

# Lecture 0: Summary (Part 2)

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# 1 Hilbert Space

- **Remark** (*Hilbert Space vs. Banach Space*)

Hilbert space is a special Banach space equipped with inner product. Historically, Hilbert space appears earlier. The theory of inner product and Hilbert spaces is richer than that of general normed and Banach spaces. *Distinguishing features* are

1. *representations* of  $\mathcal{H}$  as a *direct sum* of a *closed subspace* and its *orthogonal complement* (section 2.3),
2. *orthonormal sets* and sequences and corresponding *representations* of elements of  $\mathcal{H}$  (section 2.5),
3. *the Riesz representation of bounded linear functionals* by inner products, (section 2.4)
4. *the Hilbert-adjoint operator*  $T^*$  of a bounded linear operator  $T$  (section 2.10).

## 1.1 Inner Product Space

- **Remark** Finite-dimensional vector spaces have *three kinds of properties* whose generalizations we will study in the next four chapters:

1. *linear properties*,
2. *metric properties*,
3. and *geometric properties*.

A *Hilbert space* generalizes the *geometric* property of a finite-dimensional vector space to *infinite-dimensional* via definition of inner product.

- **Definition** A complex vector space  $V$  is called *an inner product space* if there is a complex-valued function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that satisfies the following four conditions for an  $x, y, z \in V$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ :

1. (**Positive Definiteness**):  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$  and  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$
2. (**Linearity**):  $\langle ax + by, z \rangle = a \langle x, z \rangle + b \langle y, z \rangle$
3. (**Hermitian**):  $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$

The function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is called *an inner product*.

- **Remark** Without “condition  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ”, we have *semi-inner product* [Conway, 2019].
- **Remark** From *Hermitian property*, we have  $\langle x, ay + bz \rangle = \bar{a} \langle x, y \rangle + \bar{b} \langle x, z \rangle$ .
- **Remark** For *real vector space*, an inner product is a *symmetric covariant 2-tensor*, or a *symmetric bilinear form*.
- **Remark** Some books [Reed and Simon, 1980] define inner product via *linearity in second argument*; while others [Kreyszig, 1989, Luenberger, 1997, Conway, 2019] defines it in terms

of **linearity in first argument**. The difference is the position of conjugate.

- **Proposition 1.1** Every **inner product space**  $V$  is a **normed linear space** with the norm  $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ .

- **Remark** We denote  $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$  as the **length** of a vector. With the definition of length, we can define the **distance**  $d$  as

$$d(x, y) := \|x - y\| = \sqrt{\langle x - y, x - y \rangle}.$$

As a consequence of the *Pythagorean Theorem*,  $d$  satisfies the triangle inequality so it is a **metric**. Thus **every inner product space is a metric space**.

- **Proposition 1.2 (Parallelogram Law)**

For any  $x, y \in (V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ ,

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$$

- **Remark** The followings are other versions of **Parallelogram Law**:

$$\begin{aligned}\Re \langle x, y \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \|x + y\|^2 - \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 \right) \\ \Re \langle x, y \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 \right) \\ \Re \langle x, y \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 \right) \\ \langle x, y \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 + i\|x + iy\|^2 - i\|x - iy\|^2 \right) \\ &= \Re \langle x, y \rangle + i\Re \langle x, iy \rangle\end{aligned}$$

- The converse holds true as well.

**Proposition 1.3** In a **normed space**  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ , if the **parallelogram law**

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$$

holds, then there exists a **unique inner product**  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $V$  such that  $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$  for all  $x \in V$ .

- **Remark** The inner product defines the concept of **angle** (and **orthogonality**), and **distance**. Hence it allows the **geometric property** of Euclidean space to be generalized.
- **Definition** Two vectors,  $x$  and  $y$ , in an inner product space  $V$  are said to be **orthogonal** if  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ . A collection  $\{x_n\}$  of vectors in  $V$  is called an **orthonormal set** if  $\langle x_i, x_i \rangle = 1$  for all  $i$ , and  $\langle x_i, x_j \rangle = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .

- **Theorem 1.4 (Pythagorean Theorem)**

Let  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be an **orthonormal set** in an inner product space  $V$ . Then for all  $x \in V$ ,

$$\|x\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x_i, x \rangle|^2 + \left\| x - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x_i, x \rangle x_i \right\|^2$$

- **Corollary 1.5** (*Bessel's inequality*)

Let  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be an **orthonormal** set in an inner product space  $V$ . Then for all  $x \in V$ ,

$$\|x\|^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x_i, x \rangle|^2$$

- **Corollary 1.6** (*Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality*)

Let  $V$  be an inner product space. For  $x, y \in V$ ,

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|.$$

## 1.2 Hilbert Space

- **Definition** A complete inner product space is called a Hilbert space.

Inner product spaces are sometimes called **pre-Hilbert spaces**.

- **Definition** Two Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are said to be isomorphic if there is a surjective linear operator  $U : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  such that

$$\langle Ux, Uy \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_2} = \langle x, y \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}_1$ . Such an operator is called unitary.

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**Example** ( $\mathcal{L}^2[a, b]$ )

Define  $\mathcal{L}^2([a, b])$  to be the set of complex-valued measurable functions on  $[a, b]$ , a finite interval, that satisfy  $\int_{[a, b]} |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$ . We define an inner product by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$$

$\mathcal{L}^2([a, b])$  is a complete metric space. Actually,  $\mathcal{L}^2([a, b])$  is a completion of  $\mathcal{C}^0([a, b])$  with finite  $\mathcal{L}^2$  norm

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{L}^2} = \left( \int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{L}^2([a, b])$  is a *Hilbert space*.

- **Example** ( $\ell^2$ )

Define  $\ell^2$  to be the set of sequences  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  of complex numbers which satisfy  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |x_n|^2 < \infty$  with the inner product

$$\langle (x_n)_{n=1}^\infty, (y_n)_{n=1}^\infty \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \overline{x_n} y_n.$$

$\ell^2$  is a complete metric space with  $\ell^2$  norm

$$\|(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty\|_2 = \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty |x_n|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

So  $\ell^2$  is a *Hilbert space*.

We will see that any Hilbert space that has a **countable dense set** and is **not finite dimensional** is **isomorphic** to  $\ell^2$ . In this sense,  $\ell^2$  is *the canonical example* of a Hilbert space.

- **Example** ( $\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^n, \mu)$ )

Define  $\mu$  to be a *Borel measure* on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^n, \mu)$  to be the set of complex-valued measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that satisfy  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^2 d\mu < \infty$ . We define an inner product by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \overline{g(x)} d\mu$$

$\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^n, \mu)$  is a *Hilbert space*.

### 1.3 The Projection Theorem

- **Remark Orthogonality** is the central concept of Hilbert space. In the presence of closed subspaces, the orthogonality allows us to decompose the Hilbert space into the direct sum of the *subspace* and its *orthogonal complement*.

- **Definition (Direct Sum)**

Suppose that  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are Hilbert spaces. Then the set of pairs  $(x, y)$  with  $x \in \mathcal{H}_1, y \in \mathcal{H}_2$  is a *Hilbert space* with *inner product*

$$\langle (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \rangle := \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1} + \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_2}$$

This space is called **the direct sum** of the spaces  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2$ .

- **Definition (Orthogonal Complement)**

Let  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  is a **closed linear subspace** of Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with *induced inner product*  $\langle, \rangle$  (i.e.  $\langle x, y \rangle_{\mathcal{M}} = \langle x, y \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$ ).  $\mathcal{M}$  is also a *Hilbert space*.

We denote by  $\mathcal{M}^\perp$  the set of vectors in  $\mathcal{H}$  which are *orthogonal* to  $\mathcal{M}$ ;  $\mathcal{M}^\perp$  is called **the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{M}$** . It follows from the linearity of the inner product that  $\mathcal{M}^\perp$  is a *linear subspace* of  $\mathcal{H}$  and an elementary argument shows that  $\mathcal{M}^\perp$  is *closed*. So  $\mathcal{M}^\perp$  is also a *Hilbert space*.

- **Remark** The following theorem is going to show that

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^\perp = \left\{ x + y : x \in \mathcal{M}, y \in \mathcal{M}^\perp, \text{ i.e. } \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \right\}.$$

This important geometric property is one of the main reasons that Hilbert spaces are **easier** to handle than Banach spaces.

- **Lemma 1.7** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space,  $\mathcal{M}$  a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ , and suppose  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then there exists in  $\mathcal{M}$  a **unique element  $z$  closest** to  $x$ .

- **Theorem 1.8 (The Projection Theorem)**

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space,  $\mathcal{M}$  a closed subspace. Then every  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  can be **uniquely** written  $x = z + w$  where  $z \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $w \in \mathcal{M}^\perp$ .

- **Remark** The projection theorem sets up a natural *isomorphism*  $\mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^\perp \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  given by

$$(z, w) \mapsto z + w$$

We will often suppress the isomorphism and simply write  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^\perp$ .

## 1.4 Orthonormal Bases

- **Definition** (*Complete Orthonormal Basis*)

If  $S$  is an orthonormal set in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and no other orthonormal set contains  $S$  as a proper subset, then  $S$  is called an orthonormal basis (or a *complete orthonormal system*) for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

- **Theorem 1.9** (*Existence of Orthonormal Basis*)

Every Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  has an *orthonormal basis*.

- **Proposition 1.10** (*Orthogonal Representation of Element in Hilbert Space*)

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and  $S = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  an *orthonormal basis*. Then for each  $y \in \mathcal{H}$ ,

$$y = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \langle y, x_\alpha \rangle x_\alpha \quad (1)$$

and

$$\|y\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle y, x_\alpha \rangle|^2 \quad (2)$$

The equality in (1) means that the sum on the right-hand side converges (independent of order) to  $y$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . **Conversely**, if  $\sum_{\alpha \in A} |c_\alpha|^2 < \infty$ ,  $c_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $\sum_{\alpha \in A} c_\alpha x_\alpha$  converges to an element of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

- **Remark** From Bessel's inequality, we already seen that for any finite collection  $A'$  of  $x_\alpha$ , we have  $\sum_{\alpha \in A'} |\langle y, x_\alpha \rangle|^2 \leq \|y\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$ . The main difficulty is on how to prove convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^N |\langle y, x_n \rangle|^2$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly we need to prove that  $y - \sum_{n=1}^m \langle y, x_{\alpha_n} \rangle x_{\alpha_n}$  is still orthogonal to  $x_\alpha$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .
- **Remark** The unique coefficients  $(\langle y, x_\alpha \rangle)$  is called *the Fourier coefficients of  $y$  with respect to basis  $(x_\alpha)$* .
- **Remark** (*Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization*)  
Given any set of independent vectors  $(v_1, v_2, \dots)$ . we can construct an orthonormal basis  $(b_1, b_2, \dots)$  via

$$b_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$$

$$b_j = \frac{v_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \langle v_j, b_i \rangle b_i}{\left\| v_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \langle v_j, b_i \rangle b_i \right\|}, \quad j \geq 2$$

Thus  $\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_m\} = \text{span}\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$  for all  $m \geq 1$ .

## 1.5 Separability

- **Definition (*Separability*)**

A metric space which has a countable dense subset is said to be separable.

- **Remark** Most Hilbert space we have seen is separable.

- **Proposition 1.11 (*Canonical Hilbert Space*)**

A Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is **separable** if and only if it has a **countable orthonormal basis**  $S$ . If there are  $N < \infty$  elements in  $S$ , then  $\mathcal{H}$  is **isomorphic** to  $\mathbb{C}^N$ , If there are **countably many** elements in  $S$ , then  $\mathcal{H}$  is **isomorphic** to  $\ell^2$ .

- **Remark** Consider the map  $v \mapsto (\langle v, x_n \rangle)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  for orthonormal basis  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  as the isomorphism  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \ell^2$ .
- **Remark** Notice that in the separable case, the *Gram-Schmidt process* allows us to construct an orthonormal basis without using *Zorn's lemma*.

