

Lemma: Let $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Then (proof as exercise)

$$\sigma(A) \subset B_{\|A\|}(0) \subset \mathbb{C} \quad \Leftrightarrow \text{If } z \notin B_{\|A\|}(0) \text{ then } z \in \rho(A) \text{ (easier to prove)}$$

↳ ball centered at 0 with radius $\|A\|$ (using Neumann series)

Prop. Let $(A, D(A))$ be self-adjoint. Then (très important)

1) $\sigma_p(A) \subset \mathbb{R}$

2) $\sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{R}$

3) If λ, μ are eigenvalues of A , with $\mu \neq \lambda$ and if f_λ, f_μ are the corresponding eigenfunctions, then f_λ and f_μ are orthogonal.

Proof:

1) Let $0 \neq f \in D(A)$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $Af = zf$. Then

$$z \|f\|^2 = z \langle f, f \rangle = \langle f, zf \rangle = \langle f, Af \rangle \stackrel{\text{self-adjoint}}{=} \langle Af, f \rangle = \langle zf, f \rangle = \bar{z} \langle f, f \rangle = \bar{z} \|f\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \bar{z} \Rightarrow z \in \mathbb{R}$$

2) Set $z = \lambda + i\varepsilon$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon \neq 0$ and let us show that $z \in \rho(A)$.

(it then implies that $\sigma(A) \in \mathbb{R}$)

• $\forall f \in D(A)$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|(A-z)f\|^2 &= \|(A-\lambda)f - i\varepsilon f\|^2 = \langle (A-\lambda)f - i\varepsilon f, (A-\lambda)f - i\varepsilon f \rangle \\ &= \underbrace{\|(A-\lambda)f\|^2}_{>0} + \varepsilon^2 \|f\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|(A-z)f\| \geq |\varepsilon| \|f\| \begin{cases} > 0, & \text{for } f \neq 0 \\ = 0, & \text{for } f = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow A-z$ is injective

$\Rightarrow A-z$ is invertible on $\text{Ran}(A-z)$

• $\forall g \in \text{Ran}(A-z)$, one has

$$\|g\| = \|(A-z)(A-z)^{-1}g\| \geq |\varepsilon| \|(A-z)^{-1}g\|$$

$\in D(A-z) = D(A)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|(A-z)^{-1}g\| \leq \frac{1}{|\varepsilon|} \|g\|$$

$\Rightarrow (A-z)^{-1}$ is bounded on $\text{Ran}(A-z)$

• Let us show that $\text{Ran}(A-z)$ is dense in \mathcal{H} . Indeed

$$\text{Ran}(A-z)^\perp = \text{Ker}((A-z)^*) = \text{Ker}(A^* - \bar{z}) \stackrel{\text{self-adjoint}}{=} \text{Ker}(A - \bar{z})$$

$$= \{0\} \quad \text{since all eigenvalues are real} \Rightarrow \text{Ran}(A-z) \text{ is dense in } \mathcal{H}$$

$\Rightarrow (A-z)^{-1}$ is a densely defined bounded linear operator in \mathcal{H} .

By the first Remark in p. 29, $(A-z)^{-1}$ admits a continuous bounded extension on \mathcal{H}

$$\Leftrightarrow (A-z)^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow z \in \rho(A)$$

3) One has (for $\lambda, \mu \in \sigma_p(A) \subset \mathbb{R}, \lambda \neq \mu$)

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \langle f_\lambda, f_\mu \rangle &= \langle \lambda f_\lambda, f_\mu \rangle = \langle Af_\lambda, f_\mu \rangle \stackrel{\text{self-adjoint}}{=} \langle f_\lambda, Af_\mu \rangle = \langle f_\lambda, \mu f_\mu \rangle \\ &= \mu \langle f_\lambda, f_\mu \rangle \Rightarrow \langle f_\lambda, f_\mu \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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II.3. Perturbation theory

Let $(A, D(A))$ be a self-adjoint op., and consider $(B, D(B))$ symmetric op.,

Question: when is $A+B$ self-adjoint?

1) easy case: if $B = B^* \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, then $(A+B, D(A))$ is self-adjoint (exercise)

What about $B \notin \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$?

