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## Integral Equations

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### Exercise List 5

21. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $K : H \rightarrow H$  be a bounded linear operator. Show that:

$$K \text{ compact} \Leftrightarrow K^*K \text{ compact}$$

22. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Assume that  $B : H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a real bilinear map for which there exist constants  $M > 0$  and  $m > 0$  such that

$$|B(u, v)| \leq M \|u\| \|v\|, \quad u, v \in H,$$

and

$$m \|u\|^2 \leq B(u, u), \quad u \in H.$$

Prove that there is a unique bounded linear operator  $A : H \rightarrow H$  such that

$$B(u, v) = \langle Au, v \rangle, \quad u, v \in H.$$

23. Prove now the *Lax–Milgram theorem*: If  $B$  is as above and  $\lambda : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a bounded linear functional, then there exists a unique element  $u \in H$  such that for all  $v \in H$  we have

$$B(u, v) = \lambda(v).$$

24. Let  $(\cdot, \cdot) : C([a, b]) \times C([a, b]) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a degenerate bilinear form, i.e., there exists  $\varphi \in C([a, b])$ ,  $\varphi \neq 0$ , such that for all  $f \in C([a, b])$ ,  $(\varphi, f) = 0$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\varphi(a) = 1$ . Consider the operators  $A, B : C([a, b]) \rightarrow C([a, b])$  given by

$$A\phi = \phi(a)\varphi, \quad B\psi = 0 \quad \phi, \psi \in C([a, b]).$$

- (i) Show that  $A$  and  $B$  are compact and adjoint with respect to  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  i.e.  $(A\phi, \psi) = (\phi, B\psi)$ .
- (ii) Compute the nullspaces  $\text{Ker}(I - A)$  and  $\text{Ker}(I - B)$ .

**Hint:** For (i), show and use:  $A$  is bounded and  $\dim \text{Im}(A) < \infty$  to conclude that  $A$  is compact.

25. Let  $H_1, H_2$  be Hilbert spaces. Let  $S : H_1 \rightarrow H_1$  and  $T : H_2 \rightarrow H_2$  be linear continuously invertible operators on  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively and let  $A : H_1 \rightarrow H_1$  and  $B : H_2 \rightarrow H_2$  be compact operators such that  $S$  is adjoint to  $T$  and  $A$  is adjoint to  $B$ .

Show that: the homogeneous equations

$$S\varphi - A\varphi = 0$$

and

$$T\psi - B\psi = 0$$

have the same number of linearly independent solutions.

**Hint:** You may use Fredholm alternative. Use and show that  $S^{-1}$  is adjoint to  $T^{-1}$ ,  $S^{-1}A$  is adjoint to  $BT^{-1}$ ,  $\text{Ker}(S - A) = \text{Ker}(I - S^{-1}A)$  and  $\dim \text{Ker}(T - B) = \dim \text{Ker}(I - BT^{-1})$ .