# Section 8.6 - 8.8: Setup for Computing the Index

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 ${\sf Summary}/{\sf Outline}$ 

What we're trying to prove:

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

What we have so far:

Define

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

where

$$S: \mathbb{R} \times S^1 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Mat}(2n; \mathbb{R})$$
$$S(s, t) \stackrel{s \longrightarrow \pm \infty}{\longrightarrow} S^{\pm}(t).$$

- Took  $R^{\pm}:I\longrightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(2n;\mathbb{R})$ : symplectic paths associated to  $S^{\pm}$
- These paths defined  $\mu(x), \mu(y)$
- Section 8.7:

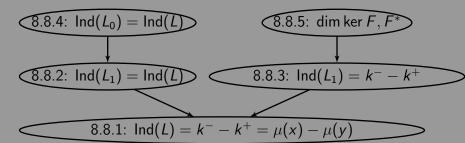
$$R^\pm \in \mathcal{S} := \Big\{ R(t) \; \Big| \; R(0) = \mathrm{id}, \; \det(R(1) - \mathrm{id}) 
eq 0 \Big\} \implies L \; \mathrm{is \; Fredholm}.$$

- WTS 8.8.1:

$$\operatorname{Ind}(L) \stackrel{\mathsf{Thm?}}{=} \mu(R^{-}(t)) - \mu(R^{+}(t)) = \mu(x) - \mu(y).$$

# From Yesterday

- Han proved 8.8.2 and 8.8.4.
  - So we know  $Ind(L) = Ind(L_1)$
- Today: 8.8.5 and 8.8.3:
  - Computing  $Ind(L_1)$  by computing kernels.



8.8.5: dim ker  $F, F^*$ 

#### Recall

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

$$L_{1}: W^{1,p}\left(\mathbb{R}\times S^{1}; \mathbb{R}^{2n}\right) \longrightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{R}\times S^{1}; \mathbb{R}^{2n}\right)$$
$$Y \longmapsto \frac{\partial Y}{\partial s} + J_{0}\frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} + S(s)Y$$

$$L_1^*: W^{1,q}\left(\mathbb{R} \times S^1; \mathbb{R}^{2n}\right) \longrightarrow L^q\left(\mathbb{R} \times S^1; \mathbb{R}^{2n}\right)$$
$$Z \longmapsto -\frac{\partial Z}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} + S(s)^t Z$$

Here  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  are conjugate exponents.

#### Reductions

$$L_1^* = -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + S(s)^t.$$

- Since coker  $L_1 \cong \ker L_1^*$ , it suffices to compute  $\ker L_1^*$
- We have

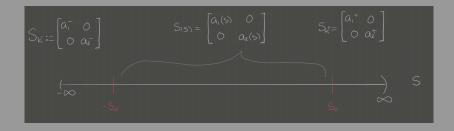
$$J_0^1 \coloneqq \left[ egin{array}{ccc} 0 & -1 \ 1 & 0 \end{array} 
ight] \implies J_0 = \left[ egin{array}{ccc} J_0^1 & & & \ & J_0^1 & & \ & & \ddots & \ & & & J_0^1 \end{array} 
ight] \in igoplus_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Mat}(2;\mathbb{R}).$$

- This allows us to reduce to the n = 1 case.

# Setup

 $L_1$  used a path of diagonal matrices constant near  $\infty$ :

$$S(s) \coloneqq \left(egin{array}{cc} a_1(s) & 0 \ 0 & a_2(s) \end{array}
ight), \quad ext{ with } a_i(s) \coloneqq \left\{egin{array}{cc} a_i^- & ext{if } s \leq -s_0 \ a_i^+ & ext{if } s \geq s_0 \end{array}
ight.$$



# Statement of Later Lemma (8.8.5)

Let p > 2 and define

$$F: W^{1,p}\left(\mathbb{R}\times S^1; \mathbb{R}^2\right) \longrightarrow L^p\left(\mathbb{R}\times S^1; \mathbb{R}^2\right)$$
$$Y \mapsto \frac{\partial Y}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} + S(s)Y.$$

Note: F is  $L_1$  for n = 1:

$$\begin{split} L_1: W^{1,p}\left(\mathbb{R}\times S^1;\mathbb{R}^{2n}\right) &\longrightarrow L^p\left(\mathbb{R}\times S^1;\mathbb{R}^{2n}\right) \\ Y &\longmapsto \frac{\partial Y}{\partial s} + J_0\frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} + S(s)Y. \end{split}$$

### Statement of Lemma

$$F: W^{1,p}\left(\mathbb{R} \times S^1; \mathbb{R}^2\right) \longrightarrow L^p\left(\mathbb{R} \times S^1; \mathbb{R}^2\right)$$
$$Y \mapsto \frac{\partial Y}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} + S(s)Y.$$

Suppose  $a_i^{\pm} \not\in 2\pi \mathbb{Z}$ .

