

# Operators

- X, Y: Banach spaces
- $A: X \rightarrow Y$  linear operator

**Definition 2 (Operator norm)**  $||A|| := \sup\{||Ax|| : x \in X, ||x|| = 1\}$ 

**Theorem 1** ||A|| bounded  $\Leftrightarrow$  A continuous

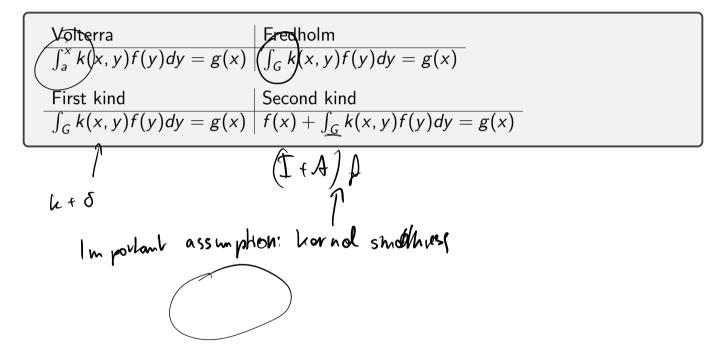
### **Operators: Examples**

Which of these is bounded as an operator on functions on the real line?

- Multiplication by a scalar
- "Left shift"
- Fourier transform
- Differentiation
- Integration
- Integral operators

$$\begin{array}{l} p \mapsto \alpha p \\ A; p(x) \mapsto p(x + \alpha) \\ A(ap+b) = ap(x + \alpha) + bg(x + \lambda) \end{array}$$

# Integral Operators: Zoology



# **Connections to Complex Variables**

Complex analysis is *full* of integral operators:

• Cauchy's integral formula:

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z-a} f(z) \, dz$$

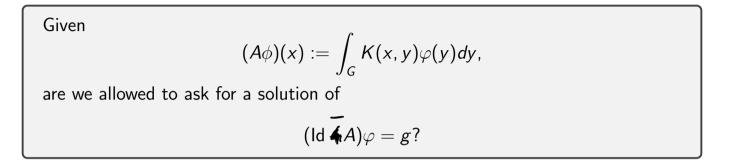
• Cauchy's differentiation formula:

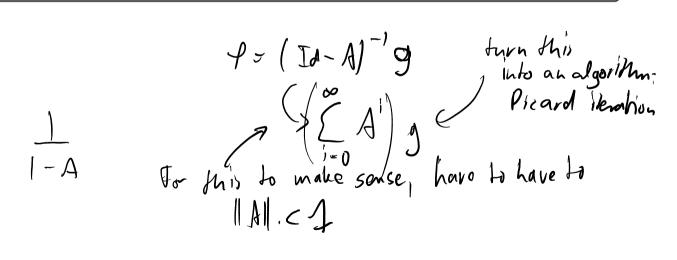
$$f^{(n)}(a) = rac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} rac{1}{(z-a)^{n+1}} f(z) \, dz$$

Integral Operators: Boundedness (=Continuity)

Theorem 2 (Continuous kernel 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 bounded)  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  closed, bounded  
("compact"),  $K \in C(G^2)$ . Let  
 $(A\phi)(x) := \int_G K(x, y)\phi(y)dy$ .  
Then  
 $||A||_{\infty} = \max_{x \in G} \int_G |K(x, y)|dy$ .  
Show ' $\leq$ '.  
Let  
Let  
 $f = \|A\|_{\infty} = \int_G k(x, y)|dy$ .  
 $\int_G k(x, y)\phi(y)dy\|_{\infty} = 4$  on  $d \notin C^{\circ}(G)$ .  
 $||A|e|| = \|\int_G k(x, y)\phi(y)dy\|_{\infty}$   
 $\leq \|\int_G k(x, y)\phi(y)dy\|_{\infty}$ 

#### **Solving Integral Equations**





# Attempt 1: The Neumann series

Want to solve

$$\varphi - A\varphi = (I - A)\varphi = g.$$

Formally:

$$\varphi = (I - A)^{-1}g.$$

What does that remind you of?

