

# Spectral Analysis of Infinite-dimensional Dirac Operators on an Abstract Boson-Fermion Fock Space

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## Abstract

A review on spectral analysis of infinite dimensional Dirac type operators on an abstract boson-fermion Fock space is presented.

## 1 Introduction

For each pair  $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  of complex Hilbert spaces, the tensor product Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) := \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_f(\mathcal{K})$$

of the boson Fock space

$$\mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) := \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \bigotimes_s^n \mathcal{H} = \left\{ \psi = \{\psi^{(n)}\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \mid \psi^{(n)} \in \bigotimes_s^n \mathcal{H}, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|\psi^{(n)}\|^2 < \infty \right\}$$

over  $\mathcal{H}$  and the fermion Fock space

$$\mathcal{F}_f(\mathcal{K}) := \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} \bigwedge^p \mathcal{K} = \left\{ \phi = \{\phi^{(p)}\}_{p=0}^{\infty} \mid \phi^{(p)} \in \bigwedge^p \mathcal{K}, \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \|\phi^{(p)}\|^2 < \infty \right\}$$

over  $\mathcal{K}$  is defined, where  $\bigotimes_s^n \mathcal{H}$  denotes the  $n$ -fold symmetric tensor product of  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $\bigotimes_s^0 \mathcal{H} := \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\bigwedge^p \mathcal{K}$  denotes the  $p$ -fold anti-symmetric tensor product of  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $\bigwedge^0 \mathcal{K} := \mathbb{C}$  and, for a vector  $\Psi$  in a Hilbert space,  $\|\Psi\|$  denotes the norm of  $\Psi$ . We call the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  the abstract boson-fermion Fock space over  $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ . In a previous paper [2], the author introduced a general class of infinite-dimensional

Dirac operators on  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H})$  and clarified general mathematical structures behind some supersymmetric quantum field models giving an abstract unification of them. In particular, a path (functional) integral representation of analytical index of an infinite dimensional Dirac operator was derived, which gives a kind of index theorem. But spectral analysis of the infinite dimensional Dirac operators is still missing. Only partial results are available [10]. In the present paper, we review some aspects of spectral analysis of infinite dimensional Dirac operators.

## 2 Preliminaries

We first recall basic objects and facts associated with Fock spaces. See [11] for more details.

In general, for a linear operator  $A$  from a Hilbert space to a Hilbert space, we denote its domain by  $D(A)$ .

For each vector  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , there is a unique densely defined closed linear operator  $a(f)$  on  $\mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H})$  such that its adjoint  $a(f)^*$  takes the following form:

$$D(a(f)^*) = \left\{ \psi \in \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) \mid \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\sqrt{n} S_n(f \otimes \psi^{(n-1)})\|^2 < \infty \right\},$$

$$(a(f)^*\psi)^{(0)} = 0, \quad (a(f)^*\psi)^{(n)} = \sqrt{n} S_n(f \otimes \psi^{(n-1)}), \quad n \geq 1, \quad \psi \in D(a(f)^*),$$

where  $S_n$  denotes the symmetrization operator (symmetrizer) on the  $n$ -fold tensor product  $\otimes^n \mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ . The operator  $a(f)$  (resp.  $a(f)^*$ ) is called the boson annihilation (resp. creation) operator with test vector  $f$ .

There is a distinguished vector

$$\Omega_b := \{1, 0, 0, \dots\} \in \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}),$$

called the boson Fock vacuum in  $\mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H})$ , which is vanished by the annihilation operator:

$$a(f)\Omega_b = 0, \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{H}.$$

The set  $\{a(f), a(f)^* \mid f \in \mathcal{H}\}$  of boson annihilation operators and boson creation operators obeys the canonical commutation relations (CCR) over  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$[a(f), a(g)^*] = \langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad [a(f), a(g)] = 0, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{H}$$

on the bosonic finite particle subspace

$$\mathcal{F}_{b,0}(\mathcal{H}) := \{\psi \in \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) \mid \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \psi^{(n)} = 0, \forall n \geq n_0\},$$

where  $[X, Y] := XY - YX$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$  denotes the inner product of  $\mathcal{H}$  (linear in the second variable).

