

SPECTRAL THEORY OF BOUNDED SELF- ADJOINT LINEAR OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT

Spectral theory is very broad but important aspect of applied functional analysis which extends to eigenvectors and eigenvalue theory of a square matrix. The name was introduced by David Hilbert in his original formulation of Hilbert space theory. It was later discovered that spectral theory could explain features of atomic spectral in quantum mechanics.

While solving the system of linear algebraic equations, differential equations or integral equations, we come across the problem related to inverse operation. Spectral theory is concerned with such inverse problems.

In this paper we consider the spectrum of a hermitian (or self-adjoint) operator. We also study the Hilbert-adjoint operator T^* of the bounded linear operator T and the Riesz representation of bounded linear functional by inner products

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CHAPTER ONE

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT

1.1 BASIC DEFINITION

1.1.2 Definition: Let X be a vector space over a field K . Then a mapping $\| \cdot \|: X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is said to be a norm on X if for each $x, y \in X, \lambda \in K$

$$1. \|x\| \geq 0 \text{ and } \|x\| = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = 0 \quad (\text{positive definiteness})$$

$$2. \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\| \quad (\text{Homogeneity})$$

$$3. \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \quad (\text{triangle inequality})$$

If norm is defined on a vector space X , then X is said to be a **normed space**

1.1.3 Definition: A linear functional on Hilbert space H is a linear map from H to $\mathbb{C}$. That is $\varphi: H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

1.1.4 Definition: A linear functional φ is bounded, or Continuous, if there exists a constant k such that

$$|\varphi(x)| \leq k \|x\| \quad (4)$$

The norm of a bounded linear functional is

$$\|\varphi\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\varphi(x)| \quad (5)$$

If $y \in H$, then $\varphi_y(x) = \langle y, x \rangle$ is a bounded linear functional on H , with $\|\varphi_y\| = \|y\|$

1.1.5 Definition: Let X be a vector space over K and let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: X \times X \rightarrow K$ where for all $x, y, z \in X$

$$1. \langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle \quad (\text{linearity})$$

$$2. \langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle \quad (\text{Homogeneity})$$

$$3. \langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} \quad (\text{conjugate symmetry})$$

$$4. \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0 \text{ and } \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = 0 \quad (\text{positive definiteness})$$

Then the pair $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is said to be an **inner product space**.

1.1.6 Definition: A Hilbert space is a complete inner product space.

Examples of Hilbert spaces

1. The Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^n$ is a Hilbert space with inner product defined by

$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \cdots + x_n y_n$. Where $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$. We obtain that

$$\|x\| = \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} = (x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and metric defined on it is given}$$

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \langle x - y, x - y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} = [(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \cdots + (x_n - y_n)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

2. The unitary space $\mathbb{C}^n : \langle x, y \rangle = x_1 \overline{y_1} + \cdots + x_n \overline{y_n}$.

3. The Hilbert space $l^2 = \{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2 < \infty\}$, with inner product defined by $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j \overline{y_j}$

$$\text{and the norm } \|x\| = \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

1.1.7 Definition: If $T: X \rightarrow X$ is a linear operator on linear space X , then $\lambda \in K$ is called **eigenvalue** of T if there exists a non-zero $x \in X$ then

$$Tx = \lambda x \quad (1)$$

1.1.8 Definition (Resolvent set): Let H be a Hilbert space and let $T: D(T) \rightarrow H$ be a linear operator with domain $D(T) \subseteq H$. For any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, we define the operator $T_\lambda = \lambda I - T$. Then R_λ is inverse operator. That is λ is regular value if provided,

- a) R_λ exists
- b) R_λ is a bounded linear operator;
- c) R_λ is defined on a dense subspace of H

The resolvent set of T is the set of all regular values of T

$$\rho(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda \text{ is a regular value of } T\}$$

1.1.9 Definition: The set $\sigma(T)$ of all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ that are not regular values of T is called spectrum of T

$$\text{That is } \sigma(T) = \mathbb{C} - \rho(T)$$

The spectrum of an operator T is usually divided into three disjoint sets.

1. Point spectrum, denoted $\sigma_p(T)$
2. Continuous spectrum, denoted $\sigma_c(T)$
3. Residual spectrum, denoted $\sigma_r(T)$

Where

$$\sigma_p(T) = \{\lambda \in \sigma(T) : \ker(\lambda I - T) \neq \{0\}\}$$

$$\sigma_c(T) = \{\lambda \in \sigma(T) : (\lambda I - T)^{-1} \text{ is densely defined but not bounded}\}$$

$$\sigma_r(T) = \{\lambda \in \sigma(T) : R(\lambda I - T) \text{ is not dense in } H\}$$

Elements of $\sigma_p(T)$ are called eigenvalues

1.1.10 Definition: Two vectors x and y in inner product space are said to be orthogonal

$$\text{if } \langle x, y \rangle = 0$$

1.1.11 Definition: The set containing those vectors x, y such that $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ and $\|x\|=1$ is said to be orthonormal set.

1.1.12 Definition: Orthogonal complement for non-empty subset S of Hilbert space we define the orthogonal complement to S , denoted by $S^\perp$.

$$S^\perp = \{y \in H: \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in S\}$$

1.1.13 Definition: Let X and Y be normed space. A sequence (T_n) of operators $T_n \in B(X, Y)$ is said to be

a) **Uniformly operator convergent:** If (T_n) converges in the norm of $B(X, Y)$ to $T \in B(X, Y)$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \|T_n - T\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (2)$$

b) **Strongly operator convergent:** If $(T_n x)$ converges strongly in Y for every $x \in X$

$$\|T_n x - T x\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (3)$$

1.1.14 Definition: A bounded linear operator $T: H \rightarrow H$ on Hilbert space H is said to be unitary if T is bijective and

$$T^* = T^{-1}$$

1.1.15 Definition: A bounded linear operator $T: H \rightarrow H$ on a Hilbert space H is said to be normal

if $TT^* = T^*T$

1.2 BASIC THEOREM

1.2.1 THEOREM (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality): If X is inner product space then

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\| \quad (7)$$

The equality holds in (7) if and only if x and y are linearly dependent.

Proof:

If $y = 0$, then (7) holds since $\langle x, 0 \rangle = 0$.

Let $y \neq 0$. For every scalar α we have

$$0 \leq \|x - \alpha y\|^2 = \langle x - \alpha y, x - \alpha y \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle - \bar{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle - \alpha [\langle y, x \rangle - \bar{\alpha} \langle y, y \rangle]$$

We see that expression in the brackets $[\dots]$ is zero if we choose

$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\langle y, y \rangle}$. The remaining inequality is $0 \leq \langle x, x \rangle - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\langle y, y \rangle} \langle x, y \rangle = \|x\|^2 - \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2}$

Hence, $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$ ■

1.2.2 THEOREM (Continuity of inner product): If in an inner product $x_n \rightarrow x$ and

$y_n \rightarrow y$. Then $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle$

Proof:

Subtracting and adding a term, using the triangle inequality for numbers and finally, the Schwarz inequality, we obtain.

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle| &= |\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x_n, y \rangle + \langle x_n, y \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle| \\ &\leq |\langle x_n, y_n - y \rangle| + |\langle x_n - x, y \rangle| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $x_n - x \rightarrow 0$ and $y_n - y \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ ■

1.2.3 THEOREM (Riesz representation theorem): Let φ be a continuous linear functional on a Hilbert space H . Then there is a unique $z \in H$ such that $\varphi(x) = \langle x, z \rangle$ for all $x \in H$

Proof:

Let $N = \{x \in H: \varphi(x) = 0\}$ since φ is continuous, N is closed. If $N = H$, we take $Z = 0$

$H = N \oplus N^\perp$ (by theorem of projection)

Take $y_0 \in N^\perp$ with $\|y_0\| = 1$ and consider for any $x \in H$ the vector

$$y = \varphi(x)y_0 - \varphi(y_0)x$$

Since $\varphi(y) = 0$ for all $x \in H$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \langle y, y_0 \rangle &= \langle (\varphi(x)y_0 - \varphi(y_0)x), y_0 \rangle = \varphi(x)\langle y_0, y_0 \rangle - \varphi(y_0)\langle x, y_0 \rangle \\ &= \varphi(x) - \langle x, z \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\varphi(x) = \langle x, z \rangle$, where $z = \overline{\varphi(y_0)}y_0$

Show that the uniqueness,

$\varphi(x) = \langle x, v \rangle = \langle x, w \rangle$. Then take $x = v - w$

$$0 = \langle x, v \rangle - \langle x, w \rangle = \langle x, v - w \rangle = \|v - w\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v - w = 0$$

Thus, $v = w$

1.2.4 THEOREM (Bounded inverse theorem): Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a bounded, linear and bijective operator from Banach space V into Banach space W then the inverse operator $T^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$ is also bounded.

