

**Boundary and Eigenvalue Problems:  
8th problem sheet**

**Exercise 1**

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded domain and  $k \in C(\overline{\Omega} \times \overline{\Omega})$ . Prove that the operator

$$K : C(\overline{\Omega}, \|\cdot\|_\infty) \rightarrow C(\overline{\Omega}, \|\cdot\|_\infty), \quad u \mapsto (Ku)(x) := \int_{\Omega} k(x, y)u(y) dy$$

is compact.

*Hint:* Use the Arzelà-Ascoli theorem.

**Exercise 2**

Let  $(E, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be an inner product space and  $S, T : E \rightarrow E$  be linear operators. Prove the following assertions or give a counterexample:

- a) If  $T$  is compact then  $T$  is bounded.
- b) If  $S$  is bounded and  $T$  is compact then  $S \circ T$  and  $T \circ S$  are compact.
- c) If  $T$  is compact then  $T^2$  is compact.
- d) If  $T^2$  is compact then  $T$  is compact.
- e) If  $\dim(\text{Rg}(T)) < \infty$  then  $T$  is compact.
- f) If  $\dim(\text{Rg}(T)) < \infty$  and  $T$  is bounded then  $T$  is compact.

### Exercise 3

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded domain and let  $a_{ij}, c \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $b_i \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$  satisfying

i)  $2c(x) - \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i b_i(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ .

ii)  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \xi_i \xi_j \geq \lambda |\xi|^2$  for some  $\lambda > 0$  for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ .

Use the theorem of Lax-Milgram to prove that for all  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \partial_i (a_{ij}(x) \partial_j u(x)) + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \partial_i u(x) + c(x) u(x) &= f(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

has a unique weak solution  $u \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega)$ .