

## SELF-ADJOINT OPERATORS

Thm Let  $H$  be a H.S., and let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  be S-A. Then:

(a)  $\sigma_p(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

(b) If  $\lambda, \mu \in \sigma_p(A)$  and  $\lambda \neq \mu$ , then  $\ker(A - \lambda I) \perp \ker(A - \mu I)$

Proof (a) Suppose  $Ax = \lambda x$  and ~~#~~  $x \neq 0$ . Then

$$\lambda \|x\|^2 = \lambda(x, x) = (x, \lambda x) = (x, Ax) = (Ax, x) = (\lambda x, x) = \lambda \|x\|^2$$

(b) Suppose  $Ax = \lambda x$ ,  $Ay = \mu y$ , and  $\lambda \neq \mu$ . Then

$$\lambda(x, y) = (Ax, y) = (Ax, Ay) = (x, Ay) = (x, \mu y) = \mu(x, y)$$

$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

so  $\underbrace{(\lambda - \mu)(x, y)}_{\neq 0} = 0$

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(b)  $\sigma_r(A) = \emptyset$

Lemma Let  $H$  be a H.S., and let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ .

Then if  $\lambda \in \sigma_r(A)$ , then  $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma_p(A^*)$ .

Proof of lemma Suppose  $\lambda \in \sigma_r(A)$ .

Then  $\overline{\operatorname{ran}(A - \lambda I)} \neq H$  so  $\exists x \in \operatorname{ran}(A - \lambda I)^+ s.t. x \neq 0$ .

Now  $\operatorname{ran}(A - \lambda I)^\perp = \ker(A^* - \bar{\lambda} I)$  so  $A^*x = \bar{\lambda}x$ .

Proof of them

(c) Suppose  $\lambda = a+ib$  with  $b \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\lambda - A)\mathbf{x}\|^2 &= \|(\lambda - c\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} - ib\mathbf{x}\|^2 \\ &= \underbrace{\|(\lambda - c\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x}\|^2}_{\geq 0} - 2\operatorname{Re}[(\lambda - c\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x}, ib\mathbf{x}] + \underbrace{\|ib\mathbf{x}\|^2}_{= b^2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} \geq b^2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A - \lambda\mathbf{I}$  is coercive,  $\ker(A - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = \{0\}$  so  $\lambda \notin \sigma_p(A)$ .

Moreover ~~rank(A - \lambda I) + 1 \leq n~~  $A - \lambda\mathbf{I}$  has closed range, so  $\lambda \notin \sigma_c(A)$ .

Finally, if  $\lambda$  were to be in  $\sigma_r(A)$ , then  $\bar{\lambda} = \bar{a}-i\bar{b} \in \sigma_p(A^*) = \sigma_p(A)$  which is impossible since  $\sigma_p(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

(b) Suppose that  $\lambda \in \sigma_r(A)$ . Then  $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma_p(A^*) = \sigma_p(A)$ .

Therefore  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$  and  $\lambda \in \sigma_r(A) \cap \sigma_p(A) = \emptyset$ .

Dcf<sup>n</sup> Let  $H$  be a H.S., and let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ .

For  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(A)$ , define the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  as  $\dim(\ker(A - \lambda\mathbf{I}))$

Note In a H.S., the multiplicity may in general be infinite.

As an example, consider  $A = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\lambda = 1$ .

Then  $\ker(A - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = \ker(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{I}) = \ker(0) = H$ .

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Thm Let  $H$  be a H.S., and let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  be compact & S.A. Then

- (c) If  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(A)$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda$  has finite multiplicity
- (b) If  $\sigma_p(A)$  is infinite, then  $0$  is an accumulation point of  $\sigma_p(A)$ , and there are no other accumulation points.

Note: The thm implies that the non-zero evcs of  $A$  can be ordered so that  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots$  and that  $|\lambda_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Proof: (c) By contradiction.

Suppose  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(A)$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$ , and  $\dim(\ker(A - \lambda I)) = \infty$ .

Then  $\exists$  an ON seq  $(e_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  s.t.  $Ae_n = \lambda e_n$ .