1 Suppose  $a_1(s)=a_2(s)$  and set  $a^\pm\coloneqq a_1^\pm=a_2^\pm$ . Then

$$\dim \operatorname{\mathsf{Ker}} F = 2 \cdot \# \left\{ \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \ \middle| \ 2\pi \ell \in (a^-, a+) \subset \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
$$\dim \operatorname{\mathsf{Ker}} F^* = 2 \cdot \# \left\{ \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \ \middle| \ 2\pi \ell \in (a^+, a^-) \subset \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

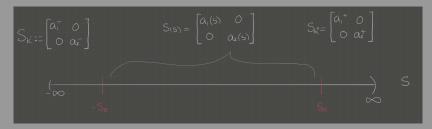
2 Suppose  $\sup_{s\in\mathbb{R}}\|S(s)\|<1$ , then

$$\dim \operatorname{Ker} F = \# \left\{ i \in \{1,2\} \ \middle| \ a_i^- < 0 \text{ and } a_i^+ > 0 \right\}$$
 
$$\dim \operatorname{Ker} F^* = \# \left\{ i \in \{1,2\} \ \middle| \ a_i^+ < 0 \text{ and } a_i^- > 0 \right\}.$$

#### Statement of Lemma

#### In words:

- If S(s) is a scalar matrix, set  $a^{\pm}=a_1^{\pm}=a_2^{\pm}$  to the limiting scalars and count the integer multiples of  $2\pi$  between  $a^-$  and  $a^+$ .
- e Otherwise, if S is uniformly bounded by 1, count the number of entries the flip from positive to negative as s goes from  $-\infty \longrightarrow \infty$ .



#### Proof of Assertion 1

① Suppose  $a_1(s)=a_2(s)$  and set  $a^\pm\coloneqq a_1^\pm=a_2^\pm$ . Then

$$\dim \operatorname{Ker} F = 2 \cdot \# \left\{ \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \ \middle| \ 2\pi \ell \in (a^-, a+) \subset \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
$$\dim \operatorname{Ker} F^* = 2 \cdot \# \left\{ \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \ \middle| \ 2\pi \ell \in (a^+, a^-) \subset \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

#### Step 1: Transform to Cauchy-Riemann Equations

- Write  $a(s) := a_1(s) = a_2(s)$ .
- Start with equation on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$\mathbf{Y}(s,t) = [Y_1(s,t), Y_2(s,t)].$$

– Replace with equation on  $\mathbb{C}$ :

$$Y(s, t) = Y_1(s, t) + iY_2(s, t).$$

# Assertion 1, Step 1: Reduce to CR

Expand definition of the PDE

$$F(\mathbf{Y}) = 0 \leadsto \overline{\partial} \mathbf{Y} + S \mathbf{Y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\mathbf{Y} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\mathbf{Y} + \begin{pmatrix} a(s) & 0 \\ 0 & a(s) \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y} = 0.$$

- Change of variables: want to reduce to  $\bar{\partial} \tilde{Y} = 0$
- Choose  $B\in \mathrm{GL}(1,\mathbb{C})$  such that  $\bar{\partial}B+SB=0$
- Set  $Y = B\tilde{Y}$ , which (?) reduces the previous equation to

$$\bar{\partial}\tilde{Y}=0.$$

# Assertion 1, Step 1: Reduce to CR

Can choose (and then solve)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b(s) & 0 \\ 0 & b(s) \end{bmatrix}$$
 where  $\frac{\partial b}{\partial s} = -a(s)b(s)$ 

$$\implies b(s) = \exp\left(\int_0^s -a(\sigma) \ d\sigma\right) := \exp\left(-A(s)\right).$$

#### Remarks:

– For some constants  $C_i$ , we have

$$A(s) = \begin{cases} C_1 + a^- s, & s \leq -\sigma_0 \\ C_2 + a^+ s, & s \geq \sigma_0 \end{cases}.$$

- The new  $\tilde{Y}$  satisfies CR, is continuous and  $L^1_{loc}$ , so elliptic regularity  $\implies C^{\infty}$ .
- The real/imaginary parts of  $\tilde{Y}$  are  $C^{\infty}$  and harmonic.

