

Definition 2 (Self-adjoint operator , Normal operator and Unitary operator)

Let $T: H \rightarrow H$ be a bounded linear operator on Hilbert space H and $T^*: H \rightarrow H$ be adjoint operator of T . T is said to be

1- Self-adjoint operator if $T^* = T$.

2- Normal operator if $T^*T = TT^*$

3- Unitary operator if $T^*T = TT^* = I$. that is T is invertible and $T^* = T^{-1}$.

Example 2 :

1- Zero operator 0 and identity operator I on Hilbert space H are self-adjoint , since:

$$(1) \quad \langle 0^*x, x \rangle = \langle x, 0x \rangle = \langle x, 0 \rangle = 0 = \langle 0, x \rangle = \langle 0x, x \rangle$$

$$\therefore 0^*x = 0x \quad \forall x \in H, \text{ therefor } 0^* = 0$$

$$(2) \quad \langle I^*x, x \rangle = \langle x, Ix \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle = \langle Ix, x \rangle$$

$$\therefore I^*x = Ix \quad \forall x \in H, \text{ therefor } I^* = I$$

2- Zero operator 0 and identity operator I on Hilbert space H are normal operator , since : H.W.

3- Zero operator 0 and identity operator I on Hilbert space H are unitary operator , since : H.W.

Theorem 2

Let $T: H \rightarrow H$ be a bounded linear operator where H is Hilbert space , then

1- if T is self-adjoint operator, then T is normal operator .

2- if T is unitary operator , then T is normal operator .

Proof :

1- let T is self-adjoint operator

$$\therefore T^* = T$$

We must prove that T is normal operator, i.e. to prove $T^*T = TT^*$

$$\langle T^*Tx, y \rangle = \langle TT^*x, y \rangle \quad (\text{since } T^* = T)$$

$$\therefore TT^*x = T^*Tx \quad \forall x \in H$$

$$\therefore TT^* = T^*T$$

$\therefore T$ is normal operator.

2- let T is unitary operator,

$$\therefore T^*T = TT^* = I, \text{ that is } T^*T = TT^*$$

$\therefore T$ is normal operator

Note the convers of this theorem is not true . show that. H.W.

Theorem 2 :

The product of two bounded self-adjoint operator T_1 and T_2 on Hilbert space is self-adjoint if and only if $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_1$.

Proof :

let T_1 and T_2 are self-adjoint , therefor $T_1^* = T_1$ and $T_2^* = T_2$ and let $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_1$

Now, we must prove that $T_1 T_2$ self-adjoint

$$(T_1 T_2)^* = T_2^* T_1^* = T_2 T_1 = T_1 T_2$$

$\therefore T_1 T_2$ Is self-adjoint

Conversely :

let T_1, T_2 and $T_1 T_2$ are self-adjoint .

$$\therefore T_1^* = T_1, T_2^* = T_2 \text{ and } (T_1 T_2)^* = T_1 T_2 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

We must prove that $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_1$

$$\therefore (T_1 T_2)^* = T_2^* T_1^* = T_2 T_1 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

\therefore by (1) and (2) we get $T_2 T_1 = T_1 T_2$. ■

Theorem 3 :

(a) If T_1 and T_2 are two self-adjoint operators over H , then $T_1 + T_2$ is self-adjoint

(b) If T_1 is self-adjoint and α be any real scalar, then αT_1 is self-adjoint

Proof :

(a) $\therefore T_1, T_2$ are self-adjoint

$$\therefore T_1^* = T_1, T_2^* = T_2$$

$$(T_1 + T_2)^* = T_1^* + T_2^* = T_1 + T_2$$

(b) $\therefore T_1$ self-adjoint

$$\therefore T_1^* = T_1$$

$$(\alpha T_1)^* = \bar{\alpha} T_1^* = \bar{\alpha} T_1$$

$$= \alpha T_1 \quad (\bar{\alpha} = \alpha \text{ because } \alpha \text{ is real scalar})$$

Theorem 4 :

Let T and S are two normal operators on Hilbert space H if $ST^* = T^*S$ and $TS^* = S^*T$, then

1- $T + S$ is normal .

2- TS is normal .

Proof : H.W.

Lemma

For any bounded linear operator T on Hilbert space H , if $T_1 = \frac{1}{2} (T + T^*)$ and

$T_2 = \frac{1}{2i} (T - T^*)$, then

1- T_1 and T_2 are self-adjoint

2- $T = T_1 + iT_2$ is unique

3- $T^* = T_1 - iT_2$

4- T is normal iff T_1 and T_2 are commutative . H.W.

Proof:

1- we must prove that T_1 and T_2 self-adjoint

$$\begin{aligned} T_1^* &= \left(\frac{1}{2} (T + T^*) \right)^* = \frac{1}{2} (T + T^*)^* \quad [\text{Since } (\lambda T)^* = \bar{\lambda} T^*] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (T^* + (T^*)^*) \quad [\text{Since } (T + S)^* = T^* + S^*] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (T + T^*) = T_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore T_1^* = T_1$$

Thus T_1 self-adjoint

$$T_2^* = \left(\frac{1}{2i} (T - T^*) \right)^* = \overline{\left(\frac{1}{2i} \right)} (T - (T^*)^*) = \frac{-1}{2i} (T^* - T) = \frac{1}{2i} (T - T^*) = T_2$$

$$\therefore T_2^* = T_2$$

$\therefore T_2$ self-adjoint

2- we must prove that $T = T_1 + iT_2$ is unique

Let $S = T_1 + iT_2$ we must prove that $S = T$

Now,

$$S = T_1 + iT_2 = \frac{1}{2} (T + T^*) + i \left(\frac{1}{2i} (T - T^*) \right) = \frac{1}{2} T + \frac{1}{2} T^* + \frac{1}{2} T - \frac{1}{2} T^* = \frac{1}{2} T + \frac{1}{2} T = T$$

$$\therefore T = T_1 + iT_2 \text{ unique}$$

3- we must prove that $T^* = T_1 - iT_2$

$$T^* = (T_1 + iT_2)^* = T_1^* + (i(T_2))^* = T_1^* + \bar{i} T_2^* = T_1^* - i T_2^*$$

$\because T_1$ and T_2 self-adjoint

$$\therefore T_1^* = T_1 \text{ and } T_2^* = T_2$$

$$\therefore T^* = T_1 - iT_2$$

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Theorem

If T_1 and T_2 are two unitary operator on Hilbert space H , then $T_1 T_2$ is unitary .

Proof :