

① $u'' + u' + \lambda|u| = f \in C([0,1])$ with $u(0) = u(1) = 0$ and $|\lambda| < e(e-1)$

show that this BVP has a unique solution $u \in C^2([0,1])$

solution: step 1. Set $Lu = u'' + u'$ and $R_1 u = u(0)$, $R_2 u = u(1)$

and calculate the corresponding Green's function $g(x,t)$

Here $u_1(x) = 1$, $u_2(x) = e^{-x}$ is a basis for $N(L)$. So

$$g(x,t) = \theta(x-t) \left(\underbrace{a_1(t)u_1(x) + a_2(t)u_2(x)}_{= e^{\lambda t}} \right) + b_1(t)u_1(x) + b_2(t)u_2(x)$$

where

$$\bullet e^{\lambda t}(t) = 0, \quad e_x^{\lambda}(t,t) = 1 \quad t \in [0,0]$$

$$\bullet R_1 g(\cdot, t) = R_2 g(\cdot, t) = 0 \quad t \in (0,1)$$

This gives

$$\begin{cases} a_1(t) + a_2(t)e^{-t} = 0, & -a_2(t)e^{-t} = 1 \quad t \in [0,1] \\ b_1(t) + b_2(t) = a_1(t) + a_2(t)e^{-1} + b_1(t) + b_2(t)e^{-1} = 0, & t \in (0,1) \end{cases}$$

and hence

$$\begin{cases} a_1(t) = 1, & a_2(t) = -e^t \\ b_1(t) = \frac{e^t - e}{e-1}, & b_2(t) = \frac{e - e^t}{e-1} \end{cases}$$

We have $g(x,t) = \theta(x-t)(1 - e^{t+x}) + \frac{e^t - e}{e-1} + \frac{e - e^t}{e-1} e^{-x}$

for $x, t \in [0,1]$. We observe that $g(x,t) \leq 0$ for all x, t .

Step 2: Set $T(u)(x) = \int_0^1 g(x,t)(f(t) - \lambda|u(t)|) dt$, $x \in [0,1]$

for $u \in C([0,1])$. Then the BVP has a unique solution

$u \in C^2([0,1])$ if and only if $T: C([0,1]) \rightarrow C([0,1])$

has a unique fixed point. We use the max-norm

for $C([0,1])$, i.e. $\|h\| = \max_{x \in [0,1]} |h(x)|$, so $(C([0,1]), \|\cdot\|)$

becomes a Banach space. Banach's fixed point theorem

implies that T has a unique fixed point provided

it is a contraction $C([0,1])$. For $u, v \in C([0,1])$

$$\|T(u)(x) - T(v)(x)\| = \left\| \int_0^1 g(x,t)(\lambda|v(t)| - \lambda|u(t)|) dt \right\| \leq$$

$$\leq |\lambda| \int_0^1 |g(x,t)| |u(x,t) - v(x,t)| dt \leq |\lambda| \int_0^1 |g(x,t)| dt \|u-v\|$$

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This implies $\|T(u) - T(v)\| \leq |\lambda| \int_0^1 |g(x,t)| dt \|u-v\|$.

To estimate $\int_0^1 |g(x,t)| dt$ we observe that

$$\int_0^1 |g(x,t)| dt = \int_0^1 g(x,t) \cdot (-1) dt = j(x)$$

where $j'' + j' = -1$, $j(0) = j(1) = 0$.

Here $j(x) = -x + a + b e^{-x}$ where $j(0) = j(1) = 0$ i.e.

$$j(x) = -x + \frac{e}{e-1} - \frac{e}{e-1} e^{-x}$$

straight forward calculations give $\max_{x \in [0,1]} j(x) = j(\ln \frac{e}{e-1}) = \dots = \frac{1}{e-1} + \ln(1 - \frac{1}{e}) \leq$

$$\leq \frac{1}{e-1} - \frac{1}{e} = \frac{1}{e(e-1)}$$

This implies that T is a contraction on $C([0,1])$ if $\frac{|\lambda|}{e(e-1)} < 1$, and so

by the assumption on $|\lambda|$ in the problem, we obtained the desired result.

(2) $A: C([0,1]) \rightarrow C([0,1])$ where $A(f)(x) = \int_0^x f(y) dy - \int_x^1 f(y) dy$

for $x \in [0,1]$ and $f \in C([0,1])$. Show that $A \in \mathcal{B}(E, E)$

with $E = (C([0,1]), \|\cdot\|)$, where $\|\cdot\|$ is the max-norm, and calculate $\|A\|$.

