

## ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE DISCRETE SPECTRUM OF NUCLEARLY PERTURBED OPERATORS IN BANACH SPACES

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Let  $Z_0$  be a bounded operator in a Banach space  $X$  with purely essential spectrum and  $K$  a nuclear operator in  $X$ . We construct a holomorphic function the zeros of which coincide with the discrete spectrum of  $Z_0 + K$  and derive a Lieb-Thirring type inequality. We obtain estimates for the number of eigenvalues in certain regions of the complex plane and an estimate for the asymptotics of the eigenvalues approaching to the essential spectrum of  $Z_0$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In the present article we analyze the discrete spectrum of a linear, bounded operator  $Z = Z_0 + K$ , where  $Z_0$  is a bounded operator with purely essential spectrum and  $K$  is a nuclear perturbation. If  $X$  is a Hilbert space and if  $K$  is in some Neumann-Schatten class this problem was well studied during the last years, see for instance for general non-selfadjoint operators Demuth *et al.*, [6], for non-selfadjoint perturbations of selfadjoint operators Hansmann [16], for Schrödinger operators Abramov *et al.*, [1], Davies and Nath [5], Frank [9], Frank *et al.*, [10], Laptev and Safronov [21], Safronov [26], Hansmann [15] and for Jacobi operators Borichev *et al.*, [2], Favorov and Golinskii [8], Golinskii and Kupin [13] and Hansmann and Katriel [17].

It turns out that we can generalize the theory known for Hilbert spaces if we can prove the so-called nuclear determinant,  $\det(\mathbb{1} - K(z\mathbb{1} - Z_0)^{-1})$  to be an analytic function on the resolvent set of  $Z_0$ .

In Section 2 we explain the method of the proof which uses substantially the behaviour of the zeros of holomorphic functions defined in the open unit disc.

In Section 3 we prove the holomorphy of  $\lambda \mapsto d(\lambda) := \det(\mathbb{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\lambda))$  and that  $\lambda_0$  is a discrete eigenvalue of  $Z$  with algebraic multiplicity  $m$  if and only if  $\lambda_0$  is a zero of  $d$  of order  $m$ .

In the last section we apply the results to the discrete Laplacian  $\Delta_p$  in  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$ . It turns out that

$$\sum_{z \in \sigma_{disc}(\Delta_p + K)} \frac{\text{dist}(z, \sigma_{ess}(\Delta_p + K))^{3+\tau}}{|z^2 - 4|} \leq c(\tau) \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2,$$

for arbitrary  $K \in \mathcal{N}(l^p(\mathbb{Z}))$  with some  $\tau > 0$ , a constant  $c(\tau) > 0$  and where  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{N}}$  denotes the norm in the space of nuclear operators in  $X$ . It is possible to give an analogous estimate for the multiplication operator perturbed by nuclear integral operators on the space of continuous functions. Moreover, if  $J \in \mathcal{N}(l^1(\mathbb{Z}))$  is a Jacobi operator we can derive

$$\sum_{z \in \sigma_{disc}(\Delta_1 + J)} \text{dist}(z, \sigma_{ess}(\Delta_1 + J))^{1+\tau} \leq c(\tau) \|J\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2,$$

where the constants has to be taken in the same way like before.

These inequalities can be used to estimate the number of the eigenvalues in certain parts of the complex plane or to estimate the possible asymptotics if the eigenvalues are approaching to the essential spectrum (see Chapter 5).

## 2. OBJECTIVE AND MOTIVATION

Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space and  $Z_0$  a bounded operator on  $X$  with purely essential spectrum ( $\sigma_{ess}(Z) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda - Z \text{ is not a Fredholm operator}\}$ , where an operator  $A$  is Fredholm if  $A$  has closed range and both, the kernel and the cokernel of  $A$  are finite dimensional) which is equal to an interval, i.e.  $\sigma(Z_0) = \sigma_{ess}(Z_0) = [a, b]$ . We denote by  $(\lambda\mathbb{1} - Z_0)^{-1} =: R_{Z_0}(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \rho(Z_0) := (\sigma(Z_0))^c$  (resolvent set) the resolvent of  $Z_0$ .

We perturb  $Z_0$  by a nuclear operator  $K$  and define

$$Z := Z_0 + K.$$

We are interested in the distribution of the discrete spectrum  $(\sigma_{disc}(Z) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda \text{ is a discrete eigenvalue of } Z\})$ , where an eigenvalue is discrete if it is isolated and its corresponding Riesz projection is of finite rank) of  $Z$ . For the sake of completeness we repeat here the definition of nuclear operators.

*Definition 2.1* — Let  $K$  be a compact operator in  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  (the space of linear bounded operators).  $K$  is called **nuclear** if there are sequences (not necessarily unique)  $\{f_n\} \subseteq X$ ,  $\{\phi_n\} \subseteq X^*$  (the dual of  $X$ ) such that  $Kf$  can be represented by

$$Kf = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle \phi_n, f \rangle f_n$$

for all  $f \in X$  and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\phi_n\|_{X^*} \|f_n\|_X < \infty.$$

We denote this class by  $\mathcal{N}(X)$

In  $\mathcal{N}(X)$  a norm can be defined by

$$\|K\|_{\mathcal{N}} := \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\phi_n\|_{X^*} \|f_n\|_X : Kf = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle \phi_n, f \rangle f_n \text{ for all } f \in X \right\}.$$

With this norm  $\mathcal{N}(X)$  becomes a Banach ideal (see Pietsch [23], p. 64).

