

# The Riesz-Schauder theory

F. Riesz (1918)

J. Schauder (1930)

$1 + K$   
is a Fredholm oper.  
of index 0.

$X =$  vector space,  $T: X \rightarrow X$  linear.

Notation.  $K^n = \text{Ker } T^n$ ;  $I_n = \text{Im } T^n$  ( $n \geq 0$ )

$0 = K_0 \subset K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \dots$ ;  $X = I_0 \supset I_1 \supset I_2 \supset \dots$

Def. The ascent of  $T$  is (подъём)

$a(T) = \min \{ n : K_n = K_{n+i} \forall i \geq 0 \}$  ( $a(T) = \infty$  if  $\nexists$  such  $n$ )

The descent of  $T$  is (спуск)

$d(T) = \min \{ n : I_n = I_{n+i} \forall i \geq 0 \}$  ( $d(T) = \infty$  if  $\nexists$  such  $n$ )

Lemma 1. (1) If  $K_n = K_{n+1}$ , then  $K_n = K_{n+i} \forall i \geq 0$   
(hence  $a(T) < \infty$ )

(2) If  $I_n = I_{n+1}$ , then  $I_n = I_{n+i} \forall i \geq 0$   
(hence  $d(T) < \infty$ )

(3) If  $a(T) < \infty$  and  $d(T) < \infty \Rightarrow a(T) = d(T)$

Proof. (1) exer.

(2) It suff. to show that  $I_{n+1} = I_{n+2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x \in I_{n+1} &\Rightarrow x = T^{n+1}y = T(\underbrace{T^n y}_{\in I_n}) = T(T^{n+1}z) \\ &= T^{n+2}(z) \in I_{n+2}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{for some } z)$$

(3) Let's show that  $d(T) \leq a(T)$

Suppose  $d(T) > a(T)$ , let  $n = d(T) - 1$

$$\Rightarrow I_n \neq I_{n+1} = I_{n+2} \quad \text{and} \quad K_n = K_{n+1}$$

$$\text{Let } x \in I_n \Rightarrow x = T^n y \quad (y \in X) \Rightarrow Tx = \underbrace{T^{n+1} y}_{\in I_{n+1} = I_{n+2}} = T^{n+2} z$$

(for some  $z$ )  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow y - Tz \in K_{n+1} = K_n \Rightarrow \underbrace{T^n y}_x = T^{n+1} z \in I_{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_n = I_{n+1}, \text{ a contr.}$$

$$a(T) \leq d(T) - \text{exer.} \quad \square$$

Lemma 2. (Riesz decomposition)

$X = \text{vec. space}$ ,  $T: X \rightarrow X$  lin. oper.

Suppose  $a(T) < \infty$  and  $d(T) < \infty$ .

Let  $p = a(T) = d(T)$ ,  $K_p = \text{Ker } T^p$ ,  $I_p = \text{Im } T^p$

Then  $X = K_p \oplus I_p$ ,  $K_p$  and  $I_p$  are  $T$ -invar,

$T|_{K_p}$  is nilpotent, and  $T|_{I_p}: I_p \rightarrow I_p$  is an isomorph.

Proof Let  $x \in X \Rightarrow T^p x \in I_p = I_{2p} \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow T^p x = T^{2p} z$  (for some  $z \in X$ ). Let  $x' = T^p z$ .

$$\Rightarrow T^p x' = T^p x \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x - x' \in K_p \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \underbrace{x'}_{\in I_p} + \underbrace{(x - x')}_{K_p}$$

$$\Rightarrow X = K_p + I_p.$$

Let  $x \in K_p \cap I_p \Rightarrow T^p x = 0$  and  $x = T^p y$  ( $y \in X$ )

$$\Rightarrow T^{2p} y = 0, \text{ that is, } y \in K_{2p} = K_p \Rightarrow \underbrace{T^p}_X y = 0$$

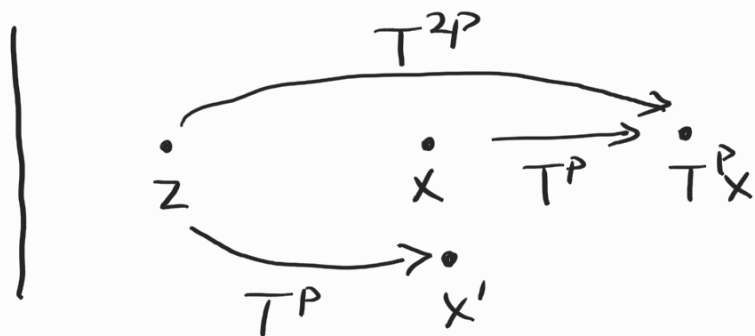
$$\Rightarrow K_p \cap I_p = 0 \Rightarrow X = K_p \oplus I_p.$$