Solution: Clearly $A(f) \in C([0,1])$ for $f \in C([0,1])$. The linearity of A is easy to prove and omitted here.

For $f \in C([0,1])$ we have (for $x \in [0,1]$)

$$|A(f)(x)| \leq \int_0^x |f(y)| dy + \int_x^1 |f(y)| dy = \int_0^1 |f(y)| dy \leq \|f\|$$

and hence $\|A(f)\| \leq \|f\|$ for all $f \in C([0,1])$. This

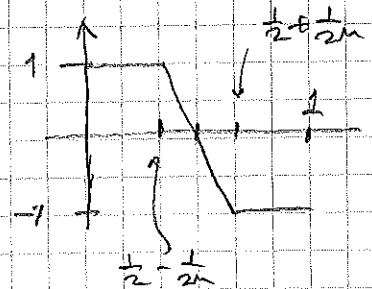
implies $\|A\| \leq 1$. To show $\|A\| \geq 1$ set (for instance)

$$f_m(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2m}] \\ \text{linear} & \text{in } [\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2m}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2m}] \\ -1 & x \in [\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2m}, 1] \end{cases}$$

for $m = 1, 2, \dots$. Then

$$\|f_m\| = 1 \quad \text{for } m \geq 1, \quad \text{and}$$

$$A(f_m)(\frac{1}{2}) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{m} \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$



This implies $\|A(f_n)\| \geq 1 - \frac{1}{n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

and so $\|A\| \geq \sup_n (1 - \frac{1}{n}) = 1$. This gives $\|A\| = 1$.

③ $k \in C([0,1] \times [0,1])$ with $k(x,y) > 0$ all $(x,y) \in [0,1] \times [0,1]$.

$$A(f)(x) = \int_0^1 k(x,y) f(y) dy, \quad x \in [0,1] \text{ and } f \in C([0,1]).$$

Show that $A: C([0,1]) \rightarrow C([0,1])$ has a positive eigenvalue with an eigenfunction $f \in C([0,1])$ with $f(x) > 0$ all $x \in [0,1]$.

Solution: Set

$$F = \{f \in C([0,1]) : \|f\| = 1, f \geq 0\}$$

Then F is a closed convex set in the Banach space

$(C([0,1]), \|\cdot\|)$, where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the max-norm.

We observe that $\|A(f)\| > 0$ for $f \in F$ since

$k > 0$ on $[0,1] \times [0,1]$ and $f \geq 0$ with $f(x) > 0$ for some $x \in [0,1]$. Now set

$$T(f) = \frac{1}{\|A(f)\|} A(f) \quad \text{for } f \in F.$$

Then

• $T: F \rightarrow F$ continuous (easy to show)

• $T(F)$ relatively compact in $C([0,1])$ by Arzela-Ascoli theorem (also easy to show)

Schauder's fixed point theorem (generalized version)

implies that T has a fixed point $\tilde{f} \in F$.

Hence

$$A(\tilde{f}) = \|A(\tilde{f})\| \cdot \tilde{f}$$

where $\tilde{f}(x) > 0$ all $x \in [0,1]$ since $k > 0$ on $[0,1] \times [0,1]$.

④ See textbooks.

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b) E Hilbert space, $A \in \mathcal{B}(E, E)$ where $A^*A \in \mathcal{K}(E, E)$. Show $A \in \mathcal{K}(E, E)$

Proof: From the textbook we know that $A \in \mathcal{K}(E, E)$ if and only if $x_n \rightarrow x$ in E implies $Ax_n \rightarrow Ax$ in E . Since A is linear the last statement is equivalent to

$$x_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } E \Rightarrow Ax_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } E$$

Assume $x_n \rightarrow 0$ in E . This implies

$$\sup_n \|x_n\| < \infty \text{ by well-known theorem.}$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ax_n\|^2 &= \langle Ax_n, Ax_n \rangle = \langle A^*Ax_n, x_n \rangle \leq \\ &\leq \|A^*Ax_n\| \cdot \|x_n\| \leq \|A^*Ax_n\| \cdot \sup_m \|x_m\| \end{aligned}$$

Here $A^*A \in \mathcal{K}(E, E)$ and $x_n \rightarrow 0$ in E so

$$A^*Ax_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } E, \text{ i.e. } \|A^*Ax_n\| \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$$

We obtain $\|Ax_n\| \rightarrow 0$ $n \rightarrow \infty$ and so

$$Ax_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } E. \quad \square$$

⑥ $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ bounded sequence in a Hilbert space E .

