



# Rational approximation of semigroups (and beyond)

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If  $T$  is strongly continuous, then the generator of  $T$  is defined by

$$Ax := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(t)x - x}{t}$$

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## ■ Heat Equation

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# Padé

Padé's approximants  $r_{j,l}$  of the exponential function are of the form  $r_{j,l} = \frac{P_l(z)}{Q_j(z)}$  where

$$P_{j,l}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^l \frac{(l+j-k)!l!}{j!k!(l-k)!} z^k$$

and

$$Q_{j,l}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{(l+j-k)!}{k!(j-k)!} (-z)^k.$$

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$$\Psi(f)x := \int_0^\infty T(t)x d\alpha(t)$$

is an homomorphism between the algebras  $F^\omega$  and  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ .  
Moreover, if  $\Phi(f) := f(A)$ , then  $\|f(A)\| \leq \|\alpha\|_\omega$ .

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Moreover,

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