## Spectrum of the Hilbert L-matrix

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If  $\mathcal{A}$  is an *L*-matrix, then the standard construction is applicable iff  $a \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0)$ .

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To the *L*-matrix  $\mathcal{L}$ , s.t.  $a_n \neq a_{n+1}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we associate the *L*-operator  $L := J^{-1}$ .

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L-matrices and L-operators



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Open problems: Determine the numbers

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 and  $\|L(\nu)\|$ , for  $\nu < 1/2$ .

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# Spectral analysis of $L(\nu)$ via the inverse

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