Clearly,  $K_p$  and  $I_p$  are  $T$ -inv;  $T|_{K_p}$  is nilp.

$$T(I_p) = I_{p+1} = I_p \Rightarrow T|_{I_p}: I_p \rightarrow I_p \text{ is surj.}$$

$$K_p \cap I_p = 0, \text{ Ker } T = K_1 \subset K_p \Rightarrow (\text{Ker } T) \cap I_p = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T|_{I_p} \text{ is inj. } \Rightarrow T|_{I_p}: I_p \rightarrow I_p \text{ is an isom. } \square$$



Thm (F. Riesz, 1918)

$X = \text{Banach space}$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ ,  $T \in I_X + \mathcal{K}(X)$ .

Then:

(1)  $T$  is Fredholm, and  $\text{ind } T = 0$ .

(2)  $a(T) < \infty$ ,  $d(T) < \infty$ .

(3) Let  $p = a(T) = d(T)$ ,  $K_p = \text{Ker } T^p$ ,  $I_p = \text{Im } T^p$ .

Then  $K_p$  and  $I_p$  are closed  $T$ -inv subspaces,  $K_p$  is fin-dim,  $X = K_p \oplus I_p$ ,  $T|_{K_p}$  is nilpotent, and  $T|_{I_p} : I_p \rightarrow I_p$  is a topol isomorphism.

Proof  $T = 1 - S$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{K}(X)$

Step 1.  $\text{Ker } T$  is fin-dim,  $\text{Im } T$  is closed.

Proof Let  $K = \text{Ker } T \Rightarrow S|_K = 1_K$ ;  $S|_K$  is comp  
 $\Rightarrow \dim K < \infty$ .

Consider  $\hat{T} : X/K \rightarrow X$ ,  $\hat{T}(x+K) = Tx$ .

It suff to show that  $\hat{T}$  is topol. injective, that is,  $\exists c > 0$  s.t.  $\forall u \in X/K$   $\|\hat{T}u\| \geq c\|u\|$ .

In other words,  $\|Tx\| \geq c\|x+K\| \quad \forall x \in X$ .

Assume that there is no such  $c > 0$ .

Then  $\exists$  a seq.  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  s.t



$\|x_n + K\| = 1 \quad \forall n$ , but  $Tx_n \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$

$\text{dist}''(x_n, K)$  We may assume that  $(x_n)$  is bdd  
(because  $\|x_n + K\| = 1$ )

We may assume that  $Sx_n \rightarrow x \in X$   
 $\|x_n - Tx_n$

$\Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow Tx_n \rightarrow Tx$

$\Rightarrow Tx = 0$ , that is,  $x \in K$ . This is a contradiction

(because  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $\text{dist}(x_n, K) = 1$ )  $\square$

Step 2.  $T$  is Fredholm.

Proof. We know:  $\overline{\text{Im}T}$  is closed  $\Rightarrow \text{Coker}T$  is  
a Ban. space.  $T^* = 1 - S^* \in 1 + \mathcal{K}(X^*)$

$\Rightarrow \text{Ker}T^*$  is fin-dim.

We know:  $(\text{Coker}T)^* \cong \text{Ker}T^* \Rightarrow \text{Coker}T$  is fin-dim

$\Rightarrow T$  is Fredholm.  $\square$

Step 3.  $a(T) < \infty$ .

Proof. Assume  $a(T) = \infty$ . Hence  $K_n \not\subseteq K_{n+1} \quad \forall n$

$\forall n$  let  $x_n \in K_{n+1}$  be a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -l to  $K_n$

(that is,  $\|x_n\| = 1$  and  $\text{dist}(x_n, K_n) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ ).

$\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq m+1$ , we have

$$\|Sx_n - Sx_m\| = \|(1-T)x_n - (1-T)x_m\| =$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x_n - \underbrace{Tx_n}_{\in K_n} - \underbrace{x_m + Tx_m}_{K_{m+1} \subset K_n}\| \geq \frac{1}{2}, \text{ which is a}$$

contradiction with the compactness of  $S$ .  $\square$

Step 4  $d(T) < \infty$ .

