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## Notations

$\mathcal{L}(X)$	The algebra of all bounded linear operators from $X$ into itself
$N(A)$	The null space of $A$
$R(A)$	The range space of $A$
$\mathcal{K}(X)$	The ideal of all compact operators on $X$
$\mathcal{C}(X)$	The set of all closed densely defined linear operators on $X$
$\mathcal{W}(X, Y)$	The family of weakly compact operators from $X$ to $Y$
$\mathcal{S}(X, Y)$	The set of strictly singular operators from $X$ to $Y$
$\mathcal{CS}(X, Y)$	The set of strictly cosingular operators from $X$ to $Y$
$\mathcal{I}(X)$	An arbitrary non zero two sided ideal of $\mathcal{L}(X)$
$\sigma(A)$	The spectrum of $A$
$\rho(A)$	The resolvent set of $A$
$\Phi(X)$	The set of Fredholm operators on $X$
$\alpha(A)$	The nullity of $A$ is defined as the dimension of $N(A)$
$\beta(A)$	The deficiency of $A$ is defined as the codimension of $R(A)$
$I$	Operator of identity
$\mathcal{F}(X)$	The set of Fredholm perturbation on $X$
$\Phi_+(X)$	The set of upper semi-Fredholm operators on $X$
$\Phi_-(X)$	The set of lower semi-Fredholm operators on $X$

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# *Introduction*

The theory of the essential spectra of linear operators in Banach space is a modern section of the spectral analysis widely used in the mathematical and physical sense when resolving a number of applications that can be formulated in terms of linear operators.

In first chapter we recall the basic properties of the spectrum of bounded and unbounded linear operator in a Banach space, introducing the basic notations necessary to study linear adjoint operators for normed and Hilbert spaces and we present some classical quantities associated with an operator, these quantities such as the closed and closable of an operator are defined in the first section and are the basic bricks in the construction of one of the most important branches of spectral theory, the theory of Fredholm operators and essential spectrum

In the second chapter we give a survey of results concerning various types and Fredholm perturbations, the ideal of strictly singular and strictly cosingular operators which occur in Fredholm theory.

The third chapter provides the Invariance of Schechter Essential spectrum by their bounded perturbations and extension to unbounded perturbations

The last chapter deals with the Schechter essential spectrum of singular transport equations

# Chapitre 1

## Basic Properties

### 1.1 Generalities about Closed operators

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces. A mapping  $A$  which assigns to each element  $x$  of a set  $D(A) \subset X$  a unique element  $y \in Y$  is called an operator (or transformation), the set  $D(A)$  on which  $A$  acts is called the domain of  $A$ .

#### Definition 1.1.1

The operator  $A$  is called *linear*, if  $D(A)$  is a subspace of  $X$  and if  $A(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha Ax + \beta Ay$  for all scalars  $\alpha, \beta$  and all elements  $x, y$  in  $D(A)$ .

We note by a pair  $(A, D(A))$  the operator  $A$  with domain  $D(A)$

#### Definition 1.1.2

The operator  $A$  is called *bounded*, if there is a constant  $M$  such that  $\|Ax\| \leq M \|x\|$ . The norm of such an operator is defined by:

$$\|A\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|}$$

#### Example 1.1.1

The differential operator of first order  $A = i\partial_x$  on  $\mathcal{L}^2([0; 1])$ . It readily seen to be unbounded since one can find a sequence of functions  $\varphi_n \in \mathcal{L}^2([0; 1])$ , given by  $\varphi_n = e^{inx}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , satisfying  $\|\varphi_n\|_{\mathcal{L}^2([0,1])} = 1$  and  $\|A\varphi_n\|_{\mathcal{L}^2([0,1])} = n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Definition 1.1.3**

The graph  $G(A)$  of a linear operator  $A$  on  $D(A) \subset X$  into  $Y$  is the set  $\{(x, Ax) \text{ such that } x \in D(A)\}$  in the product space  $X \times Y$  then  $A$  is called a closed linear operator when its graph  $G(A)$  constitutes a closed linear subspace of  $X \times Y$ . Hence, the notion of a closed linear operator is an extension of the notion of a bounded linear operator.

In other word, we say that  $A$  is closed if for every sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $D(A)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $Ax_n \rightarrow y$ , we have  $x \in D(A)$  and  $Ax = y$

- We denote by  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  the set of all closed, densely defined linear operator if  $X = Y$  then  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y) = \mathcal{C}(X)$

**1.1.1 Closable Operators**

When  $A$  and  $B$  are operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $D(B) \subset D(A)$  with  $Bx = Ax$  for  $x \in D(B)$ , we say that  $A$  is an extension of  $B$  and  $B$  is a restriction of  $A$ , and we write  $B \subset A$ . Equivalently,  $B \subset A$  if and only if  $G(B) \subset G(A)$ . One often wants to know whether a given operator  $A$  has a closed extension, If  $A$  is bounded, this always holds, since we can simply take the operator  $\overline{A}$  with graph  $\overline{G(A)}$ , here  $\overline{G(A)}$  is a graph since  $x_n \rightarrow 0 \in X$  implies  $Ax_n \rightarrow 0$  but when  $A$  is unbounded, one cannot be certain that it has a closed extension. But if  $A$  has a closed extension  $A_1$ , then  $\overline{G(A_1)}$  is a closed subspace of  $X \times Y$  containing  $G(A)$ , hence also containing  $\overline{G(A)}$ , in that case  $\overline{G(A)}$  is a graph, it is in fact the graph of the smallest closed extension of  $A$ , we call it the closure of  $A$  and denote it  $\overline{A}$  (observe that when  $A$  is unbounded, then  $D(\overline{A})$  is a proper subset of  $\overline{D(A)}$ ).

**Definition 1.1.4**

An operator  $A$  is called closable if it has a closed extension, the smallest closed extension of  $A$  whose graph equals  $\overline{G(A)}$  is denoted by  $\overline{A}$  and called the closure of  $A$ , every closable operator has a closure.

**Proposition 1.1.1**

Let  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator, the following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $A$  is closable.



2.  $\overline{G(A)}$  is a graph of an operator.
3. If  $(0, y) \in \overline{G(A)}$  then  $y = 0$ .
4. If for any sequence  $(x_n)_n \subset D(A)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow 0 \in X$  and  $Ax_n \rightarrow y \in Y$  implies  $y = 0$

**Theorem 1.1.1** [1]

Let  $A$  be closed (resp. closable) operator from  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $B \in \mathcal{L}(Z, X)$ , then the operator  $AB$  is closed (resp. closable) with  $D(AB) = \{x \in D(B) : Ax \in D(A)\}$ .

**Proof.**

Let  $z_n \in D(AB)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $z \in Z, y \in Y$  such that  $z_n \rightarrow z$  in  $Z$  and  $ABz_n \rightarrow y$  in  $Y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $B$  is bounded, then  $x_n = Bz_n$  converges to  $Bz$  and so  $Ax_n \rightarrow y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $A$  is closed, we deduce that  $Bz \in D(A)$  and  $ABz = y$ . Now if  $A$  is closable then  $AB$  has a closed extension  $\overline{AB}$ .

Note that the product of two closed operator need not be closed operator. ■

**Example 1.1.2**

Let  $X = C([0; 1])$ ,  $Af = f'$  with  $D(A) = C^1([0; 1])$  and  $\varphi \in C([0, 1])$  such that  $\varphi = 0$  on  $[0, 1/2]$ , define  $B \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  by  $Bf = \varphi f$  for all  $f \in X$ , then the operator  $BA$  with  $D(BA) = D(A)$  is not closed. see this, take functions  $f_n \in D(A)$  such that  $f_n = 1$  on  $[\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $X$  with  $f \notin C^1([0, 1])$ , then,  $BAf_n = \varphi f_n = 0$  converges to 0, but  $f \notin D(A)$

## 1.2 Relatively Boundedness and Relatively Compactness

**Definition 1.2.1**

Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be Banach spaces, and let  $A$  and  $S$  be two linear operators from  $X$  into  $Y$  and from  $X$  into  $Z$ , respectively.

