

ON EXPONENTIALLY BOUNDED α -TIMES INTEGRATED C-COSINE FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. In this paper we apply some basic properties concerning α -times integrated C-cosine functions to deduce a characterization of an exponentially bounded α -times integrated C-cosine function in terms of its Laplace transform, and then use it to show that for each $x \in (\lambda^2 - A)^{-1}CX$ the second order abstract Cauchy problem:

$u''(t) = Au(t) + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}x$ for $t > 0, u(0) = u'(0) = 0$ has a unique solution $u(\cdot)$ which satisfies $\|u(t)\|, \|u''(t)\| \in O(e^{\omega t})$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ when the closed linear operator $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$ which generates an exponentially bounded α -times integrated C-cosine function $C(\cdot)$ on a Banach space X with $\|C(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and for some fixed $M, \omega \geq 0$. Moreover, we show that a closed linear operator in X generates an exponentially bounded α -times integrated C-cosine function on X also generates an exponentially bounded $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ -times integrated C-semigroup on X .

1. Introduction

Let X be a Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|$, and let $B(X)$ denote the set of all bounded linear operators from X into itself. For each $\alpha > 0$, and $C \in B(X)$, a family $T(\cdot) (= \{T(t) | t \geq 0\}) \subset B(X)$ is called an α -times integrated C-semigroup on X , if

(i) $T(\cdot)$ is strongly continuous. That is, for each $x \in X, T(\cdot)x : [0, \infty) \rightarrow X$ is continuous;

(ii) $T(\cdot)C = CT(\cdot)$. That is, $T(t)C = CT(t)$ on X for each $t \geq 0$;

(iii) $T(t)T(s)x = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[\int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right] (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} T(r)Cx dr$ for $x \in X$ and $t, s \geq 0$.

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(see [1, 5, 7, 8, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23]) Moreover, we say that $T(\cdot)$ is nondegenerate, if $x = 0$ whenever $T(t)x = 0$ for all $t \geq 0$. In this case, the closed linear operator $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$ defined by $D(A) = \{x|x \in X \text{ and there exists a } y_x \in X \text{ such that } T(t)x - \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}Cx = \int_0^t T(s)y_x ds \text{ for all } t \geq 0\}$ and $Ax = y_x$ for all $x \in D(A)$, is called the (integral) generator of $T(\cdot)$. In general, we say that $T(\cdot)$ is exponentially bounded, if there exist $M, \omega \geq 0$ such that $\|T(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t}$ for all $t \geq 0$. In this paper we consider the following two abstract Cauchy problems:

$$ACP_1(f, x) \begin{cases} u'(t) = Au(t) + f(t) \text{ for } t > 0, \\ u(0) = x, \end{cases}$$

and

$$ACP_2(f, x, y) \begin{cases} u''(t) = Au(t) + f(t) \text{ for } t > 0, \\ u(0) = x, u'(0) = y, \end{cases}$$

where $x, y \in X$ are given, $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$ is a closed linear operator and f is an X -valued function defined on a subset of \mathbb{R} containing $(0, \infty)$. The concept of (exponentially bounded) α -times integrated C-semigroups has been extensively applied to discuss the existence of (strong or weak) solutions to $ACP_1(f, x)$ (see [1-5, 7, 8, 16, 17, 20, 23]). Some equivalence conditions between the existence of an α -times integrated C-semigroup (or a C-semigroup) and the unique existence of (strong or weak) solutions of $ACP_1(f, x)$ are also deduced as in [9, 10]. Recently many authors have to study the relation between the existence of a C-cosine function (see [1,5-7,11,14,15,19]) or an α -times integrated C-cosine function for $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ (see [15,22,23]) and the existence of (strong or weak) solutions of $ACP_2(f, x, y)$. When $\alpha > 0$ is arbitrarily given , the formation of an α -times integrated C-cosine function has been constructed as in [12] which is presented as below : A family $C(\cdot) (= \{C(t)|t \geq 0\}) \subset B(X)$ is called an α -times integrated C-cosine function on X , if it is strongly continuous, $C(\cdot)C = CC(\cdot)$, and satisfies $2C(t)C(s)x = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \{[\int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s](t+s-r)^{\alpha-1}C(r)Cxdr + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1}C(r)Cxdr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1}C(r)Cxdr + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1}C(r)Cxdr\}$ for $x \in X$ and $t, s \geq 0$. In this case, its (integral) generator $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$ is a closed linear operator in X defined by $D(A) = \{x|x \in X \text{ and there exists a } y_x \in X \text{ such that } C(t)x - \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}Cx = \int_0^t \int_0^s C(r)y_x dr ds \text{ for all } t \geq 0\}$ and $Ax = y_x$ for all $x \in D(A)$ when $C(\cdot)$ is nondegenerate. Some results concerning $ACP_2(f, x, y)$ are also deduced in there and in [12,13], and examples of exponentially bounded α -times integrated C-semigroup and C-cosine function generated by partial differential operators given as in [8] and [25], respectively.

