

# Yet another look at Krein-Rutman theorem

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## The KR theorem issue

For a positive semigroup  $S_t = S_{\mathcal{L}}(t) = e^{t\mathcal{L}}$  with generator  $\mathcal{L}$  on a Banach lattice  $X$  with positive cone  $X_+$ , we ask for

- **existence** of a first eigenvalue triplet solution  $(\lambda, f_1, \phi_1) \in \mathbb{R} \times X \times X'$  :

$$f_1 \geq 0, \quad \mathcal{L}f_1 = \lambda_1 f_1, \quad \phi_1 \geq 0, \quad \mathcal{L}^* \phi_1 = \lambda_1 \phi_1$$

- suitable **geometric** properties as

(1)  $f_1 > 0$  unique positive eigenvector for  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $N(\mathcal{L} - \lambda_1)^k = \text{vect} f_1$   
and  $\phi_1 > 0$  unique positive eigenvector for  $\mathcal{L}^*$ ,  $N(\mathcal{L}^* - \lambda_1)^k = \text{vect} \phi_1$

(1')  $\Sigma_+(\mathcal{L}) - \lambda_1$  is a (discrete) subgroup of  $i\mathbb{R}$ ,  
with  $\Sigma_+(\mathcal{L}) := \{\lambda, \lambda \in \Sigma_P(\mathcal{L}), \Re \lambda = \lambda_1\}$

(2)  $\Sigma_+(\mathcal{L}) = \{\lambda_1\}$

- **asymptotic attractivity/stability** of the principale eigenfunction

$$e^{t\mathcal{L}} f_0 - e^{\lambda_1 t} f_1 \langle \phi_1, f_0 \rangle = o(e^{\lambda_1 t}),$$

with **constructive rate**.

## Framework

- $X = (X, \|\cdot\|, \geq)$  Banach lattice with positive cone  $X_+ := \{f \geq 0\}$   
Typically  $X = L^p$ ,  $X = C_0$  or  $X = M^1$  or a weighted such spaces
- $S = (S_t)$  a positive semigroup on  $X$  (of linear operators):
  - $S_t \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ ,  $S_{t_1} S_{t_2} = S_{t_1+t_2}$ ,  $S_0 = I$ ,
  - strongly or weakly \* continuous trajectories,
  - $\|S_t\|_{X \rightarrow X} \leq M e^{\kappa_1 t}$ ,
  - $S \geq 0$ :  $S_t f \geq 0$  if  $f \geq 0$ ,
  - the generator  $\mathcal{L}$  splits as

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}, \quad \mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{B}, \quad S_{\mathcal{B}}(t) = O(e^{\kappa_{\mathcal{B}} t}), \quad \kappa_{\mathcal{B}} < \kappa_1$$

with associated Duhamel and iterated Duhamel formulas

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\mathcal{L}} &= S_{\mathcal{B}} + S_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{A} * S_{\mathcal{L}} \\ &= S_{\mathcal{B}} + \cdots + (S_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{A})^{*N-1} * S_{\mathcal{B}} + (S_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{A})^{*N} * S_{\mathcal{L}} \end{aligned}$$

- Examples

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## Assumptions:

- (1)  $S$  is a positive semigroup
- (2)  $\exists \kappa_0 \in \mathbb{R} \exists \psi_0 \in X'_+ \setminus \{0\} \mathcal{L}^* \psi_0 \geq \kappa_0 \psi_0$
- (3) (dissipative case) splitting structure with  $\kappa_B < \kappa_0$
- (3') (weakly dissipative case)  $\kappa_0 = 0, \exists \Theta \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  such that

$$\|f_t\| \leq M \|f_0\| + \int_0^t \Theta(t-s) [f_s]_0 ds$$

with  $[f] = [f]_0 := \langle \psi_0, |f| \rangle$ .

