x \in C$ ) and  $f^t = e^{tg}$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\widehat{F}^t = F^t|_{\text{Int } C}$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . It is easy to observe that  $\{\widehat{F}^t : t \geq 0\}$  is an iteration semigroup of linear s.v. functions satisfying all assumptions of Theorem 2.

Then for every  $t_0 > 0$ ,  $x_0 \in \text{Int } C$  and  $y_0 \in \text{Ext } \widehat{F}^{t_0}(x_0)$  there exists exactly one iteration semigroup  $\{\widehat{f}^t : t \geq 0\}$  of linear continuous selections  $\widehat{f}^t$  of  $\widehat{F}^t$  with the property  $\widehat{f}^{t_0}(x_0) = y_0$ .

Moreover, there exists a unique linear continuous operator  $g : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $g(x) \in G(x)$  and  $\widehat{f}^t(x) = e^{tg}(x)$  for  $x \in \text{Int } C$  and  $t \geq 0$ .

Since  $C$  is a convex cone with nonempty interior,  $\overline{C} = \overline{\text{Int } C}$ . Therefore we can uniquely extend every function  $\widehat{f}^t$  to a linear continuous function  $f^t : C \rightarrow X$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . It is also easily seen that  $f^t(x) = e^{tg}(x)$  for  $x \in C$  and  $t \geq 0$ .

Fix  $t \geq 0$ . We will show that  $f^t$  is a selection of  $F^t$ . Take  $x \in C \setminus \text{Int } C$  and a sequence of elements  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of the cone  $\text{Int } C$ . Then, by the closedness of  $F^t(x)$  and the continuity of  $F^t$ ,

$$f^t(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{f}^t(x_n) \in \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{F}^t(x_n) = F^t(x). \blacksquare$$

From the above theorem and Theorem 1 of [3], one can obtain a similar result for concave iteration semigroups.

**COROLLARY 7.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $C \subset X$  a closed convex cone with nonempty interior. Let  $\{F^t : t \geq 0\}$  be a concave iteration semigroup of linear continuous s.v. functions  $F^t : C \rightarrow c(C)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , such that  $F^0 = \text{Id}$  and  $F^t(\text{Int } C) \subset \text{Int } C$  for  $t > 0$ . Then for every  $t_0 > 0$ ,  $x_0 \in \text{Int } C$  and  $y_0 \in \text{Ext } F^{t_0}(x_0)$  there exists exactly one iteration semigroup  $\{f^t : t \geq 0\}$  of linear selections  $f^t$  of  $F^t$  with the property  $f^{t_0}(x_0) = y_0$ .*

*Moreover,  $f^t(x) \in \text{Ext } F^t(x)$  for  $x \in \text{Int } C$  and  $t \in [0, t_0]$  and there exists a unique linear continuous operator  $g : X \rightarrow X$  such that*

$$g(x) \in \bigcap_{t \geq 0} \frac{1}{t} (F^t(x) - x)$$

*and  $f^t(x) = e^{tg}(x)$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and  $x \in C$ .*

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