Proof. We know that  $\alpha(T^*) < \infty$ , that is,

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \text{Ker}(T^*)^n = \text{Ker}(T^*)^{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \perp \text{Ker}(T^n)^* = \perp \text{Ker}(T^{n+1})^*$$

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$$\frac{\parallel}{\text{Im } T^n} \quad \frac{\parallel}{\text{Im } T^{n+1}}$$

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$\Rightarrow d(T) < \infty$  by L1.  $\square$

Step 5.  $T^p$  is Fredholm  $\Rightarrow \bar{I}_p$  is closed,

$K_p$  is fin-dim.

L2  $\Rightarrow$  (3) (because  $T|_{\bar{I}_p}$  is a top. isom by Banach's Inverse Mapping Thm)

$$\text{ind}(T) = \underbrace{\text{ind}(T|_{K_p})}_{=0} + \underbrace{\text{ind}(T|_{\bar{I}_p})}_{=0} = 0 \quad \square \square$$

Cor. 1 (the abstract Fredholm alternative)

$T \in 1 + \mathcal{K}(X)$  is injective  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is surj  
 $\Leftrightarrow T$  is bijective.

Cor. 2 (J. Schauder 1930)

(abstract Fredholm's theorems)

$T \in 1 + \mathcal{K}(X)$ . Then

(1)  $\dim \text{Ker } T = \dim \text{Ker } T^* < \infty$ .

(2)  $\text{Im } T = {}^\perp \text{Ker } T^*$       (3)  $\text{Im } T^* = (\text{Ker } T)^\perp$ .

The spectrum of a compact operator

Recall:  $X = \text{Ban. space over } \mathbb{C}$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$

The spectrum of  $T$  is

$$\sigma(T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda 1_X \text{ is not invertible} \}$$

The point spectrum of  $T$  is

$$\sigma_p(T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Ker}(T - \lambda 1_X) \neq 0 \} \subset \sigma(T)$$

Thm.  $X = \text{Ban. space}$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X)$  Then:

(1)  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \{0\} \Rightarrow \lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$ ,  $\lambda$  has finite multiplicity (that is,  $\dim \text{Ker}(T - \lambda 1) < \infty$ ), and  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$

(2)  $\sigma(T)$  is at most countable.

Proof (1)  $T - \lambda I = -\lambda(1 - \lambda^{-1}T) \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$  the Riesz-Schauder theory applies to  $T - \lambda I$ .

The Fredholm alt.  $\Rightarrow T - \lambda I$  is not inj., that is,  
 $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$

$T - \lambda I$  is Fredholm  $\Rightarrow \ker(T - \lambda I)$  is fin-dim

Let  $p = a(T - \lambda I) = d(T - \lambda I)$ ,  $K_p = \ker(T - \lambda I)^p$ ,

$I_p = \text{Im}(T - \lambda I)^p$ .  $\Rightarrow K_p$  and  $I_p$  are closed

and  $T$ -invariant, and  $X = K_p \oplus I_p \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow (*) \boxed{\sigma(T) = \sigma(T|_{K_p}) \cup \sigma(T|_{I_p})}$ ;  $K_p \neq 0$ .

$(T - \lambda I)|_{K_p}$  is nilp.  $\Rightarrow \sigma((T - \lambda I)|_{K_p}) = \{0\}$

$\Rightarrow \sigma(T|_{K_p}) = \{\lambda\}$

$(T - \lambda I)|_{I_p} : I_p \rightarrow I_p$  is a top isomorphism, that is,

$0 \notin \sigma((T - \lambda I)|_{I_p}) \Rightarrow \lambda \notin \sigma(T|_{I_p})$

Now (\*) becomes  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\} \sqcup \sigma(T|_{I_p})$

But  $\sigma(T|_{I_p})$  is compact  $\Rightarrow$  closed in  $\sigma(T)$

$\Rightarrow \lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$

(2)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $K_n = \sigma(T) \cap \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| \geq \frac{1}{n}\}$

$K_n$  is compact, and all points of  $K_n$  are isolated  $\Rightarrow K_n$  is finite  $\Rightarrow$

$\sigma(T) \setminus \{0\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$  is at most countable.  $\square$ .