

One-sided invertibility of infinite band-dominated matrices

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One-sided and two-sided invertible operators

Let $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ be the Banach space of all bounded linear operators acting from a Banach space X to a Banach space Y . We abbreviate $\mathcal{B}(X, X)$ to $\mathcal{B}(X)$. An operator $A \in \mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ is called left invertible (resp. right invertible) if there exists an operator $B \in \mathcal{B}(Y, X)$ such that $BA = I_X$ (resp. $AB = I_Y$) where $I_X \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ and $I_Y \in \mathcal{B}(Y)$ are the identity operators on X and Y , respectively. The operator B is called a left (resp. right) inverse of A . An operator $A \in \mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ is said to be invertible if it is left invertible and right invertible simultaneously. We say that A is strictly left (resp. right) invertible if it is left (resp. right) invertible, but not invertible. If the operator A is invertible only from one side, then the corresponding inverse is not uniquely defined.

A function $a : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ with uniformly bounded values $a(n)$ is called slowly oscillating, $a \in SO(\mathbf{Z})$, if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} |a(n+1) - a(n)| = 0.$$

Discrete operators on the spaces l^p , $p \in [1, \infty]$

Given $p \in [1, \infty]$, we consider the Banach space $l^p = l^p(\mathbf{Z})$ consisting of all functions $f : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ equipped with the norm

$$\|f\|_{l^p} = \begin{cases} (\sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} |f(n)|^p)^{1/p} & \text{if } p \in [1, \infty), \\ \sup_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} |f(n)| & \text{if } p = \infty. \end{cases}$$

We establish criteria of the one-sided invertibility of discrete operators of the Wiener type

$$\mathcal{A} := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k, \quad \|\mathcal{A}\|_{\mathcal{W}} := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \|a_k\|_{l^\infty} < \infty, \quad (1)$$

on the spaces l^p with $p \in [1, \infty]$, where $a_k \in SO(\mathbf{Z}) \subset l^\infty$ for all $k \in \mathbf{Z}$, and the isometric shift operator V is given on functions $f \in l^p$ by $(Vf)(n) = f(n+1)$ for all $n \in \mathbf{Z}$. Clearly, V is invertible on each space l^p . Thus, for every $f \in l^p$, we have

$$(\mathcal{A}f)(n) = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k(n) f(n+k) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

Let \mathcal{W} be the Banach algebra of operators (1) with norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{W}}$.

Maximal ideal space of the unital commutative C^* -algebra $SO(\mathbf{Z})$

The set $SO(\mathbf{Z})$ of all slowly oscillating (at $\pm\infty$) functions in l^∞ is a unital commutative C^* -algebra properly containing the C^* -algebra $C(\bar{\mathbf{Z}})$, where $\bar{\mathbf{Z}} := \mathbf{Z} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$. Let $M(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$ be the maximal ideal space of the algebra $SO(\mathbf{Z})$. Identifying the points $n \in \bar{\mathbf{Z}}$ with the evaluation functionals $n(f) = f(n)$ for $f \in C(\bar{\mathbf{Z}})$, we get $M(C(\bar{\mathbf{Z}})) = \bar{\mathbf{Z}}$. Consider the fibers

$$M_s(SO(\mathbf{Z})) := \{\xi \in M(SO(\mathbf{Z})) : \xi|_{C(\bar{\mathbf{Z}})} = s\}$$

of the maximal ideal space $M(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$ over points $s \in \{\pm\infty\}$.

The fibers $M_{\pm\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$ are connected compact Hausdorff spaces. The set

$$\Delta := M_{-\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z})) \cup M_{+\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z})) = \text{clos}_{SO^*} \mathbf{Z} \setminus \mathbf{Z},$$

where $\text{clos}_{SO^*} \mathbf{Z}$ is the weak-star closure of \mathbf{Z} in the dual space of $SO(\mathbf{Z})$. Then $M(SO(\mathbf{Z})) = \Delta \cup \mathbf{Z}$. We write $a(\xi) := \xi(a)$ for every $a \in SO(\mathbf{Z})$ and every $\xi \in \Delta$.

Application of limit operators

Discrete operators $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{W}$ are operators of multiplication by infinite band-dominated matrices $(a_{k-n}(n))_{n,k \in \mathbf{Z}}$.

