

Differential operators on $L^2(0,1)$, $L^2(0,\infty)$, $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

[A] Let $T_j(f) = f'$ be operators on $L^2(0,1)$ with domains

$$D(T_1) = AC[0,1]$$

$$D(T_2) = \{f \in D(T_1); f(0) = 0\}$$

$$D(T_3) = \{f \in D(T_1); f(1) = 0\}$$

$$D(T_4) = \{f \in D(T_1); f(0) = f(1) = 0\}$$

$$D(T_5) = \{f \in D(T_1); f(0) = -f(1)\}$$

① $T_4 \subset T_2 \subset T_1$, $T_4 \subset T_3 \subset T_1$, $T_4 \subset T_5 \subset T_1$. All of them are densely defined, as $D(T_4)$ contains $D((0,1))$, which is dense in $L^2(0,1)$ by Lemma VII.1.

② $T_1^* \supset -T_4$, $T_2^* \supset -T_3$, $T_3^* \supset -T_2$, $T_4^* \supset -T_1$, $T_5^* \supset -T_5$

Let j, k be one of the suggested pairs of indices $(1,4), (2,3), (3,2), (4,1), (5,5)$

$f \in D(T_j), g \in D(T_k)$. Then

$$\langle T_j f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f' \bar{g} = [f \bar{g}]_0^1 - \int_0^1 f \bar{g}' =$$

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integration by parts
for absolutely cts. functions

$$= \underbrace{f(1)\bar{g}(1) - f(0)\bar{g}(0)}_{=0 \text{ due to the choice of } j,k} - \int_0^1 f \bar{g}' = \langle f, -T_k g \rangle$$

This $g \in D(T_j^*)$ and $T_j^* g = -T_k g$.

So $T_j^* \supset -T_k$

③ $\forall j: T_j^* \subset -T_1$

Let $g \in D(T_j^*)$. Then there is $h \in L^2(0,1)$ s.t.

$$\forall f \in D(T_j): \langle T_j f, g \rangle = \langle f, h \rangle$$

Define $H(x) = \int_0^x h$, $x \in [0,1]$. Then $H \in AC[0,1]$, $H' = h$ a.e.

And we have for each $f \in \mathcal{D}(T_f)$:

$$\int_0^1 f' \bar{g} = \int_0^1 f \bar{h} = [f \bar{H}]_0^1 - \int_0^1 f' \bar{H} =$$

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$$= f(1) \overline{H(1)} - \underbrace{f(0) \overline{H(0)}}_{=0} - \int_0^1 f' \bar{H} = f(1) \overline{H(1)} - \int_0^1 f' \bar{H}$$

So:

$$(*) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{D}(T_f) : \int_0^1 f' \bar{g} = f(1) \overline{H(1)} - \int_0^1 f' \bar{H}$$

Since $\mathcal{D}((0,1)) \subset \mathcal{D}(T_f)$, we deduce

$$\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}((0,1)) : \int_0^1 \varphi' \bar{g} = - \int_0^1 \varphi' \bar{H}, \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$\int_0^1 (\bar{g} + \bar{H}) \varphi' = 0.$$

So, $\bar{g} + \bar{H}$ has derivative zero in the sense of distributions
 so $\exists C \in \mathbb{C} : \bar{g} + \bar{H} = C$ a.e. (by Proposition VI.3)

Hence $g = C - H$, so $g \in AC([0,1]) = \mathcal{D}(T_1)$

and $g' = -H' = -h$ a.e., hence in $L^2(0,1)$.

So $T_f^* g = h = -g' = -T_1 g$.

④ by ② and ③ we deduce $T_f^* = -T_1$

⑤ We know $g + H = C$ and $H(0) = 0$, so $C = g(0)$. If we plug $H = g(0) - g$ to (*) we obtain

$$\forall f \in \mathcal{D}(T_f) : \int_0^1 f' \bar{g} = f(1) (\overline{g(1)} - \overline{g(0)}) - \int_0^1 f' (\overline{g(1)} - \overline{g})$$

$$= f(1) (\overline{g(1)} - \overline{g(0)}) - \int_0^1 f' \overline{g(1)} + \int_0^1 f' \bar{g}$$

cancels out

$$= -f(1) \overline{g(1)} + f(0) \overline{g(0)}$$

So, we get $\forall f \in D(T_j) : -f(1)\overline{g(1)} + f(0)\overline{g(0)} = 0$

(6) $T_2^* = -T_3 : \supset$ by (2)

