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Theorem 0.1 Let B be a matrix defined on $T \times T$ for some countable set T. If there exists a positive number C such that

$$\sum_{t \in T} |b(s,t)| < C \text{ for all } s \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{s \in T} |b(s,t)| < C \text{ for all } t,$$

then B is a bounded operator on $l^2(T)$ with its operator norm ||B|| less than or equal to C.

Proof. Let x be a sequence in $l^2(T)$. We have

$$\begin{split} \|Bx\|_{2}^{2} &= \sum_{s \in T} \left| \sum_{t \in T} b(s,t)x(t) \right|^{2} \\ &\leq \sum_{s \in T} \left[\sum_{t \in T} \sqrt{|b(s,t)|} \left(\sqrt{|b(s,t)|} |x(t)| \right) \right]^{2} \\ &\leq \sum_{s \in T} \left[\left(\sum_{t \in T} |b(s,t)| \right) \left(\sum_{t \in T} |b(s,t)| |x(t)|^{2} \right) \right] \\ &\leq C \sum_{s \in T} \sum_{t \in T} |b(s,t)| |x(t)|^{2} \\ &\leq C \sum_{t \in T} |x(t)|^{2} \sum_{s \in T} |b(s,t)| \\ &\leq C^{2} \sum_{t \in T} |x(t)|^{2}. \end{split}$$

Therefore we have $\|Bx\|_2 \le C \|x\|_2$ for all $x \in l^2(T)$, hence $\|B\| \le C$. \square