

# Spectraltheory

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# Chapter I

## Unbounded operators, adjoint and self-adjoint operators

Let  $H$  be a separable Hilbert space,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote 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

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

**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)  $T_1 = -\Delta$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(T_1) = W^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $H = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $u_n \in \mathcal{D}(T_1)$  with

$$u_n \rightarrow u \text{ in } H \text{ and } (-\Delta u_n) \rightarrow u \text{ in } L^2$$

$\Rightarrow -\Delta u = v \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  weakly, i.e.  $\forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ :

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v \varphi \longleftarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (-\Delta u_n) \varphi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u_n (-\Delta \varphi) \longrightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u (-\Delta \varphi).$$

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