The proof of these theorems so long if you want see on [1]

1.2.5 THEOREM (Principle of uniform boundness): Let (T_n) be sequence of bounded, linear operator $T_n: X \rightarrow Y$ from a Banach space X into a normed space Y such that is bounded for every $x \in X$, say

$$\|T_n x\| \leq C_N \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (8)$$

Where C_N is real number, then the sequence of the norms $\|T_n\|$ is bounded, that is there is C such that $\|T_n\| \leq C$

The proof of these theorems so long if you want see on [3]

CHAPTER TWO

Spectral Theory of Bounded Self-Adjoint Linear Operators

2.1 Spectral properties of bounded self-adjoint linear operators

2.1.1 Definition: Let H_1 and H_2 be complex Hilbert spaces and $T: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$ be a bounded linear operator. Then the **Hilbert-adjoint** operator $T^*: H_2 \rightarrow H_1$ is defined to be the operator satisfying.

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle \text{ for all } x \in H_1, y \in H_2$$

2.1.2 Theorem: The Hilbert-adjoint operator T^* of T exists, is unique and is a bounded linear operator with norm

$$\|T^*\| = \|T\|$$

Proof:

(1) T^* is bounded.

(2) T^* is Linear operator.

(3) T^* is unique

Take $y \in H$ and $T \in B(H)$. We define a bounded linear functional X on H by $x \mapsto \langle Tx, y \rangle$ for all $x, y \in H$

$\Rightarrow X$ Bounded since $|\langle Tx, y \rangle| \leq \|Tx\| \|y\|$. Now by **Riesz representation theorem** there is unique $z \in H$ such that $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$ for all $x \in H$. Here we observe that z and y must have a certain relation so we can define an operator $T^*y = z$ satisfying

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle \text{ for all } x \in H$$

Now let's see T^* Linear.

Let $y_1, y_2 \in H$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, so for all $x \in H$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, T^*(\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2) \rangle &= \langle Tx, \alpha y_1 + \beta y_2 \rangle = \langle Tx, \alpha y_1 \rangle + \langle Tx, \beta y_2 \rangle \\ &= \bar{\alpha} \langle Tx, y_1 \rangle + \bar{\beta} \langle Tx, y_2 \rangle = \langle x, \alpha T^* y_1 \rangle + \langle x, \beta T^* y_2 \rangle = \langle x, \alpha T^* y_1 + \beta T^* y_2 \rangle \\ \Rightarrow T^*(\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2) &= \alpha T^* y_1 + \beta T^* y_2. \end{aligned}$$

T^* Linear operator.

We want show that $\|T^*\| = \|T\|$

Let $y \in H$

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^*y\|^2 &= \langle T^*y, T^*y \rangle = \langle y, TT^*y \rangle \leq \|y\| \|TT^*y\| \leq \|y\| \|T\| \|T^*y\| \\ \Rightarrow \|T^*y\| &\leq \|y\| \|T\|, \text{ This shows that } T^* \text{ is bounded} \\ \Rightarrow \|T^*\| &\leq \|T\|. \dots\dots\dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, let $x \in H$

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx\|^2 &= \langle Tx, Tx \rangle = \langle x, T^*Tx \rangle \leq \|x\| \|T^*Tx\| \leq \|x\| \|T^*\| \|Tx\| \\ \Rightarrow \|Tx\| &\leq \|x\| \|T^*\| \\ \Rightarrow \|T\| &\leq \|T^*\|. \dots\dots\dots (2). \end{aligned}$$

Combining (1) and (2) we get

$$\|T^*\| = \|T\| \quad \blacksquare$$

To show the uniqueness of T^*

Suppose that $S \in B(H, H)$ also satisfied $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, Sy \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in H$. Then for each fixed y we would have that

$$\langle x, Sy - T^*y \rangle = 0 \text{ for every } x, \text{ which implies } Sy - T^*y = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } S = T^*$$

Therefore, T^* is unique.

2.1.3 Definition: A bounded linear operator $T: H \rightarrow H$ on a complex Hilbert space H is said to be self-adjoint or hermitian if

$$T = T^*$$

Equivalently, a bounded linear operator T is said to be self-adjoint if

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, Ty \rangle \text{ for all } x, y \in H \quad (1)$$

2.1.4 Theorem: Let $T: H \rightarrow H$ be a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space H . Then:

- (1) If T is self-adjoint, then $\langle Tx, x \rangle$ is real for all $x \in H$
- (2) If H is complex and $\langle Tx, x \rangle$ is real for all $x \in H$, then the operator T is self-adjoint

Proof.

1. If T is self-adjoint, then for all x

$$\overline{\langle Tx, x \rangle} = \langle x, Tx \rangle \quad (1)$$

By definition $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle$ and since T is self-adjoint, we have

$$\langle Tx, x \rangle = \langle x, Tx \rangle \quad (2)$$

Combining equation (1) and (2) gives

$$\overline{\langle Tx, x \rangle} = \langle Tx, x \rangle$$

Hence $\langle Tx, x \rangle$ is equal to its complex conjugate which implies that it is real.

2. If $\langle Tx, x \rangle$ is real for all $x \in H$, then

$$\langle Tx, x \rangle = \overline{\langle Tx, x \rangle} = \overline{\langle x, T^*x \rangle} = \langle T^*x, x \rangle$$

Hence

$$0 = \langle Tx, x \rangle - \langle T^*x, x \rangle = \langle (T - T^*)x, x \rangle$$

$$\text{Thus, } T - T^* = 0$$

Therefore $T = T^*$

Remark 1: If T Self-adjoint or unitary, then T is normal; in general the converse is not true.

Example 1: If $I: H \rightarrow H$ is identity operator, then $T = 2iI$ is normal, since $T^* = -2iI$, so that $TT^* = T^*T = 4I$ but $T \neq T^*$ and $T^* \neq T^{-1} = \frac{-1}{2}iI$

2.1.5 Theorem: Let $T: H \rightarrow H$ be a bounded self-adjoint linear operator on complex Hilbert space H . Then:

- (a) All the eigenvalue of T are real.
- (b) Eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalue of T are mutually orthogonal.

Proof

(a) Let λ be any eigenvalue of T and x a corresponding eigenvector.

Then $x \neq 0$ and $Tx = \lambda x$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \langle x, x \rangle = \langle \lambda x, x \rangle = \langle Tx, x \rangle = \langle x, Tx \rangle = \langle x, \lambda x \rangle = \bar{\lambda} \langle x, x \rangle, \text{ using the self-adjointness of } T.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \langle x, x \rangle - \bar{\lambda} \langle x, x \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \langle x, x \rangle = 0. \text{ Here } \langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2 \neq 0$$

$$\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$$

(b) Let λ and μ be eigenvalues of T and let x and y be corresponding eigenvectors.

Then $Tx = \lambda x$ and $Ty = \mu y$ since T is self-adjoint and μ is real.

$$\lambda \langle x, y \rangle = \langle \lambda x, y \rangle = \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, Ty \rangle = \langle x, \mu y \rangle = \mu \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \langle x, y \rangle - \mu \langle x, y \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - \mu) \langle x, y \rangle = 0, \lambda \neq \mu$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = 0 \quad \text{i.e. } x \perp y$$

Example 2: $T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1-i \\ 1+i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Spectrum of $(T) = [0, 3]$ distinct real numbers with eigenvectors.

