

## A SPECTRAL THEOREM FOR $J$ -NONNEGATIVE OPERATORS

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**ABSTRACT.** A  $J$ -space is a Hilbert space with the usual inner product denoted  $[x, y]$  and an indefinite inner product defined by  $(x, y) = [Jx, y]$  where  $J$  is a bounded selfadjoint operator whose square is the identity. We define a  $J$ -adjoint  $T^+$  of an operator  $T$  with respect to the indefinite inner product in the same way as the regular adjoint  $T^*$  is defined with respect to  $[x, y]$ . We say  $T$  is  $J$ -selfadjoint if  $T = T^+$ . An operator-valued function is called a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point zero if it is defined for all  $t \neq 0$ , is bounded,  $J$ -selfadjoint and has the properties of a resolution of the identity on its domain.

It has been proved by M. G. Krein and Ju. P. Smul'jan that bounded  $J$ -selfadjoint operators  $A$  with  $(Ax, x) > 0$  for all  $x$  can be represented as a strongly convergent improper integral of  $t$  with respect to a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point zero plus a nilpotent of index 2. Further, the product of the nilpotent with the  $J$ -spectral function on intervals not containing zero is zero.

The present paper extends this theory to the unbounded case. We show that unbounded  $J$ -selfadjoint operators with  $(Ax, x) > 0$  are a direct sum of an operator of the above mentioned type and the inverse of a bounded operator of the same type whose nilpotent part is zero.

**1. Introduction.** A  $J$ -space is a separable Hilbert space  $H$  with, in addition to the usual inner product  $[x, y]$ , another inner product defined by  $(x, y) = [Jx, y]$  for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $H$ . The  $J$  is a bounded selfadjoint linear operator in  $H$  such that  $J^2 = I$  where  $I$  is the identity operator in  $H$ .

One can define the  $J$ -adjoint  $T^+$  of an operator  $T$  with domain dense in  $H$  by the equation  $(Tx, y) = (x, T^+y)$  for all appropriate  $x$  and  $y$ .  $T^+$  is uniquely defined. An operator  $T$  is called  $J$ -selfadjoint if  $T = T^+$ . The resolvent set of an operator  $T$  will be denoted  $\rho(T)$ . A  $J$ -unitary operator  $U$  is everywhere defined and  $(Ux, Ux) = (x, x)$  for all  $x$ . Since  $U$  has domain  $H$ ,  $U^*$  (the regular adjoint) has domain  $H$ . But  $U^*$  is closed and so is bounded. Similarly,  $U^{**}$  is bounded and equals  $U$ . Therefore  $U$  is bounded. A *nonnegative subspace* of  $H$  is one where  $(x, x) \geq 0$  for each of its members. Two subspaces  $M$  and  $N$  are called  *$J$ -orthogonal* if  $(x, y) = 0$  for each  $x$  in  $M$  and  $y$  in  $N$ . If  $M$  and  $N$  are independent and  $J$ -orthogonal we write  $M \oplus N$  and call this the  *$J$ -orthogonal direct sum* of  $M$  and  $N$ .

The Russians M. G. Krein and Ju. Smul'jan [1] have studied bounded operators  $T$  with  $(Tx, x) > 0$ , called  $J$ -nonnegative operators and found that such a  $T = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t dE(t) + S$ , the integral being a strongly convergent improper integral with singularity 0. the spectral function  $E(t)$  is defined and  $J$ -selfadjoint for all nonzero  $t$ . It is a resolution of the identity with all the usual properties except that  $\|E(t)\|$

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becomes infinite as  $t$  approaches 0. Also  $(Sx, x) > 0$  for all  $x$  and

$$S^2 = [E(s) - E(t)]S = S[E(s) - E(t)] = 0$$

for all intervals  $[t, s]$  with 0 in their exterior.

In this paper we consider an unbounded  $J$ -selfadjoint operator  $A$  such that  $(Ax, x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $A$ . We show that if the resolvent set of  $A$  is not empty, then a theorem similar to the above is still valid. If one eigenspace of  $J$  has finite dimension, the assumption that  $\rho(A) \neq \emptyset$  is unnecessary.

