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Two-dimensional canonical systems in limit point case.

$$y'(t) = z J H(t) y(t) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty)$$

$$z \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hamiltonian

$$H \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$$

$$H \geq 0 \text{ a.e.} \quad (H \neq 0 \text{ a.e.})$$

$$\int_0^\infty \text{tr } H(t) dt = \infty$$

includes: Schrödinger, Jacobi, Krein-Feller, etc.

In theory (!) every result about canonical systems yields a corresponding result about each concrete class.

▷ Inclusion of limit circle case: canonical system on a finite interval, $H \in L^1([0,1], \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$. Set

$$\tilde{H}(t) := \begin{cases} H(t) & \text{if } t \in [0,1] \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } t \in (1, \infty) \end{cases}$$

▷ The operator model: given Hamiltonian H , let

$L^2(H) :=$ certain closed subspace of $L^2(H(t) dt)$

$$\text{graph } A_H := \left\{ (f, g) \in L^2(H) \times L^2(H) \mid \begin{aligned} & f' = J H g, \quad (1,0) f(0) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

A_H is selfadjoint (in general unbounded) and has simple spectrum.

We are interested in the situation that $G(A_H)$ is discrete.

Q1 When is $G(A_H)$ discrete?

Q2 If $G(A_H)$ is discrete, how is it distributed?

convergence class ($\varepsilon > 0$) : $\sum_n \frac{1}{|\lambda_n|^\varepsilon} < \infty$,

finite type ($\varepsilon > 0$) : $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{|\lambda_n|^\varepsilon} < \infty$,

or similar (minimal type, other comparison functions)

We do not (and cannot) discuss spectral asymptotics
($\lambda_n = n^\varepsilon (1 + o(1))$).

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$\triangleright G(A_H)$ discrete $\Rightarrow \exists$ nonzero constant in $L^2(W)$.
 w.l.o.g. we may assume that $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in L^2(W)$.

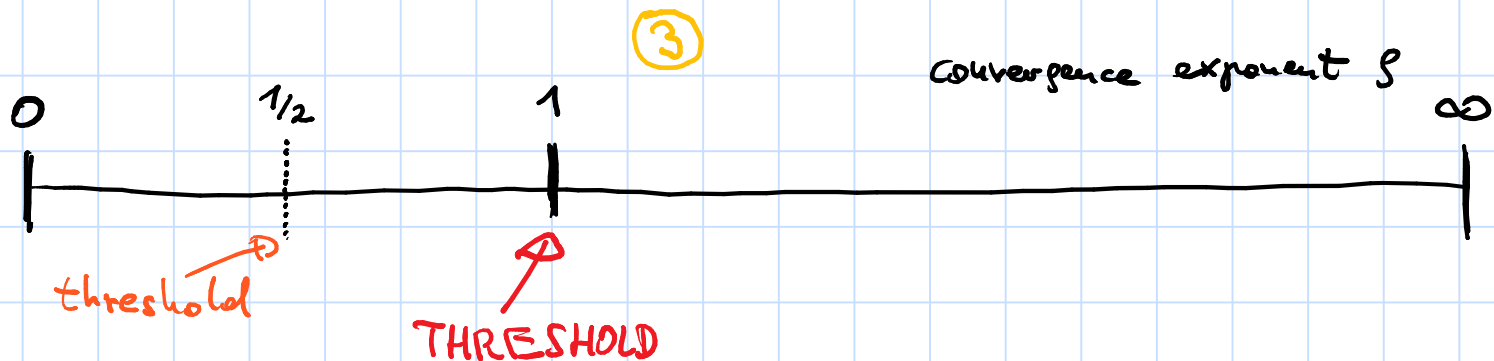
Theorem 1: $H = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_3 \\ h_3 & h_2 \end{pmatrix}$ with $\int_0^\infty h_1(t) dt < \infty$.

Then $G(A_H)$ is discrete, if and only if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_t^\infty h_1(s) ds \cdot \int_0^t h_2(s) ds \right) = 0.$$

\triangleright Discreteness is independent of the off-diagonal (essential step in the proof).

\triangleright For $h_3 = 0$ this is Krein's criterion for discreteness of the spectrum of a string.



Around $s=1$ the behaviour changes drastically.

