

## APPLIED FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS HOMEWORK 2

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### Exercise 1. (2.3) in book

*Proof.*

We first show that such an extension exists for uniform continuous  $f$ , then that it's unique, then give a counterexample to it for non-uniform continuous  $f$ .

#### Existence of extension:

Given  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  uniformly continuous on open  $G$ , for every point  $x \in G$ ,  $\tilde{f}(x) = f(x)$  by requirement that this is an extension. For  $x \in \bar{G} \setminus G$ , by definition of closeness we know that there exists some sequence  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

Now we prove that the sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$   $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$  for some  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ . We prove this by proving that the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is Cauchy, then use completeness of  $\mathbb{R}$  we can conclude the existence of  $L$ .

For all  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta$  such that  $\forall x_i, x_j \in X$  with  $d(x_i, x_j) < \delta$ ,  $|f(x_i) - f(x_j)| < \varepsilon$ . But since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $\forall n, m > N$ ,  $d(x_n, x_m) < \delta$  (convergent implies Cauchy). Hence, for that particular  $N$ , we have  $\forall n, m > N$

$$|f(x_n) - f(x_m)| < \varepsilon$$

and since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary  $f(x_n)$  is Cauchy, hence  $L$  exists. Let  $\tilde{f}(x) = L$ .

We now show that it is well-defined, i.e. for any two sequences  $(x_n) \rightarrow x$  and  $(y_n) \rightarrow x$ , the limit  $L$  is the same.

For the purpose of contradiction, assume  $L_x \neq L_y$ , then  $|L_x - L_y| = c > 0$ . Now let  $\varepsilon = c/3$ , then we can find corresponding  $\delta$  for which  $\forall a, b \in X$  with  $d(a, b) < \delta$ ,  $|f(a) - f(b)| < c/3$ . Yet since  $(x_n) \rightarrow x$  and  $(y_n) \rightarrow x$ , we can find  $N_x, N_y$  such that for all  $n_x > N_x, n_y > N_y$ ,  $d(x, x_{n_x}) < \delta/2$  and  $d(x, y_{n_y}) < \delta/2$ . Let  $N = \max N_x, N_y$  we have for any  $n, m > N$  we can get by triangle inequality

$$d(x_n, y_m) \leq d(x_n, x) + d(y_m, x) < \delta/2 + \delta/2 = \delta.$$

Now  $\forall n, m > N$ , we have

$$c = |L_x - L_y| \leq |L_x - f(x_n)| + |f(x_n) - f(y_m)| + |f(y_m) - L_y| < 3 \cdot \frac{c}{3} = c$$

where the second inequality is because  $d(x, x_n) < \delta/2 < \delta$ ,  $d(x, y_m) < \delta/2 < \delta$  and  $d(y_m, x_n) < \delta$ . Contradiction! So the function  $\bar{f}(x)$  is well-defined.

But is it continuous? We check that it is. Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $\delta$  be such that if  $d(x, y) < \delta$ ,  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon/3$  for any  $x, y \in G$ . Since  $G$  is dense in  $\bar{G}$ , then  $\forall x \in \bar{G}$  we can find  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . By convergence we know that there exist a  $M$  such that any  $n_1 > M$  we have  $d(x_{n_1}, x) < \delta/3$ ,  $d(y_{n_1}, y) < \delta/3$ .

Also, by definition of  $\bar{f}$  there exists  $M'$  such that any  $n_2 > M'$  we have

$$|\bar{f}(x) - \bar{f}(x_{n_2})| < \varepsilon/3 \text{ and } |\bar{f}(y) - \bar{f}(y_{n_2})| < \varepsilon/3.$$

Now choose  $n = \max\{n_1, n_2\}$  we have

$$d(x_n, y_n) \leq d(x_n, x) + d(x, y) + d(y, y_n) < \delta$$

so

$$|f(x_n) - f(y_n)| < \varepsilon/3.$$

Now we can just say that

$$|\bar{f}(x) - \bar{f}(y)| \leq |\bar{f}(x) - \bar{f}(x_n)| + |\bar{f}(x_n) - \bar{f}(y_n)| + |\bar{f}(y_n) - \bar{f}(y)| \leq 3 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon$$

since  $f$  agrees with  $\bar{f}$  on  $G$ . Now since  $x, y$  are arbitrary chosen we've proven that  $\bar{f}$  is continuous.