## 2 Bounded Linear Operator

### 2.1 The Riesz Representation Theorem

- **Definition (*Bounded Linear Operator*)**

A **bounded linear transformation** (or **bounded operator**) is a mapping  $T : (X, \|\cdot\|_X) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$  from a normed linear space  $X$  to a normed linear space  $Y$  that satisfies

1. (**Linearity**)  $T(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha T(x) + \beta T(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$
2. (**Boundedness**)  $\|Tx\|_Y \leq C \|x\|_X$  for small  $C \geq 0$ .

The smallest such  $C$  is called the norm of  $T$ , written  $\|T\|$  or  $\|T\|_{X,Y}$ . Thus

$$\|T\| := \sup_{\|x\|_X=1} \|Tx\|_Y$$

- **Remark** Denote the space of **all bounded linear operator** between Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  as  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2)$ . The space  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2)$  is linear space with norm

$$\|T\| := \sup_{\|x\|_{\mathcal{H}_1}=1} \|Tx\|_{\mathcal{H}_2}, \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2).$$

It can be shown that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2)$  is a *complete normed space* (i.e. a *Banach space*).

- **Definition (*Dual Space*)**

The space  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{C})$  is called the **dual space** of  $\mathcal{H}$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{H}^*$ . The elements of  $\mathcal{H}^*$  are called continuous linear functionals. That is, the dual space  $\mathcal{H}^*$  is the space of *continuous linear functionals* on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

- **Remark** The *dual space*  $\mathcal{H}^*$  is also called **covector space** with respect to a vector space  $\mathcal{H}$  and the linear functionals are called **covectors**. These terms are mostly used in *differential geometry* when the vector space is the *tangent space*.

- **Theorem 2.1** (*The Riesz Representation Theorem*) [Reed and Simon, 1980, Kreyszig, 1989, Conway, 2019]

For each  $T \in \mathcal{H}^*$ , there is a **unique**  $y_T \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$T(x) = \langle x, y_T \rangle$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . In addition  $\|y_T\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \|T\|_{\mathcal{H}^*}$ .

- **Remark** The Riesz Representation Theorem [Conway, 2019, Kreyszig, 1989] is also called **The Riesz Lemma** [Reed and Simon, 1980].
- **Remark** We note that the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality shows that the **converse** of the Riesz Representation Theorem is **true**. Namely, each  $y \in \mathcal{H}$  defines a continuous linear functional  $T_y$  on  $\mathcal{H}^*$  by

$$T_y(x) = \langle x, y \rangle.$$

Thus the Riesz Representation Theorem together with the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality defines an **isomorphism**  $\mathcal{H}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  between a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and its dual  $\mathcal{H}^*$ . In other words, unlike the case in Banach space, the bounded linear functional on Hilbert space has a simple form.

- **Corollary 2.2** (*The Riesz Representation for Sesquilinear Form*)

Let  $B(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a function from  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  which satisfies:

1. (**Linearity**)  $B(\alpha x + \beta y, z) = \alpha B(x, z) + \beta B(y, z)$
2. (**Conjugate Linearity**)  $B(x, \alpha y + \beta z) = \bar{\alpha} B(x, y) + \bar{\beta} B(x, z)$
3. (**Boundedness**)  $|B(x, y)| \leq C \|x\|_{\mathcal{H}} \|y\|_{\mathcal{H}}$

for all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then there is a **unique bounded linear transformation**  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  so that

$$B(x, y) = \langle x, Ay \rangle$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ . The **norm** of  $A$  is the smallest constant  $C$  such that (3) holds.

- **Remark** A bilinear function on  $\mathcal{H}$  obeying (1) and (2) is called a **sesquilinear form** (as a generalization of **bilinear form** in complex vector space).

In terms of this, an inner product in complex vector space is a **complex Hermitian form** (also called a **symmetric sesquilinear form**).

## 2.2 Hilbert Adjoint Operator

- **Definition** (*Hilbert Space Adjoint*)

Let  $T : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  be a bounded linear operator, where  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are Hilbert spaces. Then **the Hilbert-adjoint operator**  $T^*$  of  $T$  is the operator

$$T^* : \mathcal{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_1$$

such that for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $y \in \mathcal{H}_2$ ,

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_2} = \langle x, T^*y \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1} \quad (3)$$



- **Proposition 2.3 (Existence of Adjoint Operator)** [Kreyszig, 1989]  
The Hilbert-adjoint operator  $T^*$  of  $T$  exists, is unique and is a **bounded linear operator** with norm

$$\|T^*\| = \|T\|.$$

- **Lemma 2.4 (Zero operator).** [Kreyszig, 1989] Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be inner product spaces and  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  a bounded linear operator. Then:

1.  $Q = 0$  if and only if  $\langle Qx, y \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ .
2. If  $Q : X \rightarrow X$ , where  $X$  is complex, and  $\langle Qx, x \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $Q = 0$ .

- **Proposition 2.5 (Properties of Hilbert-adjoint operators).** [Reed and Simon, 1980, Kreyszig, 1989]  
Let  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2$  be Hilbert spaces,  $S : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  and  $T : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  bounded linear operators and  $\alpha$  any scalar. Then we have

1.  $\langle T^*y, x \rangle = \langle y, Tx \rangle, (x \in \mathcal{H}_1, y \in \mathcal{H}_2)$
2.  $(S + T)^* = S^* + T^*$
3.  $(\alpha T)^* = \alpha T^*$
4.  $(T^*)^* = T$
5.  $\|T^*T\| = \|TT^*\| = \|T\|^2$
6.  $T^*T = 0 \Leftrightarrow T = 0$
7.  $(ST)^* = T^*S^*$  (assuming  $\mathcal{H}_2 = \mathcal{H}_1$ )
8. If  $T$  has a **bounded inverse**,  $T^{-1}$ , then  $T^*$  has a **bounded inverse** and  $(T^*)^{-1} = (T^{-1})^*$ .

## 2.3 Self-Adjoint, Unitary and Normal Operators

- **Definition** A **bounded linear operator**  $T : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is said to be

1. self-adjoint or Hermitian if

$$T^* = T \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, Ty \rangle$$

2. unitary if  $T$  is bijective and

$$T^* = T^{-1}$$

3. normal if

$$T^*T = TT^*$$

- **Definition (Projection Operator)**

If  $P \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $P^2 = P$ , then  $P$  is called a projection. If in addition  $P = P^*$ , then  $P$  is called an orthogonal projection.

- **Remark** If  $T$  is *self-adjoint* and *unitary*, then  $T$  is *normal*.
- **Remark** If a basis for  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is given and a *linear operator* on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is represented by a certain *matrix*, then its *Hilbert-adjoint operator* is represented by the *complex conjugate transpose* of that matrix. For  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the *Hilbert-adjoint operator* is represented by the *transpose* of that matrix
- **Remark** Similarly we have

1. The matrix representation for *self-adjoint operator* is *Hermitian* or *Symmetric*.

$$T^* = T \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{T}^H = \mathbf{T} \quad (\text{or for real vector space } \mathbf{T}^T = \mathbf{T})$$

2. The matrix representation for *unitary operator* is *unitary* or *orthogonal*.

$$T^* = T^{-1} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{T}^H = \mathbf{T}^{-1} \quad (\text{or for real vector space } \mathbf{T}^T = \mathbf{T}^{-1})$$

3. The matrix representation for *normal operator* is *normal*.

$$T^*T = TT^* \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{T}^H\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}^H \quad (\text{or for real vector space } \mathbf{T}^T\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}^T)$$

- **Proposition 2.6 (Self-adjointness).** [Kreyszig, 1989]

Let  $T : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then:

1. If  $T$  is *self-adjoint*,  $\langle Tx, x \rangle$  is *real* for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .
2. If  $\mathcal{H}$  is complex and  $\langle Tx, x \rangle$  is *real* for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , the operator  $T$  is *self-adjoint*

- **Proposition 2.7 (Self-adjointness of product).** [Kreyszig, 1989]

The product of two bounded *self-adjoint* linear operators  $S$  and  $T$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is *self-adjoint* if and only if the operators *commute*,

$$ST = TS.$$

- **Proposition 2.8 (Sequences of self-adjoint operators).** [Kreyszig, 1989]

Let  $(T_n)$  be a sequence of *bounded self-adjoint* linear operators  $T_n : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Suppose that  $(T_n)$  converges, say,

$$T_n \rightarrow T, \quad \text{i.e. } \|T_n - T\| \rightarrow 0$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm on the space  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H})$ . Then the limit operator  $T$  is a *bounded self-adjoint* linear operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

- **Proposition 2.9 (Unitary operator).** [Kreyszig, 1989]

Let the operators  $U : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  and  $V : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be *unitary*; here,  $\mathcal{H}$  is a Hilbert space. Then:

1.  $U$  is *isometric*; thus  $\|Ux\| = \|x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ ;
2.  $\|U\| = 1$ , provided  $\mathcal{H} \neq \{0\}$ ,
3.  $U^{-1} = U^*$  is *unitary*,
4.  $UV$  is *unitary*,

5.  $U$  is normal.

6. A bounded linear operator  $T$  on a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is **unitary** if and only if  $T$  is **isometric** and **surjective**.

- **Remark** Note that an **isometric operator** need not be **unitary** since it may fail to be **surjective**. An example is the **right shift operator**  $T : \ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$  given by

$$(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \dots) \mapsto (0, \xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \dots).$$

### 3 Spectrum of Bounded Linear Operator in Hilbert Space

#### 3.1 Finite Dimensional Case

- **Remark** (**Eigenvalues of Linear Transformation in Finite Dimensional Space**)  
If  $T$  is a linear transformation on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , then the **eigenvalues** of  $T$  are the complex numbers  $\lambda$  such that the **determinant** (called **the characteristic determinant**)

$$\det(\lambda I - T) = 0.$$

The set of such  $\lambda$  is called **the spectrum of  $T$** . It can consist of **at most  $n$  points**, since  $\det(\lambda I - T)$  is a **polynomial of degree  $n$** , called **the characteristic polynomial of  $T$** .

- **Remark** If  $\lambda$  is **not an eigenvalue**, then  $\lambda I - T$  **has an inverse** since

$$\det(\lambda I - T) \neq 0.$$

- **Proposition 3.1** (**Invariance of Eigenvalue under Change of Basis**) [Kreyszig, 1989]  
All matrices representing a given linear operator  $T : X \rightarrow X$  on a **finite dimensional normed space  $X$**  relative to various bases for  $X$  have the **same eigenvalues**.
- **Theorem 3.2** (**The Existence of Eigenvalues**). [Kreyszig, 1989]  
A linear operator on a **finite dimensional complex normed space  $X \neq \{0\}$**  has **at least one eigenvalue**.

#### 3.2 Infinite Dimensional Case

- **Definition** (**Resolvent and Spectrum**)  
Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ . A complex number  $\lambda$  is said to be in **the resolvent set  $\rho(T)$  of  $T$**  if

$$\lambda I - T$$

is a **bijection** with a **bounded inverse**.

$$R_\lambda(T) := (\lambda I - T)^{-1}$$

is called **the resolvent of  $T$  at  $\lambda$** . Note that  $R_\lambda(T)$  is defined on  $\text{Ran}(\lambda I - T)$ .

If  $\lambda \notin \rho(T)$ , then  $\lambda$  is said to be in the **spectrum  $\sigma(T)$  of  $T$** .

- **Remark** The name “*resolvent*” is appropriate, since  $R_\lambda(T)$  helps to solve the equation  $(\lambda I - T)x = y$ . Thus,  $x = (\lambda I - T)^{-1}y = R_\lambda(T)y$  provided  $R_\lambda(T)$  exists.

