## Preface

The aim of this book is to present the central parts of the theory for bases and frames. The content can naturally be split into two parts: Chapters $1-5$ describe the theory on an abstract level, and Chapters 7-11 deal with explicit constructions in $L^{2}$-spaces. The link between these two parts is formed by Chapter 6, which introduces B-splines and their main properties.

Some years ago, I published the book An Introduction to Frames and Riesz Bases [10], which also appeared in the ANHA series. So, what are the reasons for another book on the topic? I will give some answers to this question.

Books written by mathematicians are usually focused on characterizations of various properties and the search for sufficient conditions for a desired conclusion to hold. Concrete constructions often play a minor role. The book [10] is no exception. During the past few years, frames have become increasingly popular, and several explicit constructions of frames of various types have been presented. Most of these constructions were based on quite direct methods rather than the classical sufficient conditions for obtaining a frame. With this in mind, it seems that there is a need for an updated version of the book [10], which moves the focus from the classical approach to a more constructive one.

Frame theory is developed in constant dialogue between mathematicians and engineers. Again, compared with [10], this is reflected in the current book by several new sections on applications and connections to engineering. The hope is that these sections will help the mathematically oriented readers to see where frames are used in practice - and the engineers to
find the chapter containing the mathematical background for applications in their field.

The third main change compared with [10] is that the current book is meant to be a textbook, which should be directly suitable for use in a graduate course. We focus on the basic topics, without too many side-remarks; in contrast, [10] tried to cover the entire area, including the research aspects. The chapters from [10] dealing with research topics have been removed (or reduced: for example, parts of Chapter 15 about perturbation results now appear in Section 5.6). We frequently mention the names of the people who first proved a given result, but for the parts of the theory that can be considered classical, we do not state a reference to the original source. A professional reader might miss all the hints to more advanced literature and open problems; however, the hope is that the more streamlined writing makes it easier for students to follow the presentation.

For use in a graduate course, a number of exercises is included; they appear at the end of each chapter. Some of the removed material from [10] now appears in the exercises.

Let us describe the chapters in more detail. Chapter 1 gives an introduction to frames in finite-dimensional vector spaces with an inner product. This enables a reader with a basic knowledge of linear algebra to understand the idea behind frames without the technical complications in infinite-dimensional spaces. Many of the topics from the rest of the book are presented here, so Chapter 1 can also serve as an introduction to the later chapters.

Chapter 2 collects some definitions and conventions concerning infinitedimensional vector spaces. Some standard results needed later in the book are also stated here. Special attention is given to the Hilbert space $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ and operators hereon. We expect the reader to be familiar with this material, so most of the results appear without proof. The exceptions are the sections about pseudo-inverse operators and some special operators on $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, which play a key role in Gabor theory and wavelet analysis; these subjects are not treated in classical analysis courses and are therefore described in detail.

Chapter 3 deals with the theory for bases in Hilbert spaces and Banach spaces. The most important part of the chapter is formed by a detailed discussion of Bessel sequences and Riesz bases. The chapter also contains sections on Fourier analysis and wavelet theory, which motivate the constructions in Chapters 7-11.

Chapter 4 highlights some of the limitations on the properties one can obtain from bases. Hereby, the reader is provided with motivation for considering the generalizations of bases studied in the rest of the book.

Chapter 5 contains the core material about frames in general Hilbert spaces. It gives a detailed description of frames with full proofs, relates frames and Riesz bases, and provides various ways of constructing frames.

Chapter 6 introduces B-splines and their main properties. We do not aim at a complete description of splines but concentrate on the properties that play a role in the current context.

Chapters 7-11 deal with frames having a special structure. A central part concerns theoretical conditions for obtaining dual pairs of frames and explicit constructions hereof. The most fundamental frames, namely frames consisting of translates of a single function in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, are discussed in Chapter 7. In Chapter 8, these considerations are extended to frames generated by translations of a collection of functions rather than a single function. These frames naturally lead to Gabor frames in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, which is the subject of Chapter 9. We provide characterizations of such frames, as well as explicit constructions of frames and some of their dual frames. The discrete counterpart in $\ell^{2}(\mathbb{Z})$ is treated in Chapter 10; in particular, it is shown how one can obtain Gabor frames in $\ell^{2}(\mathbb{Z})$ by sampling of Gabor frames in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$. Wavelet frames are introduced in Chapter 11. The main part of the chapter is formed by explicit constructions via multiscale methods, but the chapter also contains a section about general wavelet frames.

Most readers of the second part of the book will mainly be interested in either Gabor systems or wavelet systems. For this reason, Chapters 7-11 are to a large extent independent of each other. The most notable exception from that rule is that some of the fundamental results in Gabor analysis are based on results derived in the chapter about shift-invariant systems. In general, careful cross-references (and, if necessary, repetitions) between Chapters 7-11 are provided.

Depending on the level and specific interests of the students, a graduate course based on the book can proceed in various ways:

- Readers with a limited background in functional analysis (and readers who just want to get an idea about the topic) are encouraged to read Chapter 1. It will provide the reader with a good understanding for the topic, without all the technical complications in infinite-dimensional vector spaces.
- A short course on frames and Riesz bases in Hilbert spaces can be based on Sections 3.1-3.3 and Sections 5.1-5.2; these sections will make the reader able to proceed with most of the other parts of the book and with a large part of the research literature concerning abstract frame theory.
- A theoretical graduate course on bases and frames could be based on Chapter 2, Chapter 3, and Chapter 5. It would be natural to continue with one or more chapters on concrete frame constructions in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$.
- For a course focusing on either Gabor analysis or wavelets, the detailed analysis of frames in Chapter 5 is not necessary. It is enough to read Chapter 2, Section 3.5 (or Section 3.6), Chapter 4, Section 5.1,
and parts of Chapter 6 before continuing with the relevant specialized chapters.

