

**Problem 4.7.11**

(a) This is clear if we recall that for a closed subspace  $S \subset \mathcal{H}$  we have that  $\mathcal{H} = S \oplus S^\perp$ . As a result if we take  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  we can find  $g \in S$  and  $h \in S^\perp$ . Then we compute

$$P^2 f = P^2(g + h) = P(P(g + h)) = P(Pg + Ph) = Pg = P(g + h) = Pf$$

which gives  $P^2 = P$ . Similarly, if we choose another vector  $f' \in g' + h'$  with  $g' \in S$  and  $h' \in S^\perp$  then we see that

$$(Pf, f') = (Pg + Ph, g' + h') = (g, g' + h') = (g, g') = (g + h, g') = (f, Pg' + Ph') = (f, Pf')$$

So we have  $P = P^*$ .

(b) To show the converse we choose the natural choice of the subspace, namely  $P(\mathcal{H}) = \text{im}(P)$ . We know that  $P$  is a linear operator and so  $P(\mathcal{H})$  is a linear subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ . We begin by showing that  $P(\mathcal{H})$  is closed. Indeed, if  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence in  $P(\mathcal{H})$  converging to  $x$  then we have that because  $P$  is bounded, and therefore continuous, that  $Pf_n \rightarrow Pf$ . But because each of the  $f_n \in P(\mathcal{H})$  that  $f_n \rightarrow Pf$ , meaning that  $f = Pf$  so that  $f \in P(\mathcal{H})$ . We are left to verify that  $Pg = 0$  if  $g \in P(\mathcal{H})^\perp$ . Observe that if  $g \in P(\mathcal{H})^\perp$  then

$$(f, Pg) = (Pf, g) = (f, g) = 0$$

So this means that  $Pg \in P(\mathcal{H})^\perp$ . However, because  $Pg \in P(\mathcal{H})$  we must have that  $g = 0$ . By Proposition 4.2 this means that  $\mathcal{H}$  admits the decomposition  $\mathcal{H} = P(\mathcal{H}) \oplus P(\mathcal{H})^\perp$ . So for any  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  we have  $f \in P(\mathcal{H})$  and  $g \in P(\mathcal{H})^\perp$  such that  $h = f + g$  and so  $Ph = Pf + Pg = Pf$ . So  $P$  is the projection operator onto  $P(\mathcal{H})$ .

(c) Suppose that  $\mathcal{H}$  is a separable Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{S}$  a closed subspace. Let the map  $P_{\mathcal{S}}$  be the orthogonal projection onto  $\mathcal{S}$ . Because  $\mathcal{H}$  is separable we can find a countable dense subset  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . We will see that  $\{P_{\mathcal{S}}x_n\}$  is dense in  $\mathcal{S}$ . Because  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{H}$  we can find a subsequence  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$  for any  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then we see that

$$P_{\mathcal{S}}(x_{n_k} - x) = P_{\mathcal{S}}x_{n_k} - P_{\mathcal{S}}x = P_{\mathcal{S}}x_{n_k} - x$$

We then observe that  $\|P_{\mathcal{S}}y\| \leq \|y\|$  for any  $y \in \mathcal{H}$  because  $P_{\mathcal{S}}$  is an orthogonal projection. So we have that for any  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\|P_{\mathcal{S}}x_{n_k} - x\| \leq \|x_{n_k} - x\| < \epsilon$$

So  $P_{\mathcal{S}}x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$  and therefore  $\{P_{\mathcal{S}}x_n\}$  is dense in  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Problem 4.7.13**

In the forward direction suppose that  $P_1P_2$  is an orthogonal projection. By the previous problem, this means that  $(P_1P_2)^2 = P_1P_2$  and  $(P_1P_2)^* = P_1P_2$ . Because  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are orthogonal they also have  $P_1^* = P_1$  and  $P_2^* = P_2$  so

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

So  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  commute. Conversely, suppose that  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  commute. Then we have that

$$(P_1P_2)^2 = P_1^2P_2^2 = P_1P_2$$

because  $P_1^2 = P_1$  and  $P_2^2 = P_2$ . Similarly,

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

So  $P_1P_2$  is an orthogonal projection.

