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

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M is  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $M^2 = I$  and  $w(Mx) = w(x), x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . For example,  $(Jf)(x) = f(-x), x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  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  $A : \operatorname{dom}(A) \to \mathcal{H}$  is *positive* in  $(\mathcal{H}, [\cdot, \cdot])$ , (or [positive] for short) if the following three conditions are satisfied

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- 2. *A* is [self-adjoint] in  $(\mathcal{H}, [\cdot, \cdot])$ .  $\Leftrightarrow JA \quad \langle \text{self-adjoint} \rangle \text{ in the Hilbert space } (\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle).$
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An example (Kato):  $n = 3, a_j \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $c_j > 0$ ,

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 and  $\kappa < \frac{1}{4\sum c_j}$ .

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

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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.
- $A_0 = A|_{\mathcal{H}_0}$  is bounded and  $\sigma(A_0) \subset \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \le \rho\}.$
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$$\sup\{\|E(i)\|: i \subset (-\infty, -\rho) \cup (\rho, +\infty)\} < +\infty.$$

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- *B* is [self-adjoint] and bounded.

Then A + B is  $([p]_{s\langle sa \rangle})_{\infty,\rho}$  for some  $\rho > 0$ .

We also give an estimate for  $\rho$ .

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Under these conditions (self-adjoint) operators in  ${\cal H}$  can be associated with the expression

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

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Here  $\rho$  might be hard to calculate.

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

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

For example:

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

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

• 
$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} q(x) |u(x)|^2 dx \right| \le C \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u'(x)|^2 dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u(x)|^2 dx \right)$$

• 
$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \int_{x}^{x+1} \left( |\Gamma(\xi)|^2 + |\gamma(\xi)| \right) d\xi < +\infty$$

where

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