

## Definitions and facts leading to the spectral theorem

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**Notation:**  $\forall$ ="for all",  $\exists$ ="there exists",  $\mathcal{H}$  is a separable Hilbert space,  $T$  is an (unbounded) operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $T - z = T - zI$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is a unitary operator, and  $A$  is an (unbounded) self-adjoint operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**def** p 36 an operator  $T$  is a linear map on  $\mathcal{H}$  with a dense domain  $\mathcal{D}(T)$

**def** p 38 the adjoint of  $T$  is an operator  $T^*$ , with domain

$$\mathcal{D}(T^*) = \{v \in \mathcal{H} : \ell(u) = \langle v, Tu \rangle \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{C})\},$$

so that  $\langle T^*v, u \rangle = \langle v, Tu \rangle$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{D}(T^*)$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{D}(T)$

**def** p 41 an operator is *closed* if its graph is a closed subset of  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$

**fact** p 43 the adjoint  $T^*$  is always closed

**fact** p 44  $T = T^{**}$  if  $T$  is closed

**fact** p 44  $T$  closable  $\iff \mathcal{D}(T^*)$  dense

**fact** p 44 **closed graph theorem.** when  $\mathcal{D}(T) = \mathcal{H}$ :  $T$  closed  $\iff T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$

**def** p 46  $T$  has bounded inverse:  $\exists T^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  s.t.  $TT^{-1} = I$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $T^{-1}T = I$  on  $\mathcal{D}(T)$

**fact** p 46  $T^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \iff T$  is closed,  $T$  is bounded away from zero, and  $\text{range}(T)$  dense

**def** p 47  $A$  is self-adjoint if  $A^* = A$

$\leftarrow$  **requires:**  $\mathcal{D}(A^*) = \mathcal{D}(A)$

**def** p 47  $T$  is symmetric if  $\langle Tu, v \rangle = \langle u, Tv \rangle$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{D}(T)$

**fact** p 47  $T$  is symmetric  $\implies T$  is closable

**fact** p 47  $A$  is self-adjoint  $\implies A$  is symmetric

**def** p 47  $T$  is positive if  $\langle v, Tv \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{D}(T)$

**def** p 67 eigenvalue and eigenvector:  $T\phi = \lambda\phi$  for  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(T) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

**def** p 68 spectrum: the set  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ does not have a bounded inverse}\}$

**def** p 68 resolvent set:  $\rho(T) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(T)$

**def** p 68 if  $z \in \rho(T)$  then  $R_z = (T - z)^{-1}$  is the resolvent operator

**fact** p 68  $\sigma(T) = \mathbb{C}$  if  $T$  is not closed

**fact** p 69  $\sigma(T) \subset B_{\|T\|}(0)$  if  $T$  is bounded

**fact** p 69  $\sigma(T^*) = \sigma(T)^*$ ,  $\rho(T^*) = \rho(T)^*$ , and  $[(T - z)^{-1}]^* = (T - \bar{z})^{-1}$

**fact** p 71 for  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  measurable and  $M_f$  a multiplication operator on  $L^2(X, d\mu)$ :

$\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an eigenvalue of  $M_f \iff \mu(f^{-1}(\lambda)) > 0$

**def** p 71 ess-range  $f = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \mu(f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(z))) > 0 \forall \epsilon > 0\}$

**fact** p 71  $\sigma(M_f) = \text{ess-range } f$

**fact** p 71  $\|(M_f - z)^{-1}\| = \left( \text{dist}(z, \sigma(M_f)) \right)^{-1}$

**fact** p 83 if  $T$  closed then  $\rho(T)$  is open and  $R_z = (T - z)^{-1}$  is analytic in  $z$  on  $\rho(T)$

**def** p 85 *spectral radius*:  $r(T) = \sup_{z \in \sigma(T)} |z|$

**fact** p 85 if  $T$  bounded then  $r(T) \leq \|T\|$

**fact** p 86  $\sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{R}$

**fact** p 87  $z \in \sigma(A) \iff \exists \{u_n\} \subset \mathcal{D}(A)$  s.t.  $\|u_n\| = 1$  and  $\|(A - z)u_n\| \rightarrow 0$

**def** p 17  $U$  is *unitary* if it is bijective and an isometry (i.e.  $\|Ux\| = \|x\| \forall x \in \mathcal{H}$ )

**fact** p 17  $U$  unitary  $\iff U$  bijective &  $\langle Ux, Uy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}$

**fact** p 102  $U$  unitary  $\iff U \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $UU^* = U^*U = I$

**def** p 102 *functional calculus*: on  $T$  we can apply a function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  to create an operator  $f(T)$

**def** p 102  $\mathbb{S} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$  and  $C(\mathbb{S}) = \{f : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ is continuous (and periodic)}\}$

**fact** p 103 **continuous functional calculus for unitaries.** fix  $U$  unitary. there is a map  $C(\mathbb{S}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $f \mapsto f(U)$  so that

(0) if  $f(z) = 1$  then  $f(U) = I$

(a)  $f(U)^* = \overline{f}(U)$

(b)  $f(U)g(U) = (fg)(U)$

$\leftarrow$  **thus**:  $f(U)g(U) = g(U)f(U)$

(c) if  $f \geq 0$  then  $f(U) \geq 0$

(d)  $\|f(U)\| = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{S}} |f(z)|$

**def** p 105 if  $X$  is a metric space then  $C(X) = \{f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ continuous}\}$

**def** p 105  $\beta : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is *positive* if  $f \geq 0 \implies \beta(f) \geq 0$

**fact** p 105 **Riesz representation theorem.** suppose  $X$  is a compact metric space and  $\beta : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is linear and positive. there is a unique positive Borel measure on  $X$  so that

$$\beta(f) = \int_X f d\mu \quad \forall f \in C(X)$$

**def** p 105 for  $U$  unitary and  $v \in \mathcal{H}$  the *spectral measure* is  $\mu_v$  on  $\mathbb{S}$  so that  $\langle v, f(U)v \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{S}} f d\mu_v$

**fact** p 106 for  $\mu$  from the Riesz representation theorem,  $C(X) \subset L^2(X, \mu)$  is dense

**fact** p 107 **spectral theorem for unitaries.** if  $\mathcal{H}$  is a separable Hilbert space and  $U \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is unitary then there is a countable collection of finite measures  $\nu_k$  on  $\mathbb{S}$ , and a measurable space  $(Y, \nu) = \cup_k (\mathbb{S}, \nu_k)$ , and a unitary map  $W : L^2(Y, \nu) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ , so that

$$W^{-1}UW = M_\eta$$

where  $M_\eta \in \mathcal{L}(L^2(Y, \nu))$  is a bounded multiplication operator and  $\eta : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is equal to  $\eta(z) = z$  on each copy of  $\mathbb{S}$

**def** p 108 the *Cayley transform*  $\gamma(z) = \frac{z - i}{z + i}$  maps  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{S}$

**fact** p 108 **spectral theorem (multiplication operator form).** if  $\mathcal{H}$  is a separable Hilbert space and  $A$  is self-adjoint on  $\mathcal{H}$  then there is a countable collection of finite Borel measures  $\mu_k$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and a measurable space  $(X, \mu) = \cup_k (\mathbb{R}, \mu_k)$ , and a unitary map  $Q : L^2(X, \mu) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ , so that

$$Q^{-1}AQ = M_\alpha$$

where  $M_\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(L^2(X, \mu))$  is a (generally unbounded) multiplication operator and  $\alpha : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is equal to  $\alpha(x) = x$  on each copy of  $\mathbb{R}$