

Spectraltheory

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Chapter I

Unbounded operators, adjoint and self-adjoint operators

Let H be a separable Hilbert space, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be the scalar product on H .

A linear operator T in H is a linear map $u \mapsto Tu$ defined on a subspace $\mathcal{D}(T)$ of H , and we call $\mathcal{D}(T)$ the domain of T .

For $T: \mathcal{D}(T) \rightarrow H$ we denote the range of T with

$$\mathcal{R}(T) := \text{Image}(T).$$

We say that T is **bounded** if it is continuous from $\mathcal{D}(T)$ into H , with respect to the topology induced by H .

If $\mathcal{D}(T) = H$ we recall the definition of bounded operators from the [functional analysis](#) course.

From now on, if $\mathcal{D}(T) \neq H$ we will assume that $\mathcal{D}(T)$ is **dense** in H , i.e. $\overline{\mathcal{D}(T)} = H$. In this case, if T is bounded then T has a unique continuous extension to all of H .

Recall: An operator is called **closed** if the graph

$$G(T) := \{(x, y) \in H \times H : x \in \mathcal{D}(T), y = Tx\}$$

is closed in $H \times H$.

Definition I.1: Let $T: \mathcal{D}(T) \rightarrow H$ be a (linear) operator with $\mathcal{D}(T)$ dense in H . Then T is called **closed** if the conditions

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_n \in \mathcal{D}(T) \\ u_n \rightarrow u \text{ in } H \\ Tu_n \rightarrow v \text{ in } H \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow u \in \mathcal{D}(T), v = Tu$$

Example:

a) $T_0 = -\Delta$, $H = \ell^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\mathcal{D}(T_0) = C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ dense in H Take $u \in W^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{densly}} \exists (u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n): u_n \rightarrow u \text{ in } W^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

$(u_n, -\Delta u_n) \in G(T_0)$ converges in $\ell^2 \times L^2$ to $(u, -\Delta u) \notin G(T_0)$.

b) $T_1 = -\Delta$, $\mathcal{D}(T_1) = W^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $H = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$

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