*Examples 2.2* : (a) Let  $\{e_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be the standard basis in  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Denote by  $\phi_m$  the sequence  $\phi_m = \{a_{mj}\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \in l^q(\mathbb{Z})$  ( $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ). Assuming  $\{\|\phi_m\|_q\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \in l^1(\mathbb{Z})$ , then the operator  $K : l^p(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow l^p(\mathbb{Z})$  defined by  $Kf := \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle \phi_m, f \rangle e_m$  is nuclear. The corresponding infinite matrix is given by  $(a_{mj})_{m,j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ .

We can conclude that every diagonal operator which is defined by an infinite matrix  $\text{diag}(\dots, d_{-1}, d_0, d_1, \dots)$  is nuclear if  $\{d_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \in l^1(\mathbb{Z})$ .

(b) Every integral operator

$$K : C([\alpha, \beta]) \rightarrow C([\alpha, \beta]), (Kf)(t) := \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} k(t, s) f(s) ds$$

with continuous kernel  $k$  is nuclear and  $\|K\|_{\mathcal{N}} \leq \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \max_t |k(t, s)| ds$  (see Gohberg *et al.*, [12], Chapter 2 Theorem 2.2).

*Remark 2.3* : If  $X$  is a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{N}(X)$  coincides with the ideal of trace class operators. In this case we know that the eigenvalues are summable. However, there are Banach spaces and nuclear operators with non summable eigenvalues (see e.g. Gohberg *et al.*, [12] p. 102).

In general one has the following estimate:

Let  $\{\lambda_n(K)\}$  be the eigenvalues of the nuclear operator  $K$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_n(K)|^2 \leq \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2, \quad (2.1)$$

(see e.g. Pietsch [23], p. 160).

*Example 2.4* : If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are compatible<sup>1</sup> Banach spaces and if  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are consistent<sup>2</sup> compact operators acting in  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  then (see [4] p. 109).

$$\sigma(K_1) = \sigma(K_2).$$

We know that for  $1 \leq p_1, p_2 < \infty$  the spaces  $l^{p_1}(\mathbb{N})$  and  $l^{p_2}(\mathbb{N})$  are compatible.

Now let  $K_1$  be an operator on  $l^1(\mathbb{N})$  and  $K_2$  be an operator on  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$  and let  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  be consistent. If the eigenvalues of  $K_1$  are square summable the same is true for  $K_2$ . Now let  $K_2$  be an operator defined on  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$  which is consistent to a nuclear operator  $K_1$  defined on  $l^1(\mathbb{N})$ . Then  $K_2$  is not automatically a Hilbert-Schmidt operator or a trace-class operator.

To check this we define the infinite matrix

$$(a_{km})_{k,m \in \mathbb{N}} := \begin{pmatrix} 2^{-1} & 2^{-1} & 2^{-1} & \dots \\ 2^{-2} & 2^{-2} & 2^{-2} & \dots \\ 2^{-3} & 2^{-3} & 2^{-3} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

and define with this matrix the operators  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ .

For  $K_1$  the nuclear norm is  $\|K_1\|_{\mathcal{N}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sup_m |a_{km}|$  (see [12], Chapter V Theorem 2.1). So we have

$$\|K_1\|_{\mathcal{N}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} = 1$$

such that  $K_1$  is in fact a nuclear operator.

<sup>1</sup>Two Banach spaces  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are called compatible if  $X_1 \cap X_2$  is dense in  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ .

<sup>2</sup>The operators  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are called consistent, if they coincide on  $X_1 \cap X_2$ .

$K_2$  is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator on  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$  iff the sum  $\sum_{j=1}^\infty \|K_2 e_j\|_2$  is finite, where  $(e_j)$  is the orthonormal standard basis in  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$  (see [12], Chapter IV Theorem 7.1). In the present example

$$\sum_{j=1}^\infty \|K_2 e_j\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^\infty \|(2^{-k})\|_2^2 = \infty,$$

that means  $K_2$  is not a Hilbert-Schmidt operator and hence not a trace class operator.

Because every nuclear operator  $K$  is compact  $\sigma_{ess}(Z) = \sigma_{ess}(Z_0)$  (see [11] Chapter XI Theorem 4.2) and the spectrum of  $Z$  is the disjoint union of  $\sigma_{ess}(Z)$  and  $\sigma_{disc}(Z)$ .

We are interested in estimates of the form

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)} \frac{(\text{dist}(\lambda, [a, b]))^\alpha}{|b - \lambda|^\beta |a - \lambda|^\beta} \leq C(\alpha, \beta, a, b) \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^\gamma$$

with positive exponents  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Instead of studying  $\sigma_{disc}(Z)$  directly we define a holomorphic function in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [a, b]$  the zeros of which coincide with  $\{\lambda_n(Z)\}$ . Then we study the behaviour of the zeros of holomorphic functions in the unit disc. Finally we transform the problem back and can analyze  $\sigma_{disc}(Z)$ . The function we have in mind is the determinant of  $\mathbb{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\lambda)$ .

*Definition 2.5* — The **nuclear determinant** (or also called regularized determinant see [12] Chapter IX) of a nuclear operator  $K$  in  $X$  is given by

$$\det(\mathbb{1} - K) := \prod_{n=1}^\infty (1 - \lambda_n(K)) \exp(\lambda_n(K))$$

where  $\{\lambda_n(K)\}$  are again the eigenvalues of  $K$ .

The determinant has some important properties used in this article which we summarize here.

*Lemma 2.6* — Let  $K \in \mathcal{N}(X)$ . Then

- (i)  $|\det(\mathbb{1} - K)| \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2\right)$ , which implies the existence of the determinant.
- (ii)  $\det(\mathbb{1} - K) = 0$  iff  $\lambda_n(K) = 1$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (iii)  $\det(\mathbb{1} - K) = 0$  iff  $\mathbb{1} - K$  is not invertible.

PROOF : (ii) and (iii) are obvious. (i) follows by the inequality

$$|(1 - z) \exp(z)| \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} |z|^2\right)$$

which holds for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  (see for instance Nevanlinna [22] p. 225).