To prove these results we investigate  $J$ -unitary operators  $U$  such that  $\text{Im}(Ux, x) > 0$  for all  $x$ . Such an operator  $U$  is a  $J$ -orthogonal direct sum  $U_1 \oplus U_2$  where each  $U_j$  is represented as a spectral integral in a fashion analogous to the  $J$ -nonnegative operators.

Now, if  $\rho(A) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $U = (A + iI)(A - iI)^{-1}$  is  $J$ -unitary and  $\text{Im}(Ux, x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in  $H$ . Since we have a spectral representation for  $U$ , we therefore get a representation for  $A$ .

**2.  $J$ -unitary-dissipative operators.**

**DEFINITION 1.** A linear operator  $U$  in a  $J$ -space  $H$  is called  $J$ -unitary-dissipative if  $U$  is  $J$ -unitary and  $\text{Im}(Ux, x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in  $H$ .

**DEFINITION 2.** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers with  $a < 0 < b$ . A  $J$ -spectral function with critical point 0 defined on the interval  $(a, b)$  is an operator-valued function  $F(t)$  defined on  $(a, b)$  except at 0 taking values in a  $J$ -space  $H$ . Also

- (I)  $F(t)$  is a  $J$ -orthogonal projector,
- (II)  $F(s)F(t) = F(\text{Min}(s, t))$ ,
- (III)  $F(t-0) = F(t)$ ,
- (IV)  $\text{Lim}_{t \uparrow b} F(t) = I$  and  $\text{Lim}_{t \downarrow a} F(t) = 0$ ,

where the limits are in the strong operator topology.

**LEMMA 1.** Let  $A$  be a bounded everywhere defined linear operator in a  $J$ -space  $H$  with  $(Ax, x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in  $H$ . Let  $f(z)$  be any function analytic near the spectrum of  $A$ . Then

$$f(A) = f(0)I + f'(0)S + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [f(t) - f(0)]dE(t)$$

where  $(Sx, x) > 0$  for all  $x$  and

$$[E(s) - E(t)]S = S[E(s) - E(t)] = S^2 = 0$$

where  $t < s$  are nonzero real numbers such that  $0 \notin [t, s]$ . The function  $E$  is a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point 0 defined on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and  $I$  is the identity operator in  $H$ . The integral is improper at 0 and converges in the strong operator topology.

**PROOF.** It has been shown by M. G. Krein and J. L. Smul'jan [1] that operators  $A$  as above have a resolvent given by

$$(zI - A)^{-1} = z^{-1}I + z^{-2}S + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t dF(t)/z(z-t).$$

These integrals and all those in the sequel converge in the strong operator topology.

Let  $f$  be any function analytic near the spectrum of  $A$  and let  $C$  be a curve consisting of a finite number of rectifiable Jordan arcs lying in the resolvent set of  $A$  and in the domain of  $f$ . Then

$$f(A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C f(z)(zI-A)^{-1} dz$$

and therefore the lemma follows. Q.E.D.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $U$  be  $J$ -unitary-dissipative in a  $J$ -space  $H$  with  $-1 \in \rho(U)$ . Then the spectrum of  $U$  lies on the unit circle, and*

$$U = I + 2iS + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (e^{it}-1)dF(t)$$

where  $S^2 = S[F(s)-F(t)] = [F(s)-F(t)]S = 0$  for all real  $t < s$  in  $(-\pi, \pi)$  with  $0 \notin [t, s]$ . The function  $F$  is a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point 0 defined on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ . For each  $x$  in  $H$  the function  $(F(t)x, x) < 0$  and is nonincreasing for  $-\pi < t < 0$  while for  $0 < t < \pi$ ;  $(F(t)x, x) < (x, x)$  and is nondecreasing.  $(Sx, x) > 0$ . Lastly, if  $g$  is any function analytic near the spectrum of  $U$ , then

$$g(U) = g(1)I + 2ig'(1)S + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (g(e^{it})-g(1))dF(t).$$

The integral is improper at 0 and converges in the strong operator topology.