$\subset : g \in D(T_2^*) \Rightarrow g \in D(T_1)$ by (3), moreover by (5) we know

$$\forall f \in D(T_2) : -f(1)\overline{g(1)} = 0$$

Since there is $f \in D(T_2)$ with $f(1) \neq 0$, necessarily $g(1) = 0$

so $g \in D(T_3)$. By (3) we know $T_2^*g = -g'$.

$$\text{so } T_2^* = -T_3$$

(7) $T_3^* = -T_2$ is completely analogous

(8) $T_1^* = -T_4 : \supset$ by (2)

$\subset : f \in D(T_1^*) \stackrel{(3)}{\Rightarrow} f \in D(T_1)$. Moreover, by (5):

$$\forall f \in D(T_1^*) : -f(1)\overline{g(1)} + f(0)\overline{g(0)} = 0.$$

$$\exists f_1 \in D(T_1) : f_1(1) = 0, f_1(0) \neq 0 \Rightarrow g(0) = 0$$

$$\exists f_2 \in D(T_2) : f_2(1) \neq 0, f_2(0) = 0 \Rightarrow g(1) = 0$$

So $g \in D(T_4)$.

(9) $T_5^* = -T_5 : \supset$ by (2)

$\subset : g \in D(T_5^*) \stackrel{(3)}{\Rightarrow} g \in D(T_1)$. Moreover, by (5):

$$\forall f \in D(T_5) : -f(0)(\overline{g(0)} - \overline{g(1)}) = 0$$

Since $\exists f \in D(T_5) : f(0) \neq 0$, we get $g(1) = \overline{g(0)}$

$$\text{so } g \in D(T_5)$$

(10) T_1, \dots, T_5 are closed by Prop. 11.21(a) as all of them are adjoint operators.

(11) iT_4 is symmetric, not self-adjoint; iT_5 is self-adjoint.

(12) Eigenvalues: $T_j f = \lambda f$ means $f' = \lambda f$. Only solutions are $f \mapsto c \cdot e^{\lambda x}$, where $c \in \mathbb{C}$

so: $\sigma_p(T_1) = \mathbb{R}$... for each λ the function $t \mapsto e^{\lambda t}$ belongs to $D(T_1)$

$\sigma_p(T_2) = \sigma_p(T_3) = \sigma_p(T_4) = \emptyset$

as the boundary conditions yield constant zero function.

$(f(x) = c e^{\lambda x} \Rightarrow f(0) = c, f(1) = c e^\lambda$. If $f(0) = 0$ or $f(1) = 0$, then $c = 0$, hence $f \equiv 0$)

$\sigma_p(T_5): f(0) = f(1) \Rightarrow c = c e^\lambda$, i.e. $e^\lambda = 1$

$\lambda \in \{2k\pi i, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

So $\sigma_p(T_5) = \{2k\pi i, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

(13) Spectrum: $\sigma(T_1) = \mathbb{R}$ (as $\sigma(T_1) \supset \sigma_p(T_1)$)

$\sigma(T_4) = \mathbb{R}$ ($\sigma(T_4) = \sigma(-T_1^*) = \{-\lambda, \lambda \in \sigma(T_1)\} = \sigma$)

$\sigma(T_2) = \emptyset: g \in L^2(0,1) \Rightarrow \exists! f \in AC[0,1]: f' - \lambda f = g$

[Existence and uniqueness theorem, or elementary calculation using integrating factor]

$\sigma(T_5): i T_5$ self-adjoint $\Rightarrow \sigma(T_5) \subset i\mathbb{R}$ by Thm XI.25

$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, consider $i\lambda$. $g \in C^2(0,1)$

$f' - i\lambda f = g$

$f'(x)e^{-i\lambda x} - i\lambda e^{-i\lambda x} f(x) = g(x)e^{-i\lambda x}$

$(f(x)e^{-i\lambda x})' = g(x)e^{-i\lambda x}$

$f(x)e^{-i\lambda x} - f(0) = \int_0^x g(s)e^{-i\lambda s} ds$

$f(x) = f(0)e^{i\lambda x} + e^{i\lambda x} \int_0^x g(s)e^{-i\lambda s} ds$

$f(1) = f(0) \Rightarrow$

$f(0) = f(0)e^{i\lambda} + e^{i\lambda} \int_0^1 g(s)e^{-i\lambda s} ds$

$f(0)(1 - e^{i\lambda}) = e^{i\lambda} \int_0^1 g(s)e^{-i\lambda s} ds$

if $i\lambda \notin \sigma_p(T_5)$, then $1 - e^{i\lambda} \neq 0$,

so $f(0) = \frac{e^{i\lambda}}{1 - e^{i\lambda}} \int_0^1 g(s)e^{-i\lambda s} ds$

Conclusion: $\sigma(T_5) = \sigma_p(T_5)$.