(i)  $S$  is called relatively bounded with respect to  $A$ , or  $A$ -bounded, if  $D(A) \subset D(S)$  and there exist two constants  $a_s \geq 0$  and  $b_s \geq 0$  such that

$$\| Sx \| \leq a_s \| x \| + b_s \| Ax \|, \quad x \in D(A) \quad (1.2.1)$$

The infimum  $\delta$  of all  $b_s$  that holds for some  $a_s \geq 0$  is called relative bound of  $S$  with respect to  $A$  (or  $A$ -bound of  $S$ ).

(ii)  $S$  is called relatively compact with respect to  $A$  (or  $A$ -compact), if  $D(A) \subset D(S)$  and for every bounded sequence  $(X_n)_n \in D(A)$  such that,  $(AX_n)_n \subset Y$  is bounded, the sequence  $(SX_n)_n \subset Z$  contains a convergent subsequence.

**Remark 1.2.1**

The inequality ( 1.2.1) is equivalent to

$$\| SX \|^2 \leq a^2 \| x \|^2 + b^2 \| Ax \|^2 \text{ for all } x \in D(A)$$

where  $a = \sqrt{a_s^2 + a_s b_s}$  and  $b = \sqrt{b_s^2 + a_s b_s}$

**Lemma 1.2.1**

If  $S$  is  $A$ -bounded with an  $A$ -bound  $\delta < 1$ , then  $S$  is  $(A + S)$ -bounded with an  $A$ -bound  $\leq \frac{\delta}{1 - \delta}$ .

**Proof.**

First of all, it should be mentioned that  $A + S$  is will defined as

$$D(A + S) = D(S) \cap D(A) = D(A) \subset D(S)$$

The fact that  $S$  is  $A$ -bounded, there exist  $a_s \geq 0$  and  $\delta \leq b < 1$  such that, for all  $x \in D(A)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \| Sx \| &\leq a_s \| x \| + b_s \| Ax \| \\ &= a_s \| x \| + b_s \| Ax + Sx - Sx \| \\ &= a_s \| x \| + b_s \| Ax + Sx \| + b_s \| Sx \| \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b_s < 1$  it follows that

$$\| Sx \| \leq \frac{a_s}{1 - b_s} \| x \| + \frac{b_s}{1 - b_s} \| (A + S)x \|, x \in D$$

Q.E.D.

Let  $A \in C(X, Y)$ , the graph norm of  $A$  is defined by  $\| x \|_A = \| x \| + \| Ax \|, x \in D(A)$  from the closedness on  $A$  it follows that  $D(A)$  endowed with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_A$  is a Banach space, Let us denote by  $X_A$ , the space  $D(A)$  equipped with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_A$  clearly, the operator  $A$  satisfies  $\| Ax \| \leq \| x \|_A$  and consequently  $A \in L(X)$

Let  $J : X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear operator on  $X$  if  $D(A) \subset D(J)$  then  $J$  will be called  $A$ -defined. If  $J$  is  $A$ -defined, we will denote by  $\hat{J}$  its restriction to  $D(A)$  Moreover, if  $\hat{J} \in L(X)$  we say that  $J$  is  $A$ -bounded. We can easily check that, if  $J$  is closed (or closable), then  $J$  is  $A$ -bounded. ■

**Proposition 1.2.1**

*If  $A$  is closed and  $B$  is closable, then  $D(A) \subset D(B)$  implies that  $B$  is  $A$ -bounded.*

**Proof.**

*If  $A$  is a closed operator, then  $D(A)$  equipped with the graph norm is a Banach space, if we suppose that  $D(A) \subset D(B)$  and  $(B, D(B))$  is closable, then  $D(A) \subset D(\bar{B})$  because the graph norm on  $D(A)$  is stronger than the norm induced from  $X$ , the operator  $\bar{B}$ , considered as an operator from  $D(A)$  into  $X$  is every where defined and closed. On the other hand,  $\bar{B}|_{D(A)} = B$  hence  $B : D(A) \rightarrow X$  is bounded by the closed graph and thus  $B$  is  $A$ -bounded.*

Q.E.D. ■

**Definition 1.2.2**

*We say that an operator  $J$  is  $A$ -closed, if  $x_n \rightarrow x, Ax_n \rightarrow y, Jx_n \rightarrow z$  for  $(x_n)_n \subseteq D(A)$  implies that  $x \in D(J)$  and  $Jx = z$ . An operator  $J$  will be called  $A$ -closable, if  $x_n \rightarrow 0, Ax_n \rightarrow 0, Jx_n \rightarrow z$  implies  $z = 0$*

**Remark 1.2.2**

(i) *If  $J$  is bounded, then  $J$  is  $A$ -bounded.*

(ii) If  $J$  is closed, then  $J$  is  $A$ -closed.

(iii) If  $J$  is closable, then  $J$  is  $A$ -closable.

## 1.3 Compact Operators

### Definition 1.3.1 (*Compact linear operators*)

A linear operator  $A$  defined from a normed space  $E$  into a normed space  $F$  is called a linear compact operator or completely continuous linear operator if for every bounded subset  $G$  of  $E$ ; the image  $A(G)$  is relatively compact in  $F$ . In other words, the closure  $\overline{A(G)}$  is compact

### Theorem 1.3.1 [5] (*Compactness criterion*)

A linear operator  $A$  defined from a normed space  $E$  into a normed space  $F$  is called a linear compact operator or completely continuous linear operator if and only if for every bounded sequence  $\varphi_n$  in  $E$ , the sequence  $A\varphi_n$  in  $F$  has a convergent subsequence.

#### Proof.

Let  $\varphi_n$  be a bounded sequence in  $E$  since the operator  $A$  is compact, then the set  $\{A\varphi_n\}$  is relatively compact in  $F$  where this property shows that  $(A\varphi_n)$  contains a convergent subsequence. Conversely, let us consider any bounded subset  $G$  in  $E$  and let  $\psi_n$  be any sequence in  $A(G)$ , then there exists a bounded sequence  $\varphi_n$  in  $G$ ; such that  $\psi_n = A\varphi_n$ , by assumption,  $A\varphi_n = \psi_n$  contains a convergent subsequence  $\psi_{n_k}$  in  $F$ , thus  $A(G)$  is relatively compact, because for any bounded sequence  $\psi_n$  in  $A(G)$  there exists a convergent subsequence  $\psi_{n_k}$  in  $F$ , in other words, for all bounded set  $G \subset E$  the set  $A(G)$  is relatively compact in  $F$ , hence  $A$  is compact. ■

### Theorem 1.3.2 [5]

The linear combination  $A = \alpha A_1 + \beta A_2$  of compact operators  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  is a compact operator, for every scalars  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

#### Proof.

Let  $\varphi_n$  be a bounded sequence in  $E$  and let  $A\varphi_n$  be a sequence in  $F$ , then  $A\varphi_n(x) = \alpha A_1\varphi_n(x) + \beta A_2\varphi_n(x)$  with  $\varphi_n \in E$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The operators  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are compact,

one can extract from  $A_1\varphi_n$  and  $A_2\varphi_n$  two convergent subsequences which give by their sum a convergent subsequence of  $A\varphi_n$ , hence  $A$  is compact. ■

**Theorem 1.3.3** [5]

*The product  $AB$  of two bounded operators  $A$  and  $B$  is compact if either of operators  $A$  or  $B$  is compact.*

**Proof.**

Let  $\varphi_n$  be a bounded sequence in  $E$  then if we consider  $B$  as a bounded operator the sequence  $B\varphi_n(x)$  is bounded, and from the compactness of the operator  $A$  gives a convergent subsequence  $A(B\varphi_{nk}(x))$  of  $A(B\varphi_n(x))$ , then the operator  $AB$  is compact. On the other hand, if we consider  $B$  as a compact, one can extract from  $B\varphi_n(x)$  a convergent subsequence  $B\varphi_n(x)$  and from the boundedness of the operator  $A$  gives the convergence of the sequence  $A(B\varphi_{nk}(x))$ , hence the operator  $AB$  is compact ■

**Theorem 1.3.4** [5]

*A sequence  $A_n$  of compact operators defined from a normed space  $E$  into a Banach space  $F$  converges uniformly to an operator  $A$ , say  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A_n - A\| = 0$ , then the limit operator  $A$  is compact.*