Now we need to show that  $\text{im}(P_1P_2) = S_1 \cap S_2$ . Observe that for any  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  we have that

$$P_1P_2f = P_1(P_2f) \in S_1$$

Analogously we see that

$$P_1 P_2 f = P_2 P_1 f = P_2(P_1 f) \in S_2$$

So  $\text{im}(P_1 P_2) \subseteq S_1 \cap S_2$ . For the reverse inclusion choose any vector  $f \in S_1 \cap S_2$ . Then we have that

$$P_1 P_2 f = P_1(P_2 f) = P_1 f = f$$

So that  $f \in \text{im}(P_1 P_2)$ .

#### Problem 4.7.19

We first recall Lemma 5.1 to see that

$$\|T\| = \sup\{|(Tf, g)| : \|f\| \leq 1, \|g\| \leq 1\}$$

We begin by showing that  $\|T^*T\| = \|T\|^2$ . Note that this will also show that  $\|TT^*\| = \|T^*\|^2$  because the equality is symmetric in  $T^*$  (just replace  $T$  with  $T^*$  in the equality). We compute

$$\|T^*T\| = \sup_{\|f\|, \|g\| \leq 1} |(T^*Tf, g)| = \sup_{\|f\|, \|g\| \leq 1} |(Tf, Tg)|$$

We then apply the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality to get

$$\sup_{\|f\|, \|g\| \leq 1} |(Tf, Tg)| \leq \sup_{\|f\|, \|g\| \leq 1} \|Tf\| \|Tg\| = \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \|Tf\| \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \|Tg\| = \|T\|^2$$

So  $\|T^*T\| \leq \|T\|^2$ . We now proceed to get the reverse inequality. Pick a sequence  $\{f_n\}$  such that  $\|Tf_n\| \rightarrow \|T\|$ . Then we see that  $(Tf_n, Tf_n) \rightarrow \|T\|^2$  so that

$$\|T^*T\| = \sup_{\|f\|, \|g\| \leq 1} (Tf, Tg) \geq \sup (Tf, Tf) \geq \|T\|^2$$

So  $\|T^*T\| \geq \|T\|^2$ , and therefore we must have equality. We then apply Proposition 5.4 to get  $\|T\|^2 = \|T^*\|^2$  which gives

$$\|T\|^2 = \|T^*T\| = \|TT^*\| = \|T^*\|^2$$

#### Problem 4.7.22

(a) We apply the polarization identity to compute

$$\begin{aligned} (Tf, Tg) &= \frac{1}{4}(\|Tf + Tg\|^2 - \|Tf - Tg\|^2 + i\|Tf + iTg\|^2 - i\|Tf - iTg\|^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(\|T(f + g)\|^2 - \|T(f - g)\|^2 + i\|T(f + ig)\|^2 - i\|T(f - ig)\|^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(\|(f + g)\|^2 - \|(f - g)\|^2 + i\|(f + ig)\|^2 - i\|(f - ig)\|^2) \\ &= (f, g) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently we have that

$$(f, g) = (Tf, Tg) = (f, T^*Tg)$$

So  $T^*T = I$ .

(b) We are given that  $T$  is an isometry and surjective. To verify that  $T$  is unitary we are only left to establish that  $T$  is injective. To see this note that  $\ker(T) = \{0\}$  because if we have that  $Tf = 0$  then  $\|f\| = \|0\| = 0$  because  $T$  is an isometry, so  $f = 0$ . Thus,  $T$  is unitary. By the previous part we have that  $T^*T = I$ . Because  $T$  is linear and bijective its left inverse must also be its right inverse. This gives that  $TT^* = I$ .

(c) It is clear from the previous part that we must look for a map that is an isometry by is not surjective. Consider the space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  together with the map  $R : \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  given by

$$R(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots) = (0, x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$$

This map is clearly not surjective because the element  $(1, x_0, x_1, \dots)$  has no pre-image. However, we can see that this is an isometry because

$$\|(0, x_0, x_1, \dots)\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_{n-1}|^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |x_n|^2 = \|(x_0, x_1, \dots)\|^2$$

So  $\|R\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|$

(d) We are given that  $T^*T$  is a unitary map. So we begin by estimating

$$\|Tf\|^2 = (Tf, Tf) = (f, T^*Tf) \leq \|f\| \|T^*Tf\| = \|f\|^2$$

To show the reverse inequality we have observe that

$$\|f\|^2 = \|T^*Tf\|^2 = (T^*Tf, T^*Tf) = (Tf, TT^*Tf) \leq \|Tf\| \|T(T^*Tf)\|$$

Applying the fact that  $\|Tf\| \leq \|f\|$  we get that  $\|T(T^*Tf)\| \leq \|T^*Tf\|$  so that

$$\|Tf\| \|T(T^*Tf)\| \leq \|Tf\| \|T^*Tf\| = \|Tf\| \|f\|$$

Dividing by  $\|f\|$  gives that  $\|f\| \leq \|Tf\|$ . So we have equality and  $T$  must be an isometry.