**PROOF.** Since  $-1 \in \rho(U)$ , then  $(U + I)^{-1}$  exists and is a bounded everywhere defined linear operator in  $H$ . Therefore the operator  $A = -i(U-I)(U + I)^{-1}$  is a bounded operator with domain  $H$ . A calculation shows that  $A$  is  $J$ -selfadjoint ( $A = A^+$ ) and  $-i \in \rho(A)$ . Also if  $y = (A + iI)^{-1}x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (Ux, x) &= -((A-iI)(A+iI)^{-1}x, x) = -((A-iI)y, (A+iI)y) \\ &= -(y, y) - (Ay, Ay) + 2i(Ay, y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\text{Im}(Ux, x) = 2(Ay, y)$  for all  $x$  in  $H$ . Since  $U$  is  $J$ -unitary-dissipative, and  $-i \in \rho(A)$ ,  $A$  will have domain  $H$  and  $(Ay, y) > 0$ . By Lemma 1,  $A = S + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t dE(t)$  where  $E$  is a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point 0 defined on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Also  $[E(s)-E(t)]S = S[E(s)-E(t)] = S^2 = 0$  for all real numbers  $s < t$  with  $0 \notin [s, t]$ .  $(Sx, x) > 0$  for all  $x$ . For  $t < 0$  the function  $(E(t)x, x) < 0$  and nonincreasing, while for  $t > 0$  we have  $(E(t)x, x) < (x, x)$  and is nondecreasing. The spectrum of  $A$  is real.

If  $f(z) = -(z-i)(z+i)^{-1}$ , then  $f$  is analytic near the spectrum of  $A$  and by Lemma 1,

$$U = f(A) = f(0)I + f'(0)S + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [f(t)-f(0)] dE(t).$$

But  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f'(0) = 2i$  and so

$$U = I + 2iS + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [-(t-i)(t+i)^{-1}-1] dE(t).$$

If we make the change of variables  $t$  to  $\tan(\frac{1}{2}t)$  our integral becomes

$$U = I + 2iS + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (e^{it}-1) dF(t)$$

where  $F(t) = E(\tan(\frac{1}{2}t))$ . The change of variables makes  $F$  a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point 0 on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ . Clearly  $F$  has all the properties stated in the theorem and the spectrum of  $U$  lies on the unit circle.

Now let  $g$  be any function analytic near the spectrum of  $U$  and

$$f(z) = -(z - i)(z + i)^{-1}.$$

Then the composite function  $g \circ f = h$  is analytic near the spectrum of  $A$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} g(U) &= h(A) = h(0)I + h'(0)S + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [h(t)-h(0)] dE(t) \\ &= g(1)I + g'(1)S + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [g(e^{it})-g(1)] dF(t) \end{aligned}$$

and this proves the theorem. Q.E.D.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $U$  be a  $J$ -unitary-dissipative operator in a  $J$ -space  $H$ . Then  $U$  is a  $J$ -orthogonal direct sum  $U_1 \oplus U_2$  where*

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &= I_1 + 2iS_1 + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (e^{it}-1) dF_1(t), \\ U_2 &= -I_2-2iS_2-\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (e^{it}-1) dF_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

and  $F_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) is a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point 0 on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .  $(S_jx, x) > 0$  for appropriate  $x$  and  $F_j$  has the properties stated in Theorem 1 for  $F$ .

**PROOF.** We need only show  $U = U_1 \oplus U_2$  where  $(-1)^j \in \rho(U_j)$  for each  $j$ . Therefore let  $c_n = ([\text{Im } U]U^n x, x)$ . Then

$$\sum c_{p-q} w_p \bar{w}_q = \text{Im} \left( U \sum U^p w_p x, \sum U^q w_q x \right) > 0$$

where the summations are for all integral values of  $p$  and  $q$  from 0 to  $n-1$ . Since the sequence is thus positive definite we have

$$([\text{Im } U]U^n x, x) = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{int} d\mu(t; x)$$

for every integer  $n$  and where for each  $x$  the function  $\mu(t; x)$  is a bounded nondecreasing function of  $t$ . It is uniquely determined if it is normalized by the requirement that  $\mu(0; x) = 0$ , and  $\mu(t-0; x) = \mu(t; x)$ . By polarization we can write

$$([\text{Im } U]U^n x, y) = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{int} d_{\mu}(t; x, y),$$

$$\mu(t; x, y) = (1/4)[\mu(t; x + y) - \mu(t; x - y) + i\mu(t; x + iy) - i\mu(t; x - iy)].$$