Hence we obtain, using (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} |\det(\mathbf{1} - K)| &\leq \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}|\lambda_n(K)|^2\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2}|\lambda_n(K)|^2\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2\right). \end{aligned} \quad \blacksquare$$

Let  $Z_0$  be as mentioned above and  $Z = Z_0 + K$ ,  $K \in \mathcal{N}(X)$ , such that  $\sigma_{ess}(Z) = \sigma_{ess}(Z_0) = [a, b]$ .

Take  $\lambda_0 \in \rho(Z_0)$ . Then

$$(\lambda_0 \mathbf{1} - Z)R_{Z_0}(\lambda_0) = \mathbf{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\lambda_0).$$

The operator  $\mathbf{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\lambda_0)$  is not invertible iff  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)$ . Because  $\mathcal{N}(X)$  is an ideal  $KR_{Z_0}(\lambda_0) \in \mathcal{N}(X)$ . Therefore the determinant

$$\det(\mathbf{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\lambda))$$

is well defined for any  $\lambda \in \rho(Z_0)$ . Denote by

$$d(\cdot) := \det(\mathbf{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\cdot)),$$

i.e. the map  $\rho(Z_0) \ni \lambda \mapsto \det(\mathbf{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\lambda))$ . The complex number  $\lambda_0$  is a zero of  $d$  iff  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)$ . Denoting the zero set of  $d$  by  $\mathcal{Z}(d)$  it follows that  $\mathcal{Z}(d) = \sigma_{disc}(Z)$ .

*Remark 2.7* : It is possible to extend the domain of  $d$  to  $\rho(Z_0) \cup \{\infty\}$  by setting  $d(\infty) := 1$ . This definition makes sense, since  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} KR_{Z_0}(\lambda) = 0$  (see e.g. Kato [20], p. 176) and  $\det(\mathbf{1} - 0) = 1$ .

Thus we are able to analyze  $\sigma_{disc}(Z)$  by studying the zeros of the function  $d$  defined on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [a, b]$ .

We will follow the strategy used in [6], that is based on Jensen's identity (see Rudin [25], p. 307) for the zeros of holomorphic functions in the open unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $\phi$  be the conformal map from  $\mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$  to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [a, b]$  given by

$$\phi(w) = \frac{b-a}{4}(w + w^{-1} + 2) + a. \quad (2.2)$$

Then the new function  $h$ , given by

$$h(w) := \begin{cases} (d \circ \phi)(w), & w \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\} \\ 1, & w = 0 \end{cases}$$

is defined on  $\mathbb{D}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{Z}(h)$  be the set of zeros of  $h$ . If we can show that  $h$  is a holomorphic function and since  $|h(0)| = 1$

$$\sum_{w \in \mathcal{Z}(h), |w| \leq r} \log \left| \frac{r}{w} \right| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log |h(re^{i\theta})| d\theta \tag{2.3}$$

with  $0 < r < 1$ . If  $h$  is a holomorphic function and if there is a proper estimate for  $\log |h(re^{i\theta})|$  such that the left hand side in (2.3) gives an effective sum over the zeros of  $h$ , then we can derive from this sum a new sum over the discrete spectrum of  $Z$ .

For instance if, in the simplest case,

$$\log |h(w)| \leq \frac{C_0}{(1 - |w|)^\alpha}, \quad w \in \mathbb{D}, \tag{2.4}$$

with  $\alpha > 0$  and  $C_0$  a positive constant, then

$$\sum_{w \in \mathcal{Z}(h)} (1 - |w|)^{\alpha + \tau + 1} \leq C(\alpha, \tau) C_0 \tag{2.5}$$

for any  $\tau > 0$  (see [6], Theorem 3.3.1).

(2.5) implies

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)} (1 - |\phi^{-1}(\lambda)|)^{\alpha + \tau + 1} \leq C(\alpha, \tau) C_0. \tag{2.6}$$

Obviously by Lemma 2.6 we know, since  $\mathcal{N}(X)$  is a Banach ideal and  $R_{Z_0}(\phi(w))$  is bounded, that

$$\log |h(w)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2 \|R_{Z_0}(\phi(w))\|^2. \tag{2.7}$$

If we can estimate the resolvent in a similar way that finally (see Golinskii and Kupin [13], Hansmann and Katriel [17])

$$\log |h(w)| \leq C_0 \frac{|w|^2}{|w - 1|^2 |w + 1|^2 (1 - |w|)^2} \tag{2.8}$$

then for any  $\tau > 0$

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)} \frac{(1 - |\phi^{-1}(\lambda)|)^{3+\tau}}{|\phi_1^{-1}(\lambda)|^{1+\tau}} |(\phi_1^{-1}(\lambda))^2 - 1|^{1+\tau} \leq c(\tau)C_0.$$

From this estimate we are able to derive

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)} \frac{(\text{dist}(\lambda, [a, b]))^{3+\tau}}{|\lambda - a||\lambda - b|} \leq c(\tau) \cdot C_0 \quad (2.9)$$

(see [6], proof of Theorem 4.2.2).

The next part of this article is the proof of the holomorphy of  $d$  and an assertion about the connection between the algebraic multiplicity of discrete eigenvalues of  $Z_0 + K$  and the order of the zeros of the perturbation determinant  $\det(\mathbb{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\cdot))$ . For the holomorphy of  $d$  we can also refer to [19], where you have to use the fact, that every nuclear operator is a  $p$ -summable operator and can be approximated by finite rank operators in the nuclear norm.

In the final sections we consider nuclear perturbations of the discrete Laplacian in  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$  and certain perturbations by integral operators in  $C[\alpha, \beta]$ . It turns out that an estimate like (2.9) can be verified.