As in [9-11] for cases of C-cosine function and α -times integrated C-semigroup, we shall first prove a characterization of an exponentially bounded α -times integrated C-cosine function in terms of its Laplace transform, and then use it to

show that if $C(\cdot)$ is a nondegenerate α -times integrated C-cosine function on X with generator A , and satisfies $\|C(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and for some M , $\omega \geq 0$, then for each $\lambda > \omega$ and $x \in (\lambda^2 - A)^{-1}CX$, $ACP_2(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)x, 0, 0)$ has a unique (strong) solution $u(\cdot)$ which satisfies $\|u(t)\|, \|u''(t)\| \in O(e^{\omega t})$ as t approaches ∞ , where $j_{\alpha-1}(t) = \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$ for $t > 0$. Moreover, we can also show that a closed linear operator A which generates an exponentially bounded α -times integrated C-cosine function on X also generates an exponentially bounded $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ -times integrated C-semigroup on X .

2. Exponentially bounded α -times integrated C-cosine functions

In this section, we always assume that α is a positive number and $C \in B(X)$ is an injection, and first note some basic properties concerning α -times integrated C-cosine functions which have been deduced in [12] and frequently applied in this paper.

PROPOSITION 2.1 (see [12]). *Let A be the generator of a nondegenerate α -times integrated C-cosine function $C(\cdot)$ on X . Then*

(2.1) $C(t)x \in D(A)$, $AC(t)x = C(t)Ax$ for all $x \in D(A)$ and $t \geq 0$;

(2.2) $\int_0^t S(r)xdr \in D(A)$, $A \int_0^t S(r)xdr = C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)Cx$
 for all $t \geq 0$ and $x \in X$, where $S(r)x = \int_0^r C(s)xds$;

(2.3) $C^{-1}AC = A$;

(2.4) $C(\cdot)$ is uniquely determined.

DEFINITION 2.2. A function $u : [0, \infty) \rightarrow X$ is called a (strong) solution of $ACP_2(f, x, y)$, if $u \in C^2((0, \infty); X) \cap C^1([0, \infty); X) \cap C((0, \infty); [D(A)])$, and satisfies $ACP_2(x, y, f)$, where $[D(A)]$ denotes the Banach space $D(A)$ with the graph norm $\|x\|_A = \|x\| + \|Ax\|$.

PROPOSITION 2.3 (see [12]). *Let A be the generator of a nondegenerate α -times integrated C-cosine function $C(\cdot)$ on X and $C^1 = \{x \in X | C(\cdot)x \text{ is continuously differentiable on } (0, \infty)\}$. Then*

(2.5) $S(t)C^1 \subset D(A)$ for each $t \geq 0$;

(2.6) $S(\cdot)x$ is the unique solution of $ACP_2(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$ for each $x \in C^1$;

(2.7) $S(\cdot)x$ is the unique solution of $ACP_2(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)Cx, 0, 0)$
 in $C^2((0, \infty); X) \cap C^1([0, \infty); [D(A)])$ for all $x \in D(A)$.

PROPOSITION 2.4 (see [12]). *Let A be the generator of a nondegenerate α -times integrated C -cosine function $C(\cdot)$ on X and $x \in X$. Assume that $C(t)x \in R(C)$ for all $t \geq 0$ and $C^{-1}C(\cdot)x$ is continuously differentiable on $(0, \infty)$. Then $C^{-1}S(t)x \in D(A)$ for all $t \geq 0$ and $C^{-1}S(\cdot)x$ is the unique solution of $ACP_2(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)x, 0, 0)$.*

Next we shall prove an important lemma which can be used to obtain the main result of this paper.