Lemma

Let $p \in [1, \infty)$ and let $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k \in \mathcal{W} \subset \mathcal{B}(l^p)$, where $a_k \in SO(\mathbf{Z})$ for all $k \in \mathbf{Z}$. Then for every $\xi \in \Delta$ there exists a sequence $\{k_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ of numbers $k_n \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $k_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and

$$s\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (V^{\pm k_n} \mathcal{A} V^{\mp k_n}) = A_\xi := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k(\xi) V^k \in \mathcal{W} \text{ if } s = \pm\infty.$$

Corollary

If $p \in [1, \infty)$ and $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k \in \mathcal{W}$ is left invertible on l^p , then for every $\xi \in \Delta$ the operators $A_\xi = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k(\xi) V^k \in \mathcal{W}$ possess the properties: $\text{Ker } A_\xi = \{0\}$, $\text{Im } A_\xi$ is a closed subspace of l^p , and A_ξ are invertible from l^p onto $\text{Im } A_\xi$.

Invertibility of limit operators

Corollary

If $p \in (1, \infty)$ and the operator $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k \in \mathcal{W}$ is invertible on the space l^p , then for every $\xi \in \Delta$ the limit operators $A_\xi = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k(\xi) V^k$ are also invertible on l^p .

Lemma

The spectrum of the isometric operator V coincides with the unit circle $\mathbf{T} = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| = 1\}$.

Consider the unital commutative Banach algebra $\mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{C}}$ consisting of all operators $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k \in \mathcal{W}$ with constant coefficients $a_k \in \mathbf{C}$ on l^p . The maximal ideal space of $\mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{C}}$ can be identified with \mathbf{T} , and the Gelfand transform of $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{C}}$ is given by $A(z) := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k z^k$ for all $z \in \mathbf{T}$, where $A(\cdot)$ belongs to the algebra \mathcal{W} of absolutely convergent Fourier series on \mathbf{T} .

The Gelfand transform and the Cauchy index

Hence, for each $\xi \in \Delta$ the operator $A_\xi = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k(\xi) V^k \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{C}}$ is invertible on the space l^p with $p \in [1, \infty)$ if and only if

$$A_\xi(z) := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k(\xi) z^k \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathbf{T}.$$

Since this is true for all $\xi \in \Delta$, we infer, by the continuity of the function $\xi \mapsto A_\xi(\cdot) \in \mathcal{W}$ on the connected Hausdorff compact $M_s(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$ for every $s \in \{\pm\infty\}$, that the numbers

$$\text{ind } A_\xi(\cdot) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\{ \arg A_\xi(z) \right\}_{z \in \mathbf{T}}$$

do not depend on $\xi \in M_s(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$ and can only depend on $s \in \{\pm\infty\}$. Put

$$N_\pm := \text{ind } A_\xi(\cdot) \quad \text{for all } \xi \in M_{\pm\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z})).$$

While all limit operators A_ξ are invertible for each invertible operator $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{W}$ by the last corollary, this fact for strictly one-sided invertible operators $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{W}$ we still need to prove.

Necessary conditions at fixed points

Theorem

Let $p \in (1, \infty)$. If the discrete operator $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k \in \mathcal{W}$ with coefficients $a_k \in SO(\mathbf{Z})$ is left or right invertible on the space l^p , then

$$A_\xi(z) = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k(\xi) z^k \neq 0 \text{ for all } \xi \in \Delta \text{ and all } z \in \mathbf{T},$$

and the Cauchy indices $\text{ind } A_\xi(\cdot)$ coincide, respectively, for every $\xi \in M_{-\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$ and for every $\xi \in M_{+\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$.

Thus, for the one-sided invertible operators $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{W} \subset \mathcal{B}(l^p)$, we again can uniquely define the numbers $N_\pm := \text{ind } A_\xi(\cdot)$.

Let $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{W}$. Take in $\mathcal{B}(l^p)$ the projections $P_n^\pm := \text{diag}\{P_{s,n}^\pm\}_{s \in \mathbf{Z}}$, $P_{n-N_-,n+N_+}^0 := I - P_{n-N_-}^- - P_{n+N_+}^+$, $P_n^0 := I - P_n^- - P_n^+$, where

$$P_{s,n}^+ = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s \geq n, \\ 0 & \text{if } s < n, \end{cases} \quad P_{s,n}^- = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s \leq -n, \\ 0 & \text{if } s > -n. \end{cases}$$

Invertibility of outermost blocks for discrete operators

Consider the operators $\mathcal{A}_n^+ := P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+$, $\mathcal{A}_n^- := P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^-$.