**Conclusion:**  $\exists$  a solution  $(\lambda, f_1, \phi_1)$  to the first eigenvalue triplet problem

**Example:**

$$\mathcal{L}f = \Delta f + \operatorname{div}(bf) + cf,$$

$$b := \nabla |x|^\gamma / \gamma, \gamma > 0, c \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

# Dissipativity / Lyapunov / weak dissipativity / weak Lyapunov

**Dissipativity**  $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\forall f^* \in J_f, \langle f^*, \mathcal{B}f \rangle \leq a \|f\|^2 \Leftrightarrow \|S_{\mathcal{B}}(t)f\| \leq e^{at} \|f\|,$$

with  $J_f := \|f\|(\text{sign}f)$  if  $X = L^1$ ,  $J_f := f$  if  $X = L^2$

**Lyapunov**  $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{R}_-$ ),  $\exists \psi, \exists \psi_0 \lesssim \psi$  ( $\text{supp} \psi_0$  compact)

$$\mathcal{L}^* \psi \leq a\psi + \psi_0$$

**Examples**

- $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies Lyapunov with  $\psi = 1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{B} := \mathcal{L} - M\chi$  is dissipative /  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies (3)
- $\mathcal{L}f := \Delta f + \text{div}(x^{\gamma-1}f)$  satisfies Lyapunov with  $\psi = 1 + |x|^2$  when  $\gamma \geq 2$

**Weak dissipativity** with  $a = 0$ ,  $X_2 \subset X_1$

$$\forall f^* \in J_f, \langle f^*, \mathcal{B}f \rangle_{X_2} \leq -\|f\|_{X_1}^2 \approx \|S_{\mathcal{B}}(t)f\|_{X_1} \leq \Theta(t) \|f\|_{X_2}$$

**Weak Lyapunov** with  $a = 0$ ,  $\exists \psi_i, \psi_0 \lesssim \psi_1 \lesssim \psi_2$

$$\mathcal{L}^* \psi_2 \leq -\psi_1 + \psi_0$$

**Examples**

- weak Lyapunov for  $\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow$  weak dissipativity for  $\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{L} - \psi_0$  /  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies (3')
- $\mathcal{L}f := \Delta f + \text{div}(x^{\gamma-1}f)$  satisfies weak Lyapunov with same  $\psi$  when  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$

## First Geometry part in the KR theorem

### Assumptions:

(C1) conclusions of the existence part

The consequences of the semigroup positivity assumption

(1') the weak maximum principle:  $(\lambda - \mathcal{L})f \geq 0$ ,  $\lambda > \lambda_1 \Rightarrow f \geq 0$

(1'') Kato's inequalities :  $\mathcal{L}|f| \geq (\text{sign} f)\mathcal{L}f$ ,  $\mathcal{L}f_+ \geq (\text{sign}_+ f)\mathcal{L}f$ ,

(4) the strong maximum principle:  $(\lambda - \mathcal{L})f \geq 0$ ,  $f \geq 0$ ,  $f \not\equiv 0 \Rightarrow f > 0$

### Conclusions:

- $f_1 > 0$  unique positive eigenvector for  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $N(\mathcal{L} - \lambda_1)^k = \text{vect} f_1$   
and the same for  $\phi_1$ ,  $\Sigma_+(\mathcal{L}) - \lambda_1$  is a subgroup of  $i\mathbb{R}$
- $\Sigma_+(\mathcal{L}) - \lambda_1$  is a **discrete** subgroup of  $i\mathbb{R}$  if  $\kappa_B < \kappa_0$  in the dissipative splitting structure hypothesis (3)
- mean ergodicity

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \bar{f}_t dt \rightarrow f_1 \langle f_0, \phi_1 \rangle \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

under the weakly dissipative splitting structure hypothesis (3'),  
with  $\bar{S}_{\mathcal{L}} := e^{-\lambda_1 t} S_{\mathcal{L}}$ ,  $\bar{f}_t := \bar{S}_t f_0$ .