Def. In the above framework, B is A -bounded (or bounded with respect to A)

if $D(A) \subset D(B)$ and $\exists \alpha, \beta \geq 0$:

$$\|Bf\| \leq \alpha \|Af\| + \beta \|f\| \quad \forall f \in D(A)$$

The infimum of α is called the A -bound of B .

Remark:

• If $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, the A -bound is 0.

• One can have an A -bound equal to 0 even if $B \notin \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ $\begin{matrix} \alpha_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \\ \beta_n \xrightarrow{\quad} \infty \end{matrix}$

Thm. (Kato-Rellich thm)

Let $(A, D(A))$ be self-adjoint,

and $(B, D(B))$ be symmetric and A -bounded with A -bound < 1 . Then

1) $(A+B, D(A))$ is self-adjoint;

2) B is also $(A+B)$ -bounded.

Remark: The statement is not correct if the A -bound = 1.

Take $B = -A$ but then $(0, D(A))$ is not self-adjoint. $\begin{matrix} \text{the domain of} \\ 0^* \text{ is not } D(A) \end{matrix}$

Thm. (The second resolvent equation)

In the setting of the previous thm, one has for $z \in \rho(A) \cap \rho(A+B)$:

$$(A-z)^{-1} - (A+B-z)^{-1} = (A-z)^{-1} B (A+B-z)^{-1} = (A+B-z)^{-1} B (A-z)^{-1}$$

It is not assumed that B is bounded, but for $B(A+z)^{-1}$

$$\mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{(A-z)^{-1}} D(A) \subset D(B) \xrightarrow{B} \text{meaningful};$$

same for $B(A+B-z)^{-1}$ because of Kato-Rellich thm.

Formal proof:

$$\begin{aligned} (A-z)^{-1} - (A+B-z)^{-1} &= (A-z)^{-1} (A+B-z)(A+B-z)^{-1} - (A-z)^{-1} (A-z)(A+B-z)^{-1} \\ &= (A-z)^{-1} [(A+B-z) - (A-z)] (A+B-z)^{-1} \\ &= (A-z)^{-1} B (A+B-z)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

II.4 Examples

Let $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \ni f$.

If $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ we set $M_\varphi \equiv \varphi(X) \equiv \varphi(Q)$ acting as $(M_\varphi f)(x) = \varphi(x)f(x)$
(multiplication operators)

One has $D(M_\varphi) = \{f \in \mathcal{H} \mid M_\varphi f \in \mathcal{H}\}$

Examples

X_j , or $X_j X_k$, with $j, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

More generally $X^\alpha = X_1^{\alpha_1} X_2^{\alpha_2} \dots X_n^{\alpha_n}$ with $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$

E.g. $X^2 := X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2$

Fourier transform (in Schwarz space)

For $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we set

$$[\mathcal{F}^{-1}f](\xi) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{\pm i\xi \cdot x} f(x) dx$$

\mathcal{F} is a unitary operator: $\mathcal{F}^* = \mathcal{F}^{-1}$

• For the multiplication operators

$$\begin{aligned} (2\pi)^{n/2} [X_j \mathcal{F}f](\xi) &= (2\pi)^{n/2} \xi_j [\mathcal{F}f](\xi) \\ &= \xi_j \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-i\xi \cdot x} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \underbrace{i(\partial_{x_j} e^{-i\xi \cdot x})}_{\text{(integrate by part)}} f(x) dx \\ &= (2\pi)^{n/2} [\mathcal{F}(-i\partial_j f)](\xi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_j \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(-i\partial_j)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{F}^* X_j \mathcal{F} = -i\partial_j =: P_j \equiv D_j \text{ (differential operator)}$$

In particular we consider

$$\Delta := D_1^2 + D_2^2 + \dots + D_n^2 \text{ (Laplacian)}$$

one gets

$$\mathcal{F} \Delta \mathcal{F}^* = X^2 = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2$$

Hence since \mathcal{F} is unitary (\Rightarrow preserving the norm),

$$\sigma(\Delta) = \sigma(X^2) = \text{Ran}(x \mapsto x^2) = [0, \infty)$$

For $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we can also define:

$$\varphi(D) := \underbrace{\mathcal{F}^* \varphi(X) \mathcal{F}}_{M_\varphi} \text{ (convolution operator)}$$