$\bar{f}$  is unique:

This is almost obvious after proving that  $\bar{f}$  is well-defined. If  $g, h$  both extends  $f$ , then they cannot disagree on  $G$  since they are extensions of  $f$ . If they disagree on  $\bar{G} \setminus G$ , then since they are both continuous, they are sequentially continuous, so for  $x \in \bar{G} \setminus G$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , by sequentially continuity

$$g(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(x_n) = h(x).$$

And so they must agree everywhere, i.e.  $g - h \equiv 0$ . So the extension is unique.

Counterexample:

Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $G = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  so that it's open. Then let

$$f(x, y) := \frac{y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$$

we will get that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} f(x, 0) = 0 \neq 1 = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0+} f(0, y).$$

Also,  $f$  is continuous because it's a combination of continuous functions. It is not uniformly continuous around the origin. Anyway there's no extension, and we are done.

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**Exercise 2.** (2.6) in book.*Proof.* $C([a, b], || \cdot ||_1)$  is not complete:

First we can WLOG assume  $[a, b] = [0, 1]$  since the function  $f(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$  is a diffeomorphism. (This is proven in class so I assume this).

Now we construct the sequence of functions  $f_n \in C[0, 1]$  be  $f_n(x) := x^n$ . Then  $f_n$  is Cauchy under  $|| \cdot ||_1$  norm since  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N = \left\lceil \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil$  with  $\forall n \geq N$

$$\int_0^1 |f_n(x)| dx = \frac{1}{n+1} < \varepsilon$$

i.e.  $||f_n||_1 < \varepsilon$ . Note that  $f_n > 0$  is decreasing with  $n$ , so for any  $N \leq n \leq m$

$$||f_n - f_m||_1 = \int_0^1 |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| dx \leq \int_0^1 |f_n(x)| dx < \varepsilon$$

so it's Cauchy. But the limit is the indicator function of  $\{1\}$ , which is not in  $C[0, 1]$ , so the space is not complete.

Convergence in sup-norm means convergence in 1-norm:

If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in sup-norm we have that for any  $\varepsilon > 0, |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n > N$  and any  $x \in [a, b]$ , where  $N$  is fixed. But then we have

$$\int_a^b |f_n - f| dx \leq \varepsilon \cdot |b - a| = c \cdot \varepsilon$$

which means that by choosing  $\varepsilon' = \frac{\varepsilon}{|b-a|}$  we can find the  $N$  with all  $n > N$  satisfying  $||f_n - f||_1 < \varepsilon$ . So  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in the 1-norm.

Convergence in 1-norm does not mean convergence in sup-norm:

For the same reason as above we assume  $[a, b] = [0, 1]$  WLOG and define a sequence of "spike function"

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in \left[0, \frac{1}{n+1}\right] \\ \frac{2n^2+2n}{2n+1} \left(x - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) & x \in \left(\frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{2n+1}{2n^2+2n}\right] \\ -\frac{2n^2+2n}{2n+1} \left(x - \frac{1}{n}\right) & x \in \left(\frac{2n+1}{2n^2+2n}, \frac{1}{n}\right] \\ 0 & x \in \left(\frac{1}{n}, 1\right] \end{cases}$$

which is nothing but a spike on  $\left(\frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$ . Since it's supported only on  $\left(\frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$  and  $f_n(x) \leq 1$ ,  $\|f_n\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n^2+n}$ .

Now we show that  $f_n \rightarrow f \equiv 0$  since  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , let  $N$  be such that  $\frac{1}{N^2+N} \leq \varepsilon$ , we have  $\forall n > N$ ,  $\|f_n\|_1 \leq \varepsilon/2$ , which is just

$$\|f_n - f\|_1 < \varepsilon$$

so  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in the 1-norm.