We also have  $0 < \mu(t; x, x) = \mu(t; x)$  and, taking  $n = 0$  in the integral,  $([\text{Im } U]x, x) = \mu(2\pi; x)$ . Therefore  $0 < \mu(t; x) < |([\text{Im } U]x, x)|$  and thus  $0 < \mu(t; x) < \|[\text{Im } U]\| \|x\|^2$ . Therefore the bilinear form  $\mu(t; x, y)$  is bounded and

there is an operator-valued function  $M(t)$  defined on  $[0, 2\pi]$ ,  $M(t)$  is a bounded everywhere-defined linear operator in  $H$ ,  $(M(t)x, x) > 0$ , and  $\mu(t; x, y) = (M(t)x, y)$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $H$ . Further,  $M(0) = 0$  and  $M(t-0) = M(t)$  for  $0 < t < 2\pi$ . Lastly, the function  $(M(t)x, x)$  is a nondecreasing function of  $t$  for each  $x$ .

We now show that the function  $M(t)$  has bounded variation on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . To this end let  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n = 2\pi$  be a partition of  $[0, 2\pi]$ . Since  $([M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1})]x, y)$  is a hermitian bilinear form for each  $i$  and  $([M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1})]x, x) > 0$  then

$$\|M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1})\| = \text{Sup}[( [M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1}) ]x, x) : \|x\| = 1].$$

Therefore there is an  $x_0$  with norm 1 such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1})\|^{-n^{-1}} &< ([M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1})]x_0, x_0), \\ \sum_{i=0}^n \|M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1})\|^{-1} &< \left( \sum_{i=0}^n [M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1})]x_0, x_0 \right) < \|M(2\pi)\|, \\ \sum_{i=0}^n \|M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1})\| &< \sum_{i=0}^n \|M(t_i) - M(t_{i-1})\| < \|M(2\pi)\| + 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all partitions of  $[0, 2\pi]$ . Therefore  $M(t)$  has bounded variation. The strong limits  $M(t \pm 0)$  exist for all  $t$ . Also from above

$$([\text{Im } U]U^n x, y) = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{int} d(M(t)x, y).$$

This integral converges in the strong operator topology in  $H$ . From the above equation we get

$$\begin{aligned} U^p [U^2 - I] &= 2i \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(p+1)t} dM(t), \quad p = 0, \pm 1, \dots \\ U^{2k} &= I + 2i \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} e^{i(2j+1)t} \right] dM(t), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for  $|z| < \|U^{-2}\|^{-1}$ , the resolvent transformation is

$$\begin{aligned} (U - zI)^{-1} &= \sum_0^{\infty} z^k U^{-2k-2} \\ &= \sum_0^{\infty} \left[ I - 2i \int_0^{2\pi} \sum_0^k e^{-i(2j+1)t} dM(t) \right] z^k \\ &= \sum_0^{\infty} z^k I - 2i \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k e^{-i(2j+1)t} z^k \right] dM(t). \end{aligned}$$

Interchanging the order of summation we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (U^2 - zI)^{-1} &= (1 - z)^{-1} I - 2i \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-i(2j+1)t} \sum_{k=j}^{\infty} z^k \right] dM(t) \\
 &= (1 - z)^{-1} I - 2i \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-i(2j+1)t} z^j (1 - z)^{-1} \right] dM(t) \\
 &= (1 - z)^{-1} I - 2i (1 - z)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-it} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-2ijt} z^j dM(t) \\
 &= (1 - z)^{-1} I - 2i (1 - z)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-it} (1 - ze^{-2it})^{-1} dM(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the right-hand side is analytic inside the unit circle, so is the resolvent  $(U^2 - zI)^{-1}$ . In a similar fashion we can show that for  $|z| > \|U^2\|$ , we have the same representation for  $(U^2 - zI)^{-1}$ . That is,

$$(U^2 - zI)^{-1} = (1 - z)^{-1} I - 2i (1 - z)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-it} (1 - ze^{-2it})^{-1} dM(t).$$

Since the right-hand side is analytic outside the unit circle, so is the resolvent. In summary, then, the resolvent of  $U^2$  is analytic off the unit circle and therefore the spectrum of  $U$  lies on the unit circle.

