

## $H^\infty$ functional calculus in real interpolation spaces, II

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**Abstract.** Let  $A$  be a linear closed one-to-one operator in a complex Banach space  $X$ , having dense domain and dense range. If  $A$  is of type  $\omega$  (i.e. the spectrum of  $A$  is contained in a sector of angle  $2\omega$ , symmetric about the real positive axis, and  $\|\lambda(\lambda I - A)^{-1}\|$  is bounded outside every larger sector), then  $A$  has a bounded  $H^\infty$  functional calculus in the real interpolation spaces between  $X$  and the intersection of the domain and the range of the operator itself.

**1. Introduction.** In this paper we consider the  $H^\infty$  functional calculus on a sector for a closed, linear, one-to-one operator  $A$  on a complex Banach space  $X$ , having dense domain and dense range, with resolvent set that contains  $\mathbb{R}^-$  and resolvent that decreases in a maximal way on  $\mathbb{R}^-$  (i.e.  $\|\lambda(\lambda I - A)^{-1}\|$  is bounded). This is a sequel to [1], in which it was proved that such an operator  $A$  has a bounded  $H^\infty$  functional calculus in the real interpolation spaces between  $X$  and  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , provided that  $0 \in \varrho(A)$ . When  $0 \notin \varrho(A)$  this theorem is not true, since in particular if  $A$  is bounded (i.e.  $\mathcal{D}(A) = X$ ) then every real interpolation space between  $X$  and  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  coincides with  $X$ , but there are bounded operators without a bounded  $H^\infty$  functional calculus on a sector.

In the present paper we consider the case  $0 \notin \varrho(A)$  and we prove that  $A$  has a bounded  $H^\infty$  functional calculus in the real interpolation spaces between  $X$  and  $\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$ .

We refer to [1] for notations and definitions, in particular for the definition of  $S_\omega$ ,  $S_\omega^0$ ,  $H^\infty(S_\mu^0)$ ,  $\Psi(S_\mu^0)$ , operator of type  $\omega$ ,  $H^\infty$  functional calculus,  $L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)$ , real interpolation space.

**2. Preliminary results.** Let  $A$  be a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$  ( $\omega \in [0, \pi[$ ). If  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus S_\omega$  then also  $z^{-1} \in \mathbb{C} \setminus S_\omega$ , therefore it is easy to show

that  $z \in \varrho(A^{-1})$  and

$$(zI - A^{-1})^{-1} = -z^{-1}A(z^{-1}I - A)^{-1}.$$

Thus if  $\theta \in ]\omega, \pi[$  and  $M_\theta$  is such that  $\|(zI - A)^{-1}\| \leq M_\theta/|z|$  for  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus S_\theta$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \|(zI - A^{-1})^{-1}\| &= \|z^{-1}A(z^{-1}I - A)^{-1}\| \\ &= \|z^{-1}(z^{-1}I - z^{-1}I + A)(z^{-1}I - A)^{-1}\| \\ &\leq \|z^{-2}(z^{-1}I - A)^{-1}\| + \|z^{-1}\| \leq \frac{M_\theta + 1}{|z|}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $A^{-1}$  is an operator of type  $\omega$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p)$  the real interpolation space  $(X, \mathcal{D}(A))_{\alpha, p}$  (with  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ ); moreover, we denote by  $\mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  the real interpolation space  $(X, \mathcal{R}(A))_{\alpha, p}$  (with  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A)} = \|x\|_X + \|Ax\|_X$  and  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{R}(A)} = \|x\|_X + \|A^{-1}x\|_X$ ).

The norm of  $x$  in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p)$  is equivalent to

$$\|x\|_X + \|t \mapsto t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}_+)}$$

(see [2], Definition 1.1 and Theorem 3.1). We note that when  $0 \in \varrho(A)$  the term  $\|x\|_X$  can be disregarded, while if  $A$  has unbounded inverse this term is essential.

