# Positive operators in Krein spaces similar to self-adjoint operators in Hilbert spaces 

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For example, $(J f)(x)=f(-x), x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$ and $w=1$.
Albaverio\&Kuzhel call this $J$ the space parity operator.

Definition. Let $(\mathcal{H},[\cdot, \cdot])$ be a Krein space. In this talk an operator $A: \operatorname{dom}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is positive in $(\mathcal{H},[\cdot, \cdot])$, (or [positive] for short) if the following three conditions are satisfied

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In Maz'ya\&Verbitsky Acta Math. (2002) there is a characterization of all potentials $q$ for which, with $n \geq 3$,
$\left.\left|\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} q(x)\right| f(x)\right|^{2} d x \mid \leq$ const. $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}}|\nabla f(x)|^{2} d x, \quad f \in C_{0}^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right)$.
Hence, for all such potentials,
with sufficiently small $\kappa>0$ the operator,

$$
A_{\kappa}=J(-\Delta+\kappa q) \quad \text { is } \quad[\mathrm{p}] \mathrm{s}\langle\mathrm{sa}\rangle
$$

An example (Kato): $n=3, a_{j} \in \mathbb{R}^{3}, c_{j}>0$,

$$
q(x)=-\sum_{j=1}^{k} \frac{c_{j}}{\left|x-a_{j}\right|^{2}} \quad \text { and } \quad \kappa<\frac{1}{4 \sum c_{j}}
$$

## The class of operators $([\mathbf{p}] \mathbf{s}\langle\mathbf{s a}\rangle)_{\infty, \rho}$

## Definition.

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that is $A$ is [positive] and similar to 〈self-adjoint〉 in $\mathbb{E}_{\rho}=\{z \in \mathbb{C}:|z|>\rho\}$ if

- $\mathcal{H}=\mathcal{H}_{0}[\dot{+}] \mathcal{H}_{\infty}$.
- $\mathcal{H}_{0}$ and $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ are invariant under $A$.
- $A_{0}=\left.A\right|_{\mathcal{H}_{0}}$ is bounded and $\sigma\left(A_{0}\right) \subset\{z \in \mathbb{C}:|z| \leq \rho\}$.
- $A_{\infty}=\left.A\right|_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}}$ is $\quad[\mathrm{p}] \mathrm{s}\langle\mathrm{sa}\rangle$.

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- If $\imath \subset(\rho,+\infty)$, then $(E(\imath) \mathcal{H},[\cdot, \cdot])$ is a Hilbert space. If $\imath \subset(-\infty,-\rho)$, then $(E(\imath) \mathcal{H},-[\cdot, \cdot])$ is a Hilbert space.

Theorem 3.(C\&Jonas) Assume

- $A$ is $[\mathrm{p}] \mathrm{s}\langle\mathrm{sa}\rangle$.
- $B$ is [self-adjoint] and bounded.

Then $A+B$ is $([\mathrm{p}] \mathrm{s}\langle\mathrm{sa}\rangle)_{\infty, \rho}$ for some $\rho>0$.
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Under these conditions 〈self-adjoint〉 operators in $\mathcal{H}$ can be associated with the expression

$$
\frac{1}{|w|}\left(-\frac{d}{d x}\left(p \frac{d}{d x}\right)+q\right)
$$

Let $S$ be such an operator in the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}=L^{2}(\imath ;|w|)$.

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Then $A=J S$ is $\left([\mathrm{p}]_{\mathrm{s}}\langle\mathrm{sa}\rangle\right)_{\infty, \rho}$.
Here $\rho$ might be hard to calculate.

For the special case $\quad \imath=\mathbb{R}, p=1, q \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$
and $w(x)=\operatorname{sgn} x$ we calculated that

$$
\rho<7.903\|q\|_{\infty} .
$$

For example:

$$
\begin{aligned}
A & =(\operatorname{sgn} x)\left(-\frac{d^{2}}{d x^{2}}-\sin x\right) \\
\sigma(A) & \subset \mathbb{R} \cup\{z \in \mathbb{C}:|z|<7.903\}
\end{aligned}
$$

and
$(-\infty,-7.903]$ are spectral points of negative type and
$[7.903,+\infty)$ are spectral points of positive type.

## The end

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The following statements are equivalent

- $\left.\left|\int_{\mathbb{R}} q(x)\right| u(x)\right|^{2} d x \mid \leq C\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}}\left|u^{\prime}(x)\right|^{2} d x+\int_{\mathbb{R}}|u(x)|^{2} d x\right)$
- $\sup _{x \in \mathbb{R}} \int_{x}^{x+1}\left(|\Gamma(\xi)|^{2}+|\gamma(\xi)|\right) d \xi<+\infty$
where

$$
\Gamma(\xi)=\int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sgn}(\xi-t) e^{-|\xi-t|} q(t) d t, \quad \gamma(\xi)=\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-|\xi-t|} q(t) d t
$$