# 6.2 Compactness

### **Compact sets**

**Definition 3 (Precompact/Relatively compact)**  $M \subseteq X$  precompact:  $\Leftrightarrow$  all sequences  $(x_k) \subset M$  contain a subsequence converging in X

**Definition 4 (Compact/'Sequentially complete')**  $M \subseteq X$  compact:  $\Leftrightarrow$  all sequences  $(x_k) \subset M$  contain a subsequence converging in M

- Precompact  $\Rightarrow$  bounded
- Precompact ⇔ bounded (finite dim. only!)

Counterexample?

$$\begin{array}{c} c_{0}, & soque \\ (1, 0, 0, ..., -) \\ (c_{1}, 0, 0, 0, -) \\ (o, 0, 1, 0, -, -) \end{array} + and n \rightarrow \infty$$

# **Compact Operators**

X, Y: Banach spaces

**Definition 5 (Compact operator)**  $T : X \to Y$  *is* compact : $\Leftrightarrow$  T(bounded set) *is precompact.* 

- *T*, *S* compact  $\Rightarrow \alpha T + \beta S$  compact
- One of T, S compact  $\Rightarrow$  S  $\circ$  T compact
- $T_n$  all compact,  $T_n \rightarrow T$  in operator norm  $\Rightarrow T$  compact

Questions:

- Let dim  $T(X) < \infty$ . Is T compact?
- Is the identity operator compact?



# Intuition about Compact Operators

- Compact operator: As finite-dimensional as you're going to get in infinite dimensions.
- Not clear yet-but they are moral  $(\infty$ -dim) equivalent of a matrix having *low* numerical rank.
- Are compact operators continuous (=bounded)?
- What do they do to high-frequency data?
- What do they do to low-frequency data?

### Arzelà-Ascoli

Let  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be compact.

**Theorem 3 (Arzelà-Ascoli)**  $U \subset C(G)$  is precompact iff it is bounded and equicontinuous.

Equicontinuous means For all  $x, y \in G$ for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $f \in U$ if  $|x - y| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ . Continuous means: For all  $x, y \in G$ for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $|x - y| < \delta$  then  $(f(x) - f(y)) < \epsilon$ .  $\text{if } |x-y| < \delta \text{, then } |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon.$ 

Intuition?

"Uniformly continuous"?

When does *uniform continuity* happen?

# 6.3 Integral Operators

**Integral Operators are Compact** 

**Theorem 4 (Continuous kernel**  $\Rightarrow$  compact [Kress LIE Thm. 2.21])  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  compact,  $K \in C(G^2)$ . Then

$$(A\phi)(x) := \int_G K(x,y)\phi(y)dy.$$

is compact on C(G).

Use A-A. (a statement about compact sets)

What is there to show?

Pick  $U \subset C(G)$ . A(U) bounded?

# A(U) equicontinuous?

# Weakly singular

 $G \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  compact

Definition 6 (Weakly singular kernel) • K defined, continuous everywhere except at x = y
There exist C > 0, α ∈ (0, n] such that

$$|K(x,y)| \leq C|x-y|^{\alpha-n}$$
  $(x \neq y)$ 

**Theorem 5 (Weakly singular kernel**  $\Rightarrow$  **compact** [Kress LIE Thm. 2.22]) *K* weakly singular. Then

$$(A\phi)(x) := \int_G K(x,y)\phi(y)dy.$$

is compact on C(G).

Outline the proof.

# Weakly singular (on surfaces)

$$\begin{split} \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \text{ bounded, open, } C^1 \\ \hline \mathbf{Definition 7 (Weakly singular kernel (on a surface))} & \bullet K \text{ defined,} \\ \text{ continuous everywhere except at } x = y \\ \bullet \text{ There exist } C > 0, \ \alpha \in (0, n-1] \text{ such that} \\ |K(x,y)| \leq C|x-y|^{\alpha-n+1} \quad (x,y \in \partial\Omega, \ x \neq y) \end{split}$$

**Theorem 6 (Weakly singular kernel**  $\Rightarrow$  compact [Kress LIE Thm. 2.23]) *K* weakly singular on  $\partial\Omega$ . Then

$$(A\phi)(x) := \int_G K(x, y)\phi(y)dy.$$

is compact on C(G).