In general, for a subset  $\mathcal{E}$  of a vector space,  $\text{span}(\mathcal{E})$  or  $\text{span } \mathcal{E}$  denotes the subspace generated by all the vectors of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

It is well known that, for each dense subspace  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ , the subspace

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{b,fin}}(\mathcal{D}) := \text{span}\{\Omega_{\text{b}}, a(f_1)^* \cdots a(f_n)^* \Omega_{\text{b}} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, f_j \in \mathcal{D}, j = 1, \dots, n\}$$

is dense in  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{b}}(\mathcal{H})$ . In fact, one has

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{b,fin}}(\mathcal{D}) = \hat{\otimes}_{\text{s}}^n \mathcal{D},$$

the algebraic  $n$ -fold symmetric tensor product of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

We next move on to the fermion Fock space  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{f}}(\mathcal{H})$ . For each  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ , there is a unique bounded linear operator  $b(u)$  on  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{f}}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $b(u)^*$  is given as follows:

$$(b(u)^* \phi)^{(0)} = 0, \quad (b(u)^* \phi)^{(p)} = \sqrt{p} A_p(f \otimes \phi^{(p-1)}), \quad p \geq 1, \quad \phi \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{f}}(\mathcal{H}),$$

where  $A_p$  is the anti-symmetrization operator (anti-symmetrizer) on  $\otimes^p \mathcal{H}$ . The operator  $b(u)$  (resp.  $b(u)^*$ ) is called the fermion annihilation (resp. creation) operator with test vector  $u$ .

The vector

$$\Omega_{\text{f}} := \{1, 0, 0, \dots\} \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{f}}(\mathcal{H})$$

is called the fermion Fock vacuum in  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{f}}(\mathcal{H})$ , which is vanished by  $b(u)$ :

$$b(u)\Omega_{\text{f}} = 0, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{H}.$$

The set  $\{b(u), b(u)^* \mid u \in \mathcal{H}\}$  obeys the canonical anti-commutation relations (CAR) over  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\{b(u), b(v)^*\} = \langle u, v \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad \{b(u), b(v)\} = 0, \quad u, v \in \mathcal{H},$$

where  $\{X, Y\} := XY + YX$ . It follows that

$$\|b(u)\| = \|u\|, \quad \|b(u)^*\| = \|u\|, \quad b(u)^2 = 0, \quad (b(u)^*)^2 = 0, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{H},$$

where, for a bounded linear operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space,  $\|T\|$  denotes the operator norm of  $T$ .

For each dense subspace  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ , the subspace

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{f,fin}}(\mathcal{D}) := \text{span}\{\Omega_{\text{f}}, b(u_1)^* \cdots b(u_p)^* \Omega_{\text{f}} \mid p \in \mathbb{N}, u_k \in \mathcal{D}, k = 1, \dots, p\},$$

is dense in  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{f}}(\mathcal{H})$ .

### 3 Exterior Differential Operators on the Boson-Fermion Fock Space

For a linear operator  $L$  on a Hilbert space, we set

$$C^\infty(L) := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} D(L^n),$$

the  $C^\infty$ -domain of  $L$ . If  $L$  is self-adjoint, then  $C^\infty(L)$  is dense.

Let  $A$  be a densely defined closed linear operator from  $\mathcal{H}$  to  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then, by von Neumann's theorem,  $A^*A$  and  $AA^*$  are non-negative self-adjoint operators on  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  respectively and hence  $C^\infty(A^*A)$  and  $C^\infty(AA^*)$  are dense in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  respectively. Therefore the algebraic tensor product

$$\mathcal{D}_A^\infty := \mathcal{F}_{\text{b,fin}}(C^\infty(A^*A)) \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{F}_{\text{f,fin}}(C^\infty(AA^*))$$

is dense in the boson-fermion Fock space  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ .

**Proposition 3.1** *There exists a unique densely defined closed linear operator  $d_A$  on  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  such that the following (i) and (ii) hold:*

(i)  $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty \subset D(d_A)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty$  is a core of  $d_A$ .