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Let T_j be operators on $L^2(0, \infty)$ defined by

$$T_j(f) = f', \text{ where}$$

$$D(T_1) = \{f \in AC_{loc}[0, \infty); f, f' \in L^2(0, \infty)\}$$

$$D(T_2) = \{f \in D(T_1); f(0) = 0\}$$

① $T_2 \subset T_1$, T_1, T_2 are densely defined, because $\mathcal{D}(0, \infty) \subset D(T_2) \subset D(T_1)$ and $\mathcal{D}(0, \infty)$ is dense in $L^2(0, \infty)$ by Lemma VII.1.

② $f \in D(T_1) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$

$f \in D(T_1) \Rightarrow f$ cts on $[0, \infty)$; $f \in L^2(0, \infty) \Rightarrow |f|^2 \in L^1(0, \infty)$

$$|f(x)|^2 = |f(x)|^2 + \int_0^x (|f|^2)' = |f(x)|^2 + \int_0^x \underbrace{f' \bar{f} + f \bar{f}'}_{\in L^1(0, \infty) \text{ by Holder}}$$

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 $|f|^2 = f \bar{f}$

So, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f(x)|^2$ exists. Since $|f|^2 \in L^1 \Rightarrow$ the limit must be zero.

So $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ for $x \rightarrow \infty$

③ $T_1^* \supset -T_2, T_2^* \supset -T_1$

integration by parts for AC functions

$$f, g \in D(T_1) \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty f' \bar{g} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^x f' \bar{g} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left([f \bar{g}]_0^x - \int_0^x f \bar{g}' \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\underbrace{f(x) \bar{g}(x)}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ for } x \rightarrow \infty; \text{ by } \textcircled{2}} - f(0) \bar{g}(0) - \int_0^x f \bar{g}' \right)$$

$$= -f(0) \bar{g}(0) - \int_0^\infty f \bar{g}'$$

hence:

$$(\square) \forall f, g \in D(T_1) : \int_0^\infty f' \bar{g} = -f(0) \bar{g}(0) - \int_0^\infty f \bar{g}'$$

If f or g belongs to $D(T_2)$, then $f(\infty) \overline{g(\infty)} = 0$.

$$\text{So : } f \in D(T_1), g \in D(T_2) \Rightarrow \langle T_1 f | g \rangle = - \langle f | T_2 g \rangle \\ \Rightarrow -T_2 \subset T_1^*$$

$$f \in D(T_2), g \in D(T_1) \Rightarrow \langle T_2 f | g \rangle = - \langle f | T_1 g \rangle \\ \Rightarrow -T_1 \subset T_2^*$$

$$\textcircled{9} D(T_j^*) \subset D(T_1) \quad , j=1,2$$

$$g \in D(T_j^*) \Rightarrow \exists h \in C^2(0, \infty) \quad \forall f \in D(T_j) : \int_0^\infty f' \bar{g} = \int_0^\infty f \bar{h}$$

Define $H(x) = \int_0^x h$, $x \in [0, \infty)$. Then $H \in AC_{loc}[0, \infty)$, $H(0) = 0$, $H' = h$

$$\text{Thus } \forall f \in D(T_j) : \int_0^\infty f' \bar{g} = \int_0^\infty f \bar{h} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^r f \bar{h} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left(\underbrace{[f \bar{H}]_0^r}_{= f(r) \overline{H(r)} - \underbrace{f(0) \overline{H(0)}}_{=0}} - \int_0^r f' \bar{H} \right) \\ = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} (f(r) \overline{H(r)} - \int_0^r f' \bar{H})$$

$$\text{So, } \forall f \in D(T_j) : \int_0^\infty f' \bar{g} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} (f(r) \overline{H(r)} - \int_0^r f' \bar{H}) \quad (\Delta)$$

Since $D(T_j) \supset C_c^\infty(0, \infty)$, we get

$$\forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(0, \infty) : \int_0^\infty \varphi' \bar{g} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} (\varphi(r) \overline{H(r)} - \int_0^r \varphi' \bar{H}) \\ \stackrel{\rightarrow 0 \text{ for } r \text{ large enough}}{=} - \int_0^\infty \varphi' \bar{H}$$

$$\text{Hence } \forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(0, \infty) : \int_0^\infty \varphi' (\bar{g} + \bar{H}) = 0.$$

