

1. Consider a linear system¹ G with the transfer function $\phi \in L^\infty$. The system produces naturally two bounded operators: T ('future-to-future') and H ('future-to-past').
 - a) Show that adding any *stable* linear system to G does not affect H .
 - b) Show² that among all such systems in 1a) there is the best stable approximation of G in the sense that it minimizes the 'future-to-future' effect of the difference. What is the best approximation error?
2. Consider the linear system G : $y_k = 2u_{k+1} + u_{k+2}$, $k \in \mathbf{Z}$.
 - a) Write down the corresponding (infinite-dimensional) operator matrix for G . Extract the operator matrix for H and calculate its norm.
 - b) Calculate³ $\|H\|$ by definition, i.e.

$$\|H\| = \sup_{\|u\|_2 \leq 1} \|Hu\|_2$$

and compare with 2a).

- c) Find⁴ the best stable approximation to G in the sense of 1b) (for example, provide the transfer function for it).
3. Consider a bounded Toeplitz operator $T_\phi = P_+ \phi P_+$.
 - a) Calculate T_ϕ^* and show that $\|T_\phi\| = \|T_\phi^*\|$.
 - b) Let $\phi \not\equiv 0$ (not identical zero). Show that either $\text{Ker } T_\phi = 0$ or $\text{Ker } T_\phi^* = 0$.⁵

¹It does not matter if it is a discrete-time or continuous-time system.

²The hint is available. However, try to solve it first by yourself.

³The hint is available.

⁴Difficult. The hint is available. If you cannot solve it after reading the hint — no trouble. Good to think on the problem anyway. We will discuss the solution.

⁵It is Coburn's lemma, 1966.