### 3. HOLOMORPHY OF NUCLEAR DETERMINANTS AND ZEROS OF THE PERTURBATION DETERMINANT

**Theorem 3.1** — *Let  $\lambda \mapsto K(\lambda)$  be an analytic map in  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  with values in  $\mathcal{N}(X)$ . Then  $d$ , defined by*

$$d(\lambda) := \det(\mathbb{1} - K(\lambda)),$$

*is a holomorphic function in  $\Omega$*

**PROOF :** At first let us note, that  $\mathcal{N}^2(X) := \{AB : A, B \in \mathcal{N}(X)\}$  together with the quasi-norm  $\|K\|_{\mathcal{N}^2} = \inf_{A, B: AB=K} \|A\|_{\mathcal{N}} \|B\|_{\mathcal{N}}$  creates a quasi-Banach ideal<sup>3</sup> (see Pietsch [23] p.27).

Since the eigenvalues of every operator in  $\mathcal{N}^2(X)$  are summable<sup>4</sup>, the space  $\mathcal{N}^2(X)$  supports an unique continuous trace, which is spectral (see [23] p. 180). This assertion is equivalent to  $\mathcal{N}^2(X)$

<sup>3</sup>A quasi-Banach ideal is an ideal which is complete according to a quasi-norm, where the only difference to a norm is, that instead of the triangle inequality there has to be a  $c > 1$  s.t.  $\|x + y\|_{\mathcal{N}^2} \leq c(\|x\|_{\mathcal{N}^2} + \|y\|_{\mathcal{N}^2})$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{N}^2(X)$ .

<sup>4</sup> $\mathcal{N}(X) \subseteq \Pi_2(X)$  (the space of 2-summable operators), hence  $\mathcal{N}^2(X) \subseteq \Pi_2^2(X)$ . Since every Operator in  $\Pi_2^2$  has summable eigenvalues, the same is true for every operator in  $\mathcal{N}^2(X)$  (see e.g. [19] p. 85-86).



supports an unique continuous determinant  $\tilde{\det}$  which is spectral (see [23], p. 210), i.e.

$$\tilde{\det}(\mathbb{1} - K) = \prod_{\lambda \in \sigma(K)} (1 - \lambda), \text{ for all } K \in \mathcal{N}^2(X).$$

Following [23] p. 193,  $\lambda \mapsto \tilde{\det}(\mathbb{1} - \tilde{K}(\lambda))$  is holomorphic on the domain  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , if  $\lambda \mapsto \tilde{K}(\lambda)$  is analytic on the domain  $\Omega$ .

Now let  $\lambda \mapsto K(\lambda) \in \mathcal{N}(X)$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{1} - K(\lambda)) \exp(K(\lambda)) &= (\mathbb{1} - K(\lambda)) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} K(\lambda)^j \right) \\ &= \underbrace{\mathbb{1} + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} K(\lambda)^j - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} K(\lambda)^{j+1}}_{\in \mathcal{N}^2(X)} \\ &= \mathbb{1} - \underbrace{\left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} K(\lambda)^j - \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} K(\lambda)^{j+1} \right)}_{=: \tilde{K}(\lambda)} \\ &= \mathbb{1} - \tilde{K}(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Using the spectral mapping-theorem for bounded operators (see e.g. [11] p. 16), we also see

$$\sigma(\tilde{K}(\lambda)) = \{1 - (1 - \mu) \exp(\mu) \mid \mu \in \sigma(K(\lambda))\}.$$

Finally we have the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\det}(\mathbb{1} - \tilde{K}(\lambda)) &= \prod_{\tilde{\mu} \in \sigma(\tilde{K}(\lambda))} (1 - \tilde{\mu}) \\ &= \prod_{\mu \in \sigma(K(\lambda))} \left( 1 - (1 - (1 - \mu) \exp(\mu)) \right) = \prod_{\mu \in \sigma(K(\lambda))} (1 - \mu) \exp(\mu) \\ &= \det(\mathbb{1} - K(\lambda)). \end{aligned}$$

Since the left hand side of the previous equation depends holomorphically on  $\lambda$ , the same is true for the right hand side. ■

We can apply the general result in Theorem 3.1 to our initial problem of Section 2.

**Theorem 3.2** — Let  $Z_0 \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ ,  $X$  Banach space, and  $Z = Z_0 + K$ ,  $K \in \mathcal{N}(X)$ . Then the determinant

$$d(\cdot) = \det(\mathbf{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\cdot))$$

is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [a, b]$ .

Therefore  $h = d \circ \phi$ , with  $\phi$  from (2.2) is a holomorphic function in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

Moreover there is the following connection between the algebraic multiplicity  $m_\lambda(Z)$  of any eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $Z$  and the order  $o_\lambda(d)$  of any zero of  $d$ .

$$\lambda \in \sigma_d(Z) \text{ with } m_\lambda(Z) = m \Leftrightarrow \lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(h) \text{ with } o_\lambda(d) = m.$$

PROOF : Since  $R_{Z_0}(\cdot)$  is analytic on  $\rho(Z_0)$ ,  $d$  is holomorphic on  $\rho(Z_0)$ .

In Section 2 we have already mentioned, that the zeros of  $d$  coincide with the discrete spectrum of  $Z$ . So only we have to show that the algebraic multiplicity of any discrete eigenvalue of  $Z$  is equal to its order as a zero of  $d$ .

For this lets fix an eigenvalue  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)$  and an  $\epsilon > 0$ , such that  $B_\epsilon(\lambda_0) \cap \sigma_{disc}(Z) = \{\lambda_0\}$ .