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## 2

## Infinite-dimensional Vector Spaces and Sequences

After the introduction to frames in finite-dimensional vector spaces in Chapter 1, the rest of the book will deal with expansions in infinitedimensional vector spaces. Here great care is needed: we need to replace finite sequences $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{n}$ by infinite sequences $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$, and suddenly the question of convergence properties becomes a central issue. The vector space itself might also cause problems, e.g., in the sense that Cauchy sequences might not be convergent. We expect the reader to have a basic knowledge about these problems and the way to circumvent them, but for completeness we repeat the central themes in Sections 2.1-2.4. Section 2.5 deals with pseudo-inverse operators; this subject is not expected to be known and is treated in more detail. Section 2.6 introduces the socalled moment problems in Hilbert spaces. In Sections 2.7-2.9, we discuss the Hilbert space $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ consisting of the square integrable functions on $\mathbb{R}$ and three classes of operators hereon, as well as the Fourier transform. The material in those sections is not needed for the study of frames and bases on abstract Hilbert spaces in Chapter 3 (except Section 3.5 and Section 3.6) and Chapter 5, but it forms the basis for all the constructions in Chapters 7-11.

### 2.1 Normed vector spaces and sequences

A central theme in this book is to find conditions on a sequence $\left\{f_{k}\right\}$ in a vector space $X$ such that every $f \in X$ has a representation as a
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superposition of the vectors $f_{k}$. In most spaces appearing in functional analysis, this cannot be done with a finite sequence $\left\{f_{k}\right\}$. We are therefore forced to work with infinite sequences, say, $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$, and the representation of $f$ in terms of $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ will be via an infinite series. For this reason, the starting point must be a discussion of convergence of infinite series. We collect the basic definitions here together with some conventions.

Throughout the section, we let $X$ denote a complex vector space. A norm on $X$ is a function $\|\cdot\|: X \rightarrow[0, \infty[$ satisfying the following three conditions:
(i) $\|x\|=0 \Leftrightarrow x=0$;
(ii) $\|\alpha x\|=|\alpha|\|x\|, \forall x \in X, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$;
(iii) $\|x+y\| \leq\|x\|+\|y\|, \forall x, y \in X$.

In situations where more than one vector space appear, we will frequently denote the norm on $X$ by $\|\cdot\|_{X}$. If $X$ is equipped with a norm, we say that $X$ is a normed vector space. The opposite triangle inequality is satisfied in any normed vector space:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|x-y\| \geq|\|x\|-\|y\||, x, y \in X \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

We say that a sequence $\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in $X$
(i) converges to $x \in X$ if

$$
\left\|x-x_{k}\right\| \rightarrow 0 \text { for } k \rightarrow \infty
$$

(ii) is a Cauchy sequence if for each $\epsilon>0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$
\left\|x_{k}-x_{l}\right\| \leq \epsilon \text { whenever } k, l \geq N
$$

A convergent sequence is automatically a Cauchy sequence, but the opposite is not true in general. There are, however, normed vector spaces in which a sequence is convergent if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence; a space $X$ with this property is called a Banach space.

Imitating the finite-dimensional setting described in Chapter 1, we want to study sequences $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in $X$ with the property that each $f \in X$ has a representation $f=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{k} f_{k}$ for some coefficients $c_{k} \in \mathbb{C}$. In order to do so, we have to explain exactly what we mean by convergence of an infinite series. There are, in fact, at least three different options; we will now discuss these options.

First, the notation $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ indicates that we have chosen some ordering of the vectors $f_{k}$,

$$
f_{1}, f_{2}, f_{3}, \ldots, f_{k}, f_{k+1}, \ldots
$$

We say that an infinite series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{k} f_{k}$ is convergent with sum $f \in X$ if

$$
\left\|f-\sum_{k=1}^{n} c_{k} f_{k}\right\| \rightarrow 0 \text { as } n \rightarrow \infty
$$

If this condition is satisfied, we write

$$
\begin{equation*}
f=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{k} f_{k} \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus, the definition of a convergent infinite series corresponds exactly to our definition of a convergent sequence with $x_{n}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} c_{k} f_{k}$.

Above we insisted on a fixed ordering of the sequence $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$. It is very important to notice that convergence properties of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{k} f_{k}$ not only depend on the sequence $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ and the coefficients $\left\{c_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ but also on the ordering. Even if we consider a sequence in the simplest possible Banach space, i.e., a sequence $\left\{a_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in $\mathbb{C}$, it can happen that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k}$ is convergent but that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(k)}$ is divergent for a certain permutation $\sigma$ of the natural numbers (Exercise 2.1). This observation leads to the second definition of convergence. If $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence in $X$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_{\sigma(k)}$ is convergent for all permutations $\sigma$, we say that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_{k}$ is unconditionally convergent. In that case, the limit is the same regardless of the order of summation.

Finally, an infinite series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_{k}$ is said to be absolutely convergent if

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left\|f_{k}\right\|<\infty
$$

In any Banach space, absolute convergence of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_{k}$ implies that the series converges unconditionally (Exercise 2.2), but the opposite does not hold in infinite-dimensional spaces. In finite-dimensional spaces, the two types of convergence are identical.

A subset $Z \subseteq X$ (countable or not) is said to be dense in $X$ if for each $f \in X$ and each $\epsilon>0$ there exists $g \in Z$ such that

$$
\|f-g\| \leq \epsilon
$$

In words, this means that elements in $X$ can be approximated arbitrarily well by elements in $Z$.

For a given sequence $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in $X$, we let $\operatorname{span}\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ denote the vector space consisting of all finite linear combinations of vectors $f_{k}$. The definition of convergence shows that if each $f \in X$ has a representation of the type (2.2), then each $f \in X$ can be approximated arbitrarily well in norm by elements in $\operatorname{span}\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$, i.e.,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\overline{\operatorname{span}}\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}=X \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

A sequence $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ having the property (2.3) is said to be complete or total. We note that there exist normed spaces where no sequence $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is complete. A normed vector space, in which a countable and dense family exists, is said to be separable.

