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Abstract

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A GENERALIZED MINIMAX PRINCIPLE FOR INDECOMPOSABLE OPERATORS

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The main purpose of this note is to generalize the minimax principle known for indecomposable matrices with nonnegative elements ^(1,2).

Let Y be a real Banach space, X the corresponding complex extension; Y' , X' the conjugate Banach spaces of continuous linear functionals on Y, X , and $[X], [Y]$ the Banach spaces of bounded linear mappings of the spaces X, Y into themselves. It is assumed that $K \subset Y$ is a reproducing and normal cone ⁽³⁾. By means of the cone K in Y a partial order is introduced: $x < y$ ($y > x$) $\iff y - x \in K$. The symbol K' denotes the cone conjugate to K , i.e. the set $\{x' \in Y' : \langle x, x' \rangle \geq 0, x \in K\}$, where $\langle x, x' \rangle$ is the value of the functional $x' \in Y'$ at the element $x \in Y$.

An operator $T \in [Y]$ is called **positive** ⁽³⁾ if $Tx \in K$ for $x \in K$. A positive operator $T \in [Y]$ is called **semi-nonsupporting** ⁽⁴⁾ if, for an arbitrary pair $x \in K, x \neq 0, x' \in K', x' \neq \vartheta$, where $0, \vartheta$ are the zero elements in Y and Y' , respectively, there exists a positive integer $p = p(x, x')$ such that $\langle T^p x, x' \rangle > 0$. An element $x \in K$ is called a **nonsupporting element of the cone K** if $\langle x, x' \rangle > 0$ for all nonzero functionals $x' \in K'$ ⁽⁴⁾. A positive operator $T \in [Y]$ is called **strictly nonsupporting** ⁽⁴⁾ if, for an arbitrary element $x \in K, x \neq 0$, one can find a positive integer $p = p(x)$ such that $T^p x$ is a nonsupporting element of the cone K for $n \geq p$.

A set $H' \subset K'$ will be called **K -total** if from the conditions $\langle x, x' \rangle \geq 0$ for all $x' \in H'$ it follows that $x \in K$. We shall agree to say that an operator $T \in [X]$ has property **(S)** if every point $\lambda \in \sigma(T), |\lambda| = \rho(T)$, where $\sigma(T)$ is the spectrum of the operator T and $\rho(T)$ is the spectral radius of the mapping T , is an isolated pole of the resolvent $R(\lambda, T) = (\lambda I - T)^{-1}$ (I is the identity operator). If $T \in [Y]$, then \tilde{T} denotes the complex extension of the operator T , i.e. the operator for which $\tilde{T}z = Tx + iTy$, where $z = x + iy, x \in Y, y \in Y$. In this case, by definition, $\sigma(T) = \sigma(\tilde{T}), \rho(T) = \rho(\tilde{T})$.

Let T be a linear operator mapping a dense domain of definition $D(T) \subset X$ into X . The symbol T' denotes the operator conjugate to the operator T , i.e. the operator whose domain of definition is $D(T') = \{v' \in X' : T'v' \in X'\}$ and

which is defined by the relations

$$T'v' = u' \iff \langle x, u' \rangle = \langle Tx, v' \rangle \quad (5).$$

Let H' be a K -total set, T a semi-nonsupporting operator, and $x \in K$, $x \neq 0$, $x' \in K'$, $x' \neq \emptyset$. Introduce the functionals $r_x, r^x, s_{x'}, s^{x'}$, setting

$$r_x = \inf_{\substack{x' \in H' \\ \langle x, x' \rangle \neq 0}} \frac{\langle Tx, x' \rangle}{\langle x, x' \rangle}, \quad r^x = \sup_{x' \in H'} \frac{\langle Tx, x' \rangle}{\langle x, x' \rangle},$$

$$s_{x'} = \inf_{\substack{x \in K \\ \langle x, x' \rangle \neq 0}} \frac{\langle x, T'x' \rangle}{\langle x, x' \rangle}, \quad s^{x'} = \sup_{x \in K} \frac{\langle x, T'x' \rangle}{\langle x, x' \rangle}.$$

An element $x \in K$ will be called **extremal with respect to the mapping T** if at least one of the conditions $r_x = \rho(T)$, $r^x = \rho(T)$ holds.

In what follows the following conditions will be used:

- (a) K is a reproducing and normal cone.
- (b) H' is a K -total set.
- (c) $T \in [Y]$ is a semi-nonsupporting operator.
- (c') $T \in [Y]$ is a strictly nonsupporting operator.
- (d) The operator T has property (S).