## Second Geometry part in the KR theorem

### Assumptions:

(C2) conclusions of the existence and first geometric part

(5) reverse Kato's inequality (for eigenvectors)

$$(\text{sign} \bar{f}) \mathcal{L}f = \mathcal{L}|f| \Rightarrow f = u|f|, u \in S^1$$

(5') eventual strong positivity

$$\forall f_0 \in X_+ \setminus \{0\}, \phi \in X'_+ \setminus \{0\}, \exists T, \forall t \geq T, \langle f_t, \phi \rangle > 0$$

or in other words when  $E = \cup E_k$ ,  $E_k$  compact

$$\forall k, \exists T, \forall t \geq T, f_t > 0 \text{ on } E_k \text{ if } f_0 \not\equiv 0 \text{ on } E_k$$

(5'') reverse strong positivity (for eigenvectors)

$$|S_t f| = S_t |f| \Rightarrow \exists u_t \in S^1, f_t = u_t |f_t|$$

(5''') splitting structure and  $(\lambda_1 + iy - \mathcal{B})^{-N} \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{O}(|y|^{-1-\bullet})$

### Conclusions:

- $\Sigma_+ = \{\lambda_1\}$
- ergodicity  $\bar{f}_t \rightarrow \bar{f}_1 \langle f_0, \phi_1 \rangle$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  (without rate)



## Constructive rate part in the KR theorem

### Assumptions:

(C1) conclusions of the existence part

(3) (dissipative case) splitting structure with  $\kappa_B < \kappa_0$  which implies

$$\|\bar{S}_T f\| \leq \gamma_L \|f\| + K[f]_{\psi_0}$$

with  $\gamma_L = \gamma_L(T) < 1$  for any  $T > 0$  and for some  $\psi_0 > 0$

(6) strong Doblin-Harris irreducibility condition and regularity

$$\exists T > 0, \exists g_0 > 0, \forall f \geq 0, S_T f \geq g_0 \langle \psi_0, f \rangle$$

$$\exists R_0 > 0, \phi_1 \leq R_0 \psi_0 \quad (\text{or a weaker estimate})$$

**Conclusion:** There exists some constructive constants  $C \geq 1$ ,  $a < 0$  such that

$$\|\bar{S}_t f\| \leq C e^{at} \|f\|, \quad \forall t \geq 0,$$

for any  $f \in X$  such that  $\langle f, \phi_1 \rangle = 0$ .

- Similar (but weaker) result in the weak dissipative case

### Spectral analysis and KR result

- Perron-Frobenius ( $\dim < \infty$ ), Phillips (positive semigroup)
- Krein-Rutman (existence+geo when  $\text{int}X_+ \neq \emptyset$ , ok  $X = C(E)$ ,  $E$  compact)
- German school ( $\text{int}X_+ = \emptyset$  ok, but not constructive nor weakly dissipative)  
→ Schaefer, Nagel, Greiner, Arendt, ... and many others since  $\sim 1980$   
→ more readable book by Bátkai, Kramar Fijavž and Rhandi
- Scher-M ( $\simeq$  German school, a bit more constructive)
- P.-L. Lions college de France course (existence, weak compactness argument)
- Alfaro-Gabriel-Kavian and many others ... (KR with more or less explicit rate)

### Ergodicity, probabilistic and coupling method approach (conservative case)

- von Neumann, Birkhoff, Markov, Kakutani (existence)
- Doblin, Harris, Meyn, Tweedie (exponential convergence)
- Hairer-Matingly (the same but constructive and simple proof)

### Probabilistic and coupling method approach (non conservative)

- Bensaye, Cloez, Gabriel, Marguet (abstract KR via coupling)
- Cañizo-Gabriel-Yoldaş and many others ... (KR with more or less explicit rate)

### Spectral analysis and functional inequalities

- Toscani-Villani, Rochner-Wang (Fokker-Planck operator)
- Kavian-M.-Ndao (idem)

### Probabilistic and coupling method approach (non conservative)

- Douc, Fort, Guillin (weak Lyapunov condition)
- Cañizo-M. (idem but constructive rate)

### What is new?

- KR in the weak dissipative case with possibly no control on strong compactness nor graph norm
- constructive rate
- the necessary assumptions are made clearer at each step

## Existence - first proof (dynamical approach)

~ Del Moral-Miclos? Collet-Martínez-Méléard-San Martín?

