



Read the section *Bounded Operators* in the lecture notes!

1. Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be Hermitian. Show that
  - a)  $\operatorname{tr}[AB] \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $B \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$ ,
  - b)  $A \geq B \wedge A \leq B$  implies  $A = B$ ,
  - c)  $A \geq B$  implies that  $CAC^* \geq CBC^*$  for all  $C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}, \tilde{\mathcal{H}})$ .
2. Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be positive and  $B \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$ . Show that
  - a)  $\operatorname{tr}[AB] \geq 0$ ,
  - b)  $\operatorname{tr}[AB] = 0$  implies  $AB = BA = 0$ .
3. Let  $P \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be an orthogonal projection. Show that
  - a)  $0 \leq P \leq \mathbb{1}$ ,
  - b) if  $0 \leq A \leq \mu P$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and Hermitian  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $A = AP = PAP$ .
4. For the operator norm on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , show that
  - a)  $0 \leq A \leq B$  implies that  $\|A\| \leq \|B\|$ ,
  - b)  $-\mathbb{1} \leq C \leq \mathbb{1}$  iff  $\|C\| \leq 1$  for Hermitian  $C$ .