So, $\bar{g} + \bar{H}$ is constant (by Prop. III-3)

Hence $\exists c \in \mathbb{R} : \bar{g} + \bar{H} = c$, thus $\bar{g} = c - \bar{H}$. (in particular)

$$\bar{g} \in AC_{loc}[0, \infty). \text{ We know } g \in L^2(0, \infty) \text{ and } g' = -H' = -h \in C^2(0, \infty) \\ \Rightarrow g \in D(T_1)$$

⑤ By ④ and ③ we deduce $T_2^* = -T_1$

⑥ $T_1^* = -T_2$: $g \in D(T_1^*) \stackrel{④}{\Rightarrow} g \in D(T_1)$.

By ④ we know that $\bar{g} = C - \overline{H}$, clearly $C = \overline{g(\omega)}$ (as $H(\omega) = 0$)

$$\text{so, } \overline{H} = \overline{g(\omega)} - \bar{g}$$

Plug this to ②):

$$g \in D(T_1^*) \Rightarrow \forall f \in D(T_1): \int_0^\infty f' \bar{g} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(f(\omega) (\overline{g(\omega)} - \bar{g}(\omega)) - \int_0^n f' (\overline{g(\omega)} - \bar{g}) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\underbrace{f(\omega) \overline{g(\omega)}}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ by } ②} - \underbrace{f(\omega) \bar{g}(\omega)}_{\text{by } ②} - \underbrace{\int_0^n f' \overline{g(\omega)}}_{\text{by } ②} + \underbrace{\int_0^n f' \bar{g}}_{\rightarrow \int_0^\infty f' \bar{g}} \right)$$

\downarrow by ②
 $(f(\omega) - f(0)) \overline{g(\omega)}$

$$= f(0) \overline{g(\omega)} + \int_0^\infty f' \bar{g}$$

So, $\forall f \in D(T_1): f(0) \overline{g(\omega)} = 0$.

Since there is $f \in D(T_1)$ with $f(0) \neq 0$, we deduce $\overline{g(\omega)} = 0$,
 so $g \in D(T_2)$.

⑦ We have proved $T_1^* = -T_2, T_2^* = -T_1$, hence T_1, T_2 are closed and iT_2 is symmetric.

⑧ Eigenvalues: $T_j \cdot f = \lambda f \Rightarrow f' = \lambda f \Rightarrow f(x) = c \cdot e^{\lambda x}$

• T_1 : $t \mapsto e^{\lambda t}$ belongs to $D(T_1) \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0$
 so, $\sigma_p(T_1) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0 \}$

• T_2 : the central condition $f(\omega) = 0$ prevents any nontrivial solution. So, $\sigma_p(T_2) = \emptyset$

- ⑨ Spectrum:
- $\sigma(T_1) \supset \overline{\sigma_p(T_1)} = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq 0\}$
 - $\sigma(T_2) = \{\bar{\lambda}; \lambda \in \sigma(T_1^*)\} = \{\bar{\lambda}; \lambda \in \sigma(T_1)\}$
 $\supset \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq 0\}$

iT_2 is symmetric, $\sigma(iT_2) = i\sigma(T_2) \supset \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Im} \lambda \geq 0\}$

Assume $\operatorname{Im} \lambda < 0$. The $\lambda I - iT_2$ is one-to-one and has closed range (by Lemma 11.24).

Further,

$$R(\lambda I - iT_2)^\perp \stackrel{\text{Prop. 11.18}}{=} \ker(\lambda I + iT_2^*) = \ker(\bar{\lambda} I - iT_1)$$

$$\stackrel{4}{=} \ker(-i\bar{\lambda} I - T_1) = \{0\}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} \lambda < 0 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Im} \bar{\lambda} > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(-i\bar{\lambda}) > 0 \Rightarrow -i\bar{\lambda} \notin \sigma_p(T_1)$$

So, $\lambda I - iT_2$ has dense range

So iT_2 is one-to-one and onto, therefore $\lambda \notin \sigma(iT_2)$

Conclusion $\sigma(iT_2) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Im} \lambda \geq 0\}$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma(T_2) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq 0\}$

Thus $\sigma(T_1) = \{\bar{\lambda}; \lambda \in \sigma(T_2)\} = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq 0\}$