LEMMA 2.5. *Let A be the generator of a nondegenerate α -times integrated C -cosine function $C(\cdot)$ on X and $\tilde{S}(t)x = \int_0^t S(r)xdr$ for all $x \in X$ and $t \geq 0$. For given $\lambda > 0$, we set D_λ to denote the set of all those $x \in X$ for which $L_\lambda x = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} C(t)xdt$ exists and both $\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \|S(t)x\|dt$ and $\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \|\tilde{S}(t)x\|dt$ are finite. Then $L_\lambda D_\lambda \subset D(A)$ and $(\lambda^2 - A)\lambda^\alpha L_\lambda x = \lambda Cx$ for all $x \in D_\lambda$.*

Proof. Indeed, if $x \in D_\lambda$ is given, then from integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\tau e^{-\lambda t} C(t)xdt &= e^{-\lambda \tau} \int_0^\tau C(s)xds + \lambda e^{-\lambda \tau} \int_0^\tau \int_0^t C(s)xdsdt \\ &\quad + \lambda^2 \int_0^\tau e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t \int_0^s C(r)xdrdsdt \\ &= e^{-\lambda \tau} S(\tau)x + \lambda e^{-\lambda \tau} \tilde{S}(\tau)x + \lambda^2 \int_0^\tau e^{-\lambda t} \tilde{S}(t)xdt, \end{aligned}$$

which converges to $\lambda^2 \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \tilde{S}(t)xdt$ as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, $L_\lambda x = \lambda^2 \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \tilde{S}(t)xdt$.

It follows from (2.2) and the closedness of A that we have $\lambda^{\alpha+2} \int_0^\tau e^{-\lambda t} \tilde{S}(t)xdt \in D(A)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^{\alpha+2} A \int_0^\tau e^{-\lambda t} \tilde{S}(t)xdt &= \lambda^{\alpha+2} \int_0^\tau e^{-\lambda t} [C(t) - \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} Cx]dt \\ &\rightarrow \lambda^{\alpha+2} L_\lambda x - \lambda Cx \text{ as } \tau \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Again, from the closedness of A , we have $L_\lambda x \in D(A)$ and $\lambda^\alpha A L_\lambda x = \lambda^{\alpha+2} L_\lambda x - \lambda Cx$, or equivalently, $(\lambda^2 - A)\lambda^\alpha L_\lambda x = \lambda Cx$.

THEOREM 2.6. *Let $\{C(t) | t \geq 0\}$ be a strongly continuous family of bounded linear operators on X which satisfies $\|C(t)\| \leq M e^{\omega t}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and for some $M, \omega \geq 0$. For $\lambda > \omega$, we define $R(\lambda)x = \lambda^\alpha L_\lambda x = \lambda^\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} C(t)xdt$ for $x \in X$. Then $C(\cdot)$ is an α -times integrated C -cosine function on X if and only if $(\lambda^2 - \mu^2)R(\mu)R(\lambda) = [\lambda R(\mu) - \mu R(\lambda)]C$ for all $\lambda, \mu > \omega$.*