**Proof.**

Let  $\varphi_n$  be a bounded sequence in  $E$ , the operator  $A_1$  is compact, then one can extract from the sequence  $A_1\varphi_n$  a convergent subsequence, say  $\varphi_n^1$  a subsequence from  $\varphi_n$  such that  $A_1\varphi_n^1$  converges. In the same way, we can extract from the sequence  $A_2\varphi_n^1$  a convergent subsequence, say  $\varphi_n^2$  a subsequence from  $\varphi_n^1$  such that  $A_2\varphi_n^2$  converges. Noting that, we obtain from the bounded sequence  $\varphi_n$  a subsequence  $\varphi_n^2$  such that  $A_1\varphi_n^2$  and  $A_2\varphi_n^2$  both converge, Continuing in this way, we see that, for the compact operators  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$ , there exists a nested subsequences  $\varphi_n^p \subset \dots \varphi_n^2 \subset \varphi_n^1 \subset \varphi_n$  such that the sequences  $A_k\varphi_n^p$  converge for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$ : In order to show the compactness of the operator limit  $A$  we must use the completeness of the space  $F$  and showing that the sequence  $A\varphi_n^p$  is Cauchy sequence. Noting that the sequence  $\varphi_n$  is bounded,

say  $\|\varphi_n\| \leq M$  for all  $n$  hence  $\|\varphi_n^p\| \leq M$  for each  $n$  and  $p$  choose  $n = p$  so that  $\|A_n - A\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3M}$

Since the sequence  $A_n\varphi_n^p$  is Cauchy, because it converges there is  $N$  such that, for all  $p > N$  and  $q > N$ ;

we get

$$\|A_n\varphi_n^p - A_n\varphi_n^q\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\varphi_n^p - A\varphi_n^q\| &= \|A\varphi_n^p - A\varphi_n^p + A\varphi_n^p - A\varphi_n^q + A\varphi_n^q - A\varphi_n^q\| \\ &\leq \|A_n - A\| \|\varphi_n^p\| + \|A_n\varphi_n^p - A_n\varphi_n^q\| + \|A_n\varphi_n^q - A\varphi_n^q\| \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3M}M + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3M} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Remembering that, due to the completeness of the space  $F$  the Cauchy sequence  $A\varphi_n^p$  converges as a subsequence of  $A\varphi_n$  where  $\varphi_n^p$  is a subsequence of an arbitrary bounded sequence  $\varphi_n$  hence the compactness of the operator  $A$ . ■

## 1.4 Adjoint operator.

Recall that when  $X$  is a Banach space, the dual space  $X^* := \mathcal{L}(X; \mathbb{C})$ , consists of the bounded linear functionals  $x^*$  on  $X$  it is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|x^*\|_{X^*} = \inf \{ \|x^*(x)\| : x \in X, \|x\| = 1 \}$$

When  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  is densely defined, we can define the adjoint operator  $A^* : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  as follows:

The domain  $D(A^*)$  consists of the  $y^* \in Y^*$ , for which the linear functional

$$x \mapsto y^*(Ax), x \in D(A)$$

is continuous (from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ ), this means that there is a constant  $c$  (depending on  $y^*$ ) such that

$$|y^*(Ax)| \leq c \|x\|_X, \text{ for all } x \in D(A)$$

Since  $D(A)$  is dense in  $X$ , the mapping extends by continuity to  $X$ , so there is a uniquely determined  $x^* \in X^*$  so that

$$y^*(Ax) = x^*(x), \text{ for } x \in D(A)$$

Since  $x^*$  is determined from  $y^*$ , we can define the operator  $A^*$  from  $Y^*$  to  $X^*$  by:

$$A^*y^* = x^*, \text{ for } y^* \in D(A^*)$$

**Theorem 1.4.1** [6]

Let  $A \in C(X, Y)$ , then there is an adjoint operator  $A^* : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$ , moreover,  $A^*$  is closed. If  $A$  is a bounded operator then  $A^*$  is also a bounded operator from  $Y^*$  into  $X^*$  and moreover,  $\|A^*\| = \|A\|$ , for nonempty sets  $M \subseteq X$  and  $N \subseteq X^*$  we define the annihilators

$$M^\perp = \{f \in X^* : f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in M\}$$

$$N^\perp = \{x \in X : f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in N\}$$

Even if  $M$  and  $N$  are not subspaces, and  $M^\perp$  and  $N^\perp$  are closed subspaces of  $X^*$  and  $X$  respectively, we have  $M^\perp = X^*$  (resp.  $N^\perp = X$ ) if and only if  $M = \{0\}$  (resp.  $N = \{0\}$ )

**Proposition 1.4.1**

Let  $A \in C(X, Y)$  then we have

$$N(A) = R(A^*)^\perp, N(A^*) = R(A)^\perp, \overline{R(A)} = N(A^*)^\perp \text{ and } \overline{R(A^*)} \subset N(A)^\perp$$

Recall that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are Hilbert spaces with scalar product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  we can define the adjoint of  $A \in C(X, Y)$  as follows

$$D(A^*) = \{y \in Y : \exists z \in Y \forall x \in D(A) : \langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle\}, A^*y = z$$

Moreover, if  $A$  is a bounded, we have

$$\text{for all } x \in X, y \in Y : \langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, A^*y \rangle.$$

**Theorem 1.4.2** [6]

Suppose that  $H$  is a Hilbert space and  $A$  is a densely defined operator from  $H$  to itself then  $A$  is closable if and only if  $A^*$  is densely defined, in this case  $\overline{A} = A^{**}$

**Definition 1.4.1**

Let  $H$  is a Hilbert space and  $A$  is a densely defined operator from  $H$  to itself.

- If  $A^*$  is an extension of  $A$ , that is  $A \subset A^*$ , then  $A$  is called a symmetric operator.
- If  $A = A^*$ , then  $A$  is called a self-adjoint operator.
- If  $\bar{A} = A^*$ , then  $A$  is called essentially self-adjoint.
- if  $A$  is a symmetric operator, then for any  $x, y \in D(A)$

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, Ay \rangle$$

- If  $A$  is a symmetric bounded operator, then  $A$  is self-adjoint.
- If  $A$  is a symmetric operator, then  $D(A) \subset D(A^*)$ , So  $A^*$  is densely defined. and  $A$  is closable and  $\bar{A} = A^{**} \subset A^*$ , thus if  $A$  is essentially self-adjoint, then  $\bar{A} = A^{**} = A^*$
- Let  $A$  be a self-adjoint operator and  $B$  be a symmetric operator such that  $A \subset B$ , then  $A = B$ , this is because  $A \subset B \subset B^* \subset A^* = A$ . We see that a symmetric operator can have diferent self-adjoint extension.

## 1.5 Spectrum

**Definition 1.5.1**

Let  $A$  be a closable linear operator in a Banach space  $X$ . The resolvent set and the spectrum of  $A$  are, respectively, defined as

$$\rho(A) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lambda - A \text{ is injective and } (\lambda - A)^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(X) \}, \sigma(A) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \rho(A)$$

and the point spectrum, continuous, and the residual spectrum are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_p(A) &= \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } A \text{ is not injective} \}, \\ \sigma_c(A) &= \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } A \text{ is injective, } \overline{R(\lambda - A)} = X, R(\lambda - A) \neq X \right\} \\ \sigma_r(A) &= \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } A \text{ is injective, } \overline{R(\lambda - A)} \neq X, \right\} \end{aligned}$$



**Remark 1.5.1**

Note that, if  $\rho(A) \neq \emptyset$  then  $A$  is closed. In fact, if  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  then  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}$  is closed, which is also valid for  $\lambda - A$  then, according to the closed graph theorem we deduce that

$$\rho(A) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lambda - A \text{ is bijective} \}$$

and hence

$$\sigma(A) = \sigma_p(A) \cup \sigma_c(A) \cup \sigma_r(A).$$

**Proposition 1.5.1**

Let  $(A, D(A))$  be a closed, densely defined, and linear operator with a nonempty resolvent set  $\rho(A)$ , for each  $\lambda_0 \in \rho(A)$  we have

$$\sigma((\lambda_0 - A)^{-1}) = (\lambda_0 - \sigma(A))^{-1}$$

## 1.6 Essential Fredholm spectra

### 1.6.1 Fredholm Operators

**Definition 1.6.1**

A closed, densely defined linear operator  $A$  on a Banach space  $X$  is said to be a Fredholm operator if it satisfies

- (i)  $\alpha(A) = \dim(N(A)) < \infty$ ,
- (ii)  $R(A)$  is closed
- (iii)  $\beta(A) = \text{co dim}(R(A)) < \infty$

**Remark 1.6.1**

The number  $i(A) = \alpha(A) - \beta(A)$  is called the index of  $A$  densely defined, closed operators on  $X$  satisfying (i) and (ii) are said to be upper semi-Fredholm operators, and those satisfying (ii) and (iii) are called lower semi-Fredholm operators.

