

Assume A is self-adjoint in H and $x \in H$. Recall μ_x is a bounded Borell-measure defined by

$$\mu_x(\Omega) = (x, E_\Omega x)$$

where

$$A = \int \lambda dE_\lambda.$$

Note that then

$$(x, Ax) = \int \lambda d\mu_x(\lambda).$$

It is also that μ_x is positive measure:

If P is ON-projection, then

$$P^* = P \text{ and } P^2 = P$$

especially

$$(x, Px) = (x, P^2x) = (P^*x, Px) = \|Px\|^2 \geq 0$$

Thus

$$\mu_x(\Omega) = (x, E_\Omega x) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in H$$

and $\Omega \in B(\mathbb{R})$.

Positive measures can be decomposed as

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$$\mu = \mu_{pp} + \mu_{cont}$$

where

$$\mu_{pp}(\Omega) = \mu(P \cap \Omega)$$

Thus

$$\mu_{cont}(\Omega) = \mu(\Omega) - \mu(P \cap \Omega) \geq 0$$

and thus μ_{cont} is a positive measure, as well.

Finally, recall Lebesgue:

$$\mu_{cont} = \mu_{ac} + \mu_{sing}$$

We want to show the important

1.7.5 Definition If A is self adjoint,

define $x \in H_{ac} \iff$

μ_x is abs. cont. w.r.t. μ_{ac}

and respectively H_{pp} and H_{sing}

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1.7.6 Theorem $H = H_{pp} \oplus H_{ac} \oplus H_{sing}$

Each of these subspaces are invariant under A . $A|_{H_{pp}}$ has a complete set of eigenvectors, $A|_{H_{ac}}$ has only abs. cont. spectral measures (μ_x is ac for all $x \in H_{ac}$) and $A|_{H_{sing}}$ has only singular spectral measures.

We start by defining the spaces L^2_x and H_x for all $x \in H$.

We let

$$L^2_x = L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu_x)$$

Note that if $\varphi \in L^2_x$ then

$$\int |\varphi(\lambda)|^2 d(x, E_{\lambda} x) < \infty$$

and

$$\varphi(A)x \in H$$

is well-defined. Moreover

$$\|\varphi(A)x\|^2 = \int |\varphi(\lambda)|^2 d\mu_x$$

Thus we obtain an isometric map

$$\mathbb{L}_x^2 \ni \varphi \mapsto \varphi(A)x \in H$$

The range is closed subspace of H

denoted by H_x . $\{\varphi(A)x \mid \varphi \in C_0\} \subset H_x$ is dense

Lemma \ni $y \perp H_x$, then

$$Hy \perp H_x$$

Proof

$$\forall \varphi, \psi \in C_0$$
$$(\varphi(A)x, \psi(A)y) = (\psi(A)^* \varphi(A)x, y)$$

$$= (\overline{\psi}(A) \varphi(A)x, y) = (\overline{\psi \varphi}(A)x, y)$$

by the functional calculus, But

$$(\overline{\psi \varphi}(A)x, y) = 0$$

since $\overline{\psi \varphi}(A)x \in H_x$.

1.7.7 Theorem Let A be self-adjoint in H . Then

there exist at most countable set

$$\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

such that

$$H = \bigoplus_i H_{x_i}$$

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Proof Assume $\{y_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a dense set in H . Define

$$x_1 = y_1$$

$$x_2 = P_2 y_2,$$

where P_2 is ON-projection to H_{x_1} .

Finally, set

$$x_n = P_n y_n$$

where P_n is ON-projection to $(H_{x_1} \oplus \dots \oplus H_{x_{n-1}})^\perp$.

Set

$$H_0 = \bigoplus_j H_{x_j}$$

Now H_0 is dense and $\forall n$

$$y_n = P_n y_n + (I - P_n) y_n$$

$$= x_n + (I - P_n) y_n \in H_0$$

$$H_{x_1} \oplus \dots \oplus H_{x_{n-1}}$$

Thus H_0 contains all y_n and $\Rightarrow H_0 = H$

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1.7.8 Corollary The map

$$U: \bigoplus L^2_{x_j} \rightarrow H = \bigoplus H_{x_j}$$

defined by

$$U: (\varphi_j) \rightarrow \sum \varphi_j(A) x_j$$

is unitary and

$U^{-1} A U$ is multiplication with λ in $\bigoplus L^2_{x_j}$.