Proof. As in the proof of [9, Proposition 2.2], we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} \left[\int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right] (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d r d(s, t) \\ & = \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda - \mu)^{-1} [R(\mu) C x - R(\lambda) C x] \text{ for all } x \in X \text{ and } t, s \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Next we shall show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \iint_{t \geq s \geq 0} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} \left[\int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d r \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d r + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d r \right] d(s, t) \\ & = \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} R(\lambda) C x + \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} R(\mu) C x \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\mu t} e^{-\lambda r} C(r) C x d t d r \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^r (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda t} e^{-\mu r} C(r) C x d t d r. \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, applying Fubini's theorem and change of variables for double integrals, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu s} \int_r^{r+s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d t d r d s \\ & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu s} \int_r^{r+s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d t d s d r \\ & = \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \int_{t-r}^\infty e^{-\mu s} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d s d t d r \\ & = \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu(s'-r+t)} s'^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d s' d t d r \\ & = \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty e^{-\lambda t} e^{-\mu(-r+t)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu s'} s'^{\alpha-1} d s' C(r) C x d t d r \\ & = \int_0^\infty e^{\mu r} \int_r^\infty e^{-(\lambda+\mu)t} \mu^{-\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha) C(r) C x d t d r \\ & = \int_0^\infty \mu^{-\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha) e^{\mu r} \int_r^\infty e^{-(\lambda+\mu)t} d t C(r) C x d r \\ & = \int_0^\infty \mu^{-\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha) e^{\mu r} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} e^{-(\lambda+\mu)r} C(r) C x d r \\ & = \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} \Gamma(\alpha) \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda r} C(r) C x d r \\ & = \Gamma(\alpha) \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} R(\lambda) C x \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\infty \int_0^s \int_r^s e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d t d r d s \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty \int_r^s e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d t d s d r \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty \int_t^\infty e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d s d t d r \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu(s'+t)} e^{-\lambda t} (s'+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d s' d t d r \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-(\lambda+\mu)t} e^{-\mu s'} (s'+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d s' d t d r \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty e^{-(\lambda+\mu)t} e^{-\mu s'} (s'+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d t d s' d r \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty e^{-(\lambda+\mu)t} d t e^{-\mu s'} (s'+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d s' d r \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty (\lambda+\mu)^{-1} e^{-(\lambda+\mu)r} e^{-\mu s'} (s'+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d s' d r \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (\lambda+\mu)^{-1} e^{-(\lambda+\mu)r} e^{-\mu(s''-r)} s''^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d s'' d r \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (\lambda+\mu)^{-1} e^{-\lambda r} e^{-\mu s''} s''^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d s'' d r \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (\lambda+\mu)^{-1} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\mu t} e^{-\lambda r} C(r) C x d t d r.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining these equalities we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \iint_{t \geq s \geq 0} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d r d(s, t) \\
&= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \iint_{t \geq s \geq 0} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} \int_{t-s}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d r d(s, t) \\
&= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_s^\infty \int_{t-s}^t e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d r d t d s \\
&= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_s^\infty \int_r^{r+s} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d t d r d s \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^s \int_s^{r+s} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d t d r d s \\
&= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_r^{r+s} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x d t d r d s
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^s \int_s^r e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dt dr ds \\
 & = \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} R(\lambda) C x \\
 & - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\mu t} e^{-\lambda r} C(r) C x dt dr,
 \end{aligned}$$

which together with the fact

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \iint_{t \geq s \geq 0} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} \left[\int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr \right] d(s, t) \\
 & = \iint_{t \geq s \geq 0} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr d(s, t) \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_s^\infty \int_0^s e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr dt ds \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^s \int_s^\infty e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dt dr ds \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^s \int_0^\infty (t'+r)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda(t'+s)} e^{-\mu s} C(r) C x dt' dr ds \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^s (t'+r)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\lambda+\mu)s} e^{-\lambda t'} C(r) C x dr dt' ds \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^s (t'+r)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\lambda+\mu)s} e^{-\lambda t'} C(r) C x dr ds dt' \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (t'+r)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\lambda+\mu)s} e^{-\lambda t'} C(r) C x ds dr dt' \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (t'+r)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\lambda+\mu)s} e^{-\lambda t'} C(r) C x ds dt' dr \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty e^{-(\lambda+\mu)s} ds (t'+r)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda t'} C(r) C x dt' dr \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} e^{-(\lambda+\mu)r} (t'+r)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda t'} C(r) C x dt' dr \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} e^{-(\lambda+\mu)r} e^{-\lambda(t-r)} t^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dt dr \\
 & = (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty e^{-\mu r} e^{-\lambda t} t^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dt dr \\
 & = (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} \left[\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu r} e^{-\lambda t} t^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dt dr \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \int_0^\infty \int_0^r e^{-\mu r} e^{-\lambda t} t^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dt dr \\
& = (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha) R(\mu) C x \\
& - (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} \int_0^\infty \int_0^r e^{-\mu r} e^{-\lambda t} t^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dt dr
\end{aligned}$$

implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \iint_{t \geq s \geq 0} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} \left[\int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr \right] d(s, t) \\
& = \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} R(\lambda) C x + \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} R(\mu) C x \\
& - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\mu t} e^{-\lambda r} C(r) C x dt dr \\
& - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^r (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda t} e^{-\mu r} C(r) C x dt dr.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can show that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \iint_{s \geq t \geq 0} e^{-\mu s} e^{-\lambda t} \left[\int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C x dr \right] d(s, t) \\
& = \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} R(\lambda) C x + \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{-\alpha} (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} R(\mu) C x \\
& - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_r^\infty (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda t} e^{-\mu r} C(r) C x dt dr \\
& - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^r (\lambda + \mu)^{-1} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\mu t} e^{-\lambda r} C(r) C x dt dr.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $C(\cdot)$ is an α -times integrated C -cosine function on X if and only if $(\lambda^2 - \mu^2)R(\mu)R(\lambda) = [\lambda R(\mu) - \mu R(\lambda)]C$ for all $\lambda, \mu > \omega$.

As an application of Theorem 2.6, we can deduce the following characterization of an exponentially bounded α -times integrated C -cosine function in terms of its Laplace transform, which has been deduced by [15,22] when $\alpha = n$.

THEOREM 2.7. *A strongly continuous family $C(\cdot)$ with $\|C(t)\| \leq M e^{\omega t}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and for some $M, \omega \geq 0$, is a nondegenerate α -times integrated C -cosine*

function on X with generator A if and only if $CC(\cdot) = C(\cdot)C$, $C^{-1}AC = A$, and $\lambda^2 - A$ is injective, $R(C) \subset R(\lambda^2 - A)$, and for each $\lambda > \omega$

$$(2.8) \quad \lambda^\alpha L_\lambda(\lambda^2 - A) \subset \lambda^\alpha(\lambda^2 - A)L_\lambda = \lambda C.$$

Proof. Indeed, if $C(\cdot)$ is a nondegenerate α -times integrated C -cosine function on X with the generator A , then for large λ , the set D_λ as defined in Lemma 2.5 is clearly equal to X , which together with (2.1) yields that for each $\lambda > \omega$, $\lambda^2 - A$ is injective, $L_\lambda \in B(X)$, $R(L_\lambda) \subset D(A)$, $R(C) \subset R(\lambda^2 - A)$, and (2.8) holds.

Conversely, suppose that $CC(\cdot) = C(\cdot)C$, $C^{-1}AC = A$, and for each $\lambda > \omega$, $\lambda^2 - A$ is injective, $R(C) \subset R(\lambda^2 - A)$ and (2.8) holds. Then $R(\lambda)(\lambda^2 - A) \subset (\lambda^2 - A)R(\lambda) = \lambda C$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda R(\mu)C - \mu R(\lambda)C &= R(\mu)\lambda C - \mu CR(\lambda) \\ &= R(\mu)(\lambda^2 - A)R(\lambda) - R(\mu)(\mu^2 - A)R(\lambda) \\ &= (\lambda^2 - \mu^2)R(\mu)R(\lambda), \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.6 implies that $C(\cdot)$ is an α -times integrated C -cosine function on X . Since $\lambda^2 - A$ and C are injective, we conclude from (2.8) that $C(\cdot)$ is nondegenerate. Now let B denote its generator. Then the "only if" part of this theorem asserts that $C^{-1}BC = B$, and for each $\lambda > \omega$, $\lambda^2 - B$ is injective, $R(C) \subset R(\lambda^2 - B)$, and $R(\lambda)(\lambda^2 - B) \subset (\lambda^2 - B)R(\lambda) = \lambda C$. Next if $x \in D(A)$ is given, then $\lambda Cx = R(\lambda)(\lambda^2 - A)x \in D(B)$ and $\lambda(\lambda^2 - B)Cx = (\lambda^2 - B)R(\lambda)(\lambda^2 - A)x = \lambda C(\lambda^2 - A)x$, so that $x \in D(C^{-1}BC) = D(B)$ and $Ax = C^{-1}BCx = Bx$. Hence $A \subset B$. By symmetry, we also have $B \subset A$. This completes the proof of this theorem.