Since  $\mathcal{D}(A^{-1}) = \mathcal{R}(A)$  we have  $\mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p) = \mathcal{D}(A^{-1}; \alpha, p)$ , therefore an equivalent norm on  $\mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  is  $\|x\|_X + \|t \mapsto t^\alpha A^{-1}(tI + A^{-1})^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}_+)}$ . But

$$t^\alpha A^{-1}(tI + A^{-1})^{-1} = t^\alpha A^{-1}t^{-1}A(t^{-1}I + A)^{-1} = t^{\alpha-1}(t^{-1}I + A)^{-1},$$

therefore this norm is equivalent to  $\|x\|_X + \|t \mapsto t^{\alpha-1}(t^{-1}I + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}_+)}$ .

Let  $E$  and  $F$  be Banach spaces (embedded in the same vector space). The space  $E \cap F$  is a Banach space if endowed with the norm  $\|x\|_{E \cap F} = \|x\|_E + \|x\|_F$ .

From now on we will drop the subscript in the notation  $\|\cdot\|_X$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $A$  be a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$  with dense domain and dense range. Let  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ . Then the norm on  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  is equivalent to*

$$\|t \mapsto t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}_+)} + \|t \mapsto t^{1-\alpha}(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}_+)}.$$

*Proof.* From the above observations it follows immediately that the norm of  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  is equivalent to

$$\|x\| + \|t \mapsto t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}_+)} + \|t \mapsto t^{1-\alpha}(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}_+)},$$

therefore in order to prove the theorem it is sufficient to show that there

exists  $C \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that for every  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  we have

$$\|x\| \leq C(\|t \mapsto t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} + \|t \mapsto t^{1-\alpha}(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)}).$$

If  $p < \infty$ , then since

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} (e^{-\alpha|\log t|})^p \frac{dt}{t} = \frac{2}{\alpha p}$$

and for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $x \in X$ ,

$$x = A(tI + A)^{-1}x + t(tI + A)^{-1}x,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\| &= \left( \frac{\alpha p}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \|e^{-\alpha|\log t|}x\|^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha p}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \|e^{-\alpha|\log t|}A(tI + A)^{-1}x\|^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/p} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\alpha p}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \|e^{-\alpha|\log t|}t(tI + A)^{-1}x\|^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha p}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \|t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}x\|^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/p} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\alpha p}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \|t^{1-\alpha}(tI + A)^{-1}x\|^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $p = \infty$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\| &\leq \|1^\alpha A(I + A)^{-1}x\| + \|1^{1-\alpha}(I + A)^{-1}x\| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}x\| + \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|t^{1-\alpha}(tI + A)^{-1}x\|. \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof.

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$ . Let  $B$  be the operator from  $\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$  to  $X$  such that  $Bx = (2I + A + A^{-1})x$ . Then  $B$  is a closed operator of type  $\omega_0$  (for a suitable  $\omega_0$ ) and  $0 \in \varrho(B)$ . Moreover, if  $A$  has dense domain and dense range then  $\mathcal{D}(B)$  is dense.*

*Proof.* Obviously,  $B = (I + A)^2 A^{-1}$  but  $(I + A)^2$  has bounded inverse and  $A^{-1}$  is closed, therefore  $B$  is closed and its inverse is  $A(I + A)^{-2}$ , hence  $0 \in \varrho(B)$ .

For  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  put

$$\tau_t = \frac{t + 2 + \sqrt{t^2 + 4t}}{2}.$$

We have

$$((t+2)I + A + A^{-1})^{-1} = \tau_t(\tau_t I + A)^{-1}(\tau_t I + A^{-1})^{-1}.$$