- **Definition** (*Point Spectrum, Continuous Spectrum and Residual Spectrum*)

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$

1. **Point Spectrum**: An  $x \neq 0$  which satisfies

$$Tx = \lambda x$$

$$\text{or } (\lambda I - T)x = 0, \quad \text{for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

is called an **eigenvector of  $T$** ;  $\lambda$  is called **the corresponding eigenvalue**.

If  $\lambda$  is an *eigenvalue*, then  $(\lambda I - T)$  is **not injective** (i.e.  $\text{Ker}(\lambda I - T) \neq \{0\}$ ) so  $\lambda$  is *in the spectrum of  $T$* . **The set of all eigenvalues** is called **the point spectrum of  $T$** . It is denoted as  $\sigma_p(T)$ .

2. **Continuous Spectrum**: If  $\lambda$  is **not an eigenvalue** and if  $\text{Ran}(\lambda I - T)$  is **dense** but the resolvent  $R_\lambda(T)$  is **unbounded**, then  $\lambda$  is said to be in **the continuous spectrum**. It is denoted as  $\sigma_c(T)$ .

3. **Residual Spectrum**: If  $\lambda$  is **not an eigenvalue** and if  $\text{Ran}(\lambda I - T)$  is **not dense**, then  $\lambda$  is said to be in **the residual spectrum**. It is denoted as  $\sigma_r(T)$ .

- **Remark** (*Pure Point Spectrum for Finite Dimensional Case*)

If  $X$  is **finite dimensional** normed linear space,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  then  $\sigma_c(T) = \sigma_r(T) = \emptyset$ .

**Table 1:** Comparison between different subset of spectrums and resolvent set

	<i>point spectrum</i> $\sigma_p(T)$	<i>continuous spectrum</i> $\sigma_c(T)$	<i>residual spectrum</i> $\sigma_r(T)$	<i>resolvent set</i> $\rho(T)$
$R_\lambda(T)$ <b>exists</b>	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$R_\lambda(T)$ <b>is bounded</b>	$\times$	$\times$	$-$	$\checkmark$
$R_\lambda(T)$ <b>is defined in a dense subset of <math>Y</math></b>	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\checkmark$

- **Remark** (*Partition of Complex Space  $\mathbb{C}$* )

All four sets above are disjoint and they forms a partition of  $\mathbb{C}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C} &= \rho(T) \cup \sigma(T) \\ &= \rho(T) \cup \sigma_p(T) \cup \sigma_c(T) \cup \sigma_r(T). \end{aligned}$$

We will prove this later.

- **Remark** (*Some Special Case*)

1. If  $X$  **finite dimensional**,  $\mathbb{C} = \rho(T) \cup \sigma_p(T)$  since  $\sigma_c(T) = \sigma_r(T) = \emptyset$ .
2. If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $T$  is **self-adjoint**,  $\mathbb{C} = \rho(T) \cup \sigma_p(T) \cup \sigma_c(T)$  since  $\sigma_r(T) = \emptyset$ .
3. If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $T$  is **self-adjoint and compact**,  $\mathbb{C} = \rho(T) \cup \sigma_p(T)$

- **Remark** If  $X$  is a function space, the *eigenvectors of linear operator  $T$*  is called the ***eigenfunctions*** of  $T$ .

- **Definition (*Eigenspace of Linear Operator*)**

The subspace of domain  $D(T)$  consisting of  $\{0\}$  and **all eigenvectors** of  $T$  corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $T$  is called the eigenspace of  $T$  corresponding to that eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

## 4 Spectrum of Compact Operator

### 4.1 Compact Operators

- **Definition (*Kernel of Integral Operator*)**

Consider the simple operator  $T_K$ , defined in  $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$  by

$$(T_K f)(x) = \int_0^1 K(x, y) f(y) dy,$$

where the function  $K(x, y)$  is *continuous* on the square  $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$ .  $T_K$  is called an **integral kernel operator** and  $K(x, y)$  is called the kernel of the integral operator  $T_K$ .

- **Remark (*Properties of Integral Kernel Operator*)**

We summary some important property of the integral kernel operator  $T_K$ :

1.  $T_K$  is **bounded linear operator** on  $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |(T_K f)(x)| &\leq \left( \sup_{(x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]} |K(x, y)| \right) \left( \sup_{y \in [0, 1]} |f(y)| \right) \\ \Rightarrow \|T_K f\|_\infty &\leq \left( \sup_{(x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]} |K(x, y)| \right) \|f\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

2. For  $K^*(x, y) := \overline{K(y, x)}$ ,

$$(T_K)^* = T_{K^*}$$

3. Let  $B_M$  denote the functions  $f$  in  $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$  such that  $\|f\|_\infty \leq M$ , i.e. closed  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ -ball in  $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$

$$B_M := \{f \in \mathcal{C}[0, 1] : \|f\|_\infty \leq M\}$$

The set of functions  $T_K(B_M) := \{T_K f : f \in B_M\}$  is **equicontinuous**.

**Proof:** Since  $K(x, y)$  is *continuous* on the *compact* set  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ ,  $K(x, y)$  is *uniformly continuous*. Thus, given an  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can find  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x - x'| < \delta$  implies  $|K(x, y) - K(x', y)| < \epsilon$  for all  $y \in [0, 1]$ . Thus, for all  $f \in B_M$

$$\begin{aligned} |(T_K f)(x) - (T_K f)(x')| &\leq \left( \sup_{(x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]} |K(x, y) - K(x', y)| \right) \|f\|_\infty \\ &\leq \epsilon M. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

4. Moreover,  $T_K(B_M) := \{T_K f : f \in B_M\}$  is **precompact** in  $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ , i.e. its closure  $\overline{T_K(B_M)}$  is **compact**. In other word, for every sequence  $f_n \in B_M$ , the sequence  $T_K f_n$  has a **convergent subsequence**.

This follows from the fact that  $T_K(B_M)$  is *equicontinuous* and *uniformly bounded* by  $\|T_K\| M$ . So by *the Ascoli's theorem*, we have the result.

5. The operator norm of  $T_K$  is bounded above by the  $L^2$  norm of kernel function  $K$

$$\|T_K\| \leq \|K\|_{L^2}$$

6. The eigenfunctions of  $T_K$   $\{\varphi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  forms a complete orthonormal basis in  $L^2(M, \mu)$ .

$$K(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \varphi_n(x) \overline{\varphi_n(y)}$$

where  $\lambda_n$  is the eigenvalue corresponding to eigenfunction  $\varphi_n$ .

- **Definition (Compact Operator)**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  is called **compact** (or **completely continuous**) if  $T$  takes **bounded sets** in  $X$  into **precompact sets** in  $Y$ .

Equivalently,  $T$  is **compact** if and only if for every **bounded sequence**  $\{x_n\} \subseteq X$ ,  $\{Tx_n\}$  has a **subsequence convergent** in  $Y$ .

- **Example (Finite Rank Operators)**

Suppose that *the range of  $T$  is finite dimensional*. That is, every vector in the range of  $T$  can be written

$$Tx = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i,$$

for some fixed family  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  in  $Y$ . If  $x_n$  is any *bounded sequence* in  $X$ , the corresponding  $\alpha_i^{(n)}$  are *bounded* since  $T$  is *bounded*. The usual subsequence trick allows one to extract a *convergent subsequence* from  $\{Tx_n\}$  which proves that  $T$  is *compact*. ■

- An important property of the compact operator is

**Theorem 4.1 (Weakly Convergent + Compact Operator = Uniformly Convergent)**  
[Reed and Simon, 1980]

A **compact** operator maps **weakly convergent** sequences into **norm convergent** sequences; i.e. if  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  is compact, then

$$x_n \xrightarrow{w} x \quad \Rightarrow \quad Tx_n \xrightarrow{norm} Tx.$$

The converse holds true if  $X$  is **reflective**.

- **Proposition 4.2** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ .

1. If  $\{T_n\}$  are **compact** and  $T_n \rightarrow T$  in the **norm topology**, then  $T$  is **compact**.
2.  $T$  is **compact** if and only if  $T'$  is **compact**.

3. If  $S \in \mathcal{L}(Y, Z)$  with  $Z$  a Banach space and if  $T$  or  $S$  is **compact**, then  $ST$  is **compact**.

- The proposition above shows that the space of compact operators on  $\mathcal{H}$  is a **closed subspace** of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , thus it is a *Banach space too*.

**Definition (Space of Compact Operators)**

Now assume that  $\mathcal{H}$  is a **separable Hilbert space**. We denote the Banach space of **compact operators** on a separable Hilbert space by  $\text{Com}(\mathcal{H}) \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ .

- **Theorem 4.3 (Compact Operator Approximated by Finite Rank Operator)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a **separable Hilbert space**. Then every **compact operator** on  $\mathcal{H}$  is the **norm limit** of a sequence of operators of **finite rank**.

## 4.2 Fredholm Alternative

- **Remark (Fredholm Alternative)**

The basic principle which makes compact operators important is **the Fredholm alternative**:  
If  $A$  is **compact**, then **exactly one** of the following two statements holds true:

1.

$$A\varphi = \varphi \text{ has a solution;}$$

2.

$$(I - A)^{-1} \text{ exists.}$$

From the Fredholm alternative, we see that if **for any**  $\varphi$  there is **at most one**  $\psi$  (**uniqueness statement**) such that

$$(I - A)\psi = \varphi$$

then there is **always exactly one** (i.e. **existence statement**). That is, **compactness and uniqueness together imply existence**.

- **Theorem 4.4 (Analytic Fredholm Theorem)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
Let  $D$  be an **open connected** subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  be an **analytic operator-valued function** such that  $f(z)$  is **compact** for each  $z \in D$ . Then, either

1.  $(I - f(z))^{-1}$  exists for **no**  $z \in D$ ; or
2.  $(I - f(z))^{-1}$  exists for **all**  $z \in D \setminus S$  where  $S$  is a **discrete** subset of  $D$  (i.e.  $S$  is a set which has no limit points in  $D$ .) In this case,  $(I - f(z))^{-1}$  is **meromorphic** in  $D$ , **analytic** in  $D \setminus S$ , the **residues** at the poles are **finite rank operators**, and if  $z \in S$  then

$$f(z)\varphi = \varphi$$

has a **nonzero solution** in  $\mathcal{H}$

- **Corollary 4.5 (The Fredholm Alternative)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
If  $A$  is a **compact operator** on  $\mathcal{H}$ , then **either**  $(I - A)^{-1}$  exists **or**  $\varphi = \varphi$  has a solution.

- **Theorem 4.6 (Riesz-Schauder Theorem)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **compact** operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $\sigma(A)$  is a discrete set having **no limit points except** perhaps  $\lambda = 0$ .

Further, any **nonzero**  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$  is an **eigenvalue** of **finite multiplicity** (i.e. the corresponding space of eigenvectors is **finite dimensional**).

- **Remark (Compact Operator has only Nonzero Point Spectrum with Finite Dimensional Eigenspace)**

Riesz-Schauder Theorem states that the **spectrum** for **compact** operator on **Hilbert** space consists of **only** the point spectrum besides  $\lambda = 0$ .

Moreover, the **eigenspace** corresponding to each **nonzero eigenvalue** is **finite dimensional**.

- **Theorem 4.7 (The Hilbert-Schmidt Theorem)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **self-adjoint compact operator** on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then, there is a **complete orthonormal basis**,  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , for  $\mathcal{H}$  so that

$$A\phi_n = \lambda_n\phi_n$$

and  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

- **Remark (Eigendecomposition of Hilbert Space based on Self-Adjoint Compact Operator)**

In other word, given a self-adjoint compact operator  $A$  on  $\mathcal{H}$ , the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is the direct sum of eigenspaces of  $A$ .

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{\lambda_n \in \sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{R}} \text{Ker}(\lambda_n I - A)$$

A **self-adjoint compact operator** on  $\mathcal{H}$  is the closest counterpart of **Hermitian matrix** / **Symmetric Real matrix** in infinite dimensional space.