When we speak about a finite sequence, we mean a sequence $\left\{c_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ where at most finitely many entries $c_{k}$ are non-zero.

### 2.2 Operators on Banach spaces

Let $X$ and $Y$ denote Banach spaces. An linear map $U: X \rightarrow Y$ is called an operator, and $U$ is bounded or continuous if there exists a constant $K>0$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|U x\|_{Y} \leq K\|x\|_{X}, \forall x \in X \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Usually, it will be clear from the context which norm we use, so we will write $\|\cdot\|$ for both $\|\cdot\|_{X}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{Y}$. The norm of the operator $U$, denoted by $\|U\|$, is the smallest constant $K$ that can be used in (2.4). Alternatively,

$$
\|U\|=\sup \{\|U x\|: x \in X,\|x\|=1\}
$$

If $U_{1}$ and $U_{2}$ are operators for which the range of $U_{2}$ is contained in the domain of $U_{1}$, we can consider the composed operator $U_{1} U_{2}$; if $U_{1}$ and $U_{2}$ are bounded, then also $U_{1} U_{2}$ is bounded, and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|U_{1} U_{2}\right\| \leq\left\|U_{1}\right\|\left\|U_{2}\right\| . \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now consider a sequence of operators $U_{n}: X \rightarrow Y, n \in \mathbb{N}$, which converges pointwise to a mapping $U: X \rightarrow Y$, i.e.,

$$
U_{n} x \rightarrow U x, \text { as } n \rightarrow \infty, \forall x \in X
$$

We say that $U_{n}$ converges to $U$ in the strong operator topology. The BanachSteinhaus Theorem, also known as the uniform boundedness principle, states the following:

Theorem 2.2.1 Let $U_{n}: X \rightarrow Y, n \in \mathbb{N}$, be a sequence of bounded operators, which converges pointwise to a mapping $U: X \rightarrow Y$. Then $U$ is linear and bounded. Furthermore, the sequence of norms $\left\|U_{n}\right\|$ is bounded, and $\|U\| \leq \liminf \left\|U_{n}\right\|$.

An operator $U: X \rightarrow Y$ is invertible if $U$ is surjective and injective. For a bounded, invertible operator, the inverse operator is bounded:

Theorem 2.2.2 A bounded bijective operator between Banach spaces has a bounded inverse.

In case $X=Y$, it makes sense to speak about the identity operator $I$ on $X$. The Neumann Theorem states that an operator $U: X \rightarrow X$ is invertible if it is close enough to the identity operator:

Theorem 2.2.3 If $U: X \rightarrow X$ is bounded and $\|I-U\|<1$, then $U$ is invertible, and

$$
\begin{equation*}
U^{-1}=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}(I-U)^{k} \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Furthermore,

$$
\left\|U^{-1}\right\| \leq \frac{1}{1-\|I-U\|}
$$

Note that (2.6) should be interpreted in the sense of the operator norm, i.e., as

$$
\left\|U^{-1}-\sum_{k=0}^{N}(I-U)^{k}\right\| \rightarrow 0 \text { as } N \rightarrow \infty
$$

### 2.3 Hilbert spaces

A special class of normed vector spaces is formed by inner product spaces. Recall that an inner product on a complex vector space $X$ is a mapping $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ for which
(i) $\langle\alpha x+\beta y, z\rangle=\alpha\langle x, z\rangle+\beta\langle y, z\rangle, \forall x, y, z \in X, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$;
(ii) $\langle x, y\rangle=\overline{\langle y, x\rangle}, \forall x, y \in X$;
(iii) $\langle x, x\rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in X$, and $\langle x, x\rangle=0 \Leftrightarrow x=0$.

Note that we have chosen to let the inner product be linear in the first entry. It implies that the inner product is conjugated linear in the second entry. Frequently, the opposite convention is used in the literature.

A vector space $X$ with an inner product $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle$ can be equipped with the norm

$$
\|x\|:=\sqrt{\langle x, x\rangle}, x \in X
$$

If $X$ is a Banach space with respect to this norm, then $X$ is called a Hilbert space. We reserve the letter $\mathcal{H}$ for these spaces. We will always assume that $\mathcal{H}$ is non-trivial, i.e., that $\mathcal{H} \neq\{0\}$. The standard examples are the spaces $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ and $\ell^{2}(\mathbb{N})$ discussed in Section 2.7.

In any Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ with an inner product $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle$, Cauchy-Schwarz' inequality holds: it states that

$$
|\langle x, y\rangle| \leq\|x\|\|y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}
$$

Two elements $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ are orthogonal if $\langle x, y\rangle=0$; and the orthogonal complement of a subspace $U$ of $\mathcal{H}$ is

$$
U^{\perp}=\{x \in \mathcal{H}:\langle x, y\rangle=0, \quad \forall y \in U\}
$$

The above definitions and results are valid whether $\mathcal{H}$ is finitedimensional or infinite-dimensional. Also note that norms and inner products are defined in a similar way on real vector spaces (just replace the scalars $\mathbb{C}$ by the real scalars $\mathbb{R}$ ).

We state a few elementary results concerning Hilbert spaces that will be used repeatedly during the book. The proof of the first is left to the reader as Exercise 2.3.

Lemma 2.3.1 For a sequence $\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ the following are equivalent:
(i) $\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is complete.
(ii) If $\left\langle x, x_{k}\right\rangle=0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $x=0$.

Among the linear operators on a Hilbert space, a special role is played by the continuous linear operators $U: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. They are called functionals and are characterized in Riesz' Representation Theorem:

Theorem 2.3.2 Let $U: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous linear mapping. Then there exists a unique $y \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $U x=\langle x, y\rangle$ for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$.

The uniqueness of the element $y \in \mathcal{H}$ associated with a given functional has the following important consequence.

