

# **Spear operators and the numerical index with respect to an operator**

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## Some notation

$X, Y$  real or complex Banach spaces

$\mathbb{K}$  base field,  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$

$B_X$  closed unit ball

$S_X$  unit sphere

$X^*$  topological dual

$L(X, Y)$  Banach space of all bounded linear operators from  $X$  to  $Y$

$L(X)$  Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators from  $X$  to  $X$

## A walk through the “classical” numerical index

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## Definitions

### Numerical range for Hilbert spaces (Toeplitz, 1918)

$H$  Hilbert space,  $(\cdot | \cdot)$  inner product,  $T \in L(H)$

$$W(T) = \{(Tx | x) : x \in H, (x | x) = 1\}$$

- It is a convex subset of  $\mathbb{K}$

### Numerical range and numerical radius (Bauer, Lumer, early 1960's)

$X$  Banach space,  $T \in L(X)$

$$V(T) = \{x^*(Tx) : x \in S_X, x^* \in S_{X^*}, x^*(x) = 1\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(T) &= \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in V(T)\} \\ &= \sup\{|x^*(Tx)| : x \in S_X, x^* \in S_{X^*}, x^*(x) = 1\} \end{aligned}$$

- $V(T)$  is connected not necessarily convex,
- $\overline{V(T)}$  contains the spectrum of  $T$ ,
- obviously,  $v(T) \leq \|T\|$  for every  $T \in L(X)$ .

## Definitions

### Numerical index (Lumer, 1968)

$X$  Banach space

$$n(X) = \inf\{v(T) : T \in S_{L(X)}\} = \max\{k \geq 0 : k\|T\| \leq v(T)\}$$

- $0 \leq n(X) \leq 1$
- $v$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  are equivalent norms iff  $n(X) > 0$

### Possible values of the numerical index

$$\{n(X) : X \text{ complex Banach space}\} = [e^{-1}, 1]$$

$$\{n(X) : X \text{ real Banach space}\} = [0, 1]$$

## Some known results

- $H$  Hilbert space,  $n(H) = 0$  in real case and  $n(H) = 1/2$  in complex case.
- $n(C(K)) = n(L_1(\mu)) = 1$  (Duncan-McGregor-Pryce-White, 1970)
- $n(X) = 1 \quad \text{iff} \quad \max_{|w|=1} \|\text{Id} + wT\| = 1 + \|T\| \quad \forall T \in L(X) \quad$  (Duncan et al., 1970)
- Let  $\{X_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be an arbitrary family of Banach spaces. Then

$$n\left(\left[\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda\right]_{c_0}\right) = n\left(\left[\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda\right]_{\ell_1}\right) = n\left(\left[\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda\right]_{\ell_\infty}\right) = \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} n(X_\lambda)$$

$$n\left(\left[\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda\right]_{\ell_p}\right) \leq \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} n(X_\lambda)$$

(Martín-Payá, 2000)

## Some known results

- $X$  Banach space,  $K$  compact Hausdorff,  $\mu$  positive measure

$$n(C(K, X)) = n(L_1(\mu, X)) = n(X) \quad (\text{Martín-Payá, 2000})$$

$$n(L_\infty(\mu, X)) = n(X) \quad (\text{Martín-Villena, 2003})$$

- $n(L_p(\mu)) = n(\ell_p)$  if  $\dim L_p(\mu) = \infty$  (EdDari-Khamisi, 2006)

- $n(L_p(\mu)) > 0$  for  $p \neq 2$  (Martín-Merí-Popov, 2011)

- $n(X^*) \leq n(X)$   
and the inequality can be strict (Boyko-Kadets-Martín-Werner, 2007)

- $X$  separable (WCG)

$$\implies \{n(X, |\cdot|) : |\cdot| \text{ equivalent norm}\} \supseteq \begin{cases} [0, 1[ & \text{real case} \\ [1/e, 1[ & \text{complex case} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Finet-Martín-Payá, 2003})$$

- $X$  real,  $\dim(X) = \infty$ ,  $n(X) = 1 \implies X^* \supseteq \ell_1$

(Avilés, Kadets, Martín, Merí, Shepelska, 2010)

## Extending the concept of numerical range

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## Spatial numerical range

### Bauer–Lumer (spatial) Numerical range

$X$  Banach space,  $T \in L(X)$ ,

$$V(T) = \{x^*(Tx) : x \in S_X, x^* \in S_{X^*}, x^*(\text{Id } x) = 1\}$$

★  $G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ ,  $T \in L(X, Y)$ , how to define  $V_G(T)$ ?

