

# Solutions for review exercises 1

ex 1. Let  $d_1 \neq d_2$  be the elements of  $\sigma(T)$ . ( $d_i \in \mathbb{R}$ )

$$\text{Let } P = \frac{1}{d_2 - d_1} (T - d_1 I)$$

$$\text{Then } T = d_1 I + (d_2 - d_1) P$$

We need to check that  $P$  is a projection.

$$\text{Clearly, } P^* = P$$

Using the theorem on functional calculus, there is an algebra morphism

$$\mathcal{L}(\sigma(T)) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H)$$

$$f \mapsto f(T)$$

$$\text{let } f(x) = \frac{1}{d_2 - d_1} (x - d_1)$$

$$\text{Then } f(d_1) = 0, \quad f(d_2) = 1$$

so  $f^2 = f$  when restricted on  $\sigma(T)$

$$(f(d_1))^2 = 0^2 = 0 = f(d_1), \quad f(d_2)^2 = 1^2 = 1 = f(d_2)$$

$$\text{so } P^2 = (f(T))^2 = (f^2)(T) = f(T) = P.$$

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variant: ~~let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{d_2 - d_1} (T - d_1 x)$~~

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method 2.

$f$  is a polynomial. By the spectral mapping theorem  $\sigma(f(T)) = f(\sigma(T))$

$$\text{so } \sigma(P) = \{0, 1\}$$

so  $\sigma(P - P^2) = \{0\}$  and  $I - P^2$  is self-adjoint.

~~so  $\langle (P - P^2)x, x \rangle = 0 \quad \forall x \in H$~~

and we have seen that for self-adjoint operators,  $\|P - P^2\| = r_\sigma(P - P^2) = 0$

so  $P = P^2$  and  $P$  is a projection.

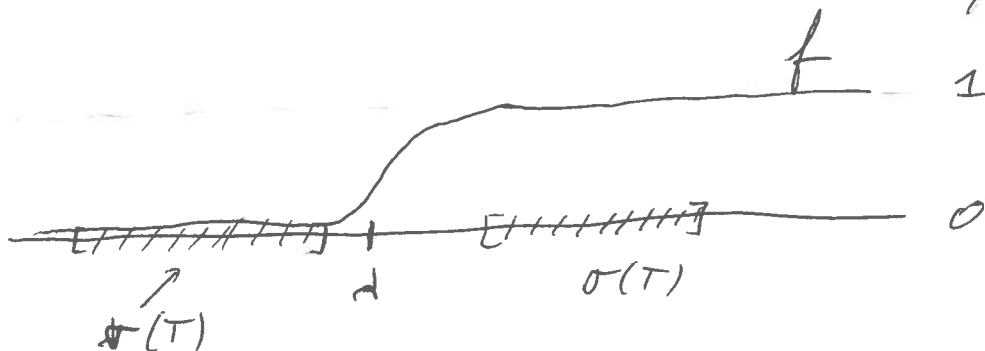
- if  $\sigma(T)$  consists of more than one interval there is  $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\forall \epsilon > 0$

- $f|_{(-\infty, d - \epsilon]} = 0$

- $f|_{[d + \epsilon, +\infty[} = 1$

- $f$  is continuous

In particular, let's choose such an  $f$  for  $\epsilon = d(d, \sigma(T)) > 0$  (because  $d \notin \sigma(T)$  and  $\sigma(T)$  is compact)



Then,  $\forall \mu \in \sigma(T)$ ,  $f(\mu) = 0$  or  $f(\mu) = 1$

so  $f^2 = f$  when restricted on  $\sigma(T)$

$$\text{so } (f(T))^2 = f(T)^{\#} = f(T)$$

$$\text{and } f(T)^* = \overline{f}(T^*) = f(T)$$

because  $T$  is self-adjoint  
and  $f$  is real-valued

so  $f(T) =: P$  is a projection.