Combining Theorem 2.7 with Proposition 2.4, we can deduce the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.8. *Let A be the generator of an exponentially bounded α -times integrated C -cosine function $C(\cdot)$ on X with $\|C(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and for some M , $\omega \geq 0$, and let $\lambda > \omega$. Then for each $x \in (\lambda^2 - A)^{-1}CX = \lambda^{\alpha-1}L_\lambda X$, $u(\cdot) = C^{-1}S(\cdot)x$ is the unique solution of $ACP_2(j_{\alpha-1}(\cdot)x, 0, 0)$. Moreover, $\|u(t)\|, \|u''(t)\| \in O(e^{\omega t})$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.*

Proof. From Proposition 2.4, it suffices to show that $C(t)x \in R(C)$ and $C^{-1}C(\cdot)x \in C^1([0, \infty); X)$ for each $x \in (\lambda^2 - A)^{-1}CX$. Indeed, if $x = (\lambda^2 - A)^{-1}Cy = \lambda^{\alpha-1}L_\lambda y$ for some $y \in X$, then

$$\begin{aligned} C(t)x &= C(t)\lambda^{\alpha-1}L_\lambda y \\ &= \lambda^{\alpha-1}L_\lambda C(t)y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lambda^{\alpha-1} \left[\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} C(s) C(t) y ds \right] \\
&= \lambda^{\alpha-1} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \frac{1}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \left\{ \left[\int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right] (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C y dr \right. \\
&\quad + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C y dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C y dr \\
&\quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) C y dr \right\} ds \\
&= \lambda^{\alpha-1} C \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \frac{1}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \left\{ \left[\int_0^{t+s} - \int_0^t - \int_0^s \right] (t+s-r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) y dr \right. \\
&\quad + \int_{|t-s|}^t (s-t+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) y dr + \int_{|t-s|}^s (t-s+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) y dr \\
&\quad \left. + \int_0^{|t-s|} (|t-s|+r)^{\alpha-1} C(r) y dr \right\} ds \\
&\in R(C),
\end{aligned}$$

so that

$$C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)Cx = A \int_0^t S(r)x dr = AC \int_0^t C^{-1}S(r)x dr = CA \int_0^t C^{-1}S(r)x dr.$$

Hence $C^{-1}C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)x = A \int_0^t C^{-1}S(r)x dr$. Since $(\lambda^2 - A)x = Cy$, we

have $Ax = \lambda^2 x - Cy$ and $C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)Cx = \int_0^t S(r)Ax dr = \int_0^t S(r)(\lambda^2 x -$

$Cy) dr = \lambda^2 \int_0^t S(r)x dr - C \int_0^t S(r)y dr$, which implies that $C^{-1}C(t)x - j_\alpha(t)x =$

$\lambda^2 \int_0^t C^{-1}S(r)x dr - \int_0^t S(r)y dr$. Consequently, $C^{-1}C(\cdot)x = j_\alpha(\cdot)x + \lambda^2 \int_0^t C^{-1}$

$S(r)x dr - \int_0^t S(r)y dr \in C^1([0, \infty); X)$.

3. Connection between integrated C-semigroups and integrated C-cosine functions

In the following we shall deduce that the generator of a 2α -times integrated C-cosine function on Banach space X also generates an α -times integrated C-semigroup on X which has been known when $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ (see [1, 15]).

DEFINITION 3.1. A function $u : [0, \infty) \rightarrow X$ is called a (strong) solution of $ACP_1(f, x)$, if $u \in C^1((0, \infty); X) \cap C([0, \infty); X) \cap C((0, \infty); [D(A)])$ and satisfies

$ACP_1(f, x)$.

