

- ① Show  $5u'' + \frac{1}{1+u(x)} = 1, x \in [0,1], u(0) = u(1) = 0$  has a unique solution  $u \in C^2([0,1])$

Solution: Step 1 Calculate the Green's function  $g(x,t)$  for  $Lu = u''$ ,  $u(0) = u(1) = 0$ . We have

$$g(x,t) = (a_1(t) \cdot 1 + a_2(t) \cdot x) \theta(x-t) + b_1(t) \cdot 1 + b_2(t) \cdot x$$

where

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

and

$$\begin{cases} g(0,t) = 0 \\ g(1,t) = 0 \end{cases} \quad t \in (0,1) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \begin{cases} b_1(t) = 0 \\ b_2(t) = t-1 \end{cases}$$

which gives

$$g(x,t) = \begin{cases} (t-1)x & 0 \leq x \leq t \leq 1 \\ (x-1)t & 0 \leq t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Step 2: Set

$$T(u)(x) = \int_0^1 g(x,t) \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{1+u(t)} \right) dt, \quad u \in C([0,1]).$$

If  $T: C([0,1]) \rightarrow C([0,1])$  is a contraction then the BVP has a unique solution  $u \in C^2([0,1])$  by Banach's fixed point theorem. Fix  $u, v \in C([0,1])$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |T(u)(x) - T(v)(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{5} \int_0^1 |g(x,t)| \left| \frac{1}{1+u(t)} - \frac{1}{1+v(t)} \right| dt \leq \\ &\leq \left\{ \text{mean value theorem} \right\} \leq \frac{4}{5} \int_0^1 |g(x,t)| dt \|u-v\|_{\infty} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{4}{5} \|u-v\|_{\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\|T(u) - T(v)\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{4}{5} \|u-v\|_{\infty}$  where  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$

is the max-norm (so  $(C([0,1]), \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$  is Banach space.)

- ② Set  $Tf(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+(x-y)^2} f(y) dy, f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove that  $T$  is bounded linear self-adjoint operator on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Also show that  $T$  is not compact.

Solution: linearly easy (or omitted).

Boundedness: For  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+(x-y)^2} f(y) dy \right|^2 dx &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+(x-y)^2} \cdot \frac{|f(y)|}{\sqrt{1+(x-y)^2}} dy \right)^2 dx \leq \\ &\leq \{ \text{Hölder} \} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+(x-y)^2} dy \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+(x-y)^2} |f(y)|^2 dy \right) dx \leq \\ &\leq \{ \text{Fubini} \} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+y^2} dy \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+(x-y)^2} dx \right) |f(y)|^2 dy = \\ &= \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+y^2} dy \right)^2 \cdot \|f\|_{L^2}^2 = \pi^2 \cdot \|f\|_{L^2}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\|Tf\|_{L^2} \leq \pi \|f\|_{L^2}$  all  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

Self-adjointness: Note that  $Tf(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k(x,y) f(y) dy$

where  $k(x,y) = \overline{k(y,x)}$  all  $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . This

implies  $T^* = T$ .

$T$  not compact: Set  $f_m = \chi_{[m, m+1]}$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } |\langle f_m, g \rangle| &= \left| \int_m^{m+1} g(y) dy \right| \leq \int_m^{m+1} |g(y)| dy \leq \\ &\leq \{ \text{Hölder} \} \leq \left( \int_m^{m+1} |g(y)|^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \rightarrow 0, m \rightarrow \infty \\ &\text{for all } g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f_m \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf_m\|_{L^2}^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+(x-y)^2} f_m(y) dy \right|^2 dx = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_m^{m+1} \frac{1}{1+(x-y)^2} dy \right)^2 dx = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \arctan(y-x) \right]_m^{m+1} dx = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \arctan(m+1-x) - \arctan(m-x) dx = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\arctan(1-x) - \arctan(-x)) dx = \text{constant} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

So

$Tf_m \not\rightarrow 0$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

Hence  $T$  is not compact.

- ③ Set  $L(f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n f(x_n)$  where  $(c_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \ell^1$ ,  $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$   
 $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}$  with  $x_n \neq x_m$  for  $n \neq m$  and with no

cluster point. Calculate  $\|L\|$

Solution: Clearly for  $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$  with  $\|f\| \leq 1$  we have

$$|L(f)| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n| |f(x_n)| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n|$$

Fix arbitrary positive integer  $N$ . Since  $\min_{\substack{m \neq n \\ m \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}}} |x_m - x_n| \geq \varepsilon > 0$

we can construct a  $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\|f\| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_n) = \frac{c_n}{|c_n|} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$(f(x_n) = 0 \text{ if } c_n = 0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_k) = 0, \quad k = N+1, N+2, \dots$$

$$\text{Then } |L(f)| = \sum_{n=1}^N |c_n|. \quad \text{Hence } \|L\| \geq \sup_N \sum_{n=1}^N |c_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n|$$

(4) See textbook

(5)  $T \neq 0$  linear functional on normed space  $X$ . Prove

that (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c), where

a)  $T$  continuous

b)  $N(T)$  proper closed subspace of  $X$

c)  $N(T)$  not dense in  $X$

Proof: a)  $\Rightarrow$  b):  $N(T)$  closed subspace since  $T$  continuous (easy)

$N(T)$  proper since  $T \neq 0$

b)  $\Rightarrow$  c): Since  $\overline{N(T)} = N(T)$  is a proper subspace of  $X$  it is not dense

c)  $\Rightarrow$  a): We show that  $T$  not continuous implies  $N(T)$  dense in  $X$ . If  $T$  not continuous

lin. functional there exists a sequence

$(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $X$  s.t.  $\|x_n\| = 1$  and  $|T(x_n)| > n$

$n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Fix  $y \in X$ . Set

$$y_n = y - \frac{T(y)}{T(x_n)} x_n \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{Then } T(y_n) = T(y) - T(y) = 0 \quad \text{so}$$

$$y_n \in N(T) \quad \text{and} \quad \|y_n - y\| = \frac{|T(y)|}{|T(x_n)|} \|x_n\| = \frac{|T(y)|}{n} \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

Hence  $N(T)$  is dense in  $X$ . □

④ Let  $M$  be a dense subspace of a separable Hilbert space  $H$ . Prove that  $H$  has an ON-basis consisting of elements in  $M$ .

Proof: If  $H$  is finite-dimensional the only dense subspace of  $H$  is  $H$  itself so the result is trivial. Suppose that  $H$  is infinite-dimensional and let  $(x_n)$  denote a countable dense subset of  $H$ .

$M$  dense in  $H$  implies that for every  $x_n$  there exists a sequence  $(x_{m,m})_{m=1}^{\infty}$  in  $M$  s.t.

$x_{m,m} \rightarrow x_n$  in  $(H, \|\cdot\|)$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Set

$A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x_{m,m}\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ . Here  $A$  is a countable

subset of  $M$  that is dense in  $H$ . Set  $A = \{z_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}_k\}$

Let  $\tilde{A}$  be lin. indep. subset of  $A$  s.t. the set of all finite lin. comb. of  $\tilde{A} =$  set of all finite lin. comb. of  $A$ . Apply the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization

procedure to  $\tilde{A} \equiv \{\tilde{z}_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}_k\}$ . This gives an ON-sequence  $(e_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_k}$  where each  $e_k$  is a finite lin. comb. of elements  $\tilde{z}_m$  in  $M$  and hence  $e_k \in M$ .

Moreover the closed span of  $\{e_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}_k\}$  is equal to that of  $A$  and hence  $(e_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_k}$  is an ON-basis for  $H$ .