

Integral Operators: Hilbert-Schmidt

If we have a $T: D(T) \rightarrow H$, consider

$$(*) \quad Tx = b$$

\Rightarrow Equation $(*)$ is well-posed, we typically want T to have a b'dd inverse $T^{-1}: H \rightarrow H$.

Q: How do we find b'dd inverse for, e.g.,

$$(**) \quad \underbrace{u'(x) + v(x)u(x)}_{[Tu](x)} = f(x), \quad \text{s.t. } u(-1) = 0.$$

Integral Reformulation

$$[Kf](x) = \int_{-1}^x f(x) dx \quad \begin{matrix} g'(x) = f(x) & g(-1) = 0 \end{matrix} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad [Kf](x) = g(x)$$

$$\underbrace{u(x) + \int_{-1}^x v(y)u(y) dy}_{[I + K_v]u} = \int_{-1}^x f(y) dy$$

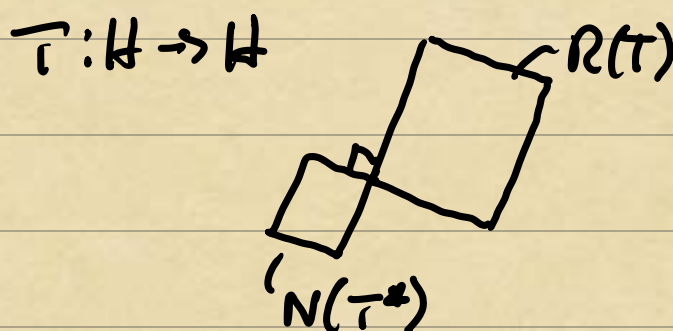
$$[I + K_v]u = Kf$$

Criteria for B'dl Invertibility

Suppose we have a b'dl op $T: H \rightarrow H$.

Then $T^{-1}: H \rightarrow H$ exists and is b'dl if

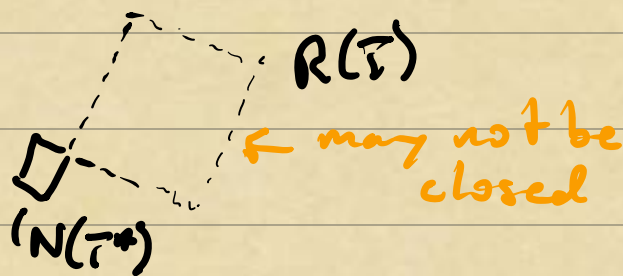
there is a $\delta > 0$, $\|T^*u\| \geq \delta \|u\|$ for all $u \in H$.



PF This is a consequence of "Closed range Thm."

For a general b'dl operator, we have

$$N(T^*) = R(T)^\perp, \quad N(T) = R(T^*)^\perp$$



If T has limited shrinking power
 $\Rightarrow H = N(T^*) \cup R(T)$

Compare existence : uniqueness:

$$\underline{A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n}$$

$$\underline{T: H \rightarrow H} \text{ b'dl}$$

Existence: $A^T x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

$$\|T^* u\| \geq \delta \|u\| \quad \forall u \in H.$$

Uniqueness: $A x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

$$T u = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$$

Example: $u(x) + \underbrace{\int_{-1}^x v(y) u(y) dy}_{\substack{\text{continuous} \\ \text{on } [-1,1]}} = \int_{-1}^x f(y) dy$
 $\quad \quad \quad [I + K_v] u = K f$

Check b'dl | $\|T u\| \leq \|u + K_v u\| \leq \|u\| + \|K_v u\|$
"amplification" $\leq (1 + \|K_v\|) \|u\|$

$$\begin{aligned} \|K_v u\|^2 &= \int_{-1}^1 \left| \int_{-1}^x v(y) u(y) dy \right|^2 dx \\ &\leq \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^x |v(y)|^2 |u(y)|^2 dy dx \\ &\leq \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 |v(y)|^2 |u(y)|^2 dy dx \\ &\leq \max_{-1 \leq y \leq 1} |v(y)|^2 \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 |u(y)|^2 dy dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq 2 \|v\|_\infty^2 \|u\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|k_v\| = \sup_{\substack{u \in H \\ u \neq 0}} \frac{\|k_v u\|}{\|u\|} \leq \sqrt{2} \|v\|_\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\tau\| = \|\tau + k_v\| \leq 1 + \sqrt{2} \|v\|_\infty$$

Check Coercivity $\|\tau^* u\| \geq \delta \|u\|$ for any $u \in H$
 "Shrinking" \uparrow doesn't depend on $u \in H$.

"reverse" triangle inequality

$$\|\tau^* u\| \geq \|u + k_v^* u\| \geq \|u\| - \|k_v^* u\|$$

$$\text{If } \|k_v^*\| = \sigma < 1 \Rightarrow \|u\| - \|k_v^* u\| \geq (1 - \sigma) \|u\|$$

$$[k_v^* u](x) = \int_x^1 v(y) u(y) dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \|k_v^*\| = \sup_{\substack{u \in H \\ u \neq 0}} \frac{\|k_v^* u\|}{\|u\|} \leq \sqrt{2} \|v\|_\infty < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \|v\|_\infty < 1/\sqrt{2}, \text{ then } \|k_v\| < 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\tau^* u\| > (1 - \sqrt{2} \|v\|_\infty) \|u\|$$

Hilbert-Schmidt Operators

A Hilbert-Schmidt integral operator has form

$$[Kf](x) = \int_{\Omega} k(x,y) f(y) dy$$

where the kernel $k: \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

$$\int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} |k(x,y)|^2 dx dy < \infty.$$

Hilbert-Schmidt integral ops provide a continuous analogue of matrices, with continuously indexed "rows" and "columns."