- **Theorem 4.8 (Canonical Form for Compact Operators)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **compact** operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then there exist (**not necessarily complete**) **orthonormal sets**  $\{\psi_n\}_{n=1}^N$  and  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^N$  and **positive real numbers**  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^N$  with  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$  so that

$$A = \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_n \langle \cdot, \psi_n \rangle \phi_n \quad (4)$$

The sum in (4), which may be finite or infinite, **converges in norm**. The numbers,  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^N$ , are called the **singular values of  $A$** .

- **Remark (SVD for Compact Operator)**

Recall for finite dimensional case, the **singular value decomposition (SVD)**

$$A = \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_n \phi_n \psi_n^T.$$

The **singular value decomposition** is a generalization for the **spectral decomposition** for **self-adjoint operator**. But it only exists for **compact operator**.



### 4.3 The Trace Class

- We generalize the definition of *trace* of linear operator from finite dimensional space to infinite dimensional space:

**Definition (*Trace of Positive Semi-Definite Operator*)**

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a *separable Hilbert space*,  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  an *orthonormal basis*. Then for any *positive semi-definite* operator  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , we define

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle A\phi_n, \phi_n \rangle$$

The number  $\text{tr}(A)$  is called the trace of  $A$ .

- **Proposition 4.9 (*Properties of Trace*)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space,  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  an orthonormal basis. Then for any *positive semi-definite* operator  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , its trace  $\text{tr}(A)$  as defined above is *independent* of the orthonormal basis chosen. The trace has the following properties:

1. (**Linearity**):  $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$ .
2. (**Positive Homogeneity**):  $\text{tr}(\lambda A) = \lambda \text{tr}(A)$  for all  $\lambda \geq 0$ .
3. (**Unitary Invariance**):  $\text{tr}(U A U^{-1}) = \text{tr}(A)$  for any *unitary* operator  $U$ .
4. (**Monotonicity**): if  $B \succeq A \succeq 0$ , then  $\text{tr}(B) \geq \text{tr}(A)$

- **Remark (*Trace of General Linear Operator*)**

Let  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  be a bounded linear operator on separable Hilbert space. Instead of considering the trace of  $A$ , we consider the trace of modulus of  $A$ ,

$$\text{tr}(|A|) = \text{tr}(\sqrt{A^*A}).$$

- **Definition (*Trace Class*)**

An operator  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called trace class if and only if

$$\text{tr}(|A|) = \text{tr}(\sqrt{A^*A}) < \infty.$$

The family of all trace class operators is denoted by  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$ .

- The following lemma is used in proof of part 2 in next proposition

**Lemma 4.10** Every  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  can be written as a linear combination of *four unitary operators*.

- **Proposition 4.11 (*Space of Trace Class Operator*)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

The family of all trace class operators  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  is a \*-ideal in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , that is,

1.  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  is a vector space.
2. (**Operator Multiplication**) If  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  and  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $AB \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  and  $BA \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$ .
3. (**Adjoint**) If  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  then  $A^* \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$ .

- **Remark Definition ( $\ast$ -Algebra)**

An **algebra**  $\mathcal{A}$  over field  $K$  is a  $K$ -vector space together with a **binary product**  $(a, b) \mapsto ab$  satisfying

1.  $a(bc) = (ab)c$ ,
2.  $\lambda(ab) = (\lambda a)b = a(\lambda b)$ ,
3.  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$ ,
4.  $(a + b)c = ac + bc$ ,

for all  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\lambda \in K$ .

A  $\ast$ -**algebra**  $\mathcal{A}$  is a **algebra** over  $\mathbb{C}$  with a unary **involution**  $\ast : a \mapsto a^\ast$  such that

1.  $(\lambda a + \mu b)^\ast = \bar{\lambda}a^\ast + \bar{\mu}b^\ast$ ,
2.  $(ab)^\ast = b^\ast a^\ast$ ,
3.  $(a^\ast)^\ast = a$ ,

for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Example (Hilbert Adjoint as  $\ast$ -Operation)**

For  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , let the  $\ast$ -operation be the **Hilbert adjoint**, i.e.  $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^\ast y \rangle$  so  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is a  $\ast$ -**algebra** with operator addition and operator multiplication.

**Definition (Left Ideal)**

For an arbitrary **ring**  $(R, +, \cdot)$ , let  $(R, +)$  be its **additive group**. A subset  $I$  is called a **left ideal** of  $R$  if it is an **additive subgroup** of  $R$  that “absorbs multiplication from the left by elements of  $R$ ”; that is,  $I$  is a **left ideal** if it satisfies the following two conditions:

1.  $(I, +)$  is a **subgroup** of  $(R, +)$ ,
2. For every  $r \in R$  and every  $x \in I$ , the **product**  $rx$  is in  $I$ .

- **Proposition 4.12 (Norm of Trace Class)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $\|\cdot\|_1$  be defined in  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  by

$$\|A\|_1 = \text{tr}(|A|).$$

Then  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  is a **Banach space** with norm  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and

$$\|A\| \leq \|A\|_1$$

- **Remark**  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  is **not closed** under the operator norm  $\|\cdot\|$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ .

- **Proposition 4.13 (Compactness)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Every  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  is compact. A **compact operator**  $A$  is in  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n < \infty$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\}$  are the **singular values** of  $A$ .

- **Corollary 4.14** (*Finite Rank Approximation*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
The finite rank operators are  $\|\cdot\|_1$ -dense in  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$ .
- **Proposition 4.15** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
If  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\{\varphi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is **any** orthonormal basis, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle A\varphi_n, \varphi_n \rangle$$

converges **absolutely** and the limit is **independent** of the choice of basis.

#### 4.4 Hilbert-Schmidt Operator

- **Definition** (*Hilbert-Schmidt Operator*)  
An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called **Hilbert-Schmidt** if and only if

$$\text{tr}(T^*T) < \infty.$$

The family of all Hilbert-Schmidt operators is denoted by  $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$  or  $\mathcal{B}_{HS}(\mathcal{H})$ .

- **Proposition 4.16** (*Space of Hilbert-Schmidt Operator*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]
  1. The space of all Hilbert-Schmidt operators  $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$  is a **\*-ideal** in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,
  2. (**Inner Product**): If  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$ , then for **any** orthonormal basis  $\{\varphi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle A^*B\varphi_n, \varphi_n \rangle$$

is **absolutely summable**, and its **limit**, denoted by  $\langle A, B \rangle_{HS}$ , is **independent** of the orthonormal basis chosen, i.e.

$$\langle A, B \rangle_{HS} = \text{tr}(A^*B)$$

3.  $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$  with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{HS}$  is a **Hilbert space**.
4. (**Norm**): Let  $\|\cdot\|_2$  be defined in  $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$  by

$$\|A\|_2 := \sqrt{\langle A, A \rangle_{HS}} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^*A)}.$$

Then

$$\|A\| \leq \|A\|_2 \leq \|A\|_1, \quad \text{and} \quad \|A\|_2 = \|A^*\|_2$$

5. (**Compactness**) Every  $A \in \mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$  is compact and a compact operator,  $A$ , is in  $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^2 < \infty$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\}$  are the **singular values** of  $A$ .

6. (**Finite Rank Approximation**) The **finite rank operators** are  $\|\cdot\|_2$ -dense in  $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$ .

7.  $A \in \mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$  **if and only if**

$$\{\|A\varphi_n\|\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \ell^2$$

for **some** orthonormal basis  $\{\varphi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ .

8.  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  **if and only if**  $A = BC$  with  $B, C \in \mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$ .

9.  $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H})$  is not  $\|\cdot\|$ -closed in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ .

- **Theorem 4.17 (Hilbert-Schmidt Operator of  $L^2$  Space)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
Let  $(M, \mu)$  be a **measure space** and  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(M, \mu)$ . Then  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is **Hilbert-Schmidt** **if and only if** there is a function

$$K \in L^2(M \times M, \mu \otimes \mu)$$

with

$$(Tf)(x) = \int_M K(x, y)f(y)d\mu(y),$$

Moreover,

$$\|T\|_2^2 = \int_{M \times M} |K(x, y)|^2 d\mu(x)d\mu(y).$$

- **Remark** A **Hilbert-Schmidt** operator  $T$  on a **square integrable space**  $L^2(M, \mu)$  is a **integral kernel operator**.

In other word, for  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , if  $\text{tr}(T^*T) < \infty$ , then  $T$  is a **compact operator**. If, in particular,  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(M, \mu)$ , then  $T$  can be written as the **integral kernel operator**

$$(Tf)(x) = \int_M K(x, y)f(y)d\mu(y),$$

- **Theorem 4.18 (Mercer's Theorem)** [Borthwick, 2020].  
Suppose  $\Omega$  is a **compact domain** and  $T$  is a **positive Hilbert-Schmidt operator** on  $L^2(\Omega)$ . If the integral kernel  $K(\cdot, \cdot)$  is **continuous** on  $\Omega \times \Omega$ , then the **eigenfunction**  $\varphi_k$  is **continuous** on  $\Omega$  if  $\lambda_k > 0$ , and the expansion

$$K(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \varphi_n(x) \overline{\varphi_n(y)}$$

converges **uniformly** on **compact sets**.

## 4.5 Trace of Linear Operator

- **Definition (Trace)**

The map  $\text{tr} : \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle A\phi_n, \phi_n \rangle$$

where  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is any orthonormal basis in  $\mathcal{H}$  is called **the trace**.

- **Remark** For  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle A\phi_n, \phi_n \rangle| < \infty$  for any orthonormal basis  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .
- **Remark** (*Decomposition of Self-Adjoint operator*)  
For any  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $A$  being self-adjoint,

$$A = A_+ - A_-$$

where both  $A_+$  and  $A_-$  are **positive** and  $A_+A_- = 0$ .

Not surprisingly,  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if

$$\text{tr}(A_+) < \infty, \quad \text{tr}(A_-) < \infty,$$

and

$$\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(A_+) - \text{tr}(A_-).$$

- Finally, we collect the property of trace for linear operators:

**Proposition 4.19** (*Properties of Trace*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]

1.  $\text{tr}(\cdot)$  is linear.
2.  $\text{tr}(A^*) = \overline{\text{tr}(A)}$ .
3.  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$  if  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  and  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ .

- **Remark** If  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$ , the map

$$B \mapsto \text{tr}(AB)$$

is a **linear functional** on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . We can also hold  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  fixed and obtain a **linear functional** on  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  given by the map

$$A \mapsto \text{tr}(BA).$$

The set of these functionals is just **the dual of  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$** .

- **Proposition 4.20** (*Dual Space of Compact Operators*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]

1.  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H}) = (\text{Com}(\mathcal{H}))^*$ . That is, the map  $A \mapsto \text{tr}(A \cdot)$  is an **isometric isomorphism** of  $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$  onto  $(\text{Com}(\mathcal{H}))^*$ .
2.  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) = (\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H}))^*$ . That is, the map  $B \mapsto \text{tr}(B \cdot)$  is an **isometric isomorphism** of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  onto  $(\mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H}))^*$ .

## 5 Spectrum of Bounded Self-Adjoint Operator in Hilbert Space

### 5.1 General Properties

- **Proposition 5.1** (*Spectral Radius Calculation*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
Let  $X$  be a **Hilbert space**,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $T$  is **self-adjoint**. Then

$$r(T) = \|T\|$$

- **Theorem 5.2 (Spectrum and Resolvent of Adjoint) (Phillips)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
If  $X$  is a **Hilbert space** and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ , then

$$\sigma(T) = \sigma(T^*) \quad \text{and} \quad R_\lambda(T^*) = (R_\lambda(T))^*.$$

- **Proposition 5.3 (Spectrum of Self-Adjoint Operator)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
Let  $T$  be a **self-adjoint operator** on a **Hilbert space**  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then,

1.  $T$  has **no residual spectrum**, i.e.  $\sigma_r(T) = \emptyset$ .
2.  $\sigma(T)$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
3. **Eigenvectors** corresponding to **distinct eigenvalues** of  $T$  are **orthogonal**.