$e_n \neq 0$ , and  $A$  is compact so  $Ae_n \rightarrow 0$ .

But this is impossible since  $\|Ae_n - 0\| = \|\lambda e_n - 0\| = |\lambda|$

(b) Suppose that  $\sigma_p(A)$  is infinite.

Since  $\sigma_p(A)$  is bdd ( $|\lambda| \leq \|A\|$  when  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(A)$ )

there must be at least one accumulation point  $\lambda$ .

We will prove that if  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda$  cannot be an acc. point.

Suppose  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then we can pick  $\lambda_n \in \sigma_p(A)$  s.t.

$\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda$ ,  $|\lambda_n| \geq \frac{|\lambda|}{2} \forall n$ , and  $\lambda_n \neq \lambda_m$  when  $n \neq m$ .

Let  $e_n$  be s.t.  $Ae_n = \lambda_n e_n$ .

Set  $f_n = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} e_n$ . Then  $\|f_n\| = \frac{1}{|\lambda_n|} \leq \frac{2}{|\lambda|}$  so

we can pick a convergent subseq  $f_{n_j} \rightarrow f$ .

Since  $A$  is compact,  $Af_{n_j} \rightarrow Af$ .

This is impossible since  $Af_{n_j} = A \frac{1}{\lambda_{n_j}} e_{n_j} = e_{n_j}$ .

Alternative end:  
 Set  $\Omega = \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda_n} e_n \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$   
 $\Omega$  bdd so  $A\Omega$  comp.  
 $A\Omega = \{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  which is impossible

Lemma Let  $H$  be H.S., and let  $A \in B(H)$  be s.t. and compact.

Then either  $\|A\|$ , or  $-\|A\|$ , or both, belong to  $\sigma_p(A)$

Proof Recall that  $\|A\| = \sup_{\|u\|=1} |(Au, u)|$

Therefore, there  $\beta \subset \text{seq } (u_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  s.t.  $\|u_n\|=1$ , and  
 $(Au_n, u_n) \rightarrow \lambda$  where  $\lambda = \|A\|$ .

$(u_n)$  bdd  $\Rightarrow \exists$  subseq  $(u_{n_j})_{j=1}^{\infty}$  s.t.  $u_{n_j} \rightarrow v$ .

Since  $A$  is compact  $Au_{n_j} \rightarrow Av =: v$ .

We will prove that  $Av = \lambda v$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|(A - \lambda I)v\|^2 &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|(A - \lambda I)(u_{n_j})\|^2 \leq \|A\|^2 \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|(A - \lambda I)u_{n_j}\|^2 \\ &= \|A\|^2 \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \underbrace{\|Au_{n_j}\|^2}_{\leq \lambda^2} - 2\lambda \underbrace{(Au_{n_j}, u_{n_j})}_{\rightarrow \lambda} + \lambda^2 \underbrace{\|u_{n_j}\|^2}_{=1} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

It only remains to prove that  $v \neq 0$ .

Suppose  $v = 0$ . Then  $\|Au_{n_j}\| \rightarrow 0$ , whence

$$\|A\| = |\lambda| = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} |(Au_{n_j}, u_{n_j})| \leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|Au_{n_j}\| = 0$$

Invariant subspaces

Let  $H$  be a H.S. and suppose  $H = M \oplus N$

where  $M = N^\perp$ . ~~Then~~ Let  $P$  &  $Q$  denote orthog proj<sup>ns</sup> onto  $M$  &  $N$ .

Write  $x \sim \begin{bmatrix} Px \\ Qx \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Now let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ . We have, for  $y = Ax$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} PAx \\ QAx \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{P+Q=I}{=} \begin{bmatrix} PAPx + PAQx \\ QAPx + QAQx \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} PAP & PAQ \\ QAP & QAQ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now suppose that ~~MN~~<sup>C.R.</sup> invariant subspaces of  $A$

which means that  $AM \subseteq M$  (i.e.  $Ax \in M$ , whenever  $x \in M$ )  
 $AN \subseteq N$  (i.e.  $Ax \in N$ , whenever  $x \in N$ ).