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1+i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ respectively}$$

Finally $\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = x_1^T \overline{x_2} = [-1+i \ 2] \begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ so the eigenvectors are orthogonal.

2.1.6 Theorem: Let $T: H \rightarrow H$ be a bounded self-adjoint linear operator on a complex Hilbert space H . Then a number λ belongs to the resolvent set $\rho(T)$ of T if and only if there exists a $c > 0$ such that for every $x \in H$

$$(2) \quad \|T_\lambda x\| \geq c \|x\| \quad T_\lambda = T - \lambda I$$

Proof: $\Rightarrow$) Suppose that $\lambda \in \rho(T)$, $R_\lambda = T^{-1}_\lambda: H \rightarrow H$ exists and is bounded. Set $\|R_\lambda\| = k$ where $k > 0$ since $R_\lambda \neq 0$ now $I = R_\lambda T_\lambda$, so that for every $x \in H$

$$\Rightarrow T_\lambda x = y, \Rightarrow x = T^{-1}_\lambda y, \text{ since } R_\lambda = T^{-1}_\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow x = R_\lambda T_\lambda x$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x\| = \|R_\lambda T_\lambda x\| \leq \|R_\lambda\| \|T_\lambda x\| = k \|T_\lambda x\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x\| \leq k \|T_\lambda x\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|T_\lambda x\| \geq \frac{1}{k} \|x\|, \text{ where } c = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\|T_\lambda x\| \geq c \|x\|$$

2.1.7 Theorem: The spectrum $\sigma(T)$ of a bounded self-adjoint linear operator $T: H \rightarrow H$ on a complex Hilbert space H is real.

Proof:

By theorem 2.1.6 we show that a $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ (α, β real) with $\beta \neq 0$ which belongs to $\rho(T)$, so that $\sigma(T) \subset \mathbb{R}$

$$\langle T_\lambda x, x \rangle = \langle Tx, x \rangle - \lambda \langle x, x \rangle \text{ for all } x \in H \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Since $\langle Tx, x \rangle$ and $\langle x, x \rangle$ are real

$$\overline{\langle T_\lambda x, x \rangle} = \langle Tx, x \rangle - \bar{\lambda} \langle x, x \rangle, \text{ here } \bar{\lambda} = \alpha - i\beta \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Subtract equation (2) from (1)

$$\overline{\langle T_\lambda x, x \rangle} - \langle T_\lambda x, x \rangle = (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \langle x, x \rangle = 2i\beta \|x\|^2$$

$$\text{So that } -2i\text{Im}\langle T_\lambda x, x \rangle = 2i\beta \|x\|^2$$

$$-\text{Im}\langle T_\lambda x, x \rangle = \beta \|x\|^2$$

Taking absolute value and Cauchy Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$|\beta| \|x\|^2 = |\text{Im}\langle T_\lambda x, x \rangle| \leq \|T_\lambda x\| \|x\|$$

$$|\beta| \|x\| \leq \|T_\lambda x\|, \text{ for } \|x\| \neq 0. \text{ If } \beta \neq 0, \text{ then } \lambda \in \rho(T)$$

Hence for $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$ we must have $\beta = 0$ that is λ is real.

2.2 Further Spectral Properties of Bounded Self-Adjoint Linear Operators.

2.2.1 Theorem: The spectrum $\sigma(T)$ of a bounded self-adjoint linear operator $T: H \rightarrow H$ on a complex Hilbert space H lies in the closed interval $[m, M]$ on the real axis, where

$$m = \inf_{\|x\|=1} \langle Tx, x \rangle$$

$$M = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \langle Tx, x \rangle$$

Proof:

$\sigma(T)$ lies on the real axis by theorem of 2.1.7. We show that any real $\lambda = M + c$ with $c > 0$ belongs to the resolvent set $\rho(T)$. For every $x \neq 0$ and $v = \|x\|^{-1}x$ we have $x = \|x\|v$ and

$$\langle Tx, x \rangle = \|x\|^2 \langle Tv, v \rangle \leq \|x\|^2 \sup_{\|v\|=1} \langle Tv, v \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle M$$

Hence $-\langle Tx, x \rangle \geq -\langle x, x \rangle M$ and by cauchy schwarz inequality. we obtain

$$\|T_\lambda x\| \|x\| \geq -\langle T_\lambda x, x \rangle = -\langle Tx, x \rangle + \lambda \langle x, x \rangle = -\langle x, x \rangle M + \lambda \langle x, x \rangle$$

$$\geq (-M + \lambda) \langle x, x \rangle \geq c \|x\|^2$$

$$\|T_\lambda x\| \|x\| \geq c \|x\|^2, \quad \|x\| \neq 0$$

$$\|T_\lambda x\| \geq c \|x\|$$

$$\lambda \in \rho(T)$$

Example 3: Consider the operator $T: l^2 \rightarrow l^2$ given by $Tx = (0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$,

Where $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots)$. Show that eigenvalue and spectrum of operator

Solution: we use to show two cases

Case I: If $\lambda = 0$, then $0 \in \sigma_p(T)$

$Tx = \lambda x \Rightarrow Tx = 0x = 0$, for some x which is impossible.

Case II: If $\lambda \neq 0$, then $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$ there exists $x \neq 0$ such that $Tx = \lambda x$

$$\Rightarrow (0, x_1, x_2, \dots) = (\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2, \dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda x_1 = 0, \text{ since } \lambda \neq 0, x_1 = 0$$

$$x_1 = \lambda x_2, \text{ since } \lambda \neq 0, x_2 = 0$$

...and so $x = 0$ a contradiction

$$\sigma_p(T) = \emptyset$$

Therefore $0 \in \sigma(T)$, because T has no inverse.

i.e $0 \notin \rho(T)$

2.2.2 Theorem: For any bounded self-adjoint linear operator T on a complex Hilbert space H we have

$$\|T\| = \max(|m|, |M|) = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle Tx, x \rangle|$$

Proof: By the Cauchy Schwarz inequality

$$\sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle Tx, x \rangle| \leq \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Tx\| \|x\| = \|T\|. \text{ where } K = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle Tx, x \rangle|$$

$$K \leq \|T\| \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

We want show $\|T\| \leq K$

If $Tz=0$ then $0 \leq K \cdot \|z\|^2$

$$\|Tz\| \leq K \quad \forall z \in H, \|z\| = 1$$

Otherwise $Tz \neq 0$ for any z of norm 1

$$v = \|Tz\|^{-\frac{1}{2}} Tz \quad \text{and} \quad w = \|Tz\|^{\frac{1}{2}} Tz$$

Now set $y_1 = v + w$ and $y_2 = v - w$.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Ty_1, y_1 \rangle - \langle Ty_2, y_2 \rangle &= 2(\langle Tv, w \rangle + \langle Tw, v \rangle) \\ &= 2(\langle Tz, Tz \rangle + \langle T^2 z, z \rangle), \text{ since } T \text{ is self-adjoint} \\ &= 2(\langle Tz, Tz \rangle + \langle Tz, Tz \rangle) = 2(2\langle Tz, Tz \rangle) \\ &= 4\langle Tz, Tz \rangle = 4\|Tz\|^2 \dots \dots \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

Now for every $y \neq 0$ and $x = \|y\|^{-1}y$ we have $y = \|y\|x$ and

$|\langle Ty, y \rangle| = \|y\|^2 |\langle Tx, x \rangle| \leq \|y\|^2 \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle Tx, x \rangle| = K\|y\|^2$, so that by the triangle inequality.