# Assertion 1, Step 2: Solve CR

- Identify  $s+it \in \mathbb{R} \times S^1$  with  $u=e^{2\pi z}$
- Apply Laurent's theorem to  $\tilde{Y}(u)$  on  $\mathbb{C}\setminus\{0\}$  to obtain an expansion of  $\tilde{Y}$  in z.
- Deduce that the solutions of the system are given by

$$ilde{Y}(u) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbf{Z}} c_\ell u^\ell \implies ilde{Y}(s+it) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbf{Z}} c_\ell e^{(s+it)2\pi\ell}.$$

where  $\{c_\ell\}_{\ell\in\mathbb{Z}}\subset\mathbb{C}$  converges for all s,t.

# Assertion 1, Step 2: Solve CR

Use  $e^{s+it} = e^s(\cos(t) + i\sin(t))$  to write in real coordinates:

$$ilde{Y}(s,t) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{e}^{2\pi s \ell} egin{bmatrix} \cos(2\pi \ell t) & -\sin(2\pi \ell t) \\ \sin(2\pi \ell t) & \cos(2\pi \ell t) \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} lpha_\ell \\ eta_\ell \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use

$$Y = B\tilde{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-A(s)} & 0\\ 0 & e^{-A(s)} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{Y}$$

to write

$$Y(s,t) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{e}^{2\pi s \ell} \begin{bmatrix} \mathrm{e}^{-A(s)} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathrm{e}^{-A(s)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\pi \ell t) & -\sin(2\pi \ell t) \\ \sin(2\pi \ell t) & \cos(2\pi \ell t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} lpha_{\ell} \\ eta_{\ell} \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $s \le s_0$  this yields for some constants K, K':

$$Y(s,t) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{e}^{2\pi\ell - a^-} \begin{bmatrix} \mathrm{e}^K(\alpha_\ell \cos(2\pi\ell t) - \beta_\ell \sin(2\pi\ell t)) \\ \mathrm{e}^{K'}(\alpha_\ell \sin(2\pi\ell t) + \beta_\ell \cos(2\pi\ell t)) \end{bmatrix}.$$

#### Condition on L<sup>p</sup> Solutions

For  $s \leq s_0$  we had

$$Y(s,t) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{\left(2\pi\ell - a^{-}\right)s} \begin{bmatrix} e^{K}(\alpha_{\ell}\cos(2\pi\ell t) - \beta_{\ell}\sin(2\pi\ell t)) \\ e^{K'}(\alpha_{\ell}\sin(2\pi\ell t) + \beta_{\ell}\cos(2\pi\ell t)) \end{bmatrix}$$

and similarly for  $s \ge s_0$ , for some constants C, C' we have:

$$Y(s,t) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{\left(2\pi\ell - a^{+}\right)s} \begin{bmatrix} e^{C}(\alpha_{\ell}\cos(2\pi\ell t) - \beta_{\ell}\sin(2\pi\ell t)) \\ e^{C'}(\alpha_{\ell}\sin(2\pi\ell t) + \beta_{\ell}\cos(2\pi\ell t)) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$Y \in L^p \iff \text{exponential terms} \stackrel{\ell \longrightarrow \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0.$$

## Condition on L<sup>p</sup> Solutions: Small Tails

$$Y(s,t) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathsf{e}^{\left(2\pi\ell - a^{-}\right)s} \left[ \mathsf{e}^{K}(\alpha_{\ell}\cos(2\pi\ell t) - \beta_{\ell}\sin(2\pi\ell t)) \atop \mathsf{e}^{K'}(\alpha_{\ell}\sin(2\pi\ell t) + \beta_{\ell}\cos(2\pi\ell t)) \right]$$

- $-\ell \neq 0$ : Need  $\alpha_{\ell} = \beta_{\ell} = 0$  or  $2\pi \ell > a^{-1}$
- $-\ell=0$ : Need both
  - $\alpha_0=0$  or  $a^-<0$  and
  - $-\beta_0 = 0 \text{ or } a^- < 0.$

$$Y(s,t) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{(2\pi\ell - a^+)s} \begin{bmatrix} e^{C}(\alpha_{\ell}\cos(2\pi\ell t) - \beta_{\ell}\sin(2\pi\ell t)) \\ e^{C'}(\alpha_{\ell}\sin(2\pi\ell t) + \beta_{\ell}\cos(2\pi\ell t)) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- $-\ell \neq 0$ : Need  $\alpha_{\ell} = \beta_{\ell} = 0$  or  $2\pi \ell < a^+$
- $-\ell=0$ : Need both
  - $-\alpha_0=0$  or  $a^+>0$  and
  - $-\beta_0 = 0 \text{ or } a^+ > 0.$