(ii) For each vector  $\Psi \in \mathcal{D}_A^\infty$  of the form

$$\Psi = a(f_1)^* \cdots a(f_n)^* \Omega_{\text{b}} \otimes b(u_1)^* \cdots b(u_p)^* \Omega_{\text{f}}, \quad n, p \geq 0,$$

where  $a(f_1)^* \cdots a(f_n)^* \Omega_{\text{b}}$  (resp.  $b(u_1)^* \cdots b(u_p)^* \Omega_{\text{f}}$ ) with  $n = 0$  (resp.  $p = 0$ ) should read  $\Omega_{\text{b}}$  (resp.  $\Omega_{\text{f}}$ ),  $d_A$  acts as

$$d_A \Psi = 0 \quad \text{for } n = 0,$$

$$d_A \Psi = \sum_{j=1}^n a(f_1)^* \cdots \widehat{a(f_j)^*} \cdots a(f_n)^* \Omega_{\text{b}} \otimes b(Af_j)^* b(u_1)^* \cdots b(u_p)^* \Omega_{\text{f}}$$

for  $n \geq 1$ , where  $\widehat{a(f_j)^*}$  indicates the omission of  $a(f_j)^*$ . In particular,  $d_A$  leaves  $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty$  invariant.

Moreover, the following (iii)–(v) hold:

(iii)  $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty \subset D(d_A^*)$  and  $d_A^* \Psi = 0$  for  $p = 0$ ,

$$d_A^* \Psi = \sum_{k=1}^p (-1)^{k-1} a(A^*u_k)^* a(f_1)^* \cdots a(f_n)^* \Omega_{\text{b}} \otimes b(u_1)^* \cdots \widehat{b(u_k)^*} \cdots b(u_p)^* \Omega_{\text{f}}$$

for  $p \geq 1$ . In particular,  $d_A^*$  leaves  $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty$  invariant.

(iv)  $D(d_A^2) = D(d_A)$  and, for all  $\Psi \in D(d_A)$ ,  $d_A^2\Psi = 0$ .

(v) Let  $B$  be a bounded linear operator from  $\mathcal{H}$  to  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $D(B) = \mathcal{H}$ . Then, for all  $\Psi \in \mathcal{D}_A^\infty$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\alpha d_A \Psi + \beta d_B \Psi = d_{\alpha A + \beta B} \Psi.$$

We call the operator  $d_A$  the exterior differential operator on  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  associated with  $A$ .

## 4 Infinite Dimensional Dirac Operators

The Dirac operator on  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  associated with  $A$  is defined by

$$Q_A := d_A + d_A^*.$$

**Theorem 4.1** *The operator  $Q_A$  is self-adjoint and unbounded from above and below.*

The Laplace-Beltrami-de Rham operator on  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  associated with  $A$  is defined by

$$\Delta_A := d_A^* d_A + d_A d_A^*.$$

**Theorem 4.2**  $\Delta_A = Q_A^2$ .

## 5 Supersymmetric Structure

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_+ &:= \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \left( \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} \wedge^{2p} \mathcal{K} \right) \quad (\text{even forms}), \\ \mathcal{F}_- &:= \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \left( \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} \wedge^{2p+1} \mathcal{K} \right) \quad (\text{odd forms}). \end{aligned}$$

Then we have the orthogonal decomposition

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{F}_+ \oplus \mathcal{F}_-.$$

Let  $P_\pm : \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_\pm$  be the orthogonal projections. Then the operator

$$\Gamma := P_+ - P_-$$

is unitary, self-adjoint and the grading operator for the above orthogonal decomposition.

**Proposition 5.1** (*anti-commutativity*) *Operator equality  $Q_A\Gamma = -\Gamma Q_A$  holds.*

**Corollary 5.2** (*spectral symmetry*) *The spectrum  $\sigma(Q_A)$  of  $Q_A$  is reflection symmetric with respect to the origin of  $\mathbb{R}$ :  $\sigma(Q_A) = \sigma(-Q_A)$ .*

The quadruple  $\text{SQFT}_A := (\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}), Q_A, \Delta_A, \Gamma)$  is a supersymmetric quantum theory in the abstract sense [1], where  $Q_A$  is a self-adjoint supercharge,  $\Delta_A$  is the supersymmetric Hamiltonian and  $\Gamma$  is the state-sign operator. We remark that  $\text{SQFT}_A$  gives a unification of some supersymmetric free quantum field models [2, 3, 4, 5, 6].