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle Ty_1, y_1 \rangle - \langle Ty_2, y_2 \rangle| &\leq |\langle Ty_1, y_1 \rangle| + |\langle Ty_2, y_2 \rangle| \\
&\leq K(\|y_1\|^2 + \|y_2\|^2) \\
&\leq 2K(\|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2) \\
&= 4K\|Tz\| \dots \dots \dots (2)
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (1) and (2) we get

$$4\|Tz\|^2 \leq 4K\|Tz\|, \quad \|Tz\| \neq 0$$

$\|Tz\| \leq K$ by taking supremum over all z of norm 1. $\|T\| \leq K$ and $K \leq \|T\|$

$$\|T\| = K = \max(|m|, |M|) = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle Tx, x \rangle| \quad \blacksquare$$

2.2.3 Theorem: The residual spectrum $\sigma_r(T)$ of a bounded self-adjoint linear operator

$T: H \rightarrow H$ on a complex Hilbert space H is empty.

Proof.

Suppose not $\sigma_r(T) \neq \emptyset$. Let $\lambda \in \sigma_r(T)$. By definition of $\sigma_r(T)$, the inverse of T_λ exists but its domain $\mathfrak{D}(T_\lambda^{-1})$ is not dense in H . Hence, by the projection theorem there is a $y \neq 0$ in H which is orthogonal to $\mathfrak{D}(T_\lambda^{-1})$, but $\mathfrak{D}(T_\lambda^{-1})$ is a range of T_λ

$\langle T_\lambda x, y \rangle = 0$ for all $x \in H$. Since λ is real and T self-adjoint, we obtain $\langle x, T_\lambda y \rangle = 0$ for all x

Taking $x = T_\lambda y$ we get $\|T_\lambda y\|^2 = 0$, so that $T_\lambda y = Ty - \lambda y = 0$ since $y \neq 0$. This shows that λ is an eigenvalue of T , but contradicts.

$$\lambda \in \sigma_r(T)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \sigma_r(T) = \emptyset \quad \blacksquare$$

2.3 Positive Operators

In this section we can see the definition of **partial order** is a binary relation “ $\leq$ ” over a set p which is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive.

i.e. For all a, b and c in p

We have that

1. $a \leq a$ (Reflexive)
2. if $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$ then $a = b$ (antisymmetric)
3. if $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c$ then $a \leq c$ (transitivity)

2.3.1 Definition: A bounded linear operator $T: H \rightarrow H$ is called a positive operator if and only if T self-adjoint and $\langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0$ for all $x \in H$

A bounded linear operator $T: H \rightarrow H$ is said to be **positive**, written

$$(1) \quad T \geq 0 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in H$$

Remark 2: (a) The sum of positive operators is positive.

(b) Every Positive operator on a complex Hilbert space is self-adjoint

Proof(b).

Assume that $T \in B(H)$ is positive.

$$\Rightarrow \langle T^*x, x \rangle = \langle x, Tx \rangle = \overline{\langle Tx, x \rangle} = \langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle (T^* - T)x, x \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow T^* - T = 0$$

Hence, $T^* = T$

Example 4: Let $T: L^2(0,1) \rightarrow L^2(0,1)$ be a linear operator defined by

$$Tf(x) = xf(x) \quad \text{for all } f \in L^2(0,1) \quad \text{for all } x \in (0,1)$$

Show that T is a positive operator.

Solution. For all $f \in L^2(0,1)$ we have that T is self-adjoint since

$$\langle Tf, g \rangle = \int_0^1 xf(x)\overline{g(x)}dx = \int_0^1 f(x)\overline{xg(x)}dx = \langle f, Tg \rangle \text{ for all } f, g \in L^2(0,1)$$

$$\langle Tf, f \rangle = \int_0^1 xf(x)\overline{f(x)}dx = \int_0^1 x|f(x)|^2 dx \geq 0$$

Therefore T is positive operator

The following theorem is like the familiar statement about real numbers which says that when you multiply two non-negative real numbers the result is a non-negative real numbers.

2.3.2 Theorem: Let S and T be a positive and self-adjoint such that $ST = TS$. Then their product ST is positive.

Proof.

Since $(ST)^* = T^*S^* = TS$ we see that ST is self-adjoint if and only if $ST = TS$.

We show that ST is positive.

This is true for $n = 0$. Assume it is true for n

We consider

$$(2) \quad S_1 = \frac{1}{\|S\|} S \quad S_{n+1} = S_n - S_n^2 \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

and prove by induction that

$$(3) \quad 0 \leq S_n \leq I$$

(a) For $n = 1$ the inequality (3) holds. Indeed, the assumption $0 \leq S$ implies $S_1 \leq I$ is obtained by application of the schawrz inequality $\|Sx\| \leq \|s\|\|x\|$

$$\langle S_1 x, x \rangle = \frac{1}{\|S\|} \langle Sx, x \rangle \leq \frac{1}{\|S\|} \|Sx\| \|x\| \leq \|x\|^2 = \langle Ix, x \rangle$$

$$S_1 \leq I$$

Suppose (3) holds for an $n = k$ that is

$$0 \leq S_k \leq I \quad \text{thus} \quad 0 \leq I - S_k \leq I$$

Then, since S_k is self-adjoint, for every $x \in H$ and $y = S_k x$

We obtain

$$\langle S_k^2 (I - S_k) x, x \rangle = \langle (I - S_k) S_k x, S_k x \rangle = \langle (I - S_k) y, y \rangle \geq 0$$

By definition this proves

$$S_k^2 (I - S_k) \geq 0$$

Similarly,

$$S_k (I - S_k)^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{Since } S_k \text{ is self-adjoint}$$

It is clear that from remark (2) sum of positive operators is positive.

$$0 \leq S_k^2 (I - S_k) + S_k (I - S_k)^2 = S_k - S_k^2 = S_{k+1}$$

Hence, $0 \leq S_{k+1} \leq I$

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(b) We now show that $\langle Sx, x \rangle \geq 0$ for all $x \in H$. From (3) we obtain successively

$$S_1 = S_1^2 + S_2, \quad S_2 = S_2^2 + S_3, \quad S_3 = S_3^2 + S_4$$

$$= S_1^2 + S_2^2 + S_3^2 + S_4$$

...

$$= S_1^2 + S_2^2 + S_3^2 + S_4^2 + \cdots + S_n^2 + S_{n+1}$$

Since $S_{n+1} \geq 0$ this implies

$$(5) \quad S_1^2 + S_2^2 + S_3^2 + S_4^2 + \cdots + S_n^2 = S_1 - S_{n+1} \leq S_1$$

By the definition of $\leq$ and self-adjointness of S_j 's

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \|S_j x\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle S_j x, S_j x \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle S_j^2 x, x \rangle \leq \langle S_1 x, x \rangle$$

Since n is arbitrary, the infinite series $\|S_1x\|^2 + \|S_2x\|^2 + \dots$ absolutely converges.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \|S_j x\|^2 = \|S_1 x\|^2 \quad \text{hence} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n x = Sx$$

$$(6) \quad \left(\sum_{j=1}^n S_j^2 \right) x = (S_1 - S_{n+1}) x \rightarrow S_1 x$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n S_j^2 \right) x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_1 - S_{n+1}) x \rightarrow S_1 x$$

All the S_j s commute with T since they are sums and product of $S_1 = \|S\|^{-1}S$ and S and T commute. Using $S = \|S\|S_1$, formula (6) $T \geq 0$ and the continuity of inner product, we thus obtain for every $x \in H$ and $y_j = S_j x$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle STx, x \rangle &= \|S\| \langle TS_1 x, x \rangle \\ &= \|S\| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \langle TS_j^2 x, x \rangle \\ &= \|S\| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \langle Ty_j, y_j \rangle \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore ST is positive ■

In this section we consider a condition which, together with boundeness, will ensure that a sequence is convergent.

2.3.3 Definition: A monotone sequence (T_n) of self-adjoint linear operators T_n on Hilbert space H is a sequence (T_n) which is either monotone increasing, that is,

$$T_1 \leq T_2 \leq T_3 \leq \dots$$

Or monotone decreasing, that is,

$$T_1 \geq T_2 \geq T_3 \geq \dots$$

The following theorem is a generalization of the familiar fact that if you have an increasing sequence of real numbers which is bounded above, then the sequence converges

2.3.4 Theorem: Let (T_n) be a sequence of bounded self-adjoint linear operators on a complex Hilbert space H such that

$$(7) \quad T_1 \leq T_2 \leq T_3 \leq \cdots T_n \leq \cdots \leq K$$

Where K is bounded self-adjoint linear operator on H . Suppose that any T_j commutes with K and with every T_m . Then (T_n) is strongly operator convergent ($T_n x \rightarrow Tx$ for all $x \in H$) and limit operator T is linear, bounded and self-adjoint and satisfies $T \leq K$

Proof.