① Let T be the operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ defined by

$$Tf = f',$$

$$D(T) = \{f \in AC_{loc}(\mathbb{R}); f, f' \in L^2(\mathbb{R})\}$$

① T is densely defined as $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}) \subset D(T)$ and $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ is dense in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ by Lemma III.1

② $f \in D(T) \Rightarrow \lim_{r \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(r) = 0$

┌ see [B] ② ┘

③ $T^* \supset -T$:

$f, g \in D(T)$

$$\langle Tf, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f' \bar{g} = \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-r}^r f' \bar{g} \stackrel{\text{integration by parts for AC functions}}{=} \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \left([f \bar{g}]_{-r}^r - \int_{-r}^r f \bar{g}' \right)$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\underbrace{f(r) \bar{g}(r) - f(-r) \bar{g}(-r)}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ by } \textcircled{2}} - \int_{-r}^r f \bar{g}' \right)$$

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f \bar{g}' = \langle f, -Tg \rangle$$

④ $T^* \subset -T$

$g \in D(T^*) \Rightarrow \exists h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \forall f \in D(T): \langle Tf, g \rangle = \langle f, h \rangle$

$H(x) = \int_0^x h, x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $H \in AC_{loc}(\mathbb{R}), H' = h, H(0) = 0$

$$Tg \forall f \in D(T): \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f' \bar{g} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f \bar{h} = \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-r}^r f \bar{h} =$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \left([f \bar{H}]_{-r}^r - \int_{-r}^r f' \bar{H} \right) = \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \left(f(r) \bar{H}(r) - f(-r) \bar{H}(-r) - \int_{-r}^r f' \bar{H} \right)$$

Since $\mathcal{D}(T) \supset \mathcal{D}(H)$, we have

$$\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(H), \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi' \bar{g} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left(\underbrace{\varphi(r) \overline{H(r)} - \varphi(-r) \overline{H(-r)}}_{=0 \text{ for } r \text{ large enough}} - \int_{-r}^r \varphi' \overline{H} \right)$$

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi' \overline{H} \quad \text{So } \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(H): \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi' (\overline{H} + g) = 0$$

So, $H+g$ is constant (by Prop. III.3)

$\Rightarrow \exists c \in \mathbb{C}: g = c - H$. This $g \in AC_{loc}(\mathbb{R})$
 Further, $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $g' = -h \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$
 So, $g \in \mathcal{D}(T)$.

⑤ So, $T^* = -T$. In particular, T is closed and $\sigma(T)$ is self-adjoint.

⑥ Eigenvalues: $Tf = \lambda f \Rightarrow f = \lambda f' \Rightarrow f = ce^{\lambda t}$.
 But $t \mapsto e^{\lambda t}$ never belongs to $L^2(\mathbb{R})$
 So, $\sigma_p(T) = \emptyset$

⑦ Spectrum: iT self-adjoint $\Rightarrow \sigma(iT) \subset \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \sigma(T) \subset i\mathbb{R}$

Take $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and consider $\sigma(\lambda I - T)$. Is it empty?

$g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$:

$$i\lambda f - f' = g$$

$$i\lambda f(t)e^{-i\lambda t} - f'(t)e^{-i\lambda t} = g(t)e^{-i\lambda t}$$

$$(-f'(t)e^{-i\lambda t})' = g(t)e^{-i\lambda t}$$

$$-f(t) e^{-c\lambda t} + f(0) = \int_0^t g(s) e^{-c\lambda s} ds$$

$$f(t) = e^{c\lambda t} \left(f(0) - \int_0^t g(s) e^{-c\lambda s} ds \right)$$

$$f \in D(T) \stackrel{②}{\Rightarrow} \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^t g(s) e^{-c\lambda s} ds$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} - \int_t^0 g(s) e^{-c\lambda s} ds$$

There are $g \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ for which the equalities fail,
for example $g = \chi_{(0,r)}$ for suitable $r > 0$

Then the second limit is 0

$$\text{and the first one } \int_0^r e^{-c\lambda s} ds = \left[\frac{e^{-c\lambda s}}{-c\lambda} \right]_0^r$$

$$= \frac{e^{-c\lambda r} - 1}{-c\lambda} \neq 0 \text{ if } \lambda r \text{ is not a multiple of } 2\pi$$

(if $\lambda \neq 0$;
if $\lambda = 0$, then the integral = r)

Conclusion: $\sigma(T) = i\mathbb{R}$