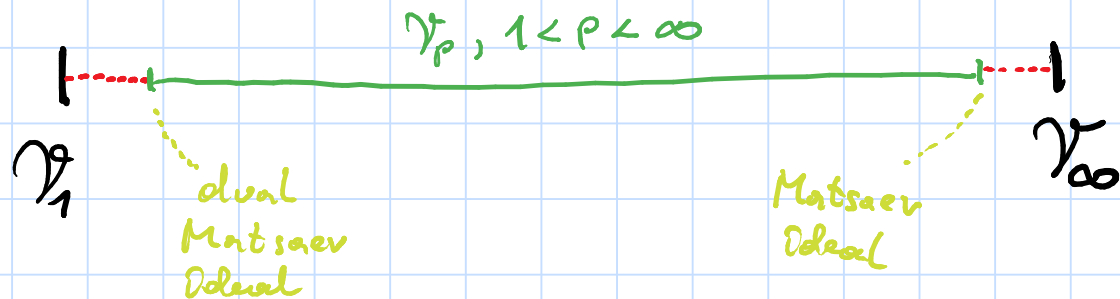
operator theoretic reason : symmetrically normed ideals

function theoretic reason : entire functions of bounded type

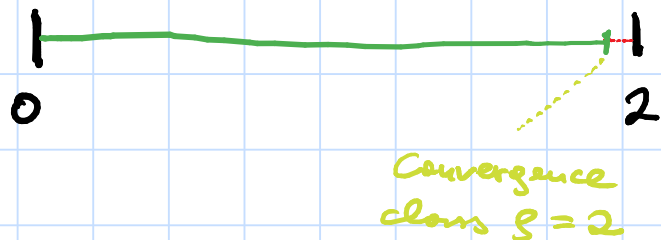
Around $s = \frac{1}{2}$ the behaviour changes slightly.

(analytic reasons)

I. dense spectrum : operator theory works for



II. sparse spectrum : function theory / analysis works for



▷ An example Let $\alpha > 1$, $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, and

$$h_1(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{t^\alpha}, & t > 1 \\ 0, & t \in [0, 1] \end{cases} \quad h_2(t) = \begin{cases} (\log t)^{\beta_1} (\log \log t)^{\beta_2}, & t > 3 \\ 1, & t \in [0, 3] \end{cases}$$

(i) $\alpha < 2 \Rightarrow$ convergence exponent of $(\lambda_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ is ∞ .

(ii) $\alpha > 2 \Rightarrow$ convergence exponent is 1 (not convergence class 1).

(iii) $\alpha = 2$. Let $1 < \beta < \infty$, then

$$\sum_n \frac{1}{|\lambda_n|^\beta} < \infty \iff \beta_1 < -\frac{2}{\beta} \vee \left(\beta_1 = -\frac{2}{\beta} \wedge \beta_2 < -\frac{2}{\beta} \right)$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{|\lambda_n|^\beta} < \infty \iff \beta_1 < -\frac{2}{\beta} \vee \left(\beta_1 = -\frac{2}{\beta} \wedge \beta_2 \leq 0 \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{|\lambda_n|^\beta} = 0 \iff \beta_1 < -\frac{2}{\beta} \vee \left(\beta_1 = -\frac{2}{\beta} \wedge \beta_2 < 0 \right)$$

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▷ \mathcal{H} separable Hilbert space. A s.u.-ideal is $\langle \mathcal{I}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{I}} \rangle$ where

- (i) $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ ideal ($\neq \{0\}, \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$), $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{I}}$ complete norm
- (ii) $\|ATA\|_{\mathcal{I}} \leq \|A\| \cdot \|T\|_{\mathcal{I}} \cdot \|A\|$ for $T \in \mathcal{I}, A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$
- (iii) $\|T\|_{\mathcal{I}} = \|T\|$ for T 1-dimensional

Examples: Schatten-von Neumann classes $\mathcal{Y}_p, 1 \leq p < \infty$
Orlicz classes, Lorentz ideals, etc.

▷ Calkin correspondence: $T \in \mathcal{Y}_{\infty} \mapsto (S_n(T))_{n=1}^{\infty}$
S-numbers

s.u.-ideals \leftrightarrow symmetric Banach sequence spaces

▷ density of α sequences is encoded in membership in \mathcal{I} .

