

The norm of an infinite L -matrix

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When does the *L*-matrix $[a_n]$ act as a bounded operator on ℓ^2 ?

Some examples

Cesàro matrices

Definition

The Cesàro matrices C_p are the matrices

$$C_p := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^p & \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^p & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^p & \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^p & \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^p & 0 & \dots \\ \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^p & \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^p & \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^p & \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^p & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

C_p acts as a bounded operator on ℓ^2 if $p \geq 1$. Moreover,
 $\|C_1\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2} = 2$.

Some examples

Hilbert matrix

Definition

The infinite Hilbert matrix is

$$\mathcal{H} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \cdots \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \cdots \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \cdots \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

\mathcal{H} acts as a bounded operator on ℓ^2 and $\|\mathcal{H}\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2} = \pi$.

Motivation

History lesson

The first¹ instance of a L -matrix being used is in 1983 in *Tricks or treats with the Hilbert matrix*.

The author notices that $\mathcal{H} \leq [a_n] = C_1 C_1^*$ where $a_n = \frac{1}{n+1}$.

$$\implies \|\mathcal{H}\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2} \leq \|[a_n]\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2} \leq \|C_1\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2} \|C_1^*\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2} = 4.$$

¹To the best of our knowledge.

Motivation

Weighted Dirichlet spaces

Definition

Let ω be a positive superharmonic function on \mathbb{D} and $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D})$. We define

$$\mathcal{D}_\omega(f) := \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'(z)|^2 \omega(z) dA(z),$$

where dA denotes normalized area measure on \mathbb{D} . The *weighted Dirichlet space* \mathcal{D}_ω is the set of functions $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D})$ such that $\mathcal{D}_\omega(f) < \infty$.

Motivation

Hadamard multipliers

Definition

Let $f(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ and $g(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ be two formal power series. Their *Hadamard product* is defined to be

$$(f * g)(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k.$$

The *Hadamard multipliers* of \mathcal{D}_ω are the formal power series h that have the property that $h * f \in \mathcal{D}_\omega$ for each $f \in \mathcal{D}_\omega$.

Motivation

Definition of T_h

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Let $h(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$. We define

$$T_h := \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 - c_1 & c_3 - c_2 & c_4 - c_3 & \dots \\ 0 & c_2 & c_3 - c_2 & c_4 - c_3 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & c_3 & c_4 - c_3 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_4 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Motivation

Characterization of the Hadamard multipliers of \mathcal{D}_ω

Theorem (Mashreghi–Ransford, 2019)

Let $h(z)$ be a formal power series. The following statements are equivalent.

- (i) h is an Hadamard multiplier of \mathcal{D}_ω for every superharmonic weight ω .*
- (ii) T_h acts as a bounded operator on ℓ^2 .*

*Moreover, $\mathcal{D}_\omega(h * f) \leq \|T_h\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2}^2 \mathcal{D}_\omega(f)$ for every superharmonic weight ω and $\|T_h\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2}^2$ is the best possible constant.*

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We say that the sequence (a_n) is *lacunary* if there is a constant $\rho > 1$ and a subsequence (n_j) such that $n_{j+1}/n_j \geq \rho$ and $a_n = 0$ except possibly for indices $n \in \{n_j : j \geq 1\}$.

Example

$(a_n) = (1, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{4}, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{8}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{16}, \dots)$ is a lacunary sequence.

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$$\sum_{s=j}^{\infty} \sqrt{n_s} |a_{n_s}|^2 = O(1/\sqrt{n_j}), \quad (\text{as } j \rightarrow \infty).$$

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Let $p > 1$, with q such that $1 = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$, and let $A = [a_n]$ be an L -matrix with lacunary coefficient (a_n) satisfying

$$\sum_{s=j}^{\infty} |a_{n_s}|^p n_s^{(1-t)p/q} = O(n_j^{-tp/q}), \quad (j \rightarrow \infty),$$

for some $t \in [0, 1)$. Then A maps ℓ^p to itself as a bounded operator.

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General case (quantitative estimation)

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Fix $p > 1$ and $t \in (0, 1)$ and suppose we are under the assumptions of the last theorem. Moreover, suppose that the lacunary sequence has a ratio $\rho > 1$. Then,

$$\|A\|_{\ell^p \rightarrow \ell^p} \leq 2\eta \left(\frac{\rho^{1-t}}{\rho^{1-t} - 1} \right)^{1/q} + \|(a_n)\|_\infty,$$

where $\eta := \sup_{j \geq 1} \left(n_j^{tp/q} \sum_{s=j}^{\infty} |a_{n_s}|^p n_s^{(1-t)p/q} \right)^{1/p}$.

Corollaries

Estimation of a nice lacunary sequence

Corollary

Let $N \geq 2$ be a positive integer and let $0 \leq R \leq 1/\sqrt{N}$. Let $A = [a_n]$ be the L -matrix with lacunary coefficient

$$a_{N^j} = R^j, \quad (j \geq 1),$$

and $a_n = 0$ for other values of n . Then A is a bounded operator on ℓ^2 .

Corollaries

Complete characterization of $O(n^{-\alpha})$

Corollary

Let $A = [a_n]$ be a positive L -matrix. The condition $a_n = O(1/n^\alpha)$ is

- necessary if $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$;
- nor necessary, nor sufficient if $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1$;
- sufficient if $\alpha = 1$;

for A to act as a bounded operator on ℓ^2 .

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$$\bullet \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(\frac{K}{n}, \frac{K}{n}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2K \left(2 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = 4K < \infty.$$

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What is the value of $s_0 := \inf\{s > 0 : \|A_s\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2} = 4\}$?

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