Theorem

If the discrete operator $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k \in \mathcal{W}$ is left or right invertible on the space l^p with $p \in (1, \infty)$, then there exists a number $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ such that for all $n \geq n_0$ the operators

$$\mathcal{A}_n^+ : P_{n+N_+}^+ l^p \rightarrow P_n^+ l^p, \quad \mathcal{A}_n^- : P_{n-N_-}^- l^p \rightarrow P_n^- l^p$$

are invertible.

Let \mathcal{W}^\pm denote the unital Banach subalgebras of \mathcal{W} given by

$$\mathcal{W}^\pm := \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} a_k^\pm V^{\pm k} \in \mathcal{W} : a_k^\pm \in SO(\mathbf{Z}) \right\},$$

where $\mathbf{Z}_+ := \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$. Let \mathcal{W}^\pm be the unital Banach subalgebras of the algebra \mathcal{W} of absolutely convergent Fourier series on \mathbf{T} ,

$$\mathcal{W}^\pm := \left\{ f = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} a_k^\pm z^{\pm k} \in \mathcal{W} : a_k^\pm \in \mathbf{C}, z \in \mathbf{T} \right\}.$$

Invertibility of outermost blocks: a scheme of the proof

It suffices to prove the invertibility of the operator \mathcal{A}_n^+ , assuming that $N_+ = 0$. Since $A_\xi(z) \neq 0$ for all $\xi \in M_{+\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$ and all $z \in \mathbf{T}$, and since $\text{ind } A_\xi(\cdot) = 0$ for these ξ , we conclude that for every $\xi \in M_{+\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$ the function $z \mapsto A_\xi(z)$ admits a unique canonical factorization

$$A_\xi(z) = A_\xi^+(z) A_\xi^-(z) \text{ for all } z \in \mathbf{T},$$

where $A_\xi^\pm(\cdot), (A_\xi^\pm(\cdot))^{-1} \in \mathcal{W}^\pm$ and $\int_{\mathbf{T}} A_\xi^+(z) |dz| = 2\pi$.

Using the functions $(A_\xi^\pm(\cdot))^{-1} \in \mathcal{W}^\pm$ for all $\xi \in M_{+\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$, it is possible to construct discrete operators

$$C^\pm = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} c_k^\pm V^{\pm k} \in \mathcal{W}^\pm$$

such that the operators $P_n^+ C^\pm P_n^+$ are invertible in the Banach algebras $P_n^+ \mathcal{W}^\pm P_n^+$ for all sufficiently large $n \in \mathbf{N}$, and the operator $P_n^+ (C^+ \mathcal{A} C^-) P_n^+$ is close to the identity operator on the space $P_n^+ l^p$, which leads to the invertibility of the operators \mathcal{A}_n^+ .

One-sided invertibility of modified central block

Representing the operator $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{W}$ acting from the direct sum of spaces $P_{n-N_-}^- \mathcal{I}^p \dot{+} P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 \mathcal{I}^p \dot{+} P_{n+N_+}^+ \mathcal{I}^p$ to the direct sum of spaces $P_n^- \mathcal{I}^p \dot{+} P_n^0 \mathcal{I}^p \dot{+} P_n^+ \mathcal{I}^p$ as the operator matrix

$$\mathcal{A} := \begin{bmatrix} P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 & P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \\ P_n^0 \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^0 \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 & P_n^0 \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \\ P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 & P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

we infer that the operator

$$\mathcal{D}_{n, \infty} := \begin{bmatrix} P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \\ P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

acting from the space $P_{n-N_-}^- \mathcal{I}^p \dot{+} P_{n+N_+}^+ \mathcal{I}^p$ onto the space $P_n^- \mathcal{I}^p \dot{+} P_n^+ \mathcal{I}^p$, is invertible along with operators $P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^-$ and $P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+$. As (3) is invertible, the one-sided invertibility of (2) is equivalent to the one-sided invertibility of a modified central block.