# Counting Solutions

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_{\ell} = \beta_{\ell} = 0 \text{ or } 2\pi\ell \in (a^-, a^+) & \ell \neq 0 \\ (\alpha_0 = 0 \text{ or } 0 \in (a^-, a^+)) \text{ and } (\beta_0 = 0 \text{ or } 0 \in (a^-, a^+)) & \ell = 0 \end{cases}.$$

- Finitely many such  $\ell$  that satisfy these conditions
- Sufficient conditions for  $Y(s,t) \in W^{1,p}$ .

Compute dimension of space of solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \operatorname{\mathsf{Ker}} F &= 2 \cdot \# \left\{ \ell \in \mathbb{Z}^* \; \middle| \; 2\pi \ell \in (a^-, a^+) \right\} + 2 \cdot \mathbb{1} \left[ 0 \in (a^-, a^+) \right] \\ &= 2 \cdot \# \left\{ \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \; \middle| \; 2\pi \ell \in (a^-, a^+) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note: not sure what  $\mathbb{Z}^*$  is: most likely  $\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ .

# Counting Solutions

Use this to deduce dim ker  $F^*$ :

 $-Y \in \ker F^* \iff Z(s,t) \coloneqq Y(-s,t)$  is in the kernel of the operator

$$\tilde{F}: W^{1,q}\left(\mathbb{R} \times S^1; \mathbb{R}^2\right) \longrightarrow L^p\left(\mathbb{R} \times S^1; \mathbb{R}^2\right) 
Z \mapsto \frac{\partial Z}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} + S(-s)Y.$$

- Obtain ker  $F^*\cong\ker ilde{F}$  .
- Formula for dim ker  $\tilde{F}$  almost identical to previous formula, just swapping  $a^-$  and  $a^+$ .

#### Assertion 2

**Assertion 2**: Suppose  $\sup_{s \in \mathbb{R}} \|S(s)\| < 1$ , then

$$\dim \operatorname{\mathsf{Ker}} F = \# \left\{ i \in \{1,2\} \ \middle| \ a_i^- < 0 < a_i^+ \right\}$$
 
$$\dim \operatorname{\mathsf{Ker}} F^* = \# \left\{ i \in \{1,2\} \ \middle| \ a_i^+ < 0 < a_i^- \right\}.$$

#### We use the following:

- Lemma 8.8.7:

$$\sup_{s\in\mathbb{R}}\|S(s)\|<1 \implies \text{the elements in } \ker F, \ \ker F^* \text{ are independent of } t.$$

- Proof: in subsection 10.4.a.

#### Proof of Assertion 2

$$\begin{split} F: W^{1,p}\left(\mathbb{R}\times S^1;\mathbb{R}^2\right) &\longrightarrow L^p\left(\mathbb{R}\times S^1;\mathbb{R}^2\right) \\ Y &\mapsto \frac{\partial Y}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} + S(s)Y. \end{split}$$

– Given as a fact:

$$\mathbf{Y} \in \ker F \implies \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{a}(s) \mathbf{Y} \qquad := \begin{bmatrix} -a_1(s) & 0 \\ 0 & -a_2(s) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}.$$

Therefore we can solve to obtain

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = \mathbf{c}_0 \exp(-\mathbf{A}(s))$$
 where  $\mathbf{A}(s) = \int_0^s -\mathbf{a}(\sigma) \ d\sigma$ .

#### Proof of Assertion 2

Explicitly,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial Y_1}{\partial s} &= -a_1(s)Y_1 \\ \frac{\partial Y_s}{\partial s} &= -a_2(s)Y_2 \end{cases} \implies Y_i(s) = c_i e^{-A_i(s)}, \quad A_i(s) = \int_0^s -a_i(\sigma) \ d\sigma.$$

As before,

$$A_i(s) = \left\{ egin{aligned} C_{1,i} + a_i^- \cdot s & s \leq -\sigma_0 \ C_{2,i} + a_i^+ \cdot s & s \geq \sigma_0 \end{aligned} 
ight..$$

- Thus  $Y_i \in W^{1,p} \iff 0 \in (a_i^-, a_i^+)$ , establishing the formula for dim ker F.
- Get formula for dim ker  $F^*$  using  $\tilde{F}$  as before.

8.8.3: 
$$Ind(L_1) = k^- - k^+$$

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