## 6 Relations with Second Quantization Operators

For each self-adjoint operator  $S$  on  $\mathcal{H}$ , one can define the bosonic second quantization of  $S$  by

$$d\Gamma_b(S) := \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} d\Gamma_b^{(n)}(S)$$

with

$$d\Gamma_b^{(0)}(S) := 0, \quad d\Gamma_b^{(n)}(S) := \overline{\sum_{j=1}^n I \otimes \cdots \otimes I \otimes \overset{j\text{th}}{S} \otimes I \otimes \cdots \otimes I}, \quad n \geq 1,$$

where, for a closable operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space,  $\overline{T}$  denotes the closure of  $T$ . It follows that  $d\Gamma_b(S)$  is self-adjoint. If  $S \geq 0$ , then  $d\Gamma_b(S) \geq 0$ . Moreover,

$$0 \in \sigma_p(d\Gamma_b(S)), \quad \Omega_b \in \ker(d\Gamma_b(S)).$$

Similarly, for each self-adjoint operator  $T$  on  $\mathcal{K}$ , one can define the fermionic second quantization of  $T$  by

$$d\Gamma_f(T) := \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} d\Gamma_f^{(p)}(T)$$

with

$$d\Gamma_f^{(0)}(T) := 0, \quad d\Gamma_f^{(p)}(T) := \overline{\sum_{j=1}^p I \otimes \cdots \otimes I \otimes \overset{j\text{th}}{T} \otimes I \otimes \cdots \otimes I}, \quad p \geq 1.$$

It follows that  $d\Gamma_f(T)$  is self-adjoint. If  $T \geq 0$ , then  $d\Gamma_f(T) \geq 0$ . Moreover,

$$0 \in \sigma_p(d\Gamma_f(T)), \quad \Omega_f \in \ker(d\Gamma_f(T)).$$

As we have already mentioned, the operator  $A$  yields the non-negative self-adjoint operators  $A^*A$  and  $AA^*$ . Therefore  $A^*A$  (resp.  $AA^*$ ) may be a one-particle Hamiltonian for a boson (resp. fermion). Then the Hamiltonian of a non-interacting system consisting of such bosons and fermions is given by

$$H(A) := d\Gamma_b(A^*A) \otimes I + I \otimes d\Gamma_f(AA^*).$$

It follows that  $H(A)$  is a non-negative self-adjoint operator acting in  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  and

$$0 \in \sigma_p(H(A)), \quad \Omega_b \otimes \Omega_f \in \ker H(A).$$

**Theorem 6.1**  $H(A) = \Delta_A$ . In particular,  $H(A)$  is a supersymmetric Hamiltonian.

## 7 Spectra of $H(A)$ and $Q_A$

In what follows, we assume that  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  are separable. For a linear operator  $T$  from a Hilbert space to a Hilbert space, we set

$$\text{nul } T := \dim \ker T \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \{+\infty\}.$$

**Theorem 7.1**

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(H(A)) &= \{0\} \cup \overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mid \lambda_j \in \sigma(A^*A) \setminus \{0\}, j = 1, \dots, n \right\}}, \\ \sigma_p(H(A)) &= \{0\} \cup \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mid \lambda_j \in \sigma_p(A^*A) \setminus \{0\}, j = 1, \dots, n \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 7.2** The spectrum  $\sigma(Q_A)$  and the point spectrum  $\sigma_p(Q_A)$  of  $Q_A$  are symmetric with respect to the origin and