Indeed,  $t+2 = \tau_t + \tau_t^{-1}$ , thus for  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_t(\tau_t I + A)^{-1}(\tau_t I + A^{-1})^{-1}((t+2)I + A + A^{-1})x \\ &= \tau_t(\tau_t I + A)^{-1}(\tau_t I + A^{-1})^{-1}((\tau_t + \tau_t^{-1})I + A + A^{-1})x \\ &= (\tau_t I + A)^{-1}(\tau_t I + A^{-1})^{-1}((\tau_t^2 + 1)I + \tau_t A + \tau_t A^{-1})x \\ &= (\tau_t I + A)^{-1}(\tau_t I + A^{-1})^{-1}(\tau_t I + A^{-1})(\tau_t I + A)x = x \end{aligned}$$

and analogously, for every  $x \in X$ ,

$$((t+2)I + A + A^{-1})\tau_t(\tau_t I + A)^{-1}(\tau_t I + A^{-1})^{-1}x = x;$$

therefore  $\mathbb{R}^- \subseteq \varrho(B)$ . Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(tI + B)^{-1}\| &= \|\tau_t(\tau_t I + A)^{-1}(\tau_t I + A^{-1})^{-1}\| \\ &= \|(\tau_t I + A)^{-1}A(\tau_t^{-1}I + A)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{C}{\tau_t} \leq \frac{C}{t+1}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore  $B$  is of type  $\omega_0$  for some  $\omega_0$ .

Suppose now that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  are dense in  $X$ . Then for every  $x \in X$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|tA(tI + A)^{-1}(t^{-1}I + A)^{-1}x - x\| \\ &\leq \|tA(tI + A)^{-1}(t^{-1}I + A)^{-1}x - t(tI + A)^{-1}x + t(tI + A)^{-1}x - x\| \\ &\leq \|t(tI + A)^{-1}\| \cdot \|A(t^{-1}I + A)^{-1}x - x\| + \|t(tI + A)^{-1}x - x\| \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0^+} 0. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$tA(tI + A)^{-1}(t^{-1}I + A)^{-1}x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A),$$

so  $x$  is a limit of elements of  $\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$ , therefore  $\mathcal{D}(B) = \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$  is dense in  $X$ . This proves the theorem.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{\mathcal{D}(B)} &= \|x\| + \|Bx\| = \|x\| + \|(2I + A + A^{-1})x\| \\ &\leq 3\|x\| + \|Ax\| + \|A^{-1}x\| = \|x\|_X + \|x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A)} + \|x\|_{\mathcal{R}(A)} \\ &\leq \|x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the vector spaces  $\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{D}(B)$  are equal and the first space is continuously embedded in the second one; by the open mapping theorem the reverse embedding is continuous and the two norms are equivalent.

It follows that  $(X, \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A))_{\alpha, p} = \mathcal{D}(B; \alpha, p)$  with equivalent norms.

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$  with dense domain and dense range. Let  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ . Then  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p) = (X, \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A))_{\alpha, p}$  with equivalent norms.*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$  is continuously embedded in  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  and in  $\mathcal{R}(A)$ , by interpolation we deduce that  $(X, \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A))_{\alpha, p}$  is continuously embedded in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p)$  and in  $\mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  and also in their intersection.

As we have already observed,  $\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{D}(B)$  (with  $B$  as in Theorem 2.2); therefore, in order to prove the inverse embedding, it is sufficient to prove that  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  is continuously embedded in  $\mathcal{D}(B; \alpha, p)$ .

Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$ ; we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|t \mapsto t^\alpha B(tI + B)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} \\
 & \leq \|t \mapsto t^\alpha(2I + A + A^{-1})(tI + B)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} \\
 & \leq \|t \mapsto t^\alpha 2(tI + B)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} \\
 & \quad + \|t \mapsto t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}(tI + A)(tI + B)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} \\
 & \quad + \|t \mapsto t^\alpha A^{-1}(tI + A^{-1})^{-1}(tI + A^{-1})(tI + B)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} \\
 & \leq C \left\| t \mapsto \frac{t^\alpha}{t+1} \right\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} \|x\| \\
 & \quad + \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|(tI + A)(tI + B)^{-1}\| \cdot \|t \mapsto t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} \\
 & \quad + \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|(tI + A^{-1})(tI + B)^{-1}\| \cdot \|t \mapsto t^\alpha A^{-1}(tI + A^{-1})x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|(tI + A)(tI + B)^{-1}\| \\
 & = \|(tI + A)A(I + A)^{-2}B(tI + B)^{-1}\| \\
 & \leq \|(tI + A)(I + A)^{-1}\| \cdot \|A(I + A)^{-1}\| \cdot \|B(tI + B)^{-1}\| \leq C
 \end{aligned}$$