But every two  $f_n$  share no common support and each attains 1 at some point, so  $\|f_n - f_m\|_\infty = 1$  for any  $n \neq m$ , which means that the sequence is not Cauchy, thus doesn't converge.  $\square$

**Exercise 3.** (2.9) in book.*Proof.* $\|\cdot\|_w$  is a norm for  $w > 0$  on  $(0, 1)$ :

We show property by property:

$$(1) \|f\|_w \geq 0 \text{ and } \|f\|_w = 0 \iff f = 0.$$

Reason:

$$\|f\|_w = \sup_x \{w(x)|f(x)|\} \geq 0$$

since  $w(x)|f(x)| \geq 0$  for all  $x$ .

$$(\|f\|_w \Rightarrow f = 0):$$

Assume, for contradiction that  $f \neq 0$ . Then  $f(x) \neq 0$  at some  $x \in [0, 1]$ . But then  $w(x)|f(x)| > 0$  and thus  $\|f\|_w$ , the sup, is larger than 0. Contradiction! so  $f = 0$ .

$$(\|f\|_w \Leftarrow f = 0):$$

Since  $f = 0$  we have  $|f(x)| = 0$  for all  $x$  and thus  $\|f\|_w = 0$ .

$$(2) \|\lambda f\|_w = |\lambda| \cdot \|f\|_w \text{ for } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Reason:

$$\|\lambda f\|_w = \sup_x \{w(x)|\lambda f(x)|\} = \lambda \sup_x \{w(x)|f(x)|\} = |\lambda| \cdot \|f\|_w.$$

$$(3) \|f + g\|_w \leq \|f\|_w + \|g\|_w:$$

Reason:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f + g\|_w &= \sup_x \{w(x)|f(x) + g(x)|\} \leq \sup_x \{w(x)|f(x)| + w(x)|g(x)|\} \\ &\leq \sup_x \{w(x)|f(x)|\} + \sup_x \{w(x)|g(x)|\} = \|f\|_w + \|g\|_w \end{aligned}$$

So it's a norm.

 $\|\cdot\|_w$  is equivalent to the sup-norm for  $w > 0$  on  $[0, 1]$ :

Since  $w$  is continuous and  $[0, 1]$  is compact, its image is compact and hence bounded above and below by  $0 < c \leq w(x) \leq C$ . Now we have that

$$c\|f\|_\infty = \sup_x \{c|\lambda f(x)|\} \leq \sup_x \{w(x)|\lambda f(x)|\} \leq \sup_x \{C|\lambda f(x)|\} = C\|f\|_\infty$$

which is the same thing as

$$c\|f\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_w \leq C\|f\|_\infty$$

so they are equivalent.

 $\|\cdot\|_x$  is not equivalent to the sup-norm:

We construct the "truncated"  $\frac{1}{x}$  function at  $\frac{1}{n}$ :

$$f_n = \begin{cases} n & x \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ \frac{1}{x} & \frac{1}{n} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

and thus  $\|f_n\|_x = 1$  where as  $\|f_n\|_\infty = n$ . So assume that they are equal, then  $\exists c, C$  with

$$c\|f\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_x \leq C\|f\|_\infty$$

but for any  $c$  we can find  $n > \frac{1}{c}$  such that  $nc > 1$ , which means that they are not equal.

$C([0, 1], \|\cdot\|_x)$  is not Banach:

Define

$$f_n(x) = (1 - x)^n$$

which is nothing but the flipped  $x^n$  on the interval. Now we know that  $f_n > f_m > 0$  for  $n < m$  so

$$\|f_n - f_m\|_x = \sup_x \{x[(1 - x)^n - (1 - x)^m]\} \leq \sup_x \{x(1 - x)^n\}.$$

Let  $g_n(x) = x(1 - x)^n$ , then taking the derivative we get

$$g'_n(x) = (1 - x)^{n-1}(1 - (n + 1)x)$$

so it start decreasing at  $x = \frac{1}{n + 1}$ .

But then

$$g_n\left(\frac{1}{n + 1}\right) = \frac{1}{n + 1} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n + 1}\right)^n$$

taking the limit we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n\left(\frac{1}{n + 1}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{e} = 0$$

and thus  $\|f_n - f_m\|_x \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , so  $f_n$  is Cauchy. Yet the limit of  $f_n$  is the indicator function of  $\{0\}$ , hence not in the space, so the space is not Banach.

□

**Exercise 4.** (2.13) in book.

*Proof.* We use theorem 2.26 in book to prove this.

For  $\alpha \geq 1$ , since  $u$  is continuous there exists some  $T$  such that for  $|t| \leq T$ ,  $u(t) \leq 1$ .

Let the corresponding rectangle in 2.26 be

$$R = \{(t, u) \mid |t| \leq T, |u| \leq 1\}$$

then we have  $|f| = |u|^\alpha \leq 1$  in  $R$  since  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

Then, let  $\delta = \min\{T, 1\}$  we know that the solution is unique on  $t \in [-\delta, \delta]$  since  $f' \leq \alpha < \infty$ , i.e. it's Lipschitz on the box.