- **Remark (Resemblance to Symmetric or Hermitian Matrix)**

This property is the same as the *spectrum* for *symmetric* real matrix or *Hermitian matrix* in *finite dimensional case*. That is,

1. the **eigenvalues** of symmetric real matrices or Hermitian matrices are all **real-valued**;
2. the **eigenspaces** corresponding to **distinct eigenvalues** are **orthogonal** to each other.

## 5.2 Positive Semidefinite Operators and the Polar Decomposition

- **Definition (Positive-Semidefinite Operator)**

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a **Hilbert space**. An operator  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called **positive-semidefinite** if

$$\langle Bx, x \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{H}.$$

We write  $B \succeq 0$  if  $B$  is *positive-semidefinite* and  $B \succeq A$  if  $(B - A) \succeq 0$ .

Similarly,  $B$  is called **positive-definite** if

$$\langle Bx, x \rangle > 0 \quad \text{for all } x \neq 0 \in \mathcal{H}.$$

The *positive semidefinite operator* is sometimes called **positive operator**.

- **Proposition 5.4 (Positive Semi-Definiteness  $\Rightarrow$  Self-Adjoint)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
Every (bounded) **positive semidefinite operator** on a **complex Hilbert space** is **self-adjoint**.

**Proof:** Notice that  $\langle Ax, x \rangle$  takes only real value, so

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle = \overline{\langle Ax, x \rangle} = \langle x, Ax \rangle$$

By the *polarization identity*,

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, Ay \rangle$$

if  $\langle Ax, x \rangle = \langle x, Ax \rangle$  for all  $x$ . Thus, if  $A$  is positive, it is self-adjoint. ■

- **Remark (Square Root of Positive Semidefinite Operator)**

For any  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  notice that **the normal operator is positive semi-definite**

$$A^*A \succeq 0$$

since

$$\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle = \|Ax\|^2 \geq 0.$$

Just as  $|z| = \sqrt{\bar{z}z}$ , we want to find the modulus of a linear operator as

$$|A| := \sqrt{A^*A}$$

To show the square root of positive semidefinite operator makes sense, we have the following lemma

**Lemma 5.5** *The power series for  $\sqrt{1-z}$  about zero converges **absolutely** for all complex numbers  $z$  satisfying  $|z| \leq 1$ .*

**Theorem 5.6 (Square Root Lemma)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $A \succeq 0$ . Then there is a **unique**  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $B \succeq 0$  and  $B^2 = A$ . Furthermore,  $B$  **commutes** with every bounded operator which commutes with  $A$ .

- **Definition** For  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , we can define **absolute value** of  $A$  as the square root of its normal operation

$$|A| := \sqrt{A^*A}$$

- **Remark** For  $|\cdot|$  operation on linear operator  $A$ :

1.  $|\lambda A| = |\lambda| |A|$
2.  $|\cdot|$  is **norm continuous** on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$
3. in general the following equations **do not hold**

$$|AB| = |A| |B|, \quad |A| = |A^*|$$

- **Definition (Partial Isometry)**

An operator  $U \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called an **isometry** if

$$\|Ux\| = \|x\|, \quad \text{all } x \in \mathcal{H}.$$

$U$  is called a **partial isometry** if  $U$  is an *isometry* when **restricted** to the closed subspace  $(\text{Ker}(U))^\perp$ .

- **Remark (Partial Isometry = Unitary  $(\text{Ker}(U))^\perp \rightarrow \text{Ran}(U)$ )**

If  $U$  is a **partial isometry**,  $\mathcal{H}$  can be written as

$$\mathcal{H} = (\text{Ker}(U)) \oplus (\text{Ker}(U))^\perp, \quad \mathcal{H} = (\text{Ran}(U)) \oplus (\text{Ran}(U))^\perp$$

and  $U$  is a **unitary operator** between  $(\text{Ker}(U))^\perp$ , the **initial subspace** of  $U$ , and  $\text{Ran}(U)$ , the **final subspace** of  $U$ .

Moreover, its *adjoint* is its *inverse*,  $U^* = (U_{(\text{Ker}(U))^\perp})^{-1} : \text{Ran}(U) \rightarrow (\text{Ker}(U))^\perp$ .

- **Proposition 5.7 (Projection Operators by Partial Isometry)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
Let  $U$  be a **partial isometry**. Then  $P_i = U^*U$  and  $P_f = UU^*$  are respectively the **projections** onto the **initial** and **final subspaces** of  $U$ , i.e.

$$P_i := U^*U = P_{(\text{Ker}(U))^\perp}, \quad P_f := UU^* = P_{\text{Ran}(U)},$$

Conversely, if  $U \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $U^*U$  and  $UU^*$  **projections**, then  $U$  is a **partial isometry**.

- **Theorem 5.8 (Polar Decomposition)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a bounded linear operator on a **Hilbert space**. Then there is a **partial isometry**  $U$  such that

$$A = U|A|$$

$U$  is **uniquely** determined by the condition that  $\text{Ker}(U) = \text{Ker}(A)$ . Moreover,  $\text{Ran}(U) = \overline{\text{Ran}(A)}$ .

### 5.3 Spectral Theorem for Finite Dimensional Case

- **Definition (Similarity)** [Horn and Johnson, 2012]

Let  $A, B \in M_n$  be given  $n \times n$  matrices. We say that  $B$  **is similar to**  $A$  if there exists a **nonsingular**  $S \in M_n$  such that

$$B = S^{-1}AS$$

The transformation  $A \rightarrow S^{-1}AS$  is called a **similarity transformation** by the *similarity matrix*  $S$ .

- **Definition (Normal Matrix)** [Horn and Johnson, 2012]

A matrix  $A \in M_n$  is **normal** if

$$AA^* = A^*A,$$

that is, if  $A$  **commutes** with its **conjugate transpose (adjoint)**.

- **Definition (Diagonalizable)** [Horn and Johnson, 2012]

If  $A \in M_n$  is *similar* to a *diagonal matrix*, then  $A$  is said to be **diagonalizable**.

- **Definition (Unitary Similarity)** [Horn and Johnson, 2012]

Let  $A, B \in M_n$  be given. We say that  $A$  is **unitarily similar** to  $B$  if there is a **unitary**  $U \in M_n$  such that

$$A = UBU^*$$

We say that  $A$  is **unitarily diagonalizable** if it is **unitarily similar** to a diagonal matrix.

We say that  $A$  is **orthogonally similar** to  $B$  if there is a **unitary (real orthogonormal)**  $U \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$A = UBU^T$$

We say that  $A$  is **orthogonally diagonalizable** if it is **orthogonally similar** to a diagonal matrix.

- **Theorem 5.9 (Spectral Theorem of Normal Matrix)** [Horn and Johnson, 2012]

Let  $A = [a_{i,j}] \in M_n$  have **eigenvalues**  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . The following statements are **equivalent**:

1.  $A$  is **normal**.
2.  $A$  is **unitarily diagonalizable**, i.e. there exists unitary matrix  $U \in M_n$  such that

$$A = U\Lambda U^*$$

where  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ .



$$3. \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{i,j}|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2$$

4.  $A$  has  $n$  **orthonormal eigenvectors**

- **Definition (Spectral Decomposition)**

A representation of a **normal matrix**  $A \in M_n$  as  $A = U\Lambda U^*$ , in which  $U$  is **unitary** and  $\Lambda$  is **diagonal**, is called a **spectral decomposition of  $A$** .

- The Hermitian matrix is normal matrix, so the following theorem is a special case of the spectral theorem for normal matrix.

**Theorem 5.10 (Spectral Theorem for Hermitian Matrices)** [Horn and Johnson, 2012]  
Let  $A \in M_n$  be **Hermitian** and have eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Let  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ . Then

1.  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are **real numbers**.
2.  $A$  is **unitarily diagonalizable**
3. There is a **unitary**  $U \in M_n$  such that

$$A = U\Lambda U^*$$

- **Remark** This is equivalent to say that for **self-adjoint bounded linear operator**  $A$  on finite dimensional space  $V$ , there exists **unitary operator**  $U : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow V$  such that

$$[U^{-1}AUf]_k = \lambda_k f_k$$

for any  $f = (f_k)_{k=1}^n \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

## 5.4 Spectral Theorem

### 5.4.1 The Continuous Functional Calculus

- **Remark (Spectral Theorem for Self-Adjoint Bounded Linear Operator in Hilbert Space)**

Given a **bounded self-adjoint operator**  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  on **Hilbert space**  $\mathcal{H}$ , we can find a **measure**  $\mu$  on a **measure space**  $\mathcal{M}$  and a **unitary operator**  $U : L^2(\mathcal{M}, \mu) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  so that

$$[U^{-1}AUf](x) = F(x)f(x)$$

for some **bounded real-valued measurable function**  $F$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

In practice,  $\mathcal{M}$  will be a **union of copies of  $\mathbb{R}$**  and  $F$  will be  $x$ , so the **core** of the proof of the theorem will be **the construction of certain measures  $\mu$** .

- **Remark (Functional Calculus)** [Borthwick, 2020]

In operator theory, the term “**functional calculus**” refers to the ability to *apply a function to an operator*.

For  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , one need to make sense of  $f(A)$  for some continuous function  $f$ . For instance, If  $f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j x^j$  is a **polynomial**, we want

$$f(A) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j A^j.$$

Similarly, suppose that  $f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j x^j$  is a *power series* with *radius of convergence*  $R$ . If  $\|A\| < R$ , then  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j A^j$  converges in  $\mathcal{H}$  so it is natural to set

$$f(A) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j A^j.$$

- In particular, we have

**Lemma 5.11** (*Spectrum of Polynomial of Operators*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $P(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n x^n$  and  $P(A) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n A^n$ . Then

$$\sigma(P(A)) = \{P(\lambda) : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\}$$

- **Lemma 5.12** (*Norm of Polynomial of Bounded Self-Adjoint Operators*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **bounded self-adjoint** operator. Then

$$\|P(A)\| = \sup_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} |P(\lambda)|$$

- **Theorem 5.13** (*Continuous Functional Calculus*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **self-adjoint** operator on a **Hilbert space**  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then there is a **unique** map  $\phi : \mathcal{C}(\sigma(A)) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  with the following properties:

1.  $\phi$  is an **algebraic \*-homomorphism**, that is,

- (**Preserve Operator Product**)  $\phi(fg) = \phi(f)\phi(g)$
- (**Preserve Scalar Product**)  $\phi(\lambda f) = \lambda\phi(f)$
- (**Preserve Identity**)  $\phi(1) = I$
- (**Preserve Adjoint/Conjugacy**)  $\phi(\bar{f}) = \phi(f)^*$

2.  $\phi$  is **continuous**, that is,

$$\|\phi(f)\|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})} \leq C \|f\|_{\infty}.$$

3. Let  $f$  be the function  $f(x) = x$ ; then  $\phi(f) = A$ . Moreover,  $\phi$  has the **additional** properties:

4. If  $A\psi = \lambda\psi$ , then

$$\phi(f)\psi = f(\lambda)\psi \tag{5}$$

5. (**Spectral Mapping Theorem**)

$$\sigma(\phi(f)) = \{f(\lambda) : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\} \tag{6}$$

6. (**Preserve Positivity**) If  $f \geq 0$ , then  $\phi(f) \succeq 0$ .

7. (**Preserve Norm**) (This strengthens the (2)).

$$\|\phi(f)\|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})} = \|f\|_{\infty} \quad (7)$$

We sometimes write  $f(A)$  or  $\phi_A(f)$  for  $\phi(f)$  to emphasize the dependency on  $A$ .

