

1.1. The closure of the derivative operator.

Define $\mathcal{C}_c^\infty((0, 1)) = \{u \in \mathcal{C}^\infty((0, 1)) : \text{supp } u \subset (0, 1) \text{ is compact}\}$, where the *support* of u is the set $\text{supp}(u) = \overline{\{t \in (0, 1) : u(t) \neq 0\}}$.

(a) Let $A = \frac{d}{dt} : D(A) := \mathcal{C}_c^\infty((0, 1)) \subset \mathcal{C}^0([0, 1]) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^0([0, 1])$. What is the closure of A ? That is, find $D(\bar{A})$.

(b) Let $A = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} : D(A) := \mathcal{C}^\infty([0, 1]) \subset \mathcal{C}^0([0, 1]) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^0([0, 1])$. In this case, find again the closure $D(\bar{A})$.

(c) Let $X = Y = L^2([0, 1])$, and define $A = \frac{d}{dt} : D(A) := \mathcal{C}^1([0, 1]) \subset X \rightarrow Y$. Show that A is closable.

1.2. An operator that is *not* closable.

Let $X = L^2(\mathbb{R})$, $Y = \mathbb{R}$. Let $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \setminus L^2(\mathbb{R})$. Set

$$A : D(A) = \{u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) : \text{supp } u \text{ is compact}\} \ni u \mapsto \langle u, f \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t) \overline{f(t)} dt.$$

Show that A is not closable.

1.3. Closed sum.

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ and $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$ be Banach spaces and let

$$A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y \text{ and } B : D(B) \subset X \rightarrow Y$$

be linear operators with $D(A) \subset D(B)$. Assume that there exist constants $0 \leq a < 1$ and $b \geq 0$ such that for all $x \in D(A)$ we have the inequality

$$\|Bx\|_Y \leq a\|Ax\|_Y + b\|x\|_X. \tag{1}$$

Show that if A has closed graph then $(A + B) : D(A) \rightarrow Y$ has closed graph.

Hint. Given a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in D(A)$, prove the estimate

$$(1 - a)\|A(x_n - x_m)\| \leq \|(A + B)(x_n - x_m)\| + b\|x_n - x_m\| \tag{2}$$

1.4. Closable inverse.

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ and $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$ be Banach spaces. Let $A : D_A \subset X \rightarrow Y$ be a closable linear operator. Assume that its closure $\bar{A} : D(\bar{A}) \rightarrow Y$ is injective. Show that the inverse operator $A^{-1} : \text{ran}(A) \subset Y \rightarrow D(A) \subset X$ is closable and that its closure $\overline{A^{-1}}$ is the operator $\bar{A}^{-1} : \text{ran}(\bar{A}) \rightarrow D(\bar{A})$.

Hint: Consider the image of the graph of A under the map

$$\begin{aligned}\chi : X \times Y &\rightarrow Y \times X \\ (x, y) &\mapsto (y, x).\end{aligned}$$