We assume (case  $N = 1$  and  $X = M^1$ ) with  $\kappa_{\mathcal{B}} < \kappa_0$

$$\begin{aligned} [f_t] &\geq e^{\kappa_0(t-s)}[f_s], \quad \forall t > s, \quad f_\tau := S_\tau f_0 \\ , \quad \|f_t\| &\leq e^{\kappa_{\mathcal{B}}t} \|f_0\| + C_2 \int_0^t e^{\kappa_{\mathcal{B}}(t-s)} [f_s] ds \end{aligned}$$

Step 1. We define

$$\mathcal{C} := \{f \geq 0, [f] = 1, \|f\| \leq M\}, \quad \Phi_t(f_0) := \frac{f_t}{[f_t]}.$$

For  $f_0 \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\alpha := \kappa_{\mathcal{B}} - \kappa_0 < 0$ , we compute for any for  $t \leq t_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi_t(f_0)\| &\leq e^{\alpha t} \|f_0\| + C_2 \int_0^t e^{\alpha(t-s)} ds \\ &\leq (1 + \alpha t/2)M + C_2 t \leq M \end{aligned}$$

$t_0 > 0$  small and  $M > 0$  large. That implies  $\Phi_t : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .

From Brouwer-Schauder-Tykonov theorem:

$$\exists \xi_t \in \mathcal{C}, \quad \Phi_t(\xi_t) = \xi_t.$$

## Existence - first proof (continuation)

Step 1. We reformulate

$$\exists f_t \in \mathcal{C}, \exists \lambda'_t \in [\kappa_0, \kappa_1], \quad S_t f_t = e^{\lambda'_t} f_t.$$

Step 2. We reformulate again by choosing  $t = 2^{-n}$ :

$$\exists f_n \in \mathcal{C}, \exists \lambda'_n \in [\kappa_0, \kappa_1], \quad S_t f_n = e^{\lambda'_n t} f_n, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{D}_m, m \leq n,$$

with

$$\mathbb{D}_m := \{t = j2^{-m}\} = 2^{-m}\mathbb{N} = \text{part of dyadic real numbers}$$

By compactness,  $\exists \lambda_1 \in [\kappa_0, \kappa_1], \exists f_1 \in \mathcal{C}$  such that

$$S_t f_{n_k} = e^{\lambda'_{n_k} t} f_{n_k}, \quad \lambda_{n_k} \rightarrow \lambda_1, \quad f_{n_k} \rightarrow f_1.$$

We deduce

$$S_t f_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t} f_1, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{D}_m, \forall m$$

and then

$$S_t f_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t} f_1, \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

We assume (general dissipative case for  $N$  and  $X$ ) with  $\kappa_B < \kappa_0$

$$\begin{aligned} [f_t] &\geq e^{\kappa_0(t-s)}[f_s], \quad \forall t > s, \quad f_\tau := S_\tau f_0 \\ , \quad \|f_t\| &\leq C_1 e^{\kappa_B t} \|f_0\| + C_2 \int_0^t e^{\kappa_B(t-s)} [f_s] ds, \quad C_1 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Step 1. With the same notations

$$\|\Phi_{T_0}(f_0)\| \leq C_1 e^{\alpha T_0} M + \frac{C_2}{|\alpha|} \leq M,$$

for  $T_0$  and  $M > 0$  large enough. That implies  $\Phi_{T_0} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .

From Brouwer-Schauder-Tykonov theorem:

$$\exists f_{T_0} \in X_+, \quad [f_{T_0}] = 1, \quad S_{T_0} f_{T_0} = e^{\lambda_1 T_0} f_{T_0}.$$

We cannot make  $T_0 \rightarrow 0$  !!