We consider $S_n = K - T_n$.

(a) The sequence $(\langle S_n^2 x, x \rangle)$ converges for every $x \in H$

(b) $T_n x \rightarrow Tx$, where T is linear, self-adjoint and bounded by uniform boundness theorem

$$(a) \langle S_n^2 x, x \rangle = \langle S_n x, S_n x \rangle$$

Therefore S_n is self-adjoint

$$S_m^2 - S_n S_m = (S_m - S_n) S_m = (T_n - T_m)(K - T_m)$$

Let $m < n$. Then $T_n - T_m$ and $K - T_m$ are positive by (7), since these operators commute, their product is positive. Hence on the left $S_m^2 - S_n S_m \geq 0$, that is $S_m^2 \geq S_n S_m$ for $m < n$.

Similarity

$$S_n S_m - S_n^2 = S_n (S_m - S_n) = (K - T_n)(T_n - T_m) \geq 0$$

So that $S_n S_m \geq S_n^2$, together

$$S_m^2 \geq S_n S_m \geq S_n^2 \quad m < n$$

By definition, using the self-adjointness of S_n

$$\langle S_m^2 x, x \rangle \geq \langle S_n S_m x, x \rangle \geq \langle S_n^2 x, x \rangle = \langle S_n x, S_n x \rangle = \|S_n x\|^2 \geq 0 \quad (8)$$

This show that $(\langle S_n^2 x, x \rangle)$ with fixed x is a monotone decreasing sequence of non-negative numbers.

Hence, $(\langle S_n^2 x, x \rangle)$ converges. ■

(b) We show that $T_n x \rightarrow T x$ is converges. By assumption, every T_n commute with every T_m and with K . Hence the S_j s all commute.

These operators are self-adjoint, since $-2\langle S_n S_m x, x \rangle \leq -2\langle S_n^2 x, x \rangle$ by (8) where $m < n$

$$\begin{aligned}\|S_m x - S_n x\|^2 &= \langle (S_m - S_n)x, (S_m - S_n)x \rangle \\ &= \langle (S_m - S_n)^2 x, x \rangle \\ &= \langle S_m^2 x, x \rangle - 2\langle S_n S_m x, x \rangle + \langle S_n^2 x, x \rangle \\ &\leq \langle S_m^2 x, x \rangle - \langle S_n^2 x, x \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Since $(S_n x)$ is Cauchy sequence. Then H is complete.

We show that T is self-adjoint because T_n is self-adjoint and the inner product is continuous.

$$\langle T x, x \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle T_n x, x \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x, T_n x \rangle = \langle x, T x \rangle$$

We show that T is bounded

Now we must show that T is bounded and $(T_n x)$ converges to it

$\sup_n \|T_n x\|$ must be finite for every x , there is M such that $M > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \|T_n\| \leq M \quad \forall n$$

$$\Rightarrow \|T_n x\| \leq M \|x\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T_n x\| \leq M \|x\| \text{ this implies } \|T x\| \leq M \|x\|$$

Hence T is bounded, by uniform boundness theorem.

Finally $\langle T x, x \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle T_n x, x \rangle \leq \langle K x, x \rangle$

$$T \leq K \quad \blacksquare$$

2.4 Square Roots of a Positive Operators

2.4.1 Definition: Let $T: H \rightarrow H$ be positive bounded self-adjoint linear operator on complex Hilbert space H . Then a bounded self-adjoint operator A is called a square root of T if,

$$(1) \quad A^2 = T$$

If, in addition, $A \geq 0$, then A is called a positive square root of T and is denoted by

$$A = T^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ exists and is unique}$$

The following result characterizes the uniqueness and existence of square root of positive operators.

2.4.2 Theorem: Every positive bounded self-adjoint linear operator $T: H \rightarrow H$ on a complex Hilbert space H has a positive square root A , which is unique. This operator A commutes with every bounded linear operator on H which commutes with T .

Proof.

(a) We show that if the theorem holds under the additional assumption $T \leq I$ it also holds without that assumption

If $T = 0$, we can take $A = T^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$

Let $T \neq 0$ by cauchy schwarz inequality.

$$\langle Tx, x \rangle \leq \|Tx\| \|x\| \leq \|T\| \|x\|^2 = \langle Ix, x \rangle$$

$$\left\langle \frac{T}{\|T\|} x, x \right\rangle = \langle Ix, x \rangle \text{ since } \|T\| \neq 0 \quad \text{set } Q = \left(\frac{1}{\|T\|} \right) T, \text{ we obtain}$$

$$\langle Qx, x \rangle \leq \|x\|^2 = \langle Ix, x \rangle \text{ that is } Q \leq I$$

Assuming that Q has a unique positive square root.

$$B = Q^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ we have } B^2 = Q \text{ and } T = \|T\| Q \Rightarrow T^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|T\|^{\frac{1}{2}} Q^{\frac{1}{2}} = T^{\frac{1}{2}} B$$

$$\left(\|T\|^{\frac{1}{2}} B \right)^2 = \|T\| B^2 = \|T\| Q = T. \quad \text{Hence if we prove the theorem under the additional assumption } T \leq I \quad \blacksquare$$

(b) We obtain the existence of the operator $A = T^{\frac{1}{2}}$ from $A_n x \rightarrow Ax$ where $A_0 = 0$

$$\text{and } (2) \quad A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}(T - A_n^2) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

We consider (2), since $A_0 = 0$, we have $A_1 = \frac{1}{2}T$, $A_2 = T - \frac{1}{8}T^2 \dots$,

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}(T - A_n^2) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Each A_n is polynomial in T , and they also commute with T . We now prove

$$(3) \quad A_n \leq I \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$(4) \quad A_n \leq A_{n+1} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$(5) \quad A_n x \rightarrow Ax, \quad A = T^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(6) \quad ST = TS, \Rightarrow AS = SA$$

Where S is a bounded linear operator on H .

Proof (3)

This is true if $n = 0$. Suppose it is true for n . Since $I - A_{n-1}$ is self-adjoint

$(I - A_{n-1})^2 \geq 0$. Also $T \leq I$. This implies $I - T \geq 0$. From this and (2) we obtain (3)

$$\begin{aligned} I - A_n &= I - A_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2}(T - A_{n-1}^2) \\ &\geq I - A_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2}(I - A_{n-1}^2) \\ &= I - A_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2}(I - A_{n-1})(I + A_{n-1}) \\ &= (I - A_{n-1})(I - \frac{1}{2}(I + A_{n-1})) \\ &= (I - A_{n-1})(I - A_{n-1})\frac{1}{2} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$I - A_n \geq 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

Proof (4).

We use induction (2) gives $0 = A_0 \leq A_1 = \frac{1}{2}T$

We show that $A_{n-1} \leq A_n$ for fixed n implies $A_n \leq A_{n+1}$ from (2) we calculate.

$$A_{n+1} - A_n = A_n + \frac{1}{2}(T - A_n^2) - A_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2}(T - A_{n-1}^2)$$

$$= A_n - \frac{1}{2}A_n^2 - A_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2}A_{n-1}^2$$

$$= A_n - A_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2}A_n^2 + \frac{1}{2}A_{n-1}^2$$

$$\geq (A_n - A_{n-1})[I - \frac{1}{2}(A_n + A_{n-1})]$$

$$= (A_n - A_{n-1})[I - \frac{1}{2}(2I)] = 0$$

Hence $A_n - A_{n-1} \geq 0$ and $(I - \frac{1}{2}(A_n + A_{n-1})) \geq 0$

Therefore $A_n \leq A_{n+1} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ■

Proof (5)

(A_n) Monotone increasing by (4) and $A_n \leq I$ by (3). Hence (by the theorem monotone sequence) implies the existence of a bounded self-adjoint linear operator A .