since  $A$  and  $B$  are of type  $\omega$  and  $\omega_0$  respectively. In a similar way one can estimate the term  $\|(tI + A^{-1})(tI + B)^{-1}\|$ ; thus the second summand is less than or equal to a constant times  $\|t \mapsto t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)}$  and the third one is less than or equal to a constant times  $\|t \mapsto t^\alpha A^{-1}(tI + A^{-1})x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)}$ . We can conclude that if  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|t \mapsto t^\alpha B(tI + B)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} & \leq C(\|x\| + \|t \mapsto t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1}x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)} \\
 & \quad + \|t \mapsto t^\alpha A^{-1}(tI + A^{-1})x\|_{L_*^p(\mathbb{R}^+)}) \\
 & \leq C\|x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)} < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

This proves that the space  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  is continuously embedded in  $(X, \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A))_{\alpha, p}$ .

We denote by  $A_{\alpha,p}$  the part of the operator  $A$  in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$ , i.e. the operator such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(A_{\alpha,p}) &= \{x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p) : \\ &\quad Ax \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p) : Ax \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p)\}, \\ A_{\alpha,p}x &= Ax. \end{aligned}$$

We note that if  $0 \in \varrho(A)$  then  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p) = \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p)$  and this definition of  $A_{\alpha,p}$  coincides with the one in [1].

**THEOREM 2.4.** *If  $A$  is a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$ , then for  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ ,  $A_{\alpha,p}$  is a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$  in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$ . Moreover, if  $A$  has dense domain and dense range and  $p < \infty$  then  $A_{\alpha,p}$  has dense domain and dense range.*

*Proof.* Obviously,  $A_{\alpha,p}$  is a closed operator and it is one-to-one. If  $\lambda \in \varrho(A)$  then  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}$  restricted to  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  is the inverse operator of  $\lambda - A_{\alpha,p}$ , thus  $\lambda \in \varrho(A_{\alpha,p})$ , therefore  $\sigma(A_{\alpha,p}) \subseteq S_\omega$ .

Moreover, if  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$  then  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\lambda I - A)^{-1}x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)} &\leq C \|B(\lambda I - A)^{-1}x\|_X = C \|(\lambda I - A)^{-1}Bx\|_X \\ &\leq C_1 \|(\lambda I - A)^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \|Bx\|_X \\ &\leq C_2 \|(\lambda I - A)^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \|x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)} \end{aligned}$$

(with  $B$  as in Theorem 2.2); this proves that the restriction of  $(\lambda I - A)^{-1}$  to  $\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A))$  and its norm in this space is less than or equal to a constant times its norm in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ . By interpolation, taking into account Theorem 2.3, the same is true in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p))$ . Since  $A$  is of type  $\omega$  we can conclude that  $A_{\alpha,p}$  is of type  $\omega$ .

Suppose that  $p < \infty$  and that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  are dense in  $X$ . In order to prove the density of  $\mathcal{D}(A_{\alpha,p})$  and  $\mathcal{R}(A_{\alpha,p})$  we shall prove that  $\mathcal{D}(A^2) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^2)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  and that it is included in  $\mathcal{D}(A_{\alpha,p})$  and in  $\mathcal{R}(A_{\alpha,p})$ .

By Theorem 2.2,  $\mathcal{D}(B)$  is dense in  $X$ , therefore (see the proof of Theorem 2.2 of [1])  $\mathcal{D}(B^2)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{D}(B; \alpha, p)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \mathcal{D}(B^2) &\Leftrightarrow x \in \mathcal{D}(B) \text{ and } Bx \in \mathcal{D}(B) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A) \text{ and } (2I + A + A^{-1})x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A) \text{ and } Ax + A^{-1}x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A) \text{ and } Ax \in \mathcal{D}(A) \text{ and } A^{-1}x \in \mathcal{R}(A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in \mathcal{D}(A^2) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^2), \end{aligned}$$

thus  $\mathcal{D}(B^2) = \mathcal{D}(A^2) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^2)$ ; therefore  $\mathcal{D}(A^2) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^2)$  is dense in the space  $\mathcal{D}(B; \alpha, p)$ , that is, in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$ .

