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Paley-Wiener-Type Theorem in a Hilbert Space. Preliminary report.

The Paley-Wiener space $PW_\sigma(\mathbb{R})$ of bandlimited functions consists of entire functions of exponential type, with type $\leq \sigma$, that belong to $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ when restricted to \mathbb{R} . The Paley-Wiener theorem for bandlimited functions gives a nice characterization of the space $L^2[-\sigma, \sigma]$ under the Fourier transformation. A function $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ belongs to $PW_\sigma(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if its L^2 -Fourier transform $\hat{f}(\omega)$ has support in $[-\sigma, \sigma]$.

Another characterization of the space $L^2[-\sigma, \sigma]$ that avoids complex variable techniques was given by Bang (Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 1990): Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $f(x) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ such that $f^{(n)} \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ for $n = 0, 1, \dots$. Then the limit

$$\sigma_f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f^{(n)}\|_p^{1/n}$$

exists and

$$\sigma_f = \sup \left\{ |\omega| : \omega \in \text{supp} \hat{f}(\omega) \right\},$$

where \hat{f} is the Fourier transform of f . Such a characterization is called a Paley-Wiener-type characterization.

In this talk we introduce a Paley-Wiener-type theorem associated with a general self-adjoint operator in a Hilbert space. (Received August 03, 2007)