$$\sigma(f(T)) = f(\sigma(T)) = \{0, 1\}$$

$$\text{so } f(T) \neq I$$

$$f(T) \neq 0.$$

ex 2 Clearly, if  $S$  is a symmetry,  $S^2 = I$

Plus,  $\forall x = x_E + x_{E^\perp}$   $\forall y = y_E + y_{E^\perp}$ ,  
we have  $\langle Sx, y \rangle$

$$= \langle x_E - x_{E^\perp}, y_E + y_{E^\perp} \rangle$$

$$= \langle x_E, y_E \rangle - \langle x_{E^\perp}, y_{E^\perp} \rangle$$

$$= \langle x_E + x_{E^\perp}, y_E - y_{E^\perp} \rangle = \langle x, Sy \rangle$$

$$\text{so } S^* = S.$$

Conversely, if  ~~$S^2 = I$~~   $S^2 = I$  and  $S = S^*$ , we want to define:

- a space  $E$  on which  $S$  does nothing (acts like  $I$ )
- a space  $F$  on which  $S$  acts like  $-I$
- show that  $F = E^\perp$ .

so let  $E = N(S-I)$  ,  $F = N(S+I)$

A computation shows  $(S-I)(S+I) = (S+I)(S-I)$   
 $= S^2 - I^2 = 0$

so  $R(S+I) \subseteq N(S-I) = E$

and  $R(S-I) \subseteq N(S+I) = F$

Furthermore, any  $x \in H$  can be written

$$x = \frac{x+Sx}{2} + \frac{x-Sx}{2} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(I+S)x}_{\in R(S+I) \subseteq E} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(I-S)x}_{\in F}$$

so  $H = E + F$  (and  $E, F$  are closed because they are nullspaces of ~~self~~ bounded operators)

now if  $x \in E \cap F$ ,

$$x = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(I+S)x}_{=0 \text{ because } x \in F = N(I+S)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(I-S)x}_{=0 \text{ because } x \in E = N(I-S)}$$

so  $H = E \oplus F$ .

(note: it also proves that  $N(S-I) = R(S+I)$   
 and  $N(S+I) = R(S-I)$ )

Finally, let  $x \in E, y \in F$

Then  $x \in N(S-I) = R(S+I)$

$$\text{so } x = \frac{1}{2}(I+S)x \quad \left( \underbrace{+\frac{1}{2}(I-S)x}_{=0} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \langle x, y \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{1}{2}(I+S)x, y \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle x, \frac{1}{2}(I+S)y \right\rangle \quad (I+S)^* = I+S \\ &= 0 \quad \text{because } y \in N(I+S) \end{aligned}$$

so  $E \perp F$ .

Since they are closed and in direct sum,  $F = E^\perp$ .

and if  $x \in H$ ,  $x = x_E + x_{E^\perp}$

$$Sx_E = x_E \quad (\text{because } (I-S)x_E = 0)$$

$$Sx_{E^\perp} = -x_{E^\perp} \quad (\text{because } (I+S)x_{E^\perp} = 0)$$

$$\text{so } Sx = x_E - x_{E^\perp}.$$

ex 3

1) if  $x_n \xrightarrow{w} x$ , then  $(\|x_n\|)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded.  
(say by  $M$ )

Let us evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle| &= |\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x_n, y \rangle + \langle x_n, y \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle| \\ &\leq |\langle x_n, y_n - y \rangle| + |\langle x_n - x, y \rangle| \\ &\leq \underbrace{\|x_n\|}_{\leq M} \underbrace{\|y_n - y\|}_{\rightarrow 0} + \underbrace{|\langle x_n - x, y \rangle|}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ by definition of weak convergence}} \end{aligned}$$

2) let  $x_n = y_n = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $n^{\text{th}}$  position

in  $H = l^2(\mathbb{N})$

Then  $x_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$   
 $y_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$  but  $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle = 1 \forall n$

ex 4 very similar to theorem 4.9.6 in the text.

ex 5

1)  $(\Rightarrow)$  assume  $T_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} 0$

Then  $|\langle T_n x_n, y_n \rangle| \leq \|T_n x_n\| \|y_n\|$

$$\leq \|T_n\| \|x_n\| \|y_n\|$$

$\rightarrow 0$  bounded bounded

(Cauchy-Schwarz)

$\rightarrow 0$

$(\Leftarrow)$  For any given sequence  $(x_n)$  bounded,

pick  $y_n = \begin{cases} T_n x_n / \|T_n x_n\| & \text{if } T_n x_n \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

Then  $y_n$  is bounded, and  $\langle T_n x_n, y_n \rangle = \|T_n x_n\|$

so for any bounded sequence  $(x_n)$ ,  $\|T_n x_n\| \rightarrow 0$ .