Such that $A_n x \rightarrow Ax$ for all $x \in H$ since $(A_n x)$ converges (2) gives

$$A_{n+1}x - A_n x = \frac{1}{2}(Tx - A_n^2 x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$Tx - A^2 x = 0 \text{ for all } x$$

$$Tx = A^2 x, \quad x \neq 0 \quad \text{hence} \quad T = A^2$$

Also $A \geq 0$. because $0 = A_0 \leq A_n$ by (4)

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle A_n x, x \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x, A_n x \rangle = \langle x, Ax \rangle = \langle Ax, x \rangle \geq 0 \text{ by continuity of inner product}$$

Proof (6)

Let $S \in L(H, H)$ be any linear operator that commute with A

$$SA_n = A_n S \quad \forall n$$

$$\text{Since } A_n \rightarrow A, \quad A_n Sx \rightarrow ASx$$

Using continuity of inner product S

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S A_n x = S \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n x = S A x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n S x = A S x$$

$$\text{Hence } ST = TS \Rightarrow AS = SA$$

(c) Uniqueness: Let both A and B be positive square root of T. Then $A^2 = B^2 = T$. Also $BT = B^2 B = BB^2 = TB$, So that $AB = BA$ by (6)

Let $x \in H$ be arbitrary and $y = (A - B)x$

Then $\langle Ay, y \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle By, y \rangle \geq 0$ because $A \geq 0$ and $B \geq 0$

Using $AB = BA$ and $A^2 = B^2$ we obtain

$$\langle Ay, y \rangle + \langle By, y \rangle = \langle (A + B)y, y \rangle = \langle (A^2 - B^2)x, y \rangle = 0$$

Hence $\langle Ay, y \rangle = \langle By, y \rangle = 0$, since $A \geq 0$ and A is self-adjoint. It has itself a positive square root C, that is $C^2 = A$ and C is self-adjoint.

We obtain

$$0 = \langle Ay, y \rangle = \langle C^2 y, y \rangle = \langle Cy, Cy \rangle = \|Cy\|^2 \text{ and } Cy = 0, \text{ also } Ay = C^2 y = C(Cy) = 0$$

Similarly,

$B \geq 0$ and B is self-adjoint, it has itself a positive square root D.

That is $D^2 = B$ and D is self-adjoint.

$$0 = \langle By, y \rangle = \langle D^2 y, y \rangle = \langle Dy, Dy \rangle = \|Dy\|^2 \text{ and } Dy = 0, \text{ also } By = D^2 y = D(Dy) = 0$$

Hence $By = 0$, since $B \geq 0$

Hence $(A - B)y = 0$, using $y = (A - B)x$ for all $x \in H$

$$\|Ax - Bx\|^2 = \langle (A - B)^2 x, x \rangle = \langle (A - B)y, x \rangle = 0$$

Hence $A = B$. Then A is unique.

CHAPTER THREE

PROJECTIONS

3.1 BASIC DEFINITION AND PROPERTIES OF PROJECTION.

3.1.1 Definition: Let H be a Hilbert space over Complex number. A bounded linear operator P on H is called

- 1) a projection if $P^2 = P$
- 2) an orthogonal projection if $P^2 = P$ and $P^* = P$

Note: The $\text{Ran}(P) = P(H)$ of a projection on a Hilbert space H always is a closed linear subspace of H on which P acts like the identity. If in addition P is orthogonal, then P acts like zero operators on $\mathcal{N}(P)$.

If $x = y + z$ with $y \in R(P)$ and $z \in \mathcal{N}(P)$ is the decomposition guaranteed by the projection theorem, then $Px = y$. Thus the projection theorem sets up a one-to-one correspondence between orthogonal projection and closed linear subspaces.

$$H = Y \oplus Y^\perp$$

$$x = y + z = Px + (I - P)x$$

This show that the projection of H onto $Y^\perp$ is $I - P$

Example 5: Let $P: C^3 \rightarrow C^3$ be the linear operator defined

by $P(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0)$ for all $x, y, z \in C^3$

Then P is orthogonal projection

Solution: Since C^3 is finite dimensional $P \in B(C^3)$ and $P^2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$

Therefore P is idempotent.

Follows from $\langle P(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \rangle = x\bar{u} + y\bar{v} = \langle (x, y, z), P(u, v, w) \rangle$

Then P is self-adjoint

Therefore P is orthogonal projection.

Orthogonal projection P has $\text{Imp} = \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{C}\}$ orthogonal projection P matrix representation.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In general a $n \times n$ diagonal matrix whose diagonal element either 0 or 1 is the matrix of an orthogonal projection $B(C^3)$

3.1.2 Theorem: A bounded linear operator $P: H \rightarrow H$ on a Hilbert space H is a projection if and only if P is self-adjoint and idempotent.

Proof.

($\Rightarrow$) Suppose that p is a projection on H and denote $P(H)$ by Y . Then $P^2 = P$ because for every $x \in H$ and $Px = y \in Y$ we have

$$P^2x = Py = y, \text{ hence } P^2x = Px \Rightarrow P^2 = P \text{ is idempotent.}$$

Now consider any two vectors x_1 and x_2 in H , from decomposition we can write

$$x_1 = y_1 + z_1 \text{ and } x_2 = y_2 + z_2 \text{ where } y_1, y_2 \in Y = R(P) \text{ and } z_1, z_2 \in Y^\perp = N(P)$$

Then $\langle y_1, z_2 \rangle = \langle y_2, z_1 \rangle = 0$ because $Y \perp Y^\perp$

We show that P is self-adjoint

$$\langle Px_1, x_2 \rangle = \langle y_1, y_2 + z_2 \rangle = \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle = \langle y_1 + z_1, y_2 \rangle = \langle x_1, Px_2 \rangle$$

Hence P is self-adjoint

($\Leftarrow$) suppose that P self – adjoint and idempotent, denote $P(H)$ by Y . Then for every $x \in H$. Using projection theorem.

$$x = Px + (I - P)x$$

Orthogonality. $Y = P(H) \perp (I - P)(H)$. Follows from,

$$\langle Px, (I - P)v \rangle = \langle x, P(I - P)v \rangle = \langle x, Pv - P^2v \rangle = \langle x, 0 \rangle = 0$$

Let $Y = P(H) = R(P)$, then Y is a linear subspace of H . If $y_n = Px_n$, with $y_n \rightarrow z$, then

$$Py_n = P^2x_n = Py_n = y_n$$

So,

$$z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Py_n = Pz \in Y$$

Hence is Y closed subspace of H

Then P is projection on H .

3.1.3 Theorem. For any projection P on a Hilbert space H ,

$$(3) \quad \langle Px, x \rangle = \|Px\|^2$$

$$(4) \quad 0 \leq P \leq I$$

$$(5) \quad \|P\| \leq 1; \quad \|P\| = 1 \text{ if } P(H) \neq \{0\}$$

Proof .

$$(3) \quad \langle Px, x \rangle = \langle P^2x, x \rangle = \langle Px, Px \rangle = \|Px\|^2$$

$$(4) \quad 0 \leq \|Px\|^2 = \langle Px, Px \rangle = \langle Px, x \rangle \leq \|x\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle$$

$$0 \leq P \leq I$$

$$(5) \quad \text{By the using schwarz inequality}$$

$$\langle Px, x \rangle \leq \|x\|^2$$

$$\|Px\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2, \quad \text{since } \|x\| \neq 0$$

$$\|P\| \leq 1 \dots \dots \dots (1) \quad \text{for all } x \in H$$

$$\|Px\| = \|P(Px)\| \leq \|P\|\|Px\|$$

$$\|Px\| \leq \|P\|\|Px\|, \text{ since } \|P\| \neq 0$$

$$1 \leq \|P\| \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

By combining (1) and (2) we get ; $\|P\| = 1$ ■

3.1.4 Theorem: Products projections on Hilbert space H are satisfying the following two conditions.

a) $P = P_1 P_2$ is projection on H if and only if the projections P_1 and P_2 commute. Then P projects H onto $Y = Y_1 \cap Y_2$ where $Y_j = P_j(H)$

b) Two closed subspaces Y and V of H are orthogonal if and only if the corresponding projections satisfy $P_Y P_V = 0$

Proof.