The first idea (not working):

$$V_G(T) = \{y^*(Tx) : x \in S_X, y^* \in S_{Y^*}, y^*(Gx) = 1\}$$

### (Approximate spatial) Numerical range with respect to $G$ (Ardalani, 2014)

$X, Y$  Banach spaces,  $G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ ,  $T \in L(X, Y)$

$$V_G(T) = \bigcap_{\delta > 0} \overline{\{y^*(Tx) : x \in S_X, y^* \in S_{Y^*}, \operatorname{Re} y^*(Gx) > 1 - \delta\}}$$

For  $G = \text{Id}$ , by the Bishop–Phelps–Bollobás theorem

$$V_{\text{Id}}(T) = \overline{V(T)} \quad \text{for every } T \in L(X)$$

## Intrinsic Numerical range

(Bonsall-Duncan, 1971)

Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Then for every  $T \in L(X)$

$$\overline{\text{co}} V(T) = \{\Phi(T) : \Phi \in L(X)^*, \|\Phi\| = \Phi(\text{Id}) = 1\}.$$

Consequently,  $v(T) = \max\{|\Phi(T)| : \Phi \in L(X)^*, \|\Phi\| = \Phi(\text{Id}) = 1\}$ .

### Intrinsic (or algebraic) numerical range

$X$  Banach space,  $T \in L(X)$ ,

$$\tilde{V}(T) = \{\Phi(T) : \Phi \in L(X)^*, \|\Phi\| = \Phi(\text{Id}) = 1\}$$

### Intrinsic numerical range with respect to $G$

$X, Y$  Banach spaces,  $G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ ,  $T \in L(X, Y)$

$$\tilde{V}_G(T) = \{\Phi(T) : \Phi \in L(X, Y)^*, \|\Phi\| = \Phi(G) = 1\}$$

# The relationship

## Two possible numerical ranges

$X, Y$  Banach spaces,  $G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ ,  $T \in L(X, Y)$

$$V_G(T) = \bigcap_{\delta > 0} \overline{\{y^*(Tx) : x \in S_X, y^* \in S_{Y^*}, \operatorname{Re} y^*(Gx) > 1 - \delta\}}$$

$$\tilde{V}_G(T) = \{\Phi(T) : \Phi \in L(X, Y)^*, \|\Phi\| = \Phi(G) = 1\}$$

## Relationship (Martín, 2016)

$X, Y$  be Banach spaces,  $G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ , then

$$\tilde{V}_G(T) = \text{co } V_G(T) \quad \text{for every } T \in L(X, Y)$$

Both concepts produce the same numerical radius:

## Numerical radius with respect to $G$

$X, Y$  Banach spaces,  $G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ ,  $T \in L(X, Y)$

$$v_G(T) = \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in V_G(T)\} = \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \tilde{V}_G(T)\}$$

## Numerical index with respect to an operator: definition

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## Numerical index with respect to an operator

### Numerical index with respect to $G$

$X, Y$  Banach spaces,  $G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ ,

$$n_G(X, Y) = \inf\{v_G(T) : T \in S_{L(X, Y)}\} = \max\{k \geq 0 : k\|T\| \leq v_G(T)\}$$

We recuperate the classical numerical index

$$n_{\text{Id}}(X, X) = n(X)$$

### Characterization

For  $k \in [0, 1]$ , TFAE:

- $n_G(X, Y) \geq k$ ,
- $\inf_{\delta > 0} \sup\{|y^*(Tx)| : x \in S_X, y^* \in S_{Y^*}, \operatorname{Re} y^*(Gx) > 1 - \delta\} \geq k\|T\| \quad \forall T \in L(X, Y)$ ,
- $\max_{|\theta|=1} \|G + \theta T\| \geq 1 + k\|T\| \quad \forall T \in L(X, Y)$ .

