

7.2. Spectral measure

Def. A spectral family (or a resolution of the identity) is a family $\{E_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ s.t.:

1, $E_\lambda E_\mu = E_{\min\{\lambda, \mu\}}$ \Rightarrow Family is commuting

2, $E_\lambda = E_{\lambda+0} \Rightarrow \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \|E_{\lambda+\epsilon} f - E_\lambda f\| = 0$

3, $s\text{-}\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} E_\lambda = 0$, $s\text{-}\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} E_\lambda = 11$

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \|E_\lambda f\| = 0 \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \|E_\lambda f - f\| = 0$$

$\forall f$ $\forall f$

Def. The support of the family
 $\text{Supp } \{E_\lambda\} = \{\mu \in \mathbb{R} \mid E_{\mu+\epsilon} - E_{\mu-\epsilon} \neq 0 \forall \epsilon > 0\}$

We set $E((a, b]) = E_b - E_a$

\Rightarrow We define a function from \mathcal{A}_B (the set of all Borel sets) to $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$

This function is called the spectral measure associated with $\{E_\lambda\}$

Properties:

$$E(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$E(\mathbb{R}) = 11$$

$$E(\cup_{k=1}^N I_k) = \sum_{k=1}^N E(I_k), \quad I_i \cap I_j = \emptyset$$

For any fixed $f \in \mathcal{H}$

$$F_f(\lambda) = \langle f, E_\lambda f \rangle = \langle E_\lambda f, E_\lambda f \rangle = \|E_\lambda f\|^2$$

all the properties of F of last week.

$m_f(\nu) := \langle f, E(\nu) f \rangle = \|E(\nu) f\|^2 \quad \forall \nu \in \mathcal{A}_B$
 m_f is a bounded Borel measure.

Consider $\int_a^b \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda) = \lim_{\downarrow} \sum_{j=0}^N \varphi(\xi_j) E([x_j, x_{j+1}])$
 finer partitions of $[a, b]$
 for $\varphi \in C([a, b])$

Thm: This limit exists for $\varphi \in C([a, b])$ (in the strong sense) and we denote the limit by $\int_a^b \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

Proposition: Let $\{E_\lambda\}$ be a spectral (or $\ominus E(\cdot)$ a spectral measure)

- 1, $\| \int \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda) \| \leq \sup_{x \in [a, b] \cap \text{supp } \{E_\lambda\}} |\varphi(x)|$
- 2, $(\int \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda))^* = \int \overline{\varphi(\lambda)} E(d\lambda) \Rightarrow \varphi$ is real, $\int \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda)$ is self-adjoint
- 3, $\| \int \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda) f \|^2 = \int \varphi(\lambda) m_f(d\lambda)$
- 4, if $\varphi \in C([a, b])$

$$\left(\int_a^b \varphi(x) E(d\lambda) \right) \left(\int_a^b \psi(x) E(d\lambda) \right) = \int_a^b \varphi(\lambda) \psi(\lambda) E(d\lambda)$$

Rem: How can one extend this definition $\int_a^b \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda)$?

- 1, if $\varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$ \Rightarrow OK by 3,
 bounded
- 2, if φ is not bounded but continuous, but m_f has compact support, OK.
- 3, if φ is not bounded but continuous and if $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |\varphi(\lambda)| m_f(d\lambda) < \infty$, then $\int \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda) f$ is OK for some f

More precisely, we set:

$$D_\varphi = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{H} \mid \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\varphi(\lambda)| m_f(d\lambda) < \infty \right\} \subset \mathcal{H}$$

and we set $(D_\varphi, \int \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda))$ is a linear operator with domain D_φ .

Rem: D_φ is dense in \mathcal{H} (\Leftarrow s-lim $E_\lambda f = f \forall f \in \mathcal{H}$)

Def: For any $\{E_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}$ (spectral family) and for $\varphi = \text{id}$, the operator $(D_{\text{id}}, \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lambda E(d\lambda))$ is called the self-adjoint op. associated with $\{E_\lambda\}$.

Spectral theorem

For any self-adjoint op. $(D(A), A)$ there exists a unique spectral family $\{E_\lambda\}$ (or spectral measure) s.t.
 $D(A) = D_{\text{id}}$ and $A = \int \lambda E(d\lambda)$

Rem: starting from $(D(A), A)$, we set $\int \varphi(\lambda) E(d\lambda) =: \varphi(A)$

In particular, in $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R})$, and $(D(X), X)$, then

$\varphi(X) = \varphi(X)$
 op of multiplication by

With this notation:

$\varphi(A)$ is self-adjoint iff φ is real-valued

$\varphi(A)$ is bounded "iff" $\varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$

iff $\varphi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$

$\varphi(A)$ is unitary iff $|\varphi(x)| = 1 \forall x$

For any $t \in \mathbb{R}$, consider $x \mapsto e^{itx}$

We can define e^{itA}

$$e^{isA} e^{itA} = (e^{is \cdot} e^{it \cdot}) (A) = e^{i(s+t)A}$$

$\Rightarrow \{ e^{itA} \}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ is a unitary group which is "strongly continuous".

Stone's theorem

There is a bijective relation between self-adj. op. and strongly continuous unitary group $\{U_t\}$ ($\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} U_t f = f$)

One has $D(A) = \{ f \in \mathcal{H} \mid \exists s. \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(U_t - 1)f}{t} \}$

$$Af = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{i}{t} (U_t - 1)f$$