If  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A^2) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^2)$  then  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $x \in \mathcal{R}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$ . Hence  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$ , and  $Ax \in \mathcal{D}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p)$ , therefore  $\mathcal{D}(A^2) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^2) \subseteq \mathcal{D}(A_{\alpha, p})$ . If we consider the operator  $A^{-1}$  then the domain and the range are interchanged and  $A_{\alpha, p}^{-1} = (A^{-1})_{\alpha, p}$ , therefore we also have  $\mathcal{D}(A^2) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^2) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A_{\alpha, p})$ .

In this way we have proved that  $\mathcal{D}(A_{\alpha, p})$  and  $\mathcal{R}(A_{\alpha, p})$  are dense in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$ .

### 3. $H^\infty$ functional calculus

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $A$  be a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$  with dense domain and dense range. Let  $\mu \in ]\omega, \pi[$ ,  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ . If  $f \in \Psi(S_\mu^0)$  and  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$ , then  $f(A)x \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  and there exists  $C_{\alpha, p} \in \mathbb{R}^+$  (independent of  $f$  and  $x$ ) such that*

$$\|f(A)x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)} \leq C_\alpha \|f\|_\infty \|x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)}.$$

*Proof.* First of all we consider the case  $p = \infty$ .

By the same argument of the proof of Theorem 3.1 of [1] we find that there exists  $C_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that for  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, \infty)$  we have

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|t^\alpha A(tI + A)^{-1} f(A)x\| \leq C_\alpha \|f\|_\infty \|x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, \infty)}.$$

Analogously, for  $x \in \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|t^{1-\alpha} (tI + A)^{-1} f(A)x\| \\ &= \left\| t^{1-\alpha} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_\theta} \frac{f(\lambda)}{t + \lambda} (\lambda I - A)^{-1} x \, d\lambda \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{t^{1-\alpha} \|f\|_\infty}{|t + \varrho e^{i\theta}|} \|(\varrho e^{i\theta} I - A)^{-1} x\| \, d\varrho \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{t^{1-\alpha} \|f\|_\infty}{|t + \varrho e^{-i\theta}|} \|(\varrho e^{-i\theta} I - A)^{-1} x\| \, d\varrho \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{t^{1-\alpha}}{\varrho^{1-\alpha} |t + \varrho e^{i\theta}|} \, d\varrho \|f\|_\infty \sup_{\varrho \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|\varrho^{1-\alpha} (\varrho e^{i\theta} I - A)^{-1} x\| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{t^{1-\alpha}}{\varrho^{1-\alpha} |t + \varrho e^{-i\theta}|} \, d\varrho \|f\|_\infty \sup_{\varrho \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|\varrho^{1-\alpha} (\varrho e^{-i\theta} I - A)^{-1} x\| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{1}{\sigma^{1-\alpha} |1 + \sigma e^{i\theta}|} \, d\sigma \|f\|_\infty \sup_{\varrho \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|\varrho^{1-\alpha} e^{-i\theta} (\varrho I - e^{-i\theta} A)^{-1} x\| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{1}{\sigma^{1-\alpha} |1 + \sigma e^{-i\theta}|} \, d\sigma \|f\|_\infty \sup_{\varrho \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|\varrho^{1-\alpha} e^{i\theta} (\varrho I - e^{i\theta} A)^{-1} x\|. \end{aligned}$$