Show that $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ has a weakly convergent subsequence

Proof: Set $S = \overline{\text{Span}\{x_n: n=1, 2, \dots\}}$.

Then S is a closed subspace of E and $E = S \oplus S^\perp$ by O.T. Clearly $\langle x_n, y \rangle = 0$ for all n for $y \in S^\perp$.

By Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization procedure we obtain an ON-basis $(e_n)_{n=1}^N$ for S . Here N

is finite or infinite. Assume $N = \infty$. (N finite easy)

$(\langle x_n, e_1 \rangle)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a bounded sequence in \mathbb{C} and hence

has a convergent subsequence $(\langle x_{n_1}, e_1 \rangle)_{n_1=1}^{\infty}$.
 $(\langle x_{n_1}, e_2 \rangle)_{n_1=1}^{\infty}$ bounded in \mathbb{C} and hence has a
convergent subsequence $(\langle x_{n_2}, e_2 \rangle)_{n_2=1}^{\infty}$. Proceed
inductively. For every positive integer k we obtain
a subsequence $(x_{n_k})_{n_k=1}^{\infty}$ of $(x_{n_{k-1}})_{n_{k-1}=1}^{\infty}$ and hence
of the original sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ s.t. $(\langle x_{n_k}, e_l \rangle)_{n_k=1}^{\infty}$
converges in \mathbb{C} for $l=1, 2, \dots, k$. Consider the
diagonal sequence $(y_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$, where $y_n = x_{n, n}$.

Here $(\langle y_n, e_l \rangle)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges for $l=1, 2, \dots$

Fix $z \in S$. Then $z = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \langle z, e_k \rangle e_k$. Here

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\langle z, e_k \rangle|^2 < \infty$ by Bessel's inequality, and $z_k \rightarrow z$ in E

where $z_k = \sum_{l=1}^k \langle z, e_l \rangle e_l$.

Claim: $(\langle y_n, z \rangle)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges in \mathbb{C} (and hence

for $(\langle z, y_n \rangle)_{n=1}^{\infty}$)

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Set $M = \sup_n \|x_n\|$. Fix k positive integer

s.t. $\|z - z_k\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3M}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle z, y_n \rangle - \langle z, y_m \rangle| &\leq |\langle z - z_k, y_n \rangle| + |\langle z_k, y_n - y_m \rangle| + \\ &+ |\langle z - z_k, y_m \rangle| \leq \|z - z_k\| \|y_n\| + |\langle z_k, y_n - y_m \rangle| + \\ &+ \|z - z_k\| \|y_m\| < \frac{2}{3} \varepsilon + |\langle z_k, y_n - y_m \rangle|. \end{aligned}$$

Fix N s.t. $|\langle z_k, y_n \rangle - \langle z_k, y_m \rangle| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ for all $n, m \geq N$.

Then $|\langle z, y_n \rangle - \langle z, y_m \rangle| < \varepsilon$ for all $n, m \geq N$

$(\mathbb{C}, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space so $(\langle z, y_n \rangle)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges.

Call the limit $f(z)$. We have $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ that

is linear, since $\langle \alpha_1 z_1 + \alpha_2 z_2, y_n \rangle = \alpha_1 \langle z_1, y_n \rangle + \alpha_2 \langle z_2, y_n \rangle$

which implies $f(\alpha_1 z_1 + \alpha_2 z_2) = \alpha_1 f(z_1) + \alpha_2 f(z_2)$, and

f bounded, since $|f(z)| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\langle z, y_n \rangle| \leq M \|z\|$.

Riesz repr theorem implies that

$f(z) = \langle z, y_f \rangle$, $z \in E$, for a uniquely defined $y_f \in E$.

We have that

$$\langle y_m, z \rangle \rightarrow \langle y_f, z \rangle, \quad m \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{in } (\mathbb{C}, \|\cdot\|)$$

for all $z \in S$. We have that $y_m \rightarrow y_f$ in E ,
note that $y_f \in S$, and $(y_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a subsequence
of $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$. \square