THEOREM 3.2. *Let A be the generator of an exponentially bounded α -times integrated C-cosine function $C(\cdot)$ on X with $\|C(t)\| \leq Me^{\omega t}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and for some $M, \omega \geq 0$. Assume that $K_\alpha = \frac{2^{1-\alpha}\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha+1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2}+1)}$ and $T(t)x = K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} C(2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u)x du$ for all $t \geq 0$ and $x \in X$. Then $T(\cdot)$ is an exponentially bounded $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ -times integrated C-semigroup on X with generator A , and satisfies $\|T(t)\| \leq Ke^{\omega^2 t}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and for some $K \geq 0$.*

Proof. We shall first show that $T(\cdot)$ is exponentially bounded. Indeed, for each $x \in X$ and $t \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(t)x\| &\leq K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} \|C(2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u)\| x du \leq K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} Me^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}\omega u} du \|x\| \\ &\leq K_\alpha Me^{\omega^2 t} \int_0^\infty e^{-(u-t^{\frac{1}{2}}\omega)^2} du \|x\| \leq 2K_\alpha Me^{\omega^2 t} \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} du \|x\| \\ &= K_\alpha M \pi^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{\omega^2 t} \|x\| = Ke^{\omega^2 t} \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see from the exponential boundedness of $C(\cdot)$ and the dominated convergence theorem that $T(\cdot)$ is strongly continuous. Combining the closedness of A with (2.1), we have for $x \in D(A)$ and $t \geq 0$, $T(t)x \in D(A)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} T(t)Ax &= K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} C(2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u)Ax du \\ &= K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} AC(2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u)x du \\ &= A(K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} C(2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u)x du) \\ &= AT(t)x. \end{aligned}$$

Next we shall show that $\int_0^t T(s)x ds \in D(A)$ and $A \int_0^t T(s)x ds = T(t)x - \frac{t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2}+1)}Cx$ for all $x \in X$ and $t \geq 0$. Indeed, if $x \in X$ is given, then

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^t T(s)x ds \\ &= K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} \int_0^t C(2s^{\frac{1}{2}}u)x ds du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} (2u^2)^{-1} \int_0^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u} rC(r)xdrdu \\
&= -\frac{K_\alpha}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} u^{-2} \int_0^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u} (2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u - r)C(r)xdrdu \\
&\quad + K_\alpha t^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} u^{-1} \int_0^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u} C(r)xdrdu \\
&= -\frac{K_\alpha}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} u^{-2} \int_0^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u} \int_0^s C(r)xdrdsdu \\
&\quad + K_\alpha t^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{u^2}{4t}} u'^{-1} \int_0^{u'} C(r)xdrdu' \\
&= -\frac{K_\alpha}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} u^{-2} \int_0^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u} \int_0^s C(r)xdrdsdu \\
&\quad + K_\alpha t^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{4t}} u'^{-1} \int_0^{u'} \int_0^s C(r)xdrds \Big|_{u'=0}^{u'=\infty} \\
&\quad + K_\alpha t^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{u^2}{4t}} [u'^{-2} + (2t)^{-1}] \int_0^{u'} \int_0^s C(r)xdrdsdu' \\
&= -\frac{K_\alpha}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} u^{-2} \int_0^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u} \int_0^s C(r)xdrdsdu \\
&\quad + K_\alpha (2t) \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} [(4t)^{-1}u^{-2} + (2t)^{-1}] \int_0^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u} \int_0^s C(r)xdrdsdu \\
&= K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} \int_0^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u} \int_0^s C(r)xdrdsdu,
\end{aligned}$$

which together with the closedness of A implies that $\int_0^t T(s)xds \in D(A)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
A \int_0^t T(s)xds &= K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} A \int_0^{2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u} \int_0^s C(r)xdrdsdu \\
&= K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} [C(2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u)x - \frac{(2t^{\frac{1}{2}}u)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}Cx]du \\
&= T(t)x - K_\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} 2^\alpha t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{u^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} Cxdu \\
&= T(t)x - K_\alpha 2^{\alpha-1} t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-u'} \frac{u'^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2}}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} Cxdu' \\
&= T(t)x - K_\alpha 2^{\alpha-1} t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} Cx
\end{aligned}$$

$$= T(t)x - \frac{t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2} + 1)}Cx$$

for all $t \geq 0$. It follows from the uniqueness of solutions of $ACP_2(0, 0, 0)$ that $\int_0^t T(s)x ds$ is the unique solution of $ACP_1(j_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(\cdot)Cx, 0)$ in $C^1([0, \infty); X) \cap C([0, \infty); [D(A)])$. We conclude from [10, Theorem 2.3] that $T(\cdot)$ is a nondegenerate $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ -times integrated C-semigroup on X with generator $A = C^{-1}AC$.

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