- Let  $\Phi(X)$  denote the set of Fredholm operators,  $\Phi_+(X)$  denote the set of upper semi-Fredholm operators, and  $\Phi_-(X)$  denote the set of lower semi-Fredholm operators.

Then we have

$$\Phi_+(X) := \{A \in \mathcal{C}(X) \text{ such that } \alpha(A) < \infty \text{ and } R(A) \text{ is closed in } X\},$$

$$\Phi_-(X) := \{A \in \mathcal{C}(X) \text{ such that } \beta(A) < \infty \text{ and } R(A) \text{ is closed in } X\},$$

$$\Phi(X) := \Phi_+(X) \cap \Phi_-(X),$$

and  $\Phi_+(X) := \Phi_+(X) \cup \Phi_-(X)$  the set of semi-Fredholm operators from  $X$  into itself

**Proposition 1.6.1**

If  $A \in L(X)$  we consider the quantities  $r(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \alpha(A^n)$  and  $r'(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \beta(A^n)$ . It is well known that if  $A = I - K$  with  $K \in \mathcal{K}(X)$  then both  $r(A)$  and  $r'(A)$  are finite, we next denote by  $\Phi^*(X)$  the set  $\Phi^*(X) := \{A \in \Phi(X) \text{ such that } r(A) < \infty, r'(A) < \infty\}$

**1.6.2 Schechter essential spectrum**

Let  $A$  be a self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space. A spectral singularity is said to be in the essential spectrum if it is a limit point of the spectrum of  $A$  (where eigenvalues are counted according to their multiplicities and hence infinite-dimensional eigenvalues are included.), i.e., all points of the spectrum except isolated eigenvalues of finite multiplicity

- When dealing with non-self-adjoint closed, densely defined linear operators on Banach spaces, there are many ways to define the essential spectrum, densely defined linear operators

**Definition 1.6.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces and let  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ . We define the Schechter essential spectrum of the operator  $A$  by

$$\sigma_{ess}(A) = \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{K}(X)} \sigma(A + K)$$

The following proposition gives a characterization of the Schechter essential spectrum by means of Fredholm operators

**Proposition 1.6.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces and let  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ , then

$$\lambda \notin \sigma_{ess} \text{ if and only if } \lambda \in \Phi_A^0$$

where  $\Phi_A^0 = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \text{ such that } \lambda - A \in \Phi(X) \text{ and } i(\lambda - A) = 0\}$

**Remark 1.6.2** Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the set of complex numbers. If  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  we define the sets

$$\Phi_A := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lambda - A \in \Phi(X)\}$$

$$\Phi_{+A} := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lambda - A \in \Phi_+(X)\}$$

$$\Phi_{-A} := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lambda - A \in \Phi_-(X)\}$$

As is well known,  $\Phi_A, \Phi_{+A}$  and  $\Phi_{-A}$  are open subsets of the complex plane

**Proposition 1.6.3**

Let  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  and define the sets

$$\sigma_{e1}(A) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lambda - A \notin \Phi_+(X)\} := \mathbb{C} \setminus \Phi_{+A}$$

$$\sigma_{e2}(A) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lambda - A \notin \Phi_-(X)\} := \mathbb{C} \setminus \Phi_{-A}$$

$$\sigma_{e3}(A) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lambda - A \notin \Phi_-(X) \cup \Phi_+(X)\} := \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\Phi_{-A} \cup \Phi_{+A}\}$$

$$\sigma_{e4}(A) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lambda - A \notin \Phi(X)\} := \mathbb{C} \setminus \Phi$$

$$\sigma_{e5}(A) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \rho_5(A)$$

$$\sigma_{e6}(A) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \rho_6(A)$$

$\sigma_{e1}$  and  $\sigma_{e2}$  are the Gustafson and Weidmann essential spectra,  $\sigma_{e3}$  is the Kato essential spectrum,  $\sigma_{e4}$  is the Wolf essential spectrum,  $\sigma_{e5}$  is the Schechter essential spectrum, and  $\sigma_{e6}$  denotes the Browder essential spectrum.

- Note that, in general, we have  $\sigma_{e3}(A) \subset \sigma_{e4}(A) \subset \sigma_{e5}(A) \subset \sigma_{e6}(A)$ , but if  $A$  is a self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space, then  $\sigma_{e1}(A) = \sigma_{e2}(A) = \sigma_{e3}(A) = \sigma_{e4}(A) = \sigma_{e5}(A) = \sigma_{e6}(A)$ ,

# Chapitre 2

## classes of perturbations operators

In this chapter we concentrate our attention on some perturbation classes of operators which occur in Fredholm theory, in this theory we find two fundamentally different classes of operators, such as the class of Fredholm operators, the classes of upper and lower semi-Fredholm operators, and ideals of operators, such as the classes of finite-dimensional, compact operators.

### 2.1 weakly compact

#### Definition 2.1.1

An operator  $A \in L(X)$  is said to be weakly compact, if  $A(B)$  is relatively weakly compact in  $Y$ , for every bounded subset  $B \subset X$

#### Definition 2.1.2

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces, and let  $S$  and  $A$  be linear operators from  $X$  into  $Y$ .  $S$  is called relatively weakly compact with respect to  $A$ . or ( $A$ -weakly compact)  $D(A) \subset D(S)$  and, for every bounded sequence  $x_n \in D(A)$  such that  $(Ax_n)_n$  is bounded, the sequence  $(Sx_n)_n$  contains a weakly convergent subsequence.

#### Definition 2.1.3

Let  $A \in L(X)$ ,  $A$  is called a power-compact operator, if there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$  satisfying  $A^m \in \mathcal{K}(X)$

**Remark 2.1.1**

The family of weakly compact operators from  $X$  into  $Y$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{W}(X, Y)$  if  $X = Y$  the family of weakly compact operators on  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{W}(X, X) = \mathcal{W}(X)$  is a closed two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$  containing  $\mathcal{K}(X)$ .

## 2.2 strictly singular and strictly cosingular operator

**Definition 2.2.1**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces. An operator  $A \in L(X)$  is called strictly singular if, for every infinite-dimensional subspace  $M$  the restriction of  $A$  to  $M$  is not a homeomorphism, Let  $\mathcal{S}(X, Y)$  denote the set of strictly singular operators from  $X$  into  $Y$

- The concept of strictly singular operators as a generalization of the notion of compact operators.

**Remark 2.2.1**

The set  $\mathcal{S}(X, Y)$  is a closed subspace of  $L(X)$  if  $X = Y$  then  $\mathcal{S}(X) := \mathcal{S}(X, X)$  is a closed two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$  containing  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  if  $X$  is a Hilbert space then  $\mathcal{K}(X) = \mathcal{S}(X)$  and the class of weakly compact operators on  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -spaces (respectively  $\mathcal{C}(K)$ -spaces with  $K$  a compact Hausdorff space) is nothing else but the family of strictly singular operators on  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -spaces (respectively  $\mathcal{C}(K)$ -spaces)

**Remark 2.2.2**

Let  $X$  be a Banach space. If  $N$  is a closed subspace of  $X$ , we denote by  $\pi_N^X$  the quotient map  $X \rightarrow X/N$  the codimension of  $N$ ,  $\text{codim}(N)$  is defined to be the dimension of the vector space  $X/N$

**Definition 2.2.2**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces and  $S \in L(X)$ .  $S$  is said to be strictly cosingular from  $X$  into  $Y$  if there exists no closed subspace  $N$  of  $Y$  with  $\text{codim} = \infty$  such that  $\pi_N^Y S : X \rightarrow Y/N$  is surjective.