### Consequence

$n_G(X, Y) > 0 \iff G$  is a (geometrically) unitary element of  $L(X, Y)$

## Numerical index with respect to an operator: examples and properties

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## Some interesting examples I

### Set of values

There exists  $X$  (real and complex versions) such that

$$\{n_G(X, X) : G \in L(X, X), \|G\| = 1\} = [0, 1].$$

### Hilbert spaces

$H_1, H_2$  Hilbert spaces of dimension at least two,

- **Real case:**  $n_G(H_1, H_2) = 0$  for all  $G \in L(H_1, H_2)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ ,
- **Complex case:**  $n_G(H_1, H_2) \in \{0, 1/2\}$  for all  $G \in L(H_1, H_2)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ .

### Actually...

$G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ , if  $X$  or  $Y$  is a real Hilbert space  
 $\implies n_G(X, Y) = 0$ .

- ★ There are more spaces with this property...

## Some interesting examples II

### $L_p$ -spaces

$G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ , if  $X$  or  $Y$  is a  $L_p(\mu)$ -space ( $1 < p < \infty$ ),

$$\Rightarrow n_G(X, Y) \leq \begin{cases} \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \frac{|t^{p-1} - t|}{1 + t^p} & \text{real case} \\ p^{-1/p} q^{-1/q} & \text{complex case} \end{cases}$$

### Spaces of integrable functions

$\mu_1, \mu_2$   $\sigma$ -finite measures,

$n_G(L_1(\mu_1), L_1(\mu_2)) \in \{0, 1\}$  for all  $G \in L(L_1(\mu_1), L_1(\mu_2))$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ .

### Spaces of essentially bounded functions

$\mu_1, \mu_2$   $\sigma$ -finite measures,

$n_G(L_\infty(\mu_1), L_\infty(\mu_2)) \in \{0, 1\}$  for all  $G \in L(L_\infty(\mu_1), L_\infty(\mu_2))$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ .

# Sums of Banach spaces

## Proposition

Let  $\{X_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ ,  $\{Y_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be two families of Banach spaces and let  $G_\lambda \in L(X_\lambda, Y_\lambda)$  with  $\|G_\lambda\| = 1$  for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Let  $E$  be one of the Banach spaces  $c_0$ ,  $\ell_\infty$  or  $\ell_1$ , let  $X = [\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda]_E$  and  $Y = [\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} Y_\lambda]_E$  and define the operator  $G: X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$G[(x_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}] = (G_\lambda x_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$$

for every  $(x_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \in [\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda]_E$ . Then

$$n_G(X, Y) = \inf_{\lambda} n_{G_\lambda}(X_\lambda, Y_\lambda).$$

Moreover, for  $1 < p < \infty$

$$n_G\left([\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda]_{\ell_p}, [\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} Y_\lambda]_{\ell_p}\right) \leq \inf_{\lambda} n_{G_\lambda}(X_\lambda, Y_\lambda).$$

## Composition operators

### Theorem

Let  $X, Y$  be Banach spaces, and  $G \in L(X, Y)$  with  $\|G\| = 1$ .

- $K$  compact, consider  $\tilde{G}: C(K, X) \longrightarrow C(K, Y)$  given by  $\tilde{G}(f) = G \circ f$ ; then

$$n_{\tilde{G}}(C(K, X), C(K, Y)) = n_G(X, Y).$$

- $\mu$  measure, consider  $\tilde{G}: L_1(\mu, X) \longrightarrow L_1(\mu, Y)$  given by  $\tilde{G}(f) = G \circ f$ ; then

$$n_{\tilde{G}}(L_1(\mu, X), L_1(\mu, Y)) = n_G(X, Y).$$

- $\mu$   $\sigma$ -finite, consider  $\tilde{G}: L_\infty(\mu, X) \longrightarrow L_\infty(\mu, Y)$  given by  $\tilde{G}(f) = G \circ f$ ; then

$$n_{\tilde{G}}(L_\infty(\mu, X), L_\infty(\mu, Y)) = n_G(X, Y).$$

Besides, for vector-valued  $L_p$ -spaces one inequality holds:

$$n_{\tilde{G}}(L_p(\mu, X), L_p(\mu, Y)) \leq n_G(X, Y)$$

for  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\tilde{G}$  defined analogously.