($\Leftarrow$) Suppose that P_1 and P_2 commute, then show that P is self-adjoint and idempotent

$$\langle Px_1, x_2 \rangle = \langle P_1 P_2 x_1, x_2 \rangle = \langle P_2 x_1, P_1 x_2 \rangle = \langle x_1, P_2 P_1 x_2 \rangle = \langle x_1, P x_2 \rangle$$

Hence, P is self – adjoint

$$P^2 = (P_1 P_2)^2 = (P_1 P_2)(P_1 P_2) = P_1^2 P_2^2 = P_1 P_2 = P$$

Then P is idempotent.

Hence, P is projection.

Then $Px = P_1(P_2x) = P_2(P_1x) = x$ for all $x \in H$

Since P_1 projects H onto Y_1 , we must have

$$Px = P_1(P_2x) \in Y_1$$

$$Px = P_2(P_1x) \in Y_2$$

$Px \in Y_1 \cap Y_2$ since $x \in H$ was arbitrary. This shows P projects H into $Y = Y_1 \cap Y_2$.

Actually, P projects H onto Y . Indeed, if $y \in Y$, then $y \in Y_1$ and $y \in Y_2$

$$Py = P_1P_2y = P_1y = y$$

Then $y \in Y_1 \cap Y_2$, $y \in Y$. Hence $Y = Y_1 \cap Y_2$

($\Rightarrow$) Suppose $P = P_1P_2$ is projection defined on H . It must be self-adjoint

$$P_1P_2 = (P_1P_2)^* = P_2^*P_1^* = P_2P_1$$

Then $P_1P_2 = P_2P_1$

b) ($\Rightarrow$) If $Y \perp V$, then $Y \cap V = \{0\}$ and $P_Y P_V x = \{0\}$ for all $x \in H$ by part (a), so that $P_Y P_V = 0$

($\Leftarrow$) if $P_Y P_V = 0$ then for every $y \in Y$ and $v \in V$

We obtain

$$\langle y, v \rangle = \langle P_Y y, P_V v \rangle = \langle y, P_Y P_V v \rangle = \langle y, 0 \rangle = 0$$

Hence $Y \perp V$ ■

3.1.5 Theorem: Let P_1 and P_2 be projections on Hilbert space H . Then:

a) The sum $P = P_1 + P_2$ is a projection on H if and only if $Y_1 = P_1(H)$ and $Y_2 = P_2(H)$ are orthogonal.

b) If $P = P_1 + P_2$ is a projection, P projects H onto $Y = Y_1 \oplus Y_2$

Proof.

($\Rightarrow$) Suppose that $P = P_1 + P_2$ is a projection.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } x \in Y_1 \Rightarrow \|x\|^2 &\geq \|(P_1 + P_2)x\|^2 = \langle (P_1 + P_2)x, (P_1 + P_2)x \rangle \\
 &= \langle (P_1 + P_2)^2 x, x \rangle = \langle (P_1 + P_2)x, x \rangle \\
 &= \langle P_1 x, x \rangle + \langle P_2 x, x \rangle \\
 &= \|x\|^2 + \langle P_2^2 x, x \rangle \\
 &= \|x\|^2 + \|P_2 x\|^2 \Rightarrow \|P_2 x\| = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

For any $y \in Y_2$ and $x \in Y_1$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, P_2 y \rangle = \langle P_2 x, y \rangle = \langle 0, y \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = 0$$

Therefore $Y_1 \perp Y_2$

($\Leftarrow$) If $Y_1 \perp Y_2$ then $P_2 P_1 = P_1 P_2 = 0$ which implies $P^2 = P$

$$P^2 = (P_1 + P_2)^2 = P_1^2 + P_1 P_2 + P_2 P_1 = P_1 + P_2 = P$$

P is idempotent.

$$P^* = (P_1 + P_2)^* = P_1 + P_2 = P$$

P is self-adjoint.

Hence, P is projection.

b) We determine the closed subspace $Y \subset H$ onto which P projects,

Since $P_1 + P_2$ for every $x \in H$

$$y = Px = P_1 x + P_2 x$$

Here $P_1 x \in Y_1$ and $P_2 x \in Y_2$, hence $y \in Y_1 \oplus Y_2$

So that $Y \subset Y_1 \oplus Y_2 \dots \dots \dots (1)$

We show that $Y \supset Y_1 \oplus Y_2$

Let $v \in Y_1 \oplus Y_2$ be arbitrary .then $v = y_1 + y_2$, here $y_1 \in Y_1$ and $y_2 \in Y_2$.applying P

Using $Y_1 \perp Y_2$, we thus obtain,

$$Pv = P_1(y_1 + y_2) + P_2(y_1 + y_2) = P_1y_1 + P_2y_2 = y_1 + y_2 = v$$

Hence $v \in Y$ and $Y \supset Y_1 \oplus Y_2 \dots \dots \dots (2)$

Combining (1) and (2) we have

$$Y = Y_1 \oplus Y_2$$

3.2 Further properties of projections

3.2.1 Theorem: Let P_1 and P_2 be projections defined on a Hilbert Space H . Denote by $Y_1 = P_1(H)$ and $Y_2 = P_2(H)$ the subspace onto which H is projected by P_1 and P_2 , and let $\mathcal{N}(P_1)$ and $\mathcal{N}(P_2)$ be the Null space of these projections. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

1. $P_2P_1 = P_1P_2 = P_1$
2. $Y_1 \subset Y_2 = P_1(H) \subset P_2(H)$
3. $\mathcal{N}(P_1) \supset \mathcal{N}(P_2)$
4. $\|P_1x\| \leq \|P_2x\|$
5. $P_1 \leq P_2$

Proof

(2 $\Rightarrow$ 1) Suppose that $Y_1 \subset Y_2 = P_1(H) \subset P_2(H)$

We want show that $P_2P_1 = P_1P_2 = P_1$

For every $x \in H$, we have $P_1x \in Y_1$. Hence, $P_1x \in Y_2$ by (2)

$$P_2(P_1x) = P_1x$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2 P_1 = P_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (P_2 P_1)^* = P_1^* P_2^* = P_1 P_2 = P_2 P_1 = P_1. \text{ Since, } P_1 \text{ is self-adjoint}$$

$$P_2 P_1 = P_1 P_2 = P_1$$

$$(1 \Rightarrow 4) \text{ Suppose } P_2 P_1 = P_1 P_2 = P_1$$

We want show that $\|P_1 x\| \leq \|P_2 x\|$ for all $x \in H$

$$\Rightarrow \langle P_1 x, x \rangle \leq \|x\|^2, \text{ since } P_1 x = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \|P_1 x\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2, \text{ for all } x \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow \|P_1\|^2 \|x\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2, \|x\| \neq 0$$

We have $\|P_1\| \leq 1$ by (1) $\langle P x, x \rangle = \|P x\|^2$

$$\|P_1 x\| = \|P_1 P_2 x\| \leq \|P_1\| \|P_2 x\| \leq \|P_2 x\|$$

$$\|P_1 x\| \leq \|P_2 x\|$$

$$(4 \Rightarrow 5) \text{ Suppose that } \|P_1 x\| \leq \|P_2 x\|$$

We want show that $P_1 \leq P_2$

From $\langle P x, x \rangle = \|P x\|^2$ and (4) in present theorem we have for all $x \in H$

$$\langle P_1 x, x \rangle = \|P_1 x\|^2 \leq \|P_2 x\|^2 = \langle P_2 x, x \rangle$$