But note that  $u = 0$  is a solution to the equation, so  $u = 0$  is the only solution in the box.

Now that we know  $u(\delta) = 0$  we can shift the box by  $\delta$  to the right and using the same method prove for  $t \in [0, 2\delta]$ . To the left the procedure is the same. In this manner we can prove for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t$  can be reached by a finite time of shifting, thus  $u(t) = 0$  uniquely. So  $u = 0$  is the unique solution.

Now for  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , we the solution is not unique because both

$$u = 0$$

and

$$u(t) = t^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$$

are solutions.

But for  $\alpha = 0$  the solution is uniquely  $u(t) = t$  simply by integration.

□



**Exercise 5.** (3.5) in book.

*Proof.*

I don't think the first statement is correct since for the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

we have

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and thus

$$\|L\|_{\infty} + \|U\|_{\infty} = 2 + 2 > 3 = \|D\|_{\infty}$$

since  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$  is the maximal of the sum of the absolute value of elements in rows.

However, after discussing with classmates I realized that it's a mistake updated in the new version of textbook, so I can prove that  $\|L + U\|_{\infty} < \|D\|_{\infty}$ . This is just because by definition

$$\|L + U\|_{\infty} = \max_j \sum_{i \neq j}^n (L + U)_{ji} < \max_j D_{jj} = \|D\|_{\infty}$$

where the inequality is the definition of diagonally domination of the matrix.

$A$  is invertible and the scheme converge for diagonally dominant  $A$ :

First,  $A$  is invertible because for  $Ax = 0$ , assume  $x \neq 0$  then there exists  $|x_i| \geq |x_j|$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , and that  $|x_i| > 0$ . Then, the  $i$ -th row of  $Ax$  becomes

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} a_{i,j} x_j = 0$$

which means

$$a_{i,i} x_i = - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{i,j} x_j$$

but we also know that (strict inequality due to  $|x_i| > 0$ )

$$|a_{i,i} x_i| = |a_{i,i}| |x_i| > \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{i,j}| |x_i| \geq \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{i,j}| |x_j| \geq \left| - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{i,j} x_j \right|$$

contradiction! So  $|x| = 0$ , and thus  $A$  is invertible.

Now, for convenience let

$$f(x) = D^{-1}(L + U)x + D^{-1}b$$

and

$$g(x) = (D - L)^{-1}Ux + (D - L)^{-1}b$$

be the iterative method scheme for Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel method.

First, if these methods converge they converge to the solution of  $Ax = b$ . This is because

$$f(x) = x \Rightarrow (D - (L + U))x = b \Rightarrow Ax = b$$

since  $D$  is invertible. The same applies to

$$g(x) = x \Rightarrow ((D - L) - U)x = b \Rightarrow Ax = b$$

We now prove that the schemes converge. To prove that it converges we use the Banach contraction theorem, for which we still need to prove that the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are self maps and that they are contraction mappings.

The domain of this function is nothing but  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and the image is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . So it is a self-map.

It is a contraction for both  $f$  and  $g$  because

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = |D^{-1}(L + U)x + D^{-1}b - D^{-1}(L + U)y - D^{-1}b| = |D^{-1}(L + U)(x - y)|$$

Since each row of  $A$ 's non-diagonal term is divided by the diagonal term, by definition  $\|D^{-1}(L + U)\|_{\infty} < 1$ , which using the fact that  $\rho(A) \leq \|A\|$  for any norm, we know that  $\rho(D^{-1}(L + U)) < 1$ . Yet this implies that  $(D^{-1}(L + U))^n x \rightarrow 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Therefore there exists some  $n$  for which

$$|(D^{-1}(L + U))^n x| \leq c|x|$$

for  $0 < c < 1$ .

Let  $f_n = f(f(\dots f(x) \dots))$  be the function of  $f$  applied  $n$  times. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(x) - f_n(y)| &= |(D^{-1}(L + U)^n x + D^{-1}(L + U)^{n-1} D^{-1}b + \dots + D^{-1}b) \\ &\quad - (D^{-1}(L + U)^n y + D^{-1}(L + U)^{n-1} D^{-1}b + \dots + D^{-1}b)| \\ &= |D^{-1}(L + U)^n(x - y)| < |x - y| \end{aligned}$$

Then  $f_n$  is a contraction by above reasoning and hence the scheme converges since  $f_n$  is a self map.

