

(a) If $T_n \rightarrow T$ in norm, we have, for any vector $f \in \mathcal{H}$, that

$$\|T_n f - T f\| = \|(T_n - T)f\| \leq \|T_n - T\| \|f\| \rightarrow 0$$

since $\|T_n - T\| \rightarrow 0$ and $\|f\|$ is finite.

If $T_n \rightarrow T$ in the sense of strong convergence, we have

$$(T_n f, g) - (T f, g) = ((T_n - T)f, g) \rightarrow 0$$

since $(T_n - T)f \rightarrow 0$ and inner product is a continuous operation.

(b) Let $\mathcal{H} = l^2$ consisting of number sequences that are square summable. The element $x_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ which has the only non-zero element 1 at the n -th slot. Let T be defined by doing inner product with x_n . For any $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots)$, we have

$$T y = (x_n, y) = y_n \rightarrow 0$$

where $y_n \rightarrow 0$ is required by the “square summable” condition. Thus T_n converges in the strong sense to the operator T corresponding to doing an inner product with the zero vector (which is simply the zero/ null operator 0)

However, T_n doesn't converge strongly to 0 because each T_n has norm $\|T_n\| = 1$

Still, let $\mathcal{H} = l^2$ and denote T_n by a translation to the right by n , which maps a vector $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ to

$$T_n x = (0, \dots, 0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$$

where there are n -0s in front of x_1 . Notice that

$$(T_n x, y) = x_1 b_{n+1} + x_2 b_{n+2} + \dots$$

Using Cauchy-Schwarz to get

$$|(T_n x, y)| \leq \|x\| \|(0, 0, \dots, 0, b_{n+1}, b_{n+2})\|$$

and $\|(0, 0, \dots, 0, b_{n+1}, b_{n+2})\| \rightarrow 0$, again due to the “square summable” condition. Thus T_n converges to the zero operator in the weak sense. However, obviously it is not in the strong sense.

(c) Are you sure there is no mistake on the assumption? Finite rank operators are dense in the space of compact operators, but I never heard anyone mentioning it is possible to extend this to all bounded operators.