#### Problem 4.7.25

Following the hint, we begin by showing the reverse direction. Suppose that  $\lambda_k \rightarrow 0$ . We let  $P_n$  be the projection onto the subspace spanned by  $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n\}$ . Then we have that  $P_nT$  is also a diagonal operator and that

$$\|P_nT - T\| = \sup_{\varphi_k} P_nT\varphi_k - T\varphi_k = \sup_{k > n} |\lambda_k|$$

So  $\|P_nT - T\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Because each of the  $P_nT$  is a finite rank operator we can apply Proposition 6.1 to see that  $T$  is compact. To prove the reverse direction we will instead show the converse. Suppose that  $\lambda_n \not\rightarrow 0$ . Then we have that  $\limsup |\lambda_k| > 0$  and so we can find a subsequence  $\{\lambda_{k_j}\}$  such that  $|\lambda_{k_j}| > \delta/2$  for sufficiently large  $j$ . So we see that because  $T\varphi_{k_j} = \lambda_{k_j}\varphi_{k_j}$  and so

$$\|T\varphi_{k_j} - T\varphi_{k_\ell}\| = \sqrt{\lambda_{k_j}^2 + \lambda_{k_\ell}^2} > 2^{-1/2}\delta$$

Thus, the  $\{T\varphi_{k_j}\}$  are uniformly separated from each other, and it can have no convergent subsequence. Because all of these points lie in  $T(B)$ , where  $B$  is the unit ball, we must have that  $T(B)$  is not compact. Hence,  $T$  is not a compact operator. This completes the proof.

#### Problem 4.27.26

Take any  $f \in L^2$  and compute

$$\|Tf\|^2 = \int \left| \int K(x, y) f(y) dy \right|^2 dx \leq \int \left( \int |K(x, y)| |f(y)| dy \right)^2 dx$$

We then estimate the inner term

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \int |K(x, y)| |f(y)| dy \right)^2 &= \left( \int |K(x, y)| |f(y)| w(y)^{1/2} w(y)^{-1/2} dy \right)^2 \\ &= \left[ \int \left( \sqrt{|K(x, y)|} w(y)^{1/2} \right) \left( \sqrt{|K(x, y)|} |f(y)| w(y)^{-1/2} \right) dy \right]^2 \\ &\leq \left[ \left( \int \sqrt{|K(x, y)|} w(y)^{1/2} dy \right) \left( \int \sqrt{|K(x, y)|} |f(y)| w(y)^{-1/2} dy \right) \right]^2 \\ &\leq \left( \int |K(x, y)| w(y) dy \right) \left( \int |K(x, y)| |f(y)|^2 w(y)^{-1} dy \right) \end{aligned}$$

We then recall that

$$\int |K(x, y)|w(y)dy \leq Aw(x) \text{ a.e.}$$

So we have that

$$\left( \int |K(x, y)||f(y)|dy \right)^2 \leq Aw(x) \int |K(x, y)||f(y)|^2w(y)^{-1}dy$$

So we have

$$\|Tf\|^2 \leq \int \left( \int |K(x, y)||f(y)|dy \right)^2 dx \leq \int Aw(x) \left( \int |K(x, y)||f(y)|^2w(y)^{-1}dy \right) dx$$

Then we apply Tonelli's theorem to get

$$\int Aw(x) \left( \int |K(x, y)||f(y)|^2w(y)^{-1}dy \right) dx = A \int |f(y)|^2w(y)^{-1} \left( \int |K(x, y)|w(x)dx \right) dy$$

Applying the estimate

$$\int |K(x, y)|w(x)dx \leq Aw(y) \text{ a.e.}$$

gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|^2 &\leq A \int |f(y)|^2w(y)^{-1} \left( \int |K(x, y)|w(x)dx \right) dy \\ &\leq A \int A|f(y)|^2w(y)^{-1}w(y)dy \\ &= A^2 \int |f(y)|^2dy \\ &= A^2\|f\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\|T\| = \inf\{M : \|Tf\| \leq M\|f\|\} \leq A$$

and we are done.