Corollary 2.3.3 Let $\mathcal{H}$ be a Hilbert space. Assume that $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ satisfy that

$$
\langle x, z\rangle=\langle y, z\rangle, \forall z \in \mathcal{H}
$$

Then $x=y$.
Finally, we note that the norm of an arbitrary element $x \in \mathcal{H}$ can be recovered based on the inner product between $x$ and the elements in the unit sphere in $\mathcal{H}$ :

Lemma 2.3.4 For any $x \in \mathcal{H}$,

$$
\|x\|=\sup _{\|y\|=1}|\langle x, y\rangle| .
$$

### 2.4 Operators on Hilbert spaces

Let $U$ be a bounded operator from the Hilbert space $\left(\mathcal{K},\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle_{\mathcal{K}}\right)$ into the Hilbert space $\left(\mathcal{H},\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle_{\mathcal{H}}\right)$. The adjoint operator is defined as the unique operator $U^{*}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ satisfying that

$$
\langle x, U y\rangle_{\mathcal{H}}=\left\langle U^{*} x, y\right\rangle_{\mathcal{K}}, \forall x \in \mathcal{H}, y \in \mathcal{K} .
$$

Usually, we will write $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle$ for both inner products; it will always be clear from the context in which space the inner product is taken.

We collect some relationships between $U$ and $U^{*}$; the proofs can be found in, e.g., Theorem 4.14 and Theorem 4.15 in [60].

Lemma 2.4.1 Let $U: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ be a bounded operator. Then the following holds:
(i) $\|U\|=\left\|U^{*}\right\|$, and $\left\|U U^{*}\right\|=\|U\|^{2}$.
(ii) $\mathcal{R}_{U}$ is closed in $\mathcal{H}$ if and only if $\mathcal{R}_{U^{*}}$ is closed in $\mathcal{K}$.
(iii) $U$ is surjective if and only if there exists a constant $C>0$ such that

$$
\left\|U^{*} y\right\| \geq C\|y\|, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{H}
$$

In the rest of this section, we consider the case $\mathcal{K}=\mathcal{H}$. A bounded operator $U: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is unitary if $U U^{*}=U^{*} U=I$. If $U$ is unitary, then

$$
\langle U x, U y\rangle=\langle x, y\rangle, \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}
$$

A bounded operator $U: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is self-adjoint if $U=U^{*}$. When $U$ is self-adjoint,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|U\|=\sup _{\|x\|=1}|\langle U x, x\rangle| \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

For a self-adjoint operator $U$, the inner product $\langle U x, x\rangle$ is real for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$. One can introduce a partial order on the set of self-adjoint operators by

$$
U_{1} \leq U_{2} \Leftrightarrow\left\langle U_{1} x, x\right\rangle \leq\left\langle U_{2} x, x\right\rangle, \forall x \in \mathcal{H}
$$

Using this order, one can work with self-adjoint operators almost as with real numbers. For example, under certain conditions it is possible to "multiply" an operator inequality with a bounded operator. The precise statement below can be found in [43]:

Theorem 2.4.2 Let $U_{1}, U_{2}, U_{3}$ be self-adjoint operators. If $U_{1} \leq U_{2}$, $U_{3} \geq 0$, and $U_{3}$ commutes with $U_{1}$ and $U_{2}$, then $U_{1} U_{3} \leq U_{2} U_{3}$.

An important class of self-adjoint operators consists of the orthogonal projections. Given a closed subspace $V$ of $\mathcal{H}$, the orthogonal projection of $\mathcal{H}$ onto $V$ is the operator $P: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ for which

$$
P x=x, x \in V, P x=0, x \in V^{\perp} .
$$

If $\left\{e_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is an orthonormal basis for $V$, the operator $P$ is given explicitly by

$$
P x=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left\langle x, e_{k}\right\rangle e_{k}, x \in \mathcal{H} .
$$

In case $\mathcal{H}$ is a complex Hilbert space and $U$ is a bounded operator on $\mathcal{H}$, a direct calculation gives that

$$
\begin{align*}
4\langle U x, y\rangle= & \langle U(x+y), x+y\rangle-\langle U(x-y), x-y\rangle \\
& +i\langle U(x+i y), x+i y\rangle-i\langle U(x-i y), x-i y\rangle . \tag{2.8}
\end{align*}
$$

In particular, we can recover the inner product in $\mathcal{H}$ from the norm by

$$
4\langle x, y\rangle=\|x+y\|^{2}-\|x-y\|^{2}+i\|x+i y\|^{2}-i\|x-i y\|^{2}, x, y \in \mathcal{H}
$$

a result that is known as the polarization identity.
Lemma 2.4.3 Let $U: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ be a bounded operator, and assume that $\langle U x, x\rangle=0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$. Then the following holds:
(i) If $\mathcal{H}$ is a complex Hilbert space, then $U=0$.
(ii) If $\mathcal{H}$ is a real Hilbert space and $U$ is self-adjoint, then $U=0$.

Proof. If $\mathcal{H}$ is complex, we can use (2.8); thus, if $\langle U x, x\rangle=0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$, then $\langle U x, y\rangle=0$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$, and therefore $U=0$.

In case $\mathcal{H}$ is a real Hilbert space, we must use a different approach. Let $\left\{e_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be an orthonormal basis for $\mathcal{H}$. Then, for arbitrary $j, k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
0 & =\left\langle U\left(e_{k}+e_{j}\right), e_{k}+e_{j}\right\rangle \\
& =\left\langle U e_{k}, e_{k}\right\rangle+\left\langle U e_{j}, e_{j}\right\rangle+\left\langle U e_{k}, e_{j}\right\rangle+\left\langle U e_{j}, e_{k}\right\rangle \\
& =\left\langle U e_{k}, e_{j}\right\rangle+\left\langle e_{j}, U e_{k}\right\rangle \\
& =2\left\langle U e_{j}, e_{k}\right\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

therefore $U=0$.
Note that without the assumption $U=U^{*}$, the second part of the lemma would fail; to see that, let $U$ be a rotation of $90^{\circ}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$.