Let us recall that

$$U^p [U^2 - I] = 2i \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(p+1)t} dM(t)$$

for all integers  $p$ . From this we deduce in the same way we did for the resolvent of  $U^2$  that for  $z$  in the resolvent set of  $U$

$$(zI - U)^{-1} U^n (U^2 - I) = 2i \int_0^{2\pi} (z - e^{it})^{-1} e^{i(n+1)t} dM(t)$$

for all nonnegative integers  $n$ . The function defined by  $dW(t) = 2ie^{int} dM(t)$  has bounded variation in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  and therefore the function

$$g(z) = \int_0^{2\pi} (z - e^{it})^{-1} e^{it} dW(t)$$

has radial limits  $\text{Lim}_{r \uparrow 1} g(re^{i\theta}) = g(e^{i\theta})$  except on a set  $Z$  of Lebesgue measure 0. Also the limit function  $g(e^{i\theta})$  is in  $L^2(0, 2\pi)$ .

Consider for  $0 < \alpha < \beta < 2\pi$  the path  $C_{\alpha, \beta}$  constructed as follows. We proceed along the ray  $re^{i\alpha}$  from  $r = \frac{1}{2}$  to  $r = 2$ , then along the arc  $2e^{it}$  from  $t = \alpha$  to  $t = \beta$ , then along the ray  $re^{i\beta}$  from  $r = 2$  to  $r = \frac{1}{2}$  and lastly along the arc  $\frac{1}{2}e^{it}$  from  $t = \beta$  to  $t = \alpha$ . The contour integral of  $g(z)$  around  $C_{\alpha, \beta}$  exists as a Cauchy principal value if neither  $\alpha$  nor  $\beta$  are in  $Z$ . For such an  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_{\alpha, \beta}} (zI - U)^{-1} dz U^n (U^2 - I)$$

and this equals

$$2i \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_{\alpha,\beta}} (z - e^{it})^{-1} dz \right] e^{i(n+1)t} dM(t).$$

That is

$$P_{\alpha,\beta} U^n (U^2 - I) = 2i \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} e^{i(n+1)t} dM(t)$$

where

$$P_{\alpha,\beta} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_{\alpha,\beta}} (zI - U)^{-1} dz.$$

By our choice of  $C_{\alpha,\beta}$  it is clear that  $P_{\alpha,\beta}$  is  $J$ -selfadjoint and a calculation shows that it is a projector in  $H$ .

Now choose  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  not in  $Z$  and such that  $0 < \alpha < \pi < \beta < 2\pi$  and let  $P_2 = P_{\alpha,\beta}$  and  $P_1 = I - P_2$ . Then  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are  $J$ -orthogonal, i.e., they are bounded and  $J$ -selfadjoint and  $0 = P_1 P_2 = P_2 P_1$  and their sum is  $I$ . Let  $H_j = P_j H$ . Then the pair  $(H_1, H_2)$  reduces  $U$  and  $U^{-1}$ . Let  $U_j = U|_{H_j}$ . We need only show that  $(-1)^j \in \rho(U_j)$  to complete the proof. A calculation yields

$$(zI - U)^{-1} (U^2 - I) P_2 = 2i \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} (z - e^{it})^{-1} e^{it} dM(t),$$

$$(zI - U)^{-2} (U^2 - I) P_2 = 2i \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} (z - e^{it})^{-2} e^{it} dM(t).$$

If we restrict ourselves to  $H_2$ , this equation becomes

$$(zI - U_2)^{-2} (U_2^2 - I_2) = 2i \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} (z - e^{it})^{-2} e^{it} dM(t)$$

where  $I_2$  is the identity operator in  $H_2$ .

Since  $0 < \alpha < \pi < \beta < 2\pi$ , the above integral is a bounded everywhere defined linear operator for  $z = 1$  in  $H_2$ . Hence the domain of  $(I_2 - U_2)^{-2}$  is  $H_2$ . But this implies that the domain of  $(I_2 - U_2)^{-1}$  is  $H_2$ . A calculation yields

$$(I_2 - U_2)^{-2} (U_2^2 - I_2) = I_2 + 2(U_2 - I_2)^{-1}$$

in  $H_2$ . Therefore  $(U_2 - I_2)^{-1}$  is bounded and  $1 \in \rho(U_2)$ . Similarly,  $-1 \in \rho(U_1)$ . Apply Theorem 1 to  $U_1$  and  $-U_2$ . Q.E.D.

