

Closable Operators:

$(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ } normed spaces, $\mathcal{R} \subset X \times Y$ linear subspaces
 $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$

Def: \mathcal{R} is called a linear graph if it is a linear subspace which is also a graph, i.e. if

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} (x, y_1) \\ (x, y_2) \end{cases} \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow y_1 = y_2.$$

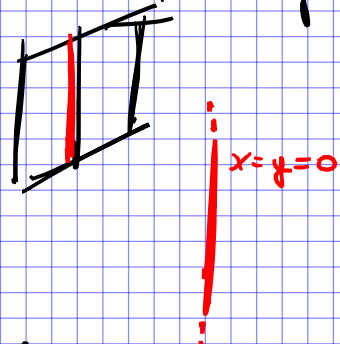
Remark. (*) is equivalent to

$$(*)' \quad (0, y) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow y = 0$$

Examples: in \mathbb{R}^3 , what are the linear subspaces that are NOT linear graphs? (proper)

↳ clones: • planes containing the z -axis

• the line corresponding to the z -axis



Remark. $A: \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow Y$ linear $\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}_A$ linear graph.

Conversely, if $\mathcal{R} \subset X \times Y$ is a linear graph then we can associate to it

a unique linear map $A: \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow Y$ by $\mathcal{D}(A) = \pi_X(\mathcal{R})$

$$\text{and } Ax := \pi_Y((\{x\} \times Y) \cap \mathcal{R}).$$

Def. given $A: \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow Y$ (linear)

$$B: \mathcal{D}(B) \rightarrow Y \quad \text{w/ } \mathcal{D}(A) \subset \mathcal{D}(B) \subset X$$

we'll say that B is an extension of A if $B|_{\mathcal{D}(A)} = A$.

Def: given $A: \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow Y$ (linear) we call closure of A ,

denoted \bar{A} , the operator that is uniquely associated to

$$\overline{\mathcal{R}_A} \subset X \times Y, \text{ whenever } \overline{\mathcal{R}_A} \text{ is a linear graph.}$$

Prop. R. : knowing A is closable, we always have

$$D(A) \subset D(\bar{A}) \subset \overline{D(A)}$$

\uparrow both may be strict \uparrow (see below, cf. FA 2)

$$D(\bar{A}) = \left\{ x \in X : \exists (x_k) \in D(A) \text{ w/ } x_k \rightarrow x \right. \\ \left. \text{and } \exists y \in Y \text{ w/ } Ax_k \rightarrow y \right\}$$

"projections as 1st factor of limit points along \mathbb{P}_A "

9. when is a given lin. oper. A closable??

Prop. (tautology) $A: D(A) \rightarrow Y$ is closable
if and only if for $((x_k, y_k)) \in \mathbb{P}_A$ one has

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_k \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{and } y_k = Ax_k \rightarrow y \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{y=0}$$

Thm. if $A \in L(D(A), Y)$ then A is closable.

Pf. (use criterion above: "it's enough to check A closable at the origin")

$$A \in L(D(A), Y) \Leftrightarrow \sup_{\substack{x \in D(A) \\ x \neq 0}} \frac{\|Ax\|_Y}{\|x\|_X} < \infty \quad \text{---} =: \|A\|$$

so taken a sequence (x_k) w/ $x_k \in D(A) \quad \forall k$
 $x_k \rightarrow 0$

$$\|Ax_k\|_Y \leq \|A\| \|x_k\|_X \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\|Ax_k\|_Y \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\text{so if } y = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Ax_k \Rightarrow y=0 \quad \blacksquare$$

Example: a non-closable operator

$$X = L^2(\mathbb{R}) \quad Y = \mathbb{R}$$

$$D(A) = L_c^2(\mathbb{R}) \quad A: f \mapsto \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) dt$$