Then  $PAQ = 0$  &  $QAP = 0$  so

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} PAP & 0 \\ 0 & QAQ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ & the operator is block diagonal.}$$

Now, if  $A$  is S-A, and  $AM \subseteq M$ , then  $AN^\perp \subseteq N^\perp$  automatically!

Lemma Suppose  $H$  is a H.S. and that  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  is S-A.

Then if  $M$  is an invariant subspace of  $A$ , so is  $M^\perp$ .

Proof Suppose  $x \in M^\perp$ .

$$\forall j \in M : (Ax, j) = (x, A_j) = 0 \text{ since } x \in M^\perp \text{ and } A_j \in M.$$

Note The lemma is not true for general ops:

$$H = \mathbb{C}^2 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \text{span}(e_1) \text{ & invariant}$$

$$M^\perp = \text{span}(e_2) \text{ & not invariant.}$$

Suppose  $A$  is S-A, and  $Av = \lambda v$  for some  $v \neq 0$ .

Then  $M = \text{span}(v)$  is an invariant subspace.

$$(x \in M \Rightarrow x = \alpha v \Rightarrow Ax = \alpha Av = \alpha \lambda v \in M)$$

Let  $P$  denote proj onto  $M$ .

$$\text{Then } APx = \lambda Px \quad \text{so} \quad AP = \lambda P.$$

Example  $H = \mathbb{C}^n$   $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  is S-A.

Then  $H$  has an ON-basis  $\{e_j\}_{j=1}^n$  s.t.  $Ae_j = \lambda_j e_j$ .

Let  $P_j$  denote ortho proj onto  $\text{span}(e_j)$ .  $\rightarrow I = \sum_{j=1}^n P_j$

Then  $AP_j x = \lambda_j P_j x$  and

$$A = A \sum_{j=1}^n P_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j P_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j e_j e_j^*$$

Thm Let  $H$  be a H.S., and let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  be compact and S-A.

Then there is an ON-seq  $(e_n)_{n=1}^N$  ( $N$  may be infinite) s.t.

- \*  $Ae_n = \lambda_n e_n$

- \*  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots$

- \* If  $N = \infty$ , then  $|\lambda_n| \rightarrow 0$

- \*  $A = \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_n P_n$  where  $P_n x = e_n (e_n, x)$  and the sum converges in norm if  $N = \infty$ .

Moreover, if  $\ker(A) = \{0\}$ , then  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^N$  is an ON-basis for  $H$ .

If  $\ker(A) \neq \{0\}$ , and if  $\{P_m\}_{m=1}^M$  is an ON-basis for  $\ker(A)$ ,

then  $(e_n)_{n=1}^N \cup (P_m)_{m=1}^M$  is an ON-basis for  $H$ .

Proof first we construct subspaces  $(M_n)$  and  $(N_n)$ ,  
and operators  $(A_n)$  via the following procedure:

Step 1 Set  $N_1 = H$ , ~~and~~  $M_1 = \{0\}$ , and  $A_1 = A$ .

$\exists \lambda_1$  and  $e_1$  s.t.  $Ae_1 = \lambda_1 e_1$ ,  $\|e_1\|=1$ , and  $|\lambda_1| = \|A\|$ .

Set  $P_1 = \text{proj}^n$  onto  $\text{span}(e_1)$ .

Step 2 Set  $M_2 = \text{span}(e_1)$  and  $N_2 = M_2^\perp$ ,

and let  $A_2$  denote the restriction of  $A$  to  $N_2$ ,  $A_2 = A|_{N_2} - \lambda_1 P_1$ .

$\exists \lambda_2$  and  $e_2$  s.t.  $Ae_2 = \lambda_2 e_2$ ,  $\|e_2\|=1$ , and  $|\lambda_2| = \|A_2\|$

Set  $P_2 = \text{orthog proj}^n$  onto  $\text{span}(e_2)$ .

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Step n Set  $M_n = \text{span}(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1})$  and  $N_n = M_n^\perp$ ,

and let  $A_n$  denote the restriction of  $A$  to  $N_n$ ,  $A_n = A - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \lambda_j P_j$ .