Next we choose a sequence  $(K_n) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(X)$  with

$$\|K - K_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.1)$$

For  $Z_n := Z_0 + K_n$  (3.1) implies

$$\|Z - Z_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.2)$$

The statement in Gohberg *et al.*, [11] Chapter II Theorem 4.2. and (3.2) implies that there is  $N_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  with

$$\sum_{\mu \in \sigma_{disc}(Z_n) \cap B_\epsilon(\lambda_0)} m_\mu(Z_n) = m_{\lambda_0}(Z) \text{ for all } n \geq N_\epsilon. \quad (3.3)$$

Associated to  $\{Z_n\}$  we have a sequence of holomorphic funtions

$$d_n(\lambda) := \det(\mathbf{1} - K_n R_{Z_0}(\lambda)) \text{ for } \lambda \in \rho(Z_0)$$

with  $d_n(\lambda) = 0$  iff  $\lambda \in \sigma_{disc}(Z_n)$ . Since  $K_n \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  we know that  $K_n R_{Z_0}(\lambda) \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ . So for every  $\lambda \in \rho(Z_0)$  we can consider  $K_n R_{Z_0}(\lambda)$  as a Hilbert-Schmidt operator. Following Hansmann [14] p. 20-22, we deduce

$$\mu \in \sigma_{disc}(Z_n) \text{ with } m_\mu(Z_n) = m \Leftrightarrow d_n(\mu) = 0 \text{ and } o_\mu(d_n) = m. \quad (3.4)$$

Using (3.1) we can conclude that  $\|KR_{Z_0}(\lambda) - K_nR_{Z_0}(\lambda)\| \rightarrow 0$  locally uniformly. This result implies that  $d_n \rightarrow d$  locally uniformly.

Thus we can find  $N \geq N_\epsilon$  such that

$$|d_n(\lambda) - d(\lambda)| \leq |d(\lambda)|$$

for all  $\lambda \in \partial B_\epsilon(\lambda_0)$  and for  $n \geq N$ . Rouché’s Theorem (see e.g. [25], p. 225) provides

$$\sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{Z}(d_n) \cap B_\epsilon(\lambda_0)} o_\mu(d_n) = o_{\lambda_0}(d) \text{ for all } n \geq N.$$

Now using this formula, equation (3.3) and equivalence (3.4) we receive

$$o_{\lambda_0}(d) = m_{\lambda_0}(Z).$$

On the other hand, if  $\lambda_0$  is a zero of  $d$ , we already know that  $\lambda_0$  is a discrete eigenvalue of  $Z$ . Hence, by the previous argumentation, the algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda_0$  as an eigenvalue of  $Z$  is equal to the order of  $\lambda_0$  as a zero of  $d$ . ■

Due to the first assertion in Theorem 3.2 Jensen’s identity (see (2.3)) holds for  $h = d \circ \phi$  and we can apply the theory developed in [6]. In particular we can use the following result (see Hansmann and Katriel [17] Theorem 4), which is an extension of a theorem by Borichev *et al.*, [2].

**Theorem 3.3** — *Let  $h : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic and*

$$|h(w)| \leq \exp \left( \frac{C_0|w|^\gamma}{(1 - |w|)^\alpha \prod_{j=1}^N |w - \xi_j|^{\beta_j}} \right), \quad w \in \mathbb{D}, h(0) = 1$$

with  $|\xi_j| = 1, \xi_i \neq \xi_j$ , for  $i \neq j, \alpha > 0, \beta_j \geq 0, \gamma, C_0 \geq 0$ . Then we have for  $\epsilon, \tau > 0$

$$\sum_{w \in \mathcal{Z}(h)} \frac{(1 - |w|)^{\alpha+\tau+1}}{|w|^{(\gamma-\epsilon)_+}} \prod_{j=1}^N |w - \xi_j|^{(\beta_j-1+\tau)_+} \leq C(\alpha, \beta, \xi, \epsilon, \tau)C_0,$$

where  $C(\alpha, \beta, \xi, \epsilon, \tau) > 0$  denotes a constant depending on  $\alpha, \beta, \xi, \epsilon, \tau$ ;  $(x)_+ := \max(x, 0)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

This theorem will be very useful for the examples in the next sections. (see (4.3) and (5.1)).

4. THE DISCRETE LAPLACIAN ON  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$

For illustration we will apply the results from Sections 2 and 3 to the discrete Laplacian on  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , where the case  $p = \infty$  has to be stressed, since  $l^\infty(\mathbb{Z})$  is not compatible to  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$ . This operator  $\Delta_p : l^p(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow l^p(\mathbb{Z})$  is given by

$$(\Delta_p f)(n) := f(n - 1) + f(n + 1), \quad f \in l^p(\mathbb{Z}).$$

$\Delta_p$  is a bounded operator on  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $p \in [0, \infty]$ . It can be rewritten as

$$\Delta_p f = \begin{pmatrix} \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & & \\ & 1 & 0 & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & 0 & 1 & \\ & & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ f(-1) \\ f(0) \\ f(1) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.1}$$

for  $f \in l^p(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $f = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ f(-1) \\ f(0) \\ f(1) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$ .

$\Delta_p \in \mathcal{B}(l^p(\mathbb{Z}))$  follows by

$$\|\Delta_p f\|_p \leq 2\|f\|_p, \quad f \in l^p(\mathbb{Z}).$$

*Proposition 4.1* — The resolvent-set of  $\Delta_p$  is  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [-2, 2]$  (hence  $\sigma(\Delta_p) = \sigma_{ess}(\Delta_p) = [-2, 2]$ ) and the resolvent for  $z \in \rho(\Delta_p)$  is given by

$$R_{\Delta_p}(z) = (z\mathbb{1} - \Delta_p)^{-1} := \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ \dots & b_{-1}(z) & b_0(z) & b_1(z) & b_2(z) & \dots \\ \dots & b_{-2}(z) & b_{-1}(z) & b_0(z) & b_1(z) & \dots \\ \dots & b_{-3}(z) & b_{-2}(z) & b_{-1}(z) & b_0(z) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \end{pmatrix}, \tag{4.2}$$

with

$$b_k(z) := \left( \frac{z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}}{2} \right)^{|k|} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2 - 4}} \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } z \in \rho(\Delta_p) = \mathbb{C} \setminus [-2, 2].$$

The sign of  $\sqrt{z^2 - 4}$  should be chosen, such that the inequality  $|z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}| < 2$  is fulfilled.