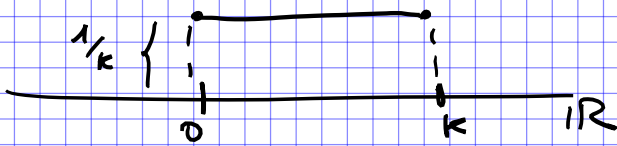
• A is linear

• A is not closable

$$f_k = \frac{1}{k} \chi_{[0, k]}$$

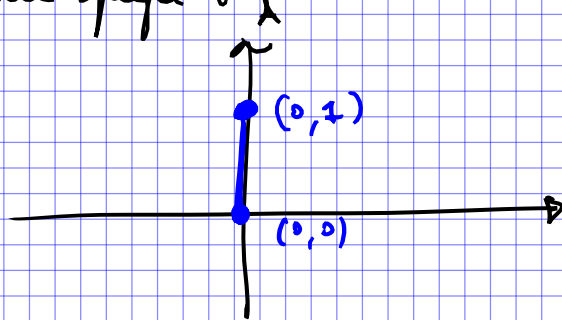
$$\|f_k\|_{L^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{but } A f_k = 1 \quad \forall k$$



So $(f_k, A f_k) \xrightarrow{\text{as pairs in } X \times Y} (0, 1)$
 honest points on the graph Γ_A

A is not closable because



Example: a closable operator

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open, bounded domain

$$\Delta u = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2}$$

$$\Delta: \underbrace{C_c^\infty(\Omega) \subset L^2(\Omega)}_{D(A)} \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$$

Next:

- Δ is closable
- Δ is not bounded.

$$\text{let } u_k \in D(\Delta) \quad u_k \xrightarrow{L^2} 0, \quad f_k = \Delta u_k \xrightarrow{L^2} f$$

Pick a "test function", i.e. $\varphi \in \underbrace{C_c^\infty(\Omega)}_{\text{test functions}}$

$$\int_{\Omega} f u \varphi = \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u_k) \varphi \stackrel{\text{int by parts}}{=} \int_{\Omega} u_k \Delta \varphi$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\int_{\Omega} f \varphi$$

int by parts

$$\int_{\Omega} u_k \Delta \varphi \rightarrow 0$$

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} u_k \Delta \varphi \right) \leq \|u_k\|_{L^2} \|\Delta \varphi\|_{L^2} \xrightarrow{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Why?

$$\int_{\Omega} f_k \varphi = \int_{\Omega} (f_k - f) \varphi + \int_{\Omega} f \varphi$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\int_{\Omega} f \varphi$$

two by Hölder

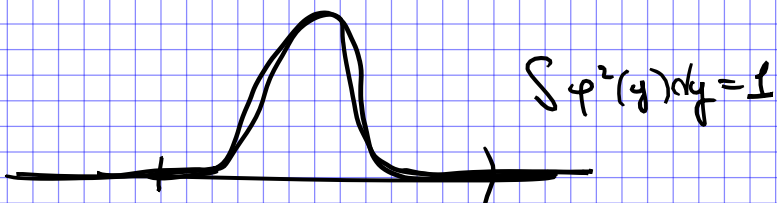
$$\left| \int_{\Omega} (f_k - f) \varphi \right| \leq \|f_k - f\|_{L^2} \|\varphi\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$$

Conclusion: $\int_{\Omega} f \varphi = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega) \implies f = 0 \quad \mathcal{L}^n\text{-a.e.}$
 (last time)

$\implies \Delta: C_c^\infty(\Omega) \subset L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$ is closed. (in part $f=0$ in $L^2(\Omega)$)

Check: this op. is not bounded, so the example above is non-trivial.

Fix $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(B_1)$



$$\varphi_\epsilon(x) = \epsilon^{-\alpha} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon}\right)$$

we choose $\alpha > 0$ so to have "conservation of L^2 norm" i.e.

$$\int |\varphi_\epsilon|^2 = 1 \quad (\forall \epsilon > 0)$$

$$\underbrace{\int |\varphi_\epsilon|^2}_{(\forall \epsilon > 0) = 1} = \epsilon^{-2\alpha} \int \varphi^2\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon}\right) dx$$

$$\xrightarrow{y = \frac{x}{\epsilon}} \epsilon^{-2\alpha} \int \varphi^2(y) \epsilon^u dy = \epsilon^{u-2\alpha} \int \varphi^2(y) dy$$

$$\epsilon^{u-2\alpha} = 1$$

$$u = 2\alpha \quad \boxed{\alpha = \frac{u}{2}}$$

If Δ were bounded i.e. $\Delta \in L(C_c^\infty, L^2)$

then $\exists C > 0$ $\|\Delta u\|_{L^2} \leq C \|u\|_{L^2}$

is part.

$$\|\Delta \varphi_\epsilon\|_{L^2} \leq C \underbrace{\|\varphi_\epsilon\|_{L^2}}_{= 1}$$

$$\epsilon^{-2} \|\varphi_\epsilon\|_{L^2}$$

$$\epsilon^{-2} \cdot 1$$

let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ get a contradiction!