$\exists \lambda_n$  and  $e_n$  s.t.  $Ae_n = \lambda_n e_n$ ,  $\|e_n\|=1$ , and  $|\lambda_n| = \|A_n\|$

Set  $P_n = \text{orthog proj}^n$  onto  $\text{span}(e_n)$ .

Note that at the  $n$ th step,  $A = \sum_{j=1}^n P_j + A_{n+1}$

Proof contd

The process may end in two ways:

Case 1 For some  $n$ ,  $A_{n+1} = 0$ .

In this case  $A$  has finite rank,  $A = \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j P_j$

$$H = \text{Span}(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) \oplus \ker(A)$$

Let  $(f_m)_{m=1}^M$  be an ON-basis for  $\ker(A)$ .

Case 2  $A_n \neq 0 \quad \forall n$ .

Then  $\|A_n - \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j P_j\| = \|A_{n+1}\| = |\lambda_{n+1}| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\text{So } A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n P_n$$

However,  $(e_n)$  is not necessarily a basis.

If  $\overline{\text{span}(e_n)} = H$ , then it is, and we are done.

If not, then suppose  $x \in \text{span}(e_n)^\perp$  and  $x \neq 0$ .

Then  $x \in N_n \quad \forall n$  so

$$\|Ax\| = \|A_n x\| \leq \|A_n\| \|x\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

So  $x \in \ker(A)$ .

$$\text{Thus } H = \overline{\text{span}(e_n)} \oplus \ker(A).$$

## Review of compact sets & compact operators on H.S.

Recall that if  $\Omega \subset B \subset \text{subset of } \mathcal{H}.$ , then TFAE:

- (a)  $\Omega$  is compact
- (b) Every open cover of  $\Omega$  has a finite subcover
- (c) Every sequence in  $\Omega$  has a convergent subseq
- (d)  $\Omega$  is closed and totally bdd (i.e.  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists (x_j)_{j=1}^J$  s.t.  $\Omega \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^J B_\epsilon(x_j)$ )

Recall that if  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ , then TFAE:

- (f)  $A$  is compact
- (g) For any bdd set  $\Omega$ ,  $A\Omega$  is precompact
- (h) If  $(x_n)$  is a bdd seq, then  $(Ax_n)$  has a convergent subseq
- (i) If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly, then  $Ax_n \rightarrow Ax$  in norm
- (j) For any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists$  a finite rank operator  $A_N$  s.t.  $\|A - A_N\| < \epsilon$

We will next show that in a H.S., we can add a property ~~to~~ (e) to the list above that is the set equivalent of condition (j).

Proof that (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4):

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Assume that ~~(3)~~ holds and that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  but that  $Ax_n \not\rightarrow Ax$ . Then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ :  $(Ax - Ax_n)_j = (x - x_n, 1^{\infty})_j \Rightarrow 0$  so  $Ax_n \not\rightarrow Ax$ . There  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  &  $(x_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  s.t.  $\|Ax_j - Ax\| > \epsilon \quad \forall j$ . Moreover

~~But then~~ Note that  $(x_{n_j})$  is a bdd seq, but no subseq of  $(Ax_{n_j})$  may converge strongly since  $Ax_{n_j} \rightarrow Ax$  but  $\|Ax_{n_j} - Ax\| > \epsilon$ . Thus (3) cannot hold.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Assume that (4) holds, and that  $(x_n)$  is a bdd seq. Banach-Alaoglu  $\Rightarrow \exists (y_j)$  s.t.  $x_{n_j} \rightarrow x$  for some  $x$ . Then (4)  $\Rightarrow Ax_{n_j} \rightarrow Ax$  which proves (3).

Thm Let  $\Omega$  be a subset of an inf-dim. separable H.S.  $H$ .

(c) If  $\Omega$  is pre-compact, and  $(\varphi_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is an ON-basis for  $H$  then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t.  $\|(I-P_N)x\| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in \Omega$ , where  $P_N = \text{orthog proj onto } \text{span}(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N)$ .