- **Remark** Note that the continuous function  $f$  in defining  $f(A)$  is defined on  $\sigma(A)$ , i.e. **the spectrum of operator  $A$** , so  **$f$  is a spectral domain transformation function**. In the map,

$$\phi : f \mapsto \phi(f) := f(A) : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}.$$

1. So in equation

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(fg) &= \phi(f)\phi(g) \Leftrightarrow (fg)(A) = f(A)g(A) \\ \phi(\lambda f) &= \lambda\phi(f) \Leftrightarrow (\lambda f)(A) = \lambda f(A) \\ \phi(1) &= I \Leftrightarrow 1(A) = I \\ \phi(\bar{f}) &= \phi(f)^* \Leftrightarrow (\bar{f})(A) = (f(A))^* \\ \phi(\text{Id}) &= \text{Id} \Leftrightarrow (\text{id})(A) = A \end{aligned}$$

the LHS of first equation is an operator corresponding to the **product of two functions**, while the RHS of first equation is **the product of two operators**, each corresponding to one function.

2. The equation (5) makes sure that **the spectral decomposition** of  $f(A)$  and that of  $A$  **shares the same set of eigenfunctions**.
3. The spectral mapping theorem in (6) actually defines  $f(A)$  as the operator whose spectrum is transformed by  $f$ . In other words,  **$f(A)$  is the operator obtained by spectral domain transformation via  $f$** .

In signal processing,  $f(A)$  corresponds to **the spectral filtering** of  $A$ .

- **Remark** There are some more remarks:

1.  $\phi(f) \succeq 0$  **if and only if**  $f \geq 0$ .
2. (**Abelian  $C^*$ -Algebra**)  
Since  $fg = gf$  for all  $f, g$ ,

$$\{f(A) : f \in \mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))\}$$

forms an **abelian algebra** closed under **adjoints**. Since  $\|\phi(f)\| = \|f\|_{\infty}$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))$  is **complete**,  $\{f(A) : f \in \mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))\}$  is **norm-closed**. It is thus an **abelian  $C^*$ -algebra of operators**.

3. ( **$C^*$ -Algebra Generated by  $A$** )

The image of  $\phi$ , i.e.  $\{f(A) : f \in \mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))\}$  is actually the  **$C^*$ -algebra generated by  $A$** , that is, the **smallest  $C^*$ -algebra containing  $A$** .

4. This result shows that **the space of continuous function on spectrum of  $A$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))$**  and **the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $A$**  are **isometrically isomorphic**.

$$\mathcal{C}(\sigma(A)) \simeq \text{Ran } \phi = \{f(A) : f \in \mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))\}.$$

5. The property (1) and (3) *uniquely determines* the mapping  $\phi$ .

- **Example (*Existence of Square Root for Positive Operator*)**

For  $A \succeq 0$ ,  $\sigma(A) \geq 0$  and  $\sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{R}$ , so let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , then

$$A = (f(A))^2.$$

- **Example** For  $f(x) = (\lambda - x)^{-1}$ ,

$$\|(A - \lambda I)^{-1}\| = \sup_{x \in \sigma(A)} |x - \lambda|^{-1} = \frac{1}{\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(A))}$$

for  $A$  bounded and  $\lambda \notin \sigma(A)$ .

#### 5.4.2 Spectral Measure

- **Remark (*Positive Linear Functional on  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))$* )**

For each  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ , the quadratic form below defines a *bounded linear functional* on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$

$$\tilde{I}_\psi : A \mapsto \langle \psi, A\psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}.$$

Then by continuous functional calculus, we can define a map  $I_\psi = \tilde{I}_\psi \circ \phi : \mathcal{C}(\sigma(A)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , which is seen as a **positive linear functional** on  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))$ , i.e.  $\forall \psi \in \mathcal{H}$ ,

$$I_\psi(f) := \langle \psi, f(A)\psi \rangle \geq 0 \text{ whenever } f \geq 0.$$

For a **bounded self-adjoint operator**  $A$ , the *spectrum*  $\sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a **closed bounded subset** of  $\mathbb{R}$  so it is **compact**. Thus  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))$  is a space of continuous functions on compact domain, so, by Riesz-Markov theorem,  $(\mathcal{C}(\sigma(A)))^* \simeq \mathcal{M}(\sigma(A))$ , the space of **complex signed Radon measures** on  $\sigma(A)$ . In other word, for each  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ , there **exists some positive Radon measure on spectral domain**  $\mu_\psi \in \mathcal{M}(\sigma(A))$  so that

$$I_\psi(f) := \langle \psi, f(A)\psi \rangle = \int_{\sigma(A)} f d\mu_\psi. \quad (8)$$

Let  $f = \bar{g}g$ , the equation (8) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(A)\psi\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &= \langle \psi, \bar{g}g(A)\psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \int_{\sigma(A)} \bar{g}g d\mu_\psi = \int_{\sigma(A)} |g(\lambda)|^2 d\mu_\psi(\lambda) \\ \Rightarrow \|g(A)\psi\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &= \int_{\sigma(A)} |g(\lambda)|^2 d\mu_\psi(\lambda), \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

which confirms that **the energy in time-domain should match the energy in spectral domain**.

- **Definition (*Spectral Measure*)**

For each  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ , the measure  $\mu_\psi \in \mathcal{M}(\sigma(A))$  defined in (8) is called the **spectral measure associated with the vector  $\psi$** .

### 5.4.3 Spectral Theorem in Functional Calculus Form

- **Remark** (*Extension to Bounded Borel Functions on  $\mathbb{R}$* ) [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
The first and simplest application of the  $\mu_\psi$  is to allow us to **extend** the functional calculus to  $B(\mathbb{R})$ , the bounded Borel measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

1. Note that the double dual of  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  on compact metric space  $X$  is the space of bounded Borel measurable function  $B(X) = L^\infty(X, \mu)$  [Lax, 2002].

$$B(X) \simeq (\mathcal{C}(X))^{**}$$

In other word, for fixed bounded self-adjoint operator  $A$  and  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ , the map

$$I_\psi : g \mapsto \int_{\sigma(A)} g d\mu_\psi$$

is well-defined for  $g \in B(\sigma(A))$ . Extending to  $B(\mathbb{R})$  is natural since  $\mathbb{R}$  is *locally compact*.

2. Use the polarization identity

$$\Re \langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2),$$

we can construct the bilinear form for any  $\psi, \varphi \in \mathcal{H}$

$$F(\psi, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2}(I_{(\psi+\varphi)}(g) - I_{(\psi)}(g) - I_{(\varphi)}(g))$$

3. By Riesz representation theorem, there exists a unique linear operator  $\tilde{A}_g$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  so that

$$F(\psi, \varphi) = \langle \varphi, \tilde{A}_g \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(I_{(\psi+\varphi)}(g) - I_{(\psi)}(g) - I_{(\varphi)}(g))$$

Thus we identifies  $g(A) \equiv \tilde{A}_g$  for any  $g \in B(\mathbb{R})$  so that

$$\langle \psi, g(A)\psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} g d\mu_\psi.$$

This shows that **the functional calculus can be extended to all bounded Borel functions**.

- **Theorem 5.14** (*Spectral Theorem, Functional Calculus Form*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
Let  $A$  be a **bounded self-adjoint** operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ . There is a **unique map**  $\hat{\phi} : B(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  so that

1.  $\hat{\phi}$  is an **algebraic  $*$ -homomorphism**.
2.  $\hat{\phi}$  is **norm continuous**:

$$\|\hat{\phi}(f)\|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})} \leq C \|f\|_\infty.$$

3. Let  $f$  be the function  $f(x) = x$ ; then  $\hat{\phi}(f) = A$ .

4. (**Pointwise Convergence  $\Rightarrow$  Strong Convergence**)

Suppose  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  for each  $x$  and  $\|f_n\|_\infty$  is bounded. Then  $\widehat{\phi}(f_n) \rightarrow \widehat{\phi}(f)$  **strongly**.  
Moreover  $\widehat{\phi}$  has the properties :

5. If  $A\psi = \lambda\psi$ , then

$$\widehat{\phi}(f)\psi = f(\lambda)\psi \quad (10)$$

6. (**Preserve Positivity**) If  $f \geq 0$ , then  $\widehat{\phi}(f) \succeq 0$ .

7. (**Preserve Commutative**) If  $BA = AB$ , then  $B\widehat{\phi}(f) = \widehat{\phi}(f)B$ .

- **Remark** The proof of (4) is via dominated convergence theorem.
- **Remark** *The norm equality* of the continuous functional calculus carries over if we define  $\|f\|'_\infty$  to be the  $L^\infty$ -norm with respect to a suitable notion of “**almost everywhere**.” Namely, pick an orthonormal basis  $\{\varphi_n\}$  and say that a property is true a.e. if it is true a.e. with respect to each  $\mu_{\varphi_n}$ . Then  $\|\phi(f)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{H})} = \|f\|'_\infty$ .

#### 5.4.4 Spectral Theorem in Multiplication Operator Form

- **Definition (Cyclic Vector)**

A vector  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$  is called a **cyclic vector for  $A$**  if finite linear combinations of the elements  $\{A^n\psi\}_{n=0}^\infty$  are **dense** in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

- **Remark** Not all operators have cyclic vectors.
- Recall the following theorem for normed vector space

**Theorem 5.15 (Bounded Linear Transformation Theorem)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
Suppose  $T$  is a **bounded linear transformation** from a **normed vector space**  $(V_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$  to a **complete normed vector space**  $(V_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$ . Then  $T$  can be **uniquely extended** to a bounded linear transformation (with the same bound),  $\widetilde{T}$ , from the **completion** of  $V_1$  to  $(V_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$

- **Lemma 5.16 (Spectral Theorem for Bounded Self-Adjoint Operator with Cyclic Vector)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **bounded self-adjoint operator** with **cyclic vector**  $\psi$ . Then, there is a **unitary operator**  $U : L^2(\sigma(A), \mu_\psi) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  with

$$[U^{-1}AUf](\lambda) = \lambda f(\lambda)$$

Equality is in the sense of elements of  $L^2(\sigma(A), \mu_\psi)$ .

- **Lemma 5.17 (Direct Sum Decomposition of Hilbert Space via Invariant Subspaces)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **self-adjoint operator** on a **separable Hilbert space**  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then there is a **direct sum decomposition**

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{n=1}^N \mathcal{H}_n$$

with  $N = 1, 2, \dots$ , or  $\infty$  so that:

1.  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is **invariant** under operator  $A$ ; that is, for any  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_n$ ,  $A\psi \in \mathcal{H}_n$ .
2. For each  $n$ , there exists a  $\psi_n \in \mathcal{H}_n$  that is **cyclic** for  $A|_{\mathcal{H}_n}$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{H}_n = \overline{\{f(A)\psi_n : f \in \mathcal{C}(\sigma(A))\}}.$$

- **Theorem 5.18 (Spectral theorem, Multiplication Operator Form)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **bounded self-adjoint** operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ , a **separable Hilbert space**. Then, there exist **measures**  $\{\mu_{\psi_n}\}_{n=1}^N$  ( $N = 1, 2, \dots$ , or  $\infty$ ) on  $\sigma(A)$  and a **unitary operator**

$$U : \bigoplus_{n=1}^N L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu_{\psi_n}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

so that

$$[U^{-1}AU\psi]_n(\lambda) = \lambda\psi_n(\lambda) \quad (11)$$

where we write an element  $\psi \in \bigoplus_{n=1}^N L^2(\sigma(A), \mu_{\psi_n})$  as an  $N$ -tuple  $(\psi_1(\lambda), \dots, \psi_N(\lambda))$ . This realization of  $A$  is called a **spectral representation**.

- **Remark (Self-Adjoint Bounded Operator = Multiplication Operator in Spectral Domain)**

This theorem tells us that **every bounded self-adjoint operator is a multiplication operator on a suitable measure space**; what changes as the operator changes are the underlying measures.