Let  $CS(X, Y)$  denote the set of strictly cosingular operators from  $X$  into  $Y$

**Definition 2.2.3**

A normed linear space  $X$  is called subprojective if for every closed infinite-dimensional subspace  $W$  of  $X$  there exists a closed infinite-dimensional subspace  $W_1$  of  $W$  and a projection from  $W$  into  $W_1$

**Proposition 2.2.1** [2]

The  $L_p$  spaces  $2 \leq p < \infty$  are subprojective and the spaces  $L_p$  ( $1 < p < 2$ ) are not subprojective

**Proposition 2.2.2**

Suppose  $X$  is reflexive and  $X'$  is subprojective, then if  $S \in L(X)$  is strictly singular, So is  $S'$

**Proposition 2.2.3**

Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be Banach spaces and let  $A$  be a closed, densely defined linear operator from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Suppose  $B \in L(Y, Z)$  with  $\alpha(B) < \infty$  and  $BA \in \Phi(X, Z)$  then  $A \in \Phi(X, Y)$

**Proposition 2.2.4**

Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be Banach spaces and let  $A$  be an operator in  $\Phi(X, Y)$  Suppose  $B$  is a closed, densely defined linear operator from  $Y$  to  $Z$  such that  $BA \in \Phi(X, Z)$  Then  $B \in \Phi(Y, Z)$

- Let  $X_p$  denote the space  $L_p(\Omega, d\mu)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ), where  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  stands for a positive measure space

**Proposition 2.2.5** [2]

Let  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X_p)$  and let  $S \in L(X)$  then we have:

- (i) If  $A \in \Phi_+(X_p)$  then  $A + S \in \Phi_+(X_p)$  for each  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$
- (ii) if  $p \in [1, 2]$  and  $A \in \Phi_-(X_p)$  then  $A + S \in \Phi_-(X_p)$
- (iii) if  $p \in [1, 2]$  and  $A \in \Phi_+(X_p) \cup \Phi_-(X_p)$  then  $A + S \in \Phi_+(X_p) \cup \Phi_-(X_p)$ .
- (iv) if  $A \in \Phi(X_p)$  then  $A + S \in \Phi(X_p)$  and  $i(A + S) = i(A)$  for each  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

**Proof.**

(i) This consequence of [1]

(ii) If  $p \in [1, 2]$ , then  $X_p$  is reflexive. Hence, by (Proposition 2.2.1),  $X'_p$  is subprojective. Therefore (Proposition 2.2.2) shows that  $S' \in L(X)$ , it suffices to apply (i) to  $A' + S'$

(iii) This immediately follows from (i) and (ii)

(iv) If  $A \in \Phi(X_p)$ , there exist  $A_1 \in L(X)$  and  $k \in \mathcal{K}(X_p)$  such that

$$AA_1 = I - K \text{ on } X_p \quad (2.2.1)$$

This implies

$$(A + S)A_1 = I - K + SA_1 = I - F \quad (2.2.2)$$

Since  $A + S \in \mathcal{C}(X_p)$ , we can make  $D(A + S) = D(A)$  into a Banach space by introducing the norm

$$\| \| x \| \| = \| x \| + \| Ax \|$$

Let  $Z_p$  denote this Banach space and  $\hat{S}$  denote the restriction of  $S$  to  $D(A)$ . Clearly  $A + \hat{S}$  and  $\hat{S}$  are bounded operators from  $Z_p$  into  $X_p$ . Clearly Eq (2.2.1) shows that  $AA_1$  is a Fredholm operator satisfying  $i(AA_1) = 0$ .

Moreover, applying (Proposition 2.2.3) to  $AA_1$  we get  $A_1 \in \Phi(X_p, Z_p)$  and

$$i(A) = -i(A_1) \quad (2.2.3)$$

On the other hand, since  $F \in P(X_p)$ , we see that  $F^2 \in K(X_p)$  therefore Eq.(2.2.2) imply that

$$(A + S)A_1 \in \Phi(X_p) \text{ and } i[(A + S)A_1] = 0$$

Now using the fact that  $A_1 \in \Phi(X_p, Z_p)$  and (Proposition 2.2.4), we obtain

$$A + \hat{S} \in \Phi(Z_p, X_p), A + S \in \Phi(X_p)$$

and

$$i(A + S) = -i(A_1) \quad (2.2.4)$$

Finally, Eqs (2.2.3) and (2.2.4) imply  $i(A + S) = i(A)$ , which achieves the proof. Q.E.D.

■

## 2.3 Fredholm perturbations

### Definition 2.3.1

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces and let  $F \in L(X)$ .  $F$  is called a Fredholm perturbation if  $U + F \in \Phi^b(X, Y)$  whenever  $U \in \Phi^b(X, Y)$

- The set of Fredholm perturbations is denoted by  $\mathcal{F}(X, Y)$  this class of operators is shown that  $\mathcal{F}^b(X, Y)$  is closed subset of  $\mathcal{I}(X, Y)$  and if  $X = Y$  then  $\mathcal{F}^b(X) := \mathcal{F}^b(X, X)$  is closed two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$

**Proposition 2.3.1**

Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be three Banach spaces. If at least one of the sets  $\Phi^b(X, Y)$  and  $\Phi^b(Y, Z)$  is not empty, then

- (i)  $F \in \mathcal{F}^b(X, Y), A \in L(Y, Z)$  imply  $AF \in \mathcal{F}^b(X, Z)$
- (ii)  $F \in \mathcal{F}^b(Y, Z), A \in L(X)$  imply  $FA \in \mathcal{F}^b(X, Z)$

**Definition 2.3.2**

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $R \in L(X)$ ,  $R$  is said to be a Riesz operator if  $\Phi_R = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

**Remark 2.3.1**

- (a) The family of Riesz operators is not an ideal of  $L(X)$
- (b) it is proved that  $\mathcal{F}^b(X)$  is the largest ideal of  $L(X)$  contained in the family of Riesz operators.

**Remark 2.3.2**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces, If in (Definition 2.3.1) we replace  $\Phi^b(X, Y)$  by  $\Phi(X, X)$  we obtain the set  $\mathcal{F}(X, Y)$ , let  $X$  be an arbitrary Banach space.

$$\mathcal{F}(X) = \mathcal{F}^b(X)$$

**Lemma 2.3.1**

An immediate consequence of this result is that  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  is a closed two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$

**Definition 2.3.3**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces and let  $F \in L(X)$ ,  $F$  is called a upper (respectively lower) Fredholm perturbation if  $U+F \in \Phi_+^b(X, Y)$  (respectively  $\Phi_-^b(X, Y)$ ) whenever  $U \in \Phi_+^b(X, Y)$  (respectively  $\Phi_-^b(X, Y)$ ).

**Remark 2.3.3**

The sets of upper semi-Fredholm and lower semi-Fredholm perturbations are denoted by



$\mathcal{F}_+^b(X, Y)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_-^b(X, Y)$  respectively. It is shown that  $\mathcal{F}_+^b(X, Y)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_-^b(X, Y)$  are closed subsets of  $L(X)$  and if  $X = Y$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_+^b := \mathcal{F}_+^b(X, Y)$  is a closed two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$ . In general, we have the following inclusions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}(X) &\subset \mathcal{S}(X) \subset \mathcal{F}_+^b \subset \mathcal{J}(X) \\ \mathcal{K}(X) &\subset \mathcal{CS}(X) \subset \mathcal{F}_-^b \subset \mathcal{J}(X) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_-^b(X) := \mathcal{F}_-^b(X, X)$  and  $\mathcal{J}(X)$  denotes the set

$$\mathcal{J}(X) = \{F \in \mathcal{L}(X) \text{ such that } I - F \in \Phi(X) \text{ and } i(\lambda - F) = 0\}$$

**Lemma 2.3.2** Let  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  and let  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  be any nonzero ideal of  $L(X)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{F}_0(X) \subset \mathcal{I}(X) \subset \mathcal{J}(X)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_0(X)$  stands for the ideal of finite rank operators, if  $A \in \Phi(X)$  and if  $J \in \mathcal{I}(X)$  then  $A + J \in \Phi(X)$  and  $i(A + J) = i(A)$

# Chapitre 3

## Invariance of Schechter Essential Spectrum

Let  $X$  be a fixed Banach space and let  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  an arbitrary nonzero two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$  satisfying the condition

$$\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{I}(X) \subset \mathcal{F}(X) \quad (3.0.1)$$

### 3.1 Bounded perturbations

The first result in this section is given on the following theorem

**Theorem 3.1.1** [7]

Let  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X_p)$  Then

$$\sigma_{ess}(A) = \bigcap_{S \in \mathcal{S}(X)} \sigma(A + S)$$

*Proof.* see [3] ■

#### 3.1.1 D-P property

**Definition 3.1.1**

A Banach space  $X$  is said to have the **Dunford-Pettis** property (for short property **DP**) if for each Banach space  $Y$  every weakly compact operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  takes weakly compact sets in  $X$  into norm compact sets of  $Y$ .

