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Exercise 3.2.6

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f, M_{\varphi} g \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \overline{f(x)} [M_{\varphi} g](x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \overline{f(x)} \varphi(x) g(x) dx.\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\langle M_{\varphi}^* f, g \rangle &= \langle f, M_{\varphi} g \rangle \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \overline{f(x)} \varphi(x) g(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \overline{\overline{f(x)} \varphi(x)} g(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \overline{[M_{\overline{\varphi}} f]}(x) g(x) dx \\ &= \langle M_{\overline{\varphi}} f, g \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow M_{\varphi}^* f = M_{\overline{\varphi}} f$ Since f is arbitrary,

$$M_{\varphi}^* = M_{\overline{\varphi}}$$

Exercise 3.3.3

If M_φ is a self-adjoint operator,

$$M_\varphi = M_\varphi^*$$

$$\Rightarrow M_\varphi f = M_\varphi^* f \quad (\text{if } f \text{ is arbitrary})$$

From exercise 3.2.6, $M_\varphi^* f = M_{\bar{\varphi}} f$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(x) f(x) = \bar{\varphi}(x) f(x) \quad \text{for a.e. } X$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi = \bar{\varphi}$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi$ is real

Next, if φ is real,

$$\varphi = \bar{\varphi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(x) f(x) = \bar{\varphi}(x) f(x) \quad \text{for a.e. } X$$

From definition of $M_\varphi f$ that $[M_\varphi f](x) = \varphi(x) f(x)$

$$\Rightarrow M_\varphi f = M_{\bar{\varphi}} f$$

However, from exercise 3.2.6, $M_{\bar{\varphi}} f = M_\varphi^* f$, so

$$M_\varphi f = M_\varphi^* f$$

M_φ is a self-adjoint operator

M_φ is a self-adjoint operator if and only if φ is a real valued function.