- **Remark (Multiplication Operator)**

Define **the multiplication operator**  $M_f : v \mapsto fv$  on  $L^2$  for  $f \in L^2$ , so (11) becomes

$$U^{-1}AU = M_\alpha \quad (12)$$

where  $\alpha(x) = x$ .

- **Corollary 5.19 (Spectral theorem, Single Spectral Measure)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **bounded self-adjoint** operator on a **separable Hilbert space**  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then there exists a **finite measure space**  $(M, \mu)$ , a **bounded function**  $F$  on  $M$ , and a **unitary map**,  $U : L^2(M, \mu) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ , so that

$$[U^{-1}AUf]_n(m) = F(m)f(m)$$

- **Example (Self-Adjoint Operator on Finite Dimensional Space)**

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  **self-adjoint (Hermitian)** matrix. The **finite dimensional spectral theorem** says that  $A$  has a **complete orthonormal set of eigenvectors**,  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$ , with

$$A\psi_i = \lambda_i\psi_i.$$

Suppose first that the eigenvalues are **distinct**. The spectral measure is just the sum of **Dirac measures**,

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\lambda_i}, \quad (13)$$

and  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  is just  $\mathbb{C}^n$  since  $f \in L^2$  is **determined** by

$$(f(\lambda_1), \dots, f(\lambda_n)).$$

Clearly, the function  $\lambda f$  corresponds to the  $n$ -tuple  $(\lambda_1 f(\lambda_1), \dots, \lambda_n f(\lambda_n))$ , so  $A$  is **multiplication** by  $\lambda$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ .

If we take

$$\bar{\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \delta_{\lambda_i},$$

with  $a_1, \dots, a_n > 0$ ,  $A$  can also be represented as **multiplication** by  $\lambda$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, \bar{\mu})$ . Thus, we explicitly see *the nonuniqueness of the measure* in this case.

We can also see when **more than one measure is needed**: one can represent a finite-dimensional self-adjoint operator as multiplication on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  with **only one measure if and only if  $A$  has no repeated eigenvalues**. ■

- **Example (Self-Adjoint Compact Operator)**

Let  $A$  be **compact** and **self-adjoint**. The Hilbert-Schmidt theorem tells us there is a complete orthonormal set of **eigenvectors**  $\{\psi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , with

$$A\psi_n = \lambda_n \psi_n.$$

If there is *no repeated eigenvalue*,

$$\mu = \sum_{n=1}^\infty 2^{-n} \delta_{\lambda_n} \tag{14}$$

works as a **spectral measure**. ■

- **Example (Fourier Transform)**

Note that for  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, dx)$ , the Fourier transform of  $f$  is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}f(\lambda) &:= F(\lambda) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{-1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) e^{-i\lambda x} dx \\ f(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(\lambda) e^{i\lambda x} d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

The Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}$  can be seen as a unitary map  $\mathcal{F} : L^2(\mathbb{R}, dx) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu(d\lambda))$ , which is the inverse of  $U$  where  $e^{i\lambda x} d\lambda = \mu(d\lambda)$ .

Consider  $A = \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{dx}$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, dx)$ , which is **self-adjoint** but **unbounded**. The Fourier transform of  $A$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} \left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{dx} f \right) (\lambda) &= \lambda \mathcal{F}f(\lambda) \\ \Leftrightarrow (U^{-1} A U F)(\lambda) &= \lambda F(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

where the unitary map  $U : L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu(d\lambda)) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}, dx)$  is **the inverse Fourier transform**

$$(UF)(x) = f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(\lambda) e^{i\lambda x} d\lambda.$$



- **Definition (*Essential Range*)**

Let  $F$  be a real-valued function on a measure space  $(X, \mu)$ . We say  $\lambda$  is in the essential range of  $F$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mu \{x : F(x) \in (\lambda - \epsilon, \lambda + \epsilon)\} = \mu \circ F^{-1}(B(\lambda, \epsilon)) > 0.$$

- **Proposition 5.20 (*Spectrum of Multiplication Operator via Essential Range*)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $F$  be a **bounded real-valued** function on a measure space  $(X, \mu)$ . Let  $M_F$  be the multiplication operator on  $L^2(X, \mu)$  given by

$$(M_F g)(x) = F(x)g(x)$$

Then  $\sigma(M_F)$  is the essential range of  $F$ .

#### 5.4.5 Spectral Theorem in Spectral Projection Form

- **Definition (*Spectral Projection*)**

Let  $A$  be a **bounded self-adjoint** operator and  $S$  a **Borel set** of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$P_S := \mathbb{1}_S(A) = \widehat{\phi}(\mathbb{1}_S)$$

is called a **spectral projection of  $A$** . It is result of applying the **characteristic function of set  $R$** ,  $\mathbb{1}_S(x)$ , on operator  $A$  via **functional calculus**.

- **Remark (*Spectral Projection is Orthogonal Projection*)**

$P_S$  is an **orthogonal projection** since for each  $x$

$$\mathbb{1}_S^2(x) = \mathbb{1}_S(x) = \bar{\mathbb{1}}_S(x).$$

It is equivalent to a 0-1 test to check if each point of spectrum of  $A$  is in  $S$ .

- **Proposition 5.21 (*Properties of Spectral Projection*)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

The family  $\{P_S\}$  of **spectral projections** of a **bounded self-adjoint** operator,  $A$ , has the following properties:

1. Each  $P_S$  is an **orthogonal projection**.
2.  $P_\emptyset = 0$ ;  $P_{(-a, a)} = 1$  for **some**  $a$ .
3. (**Countable Disjoint Union**) If  $S = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n$  with  $S_n \cap S_m = \emptyset$  for all  $n \neq m$ , then in norm topology

$$P_S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{S_n}$$

$$4. P_{S_1} P_{S_2} = P_{S_1 \cap S_2}$$

- **Definition (*Projection-Valued Measure*)**

A family of **projections** obeying (1)-(3) is called a (bounded) projection-valued measure (p.v.m.).

- **Remark** For a family of projections  $\{P_S : S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})\}$ , we have this mapping

$$P : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}).$$

$P$  as a set function is finite i.e.  $P(\mathbb{R}) = 1$  and  $P(\emptyset) = 0$  and countably additive, therefor  $P$  is a **vector-valued Borel measure on spectral domain**  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .

- **Remark** We can obtain a *spectral measure*  $\mu_{\psi,S}$  from  $P_S$  via

$$\langle \psi, P_S \psi \rangle = \int_{\sigma(A)} \mathbb{1}_S d\mu_{\psi} = \mu_{\psi}(S \cap \sigma(A)) = \int_{\sigma(A)} d\mu_{\psi,S}$$

for any  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ . We will use the **symbol**  $d\langle \psi, P_S \psi \rangle$  to mean **integration** with respect to this measure  $d\mu_{\psi,S} = \mathbb{1}_S d\mu_{\psi}$ .

By *standard Riesz representation theorem* methods, there is a **unique** operator with

$$\langle \psi, B\psi \rangle = \int f(\lambda) d\langle \psi, P_S \psi \rangle$$

- **Proposition 5.22** (*Linear Operator Corresponding to Projection-Value Measure*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]

If  $P_S$  is a **projection-valued measure** and  $f$  a **bounded Borel function** on  $\text{supp}(P_S)$ , then there is a **unique** operator  $B$  such that

$$\langle \psi, B\psi \rangle = \int f(\lambda) d\langle \psi, P_S \psi \rangle.$$

We denote

$$\begin{aligned} B &:= \int f(\lambda) dP_S(\lambda). \\ \Rightarrow \left\langle \psi, \left( \int f(\lambda) dP_S(\lambda) \right) \psi \right\rangle &= \int f(\lambda) d\langle \psi, P_S \psi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- **Theorem 5.23** (*Spectral Theorem, Projection-Valued Measure Form*) [Reed and Simon, 1980]

There is a **one-one correspondence** between **(bounded) self-adjoint operators**  $A$  and **(bounded) projection valued measures**  $\{P_S\}$ . In particular:

1. Given  $A$ , each projection-valued measure  $P_S$  can be obtained as

$$P_S := \mathbb{1}_S(A) = \widehat{\phi}(\mathbb{1}_S)$$

2. Given  $\{P_S : S \subset \mathbb{R}, \text{ Borel set}\}$ , the operator  $A$  can be obtained as

$$A = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lambda dP_{\lambda} \tag{15}$$

and

$$f(A) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(\lambda) dP_{\lambda} \tag{16}$$

- **Remark (*Understand Integration w.r.t. Projection-Valued Measure*)**

As always, we can develop the integration with respect to projection-valued measure from simple function  $f \in \mathcal{L}^2(\sigma(A), \mu_\psi)$ :

$$f(\lambda) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \mathbf{1}_{S_n}(\lambda)$$

where  $S_n := f^{-1}(\{c_n\})$ ,  $\sigma(A) = \bigcup_{n=1}^N S_n$  and  $S_n \cap S_m = \emptyset$ . Using  $\widehat{\phi} : \mathcal{L}^2(\sigma(A), \mu_\psi) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , we can apply *functional calculus* on  $A$  to have

$$f(A) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \mathbf{1}_{S_n}(A) := \sum_{n=1}^N c_n P_{S_n} = \widehat{\phi} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \mathbf{1}_{S_n} \right).$$

Recall that when we define integration of simple function we have

$$\text{simp} \int f(\lambda) d\lambda = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \mu_\psi(S_n) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \langle \psi, P_{S_n} \psi \rangle.$$

Equivalently, we can have integration of simple function with respect to the projection-valued measure  $\{P_{S_n}\}$

$$\text{simp} \int f(\lambda) dP_\lambda = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n P(S_n) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n P_{S_n} = f(A).$$

Then for unsigned function  $f \geq 0$ ,

$$\underline{\int} f(\lambda) dP_\lambda = \sup_{g \text{ simple}, 0 \leq g \leq f} \text{simp} \int g(\lambda) dP_\lambda$$

and for any absolutely integrable function  $f = f_+ - f_-$ ,

$$\underline{\int} f(\lambda) dP_\lambda = \underline{\int} f_+(\lambda) dP_\lambda - \underline{\int} f_-(\lambda) dP_\lambda.$$

Finally we see that  $P_{B(\lambda, \epsilon)} = 0$  if  $\lambda \notin \sigma(A)$  so this integral is well-defined all over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- **Remark (*Bounded Real-Valued Measurable Function  $\Leftrightarrow$  Bounded Self-Adjoint Operator*)** [Halmos, 2017]

The essence of spectral theorem (in functional calculus form and in spectral projection form):

The analogs of **bounded, real-valued, measurable function** in Hilbert space theory are **bounded, self-adjoint linear operators**. Since a function is the *characteristic function of a set if and only if* it is **idempotent**, it is clear on the algebraic grounds that the analogs of **characteristic functions** are **projections**. The **approximability** of functions by **simple functions** corresponds in the analogy to the **approximability** of self-adjoint operators by **real, finite linear combinations of projections**.

- **Remark (*Comparison of Spectral Projection*)**

Consider the spectral theorem in projection form

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lambda dP_{\lambda} && \text{general self-adjoint} \\
 A &= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \varphi_i \varphi_i^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i P_{\mathcal{H}_i} && \text{finite dimensional} \\
 A &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i P_{\mathcal{H}_i} && \text{compact self-adjoint}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_i = \text{Ker}(\lambda_i I - A) = \text{span}\{A^n \varphi_i : n = 0, 1, \dots\}$  is **the invariant subspace**,  $\varphi_i$  is **cyclic vector** as the *eigenvectors / eigenfunctions* corresponding to  $\lambda_i$ . For finite dimensional and compact operator case,  $\mathcal{H}_i$  is *finite dimensional*.