(d) If  $\Omega$  is a bdd set, and  $(\varphi_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is an ON-basis for  $H$ , such that  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t.  $\|(I-P_N)x\| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in \Omega$ , where  $P_N$  is as in (c), then  $\Omega$  is pre-compact.

Note: As an implication of (c), if  $\Omega$  is pre-compact, and  $(\varphi_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is any ON-set in  $H$ , then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t.  $\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |(\varphi_n, x)|^2 < \epsilon^2$ . To see this simply apply the thm to the proj of  $H$  onto  $\text{span}(\varphi_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .

Proof (c) Suppose  $\Omega$  is precompact and let  $(\varphi_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be an ON-basis for  $H$ .

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , pick  $(x_j)_{j=1}^J$  s.t.  $\Omega \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^J B_{\epsilon/2}(x_j)$ .

For each  $j$ , pick  $N_j$  s.t.  $\|(I-P_{N_j})x_j\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  (possible since  $\|(I-P_N)x\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). Set  $\tilde{x}_j = P_{N_j}x_j$ .

Set  $N = \max_{1 \leq j \leq J} N_j$ .

Then given  $x \in \Omega$ , pick  $x_j$  s.t.  $x \in B_{\epsilon/2}(x_j)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \|(I-P_N)x\| &= \|(I-P_N)(\tilde{x}_j + x - \tilde{x}_j)\| = \underbrace{\|(I-P_N)\tilde{x}_j\|}_{=0} + \underbrace{\|(I-P_N)(x - \tilde{x}_j)\|} \leq \\ &\leq \|x - \tilde{x}_j\| < \|x - x_j\| + \|\tilde{x}_j - x_j\| < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Suppose that the conditions given in (b) hold.

$$\text{Set } C = \sup \{ \|x\| : x \in \Omega \}.$$

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , pick  $N$  s.t.  $\|(I-P_N)x\| < \epsilon/2 \quad \forall x \in \Omega$ .

$$\text{Set } R_N = \{ x \in \text{span}(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N) : \|x\| \leq C \}$$

$R_N$  is compact  $\Rightarrow \exists (x_i)_{i=1}^J$  s.t.  $R_N \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^J B_{\epsilon/2}(x_i)$

~~closed~~ Then  $(B_{\epsilon/2}(x_i))_{i=1}^J$  is an open  $\epsilon$ -cover of  $\Omega$  since for any  $x \in \Omega$ , set  $x = P_Nx + (I-P_N)x$ . Pick  $i$  s.t.  $P_Nx \in B_{\epsilon/2}(x_i)$

$$\text{Then } \|x - x_i\| = \|P_Nx - x_i + (I-P_N)x\| \leq \|P_Nx - x_i\| + \|(I-P_N)x\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

Example Consider  $H = L^2(\mathbb{I})$  and the set

$$\mathcal{S} = \{f \in H : \|f\|_u \leq C \text{ and } \|f'\|_u \leq C\}$$

Set  $\varphi_n(x) = \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2n}}$  and

$P_N$  = orthog proj onto  $\text{span}(\varphi_{-N}, \varphi_{-N+1}, \dots, \varphi_{N-1}, \varphi_N)$

We have for  $n \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle \varphi_n, f \rangle| &= \left| \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-inx}}{\sqrt{2n}} f(x) dx \right| = \\ &= \left| \left[ \frac{e^{-inx}}{-in\sqrt{2n}} f(x) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-inx}}{-in\sqrt{2n}} f'(x) dx \right| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{|f(\pi)|}{n\sqrt{2\pi}} + \frac{|f(-\pi)|}{n\sqrt{2\pi}} + \frac{1}{n\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f'(x)| dx \leq \frac{C_1}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|f\|_u \leq C$  &  $\|f'\|_u \leq C$ .

NOTE:  $C_1$  does not depend on  $n$  or  $f$ !

It follows that

$$\|(I - P_N)f\|^2 = \sum_{|n|>N} |\langle \varphi_n, f \rangle|^2 \leq \sum_{|n|>N} \frac{C_1^2}{n^2} \leq \frac{C_2}{N}$$

So for any  $\epsilon > 0$  we can find  $N$

s.t.  $\|(I - P_N)f\| \leq \epsilon$ .