A bounded operator $U: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is positive if $\langle U x, x\rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{H}$. On a complex Hilbert space, every bounded positive operator is self-adjoint. For a positive operator $U$, we will often use the following result about the existence of a square root, i.e., a bounded operator $W$ such that $W^{2}=U$ :

Lemma 2.4.4 Every bounded and positive operator $U: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ has a unique bounded and positive square root $W$. The operator $W$ has the following properties:
(i) If $U$ is self-adjoint, then $W$ is self-adjoint.
(ii) If $U$ is invertible, then $W$ is also invertible.
(iii) $W$ can be expressed as a limit (in the strong operator topology) of a sequence of polynomials in $U$, and commutes with $U$.

### 2.5 The pseudo-inverse operator

It is well-known that not all bounded operators $U$ on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ are invertible: an operator $U$ needs to be injective and surjective in order to be invertible. We will now prove that if an operator $U$ has closed range, there exists a "right-inverse operator" $U^{\dagger}$ in the following sense:

Lemma 2.5.1 Let $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}$ be Hilbert spaces, and suppose that $U: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is a bounded operator with closed range $\mathcal{R}_{U}$. Then there exists a bounded operator $U^{\dagger}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ for which

$$
\begin{equation*}
U U^{\dagger} x=x, \forall x \in \mathcal{R}_{U} \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. Consider the restriction of $U$ to an operator on the orthogonal complement of the kernel of $U$, i.e., let

$$
\tilde{U}:=U_{\mid \mathcal{N}_{U}^{\perp}}: \mathcal{N}_{U}^{\perp} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}
$$

Clearly, $\tilde{U}$ is linear and bounded. $\tilde{U}$ is also injective: if $\tilde{U} x=0$, it follows that $x \in \mathcal{N}_{U}^{\perp} \cap \mathcal{N}_{U}=\{0\}$. We now prove that the range of $\tilde{U}$ equals the range of $U$. Given $y \in \mathcal{R}_{U}$, there exists $x \in \mathcal{K}$ such that $U x=y$. By writing $x=x_{1}+x_{2}$, where $x_{1} \in \mathcal{N}_{U}^{\perp}, x_{2} \in \mathcal{N}_{U}$, we obtain that

$$
\tilde{U} x_{1}=U x_{1}=U\left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right)=U x=y
$$

It follows from Theorem 2.2.2 that $\tilde{U}$ has a bounded inverse

$$
\tilde{U}^{-1}: \mathcal{R}_{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{U}^{\perp}
$$

Extending $\tilde{U}^{-1}$ by zero on the orthogonal complement of $\mathcal{R}_{U}$ we obtain a bounded operator $U^{\dagger}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ for which $U U^{\dagger} x=x$ for all $x \in \mathcal{R}_{U}$.

The operator $U^{\dagger}$ constructed in the proof of Lemma 2.5.1 is called the pseudo-inverse of $U$. In the literature, one will often see the pseudo-inverse of an operator $U$ with closed range defined as the unique operator $U^{\dagger}$ satisfying that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{N}_{U^{\dagger}}=\mathcal{R}_{U}^{\perp}, \quad \mathcal{R}_{U^{\dagger}}=\mathcal{N}_{U}^{\perp}, \text { and } U U^{\dagger} x=x, x \in \mathcal{R}_{U} \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

this definition is equivalent to the above construction (Exercise 2.4). We collect some properties of $U^{\dagger}$ and its relationship to $U$.

Lemma 2.5.2 Let $U: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ be a bounded operator with closed range. Then the following holds:
(i) The orthogonal projection of $\mathcal{H}$ onto $\mathcal{R}_{U}$ is given by $U U^{\dagger}$.
(ii) The orthogonal projection of $\mathcal{K}$ onto $\mathcal{R}_{U^{\dagger}}$ is given by $U^{\dagger} U$.
(iii) $U^{*}$ has closed range, and $\left(U^{*}\right)^{\dagger}=\left(U^{\dagger}\right)^{*}$.
(iv) On $\mathcal{R}_{U}$, the operator $U^{\dagger}$ is given explicitly by

$$
\begin{equation*}
U^{\dagger}=U^{*}\left(U U^{*}\right)^{-1} \tag{2.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. All statements follow from the characterization of $U^{\dagger}$ in (2.10). For example, it shows that

$$
U U^{\dagger}=I \text { on } \mathcal{R}_{U} \text { and that } U U^{\dagger}=0 \text { on } \mathcal{N}_{U^{\dagger}}=\mathcal{R}_{U}^{\perp}
$$

this gives (i) by the definition of an orthogonal projection. The proof of (ii) is similar. That $\mathcal{R}_{U^{*}}$ is closed was stated already in Lemma 2.4.1; thus $\left(U^{*}\right)^{\dagger}$ is well defined. That $\left(U^{*}\right)^{\dagger}$ equals $\left(U^{\dagger}\right)^{*}$ follows by verifying that $\left(U^{\dagger}\right)^{*}$ satisfies (2.10) with $U$ replaced by $U^{*}$. Finally, $U U^{*}$ is invertible as an operator on $\mathcal{R}_{U}$, and the operator given by

$$
U^{*}\left(U U^{*}\right)^{-1} \text { on } \mathcal{R}_{U}, \text { and } 0 \text { on } \mathcal{R}_{U}^{\perp}
$$

satisfies the conditions (2.10) characterizing $U^{\dagger}$.
The pseudo-inverse gives the solution to an important optimization problem:

Theorem 2.5.3 Let $U: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ be a bounded surjective operator. Given $y \in \mathcal{H}$, the equation $U x=y$ has a unique solution of minimal norm, namely $x=U^{\dagger} y$.

The proof is identical with the proof of Theorem 1.4.2.

### 2.6 A moment problem

Before we leave the discussion of abstract Hilbert spaces, we mention a special class of equations, known as moment problems. For the purpose of the current book, they are only needed in Section 7.4.