Moreover,  $R_{\Delta_p}(z)$  is a bounded operator and

$$\|R_{\Delta_p}(z)\|_{l^p} \leq \frac{1}{|z^2 - 4|^{1/2}} \frac{2 + |z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}|}{2 - |z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}|},$$

$$z \in \rho(\Delta_p) = \mathbb{C} \setminus [-2, 2].$$

PROOF : Let  $B_p(z)$ , with  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [-2, 2]$ , be the right hand side of (4.2), then we have (see e.g. Kato [20], p. 143)

$$\begin{aligned} \|B_p(z)f\|_p &\leq \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |b_k(z)| \right)^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |b_k(z)| \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_p \\ &= \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |b_k(z)| \right) \|f\|_p = \frac{1}{|z^2 - 4|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( 2 \frac{1}{1 - \left| \frac{z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}}{2} \right|} - 1 \right) \|f\|_p \\ &= \frac{1}{|z^2 - 4|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{2 + |z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}|}{2 - |z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}|} \right) \|f\|_p. \end{aligned}$$

And a direct calculation shows

$$B_p(z)(\Delta_p - z)f = f = (\Delta_p - z)B_p(z)f$$

such that  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [-2, 2] \subseteq \rho(\Delta_p)$  and  $B_p(z) = R_{\Delta_p}(z)$ .

To show  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [-2, 2] = \rho(\Delta_p)$ , we show that for  $\lambda_0 \in [-2, 2]$

$$\|R_{\Delta_p}(z)\| \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow \lambda_0} \infty.$$

We will show this in case of  $p = \infty$ :

For  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [-2, 2]$  we define  $f := \left( \frac{|b_k(z)|}{b_k(z)} \right)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \in l^\infty(\mathbb{Z})$ , then  $\|f\|_\infty = 1$ .

Since  $|\lambda_0 \pm \sqrt{\lambda_0^2 - 4}| = 2$  for  $\lambda_0 \in [-2, 2]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_{\Delta_p}(z)\| &\geq \|R_{\Delta_p}(z)f\|_\infty = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |b_k(z)| = \\ &= \frac{1}{|z^2 - 4|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{2 + |z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}|}{2 - |z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}|} \right) \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow \lambda_0} \infty. \end{aligned}$$

For  $p \neq \infty$  we can show this in a similar way if we take  $f = (\delta_{i,k})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , where  $\delta_{i,k} = 1$  if  $i = k$  and 0 else. ■

$\Delta_p$  plays the role of  $Z_0$  in the sections above. Now we add a nuclear perturbation and study the discrete spectrum of the perturbed operator.

Let  $K \in \mathcal{N}(l^p(\mathbb{Z}))$  and denote

$$Z = \Delta_p + K.$$

Since  $K$  is compact we have

$$\sigma_{ess}(Z) = \sigma_{ess}(\Delta_p) = [-2, 2].$$

According to Corollary 3.2 a holomorphic function is given by

$$d(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{1} - KR_{\Delta_p}(z)),$$

$d$  defined on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [-2, 2]$ . In order to use the method from Section 2 we take the conformal map (see (2.2))

$$\phi(w) = w + w^{-1}.$$

$\phi$  maps  $\mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$  to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [-2, 2]$ .

Denote  $h := d \circ \phi$ , then (see (2.7))

$$\log |h(w)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2 \|R_{\Delta_p}(\phi(w))\|^2.$$

For the norm of the resolvent we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_{\Delta_p}(w + w^{-1})\| &\leq \frac{1}{|(w + w^{-1})^2 - 4|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{2 + |w + w^{-1} \pm \sqrt{(w + w^{-1})^2 - 4}|}{2 - |w + w^{-1} \pm \sqrt{(w + w^{-1})^2 - 4}|} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{|w - w^{-1}|} \left( \frac{2 + |w + w^{-1} \pm \sqrt{(w - w^{-1})^2}|}{2 - |w + w^{-1} \pm \sqrt{(w - w^{-1})^2}|} \right) \\ &= \frac{|w|}{|w^2 - 1|} \left( \frac{2 + 2|w|}{2 - 2|w|} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{2|w|}{|w - 1||w + 1|(1 - |w|)}, \quad w \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\log |h(w)| \leq 2 \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2 \frac{|w|^2}{(1 - |w|)^2 |w - 1|^2 |w + 1|^2}. \quad (4.3)$$

There is a holomorphic extension for  $h$  to  $\mathbb{D}$  realized by  $h(0) := d(\infty) := 1$ . Using Theorem 3.3 with  $\epsilon = 1 - \tau$

$$\sum_{w \in \mathcal{Z}(h)} \frac{(1 - |w|)^{3+\tau}}{|w|^{1+\tau}} |w^2 - 1|^{1+\tau} \leq C(\tau) \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2$$

with  $0 < \tau < 1$ .

For transforming these estimate to an estimate for  $\sigma_{disc}(Z)$  we use the following relations ([6], p. 130).

