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## properties of the adjoint operator

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Let  $A$  and  $B$  be linear operators in a Hilbert space, and let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Assuming all the operators involved are densely defined, the following properties hold:

1. If  $A^{-1}$  exists and is densely defined, then  $(A^{-1})^* = (A^*)^{-1}$ ;
2.  $(\lambda A)^* = \bar{\lambda} A^*$ ;
3.  $A \subset B$  implies  $B^* \subset A^*$ ;
4.  $A^* + B^* \subset (A + B)^*$ ;
5.  $B^* A^* \subset (AB)^*$ ;
6.  $(A + \lambda I)^* = A^* + \bar{\lambda} I$ ;
7.  $A^*$  is a closed operator.

**Remark.** The notation  $A \subset B$  for operators means that  $B$  is an extension of  $A$ , i.e.  $A$  is the restriction of  $B$  to a smaller domain.

Also, we have the following

**Proposition 1** *If  $A$  admits a closure  $\bar{A}$ , then  $A^*$  is densely defined and  $(A^*)^* = \bar{A}$ .*