The general version of a moment problem is as follows: given a collection of elements $\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ and a sequence $\left\{a_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ of complex numbers, can we find an element $x \in \mathcal{H}$ such that

$$
\left\langle x, x_{k}\right\rangle=a_{k}, \text { for all } k \in \mathbb{N} ?
$$

We will only need a special moment problem:
Lemma 2.6.1 Let $\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{N}$ be a collection of vectors in $\mathcal{H}$ and consider the moment problem

$$
\left\langle x, x_{k}\right\rangle= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } k=1  \tag{2.12}\\ 0 & \text { if } k=2, \ldots, N\end{cases}
$$

Then the following are equivalent:
(i) The moment problem (2.12) has a solution $x$.
(ii) If $\sum_{k=1}^{N} c_{k} x_{k}=0$ for some scalar coefficients $c_{k}$, then $c_{1}=0$.
(iii) $x_{1} \notin \operatorname{span}\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k=2}^{N}$.

In case the moment problem (2.12) has a solution, it can be chosen of the form $x=\sum_{k=1}^{N} d_{k} x_{k}$ for some scalar coefficients $d_{k}$.

Proof. Assume first that (i) is satisfied, i.e., (2.12) has a solution $x$. Then, if $\sum_{k=1}^{N} c_{k} x_{k}=0$ for some coefficients $\left\{c_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{N}$, we have that

$$
0=\left\langle x, \sum_{k=1}^{N} c_{k} x_{k}\right\rangle=\sum_{k=1}^{N} c_{k}\left\langle x, x_{k}\right\rangle=c_{1},
$$

i.e., (ii) holds. Now assume that (ii) is satisfied. Then $x_{1} \notin \operatorname{span}\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k=2}^{N}$. Let $P$ denote the orthogonal projection of $\mathcal{H}$ onto $\operatorname{span}\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k=2}^{N}$, and put $\varphi=x_{1}-P x_{1}$. Then
$\left\langle\varphi, x_{1}\right\rangle=\left\langle x_{1}-P x_{1}, x_{1}-P x_{1}\right\rangle+\left\langle x_{1}-P x_{1}, P x_{1}\right\rangle=\left\|x_{1}-P x_{1}\right\|^{2} \neq 0$,
and $\left\langle\varphi, x_{k}\right\rangle=0$ for $k=2, \ldots, N$. Thus, the element

$$
\begin{equation*}
x:=\frac{\varphi}{\left\|x_{1}-P x_{1}\right\|^{2}} \tag{2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

solves the moment problem (2.12), i.e., (i) is satisfied. The equivalence of (ii) and (iii) is clear. In case the equivalent conditions are satisfied, the construction of $x$ in (2.13) shows that $x \in \operatorname{span}\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{N}$.

### 2.7 The spaces $L^{p}(\mathbb{R}), L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, and $\ell^{2}(\mathbb{N})$

The most important class of Banach spaces is formed by the $L^{p}$-spaces, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. Before we define these spaces, we will remind the reader about some basic facts from the theory of integration. The proofs and further results can be found in any standard book on the subject, e.g., [59].

We begin with Fatou's Lemma. For our purpose, it is enough to consider the case of the Lebesgue measure on the real axis $\mathbb{R}$, equipped with the (Borel-) measurable sets:

Lemma 2.7.1 Let $f_{n}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow[0, \infty], n \in \mathbb{N}$ be a sequence of measurable functions. Then the function $\lim _{\inf }^{n \rightarrow \infty} f_{n}$ is measurable, and

$$
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \liminf _{n \rightarrow \infty} f_{n}(x) d x \leq \liminf _{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{n}(x) d x
$$

Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem is the main tool to interchange limits and integrals:

Theorem 2.7.2 Suppose that $f_{n}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ is a sequence of measurable functions, that $f_{n}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ pointwise as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and that there exists a positive, measurable function $g$ such that $\left|f_{n}\right| \leq g$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) d x<\infty$. Then $f$ is integrable, and

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{n}(x) d x=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) d x
$$

A null set is a measurable set with measure zero. A condition holds almost everywhere (abbreviated a.e.) if it holds except on a null set.

We are now ready to define the Banach spaces $L^{p}(\mathbb{R})$ for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. First, we define $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ as the space of essentially bounded measurable functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, equipped with the essential supremums-norm. For $1 \leq p<\infty, \quad L^{p}(\mathbb{R})$ is the space of functions $f$ for which $|f|^{p}$ is integrable with respect to the Lebesgue measure:

$$
L^{p}(\mathbb{R}):=\left\{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text { is measurable and } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|f(x)|^{p} d x<\infty\right\}
$$

The norm on $L^{p}(\mathbb{R})$ is

$$
\|f\|=\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|f(x)|^{p} d x\right)^{1 / p}
$$

To be more precise, $L^{p}(\mathbb{R})$ consists of equivalence classes of functions that are equal almost everywhere, and for which a representative (and hence all) for the equivalence class satisfies the integrability condition. In order not to be too tedious, we adopt the standard terminology and speak about functions in $L^{p}(\mathbb{R})$ rather than equivalence classes.

The case $p=2$ plays a special role: in fact, the space

$$
L^{2}(\mathbb{R})=\left\{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text { is measurable and } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|f(x)|^{2} d x<\infty\right\}
$$

is the only one of the $L^{p}(\mathbb{R})$-spaces that can be equipped with an inner product. Actually, $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner product

$$
\langle f, g\rangle=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \overline{g(x)} d x, f, g \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})
$$

In $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, Cauchy-Schwarz' inequality states that for all $f, g \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$,

$$
\left|\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) g(x) d x\right| \leq\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|f(x)|^{2} d x\right)^{1 / 2}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|g(x)|^{2} d x\right)^{1 / 2}
$$

The spaces $L^{2}(\Omega)$, where $\Omega$ is an open subset of $\mathbb{R}$, are defined similarly. According to the general definition, a sequence of functions $\left\{g_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in $L^{2}(\Omega)$ converges to $g \in L^{2}(\Omega)$ if

$$
\left\|g-g_{k}\right\|=\left(\int_{\Omega}\left|g(x)-g_{k}(x)\right|^{2} d x\right)^{1 / 2} \rightarrow 0 \text { as } k \rightarrow \infty
$$