Two-sided invertibility of Wiener type discrete operators

Theorem

The operator $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k \in \mathcal{W}$ with coefficients $a_k \in SO(\mathbf{Z})$ is invertible on the space l^p with $p \in [1, \infty]$ if and only if

- (i) $A_\xi(z) := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k(\xi) z^k \neq 0$ for all $\xi \in \Delta$ and $z \in \mathbf{T}$;
- (ii) $N_- = N_+$, where $N_\pm := \text{ind } \mathcal{A}_\xi(\cdot)$ for any $\xi \in M_{\pm\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$;
- (iii) there exists an $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $\det \mathcal{D}_{n,0} \neq 0$ for every $n > n_0$, where the $(2n-1) \times (2n-1)$ matrices $\mathcal{D}_{n,0}$ are identified with the operator

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{n,0} &:= P_n^0 \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 - \begin{bmatrix} P_n^0 \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^0 \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \\ P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \\ P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 \\ P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\times \begin{bmatrix} P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \\ P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-}^- & P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n+N_+}^+ \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} P_n^- \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 \\ P_n^+ \mathcal{A} P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

acting from the space $P_{n-N_-, n+N_+}^0 l^p$ to the space $P_n^0 l^p$.

Strict one-sided invertibility of Wiener-type discrete operators

Criteria of the strict one-sided invertibility of the operators $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{W}$ on the spaces l^p for $p \in (1, \infty)$ have the following form.

Theorem

The discrete operator $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k V^k \in \mathcal{W}$ with coefficients $a_k \in SO(\mathbf{Z})$ is strictly left (resp., strictly right) invertible on the space l^p with $p \in (1, \infty)$ if and only if

- (i) $A_\xi(z) := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k(\xi) z^k \neq 0$ for every $\xi \in \Delta$ and every $z \in \mathbf{T}$;
- (ii) $N_- > N_+$ (resp., $N_- < N_+$), where $N_\pm = \text{ind } A_\xi(\cdot)$ for any $\xi \in M_{\pm\infty}(SO(\mathbf{Z}))$;
- (iii) there exists an $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ such that the rank of the $(2n - 1 + N_+ - N_-) \times (2n - 1)$ matrices $\mathcal{D}_{n,0}$ for all $n \geq n_0$ equal $2n - 1 + N_+ - N_-$ (resp., equal $2n - 1$).

Invertibility of binomial discrete operator: l^∞ coefficients

Theorem

Let $p \in [1, \infty]$ and $a, b \in l^\infty$. The operator $\mathcal{A} := aI - bV$ is invertible on the space l^p if and only if one of the following two alternative conditions holds:

(i) $a \in \mathcal{G}l^\infty$ and $r(b/a) < 1$, (ii) $b \in \mathcal{G}l^\infty$ and $r(a/b) < 1$,
 where $r(c) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |c(k+1)c(k+2)\dots c(k+n)|)^{1/n}$
 for $c \in l^\infty$. If \mathcal{A} is invertible, then its inverse is given by

$$\mathcal{A}^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((b/a)V)^n a^{-1}I \quad \text{in case (i),}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{-1} = -V^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((a/b)V^{-1})^n b^{-1}I \quad \text{in case (ii).}$$

For every $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we introduce the functions $\chi_k^\pm \in l^\infty$ by

$$\chi_k^+(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n > k, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \leq k, \end{cases} \quad \chi_k^-(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n > k, \\ 1 & \text{if } n \leq k. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Strict left invertibility of binomial discrete operator

For every $k \in \mathbf{N}$, we also define the functions $\beta_k : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ ($k \in \mathbf{N}$) by

$$\beta_k(n) = n + k \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbf{Z}. \quad (5)$$

Theorem

The operator $\mathcal{A} = aI - bV$ is strictly left invertible on the space l^p with $p \in [1, \infty]$ if and only if the following two conditions hold:

- (i) there exists a number $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $\inf_{n < k} |b(n)| > 0$ and $\inf_{n > k} |a(n)| > 0$;
- (ii) $r(\chi_k^- \frac{a \circ \beta_{-1}}{b \circ \beta_{-1}}) < 1$ and $r(\chi_k^+ \frac{b}{a}) < 1$,

where the functions $\chi_k^\pm \in l^\infty$ and β_k are given by (4) and (5).