The decomposition of spectrum tells us that for general bounded self-adjoint operator

$$A = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lambda dP_{\lambda} = \sum_{\{i: \lambda_i \in \sigma_{\text{disc}}(A)\}} \lambda_i P_{\mathcal{H}_i} + \int_{\sigma_{\text{ess}}(A)} \lambda dP_{\lambda} \quad (17)$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_i = \text{Ker}(\lambda_i I - A)$  is **the invariant subspace (eigenspace)** and  $\mathcal{H}_i$  is **finite dimensional**.

#### 5.4.6 Understanding Spectrum via Spectral Measures

- **Definition (*Support of a Family of Measures*)**

If  $\{\mu_n\}_{n=1}^N$  is a *family of measures*, **the support of  $\{\mu_n\}_{n=1}^N$**  is the *complement of the largest open set* with  $\mu_n(B) = 0$  for all  $n$ ; so

$$\text{supp}(\{\mu_n\}_{n=1}^N) = \overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^N \text{supp}(\mu_n)}$$

- **Proposition 5.24 (*Support of All Spectral Measures = the Spectrum*)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **self-adjoint operator** and  $\{\mu_n\}_{n=1}^N$  a *family of spectral measures*. Then

$$\sigma(A) = \text{supp}(\{\mu_n\}_{n=1}^N).$$

- **Remark (*Multiple Ways to Decompose the Spectrum*)**

The recall the **partition** of spectrum by **point spectrum**, **continuous spectrum** and **residual spectrum**. We see that

1.

$$\sigma(A) = \sigma_p(A) \cup \sigma_c(A) \cup \sigma_r(A).$$

This is related to the **resolvent**  $R_{\lambda}(A) = (A - \lambda I)^{-1}$ : its **existence**, its **range** (**dense** or not) and its **boundedness**. These subsets are *disjoint*. Importantly, this decomposition is **general** and it applies to **all linear operator**.

2.

$$\sigma(A) = \overline{\sigma_{pp}(A)} \cup \sigma_{ac}(A) \cup \sigma_{sing}(A).$$

This is related to the *decompose* of *spectral measure*  $\mu_\psi$  with respect to *Lebesgue measure* and the *pure point set*. These sets may not be disjoint. Both this and the one below are related to *spectral measure* of *self-adjoint operator*.

3.

$$\sigma(A) = \sigma_{disc}(A) \cup \sigma_{ess}(A).$$

This is related to the *dimensionality of image set* of *spectral projection*  $P_{B(\lambda, \epsilon)}$  on any open intervals around  $\lambda$ . It is related to the multiplicity of the kernel  $\text{Ker } \{A - \lambda I\}$ . These sets are disjoint.

- **Definition (Pure Point of Measure)**

Given measure space  $(X, \mu)$ , a collection of *closed one-point sets* with *nonzero measure* is called the pure point set of measure  $\mu$ . That is,

$$P := \{x \in X : \mu(\{x\}) > 0\}.$$

For  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mu$  is Borel measure, the pure point set is *countable*.

- **Definition (Pure Point Measure and Continuous Measure)**

The pure point measure is defined as the restriction of  $\mu$  on the pure point set  $P$  of that measure. For Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and any *Borel set*  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$\mu_{pp}(S) = \mu(S \cap P) = \sum_{x \in S \cap P} \mu(\{x\}).$$

A measure  $\mu = \mu_{cont}$  is continuous if it has *no pure point*, i.e.  $\mu(\{x\}) = 0$  for any  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .

By definition, the following decomposition of measure  $\mu$  holds:

$$\mu = \mu_{pp} + \mu_{cont}, \quad \mu_{pp} \perp \mu_{cont}$$

- **Remark (Decomposition of Borel Measure with respect to Lebesgue Measure)**

Recall from Lebesgue decomposition theorem, given  $\lambda$  as the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ , any measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  can be decomposed into two mutually singular parts:

$$\mu = \mu_{ac} + \mu_{sing}, \quad \mu_{ac} \perp \mu_{sing}$$

where  $\mu_{ac} \ll \lambda$  and  $\mu_{sing} \perp \lambda$ . Combining with decomposition of pure point measure and continuous measure, we have the decomposition of any measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  with respect to Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mu = \mu_{pp} + \mu_{ac} + \mu_{sing} \tag{18}$$

where  $\mu_{pp}$  is *the pure point measure*,  $\mu_{ac}$  is the part of *continuous measure* that is *absolutely continuous* with respect to *Lebesgue measure*, and  $\mu_{sing}$  is the part of *continuous measure* that is *singular* with respect to *Lebesgue measure*.

- **Remark (*Decomposition of Invariant Subspace*)**

We apply above decomposition to spectral measure  $\mu$ . Since these parts are mutually singular to each other, we have

$$L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu_{pp}) \oplus L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu_{ac}) \oplus L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu_{sing}). \quad (19)$$

We can verify that any  $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  has an ***absolutely continuous spectral measure***  $\mu_{ac}$  with respect to Lebesgue measure ***if and only if***

$$\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu_{ac}) \Leftrightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\psi|^2 d\mu_{ac} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\psi|^2 p d\lambda < \infty$$

where  $p = d\mu_{ac}/d\lambda$  a.e.. Similarly for *pure point* and *singular measures*.

- **Definition** Let  $A$  be a ***bounded self-adjoint*** operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let

1.  $\mathcal{H}_{pp} := \{\psi \in \mathcal{H} : \mu_{\psi} \text{ is a pure point measure}\}$
2.  $\mathcal{H}_{ac} := \{\psi \in \mathcal{H} : \mu_{\psi} \text{ has no pure point and } \mu_{\psi} \ll \lambda \text{ Lebesgue measure}\}$
3.  $\mathcal{H}_{sing} := \{\psi \in \mathcal{H} : \mu_{\psi} \text{ has no pure point and } \mu_{\psi} \perp \lambda \text{ Lebesgue measure}\}$

- **Proposition 5.25 (*Direct Sum Decomposition of Hilbert Space via Spectral Measure Decomposition*)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a ***bounded self-adjoint*** operator on separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . For any  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mu_{\psi}$  is the spectral measure on  $\sigma(A)$  corresponding to  $\psi$ . Then the following direct sum decomposition holds

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{pp} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{ac} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{sing}$$

Moreover,

1. Each of these subspaces is ***invariant*** under  $A$ , i.e. for any  $\psi$  in these subspaces,  $A\psi$  is in the same subspace.
2.  $A|_{\mathcal{H}_{pp}}$  has a ***complete set of eigenvectors***;
3.  $A|_{\mathcal{H}_{ac}}$  has ***only absolutely continuous spectral measures***
4.  $A|_{\mathcal{H}_{sing}}$  has ***only continuous singular spectral measures***.

- **Definition (*Partition of Spectrum*)**

We define the following subsets of spectrum  $\sigma(A)$ :

1. **Pure Point Spectrum**:  $\sigma_{pp}(A) := \{\lambda \in \sigma(A) : \lambda \text{ is an eigenvalue of } A\}$
2. **Absolutely Continuous Spectrum**:  $\sigma_{ac}(A) := \sigma(A|_{\mathcal{H}_{ac}})$
3. **(Continuous) Singular Spectrum**:  $\sigma_{sing}(A) := \sigma(A|_{\mathcal{H}_{sing}})$

We can also defines **the continuous spectrum** as  $\sigma_{cont}(A) := \sigma(A|_{\mathcal{H}_{ac} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{sing}})$ .

- **Remark** These *spectrums* are ***spectrum*** of the linear operator  $A$  ***restricted in each invariant subspace***. They are also the ***support*** of corresponding ***spectral measure***.

- **Remark** Unlike pure point spectrum, the singular spectrum  $\sigma_{sing}(A)$  may contains spectral measure that is singular to Lebesgue measure but still without pure point.

- **Proposition 5.26** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(A) &= \overline{\sigma_{pp}(A)} \cup \sigma_{ac}(A) \cup \sigma_{sing}(A) \\ &= \overline{\sigma_{pp}(A)} \cup \sigma_{cont}(A)\end{aligned}$$

- **Remark** The sets *need not be disjoint*, however. The reader should be warned that  $\sigma_{sing}(A)$  may have nonzero Lebesgue measure.
- **Proposition 5.27 (Criterion for Spectrum)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]  
 $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$  *if and only if*

$$P_{B(\lambda, \epsilon)}(A) = P_{(\lambda - \epsilon, \lambda + \epsilon)}(A) \neq 0$$

for any  $\epsilon > 0$ .

- **Definition (Essential Spectrum and Discrete Spectrum)**

1. We say  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ess}(A)$ , the essential spectrum of  $A$ , if and only if

$$P_{(\lambda - \epsilon, \lambda + \epsilon)}(A) \text{ is infinite dimensional}$$

for all  $\epsilon > 0$ .  $P$  is infinite dimensional means  $\overline{\text{Ran}(P)}$  is infinite dimensional.

2. If  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$ , but

$$P_{(\lambda - \epsilon, \lambda + \epsilon)}(A) \text{ is finite dimensional}$$

for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , we say  $\lambda \in \sigma_{disc}(A)$ , the discrete spectrum of.

- **Proposition 5.28** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

$\sigma_{ess}(A)$  is always **closed**.

- **Proposition 5.29** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

$\lambda \in \sigma_{disc}(A)$  *if and only if both* the following hold:

1.  $\lambda$  is an **isolated** point of  $\sigma(A)$ , that is, for some  $\epsilon$ ,  $(\lambda - \epsilon, \lambda + \epsilon) \cap \sigma(A) = \{\lambda\}$ .
2.  $\lambda$  is an **eigenvalue of finite multiplicity**, i.e.,

$$\dim \{\varphi : A\varphi = \lambda\varphi\} = \dim \text{Ker}\{A - \lambda I\} < \infty.$$

- **Proposition 5.30**  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ess}(A)$  *if and only if at least one* of the following holds:

1.  $\lambda \in \sigma_{cont}(A) = \sigma_{ac}(A) \cup \sigma_{sing}(A)$ .
2.  $\lambda$  is a **limit point** of  $\sigma_{pp}(A)$ .
3.  $\lambda$  is an **eigenvalue of infinite multiplicity**.

- **Theorem 5.31 (Weyl's Criterion)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **bounded self-adjoint** operator. Then  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$  *if and only if* there exists  $\{\psi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  so that  $\|\psi_n\| = 1$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(A - \lambda)\psi_n\| = 0.$$

$\lambda \in \sigma_{ess}(A)$  *if and only if* the above  $\{\psi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  can be chosen to be **orthogonal**.

- **Remark** *The essential spectrum **cannot be removed** by **essentially finite dimensional perturbations**.*

A general implies that  $\sigma_{ess}(A) = \sigma_{ess}(B)$  if  $A - B$  is **compact**.

- **Remark** Finally, we discuss one useful formula relating the resolvent and spectral projections. It is a matter of computation to see that the box on  $[a, b]$

$$f_\epsilon(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \notin [a, b] \\ \frac{1}{2} & x = a \text{ or } x = b \\ 1 & x \in (a, b) \end{cases}$$

We can find

$$f_\epsilon(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_a^b \left( \frac{1}{x - \lambda - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{x - \lambda + i\epsilon} \right) d\lambda$$

Moreover,  $|f_\epsilon(x)|$  is **bounded uniformly** in  $\epsilon$ . Applying the functional calculus on  $A$ , we have

**Theorem 5.32 (Stone's formula)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let  $A$  be a **bounded self-adjoint** operator. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} (P_{[a,b]} + P_{(a,b)}) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_a^b \left[ (A - \lambda - i\epsilon)^{-1} - (A - \lambda + i\epsilon)^{-1} \right] d\lambda \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_a^b [R_{\lambda+i\epsilon}(A) - R_{\lambda-i\epsilon}(A)] d\lambda \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

for  $R_\lambda(A) = (A - \lambda)^{-1}$ , the **resolvent** of  $A$ .



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