Convergence in $L^{2}$ is very different from pointwise convergence. As a positive result, we have Riesz' Subsequence Theorem:

Theorem 2.7.3 Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an open set, and let $\left\{g_{k}\right\}$ be a sequence in $L^{2}(\Omega)$ that converges to $g \in L^{2}(\Omega)$. Then $\left\{g_{k}\right\}$ has a subsequence $\left\{g_{n_{k}}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ such that

$$
g(x)=\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} g_{n_{k}}(x)
$$

for a.e. $x \in \Omega$.
The result holds no matter how we choose the representatives for the equivalence classes. This is typical for this book, where we rarely deal with a specific representative for a given class. There are, however, a few important exceptions. When we speak about a continuous function, it is clear that we have chosen a specific representative, and the same is the case when we discuss Lebesgue points. By definition, a point $y \in \mathbb{R}$ is a Lebesgue point for a function $f$ if

$$
\lim _{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_{y-\frac{1}{2} \epsilon}^{y+\frac{1}{2} \epsilon}|f(y)-f(x)| d x=0
$$

If $f$ is continuous in $y$, then $y$ is a Lebesgue point (Exercise 2.5). More generally, one can prove that if $f \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$, then almost every $y \in \mathbb{R}$ is a Lebesgue point.

It is clear from the definition that different representatives for the same equivalence class will have different Lebesgue points. For example, every $y \in \mathbb{R}$ is a Lebesgue point for the function $f=0$; changing the definition of $f$ in a single point $y$ will not change the equivalence class, but $y$ will no longer be a Lebesgue point. See Exercise 2.5 for some related observations.

The discrete analogue of $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ is $\ell^{2}(I)$, the space of square sumable scalar sequences with a countable index set $I$ :

$$
\ell^{2}(I):=\left\{\left.\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k \in I}\left|x_{k} \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \sum_{k \in I}\right| x_{k}\right|^{2}<\infty\right\}
$$

The definition of the space $\ell^{2}(I)$ corresponds to our definition of $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ with the set $\mathbb{R}$ replaced by $I$ and the Lebesgue measure replaced by the counting measure. $\ell^{2}(I)$ is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner product

$$
\left\langle\left\{x_{k}\right\},\left\{y_{k}\right\}\right\rangle=\sum_{k \in I} x_{k} \overline{y_{k}}
$$

in this case, Cauchy-Schwarz' inequality gives that

$$
\left|\sum_{k \in I} x_{k} \overline{y_{k}}\right|^{2} \leq \sum_{k \in I}\left|x_{k}\right|^{2} \sum_{k \in I}\left|y_{k}\right|^{2},\left\{x_{k}\right\}_{k \in I},\left\{y_{k}\right\}_{k \in I} \in \ell^{2}(I)
$$

We will frequently use the discrete version of Fatou's lemma:

Lemma 2.7.4 Let $I$ be a countable index set and $f_{n}: I \rightarrow[0, \infty], n \in \mathbb{N}$, a sequence of functions. Then

$$
\sum_{k \in I} \liminf _{n \rightarrow \infty} f_{n}(k) \leq \liminf _{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k \in I} f_{n}(k) .
$$

### 2.8 The Fourier transform and convolution

For $f \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$, the Fourier transform $\hat{f}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined by

$$
\hat{f}(\gamma):=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2 \pi i x \gamma} d x, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}
$$

Frequently, we will also denote the Fourier transform of $f$ by $\mathcal{F} f$.
If $\left(L^{1} \cap L^{2}\right)(\mathbb{R})$ is equipped with the $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$-norm, the Fourier transform is an isometry from $\left(L^{1} \cap L^{2}\right)(\mathbb{R})$ into $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$. If $f \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ and $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of functions in $\left(L^{1} \cap L^{2}\right)(\mathbb{R})$ that converges to $f$ in $L^{2}$-sense, then the sequence $\left\{\hat{f}_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is also convergent in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, with a limit that is independent of the choice of $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$. Defining

$$
\hat{f}:=\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}_{k}
$$

we can extend the Fourier transform to a unitary mapping of $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ onto $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$. We will use the same notation to denote this extension. In particular, we have Plancherel's equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\langle\hat{f}, \hat{g}\rangle=\langle f, g\rangle, \forall f, g \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R}), \text { and }\|\hat{f}\|=\|f\| . \tag{2.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $f \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$, then $\hat{f}$ is continuous. If the function $f$ as well as $\hat{f}$ belong to $L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$, the inversion formula describes how to come back to $f$ from the function values $\hat{f}(\gamma)$, see [2]:

Theorem 2.8.1 Assume that $f, \hat{f} \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(x)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\gamma) e^{2 \pi i x \gamma} d \gamma \text {, a.e. } x \in \mathbb{R} \tag{2.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $f$ is continuous, the pointwise formula (2.15) holds for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. In general, it holds at least for all Lebesgue points for $f$.

Given two functions $f, g \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$, the convolution $f * g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined by

$$
f * g(y)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y-x) g(x) d x, y \in \mathbb{R}
$$

The function $f * g$ is well defined for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ and belongs to $L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$. If $f \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$ and $g \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, the convolution $f * g(y)$ is well defined for a.e. $y \in \mathbb{R}$ and defines a function in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$.

The Fourier transform and convolution are related by the following important result.

Theorem 2.8.2 If $f, g \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$, then $\widehat{f * g}(\gamma)=\hat{f}(\gamma) \hat{g}(\gamma)$ for all $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$; if $f \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$ and $g \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, the formula holds for a.e. $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$.