*Lemma 4.2* — Let  $z = w + w^{-1}$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{|w^2 - 1|(1 - |w|)}{|w|} \leq \text{dist}(z, [-2, 2]) \leq \frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{|w^2 - 1|(1 - |w|)}{|w|}$$

and

$$\left| \frac{w^2 - 1}{w} \right|^2 = |z^2 - 4|.$$

*Theorem 4.3* — Let  $Z = \Delta_p + K$  be in  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $K \in \mathcal{N}(l^p(\mathbb{Z}))$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Then we get for  $\tau > 0$

$$\sum_{z \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)} \frac{\text{dist}(z, [-2, 2])^{3+\tau}}{|z^2 - 4|} \leq C(\tau) \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2. \tag{4.4}$$

PROOF : Let  $w \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $z = w + w^{-1}$ . By Lemma 4.2 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - |w|)^{3+\tau} \left| \frac{w^2 - 1}{w} \right|^{1+\tau} &= \left( \frac{(1 - |w|)|w^2 - 1|}{|w|} \right)^{3+\tau} \left| \frac{w}{w^2 - 1} \right|^2 \\ &\geq \left( \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{2}} \right)^{3+\tau} \frac{\text{dist}(z, [-2, 2])^{3+\tau}}{|z^2 - 4|}. \end{aligned}$$

■

*Remark 4.4* : Whenever  $1 \leq p < \infty$  the Banach space  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$  is compatible to  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Having a nuclear operator  $K_1$  on  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$  and a Hilbert-Schmidt operator  $K_2$  on  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$  which are consistent we know (see Davies [4] p. 109) that the spectra of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  coincide. Moreover in this case  $K_1 R_{\Delta_p}(z)$  is nuclear in  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $K_2 R_{\Delta_2}(z)$  is Hilbert-Schmidt in  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$ , both operators are consistent and  $1 \in \sigma(K_1 R_{\Delta_p}(z))$  iff  $1 \in \sigma(K_2 R_{\Delta_2}(z))$  and this means that the zero set of  $\det(1 - K_1 R_{\Delta_p}(z))$  coincides with the zero set of  $\det(1 - K_2 R_{\Delta_2}(z))$  (compare with the discussion after Lemma 2.6). That means we only have to consider the Hilbert space case which was already studied by Borichev *et*

al., [2] and Hansmann, Katriel [17]. Recall that  $l^\infty(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$  are not compatible, and the assertion in Theorem 4.3 holds also for  $p = \infty$ . Nevertheless there are nuclear operators on  $l^p(\mathbb{Z})$  which are not consistent to a Hilbert-Schmidt operator in  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$  (see Example 2.4).

*Remark 4.5 :* With (4.4) it is possible to give an estimate for the number of eigenvalues in certain regions of the complex plane.

Define

$$M := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Re}(z)| > 2, r < |z + 2| < R\}$$

with  $R > r > 0$  (since the operator norm is a bound for the spectrum, it makes sense to set  $\|Z\| - 2 \geq R$ ). Then for  $\lambda \in M$  the inequalities

$$\operatorname{dist}(\lambda, [-2, 2]) > r, \frac{1}{|\lambda + 2|} > \frac{1}{R}, \frac{1}{|\lambda - 2|} > \frac{1}{R + 4}$$

are valid.

By (4.4) we obtain for every  $\tau > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{disc}(Z) \cap M} \frac{r^{3+\tau}}{R(R+4)} \\ & \leq \sum_{z \in \sigma_{disc}(Z) \cap M} \frac{\operatorname{dist}(z, \sigma_{ess}(Z))^{3+\tau}}{|z^2 - 4|} \\ & \leq \sum_{z \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)} \frac{\operatorname{dist}(z, \sigma_{ess}(Z))^{3+\tau}}{|z^2 - 4|} \leq \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2 C(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

We can conclude

$$\#(\sigma_{disc}(Z) \cap M) \leq \frac{R(R+4)}{r^{3+\tau}} C(\tau) \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2.$$

$$N := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : -2 \leq \operatorname{Re}(z) \leq 2, r < |\operatorname{Im}z| < R\}$$

with  $\|Z\| \geq R > r > 0$  we receive for every  $\lambda \in N$  the inequalities

$$\operatorname{dist}(\lambda, [-2, 2]) > r, \frac{1}{|\lambda + 2|} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 + R^2}}, \frac{1}{|\lambda - 2|} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 + R^2}}.$$

By the same argumentation we get for every  $\tau > 0$

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{disc}(Z) \cap N} \frac{r^{3+\tau}}{16 + R^2} \leq C(\tau) \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}.$$





However, if we concentrate on the class of Jacobi operators, we can derive a better estimate.

We call an operator  $J \in \mathcal{B}(l^1(\mathbb{Z}))$  Jacobi if it is defined by

$$Jf := \begin{pmatrix} \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & & \\ & a_{-1} & d_{-1} & c_{-1} & & & \\ & & a_0 & d_0 & c_0 & & \\ & & & a_1 & d_1 & c_1 & \\ & & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} f, \text{ for all } f \in l^1(\mathbb{Z}).$$

Then  $J$  is nuclear, if and only if  $(a_k), (d_k), (c_k) \in l^1(\mathbb{Z})$ . In this case we have

$$\|J\|_{\mathcal{N}} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sup\{|a_k|, |d_k|, |c_k|\} < \infty.$$

**Theorem 4.7** — *Let  $Z = \Delta_1 + J$  be in  $l^1(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $J \in \mathcal{N}(l^1(\mathbb{Z}))$  a Jacobi operator. Then we get for  $\tau > 0$*

$$\sum_{z \in \sigma_{disc}(Z)} \text{dist}(z, [-2, 2])^{1+\tau} \leq C(\tau) \|J\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2. \tag{4.5}$$