**Proposition 3.1.1**

It is well known that any  $L_1$  space has the property **DP**, also if  $\Omega$  is a compact Hausdorff space then  $C(\Omega)$  has the property **DP**, note that the property **DP** is not preserved under conjugation.

However, if  $X$  is a Banach space whose dual has the property **DP** then  $X$  has the property **DP**

**Theorem 3.1.2**

Let  $A \in C(X)$  if  $X$  has the Dunford–Pettis property, then

$$\sigma_{ess}(A) = \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{W}(X)} \sigma(A + F)$$

**Theorem 3.1.3** [2]

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $A \in C(X)$ . if  $X$  has the Dunford–Pettis property then

$$\sigma_{ess}(A) = \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}_A^F(X)} \sigma(A + C)$$

where  $\mathcal{G}_A^F(X) = \{K \in \mathcal{L}(X) \text{ such that } (\lambda - A)^{-1}K \in \mathcal{W}(X) \text{ for some } \lambda \in \rho(A)\}$

- Let  $X$  be a fixed Banach space and let  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  an arbitrary nonzero two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$  satisfying the condition

$$\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{I}(X) \subset \mathcal{F}(X) \tag{3.1.1}$$

**Remark 3.1.1**

It should be observed that if  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is a nonzero two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$  satisfying the condition  $\mathcal{I}(X) \subset \mathcal{F}(X)$  then  $\mathcal{F}_0(X) \subset \mathcal{I}(X) \subset \mathcal{F}(X)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_0(X)$  stands for the ideal of finite rank operators.

**Definition 3.1.2**

If  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  we define the sets:

$$\mathcal{G}_A(X) = \{K \in \mathcal{L}(X) \text{ such that } (\lambda - A)^{-1}K \in \mathcal{I}(X) \text{ for some } \lambda \in \rho(A)\}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_A(X) = \{K \in \mathcal{L}(X) \text{ such that } K(\lambda - A)^{-1} \in \mathcal{I}(X) \text{ for some } \lambda \in \rho(A)\}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_A(X) = \{K \in \mathcal{L}(X) \text{ such that } (\lambda - A - K)^{-1}K \in \mathcal{J}(X) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \rho(A + K)\}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_A(X) = \{K \in \mathcal{L}(X) \text{ such that } K(\lambda - A - K)^{-1} \in \mathcal{J}(X) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \rho(A + K)\}$$

**Remark 3.1.2**

(i) Observe that, in the definition of the sets  $\mathcal{G}_A(X)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_A(X)$  if an operator satisfies the required condition for a fixed  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  then it satisfies it for every  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$

(ii) We have the following inclusion:

$$\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{G}_A(X) \subset \mathcal{O}_A(X), \mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{D}_A(X) \subset \mathcal{V}_A(X)$$

In fact, let  $K \in \mathcal{G}_A(X)$  (resp.  $K \in \mathcal{D}_A(X)$ ) then  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}K \in \mathcal{I}(X)$  (resp.  $K(\lambda - A)^{-1} \in \mathcal{I}(X)$ ) where  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is an arbitrary nonzero two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$  satisfying the condition (3.0.1)

Let  $\mu \in \rho(A)$ , we have

$$(\lambda - A - K)^{-1}K = [I + (\lambda - A - K)^{-1}(\mu - \lambda + K)](\mu - A)^{-1}K \quad (3.1.2)$$

and

$$K(\lambda - A - K)^{-1} = K(\mu - A)^{-1}[I + (\mu - \lambda + K)(\lambda - A - K)^{-1}] \quad (3.1.3)$$

Using (3.1.2) (resp. (3.1.3)), and the fact that  $\mathcal{I}(A)$  is a two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$  we infer that  $(\lambda - A - K)^{-1}K \in \mathcal{I}(X)$  (resp.  $K(\lambda - A - K)^{-1} \in \mathcal{I}(X)$ ) So,  $K \in \mathcal{O}_A(X)$  (resp.  $K \in \mathcal{V}_A(X)$ )

(iii) If we take  $A := I$  and  $K := I$  then  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}K$  is not in an ideal  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  But  $(\lambda - A - K)^{-1}K$  is in  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  So, the set  $\mathcal{G}_A(X)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}_A(X)$ ) is strictly included in  $\mathcal{O}_A(X)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{V}_A(X)$ ).

We define the right spectrum of  $A$  by

$$\sigma_{rg}(A) = \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{O}_A(X)} \sigma(A + K)$$

Similarly, we define the left spectrum of  $A$  by

$$\sigma_l(A) = \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{V}_A(X)} \sigma(A + K)$$

**Theorem 3.1.4** [2]

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ , then

$$\sigma_{ess}(A) = \sigma_{rg}(A) = \sigma_l(A).$$

**Remark 3.1.3**

a) Note that the sets  $\mathcal{O}_A(X)$  and  $\mathcal{V}_A(X)$  may characterize the Schechter essential spectrum. Since  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{O}_A(X)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{V}_A(X)$  so  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is then the minimal subset of  $L(X)$  (in the sense of inclusion) for which Theorem 3.1.4 holds true. Hence Theorem 3.1.4 provides an improvement of the definition of  $\sigma_{ess}(\cdot)$  valid for a somewhat large variety of subsets of  $L(X)$

b) Note that in applications (transport operators, operators arising in dynamic populations, etc), the operator  $B$  is, in general, a bounded perturbation of  $A \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{L}_p)$  by an integral operator on  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -spaces  $p > 1$ . The integral operator  $K := B - A$  is not compact. For some physical conditions on  $K$ , the operator  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}K$  or  $K(\lambda - A)^{-1}$  are compact on  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -spaces  $p > 1$ , This implies that  $(\lambda - A - k)^{-1}K$  or  $K(\lambda - A - k)^{-1}$  are compact on  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -spaces  $p > 1$

So  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subsetneq \mathcal{O}_A(X)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subsetneq \mathcal{V}_A(X)$

c) For all  $K \in \mathcal{O}_A(X)$ ,  $\sigma_{ess}(A + K) = \sigma_{ess}(A)$

d) For all  $K \in \mathcal{V}_A(X)$ ,  $\sigma_{ess}(A + K) = \sigma_{ess}(A)$

**Proof. (of Theorem 3.1.4)**

We first claim that  $\sigma_{ess}(A) \subset \sigma_r(A)$  (resp.  $\sigma_{ess}(A) \subset \sigma_{\mathcal{L}}(A)$ ). Indeed, if  $\lambda \notin \sigma_r(A)$  (resp.  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\mathcal{L}}(A)$ ) then there exists  $K \in \mathcal{O}_A(X)$  (resp.  $K \in \mathcal{V}_A(X)$ ) such that  $\lambda \in \rho(A + K)$ , hence  $\lambda \in \Phi_{(A+K)}$  and  $i(\lambda - A - K) = 0$ .

