
The Dislocation Problem in Hilbert Spaces
Exercise Sheet 5

Exercise 8.

Let $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ and consider the transformation $T_\vartheta: \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$ defined by $T_\vartheta(x, y) := (x + \tan \vartheta, y + 1/\cos \vartheta)$. Show that there is a set $\Theta \subset (0, \pi/2)$ with countable complement such that the transformation T_ϑ is ergodic for all $\vartheta \in \Theta$.

Hint: T_ϑ is ergodic if and only if the numbers 1, $\tan \vartheta$, and $1/\cos \vartheta$ are independent over the rationals.

Exercise 9.

Show that, for any compact subset $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $\chi_K(-\Delta - z)^{-1}$ is compact for any $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$.

Hint: Prove that $\chi_K(-\Delta - z)^{-1}$ is the norm limit of a sequence of Hilbert-Schmidt operators $G_{K,N}$ with kernel

$$g_{K,N}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{e^{ixy}}{|y|^2 - z}, & |y| < N, x \in K, \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

The solutions will be discussed in the tutorial on 05.06.2019.