Besov class calculi for discrete and continuous operator semigroups

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It is well-known that the class of power-bounded operators on a Hilbert space is less well-behaved than the class of contractions. For example, for a contraction T on a Hilbert space H von Neumann's inequality states that one can estimate

$$\|p(T)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \le \|p\|_{H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})}$$

for every polynomial $p \in \mathbb{C}[z]$, but even the weaker inequality

$$\|p(T)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \lesssim \|p\|_{H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})}$$

fails for a general power-bounded operator. PELLER (1982) has proved that for a power-bounded operator T on a Hilbert space one can estimate

$$||p(T)||_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \lesssim ||p||_{B^0_{\infty,1}} := \sum_{n \ge 0} ||\varphi_n * p||_{H^\infty(\mathbb{D})},$$

where $(\widehat{\varphi_n})_{n\geq 0}$ is a dyadic partition of unity of \mathbb{Z}_+ , and * is convolution on \mathbb{T} . This Besov class estimate is considerably stronger than the obvious estimate $\|p(T)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \lesssim \|\widehat{p}\|_{\ell^1}$, best possible in the class of all power-bounded operators on Banach spaces.

Based on recently discovered transference principles for semigroups we present a completely different proof of Peller's result and establish several generalizations. First, we show that an analogous theorem holds for C_0 semigroups on Hilbert spaces. Second we establish general Banach space versions of these results involving the concept of γ -radonifying operators, introduced by KALTON and WEIS in 2004. Finally, we sketch generalizations to operators/semigroups on L_p -spaces or, more general, UMD Banach spaces. In particular, it follows from our results that the singular integral

$$PV - \int_0^{t+1} \frac{T(s)x}{s-t} \, ds \qquad (x \in X, \, t > 0).$$

converges whenever $(T(s))_{s\geq 0}$ is a C_0 -semigroup on a UMD Banach space.

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