Using the equality

$$\lambda - A = (\lambda - A - K) (I + (\lambda - A - K)^{-1} K)$$

$$(\text{resp. } \lambda - A = (I + (\lambda - A - K)^{-1} K) (\lambda - A - K))$$

together with Atkinson's theorem one gets  $\lambda \in \Phi_A$  and  $i(\lambda - A) = 0$ . Finally, shows that  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ess}(A)$  which proves the claim. On the other hand, since  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{O}_A(X)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{V}_A(X)$ ) we infer that  $\sigma_r(A) \subset \sigma_{ess}(A)$  (resp.  $\sigma_{\mathcal{L}}(A) \subset \sigma_{ess}(A)$ ) which completes the proof of theorem. ■

**Corollary 3.1.1**

Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  and let  $\mathcal{T}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{U}(X)$  be any subset of  $L(X)$  (not

necessarily an ideal) satisfying the condition

$$\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{T}(X) \subset \mathcal{O}_A(X), \quad (3.1.4)$$

$$\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{U}(X) \subset \mathcal{V}_A(X) \quad (3.1.5)$$

Then

$$\sigma_{ess}(A) = \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{T}_A(X)} \sigma(A+K) = \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{U}_A(X)} \sigma(A+K)$$

**Remark 3.1.4**

a) Note that any subset  $\mathcal{T}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{U}(X)$  of  $L(X)$  (not necessarily an ideal) satisfying the condition (3.1.4) and (3.1.5) may characterize the Schechter essential spectrum.

b) For all  $K \in \mathcal{T}_A(X)$ ,  $\sigma_{ess}(A+K) = \sigma_{ess}(A)$ .

c) For all  $K \in \mathcal{U}_A(X)$ ,  $\sigma_{ess}(A+K) = \sigma_{ess}(A)$

**Proof. (of Corollary 3.1.1)**

Set

$$\mathcal{Z} := \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{T}_A(X)} \sigma(A+K) \text{ and } \mathcal{Z}' := \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{U}_A(X)} \sigma(A+K)$$

We already know from (3.1.5) and (3.1.4) that  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{T}_A(X) \subset \mathcal{O}_A(X)$ , and  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{U}_A(X) \subset \mathcal{V}_A(X)$ . From this we infer that  $\sigma_r(A) \subset \mathcal{Z} \subset \sigma_{ess}(A)$  and  $\sigma_{\mathcal{L}}(A) \subset \mathcal{Z}' \subset \sigma_{ess}(A)$ .

■

## 3.2 Extension to Unbounded Perturbations

Let  $X$  be a fixed Banach space. Unless otherwise stated in all that follows  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  will denote an arbitrary nonzero two-sided ideal of  $L(X)$  satisfying the condition

$$\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{I}(X) \subset \mathcal{J}(X) \quad (3.2.1)$$

**Definition 3.2.1**

Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $A \in C(X)$  and let  $F$  be an  $A$ -defined linear operator on  $X$ . We say that  $F$  is an  $A$ -Fredholm perturbation if  $\hat{F} \in \mathcal{F}^b(X_A, X)$ ,  $F$  is called a upper (respectively lower)  $A$ -semi-Fredholm perturbation if  $\hat{F} \in \mathcal{F}_+^b(X_A, X)$  (respectively  $\hat{F} \in \mathcal{F}_-^b(X_A, X)$ ).

- The sets of  $A$ -Fredholm, upper  $A$ -semi-Fredholm and lower  $A$ -semi-Fredholm perturbations are denoted by  $AF(X)$ ,  $AF_+(X)$  and  $AF_-(X)$ , respectively.

**Definition 3.2.2**

Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $A \in C(X)$  and let  $J$  be an  $A$ -defined linear operator on  $X$ . We say that  $J$  is  $A$ -compact (respectively  $A$ -weakly compact,  $A$ -strictly singular,  $A$ -strictly cosingular) if  $\hat{J} \in \mathcal{K}(X_A, X)$  (respectively  $\hat{J} \in \mathcal{W}(X_A, X)$ ,  $\hat{J} \in \mathcal{S}(X_A, X)$ ,  $\hat{J} \in \mathcal{CS}(X_A, X)$ ).

**Remark 3.2.1**

Let  $AK(X)$ ,  $AW(X)$ ,  $AS(X)$ , and  $ACS(X)$  denote, respectively, the sets of  $A$ -compact,  $A$ -weakly compact,  $A$ -strictly singular and  $A$ -strictly cosingular on  $X$

**Remark 3.2.2**

If  $J$  is  $A$ -defined and compact (respectively weakly compact, strictly singular, strictly cosingular) then  $J$  is  $A$ -compact (respectively  $A$ -weakly compact,  $A$ -strictly singular,  $A$ -strictly cosingular).

**Definition 3.2.3**

Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $A \in C(X)$ ,  $\rho(A) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $F$  be an  $A$ -defined linear operator on  $X$

We say that  $F$  is an  $A$ -resolvent Fredholm perturbation if

$$\left(\lambda - \hat{A}\right)^{-1} \hat{F} \in \mathcal{F}^b(X_A), \text{ for some } \lambda \in \rho(A).$$

Let  $ARF(X)$  designate the set of  $A$ -resolvent Fredholm perturbation.

**Remark 3.2.3**

Let  $A \in C(X)$  and let  $J$  be an  $A$ -bounded operator on  $X$ , Let  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  Since  $J$  is  $A$ -bounded,  $J(\lambda - A)^{-1}$  is a closed linear operator defined on all of  $X$  and therefore bounded, by the closed graph theorem, We define the set  $\sigma_a(A)$  by

$$\sigma_a(A) = \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{N}_A(X)} \sigma(A + K)$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}_A(X) = \{J \in C(X) \text{ such that } J \text{ is } A\text{-bounded and } J(\lambda - A - J)^{-1} \in \mathcal{J}(X) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \rho(A + J)\}$$

**Remark 3.2.4**

Note that any arbitrary nonzero two-sided ideal  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  of  $L(X)$  realizes the condition  $\mathcal{I}(A) \subset \mathcal{N}_A(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.1** [2]

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ . Then

$$\sigma_{ess}(A) = \sigma_a(A)$$

**Remark 3.2.5**

a) Note that the set  $\mathcal{N}_A(X)$  may characterize the Schechter essential spectrum. Since  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{N}_A(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is the minimal subset of  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  (in the sense of inclusion) for which Theorem 3.2.1 holds true. Hence Theorem 3.2.1 provides an improvement of the definition of  $\sigma_{ess}(\cdot)$  valid for a some what large variety of subsets of  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  to unbounded linear operators.

b) For all  $K \in \mathcal{N}_A(X)$ ,  $\sigma_{ess}(A + K) = \sigma_{ess}(A)$

**Proof. (Proof of Theorem 3.2.1)**

By hypothesis (3.2.1) and Remark (3.2.4) we have  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{N}_A(X)$ . So,  $\sigma_a(A) \subset \sigma_{ess}(A)$

Conversely, let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_a(A)$  then there exists  $J \in \mathcal{N}_A(X)$  such that  $\lambda \in \rho(A + J)$

hence  $\lambda \in \Phi_{(A+J)}$  and  $i(\lambda - A - J) = 0$

Since  $J \in \mathcal{N}_A(X)$  we infer that  $I + J(\lambda - A - J)^{-1}$  is a Fredholm operator and  $i(I + J(\lambda - A - J)^{-1}) = 0$

Using the equality  $\lambda - A = (I + J(\lambda - A - J)^{-1})(\lambda - A - J)$  together with Atkinson's theorem one gets  $\lambda \in \Phi_A$  and  $i(\lambda - A) = 0$ . Finally, shows that  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ess}(A)$  which completes the proof of theorem. ■

**Corollary 3.2.1**

Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  and let  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  be any subset of  $\mathcal{J}(X)$  (not necessarily an ideal) satisfying the condition

$$\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{M}(X) \subset \mathcal{J}(X) \tag{3.2.2}$$

Then

$$\sigma_{ess}(A) = \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{H}_A(X)} \sigma(A + K)$$



where  $\mathcal{H}_A(X) = \{J \in \mathcal{C}(X) \text{ such that } J \text{ is } A\text{-bounded and } J(\lambda - A - J)^{-1} \in \mathcal{M}(X) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \rho\}$

**Remark 3.2.6**

a) Note that any subset  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  of  $L(X)$  (not necessarily an ideal) satisfying the condition (3.2.2) may characterize the Schechter essential spectrum.

b) For all  $K \in \mathcal{H}_A(X)$ ,  $\sigma_{ess}(A + K) = \sigma_{ess}(A)$

**Proof. (Proof of Corollary 3.2.1).**

Set  $\mathcal{Z} := \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{H}_A(X)} \sigma(A + K)$  We already know from (3.2.2) that  $\mathcal{K}(X) \subset \mathcal{H}_A(X) \subset \mathcal{N}_A(X)$ . From this we infer that  $\sigma_a(A) \subset \mathcal{Z} \subset \sigma_{ess}$ . Now, the result follows from Theorem 3.2.1. ■