Same story for "general" differential operators:

$$A: C_c^\infty(\Omega) \subset L^p(\Omega) \longrightarrow L^p(\Omega)$$

$$Au = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha u$$

$$D^\alpha = D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_n^{\alpha_n} \quad \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \quad |\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$$

(for Δ : $\underbrace{N=2}$
order of the diff. op.)

$$\alpha \in \left\{ (2, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 2, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, 0, 0, \dots, 2) \right\}$$

Assume

$$\boxed{a_\alpha \in C^r(\bar{\Omega})}$$

Then. any differential operator as above is closed.

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f:

$$u_k \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$$

$$u_k \xrightarrow{L^p} 0$$
$$A u_k = f_k \xrightarrow{L^p} f$$

As above, given any $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$

$$\int_{\Omega} f_k \varphi = \int_{\Omega} (A u_k) \varphi = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha u_k \varphi$$
$$\int_{\Omega} f \varphi$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} (-1)^{|\alpha|} u_k D^\alpha (a_\alpha \varphi)$$

$$| | \leq \| u_k \|_{L^p} \| \underbrace{D^\alpha (a_\alpha \varphi)}_{\in C^0(\bar{\Omega})} \|_{L^q}$$

As above, $\int_{\Omega} f \varphi = 0$

so
 $\| D^\alpha (a_\alpha \varphi) \|_{L^q} \leq \bar{C}$
independent of k

$$\forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$$

$\rightarrow 0$

conclusion: $f = 0$ \mathcal{L}^n -a.e.

(i part $f = 0$ in $L^p(\Omega)$)

$\implies A$ closed.

Hahn-Banach and Duality

First part: X vector space over $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}$.

Def. $p: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called sublinear if

$$i) \quad p(\alpha x) = \alpha p(x) \quad \forall x \in X, \forall \alpha \geq 0.$$

$$ii) \quad p(x+y) \leq p(x) + p(y) \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

Ex. If $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ normed space, then $\|\cdot\|: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is sublinear.

Theorem (Hahn-Banach): Let M be a linear subspace of a

vector space X , $p: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ sublinear

and $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear and $f(x) \leq p(x)$
 $\forall x \in M$

Then $\exists F: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear such that

$$F|_M = f$$

$$F(x) \leq p(x) \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Corollary (dominierte Fortsetzung)

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ be a normed space and let $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear and continuous (here $M \subset X$ linear subspace).

Then $\exists F \in L(X; \mathbb{R})$ such that

$$F|_M = f$$

$$\|F\|_{L(X; \mathbb{R})} = \|f\|_{L(M; \mathbb{R})}.$$

Pf. (corollary gives then)

$$\text{pick } p(x) := \|x\|_X \cdot \|f\|_{L(M; \mathbb{R})}$$

check: p is sublinear. Also $f(x) \leq p(x) \quad \forall x \in M$

true by def of $\|f\|_{L(\pi; \mathbb{R})} = \sup_{\substack{x \in \pi \\ x \neq 0}} \frac{|f(x)|}{\|x\|_x}$

So, thm. tells us $\exists F: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear w/

$$F(x) \leq \|x\|_x \|f\|_{L(\pi; \mathbb{R})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|F\|_{L(X; \mathbb{R})} \leq \|f\|_{L(\pi; \mathbb{R})}$$

but on the other hand, the converse inequality

$$\|F\|_{L(X; \mathbb{R})} \geq \|f\|_{L(\pi; \mathbb{R})}$$

is always true.

Conclusion: $\|F\|_{L(X; \mathbb{R})} = \|f\|_{L(\pi; \mathbb{R})}$ \square