In particular, for all  $n$ , pick  $x_n$  such that

$$\|T_n x_n\| \geq \|T_n\| / 2 \quad (\text{and } \|x_n\| = 1)$$

Then  $\|T_n\| \leq 2 \|T_n x_n\| \rightarrow 0$

so  $\|T_n\| \rightarrow 0$

2)  $\Rightarrow$  assume  $T_n \xrightarrow{SOT} 0$

Then  $\forall x \in H, T_n x \rightarrow 0$

so for all bounded sequence  $(y_n)$ , and all sequence  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle T_n x_n, y_n \rangle| \\ &= |\langle T_n x, y_n \rangle + \langle T_n(x_n - x), y_n \rangle| \\ &\leq |\langle T_n x, y_n \rangle| + |\langle T_n(x_n - x), y_n \rangle| \\ &\leq \underbrace{\|T_n x\|}_{\rightarrow 0} \cdot \underbrace{\|y_n\|}_{\text{bounded}} + \underbrace{\|T_n\|}_{\text{bounded}} \underbrace{\|x_n - x\|}_{\rightarrow 0} \cdot \underbrace{\|y_n\|}_{\text{bounded}} \end{aligned}$$

now  $\forall x, T_n x \rightarrow 0$  so by uniform boundedness theorem,  $(\|T_n\|)$  is bounded

so  $|\langle T_n x_n, y_n \rangle| \rightarrow 0$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Conversely,  $\forall x$ , let  $(x_n)$  be the sequence constantly equal to  $x$ ,  
and  $y_n = \begin{cases} \frac{T_n x}{\|T_n x\|} & \text{if } T_n x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } T_n x = 0 \end{cases}$

Then  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $(y_n)$  is bounded,

so  $\langle T_n x_n, y_n \rangle \rightarrow 0$

but  $\langle T_n x_n, y_n \rangle = \|T_n x\| \rightarrow 0$

so  $T_n \xrightarrow{SOT} 0$ .

3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  if  $T_n \xrightarrow{wot} 0$  it means  
 $\forall x, y \in H, \langle T_n x, y \rangle \rightarrow 0$

so if  $x_n \rightarrow x, y_n \rightarrow y,$

$$|\langle T_n x_n, y_n \rangle| = |\langle T_n x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle T_n x, y_n \rangle + \langle T_n x, y_n \rangle - \langle T_n x, y \rangle + \langle T_n x, y \rangle|$$

$$\leq |\langle T_n(x_n - x), y_n \rangle|$$

$$+ |\langle T_n x, y_n - y \rangle| + |\langle T_n x, y \rangle|$$

$$\leq \|T_n\| \|x_n - x\| \|y_n\| + \|T_n\| \|x\| \|y_n - y\|$$

$$+ |\langle T_n x, y \rangle|$$

now:  $\|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0, \|y_n - y\| \rightarrow 0,$

$$\langle T_n x, y \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

so if we can show that  $(\|T_n\|)_n$  is bounded, all the expression tends to 0.

•  $\forall x, y \langle T_n x, y \rangle \rightarrow 0$ , so  $\langle T_n x, y \rangle$  is bounded.

so  $(\langle y, T_n x \rangle)_n$  is bounded  $\forall x, y$

By uniform boundedness, the sequence of linear forms  $\varphi_n : (y \mapsto \langle y, T_n x \rangle)$  is

bounded. But  $\|\varphi_n\| = \|T_n x\|$  so for all  $x,$   
 $(\|T_n x\|)_n$  is bounded. So by uniform boundedness

again,  $(\|T_n\|)_n$  is bounded.