

$\rho(r) = \xi(r)$ for $t_2 \leq r \leq s_2$ where $t_2 (< s_2)$ is the point nearest to s_2 at which $\xi(t_2) = \sigma(t_2)$. If $\xi(s_2) = \sigma(s_2)$, then let $t_2 = s_2$. For $r < t_2$ let $\rho(r) = \rho(t_2) + \log \log \log t_2 - \log \log \log r$ for $u_1 \leq r \leq t_2$ where $u_1 (< t_2)$ is the point of intersection of $y = \rho$ with $y = \rho(t_2) + \log \log \log t_2 - \log \log \log r$.

Let $\rho(r) = \rho$ for $r_1 \leq r \leq u_1$. It is always possible to choose r_2 so large that $r_1 < u_1$. We repeat the procedure and note that

$$\rho(r) \geq \xi(r) \geq \sigma(r)$$

and $\rho(r) = \sigma(r)$ for $r = t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots$. Hence $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \rho(r) = \rho$, and

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r)}{r^{\rho(r)}} = 1.$$

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A NOTE ON THE SPECTRAL THEOREM

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1. Introduction. Although the connections between the spectral resolution of a self-adjoint transformation in Hilbert space, the moment problem, and Riesz' integral representation [1]¹ for linear functionals on the space C are known (cf. Stone [2], Murray [3], Widder [4], Lengyel [5]), the following elementary derivation of the spectral theorem from the Riesz theorem exhibits the connections in, perhaps, the simplest light. We consider only *bounded* self-adjoint transformations H ; one can treat an unbounded H by considering $(I + H^2)^{-1}$, which is bounded and self-adjoint [3, p. 95]. Note that the derivation does not involve the separability of the Hilbert space \mathfrak{H} .

2. Six lemmas. Let H be a self-adjoint transformation with the bounds a, b —that is, $a\|f\|^2 \leq (Hf, f) \leq b\|f\|^2$ for all $f \in H$, and $\|H\| = \max(|a|, |b|)$. Denote by C the space of continuous real-valued functions defined on the closed interval (a, b) , with $\|f(x)\| = \max |f(x)|$ ($a \leq x \leq b$). Let $p(x) = \sum_0^n c_j x^j$ be any polynomial with real coefficients, and let $p(H)$ be the corresponding transformation $p(H) = \sum_0^n c_j H^j$, where $H^0 = I$.

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