

1. A *Volterra operator* V on $L^2(0, 1)$ is an operator of integration such as the one shown below

$$(Vx)(t) = \int_0^t x(s)ds, 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

- (c) An operator is said to have *rank 1* if its range is one dimensional. Show that $V + V^*$ has rank 1.

Proof: First we will compute the adjoint of V . In particular, we need to find the operator V^* such that $(Vx, y) = (x, V^*y)$ for all $x, y \in L^2(0, 1)$. Hence,

$$(Vx, y) = \int_0^1 \int_0^t x(s) \overline{y(t)} ds dt$$

Integrating by parts, we observe that:

$$\begin{aligned} (Vx, y) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^t x(s) \overline{y(t)} ds dt \\ &= \left(\int_0^t x(s) ds \right) \left(\int_0^t \overline{y(s)} ds \right) - \int_0^1 x(t) \int_0^t \overline{y(s)} ds dt \\ &= \left(\int_0^1 x(s) ds \right) \left(\int_0^1 \overline{y(s)} ds \right) - \int_0^1 x(t) \int_0^t \overline{y(s)} ds dt \\ &= \int_0^1 x(t) \int_0^1 \overline{y(s)} ds dt - \int_0^1 x(t) \int_0^t \overline{y(s)} ds dt \\ &= \int_0^1 x(t) \int_t^1 \overline{y(s)} ds dt \\ &= \int_0^1 x(t) \overline{\int_t^1 y(s) ds} dt = (x, V^*y) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where

$$(V^*y)(t) = \int_t^1 y(s)ds$$

Therefore,

$$((V + V^*)x)(t) = \int_0^t x(s)ds + \int_t^1 x(s)ds = \int_0^1 x(s)ds$$

Therefore $((V + V^*)x)(t)$ is a constant. Thus the range of $V + V^*$ consists of the constant functions, a one-dimensional set. Therefore $V + V^*$ has rank 1.

2. Let T be a bounded linear operator of rank 1 on a Hilbert space H , and let ψ be a non-zero vector in the range of T .

- (a) Show that there exists $\varphi \in H$ such that

$$\forall x \in H, Tx = \langle x, \varphi \rangle \varphi$$

and that

$$\|T\| = \|\varphi\| \|\psi\|$$

Proof: Suppose T is a rank-one bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space H , and let ψ be any nonzero vector in the range of T . Then for any $x \in H$, there exists some $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$Tx = \gamma\psi$$

Define the linear functional $f : H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $Tx = \gamma\psi$. Since From the Riesz Representation Theorem, there is some $\psi \in H$ such that

$$f(x) = \langle x, \psi \rangle$$

for all $x \in H$.

Hence we can compute $\|T\|$ in terms of ψ and f :

$$\|T\| = \sup_{\|x\| < 1} \|Tx\| = \sup_{\|x\| < 1} \|f(x)\psi\| = \sup_{\|x\| < 1} |f(x)| \|\psi\| = \|\psi\| \|f\|$$

From Riesz Representation Theorem, we can also know that $\|f\| = \|\varphi\|$, hence

$$\|T\| = \|\varphi\| \|\psi\|$$

3. An operator K on $L^2(0, 1)$ is defined by

$$(Kx)(t) = \int_0^1 e^{t-s} x(s) ds, 0 < t < 1$$

Use the result from Q2(a) to show that

$$\|K\| = \sinh 1$$

Proof: To see that K is a rank-one operator, note that for all $t \in (0, 1)$,

$$(Kx)(t) = \int_0^1 e^{t-s} x(s) ds = e^t \int_0^1 e^{-s} x(s) ds = e^t \langle x, e^{-s} \rangle$$

From Q2(a), we have $\varphi(t) = e^t$ and $\psi(s) = e^{-s}$, hence $\|K\| = \|e^t\| \|e^{-s}\|$. We can simplify this formula:

$$\|e^t\| \|e^{-s}\| = \left(\int_0^1 e^{2t} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_0^1 e^{-2t} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} (e^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - e^{-2})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} (e - e^{-1}) = \sinh 1$$

Therefore, $\|K\| = \sinh 1$

4. Let

$$g_n(x) = \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi(1+n^2)}}, n \in \mathbb{Z}, x \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

Show that $(g_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is an orthonormal sequence in $W[-\pi, \pi]$. Let

$$W_0 = \{f \in W[-\pi, \pi] | f(\pi) = f(-\pi)\}$$

Show that \sinh is orthogonal to every function in W_0 . Deduce that $(g_n)_\infty^\infty$ is not a total orthonormal sequence in $W[-\pi, \pi]$.

Proof: $(f, g)_W$ - inner product on $W[-\pi, \pi]$. (f, g) - usual $L^2(-\pi, \pi)$ inner product.

$$e_n = \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$g_n(x) = \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi(1+n^2)}} = \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{1+n^2}}$$

$W[-\pi, \pi]$.

$$(g'_n, g'_m) = (2\pi(1+n^2))^{-1}(ine^{inx}, ime^{-imx})$$

$$\Rightarrow (g_n, g_n)_W = \frac{1}{1+n^2} + \frac{n^2}{1+n^2} = 1$$

Hence, (g_n) forms an orthonormal sequence in the space.

Since $\sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})$, suppose $g(x) = \sinh x$

$$(f', g') = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f' \left(\frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}) \right) dx = -(f, g)$$

Hence,

$$(f, g)_W = (f, g) + (f' + g') = (f, g) - (f, g) = 0$$

Since all the basis function g_n satisfy $g_n(\pi) = g_n(-\pi)$, we see that \sinh is a nontrivial function that is orthogonal to all g_n , therefore $g(n)$ is not a total orthonormal sequence in $W[-\pi, \pi]$