Proof We know already that

$$U: L^2_{x_j} \rightarrow H_{x_j}$$

is isometry and surjection (by the def. of H_{x_j}) and thus unitary. Hence by Theorem 1.7.7

$U: \bigoplus L_{x_j} \rightarrow H$ is unitary.

If $U_j = U|_{L^2_{x_j}}: L^2_{x_j} \rightarrow H_{x_j}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} U_j^{-1} A U_j \varphi &= U_j^{-1} A \varphi(A) x_j = U_j^{-1} (\lambda \varphi(\cdot)) (A) x_j \\ &= \lambda \varphi(\cdot), \text{ for all } \varphi \in C_0. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the claim for U_j and hence for U .

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Remark (i) $x \in H_x$

(ii) H_x is invariant for A bounded

Proof Ex

Let us prove ^{first} Theorem 1.7.5 in a special case

1.7.9 Proposition A name μ is a Borell-measure on \mathbb{R} and $A: L^2_\mu \rightarrow L^2_\mu$ defined by

$$A\varphi(x) = \lambda\varphi(x)$$

$$D(A) = \{ \varphi \in L^2_\mu \mid \lambda\varphi(x) \in L^2_\mu \}$$

Then $L^2_\mu = H_{ac} \oplus H_{pp} \oplus H_{sing}$

Proof We have

$$\mu = \mu_{ac} + \mu_{pp} + \mu_{sing} \quad \text{and}$$
$$L^2_\mu = L^2_{\mu_{ac}} \oplus L^2_{\mu_{pp}} \oplus L^2_{\mu_{sing}}$$

What is left to show

$$(*) \quad \varphi \in L^2_{ac} \Leftrightarrow \mu_\varphi \text{ is a.c.}$$

and similarly for L^2_{pp} and L^2_{sing}

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To see this assume

$$(1) \quad \varphi \in L^2_{\mu_{ac}} \Leftrightarrow \int |\varphi(\lambda)|^2 d\nu = \int |\varphi(\lambda)|^2 d\mu_{ac}$$

Now

$$\mu_{\varphi}(\Omega) = (\varphi, E_{\Omega} \varphi)$$

But

$$E_{\Omega} \varphi = \chi_{\Omega} \varphi$$

(since A is multiplication with λ)

Thus

$$\mu_{\varphi}(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} |\varphi|^2 d\nu \stackrel{(1)}{=} \int_{\Omega} |\varphi|^2 d\mu_{ac}$$

which proves that μ_{φ} is abs. cont.

Similarity with μ_{pp} and μ_{sing} . \square

Proof of Theorem 1.7.6 The claim

$$H = H_{ac} \oplus H_{pp} \oplus H_{sing}$$

follows first for $H = \bigoplus_j L^2_{x_j}$ from

Prop. 1.7.9. For the general case we need

If $U: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$ is unitary, then

$x \in H_{ac}$ for $A: H_1 \rightarrow H_1 \Leftrightarrow$

$Ux \in H_{ac}$ for $UAU^{-1}: H_2 \rightarrow H_2$

and similarly for H_{p_0} and H_{p_1} .

If φ is bounded Borell measurable, then

$$(ii) \quad \varphi(B) = U \varphi(A) U^{-1} \quad \text{for } B := UAU^{-1}.$$

To prove (ii) denote α_A be the spectral map of Theor 1.6.1 for A . Now define

$$\beta(\varphi) = U \alpha_A(\varphi) U^{-1}$$

$$\beta : L_B^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L(H_2)$$

Then it is easy to check ^{that} all the properties of Theor 1.6.1 are valid for β . Thus,

by uniqueness, $\beta = \alpha_B =$ spectral map for B in H_2 . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(B) &= \alpha_B(\varphi) = \beta(\varphi) = U \alpha_A(\varphi) U^{-1} \\ &= U \varphi(A) U^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

and (i) follows. Now the claim follows:

If $y = Ax$, we get

$$(y, \varphi(B)y) = (Ux, (U \varphi(A) U^{-1}) Ux)$$

$$= (x, \varphi(A)x), \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in L_B^\infty(\mathbb{R}),$$

This proves

$$\mu_y(B) = \mu_x(A)$$

ie. the spectral measure of x w.r.t. A is the same as the spectral measure of y w.r.t. B . This proves

$$H = H_{ac} \oplus H_{sp} \oplus H_{sing}.$$

The other claims are left as exercise. \square