Now for the Gauss-Seidel method. First note that  $D - L$  is a lower triangular matrix with non-zero diagonal entries, thus invertible, so the method is well-defined.

Again we only need to prove  $\rho((D - L)^{-1}U) < 1$  since the above  $n$  time iterative method applies exactly the same for  $g$  and similarly constructed  $g_n$ .

Note that

$$(D - L) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & & \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = D \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \frac{a_{21}}{a_{22}} & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ \frac{a_{n1}}{a_{nn}} & \frac{a_{n2}}{a_{nn}} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} := DQ$$

where

$$Q = I + N = I + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ \frac{a_{21}}{a_{22}} & 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ \frac{a_{n1}}{a_{nn}} & \frac{a_{n2}}{a_{nn}} & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and hence

$$Q^{-1} = (I + N)^{-1} = I - N + N^2 - N^3 + \dots$$

We know that  $\sum_{n=1}^n (-1)^{n-1} N^n$  is a finite sum since it's nilpotent. Since each term in  $N$  has absolute value less than 1, the result in the finite is term-wise smaller than that of  $N$  (by explicit computation each term is  $N$ 's corresponding term times a less than 1 number), which means that  $\|Q^{-1}\|_{\infty} < 1$ .  $\|D^{-1}U\|_{\infty} < 1$  by diagonal dominance.

Thus

$$\rho((D - L)^{-1}U) \leq \|(D - L)^{-1}U\|_{\infty} \leq \|Q^{-1}\|_{\infty} \|D^{-1}U\|_{\infty} < 1$$

and by the same argument as for  $f$  we are done.

As for the convergence rate, let  $x$  be that  $Ax = b$  and  $\varepsilon_k = x_k - x$ . We know that for Jacobi method

$$\varepsilon_k = x_k - x = D^{-1}(L + U)x_{k-1} + D^{-1}b - (D^{-1}(L + U)x + D^{-1}b) = D^{-1}(L + U)\varepsilon_{k-1}$$

and so the rate of convergence is  $\rho(D^{-1}(L + U))$ . Similarly the rate of convergence for  $g$  is  $\rho((D - L)^{-1}U)$ .

□

**Exercise 6.** (3.6) in book.*Proof.*Existence and uniqueness of solution for  $a < \infty$ :

Let

$$\Phi(f)(x) := 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} f(y) dy$$

be a map that takes in  $f \in C[-a, a]$ . Then  $\Phi$  is a self-map if the output is also continuous.

Since  $f$  is bounded on the compact domain  $[-a, a]$ ,  $f(y) \leq B$ . Thus

$$|\Phi(f)(x) - \Phi(f)(z)| \leq \left| \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-a}^a B \left( \frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} - \frac{1}{1 + (z - y)^2} \right) dy \right|$$

which is small enough when  $|x - z|$  is small due to continuity of

$$\frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2}$$

on  $[-a, a]$  (the integral can be reduced by multiplying  $2a$ ).

Hence  $\Phi(f)(x) : C[-a, a] \rightarrow C[-a, a]$ . Now we show that it's a contraction.

Let  $f, g \in C[-a, a]$  then

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi(f)(x) - \Phi(g)(x)| &= \left| \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} (f(y) - g(y)) dy \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{\pi} \|f - g\|_{\infty} \int_{-a}^a \frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} dy \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \|f - g\|_{\infty} \arctan(y - x) \Big|_{-a}^a \\ &\leq c \|f - g\|_{\infty} \end{aligned}$$

for some  $0 \leq c < 1$  since  $\arctan(y - x) \Big|_{-a}^a \frac{1}{\pi} < 1$  for any  $a$  fixed. Thus by Banach contraction mapping theorem we know that there exists a unique solution in  $C[-a, a]$  to the function  $\Phi(f) = f$ . Since it's continuous on a compact set it is bounded.

Non-negativity of solution:

Since if  $f_n(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ , then  $f_n(x)$  is 1 plus something positive, thus it's everywhere larger than 1. So we can just start from  $f_0 \equiv 1$  and since  $f$  is the limit of this iteration it is larger than 1.