▷ \mathcal{I} s.u.-ideal is fully symmetric, if

$\forall T \in \mathcal{I}, A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}) :$

$$(s_n(A))_{n=1}^{\infty} \prec (s_n(T))_{n=1}^{\infty} \Rightarrow A \in \mathcal{I} \wedge \|A\|_{\mathcal{I}} \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{I}}$$

Hardy-Littlewood majorisation

$$\forall N \in \mathbb{N} : \sum_{n=1}^N s_n(A) \leq \sum_{n=1}^N s_n(T)$$

▷ \mathcal{I} s.u.-ideal has the Matsaev property, if

$\forall T$ Volterra operator : $\operatorname{Re} T \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow T \in \mathcal{I}$

▷ For $H = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_3 \\ h_3 & h_2 \end{pmatrix}$ set $H_{\text{diag}} = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Theorem 2: let $H = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_3 \\ h_3 & h_2 \end{pmatrix}$ with $\int_0^\infty h_1(t) dt < \infty$.

let $I \subseteq \mathcal{Y}_\infty$ be a s.u.-ideal which is fully symmetric and has the Matsnev property. Then

$$A_H^{-1} \in I \iff A_{H_{\text{diag}}}^{-1} \in I.$$

▷ A theorem of Aleksandrov, Janson, Peller, Rochberg (in a slightly extended form) yields a sequential characterisation of membership in an ideal.

▷ Given h_1 with $\int_0^\infty h_1 < \infty$, let $0 = c_0 < c_1 < c_2 < \dots$ be such that

$$\int_{c_{n-1}}^{c_n} h_1(t) dt = 2^{-n} \int_0^\infty h_1(t) dt. \text{ Set}$$

$$\alpha_n := 2^{-\frac{n}{2}} \left(\int_{c_{n-1}}^{c_n} h_2(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\int_{c_{n-1}}^{c_n} h_1(t) dt \cdot \int_{c_{n-1}}^{c_n} h_2(t) dt}$$

Theorem 3: Let \mathcal{I} be a s.u.-ideal which is fully symmetric and has the Matsner property. Then

$$A_H^{-1} \in \mathcal{I} \iff (\alpha_n)_{n=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{I}$$

▷ Convergence class conditions

Let $M: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be

(i) continuous, increasing, convex, $M(0)=0$, $M(1)=1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(x)}{x} = \infty$

(ii) $\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} M(2x)/M(x) < \infty$

(iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\log x} \cdot \log \left[\limsup_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{M(xy)}{M(y)} \right] > 1$

E.g.: $M(x) \approx x^s |\log x|^{\kappa_1} |\log \log x|^{\alpha_2}$ at 0 with $s > 1$.

Corollary: Let H with $\int_0^\infty h_1 < \infty$ and $\sigma(A_H)$ discrete,
and let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ be the eigenvalues of A_H (nondecreasing modulus).

Then

$$\sum_n M\left(\frac{1}{|\lambda_n|}\right) < \infty \iff$$

$$\int_0^\infty M\left(\sqrt{\int_{\frac{t}{2}}^\infty h_1(s) ds \cdot \int_0^{\frac{t}{2}} h_2(s) ds}\right) \cdot \frac{h_1(t)}{\int_{\frac{t}{2}}^\infty h_1(s) ds} dt < \infty$$

D Type conditions

Let $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be regularly varying with order $\delta > 1$, i.e., φ nonvanishing and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(yx)/\varphi(x) = y^\delta$ for $y > 0$.

Corollary: Let H with $\int_0^\infty h_1 < \infty$ and $\sigma(A_H)$ discrete, and let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ be the eigenvalues of A_H (nondecreasing modulus).

Again let

$$\alpha_n := \sqrt{\int_{c_{n-1}}^{c_n} h_1 \cdot \int_{c_{n-1}}^{c_n} h_2} \quad \text{where} \quad \int_{c_{n-1}}^{c_n} h_1 = 2^{-n} \int_0^\infty h_1,$$

and let $(\alpha_n^*)_{n=1}^\infty$ be the nondecreasing rearrangement. Then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\varphi(|\lambda_n|)} < \infty \iff \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\varphi(1/\alpha_n^*)} < \infty$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\varphi(|\lambda_n|)} = 0 \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\varphi(1/\alpha_n^*)} = 0$$