It follows that  $\mathcal{S}$  is pre-compact.

# Hilbert-Schmidt operators

Review of  $H = \mathbb{C}^n$  let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  complex matrix.

Recall the def<sup>n</sup> of the Frobenius norm of  $A$ :

$$\|A\|_F = \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2} = (\text{trace } A^* A)^{1/2}$$

Let us compare  $\|\cdot\|_F$  to the standard norm  $\|A\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|}$

$$\|Ax\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle r^{(i)}, x \rangle|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle r^{(i)}, x \rangle|^2 \|x\|^2 = \|A\|_F^2 \|x\|^2$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -r^{(1)} \\ -r^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ -r^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{C-S}$$

$$\text{so } \|A\| \leq \|A\|_F$$

Homework: (a) Show  $\|A\| \leq \|A\|_F \leq \sqrt{n} \|A\|$

(b) Find matrices  $B$  &  $C$  s.t.  $\|B\| = \|B\|_F$  (columns)

$$\text{and } \|C\| = \|C\|_F \quad (\text{identity})$$

Now let  $(\varphi^{(j)})_{j=1}^n$  be an ON-basis for  $H$ .

$$\text{We have } \sum_{j=1}^n \|A\varphi^{(j)}\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle r^{(i)}, \varphi^{(j)} \rangle|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle r^{(i)}, \cdot \rangle|^2 = \|A\|_F^2$$

Alternative def<sup>n</sup>: let  $(\varphi^{(j)})_{j=1}^n$  be an ON-basis. Set  $\|A\|_F = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \|A\varphi^{(j)}\|^2 \right)^{1/2}$

Now suppose  $A$  has an ON-basis such that

$$A\varphi^{(n)} = \lambda_n \varphi^{(n)}$$

$$\text{Then } \|A\|_F^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \|A\varphi^{(j)}\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |\lambda_j|^2$$

General Hilbert Space

Lemma Let  $H$  be a H.S. and let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ .

Let  $(\varphi_j)$  &  $(\psi_j)$  be ON-bases for  $H$ .

Then  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|A\varphi_j\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|A\psi_j\|^2$ . (Either both are infinite,  
or they are both finite  
and identical.)

Def' If for some ON-basis  $(\varphi_j)$  it is the case  
that  $\sum \|A\varphi_j\|^2 < \infty$ , then we say that  $H$   
is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator, and define  
 $\|A\|_{HS} = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|A\varphi_j\|^2 \right)^{1/2}$ .

Note: The def' does not depend on the choice of basis!

Claim Every H-S operator is compact, but not  
every compact operator is H.S.

Lemma  $\|A\| \leq \|A\|_{HS}$ .

Lemma If  $H$  basis on ON-basis  $(\varphi_j)$  s.t.  $A\varphi_j = \lambda_j \varphi_j$ , then

$$\|A\|_{HS} = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Example  $H = \ell^2$   $(\lambda_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  is c.sq in  $\mathbb{C}$ . AA2 59

$$Ax = (\lambda_1 x_1, \lambda_2 x_2, \lambda_3 x_3, \dots)$$

$(e_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  is an ON-basis for  $H$ , s.t.  $Ae_j = \lambda_j e_j$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

We have:  $A$  is bdd  $\Leftrightarrow \sup |\lambda_j| < \infty$

$A$  is compact  $\Leftrightarrow |\lambda_j| \rightarrow 0$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$

$A$  is H-s  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^\infty |\lambda_j|^2 < \infty$

Example  $H = L^2(\Omega)$  for  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$[Au](x) = \int_{\Omega} k(x, y) u(y) dA(y)$$

$$\|A\|_{HS}^2 = \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} |k(x, y)|^2 dA(y) \text{ so } A \text{ is H-s} \Leftrightarrow k \in L^2(\Omega^2)$$

If  $A$  is also S-A, then  $\exists (\varphi_n)$  &  $(\lambda_n)$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} [Au](x) &= \sum \lambda_n \varphi_n(x) (\varphi_n, u) = \sum \lambda_n \varphi_n(x) \int_{\Omega} \varphi_n(y) u(y) dA(y) = \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left( \sum \lambda_n \varphi_n(x) \overline{\varphi_n(y)} \right) u(y) dA(y) \end{aligned}$$

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

## FUNCTIONS OF OPERATORS

Let  $f(z) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 z + \alpha_2 z^2 + \dots + \alpha_d z^d$

be a complex valued polynomial ( $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ).

