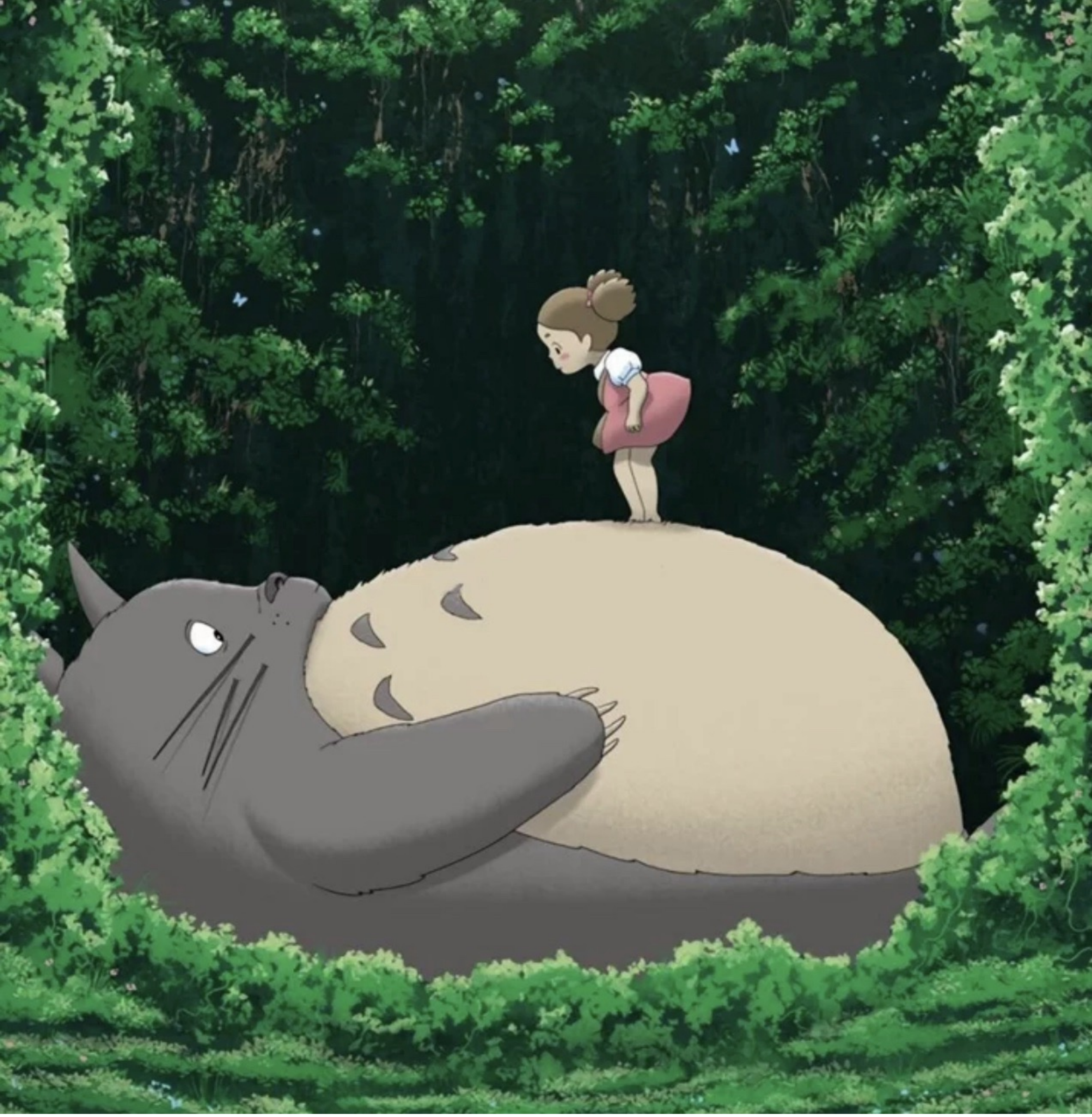

Functional Analysis

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Chapter 1 Prep work

We will start from the beginning and take baby steps. It's going to be okay.

An algebra is a vector space (with addition and scalar multiplication, usually over $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$), with an extra multiplication operation such that it is associative, and distributive. Then a normed algebra is an algebra with a sub-multiplicative norm, such that for all $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$, we have

$$\|ab\| \leq \|a\|\|b\|$$

A Banach algebra is a normed algebra that is complete under the metric induced by the norm. And we can form a Banach algebra by starting with a normed algebra and form its completion and by uniform continuity of addition and multiplicatoin extend to the completion of the algebra to form a Banach algebra.

We will begin with some important examples of Banach algebras. Let X be a compact topological space, and let $C(X)$ be the space of continuous functions, equip it with $\|\cdot\|_{L^\infty}$ norm, then $(C(X), \|\cdot\|_{L^\infty})$ is a Banach algebra. Similarly, if X is only locally compact, then $C_b(X)$, the space of bounded continuous functions under the $\|\cdot\|_{L^\infty}$ norm is also a Banach algebra.

Proposition 1.1

Multiplication is continuous in Banach algebras. ♠

Proof Multiplication $\cdot : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$, hence if we have x_n, y_n such that $x_n \to x, y_n \to y$, then we have

$$\|x_n y_n - xy\| \leq \|x_n - x\|\|y_n\| + \|x\|\|y_n - y\| < \epsilon$$

Hence multiplication is continuous.

Definition 1.1 (Unital Banach algebra and invertibility)

A Banach algebra (let's repeat, a complete vector space with addition, scalar multiplicatin, and multiplication such that the norm is sub-multiplicative) is called unital if there exists a multiplicative inverse.

An element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ is called invertible if there exists an element $a^{-1} \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = e$$

♣

Another important example is that let X be a Banach space, and the space of all bounded/continuous operators on X, denoted by $\mathcal{B}(X)$ is a Banach algebra with the operator norm. Any closed subalgebra of $B(X)$ is also Banach.

If X is a Hilbert space, then we also have the operation of taking adjoints, namely $\|T\| = \|T^*\|$.

Definition 1.2

A C^* algebra is a closed subalgebra of the space of bounded (equivalently) functions defined on a Hilbert space, $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. ♣

Remark The space of continuous/bdd operators on a Hilbert space, under the operator norm, then closed under the norm topology and taking adjoints of the operators. On wikipedia, C* algebra is defined to be a Banach algebra equipped with an involution that acts like a adjoint.

One of the goals of this course is to develop the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1

*Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a commutative C^*-algebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, then $\mathcal{A}$ is isometrically and *-algebraically isomorphic to some $C(X)$, where X is some locally compact space.* ♡