8.8 Part 2, Computing the Index of L

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What we're trying to prove:

- 8.1.5: $(d\mathcal{F})_u$ is a Fredholm operator of index $\mu(x) - \mu(y)$.
- Define

$$\begin{aligned} L : W^{1,p}\left(\mathbf{R} \times S^1; \mathbf{R}^{2n}\right) &\longrightarrow L^p\left(\mathbf{R} \times S^1; \mathbf{R}^{2n}\right) \\ Y &\longmapsto \frac{\partial Y}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} + S(s,t)Y \end{aligned}$$

  where

$$S(s,t) \xrightarrow{s \longrightarrow \pm\infty} S^{\pm}(t).$$

- 8.7: Shows L is Fredholm
- By the end of 8.8: replace L by L_1 with the same *index*
  - *(not the same kernel/cokernel)*
- Compute $\operatorname{Ind} L_1$: explicitly describe $\ker L_1, \operatorname{coker} L_1$.
- Replace in two steps:
  - $L \rightsquigarrow L_0$, modified in a $B_\varepsilon(0)$ in s.
    * Use invariance of index under small perturbations.
  - $L_0 \rightsquigarrow L_1$ by a homotopy, where $S_\lambda : S \rightsquigarrow S(s)$ a diagonal matrix that is a constant matrix *outside* $B_\varepsilon(0)$.
    * Use invariance of index under homotopy.