

1. Consider the BVP

$$\begin{cases} Lu \equiv u''(x) + u(x) = -\lambda \cos(1 + u(x)), & x \in [0, 1] \\ u(0) = u'(0) = 0, u \in C^2([0, 1]) \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

Calculation of the Green's function:

$$g(x, t) = (a_1(t) \cos x + a_2(t) \sin x)\theta(x - t) + b_1(t) \cos x + b_2(t) \sin x$$

where

$$\begin{cases} a_1(t) \cos t + a_2(t) \sin t = 0 \\ -a_1(t) \sin t + a_2(t) \cos t = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \begin{cases} a_1(t) = -\sin t \\ a_2(t) = \cos t \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} b_1(t) = 0 \\ b_2(t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence we have $g(x, t) = \sin(x - t)\theta(x - t)$.

Now set

$$T : C([0, 1]) \longrightarrow C([0, 1]),$$

where $Tu(x) = \int_0^1 g(x, t)(-\lambda \cos(1 + u(t))) dt$. From Banach's fixed point theorem we conclude that (*) has a unique solution if T is a contraction. For $u, v \in C([0, 1])$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Tu(x) - Tv(x)| &= |\lambda| \left| \int_0^1 g(x, t)(\cos(1 + u(t)) - \cos(1 + v(t))) dt \right| \leq \\ &\leq |\lambda| \int_0^1 |g(x, t)| dt \|u - v\|_\infty = |\lambda| \int_0^x \sin(x - t) dt \|u - v\|_\infty \leq \\ &\leq |\lambda| (1 - \cos 1) \|u - v\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence T is a contraction for $|\lambda| < \frac{1}{1 - \cos 1}$ and the desired conclusion follows.

2. $(e_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ is an ON-basis in a Hilbert space H and T is defined by

$$T(\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n e_n) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n+1} a_{n+1} e_n$$

for $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty \in l^2$. Clearly $T \in \mathcal{B}(H, H)$ with $\|T\| = \frac{1}{2}$. An easy calculation gives

$$T^*(\sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n e_n) = \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{1}{n} b_{n-1} e_n.$$

T is a compact operator since $\|T - T_M\| \rightarrow 0$ as $M \rightarrow \infty$ where T_M , $M = 1, 2, \dots$, are finite dimensional operators defined by

$$T_M(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e_n) = \sum_{n=1}^M \frac{1}{n+1} a_{n+1} e_n.$$

More precisely we have $\|T - T_M\| < \frac{1}{M}$, $M = 1, 2, \dots$

Moreover λ is an eigenvalue for T iff there exists an (eigen)vector $\mathbf{0} \neq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e_n$ such that $T(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e_n) = \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e_n$, i.e.

$$\lambda a_n = \frac{1}{n+1} a_{n+1}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

This implies that only $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue for T (with eigenvector e_1). Finally μ is an eigenvalue for T^* iff there exists an (eigen)vector $\mathbf{0} \neq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e_n$ such that $T^*(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e_n) = \mu \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e_n$. This means that

$$b_1 = 0, \quad \mu b_n = \frac{1}{n} b_{n-1}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

Hence T^* has no eigenvalues. This gives $\sigma_p(T) = \{0\}$ and $\sigma_p(T^*) = \emptyset$.

3. Riesz representation theorem implies that there are uniquely defined $y_k \in H$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, such that

$$f_k(x) = \langle x, y_k \rangle \quad \text{all } x \in H,$$

where H is a Hilbert space. Moreover the fact that f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n are linearly independent in $\mathcal{B}(H, \mathbb{C})$ implies that y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are linearly independent¹ in H (easy to show). Now for each $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ consider the set $Y_l = \{y_k : k \neq l\}^\perp$. We see that $f_l|_{Y_l} \neq \mathbf{0}$ since otherwise $f_l(x) = 0$ for all $x \in Y_l$. This would imply that

$$\{y_k : k \neq l\}^\perp \subset \{y_l\}^\perp$$

and hence

$$\text{Span}\{y_l\} \subset \text{Span}\{y_k : k \neq l\},$$

which contradicts the linearly independence of y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n . Finally, for each $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ pick an $x_l \in Y_l$ such that $f_l(x_l) = 1$. These x_l 's will satisfy the properties stated in the problem.

4. See textbook

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¹ y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n does not need to be pairwise orthogonal.

6. Let H be a Hilbert space and let $T : H \rightarrow H$ be a linear mapping with the following property:

$$x_n \rightarrow x \text{ in } H \Rightarrow Tx_n \rightarrow Tx \text{ in } H.$$

We should prove that T is bounded².

Assume that T is not bounded. Then there exists a sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ such that $x_n \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ in H but $Tx_n \not\rightarrow T\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ in H . Without loss of generality (easy to show) we may assume that

- (a) $\|Tx_n\| = 1$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$,
- (b) $\|x_n\| \leq 2^{-n}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$,
- (c) $Tx_n \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ in H .

Set $y_n = Tx_n$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and choose an increasing sequence $(n_l)_{l=1}^{\infty}$ of integers as follows: Set $n_1 = 1$. For $l = 2, 3, \dots$ let n_l have the property

$$\sum_{k=1}^{l-1} |\langle y_{n_k}, y_{n_l} \rangle| \leq \frac{1}{4} \text{ all } m \geq n_l.$$

The existence of $(n_l)_{l=1}^{\infty}$ follows from the fact that $y_n \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$. This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^M y_{n_l} \right\|^2 &= \sum_{l=1}^M \langle y_{n_l}, y_{n_l} \rangle + \sum_{k,l=1, k \neq l}^M \langle y_{n_k}, y_{n_l} \rangle \geq \\ &\geq M - 2 \sum_{1 \leq k < l \leq M} |\langle y_{n_k}, y_{n_l} \rangle| = \sum_{l=1}^M (1 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{l-1} |\langle y_{n_k}, y_{n_l} \rangle|) \geq \frac{M}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now $y_{n_k} = Tx_{n_k}$ and $\|x_{n_k}\| \leq 2^{-k}$. Hence $\sum_{k=1}^M x_{n_k} \rightarrow \tilde{x}$ for some $\tilde{x} \in H$ but $T(\sum_{k=1}^M x_{n_k}) = \sum_{k=1}^M Tx_{n_k} \not\rightarrow T\tilde{x}$ since³ $\|\sum_{k=1}^M Tx_{n_k}\|^2 \geq \frac{M}{2} \rightarrow \infty$ as $M \rightarrow \infty$. Contradiction! Hence T is bounded.

²This can be done using the closed graph theorem, see the lecture notes on spectral theory, but I have not discussed that theorem in class.

³Every weakly convergent sequence is bounded