The operators  $A$ ,  $-e^{i\theta}A$  and  $-e^{-i\theta}A$  have the same range and for every  $x \in \mathcal{R}(A)$  we have  $\|A^{-1}x\| = \|(-e^{i\theta}A)^{-1}x\| = \|(-e^{-i\theta}A)^{-1}x\|$  so that the spaces  $\mathcal{R}(A)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(-e^{i\theta}A)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(-e^{-i\theta}A)$  coincide and have equal norms. Therefore  $\mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty) = \mathcal{R}(-e^{i\theta}A; \alpha, \infty) = \mathcal{R}(-e^{-i\theta}A; \alpha, \infty)$  (with equal norms). It follows that there exists a constant  $C$  such that for  $x \in \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\varrho \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|\varrho^\alpha e^{i\theta} A(\varrho - e^{i\theta} A)^{-1}x\| &\leq C\|x\|_{\mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)}, \\ \sup_{\varrho \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|\varrho^\alpha e^{-i\theta} A(\varrho - e^{-i\theta} A)^{-1}x\| &\leq C\|x\|_{\mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore there exists  $C_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that for  $x \in \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)$  we have

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \|t^{1-\alpha} (tI + A)^{-1} f(A)x\| \leq C_\alpha \|f\|_\infty \|x\|_{\mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)}.$$

In this way, taking into account Theorem 2.1, we have proved that for  $x \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, \infty) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)$  we have  $f(A)x \in \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, \infty) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)$  and there exists  $C_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$  (independent of  $f$  and  $x$ ) such that

$$\|f(A)x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, \infty) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)} \leq C_\alpha \|f\|_\infty \|x\|_{\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, \infty) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, \infty)}.$$

If  $p < \infty$  choose  $\alpha_0 \in ]0, \alpha[$  and  $\alpha_1 \in ]\alpha, 1[$ ; then, as a consequence of the reiteration theorem for real interpolation ([3], Theorem 1.10.2) and of Theorem 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p) &= (X, \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A))_{\alpha, p} \\ &= ((X, \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A))_{\alpha_0, \infty}, (X, \mathcal{D}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(A))_{\alpha_1, \infty})_{(\alpha - \alpha_0)/(\alpha_1 - \alpha_0), p} \\ &= (\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha_0, \infty) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha_0, \infty), \mathcal{D}(A; \alpha_1, \infty) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha_1, \infty))_{(\alpha - \alpha_0)/(\alpha_1 - \alpha_0), p} \end{aligned}$$

with equivalence of norms. Since we have proved that  $f(A)$  is a bounded operator in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha_0, \infty) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha_0, \infty)$  and in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha_1, \infty) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha_1, \infty)$ , with norm not greater than  $C_{\alpha_0} \|f\|_\infty$  and  $C_{\alpha_1} \|f\|_\infty$  respectively, we can conclude, by interpolation, that  $f(A)$  is a bounded operator in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  with norm less than or equal to a constant (depending only on  $\alpha$  and  $p$ ) times  $\|f\|_\infty$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $A$  be a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$  with dense domain and dense range. Let  $\mu \in ]\omega, \pi[$ ,  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and  $p \in [1, \infty[$ . Then the operator  $A_{\alpha, p}$  has a bounded  $H^\infty(S_\mu^0)$  functional calculus.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.4,  $A_{\alpha, p}$  is a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$  with dense domain and dense range. If  $f \in \Psi(S_\mu^0)$  then  $f(A_{\alpha, p})$  is the restriction of  $f(A)$  to  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$ . From Theorem 3.1 we deduce that

$$\|f(A_{\alpha, p})\|_{L(\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p))} \leq C_\alpha \|f\|_\infty$$

and the conclusion follows from Theorem 2.1 of [1].

As in [1], the following theorem is an immediate consequence of the existence of a bounded  $H^\infty$  functional calculus.

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $A$  be a one-to-one operator of type  $\omega$  with dense domain and dense range. Let  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and  $p \in [1, \infty[$ . For every  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  the operator  $A_{\alpha,p}^{is}$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}(A; \alpha, p) \cap \mathcal{R}(A; \alpha, p)$  and for every  $\mu > \omega$  there exists  $C_\mu$  such that  $\|A_{\alpha,p}^{is}\| \leq C_\mu e^{\mu|s|}$ .*

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