## Spear operators

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## Examples of spear operators

**Spear operator (Ardalani, 2014; Kadets, Martín, Merí, Pérez, 2018)**

$$G \text{ spear operator} \iff n_G(X, Y) = 1 \iff \max_{|\theta|=1} \|G + \theta T\| = 1 + \|T\| \quad \forall T \in L(X, Y).$$

### Some interesting examples of spear operators

- Fourier transform (for example,  $\mathcal{F} : L_1(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow C_0(\mathbb{R})$ );
- The inclusion  $A(\mathbb{D}) \hookrightarrow C(\mathbb{T})$ ;
- The identity operator on  $C(K)$ ,  $L_1(\mu)\dots$
- $G : X \longrightarrow c_0$  spear iff  $|x^{**}(G^*(e_n))| = 1$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x^{**} \in \text{ext}(B_{X^{**}})$ ;
- $G : \ell_1 \longrightarrow Y$  spear iff  $|y^*(G(e_n))| = 1$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $y^* \in \text{ext}(B_{Y^*})$ ;
- If  $\dim(X) < \infty$ ,  $G$  spear iff  $|y^*(Gx)| = 1$  for  $y^* \in \text{ext}(B_{Y^*})$  and  $x \in \text{ext}(B_X)$ ;
- If  $\dim(Y) < \infty$ ,  $G$  spear iff  $|x^{**}(G^*(y^*))| = 1$  for  $x^{**} \in \text{ext}(B_{X^{**}})$  and  $y^* \in \text{ext}(B_{X^*})$ ;

# Studying spear operators

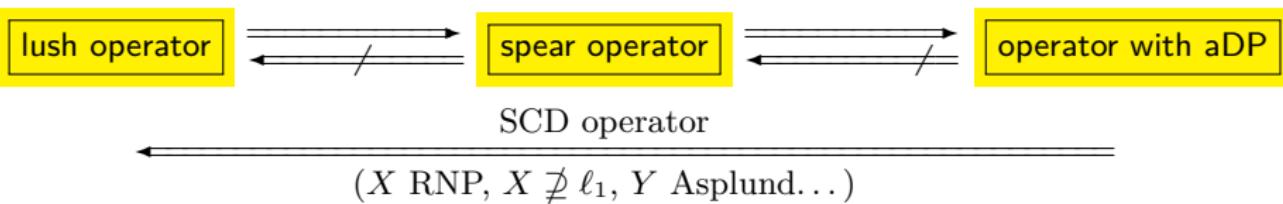
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## Remark

To work with spear operators, two other concepts are introduced:

- lush operator,
- the alternative Daugavet property (aDP),
- ★ Both are geometric properties (related to  $G$ )
- ★ They are related as follows:



## Spear operators: consequences

### Some isomorphic and isometric consequences

$X, Y$  Banach spaces,  $G \in L(X, Y)$  spear operator,

- if  $\dim(G(X)) = \infty$ , then  $X^* \supset \ell_1$ ,
- if  $X^*$  is strictly convex, then  $X = \mathbb{K}$ ,
- if  $X^*$  is smooth, then  $X = \mathbb{K}$ ,
- if  $B_X$  contains a WLUR point, then  $X = \mathbb{K}$ ,
- if  $Y^*$  is strictly convex, then  $Y = \mathbb{K}$ ,
- if  $B_Y$  contains a WLUR point, then  $Y = \mathbb{K}$ .

### Norm attainment

- If  $G$  is lush,  $G$  attains its norm; actually:

$$B_X = \overline{\text{co}}\left\{x \in S_X : \|Gx\| = 1\right\},$$

- There are examples of aDP operators which do not attain the norm,
- What about spear operators ?

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