### 3. Unbounded $J$ -selfadjoint operators $A$ with $(Ax, x) > 0$ .

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $A$  be a densely defined  $J$ -selfadjoint operator such that  $(Ax, x) > 0$  for  $x$  in the domain  $D$  of  $A$  and such that  $\rho(A) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $A$  is reduced by the direct sum  $H_1 \oplus H_2 = H$ . If  $A_j$  is  $A$  restricted to  $H_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) then  $A_1$  is bounded and*

$$A_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t dE_1(t) + S_1 \quad \text{where } (S_1 x, x) > 0$$

and  $S_1$  is bounded on  $H$ . Further, for each  $t < s$  with  $0 \notin [t, s]$ ,

$$S_1^2 = S_1 (E_1(s) - E_1(t)) = (E_1(s) - E_1(t)) S_1 = 0.$$

Also,  $A_2 x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^{-1} dE_2(t) x$  for each  $x$  in  $D$ .

The function  $E_j$  is a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point 0 defined on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . For each  $x$  in  $H_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) the function  $(E_j(t)x, x)$  is nonpositive and nonincreasing for  $t < 0$ , while it is less than or equal to  $(x, x)$  and nondecreasing for  $t > 0$ . The above integrals are improper at 0 and converge in the strong operator topology.

PROOF. As  $(Ax, x) > 0$  and  $\rho(A) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\sigma(A)$  is real [1]. Thus  $\pm i \in \rho(A)$ . Therefore the operator  $U = -(A-iI)(A+iI)^{-1}$  is a bounded everywhere-defined linear operator mapping  $H$  onto itself. A calculation shows that  $U$  is  $J$ -unitary and that  $(Ax, x) = 2\text{Im}(Uy, y)$  where  $(U+I)y = x$ . We can recover  $A$  from  $U$  as follows.  $U$  is defined only for elements of form  $y = (A+iI)x$ . For such a  $y$  we have  $Uy = -(A-iI)x$ . From this we deduce that  $(U-I)y = -2Ax$  and  $(U+I)y = 2ix$ . Therefore, if  $(U+I)y = 0$ , then  $x = 0$  and so  $y = 0$ . The set of all vectors of form  $(U+I)y$  is the domain  $D$  of  $A$  and is dense in  $H$ . Thus  $(U+I)^{-1}$  exists and we can write  $A = -i(U-I)(U+I)^{-1}$ . Clearly  $U$  is  $J$ -unitary-dissipative. By Theorem 2, therefore,  $U$  is a  $J$ -orthogonal direct sum  $U_1 \oplus U_2$ . Hence  $A$  splits into a  $J$ -orthogonal direct sum  $A_1 \oplus A_2$ . Also  $(-1)^j \in \rho(U_j)$  and

$$U_j = -(A_j - iI_j)(A_j + iI_j)^{-1}$$

for each  $j = 1, 2$ . Therefore we need only deal with  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  separately.

Consider  $A_1$  first. Since  $-1 \in \rho(U_1)$  and  $A_1 = -i(U_1-I_1)(U_1+I_1)^{-1}$  we see that  $A_1$  is bounded. By the functional calculus given for  $U_1$  in Theorem 1 with the function  $g(z) = -i(z-1)(z+1)^{-1}$  we find that

$$A_1 = S_1 + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t dE_1(t),$$

$$S_1[E_1(s)-E_1(t)] = [E_1(s)-E_1(t)]S_1 = S_1^2 = 0$$

for all  $t < s$  such that  $0 \notin [t, s]$ . The operator  $S_1$  is bounded and  $(S_1x, x) > 0$ .  $E_1$  is a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point 0 defined on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . The integral is improper at 0 and converges in the strong operator topology. The function  $E_2$  has all the properties stated in the conclusion of the theorem.