$P_1 \leq P_2$. By the definition (2.3)

$$(5 \Rightarrow 3) \text{ Suppose that } P_1 \leq P_2$$

We want show that $\mathcal{N}(P_1) \supset \mathcal{N}(P_2)$

Let $x \in \mathcal{N}(P_2) \Rightarrow P_2 x = 0$ by (3) section 3 and (5) in the present theorem

$$\|P_1 x\|^2 = \langle P_1 x, x \rangle \leq \langle P_2 x, x \rangle = \langle 0, x \rangle = 0$$

Hence, $P_1 x = 0, x \in \mathcal{N}(P_1)$

$$\mathcal{N}(P_1) \supset \mathcal{N}(P_2)$$

3.2.2 Theorem: Let P_1 and P_2 be Projections on a Hilbert space H . Then:

- a) The difference $P = P_2 - P_1$ is a projection if and only if $Y_1 \subset Y_2$ where $Y_j = P_j(H)$
- b) If $P = P_2 - P_1$ is a projection, P projects H onto Y , where Y is the orthogonal complement of Y_1 in Y_2

Proof

($\Rightarrow$) Suppose that $P = P_2 - P_1$ is a projection

We want to show that $Y_1 \subset Y_2$

If $P = P_2 - P_1$ is a projection, $P = P^2$

$$P_2 - P_1 = (P_2 - P_1)^2 = P_2^2 - P_2 P_1 - P_1 P_2 + P_1^2$$

$$(6) \quad P_1 P_2 + P_2 P_1 = 2P_1$$

Multiplication by P_2 from the left and from the right gives

$$P_2 P_1 P_2 + P_2 P_1 = 2P_2 P_1$$

$$P_1 P_2 + P_2 P_1 P_2 = 2P_1 P_2$$

Hence $P_2 P_1 P_2 = P_2 P_1, P_2 P_1 P_2 = P_1 P_2$ and by (6)

$$(7) \quad P_2 P_1 = P_1 P_2 = P_1$$

$$Y_1 \subseteq Y_2$$

($\Leftarrow$) Suppose that $Y_1 \subset Y_2$, where $Y_j = P_j(H)$

$$\Rightarrow P^2 = (P_2 - P_1)^2 = P_2^2 - P_2 P_1 - P_1 P_2 + P_1^2 = P_2 - P_1$$

P is idempotent

$$\Rightarrow P^* = (P_2 - P_1)^* = P_2^* - P_1^* = P_2 - P_1$$

P is self-adjoint

Hence, P is projection.

(b) $Y = P(H)$ consists of all vectors of the form

$$(8) \quad y = Px = P_2x - P_1x \quad \text{for all } x \in H$$

Since $P_2P_1 = P_1P_2 = P_1$ implies $Y_1 \subset Y_2$

$$P_2y = P_2^2x - P_2P_1x = P_2x - P_1x = y$$

This shows that $y \in Y_2$, also from (8) and (1)

$$P_1y = P_1P_2x - P_1^2x = P_1x - P_1x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P_1y = 0$$

$$y \in \mathcal{N}(P_1) = Y_1^\perp$$

Together $y \in V$ where $V = Y_2 \cap Y_1^\perp$, since the projection of H onto $Y_1^\perp$ is $I - P_1$, every $v \in V$

is the form

$$(9) \quad v = (I - P_1)y_2, \quad (y_2 \in Y_2)$$

Using again, $P_2P_1 = P_1$, we obtain from (9), since $P_2y_2 = y_2$

$$\begin{aligned} Pv &= (P_2 - P_1)(I - P_1)y_2 \\ &= (P_2 - P_2P_1 - P_1 + P_1^2)y_2 \\ &= (P_2 - P_2P_1 - P_1 + P_1)y_2 = (P_2 - P_1)y_2 \\ &= P_2y_2 - P_1y_2 = y_2 - P_1y_2 = v \end{aligned}$$

$Pv = v$ so that $v \in Y$, since $v \in V$ was arbitrary

$$Y \supseteq V$$

$$Y = P(H) = V = Y_2 \cap Y_1^\perp$$

3.2.3 Theorem: Let P_n be a monotone increasing sequence of projection P_n defined on a Hilbert Space H . Then:

- a) (P_n) is strongly operator convergent, say $P_n x \rightarrow Px$ for every $x \in H$, and the limit operator P is a projection defined on H .
- b) P projects H onto

$$P(H) = \overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n(H)}$$

- c) P has the null space

$$\mathcal{N}(P) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}(P_n)$$

Proof

- a) Let $m < n$, by assumption, $P_m \leq P_n$, so that we have $P_m(H) \subset P_n(H)$ and $P_n - P_m$ is projection. Hence for every fixed $x \in H$, we obtain by 3.1.3

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_n x - P_m x\|^2 &= \|(P_n - P_m)x\|^2 \\ &= \langle (P_n - P_m)x, x \rangle \\ &= \|P_n x\|^2 - \|P_m x\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now $\|P_n\| \leq 1$ by 3.1.3, so that $\|P_n x\| \leq \|x\|$ for all n .

Hence, $(\|P_n x\|)$ is bounded a sequence of numbers. $(\|P_n x\|)$ is also monotone by 3.2.1.

Since (P_n) is monotone. Hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n x \rightarrow Px$ is converges. Since $(P_n x)$ is Cauchy.

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n x = Px$, since H is complete.

$$\Rightarrow \|P_n x\| \leq \|P_n\| \|x\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|P_n\| \leq \|x\|$$

P_n is bounded

$$\langle P_n x, x \rangle = \langle x, P_n^* x \rangle = \langle x, P_n x \rangle$$

P_n is self-adjoint

$$\langle P_n^2 x, x \rangle = \langle P_n x, P_n x \rangle = \langle x, P_n x \rangle$$

P is projection

b) We determine $P(H)$. Let $m < n$. Then $P_m \leq P_n$

i.e. $P_n - P_m \geq 0$ and $\langle (P_n - P_m)x, x \rangle \geq 0$

The continuity of inner product

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (P_n - P_m)x, x \rangle &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x, (P_n - P_m)x \rangle \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x, (P - P_m)x \rangle \\ \langle (P - P_m)x, x \rangle &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

That is $P_m \leq P$ and 3.2.1 yields $P_m(H) \subset P(H)$ for every m . Hence $\cup P_m(H) \subset P(H)$

Furthermore, for every m and for every $x \in H$, we have

$$P_m x \in P_m(H) \subset \cup P_m(H)$$

Since $P_m x \rightarrow Px$, $Px \in \overline{\cup P_m(H)}$

Hence $P(H) \subset \overline{\cup P_m(H)}$

$$\cup P_m(H) \subset P(H) \subset \overline{\cup P_m(H)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(H) = \mathcal{N}(I - P)$$

$$P(H) = \overline{\cup_{m=1}^{\infty} P_m(H)}$$

c) We determine $\mathcal{N}(P)$

$\mathcal{N}(P) = P(H)^\perp \subset P_n(H)^\perp$ for all n . Since $P(H) \supset P_n(H)$ by part (b).

Hence $\mathcal{N}(P) \subset \cap P_n(H)^\perp = \cap \mathcal{N}(P_n)$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}(P) \subset \cap \mathcal{N}(P_n) \dots\dots\dots (1)$

On other hand, if $x \in \cap \mathcal{N}(P_n)$, then $x \in \mathcal{N}(P_n)$ for all n

So that $P_n x = 0$ and $P_n x \rightarrow Px \Rightarrow Px = 0$

That is $x \in \mathcal{N}(P)$.

Since $x \in \mathcal{N}(P_n)$ was arbitrary.

$\cap \mathcal{N}(P_n) \subset \mathcal{N}(P) \dots\dots\dots (2)$

By combining (1) and (2) we gets

$$\mathcal{N}(P) = \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}(P_n)$$

4. CONCLUSION

The spectral theory mainly deals with a systemic study of inverse operators, their general properties and their relation to the original operators.

Operators on Hilbert space is a basis for a comprehensive study of the spectral theory. In particular, the hermitian or self-adjoint operators are very important in many applications. In this project work, we have generalized this idea by showing that the spectrum of a self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space also consists entirely of real values.

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