Under these conditions one of the left inverses have the form

$$\mathcal{A}^L := \chi_k^+ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((b/a)V)^n (1/a)I - \chi_k^- V^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((a/b)V^{-1})^n (1/b)I.$$

Strict right invertibility of binomial discrete operator

Theorem

The operator $\mathcal{A} = aI - bV$ is strictly right invertible on the space l^p with $p \in [1, \infty]$ if and only if the following two conditions hold:

(i) there exists a $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $\inf_{n \leq k} |a(n)| > 0$ and $\inf_{n > k} |b(n)| > 0$;

(ii) $r(\chi_k^-(b \circ \beta_{-1})/a) < 1$ and $r(\chi_k^+(a \circ \beta_1)/b) < 1$,

where the functions $\chi_k^\pm \in l^\infty$ and β_k are given by (4) and (5).

Under these conditions one of the right inverses have the form

$$\mathcal{A}^R := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((b/a)V)^n (\chi_k^-/a)I - V^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((a/b)V^{-1})^n (\chi_k^+/b)I.$$

Given $\mathbf{R}_+ = (0, \infty)$, let α denote an orientation-preserving homeomorphism of $[0, \infty]$ onto itself, which has only two fixed points 0 and ∞ , and its restriction to \mathbf{R}_+ is a diffeomorphism. Let $\alpha_0(t) := t$ and $\alpha_n(t) := \alpha[\alpha_{n-1}(t)]$ for all $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $t \in \mathbf{R}_+$.

Slowly oscillating functions and shifts on \mathbf{R}_+

Let $C_b(\mathbf{R}_+)$ denote the C^* -algebra of all bounded continuous functions on $\mathbf{R}_+ := (0, +\infty)$. Following [Sarason], a function $f \in C_b(\mathbf{R}_+)$ is called slowly oscillating (at 0 and ∞) if for each (equivalently, for some) $\lambda \in (0, 1)$,

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow s} \{|f(t) - f(\tau)| : t, \tau \in [\lambda r, r]\} = 0, \quad s \in \{0, \infty\}.$$

The set $SO(\mathbf{R}_+)$ of all slowly oscillating (at 0 and ∞) functions in $C_b(\mathbf{R}_+)$ is a unital commutative C^* -algebra.

A diffeomorphism $\alpha : \mathbf{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$ is called a slowly oscillating shift if $\log \alpha' \in SO(\mathbf{R}_+)$. We associate with α the isometric shift operator $U_\alpha \in \mathcal{B}(L^p(\mathbf{R}_+))$ given by $U_\alpha f = |\alpha'|^{1/p}(f \circ \alpha)$.

Let \mathfrak{A}_W be the Banach algebra of Wiener's functional operators

$$A = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k U_\alpha^k \in \mathcal{B}(L^p(\mathbf{R}_+)) \quad \text{with} \quad \|A\|_W := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \|a_k\|_{C_b(\mathbf{R}_+)} < \infty,$$

where $a_k \in SO(\mathbf{R}_+)$ for all $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ and α is a slowly oscillating shift on \mathbf{R}_+ .

Reduction to the one-sided invertibility of discrete operators

If $p \in [1, \infty]$ and $A = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k U_\alpha^k \in \mathfrak{A}_W \subset \mathcal{B}(L^p(\mathbf{R}_+))$, then for every $t \in \mathbf{R}_+$, we define the discrete operator

$$\mathcal{A}_t := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_{k,t} v^k \in \mathcal{W} \subset \mathcal{B}(l^p),$$

where $a_{k,t}(n) := a_k[\alpha_n(t)]$ for all $k, n \in \mathbf{Z}$ and all $t \in \mathbf{R}_+$, the functions $a_{k,t}$ belong to $SO(\mathbf{Z})$, and

$$\|A\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^p(\mathbf{R}_+))} = \sup_{t \in \mathbf{R}_+} \|\mathcal{A}_t\|_{\mathcal{B}(l^p)} \leq \|A\|_W.$$

Theorem

If $p \in [1, \infty]$, then the functional operator $A = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} a_k U_\alpha^k \in \mathfrak{A}_W$ is invertible on the space $L^p(\mathbf{R}_+)$ if and only if for all $t \in \mathbf{R}_+$ the discrete operators $\mathcal{A}_t \in \mathcal{W}$ are invertible on the space l^p . If $p \in (1, \infty)$, then the left (resp., right) invertibility of the operator A on the space $L^p(\mathbf{R}_+)$ is equivalent to the left (resp., right) invertibility of the operators $\mathcal{A}_t \in \mathcal{W}$ on the space l^p for $t \in \mathbf{R}_+$.