

e-content (lecture-17)

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Topic: Theorems on operator and self-adjoint operators.

Theorem: If T is an operator on a Hilbert space H ,
then $T = O \Leftrightarrow (Tx, y) = 0 \quad \forall x, y \in H$.

Proof: Suppose that $T = O$ then for all $x, y \in H$.

We have $(Tx, y) = (Ox, y) = (0, y) = 0$.

Conversely,

Suppose that $(Tx, y) = 0 \quad \forall x, y \in H$.

Then $(Tx, Tx) = 0 \quad \forall x \in H$. [taking $y = Tx$]

$\Rightarrow Tx = 0 \quad \forall x \in H$.

$\Rightarrow T = O$.

Theorem: If T is an operator on a Hilbert space H ,

then $T = 0 \Leftrightarrow (Tx, x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in H$.

Proof: Suppose that $T = 0$ then for all $x \in H$.

We have $(Tx, x) = (0x, x) = (0, x) = 0$.

Conversely,

Suppose that $(Tx, x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in H$.

We have for all scalars α and β , and $\forall x, y \in H$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (T(\alpha x + \beta y), \alpha x + \beta y) \\ &= (\alpha Tx + \beta Ty, \alpha x + \beta y) \\ &= \alpha(Tx, \alpha x + \beta y) + \beta(Ty, \alpha x + \beta y) \\ &= \alpha \bar{\alpha}(Tx, x) + \alpha \bar{\beta}(Tx, y) + \beta \bar{\alpha}(Ty, x) + \beta \bar{\beta}(Ty, y) \\ &= \alpha \bar{\beta}(Tx, y) + \beta \bar{\alpha}(Ty, x) \text{ [since } (Tx, x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in H] \\ &\quad \alpha \bar{\beta}(Tx, y) + \beta \bar{\alpha}(Ty, x) = 0 \dots \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

This is true for all scalars α and β , and $\forall x, y \in H$.

So putting $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 1$ in (1) we get

$$(Tx, y) + (Ty, x) = 0 \dots \dots (2)$$

Again putting $\alpha = i$ and $\beta = 1$ in (1) we get

$$i(Tx, y) - i(Ty, x) = 0 \dots \dots (3)$$

multiplying (2) by i and adding (3) we get

$$2i(Tx, y) = 0 \quad \forall x, y \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow (Tx, y) = 0 \quad \forall x, y \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow (Tx, Tx) = 0 \quad \forall x \in H \text{ taking } y = Tx$$

$$\Rightarrow (Tx, x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 0.$$

Theorem: If T is an operator on a Hilbert space H ,
then T is self-adjoint $\Leftrightarrow (Tx, x)$ is real $\forall x \in H$.

Proof : suppose that T is self-adjoint operator on H .

$$\text{So } T^* = T$$

Then $\forall x \in H$ we have

$$(Tx, x) = (x, T^*x) = (x, Tx) = \overline{(x, Tx)}$$

Hence (Tx, x) is real $\forall x \in H$.

Conversely suppose that (Tx, x) is real $\forall x \in H$.

$$\begin{aligned} (Tx, x) &= \overline{(Tx, x)} \\ &= \overline{(x, T^*x)} = (T^*x, x) \quad \forall x \in H. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (Tx, x) - (T^*x, x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow (Tx - T^*x, x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow ((T - T^*)x, x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow T - T^* = 0 \Rightarrow T = T^*$$

T is self- adjoint operator on H .

END.