

Homework assignment 3

Deadline 2007-10-18

Problem 1: Consider the ODE

$$u''(x) - u(x) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + u(x^2)) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 1],$$

with the boundary conditions $u(0) = u'(0) = 0$. Calculate the Green's function to this BVP and show that the problem has a unique C^2 -solution $u(x)$.

Problem 2: Let $k \in C([0, 1] \times [0, 1])$ and set

$$A(f)(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, t)f(t) dt, \quad x \in [0, 1],$$

for $f \in C([0, 1])$. Show that $A : C([0, 1]) \rightarrow C([0, 1])$ is a compact operator.

Problem 3: Let H be a complex Hilbert space and let $A : H \rightarrow H$ be a bounded linear operator satisfying

$$\langle A(x), x \rangle \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{for all } x \in H.$$

Show that A is self-adjoint.

Problem 4: Let $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ be a bounded sequence in a Hilbert space H . Moreover let $A : H \rightarrow H$ be a bounded linear operator on H . Show that if $(A^*A(x_n))_{n=1}^\infty$ converges in H then also $(A(x_n))_{n=1}^\infty$ converges in H .