For  $a = \infty$ :

If  $a = \infty$  the Lipschitz constant is 1 and we cannot use the contraction theorem to prove this. But (after discussing with Zihao) note that for any solution to the function  $f$ ,  $f_c(x) =$

$f(x + c)$  is also a solution because

$$\begin{aligned} f_c(x) &= f(x + c) = 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + (x + c - y)^2} f(y) dy \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + (x - (y - c))^2} f(y) d(y - c) = 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + (x - z)^2} f_c(z) d(z) \end{aligned}$$

and hence any shift with respect to the  $x$  axis is a solution. So if the solution is unique it is a constant, assume it is  $k$ . Then we get the equation

$$k = f(x) = 1 + \frac{k}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} d(y) = 1 + \frac{k}{\pi} \pi = 1 + k$$

which means that such  $k$  doesn't exist. So at least the solution is not unique.

□

**Exercise 7.** (3.7) in book.*Proof.*Integrating twice on  $u$  gives

$$u(x) = - \int_0^x \int_1^y [f(s) - \lambda \sin(u(s))] ds dy + C_1 x + C_2$$

where if we do the integration by part with

$$w = \int_1^y [f(s) - \lambda \sin(u(s))] ds, v = y, \quad \int w dv = wv - \int v dw$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= - \left[ y \int_1^y [f(s) - \lambda \sin(u(s))] ds \right]_0^x + \int_0^x y d \left[ \int_1^y f(s) - \lambda \sin(u(s)) ds \right] + C_1 x + C_2 \\ &= -x \int_1^x [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy + \int_0^x y [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy + C_1 x + C_2 \end{aligned}$$

which by evaluating at 0 we get

$$0 = u(0) = C_2$$

and by evaluating at 1 we get

$$0 = u(1) = \int_0^1 y [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy + C_1$$

which means

$$C_1 = - \int_0^1 y [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy.$$

And we get an expression of  $u$  in terms of itself:

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= -x \int_1^x [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy + \int_0^x y [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy \\ &\quad - x \int_0^1 y [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy \\ &= \int_x^1 x(1-y) [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy + \int_0^x y(1-x) [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy \\ &= \int_0^1 g(x, y) [f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] dy \end{aligned}$$

where

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

Thus, we can define

$$\Phi(u)(x) = \int_0^1 g(x, y)[f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))]dy$$

then apply Banach contraction mapping theorem on it.

It is a self map because for  $u$  continuous,  $\Phi(u)$  is nothing but a combination of continuous function, thus in  $C[0, 1]$ .

It is a contraction since for  $u, v$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi(u)(x) - \Phi(v)(x)| &= \left| \int_0^1 g(x, y)[f(y) - \lambda \sin(u(y))] - g(x, y)[f(y) - \lambda \sin(v(y))]dy \right| \\ &= |\lambda| \left| \int_0^1 g(x, y)[\sin(v(y)) - \sin(u(y))]dy \right| \\ &\leq |\lambda| \int_0^1 |g(x, y)| \cdot |\sin(v(y)) - \sin(u(y))|dy \\ &\leq |\lambda| \cdot |1 - 0| \cdot \|g(x, y)\|_\infty \cdot \text{Lip}(\sin) \cdot \|u - v\|_\infty \\ &\leq |\lambda| \cdot \|u - v\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

where the last step is because  $\|g(x, y)\|_\infty \leq 0$  by definition, and  $\text{Lip}(\sin) \leq 1$  by derivative.

Hence, for  $|\lambda| < 1$  we have by Banach contraction mapping theorem that there is a unique solution to the equation.

The beginning few terms in the sequence:

$$u_0 = 0;$$

$$u_1 = \Phi(u_0) = \int_0^1 g(x, y)[f(y) - \lambda \sin(0)]dy = \int_0^1 g(x, y)f(y)dy$$

which is notably the solution for  $-u'' = f$  with the same boundary value.

$$\begin{aligned} u_2 &= \Phi(u_1) = \int_0^1 g(x, y) \left[ f(y) - \lambda \sin \left( \int_0^1 g(x, y)f(y)dy \right) \right] dy \\ &= u_1 - \lambda \int_0^1 g(x, y) \sin \left( \int_0^1 g(x, y)f(y)dy \right) dy. \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

And as we can see since it's a little bit troublesome to handle the integral within a sin function, I leave it there. But we can see the pattern that it's gradually going from the solution of  $-u'' = f$  to  $-u'' = f - \lambda \sin(u)$ .

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