**Proposition 3.2.1**

Let  $J$  be an arbitrary  $A$ -bounded operator, hence we can regard  $A$  and  $J$  as operators from  $X_A$  into  $X$  they will be denoted by  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{J}$  respectively, these belong to  $L(X)$  furthermore, we have the obvious relations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha(\hat{A}) = \alpha(A), \beta(\hat{A}) = \beta(A), R(\hat{A}) = R(A), \\ \alpha(\hat{A} + \hat{J}) = \alpha(A + J), \\ \beta(\hat{A} + \hat{J}) = \beta(A + J) \text{ and } R(\hat{A} + \hat{J}) = R(A + J) \end{array} \right. \quad (**)$$

**Remark 3.2.7**

(i) For all  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$ , the operator  $(\lambda - \hat{A})^{-1} \in L(X)$  in fact, let  $x \in X$  and put  $Y = (\lambda - A)^{-1}x$  it follows from the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \|y\|_A &= \|y\| + \|\hat{A}y\| = \|y\| + \|\lambda y - x\| \\ &= \|(\lambda - \hat{A})^{-1}x\| + \|(\lambda - \hat{A})^{-1}x - x\| \\ &\leq \left(1 + (1 + |\lambda|) \|(\lambda - \hat{A})^{-1}\|\right) \|x\| \end{aligned}$$

that  $(\lambda - \hat{A})^{-1} \in L(X)$

(ii) If  $F$  is an  $A$ -Fredholm perturbation then  $F$  is an  $A$ -resolvent Fredholm perturbation, In fact, if  $F \in AF(X)$ , then  $\hat{F} \in F^b(X_A, X)$  we have  $(\lambda - \hat{A})^{-1} \in L(X)$  and we have  $(\lambda - \hat{A})^{-1} \hat{F} \in F^b(X_A)$  This proves that  $F \in ARF(X)$ .

# Chapitre 4

## Application to Transport Equations

In this chapter we are concerned with the Schechter essential spectrum of singular transport operators

$$A\Psi(x, v) = -v \cdot \nabla_x \Psi(x, v) - \sigma(v) \Psi(x, v) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} k(v, v') \Psi(x, v') d\mu(v')$$

with vacuum boundary conditions, i.e,  $\Psi\Gamma_- = 0$  with

$$\Gamma_- = \{(x, v) \in \partial D \times \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } u \cdot v_x < 0\}$$

where  $v_x$  stands for the outer unit normal vector at  $x \in \partial D$ .

Here  $x \in D$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $D$  is an open bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $d\mu(\cdot)$  is a bounded positive Radon measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The functions  $\sigma(\cdot)$  and  $k(\cdot, \cdot)$  represent, respectively, the collision frequency and the scattering kernel and will be assumed to be unbounded

We introduce the different notions and notations which we shall need in the sequel Let us first make precise the functional setting of the problem:

Let  $X_p := \mathcal{L}_p(D \times \mathbb{R}^n, dx d\mu(v))$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,

$$X_p^\sigma := \mathcal{L}_p(D \times \mathbb{R}^n, \sigma(v) dx d\mu(v)) \text{ and } \mathcal{L}_p^\sigma(\mathbb{R}^n) := \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbb{R}^n, \sigma(v) d\mu(v))$$

We define the partial Sobolev space  $W_p$  by

$$W_p = \{\Psi \in X_p \text{ such that } v \cdot \nabla_x \Psi \in X_p\}$$

Next we introduce the following subspace of  $W_p$  by

$$W_p = \{ \Psi \in W_p \text{ such that } \Psi|_{\Gamma_-} = 0 \}$$

Now, we define the streaming operator  $T$  by

$$T\Psi(x, v) = -v \cdot \nabla_x \Psi(x, v) - \sigma(v) \Psi(x, v), \Psi \in D(T)$$

$$D(T) = W_p^0 \cap X_p^\sigma$$

The transport operator  $A$  can be formulated as follows  $A = T + K$ , where  $K$  is the following collision operator

$$K : \Psi \rightarrow K\Psi(v) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} k(v, v') \Psi(x, v') d\mu(v') \in \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

with  $\mathcal{L}_p(\mathbb{R}^n) := \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbb{R}^n, d\mu(v))$  that  $K \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{L}_p^\sigma(\mathbb{R}^n), \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbb{R}^n))$  and

$$\| K \|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{L}_p^\sigma(\mathbb{R}^n), \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq \left\| \left[ \int \left( \frac{k(\cdot, v')}{\sigma(v')^{1/p}} \right)^q d\mu(v') \right]^{1/q} \right\|_{\mathcal{L}_p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

Moreover, using the boundedness of  $D$  we find that  $K \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ , with

$$\| K \|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \leq \left\| \left[ \int \left( \frac{k(\cdot, v')}{\sigma(v')^{1/p}} \right)^q d\mu(v') \right]^{1/q} \right\|_{\mathcal{L}_p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

shows that  $X_p^\sigma$  is a subset of  $X_p$  and the embedding  $X_p^\sigma \hookrightarrow X_p$  is continuous.

Let  $\varphi \in X_p$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > \sigma_0$ . We seek  $\Psi$  in  $D(T)$  satisfying

$$(\lambda - T) \Psi = \varphi \tag{4.0.1}$$

The solution of (4.0.1) reads as follows

$$\Psi(x, v) = \int_0^{t^-(x, v)} e^{-(\lambda + \sigma(v))s} \varphi(x - sv, v) ds,$$

where  $t^-(x, v) = \sup \{ t > 0, x - sv \in D, 0 < s < t \}$  So, we have  $\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \operatorname{Re} \lambda > -\sigma_0 \} \subset \rho(T)$ , where  $\rho(T)$  denotes the resolvent set of  $T$ .

Since  $\sigma(\cdot)$  is bounded below by  $\sigma_0$ , shows that

$$\sigma(T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq -\sigma_0 \}$$

**Remark 4.0.8** *The functions  $\sigma(\cdot)$  and  $k(\cdot, \cdot)$  are called, respectively, the collision frequency and the scattering kernel and will be assumed to be unbounded. more precisely, we will assume that there exist a closed subset  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with zero  $d\mu$  measure and a constant  $\sigma_0 > 0$  such that*

$$\sigma(\cdot) \in L_{loc}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathcal{O}), \quad \sigma(v) > \sigma_0 \quad (4.0.2)$$

$$\left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \frac{k(\cdot, v')}{\sigma(v')^{1/p}} \right)^q d\mu(v') \right]^{1/q} \in L_P(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad (4.0.3)$$

where  $q$  denotes the conjugate exponent of  $p$ .

**Lemma 4.0.1**

*Let  $D$  be a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . If, the hypotheses 4.0.2 and 4.0.3 are satisfied, the measure  $d\mu$  satisfies*

$$\begin{cases} \text{the hyperplanes have zero } d\mu \text{ measure, ie} \\ \text{for each } e \in S^{n-1}, d\mu\{v \in \mathbb{R}^n, v \cdot e = 0\} \end{cases}$$

*where  $S^{n-1}$  denotes the unit sphere of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the collision operator  $K := \mathcal{L}_p^\sigma(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is compact, then for any  $\lambda$  satisfying  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > -\sigma_0$ , the operator  $K(\lambda - T)^{-1}$  is compact on  $X_p$*

**Theorem 4.0.2** [2]

*Assume that the hypotheses of (Lemma 4.0.1) are satisfied. Then*

- (i) *For all  $\lambda \in \rho(T + K)$  we have  $K(\lambda - T - K)^{-1}$  is compact on  $X_p$*
- (ii)  *$\sigma_{ess}(A) = \sigma_{ess}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq -\sigma_0\}$*

**Proof.**

(i) Let  $\lambda \in \rho(T + K)$  and  $\mu \in \rho(T)$ , we have

$$K(\lambda - T - K)^{-1} = K(\mu - T)^{-1} [I + (\mu - \lambda + K)(\lambda - T - K)^{-1}] \quad (4.0.4)$$

Using (Lemma 4.0.1) and (Eq. (4.0.4)) we have  $K(\lambda - T - K)^{-1}$  is compact on  $X_p$

(ii) The hypothesis on  $K$  together with (Theorem 4.0.2) (i) implies that  $K \in \mathcal{N}_T(X_p)$ , now the result follows from ( see [7, theorem 1.3]) and (see [2, remark 3.3] ■

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