### 2.9 Operators on $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$

In this section, we consider three classes of operators on $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ that will play a key role in our analysis of Gabor frames and wavelets. Their definitions are as follows:

Translation by $a \in \mathbb{R}, T_{a}: L^{2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^{2}(\mathbb{R}),\left(T_{a} f\right)(x)=f(x-a) ;$
Modulation by $b \in \mathbb{R}, E_{b}: L^{2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^{2}(\mathbb{R}),\left(E_{b} f\right)(x)=e^{2 \pi i b x} f(x) ;(2.17)$
Dilation by $a \neq 0, D_{a}: L^{2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^{2}(\mathbb{R}),\left(D_{a} f\right)(x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{|a|}} f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$.
A comment about notation: we will usually skip the parentheses and simply write $T_{a} f(x)$, and similarly for the other operators. Frequently, we will also let $E_{b}$ denote the function $x \mapsto e^{2 \pi i b x}$. We collect some of the most important properties for the operators in (2.16)-(2.18):

Lemma 2.9.1 The translation operators satisfy the following:
(i) $T_{a}$ is unitary for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$.
(ii) For each $f \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, the mapping $y \mapsto T_{y} f$ is continuous from $\mathbb{R}$ to $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$.

Similar statements hold for $E_{b}, b \in \mathbb{R}$, and $D_{a}, a \neq 0$.
Proof. Let us prove that the operators $T_{a}$ are unitary. Since

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\langle T_{a} f, g\right\rangle=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-a) \overline{g(x)} d x & =\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \overline{g(x+a)} d x \\
& =\left\langle f, T_{-a} g\right\rangle, \forall f, g \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})
\end{aligned}
$$

we see that $T_{a}^{*}=T_{-a}$. On the other hand, $T_{a}$ is clearly an invertible operator with $T_{a}^{-1}=T_{-a}$, so we conclude that $T_{a}^{-1}=T_{a}^{*}$.

To prove the continuity of the mapping $y \mapsto T_{y} f$, we first assume that the function $f$ is continuous and has compact support, say, contained in the bounded interval $[c, d]$. For notational convenience, we prove the continuity in $y_{0}=0$. First, for $\left.y \in\right]-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ [ the function

$$
\phi(x)=T_{y} f(x)-T_{y_{0}} f(x)=f(x-y)-f(x)
$$

has support in the interval $\left[-\frac{1}{2}+c, d+\frac{1}{2}\right]$. Since $f$ is uniformly continuous, we can for any given $\epsilon>0$ find $\delta>0$ such that

$$
|f(x-y)-f(x)| \leq \epsilon \text { for all } x \in \mathbb{R} \text { whenever }|y| \leq \delta
$$

with this choice of $\delta$, we thus obtain that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|T_{y} f-T_{y_{0}} f\right\| & =\left(\int_{-\frac{1}{2}+c}^{\frac{1}{2}+d}|f(x-y)-f(x)|^{2} d x\right)^{1 / 2} \\
& \leq \epsilon \sqrt{d-c+1}
\end{aligned}
$$

This proves the continuity in the considered special case. The case of an arbitrary function $f \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ follows by an approximation argument, using that the continuous functions with compact support are dense in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ (Exercise 2.6). The proofs of the statements for $E_{b}$ and $D_{a}$ are left to the reader (Exercise 2.7).

Chapters 9-11 will deal with Gabor systems and wavelet systems in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$; both classes consist of functions in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ that are defined by compositions of some of the operators $T_{a}, E_{b}$, and $D_{a}$. For this reason, the following commutator relations are important:

$$
\begin{align*}
T_{a} E_{b} f(x) & =e^{-2 \pi i b a} E_{b} T_{a} f(x)=e^{2 \pi i b(x-a)} f(x-a),  \tag{2.19}\\
T_{b} D_{a} f(x) & =D_{a} T_{b / a} f(x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{|a|}} f\left(\frac{x}{a}-\frac{b}{a}\right),  \tag{2.20}\\
D_{a} E_{b} f(x) & =\frac{1}{\sqrt{|a|}} e^{2 \pi i x b / a} f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)=E_{\frac{b}{a}} D_{a} f(x) . \tag{2.21}
\end{align*}
$$

In wavelet analysis, the dilation operator $D_{1 / 2}$ plays a special role, and we simply write

$$
D f(x):=2^{1 / 2} f(2 x)
$$

With this notation, the commutator relation (2.20) in particular implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{k} D^{j}=D^{j} T_{2^{j} k} \text { and } D^{j} T_{k}=T_{2^{-j k}} D^{j}, j, k \in \mathbb{Z} \tag{2.22}
\end{equation*}
$$

We will often use the Fourier transformation in connection with Gabor systems and wavelet systems. In this context, we need the commutator relations

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{F} T_{a}=E_{-a} \mathcal{F}, \quad \mathcal{F} E_{a}=T_{a} \mathcal{F}, \quad \mathcal{F} D_{a}=D_{1 / a} \mathcal{F}, \quad \mathcal{F} D=D^{-1} \mathcal{F} \tag{2.23}
\end{equation*}
$$

### 2.10 Exercises

2.1 Find a sequence $\left\{a_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ of real numbers for which $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k}$ is convergent but not unconditionally convergent.
2.2 Let $\left\{f_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence in a Banach space. Prove that absolute convergence of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_{k}$ implies unconditional convergence.
2.3 Prove Lemma 2.3.1.
2.4 Prove that the conditions in (2.10) are equivalent to the construction of the pseudo-inverse in Lemma 2.5.1.
2.5 Here we ask the reader to prove some results concerning Lebesgue points.
(i) Assume that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous. Prove that every $y \in \mathbb{R}$ is a Lebesgue point.
(ii) Prove that $x=0$ is not a Lebesgue point for the function $\chi_{[0,1]}$.
(iii) Let $f=\chi_{\mathbb{Q}}$. Prove that every $y \notin \mathbb{Q}$ is a Lebesgue point and that the rational numbers are not Lebesgue points.
2.6 Complete the proof of Lemma 2.9.1 by showing the continuity of the mapping $y \mapsto T_{y} f$ for $f \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$.
2.7 Prove the statements about $E_{b}$ and $D_{a}$ in Lemma 2.9.1.
2.8 Prove the commutator relations (2.23).