## Existence - second proof (continuation)

**Step 2.** We denote  $\bar{S}_t := S_t e^{-\lambda_1 t}$ . We have built a periodic solution

$$\bar{S}_t f_{T_0} = \bar{S}_{t-kT_0} f_{T_0}, \quad k := [t/T_0], \quad \forall t > 0.$$

For any  $t \geq 0$ , we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{S}_t f_{T_0}] &\geq e^{(\kappa_0 - \lambda_1)(t - kT_0)} [f_{T_0}] \geq e^{(\kappa_0 - \lambda_1)T_0} =: r_* > 0, \\ \|\bar{S}_t f_{T_0}\| &\leq C_2 e^{(\kappa_2 - \lambda_1)(t - kT_0)} \|f_{T_0}\| \leq C_2 e^{(\kappa_2 - \lambda_1)T_0} \|f_{T_0}\| =: R^* < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The mean  $u_T$  satisfies the same estimates:

$$u_T := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \bar{S}_t f_{T_0} dt \in \mathcal{G} := \{g \in X_+; [g] \geq r_*, \|g\| \leq R^*\}.$$

By compactness, there exists  $f_1 \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $(T_k)$  such that  $u_{T_k} \rightarrow f_1$ .

The von Neumann, Birkhoff mean ergodicity trick leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{S}_t f_1 - f_1 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_k} \int_0^{T_k} \bar{S}_t \bar{S}_s f_{T_0} ds - \frac{1}{T_k} \int_0^{T_k} \bar{S}_s f_{T_0} ds \right\} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_k} \int_{T_k}^{T_k+t} \bar{S}_s f_{T_0} ds - \frac{1}{T_k} \int_0^t \bar{S}_s f_{T_0} ds \right\} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

because  $(\bar{S}_s f_{T_0})$  is uniformly bounded. We deduce  $\mathcal{L}f_1 = \lambda_1 f_1$ .

## Existence - fourth proof (dynamical approach)

We assume (including weakly dissipative case)

$$\begin{aligned} [f_t] &\geq [f_s], \quad \forall t > s, \quad \kappa_0 := 0, \\ \|f_t\| &\leq M\|f_0\| + \int_0^t \Theta(t-s)[f_s] ds, \quad M \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

For some  $g_0 \in X_+$  such that  $[g_0] = 1$ , we set

$$\mathcal{C} := \{f \geq 0, [f] = 1, \|f\| \leq R\}, \quad R := \max(2\|\Theta\|_{L^1}, \|g_0\|)$$

and we define the increasing function

$$\lambda(t) := \inf_{f \in \mathcal{C}} [S_t f].$$

We have the alternative

- (case 1)  $\sup \lambda \leq 2M$
- (case 2)  $\sup \lambda > 2M$



## Existence - fourth proof (case 1)

By compactness, there exists  $f_0 \in \mathcal{C}$  such that

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} [S_t f_0] \leq 2M.$$

We remind the iterated Duhamel formula

$$S = v + (S_B \mathcal{A})^{(*N)} * S$$

and the associated mean equation

$$U_T = V_T + W_T$$

with

$$U_T := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T S_t dt, \quad v_T := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T v_t dt, \quad W_T := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (S_B \mathcal{A})^{(*N)} * S dt.$$

Thanks to Fubini and positivity, we have

$$W_T \leq \int_0^T (S_B \mathcal{A})^{(*N)} dt U_T$$

which implies

$$\|W_T f_0\| \leq \|\Theta\|_{L^1} [U_T f_0]$$

## Existence - fourth proof (case 1 - continuation)

In a simpler way

$$\|V_T f_0\| \leq M \|f_0\|.$$

All together, we have ‘

$$\|U_T f_0\| \leq M \|f_0\| + \|\Theta\|_{L^1} [U_T f_0] \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \leq [S_T f_0] \leq 2M.$$

From the first inequality, we deduce that  $\|U_T f\|$  is uniformly bounded on  $T \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . By compactness, there exists  $T_k \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $f_1 \in X_+$  such that  $U_{T_k} f \rightarrow f_1$ . Thanks to the second inequality, we have  $[f_1] \geq 1$ .