It is obvious how to define  $f(A)$  for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ :

$$f(A) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 A + \alpha_2 A^2 + \dots + \alpha_d A^d$$

If  $A$  admits a spectral decompos ~~decomp~~  $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n P_n$

where  $P_n P_m = 0$  &  $P_n^2 = P_n$  then  $A^k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^k P_n$ .

It follows that  $f(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(\lambda_n) P_n$ .

Now let us generalize slightly to analytic functions.

Let  $f(z)$  be analytic on  $B_0(R)$ , in other words, the sum

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n z^n \text{ converges absolutely for } |z| < R.$$

Then if  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  is an operator s.t.  $\|A\| < R$ ,

the sum  $f_N(A) = \sum_{n=0}^N \alpha_n A^n$  converges in norm.

(You can easily prove that it is Cauchy.)

We define  $f(A)$  as the limit:  $f(A) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n A^n$ .

Example  $f(z) = (1-z)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$  for  $|z| < R = 1$

$$f(A) = (I-A)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n \text{ for } \|A\| < R = 1$$

Example  $f(z) = \exp(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$  for  $|z| < R = \infty$

$f(A) = \exp(A) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} A^n$  for any  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ .

If  $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n P_n$  and  $r(A) = \sup |\lambda_n| < R$ , then you can prove that  $f(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(\lambda_n) P_n$ .

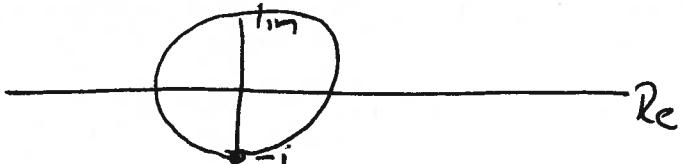
However: The sum  $f(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(\lambda_n) P_n$  may be norm convergent even when  $r(A) > R$ .

When it is, we use

$$f(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(\lambda_n) P_n$$

as the definition of  $f(A)$ .

Example  $f(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i}$



The radius of analyticity is only 1, so the defn via power series would work only when  $\|A\| < 1$ .

But if  $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n P_n$  and  $|\lambda_n + i| > 8$  for all  $n$ ,

then  $f(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z-i}{z+i} P_n$  is well defined,

with  $\|f(A)\| < 1/8$  since

Note that if  $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n P_n$  and  $\lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$  (i.e.  $A$  is S.A.),

then  $|\frac{\lambda_n - i}{\lambda_n + i}| = 1$  so  $A$  is unitary if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n = I$ .

More generally, it can be shown that if  $A$  is any self-adjoint operator, then  $B = (A - iI)(A + iI)^{-1}$  is unitary. (This conversion is known as a Cayley transform.)

General theory (for orientation only).

If  $A \in \mathbb{B}$  is a normal bounded operator,  
then  $A$  admits a spectral decomposition

$$A = \int \lambda dP(\lambda)$$

where  $P$  is a "projection valued measure".

The special case  $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n P_n$  occurs

when all of  $\sigma(A)$  consists of eigenvalues  
(with possibly the additional point 0 in  $\sigma_c(A)$ .)

If  $f$  is continuous & bdd on  $\sigma(A)$  we define

$$f(A) = \int_{\sigma(A)} f(\lambda) dP(\lambda).$$

Then  $f(\sigma(A)) = \sigma(f(A))$ .

Note:  $f(\sigma(A)) \subseteq \{z : |z|=1\} \Rightarrow f(A)$  is unitary

$f(\sigma(A)) \subset \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f(A)$  is S-A

$\operatorname{Re}(f(\sigma(A))) = 0 \Rightarrow f(A)$  is skew-adjoint

$f(A)$  is always normal.