PROOF : It is possible to estimate the nuclear norm of  $JR_{\Delta}(\lambda)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|JR_{\Delta}(\lambda)\|_{\mathcal{N}} &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |a_k b_j(\lambda) + d_k b_{j-1}(\lambda) + c_k b_{j-2}(\lambda)| \\ &\leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \max\{|a_k|, |d_k|, |c_k|\} \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |3b_j(\lambda)| \\ &\leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \max\{|a_k|, |d_k|, |c_k|\} 3 \frac{1}{|\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4}|} \\ &= \frac{3\|J\|_{\mathcal{N}}}{|\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4}|}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\log \underbrace{|\det(\mathbf{1} - KR_{\Delta}(\lambda))|}_{:=d(\lambda)} \leq \frac{9}{2} \frac{\|J\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2}{|\lambda^2 - 4|}.$$

So the holomorphic function  $h := d \circ \phi$  satisfies

$$\log |h(w)| \leq \frac{9}{2} \frac{\|J\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2 |w|^2}{|w - 1|^2 |w + 1|^2}, \text{ for all } w \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{4.6}$$

Using Theorem 3.3 we can derive for the zeros of  $h$

$$\sum_{w \in \mathcal{Z}(h)} \frac{(1 - |w|)^{1+\tau}}{|w|^{1+\tau}} |w^2 - 1|^{1+\tau} \leq C(\tau) \|J\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2.$$

The left inequality in Lemma 4.2 gives us the desired inequality. ■

*Remark 4.8 :* Similar to Remark 4.5 we can derive upper bounds for the number of discrete eigenvalues in the set

$$M_R := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma_{\text{ess}}(\Delta)) \geq R\}$$

from (4.5),

$$\begin{aligned} C(\tau) \|J\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2 &\geq \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{disc}}(Z)} \text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma_{\text{ess}}(Z))^{1+\tau} \\ &\geq \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{disc}}(Z) \cap M_R} \text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma_{\text{ess}}(Z))^{1+\tau} \\ &\geq \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{disc}}(Z) \cap M_R} R^{1+\tau} = \#(\sigma_{\text{disc}}(Z) \cap M_R) R^{1+\tau}, \end{aligned}$$

which holds for every  $\tau > 0$ .

Hence, as an upper bound we obtain

$$\#(\sigma_{\text{disc}}(Z) \cap M_R) \leq \frac{C(\tau) \|J\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2}{R^{1+\tau}}.$$

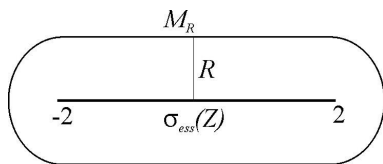


Figure 3: Region  $M_R$

### 5. NUCLEAR PERTURBATIONS OF THE MULTIPLICATION OPERATOR ON $C[\alpha, \beta]$

As another easy application, consider  $X = C[\alpha, \beta]$  (the space of continuous functions). We define

$$Z_0 : X \rightarrow X \text{ with } (Z_0 f)(t) := M(t)f(t),$$

where  $M$  is a real-valued continuous function on  $[\alpha, \beta]$ .

We know  $Z_0 \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ ,  $\sigma(Z_0) = \sigma_{ess}(Z_0) = [\min(M), \max(M)] =: [a, b]$  and

$$(R_{Z_0}(\lambda)f)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{M(x) - \lambda}, \quad \lambda \in \rho(Z_0).$$

In this example it is possible to compute the operator norm of the resolvent exactly and we receive

$$\|R_{Z_0}(\lambda)\| = \left\| \frac{1}{M - \lambda} \right\|_{\infty} = \frac{1}{\text{dist}(\lambda, [a, b])}.$$

Defining an integral operator

$$K : X \rightarrow X \text{ with } Kf(t) := \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} k(t, s)f(s)ds$$

with  $k \in C[\alpha, \beta]^2$  we know by Example 2.2 that this operator is nuclear.

Then for

$$Z := Z_0 + K$$

the function

$$d(\lambda) := \det(\mathbf{1} - KR_{Z_0}(\lambda)), \quad \lambda \in \rho(Z_0)$$

defines a holomorphic function with zero-set equal to  $\sigma_{disc}(Z)$  and

$$|d(\lambda)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2 \frac{1}{\text{dist}(\lambda, [a, b])^2}.$$

Setting  $\phi(w) := \frac{b-a}{4}(w + w^{-1} + 2)$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$  ( $\phi$  maps  $\mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$  to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [a, b]$ ) we receive (for the holomorphic function  $d \circ \phi$ )

$$|(d \circ \phi)(w)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2 \frac{1}{\text{dist}(\phi(w), [a, b])^2}.$$

Using the estimate

$$\frac{b-a}{8} \frac{|w^2 - 1|(1 - |w|)}{|w|} \leq \text{dist}(\phi(w), [a, b]) \leq \frac{(b-a)(1 + \sqrt{2})}{8} \frac{|w^2 - 1|(1 - |w|)}{|w|}$$

with  $w \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$ , which is a generalization of the estimate in Lemma 4.2 (see [6], Lemma 4.2.1) we obtain

$$|d \circ \phi(w)| \leq \frac{1}{2} C(a, b) \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2 \frac{|w|^2}{|w^2 - 1|^2(1 - |w|)^2} \quad (5.1)$$

and so by Theorem 3.3

$$\sum_{w \in \mathcal{Z}(\text{do}\phi)} \frac{(1 - |w|)^{3+\tau}}{|w|^{1+\tau}} |w^2 - 1|^{1+\tau} \leq C(\tau, a, b) \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2.$$

In analogy to the proof of Theorem 4.3 we can deduce:

**Theorem 5.1** — *Let  $Z = Z_0 + K$  defined as described above, then*

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{disc}}(Z)} \frac{\text{dist}(\lambda, [a, b])^{3+\tau}}{|\lambda - a||\lambda - b|} \leq C(\tau, a, b) \|K\|_{\mathcal{N}}^2, \tau > 0.$$

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