From the same and usual mean ergodic trick, for any fixed  $s > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(s)f_1 - f_1 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_k} \int_0^{T_k} S(s)S(t)f_0 dt - \frac{1}{T_k} \int_0^{T_k} S(t)f_0 dt \right\} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_k} \int_{T_k}^{T_k+s} S(t)f_0 dt - \frac{1}{T_k} \int_0^s S(t)f_0 dt \right\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

That implies that  $f_1$  is a stationary solution, and thus  $\lambda_1 = 0$ .

## Existence - fourth proof (case 2 - step 1)

**Step 1** From the assumption

$$\exists T'_0, \forall f \in \mathcal{C}, [S_t f] \geq [S_{T'_0} f] \geq 2M + \varepsilon, \forall t \geq T'_0$$

and thus

$$\exists T_0, \forall f \in \mathcal{C}, \forall T \geq T_0, [U_T f] \geq 2M.$$

For  $f \in \mathcal{C}$ , we define

$$\Psi_T f := \frac{U_T f}{[U_T f]}.$$

By the estimate on  $U_T$  established when dealing with case 1, we have

$$\|\Psi_T f\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\|f\| + \|\Theta\|_{L^1} \leq R,$$

so that  $\Psi_T : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .

From Brouwer-Schauder-Tykonov theorem: for any  $n \geq T_0$

$$\exists \lambda_n \in [0, \kappa_1], \exists f_n \in \mathcal{C}, U_n f_n = e^{\lambda_n n} f_n.$$

And ?

## Existence - resolvent approach

We assume

$$(\lambda - \mathcal{L})f \geq 0 \Rightarrow f \geq 0 \text{ (weak maximum principle)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^* \psi_0 \geq \kappa_0 \psi_0$$

$$\text{splitting structure } \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}, \quad \|e^{\mathcal{B}t}\| = \mathcal{O}(e^{\kappa_{\mathcal{B}}t}), \quad \kappa_{\mathcal{B}} < \kappa_0$$

We define

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &:= \inf\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}; (\kappa - \mathcal{L}) : X \rightarrow X, (\kappa - \mathcal{L}) : X_+ \rightarrow X_+, \forall \kappa \geq \lambda\} \\ &= \inf\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}; \|(\kappa - \mathcal{L})^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{B}(X)} < \infty, \forall \kappa \geq \lambda\} \geq \kappa_0 \end{aligned}$$

That implies  $\|(\lambda_n - \mathcal{L})^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{B}(X)} \rightarrow \infty$  when  $\lambda_n \nearrow \lambda_1$  and in particular

$$\exists \hat{f}_n, \varepsilon_n \in X_+, \quad \|\hat{f}_n\| = 1, \quad \|\varepsilon_n\| \rightarrow 0, \quad (\lambda_n - \mathcal{L})^{-1} \varepsilon_n = \hat{f}_n.$$

Equivalently (at rank  $N = 1$ )

$$\hat{f}_n = (\lambda - \mathcal{B})^{-1} \mathcal{A} \hat{f}_n + (\lambda - \mathcal{B})^{-1} \varepsilon_n \in \text{compact}$$

We deduce

$$\hat{f}_n \rightarrow f_1, \quad \|f_1\| = 1, \quad f_1 = (\lambda - \mathcal{B})^{-1} \mathcal{A} f_1.$$

We assume

$S_{\mathcal{L}}$  positive semigroup

$$\mathcal{L}^* \psi_0 \geq 0$$

splitting structure  $\mathcal{L}^* \psi_2 \leq -\psi_1 + \psi_0$

Step 1

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &:= \inf\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}; (\kappa - \mathcal{L}) : X \rightarrow X, (\kappa - \mathcal{L}) : X_+ \rightarrow X_+, \forall \kappa \geq \lambda\} \\ &= \inf\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}; \|(\kappa - \mathcal{L})^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{B}(X_2, X_1)} < \infty, \forall \kappa \geq \lambda\} \end{aligned}$$

Step 2 Repeat the previous "resolvent approach"