Theorem 1 (generalized minimax principle). *Under conditions (a), (b), (c), and (d):*

1. The equalities hold

$$\mu_0 = \rho(T) = \min_{\substack{x \in K \\ x \neq 0}} r^x = \max_{x \in K} r_x.$$

2. The number μ_0 is an eigenvalue of the operator T , and to this value there corresponds an eigenvector $x_0 \in K$ such that from the conditions $y = \nu Ty$, $y \in K$, $y \neq 0$, where ν is some positive number, it follows that $y = cx_0$, where c is some constant. Moreover, the vector x_0 is a nonsupporting element of the cone K .

If, in addition, condition (c') is fulfilled, then for every element $z \in K$ extremal with respect to the mapping T there is a $c > 0$ such that $z = cx_0$.

Remark 1. Condition (c) is equivalent to condition

- (e) The operator $T \in [Y]$ is indecomposable, i.e., an operator T such that from the relations $\alpha x_0 \succ Tx_0$ for some $x_0 \in K$, $x_0 \neq 0$, $\alpha > 0$, it follows that x_0 is a nonsupporting element of the cone K ⁽⁶⁾.

Remark 2. Suppose that instead of condition (c) the condition

(e) The operator $T \in [Y]$ is u_0 -positive ^(7,11)

is satisfied. Instead of condition (c'), the condition

(e') The operator $T \in [Y]$ is uniformly u_0 -positive

is satisfied. Under these assumptions Theorem 1 was proved by the author in ⁽¹¹⁾. Although in general the operator T' is not semi-nonsupporting ⁽⁸⁾, nevertheless the following theorem holds.

Theorem 2. From conditions (a), (b), (c), and (d) it follows that the equalities

$$\mu_0 = \rho(T) = \min_{\substack{x' \in K' \\ x' \neq \theta}} s^{x'} = \max_{x' \in K'} s_{x'}$$

are valid.

The validity of Theorems 1 and 2 follows from the following facts.

1. Let $x \in K$, $x \neq 0$, $x' \in K'$, $x' \neq \theta$,

$$y = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_0^{-k} T^k x, \quad y' = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_0^{-k} T'^k x', \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Then

$$r_x \leq r_y, \quad r^y \leq r^x, \quad s_{x'} \leq s_{y'}, \quad s^{y'} \leq s^{x'}.$$

2. In the norm $[X]$ the equality ⁽⁹⁾ holds

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_0^{-k} T^k = B_1,$$

where B_1 is the unique term of the principal part of the Laurent expansion of the resolvent $R(\lambda, T)$ in a neighborhood of the pole μ_0 ⁽¹⁰⁾

$$R(\lambda, T) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k (\lambda - \mu_0)^k + (\lambda - \mu_0)^{-1} B_1.$$

3. $r_z = \rho(T) = r^z$, $s_{z'} = \rho(T) = s^{z'}$ for $z = B_1 x$,

$$x \in K, \quad x \neq 0, \quad z' = B_1' x', \quad x' \in K', \quad x' \neq \vartheta.$$

In conclusion we present one more form of the generalized minimax principle, in which it can be applied in solving certain eigenvalue problems for differential equations.

Let $D(L), D(C)$ be dense sets in the space Y , and let them be the domains of definition of mappings L and C of these domains into Y . Suppose that the

inverse operator L^{-1} exists and belongs to $[Y]$. Put $T_1 = L^{-1}C$, if $C \in [Y]$, and $T_2 = CL^{-1}$, if C is an unbounded operator whose domain of definition $D(C)$ contains the range of the operator L^{-1} .

Theorem 3. Suppose that for $T = T_j$, $j = 1, 2$, the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied. Then the equalities

$$\lambda_0 = \max_{x \in D(L) \cap K} \inf_{\substack{y' \in N' \\ \langle Lx, y' \rangle \neq 0}} \frac{\langle Cx, y' \rangle}{\langle Lx, y' \rangle} = \min_{0 \neq x \in D(L) \cap K} \sup_{y' \in N'} \frac{\langle Cx, y' \rangle}{\langle Lx, y' \rangle}$$

hold for $j = 1$, and

$$\lambda_0 = \max_{y \in P} \inf_{\substack{x' \in D(L') \cap K' \\ \langle y, L'x' \rangle \neq 0}} \frac{\langle y, C'x' \rangle}{\langle y, L'x' \rangle} = \min_{0 \neq y \in P} \sup_{x' \in D(L') \cap K'} \frac{\langle y, C'x' \rangle}{\langle y, L'x' \rangle}$$

for $j = 2$, where λ_0 is the characteristic value of least modulus of the equation $Lx = \lambda Cx$, and we put $P = \{y = L^{-1}x : x \in K\}$, $N' = \{y' = (L^{-1})'x' : x' \in K'\}$.

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