Now consider  $A_2$ . As above we can show that  $(U_2 + I_2)^{-1}$  exists and is densely defined and this set is the domain of  $A_2$ . Therefore  $-1$  is in the continuous spectrum of  $U_2$ . But  $1 \in \rho(U_2)$ . Thus

$$U_2 = -I_2 - 2iS_2 - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (e^{it}-1) dF_2(t)$$

in  $H_2$ . Now  $S_2$  and the integral above have product zero and  $S_2^2 = 0$ . Therefore if  $S_2 \neq 0$  then  $-1$  will be an eigenvalue of  $U_2$ , a contradiction. Hence

$$U_2 = -I_2 - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (e^{it}-1) dF_2(t).$$

To simplify notation we drop the subscript 2 in what follows. So we consider a densely defined operator  $A$  in a  $J$ -space  $H$  with  $(Ax, x) > 0$  and

$$A = -i(U-I)(U+I)^{-1}, \quad U = -I - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (e^{it}-1) dF(t).$$



Since  $Ax = -i(U-I)(U+I)^{-1}x$ , for  $x$  in the domain of  $A$  we have

$$x = -(1/2i)(U+I)y, \quad Ax = (1/2)(U-I)y$$

where  $y = -(A+iI)x$ . If  $s \neq 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (F(s)x, x) &= (F(s)[1/2i](U+I)y, [1/2i](U+I)y) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(F(s)[2I+U+U^{-1}]y, y) \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^s \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)y, y), \end{aligned} \tag{A}$$

by Theorem 1 with  $g(z) = \frac{1}{4}(2-z-z^{-1})$ . By the above

$$\begin{aligned} (Ax, x) &= -([1/2](U-I)y, [1/2i](U+I)y) \\ &= [1/4i]([U-U^{-1}]y, y) \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{[e^{it}-e^{-it}]/4i\} d(F(t)y, y) \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)y, y). \end{aligned}$$

Recall that the integrals

$$\int_{-\pi}^s \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)y, y) \quad [s > 0]$$

and

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)y, y)$$

are convergent improper integrals with singularity 0.

Let  $\gamma > 0$  and consider

$$I_{\gamma} = \int_{-\pi}^{-\gamma} \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)y, y).$$

Since  $[-\pi, -\gamma]$  does not contain 0,  $(F(t)y, y)$  has bounded variation there. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\gamma} &= \int_{-\pi}^{-\gamma} \cot\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)y, y) \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{-\gamma} \cot\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)x, x) \end{aligned}$$

from (A) above. Therefore

$$\lim_{\gamma \downarrow 0} I_{\gamma} = \lim_{\gamma \downarrow 0} \int_{-\pi}^{-\gamma} \cot\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)x, x).$$

Let  $\delta > 0$  and consider

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\delta} &= \int_{\delta}^{\pi} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)y, y) \\ &= \int_{\delta}^{\pi} \cot\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) d(F(t)y, y). \end{aligned}$$

For  $s > 0$

$$([I - F(s)]x, x) = \int_s^\pi \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}t) d(F(t)y, y).$$

Since  $(F(t)x, x)$  is nondecreasing for  $t$  negative, the function  $w(t) = -([I - F(t)]x, x)$  is negative and increasing on  $[\delta, \pi]$ . Thus

$$\int_\delta^\pi \cot(\frac{1}{2}t) dw(t) = \int_\delta^\pi \cot(\frac{1}{2}t) d(F(t)x, x)$$

and this equals

$$\int_\delta^\pi \cot(\frac{1}{2}t) \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}t) d(F(t)y, y) = I_\delta.$$

Since  $(Ax, x) = \lim_{\gamma \downarrow 0} I_\gamma + \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} I_\delta$ , then

$$(Ax, x) = \int_{-\pi}^\pi \cot(\frac{1}{2}t) d(F(t)x, x)$$

for  $x$  in the domain of  $A$ . This is an integral convergent for each  $x$  in the domain of  $A$  and improper at 0. If we make the transformation  $\tan(\frac{1}{2}t) \rightarrow t$  we obtain

$$(Ax, x) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty t^{-1} d(E(t)x, x)$$

where  $E(\tan(\frac{1}{2}t)) = F(t)$ . Translating the properties of the above  $F$  by the same transformation we see that  $E$  is a  $J$ -spectral function with critical point 0 on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . That is,  $E = E_2$  and  $A = A_2$  have the properties listed in the statement of this theorem. Q.E.D.

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $A$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 3. Then  $A$  is the direct sum of a bounded operator and the inverse of a bounded operator.*

**PROOF.** This is just a restatement of Theorem 3. Q.E.D.

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