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(Q_A) &= \{0\} \cup \overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j} \mid \lambda_j \in \sigma(A^*A) \setminus \{0\}, j = 1, \dots, n \right\}}, \\ \sigma_p(Q_A) &= \{0\} \cup \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j} \mid \lambda_j \in \sigma_p(A^*A) \setminus \{0\}, j = 1, \dots, n \right\} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\text{nul}(Q_A - \lambda) = \text{nul}(Q_A + \lambda), \quad \lambda \in \sigma_p(Q_A).$$

## 8 A Simple Perturbation

In this section, we consider a simple perturbation of  $Q_A$  via a perturbation of  $d_A$ . Let

$$g \in D(A) \setminus \{0\}, \quad v \in D(A^*) \setminus \{0\}$$

and

$$d(\alpha) := d_A + \alpha a(g) \otimes b(v)^*.$$

with a constant  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  being a perturbation parameter. It is easy to see that  $d(\alpha)$  is densely defined with  $D(d(\alpha)) \supset \mathcal{D}_A^\infty$  and

$$d(\alpha)^2 = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathcal{D}_A^\infty.$$

Moreover,  $d(\alpha)^*$  is densely defined with  $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty \subset D(d(\alpha)^*)$  and

$$d(\alpha)^* = d_A^* + \alpha^* a(g)^* \otimes b(v) \quad \text{on } \mathcal{D}_A^\infty.$$

Hence  $d(\alpha)$  is closable. We denote the closure of  $d(\alpha) \upharpoonright \mathcal{D}_A^\infty$  by  $\bar{d}(\alpha)$ .

**Lemma 8.1** *For all  $\Psi \in D(\bar{d}(\alpha))$ ,  $\bar{d}(\alpha)\Psi$  is in  $D(\bar{d}(\alpha))$  and*

$$\bar{d}(\alpha)^2\Psi = 0.$$

Using the operator  $\bar{d}(\alpha)$ , one can define a perturbed Dirac operator:

$$Q(\alpha) := \bar{d}(\alpha) + \bar{d}(\alpha)^*.$$

We note that

$$Q(\alpha) = Q_A + V_{g,v}(\alpha) \quad \text{on } \mathcal{D}_A^\infty$$

with

$$V_{g,v}(\alpha) := \alpha a(g) \otimes b(v)^* + \alpha^* a(g)^* \otimes b(v).$$

### 8.1 Self-adjointness of $Q(\alpha)$

Let  $T_{g,v} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be defined by

$$T_{g,v}f := \langle g, f \rangle v, \quad f \in \mathcal{H}.$$

It is obvious that  $T_{g,v}$  is a bounded linear operator (a one-rank operator). Hence

$$A(\alpha) := A + \alpha T_{g,v}$$

is a densely defined closed linear operator with  $D(A(\alpha)) = D(A)$ .



**Remark 8.2** *Perturbations of a linear operator by one-rank or two-rank operators have been studied in various contexts. See, e.g. [12, 13] and references therein.*

**Lemma 8.3** *(a key lemma) For all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , the following operator equality holds:*

$$\bar{d}(\alpha) = d_{A(\alpha)}.$$

**Theorem 8.4**

(i) *For all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $Q(\alpha)$  is self-adjoint and*

$$Q(\alpha) = Q_{A(\alpha)}.$$

(ii) *For all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $Q(\alpha)$  is essentially self-adjoint on  $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty$ .*

(iii) *For all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,*

$$Q(\alpha) = \overline{Q_A + V_{g,v}(\alpha)}.$$

(iv) *The operator  $\Gamma$  leaves  $D(Q(\alpha))$  invariant and*

$$\Gamma Q(\alpha) + Q(\alpha)\Gamma = 0 \quad \text{on } D(Q(\alpha)).$$

(v) *For all  $\Psi \in \mathcal{D}_A^\infty$ , the vector-valued function:  $\alpha \mapsto Q(\alpha)\Psi$  is strongly continuous on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Moreover, for all  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(Q(\alpha) - z)^{-1}$  is strongly continuous in  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ .*

## 8.2 Spectra of $Q(\alpha)$

**Theorem 8.5** *For all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\sigma(Q(\alpha))$  and  $\sigma_p(Q(\alpha))$  are symmetric with respect to the origin and*

$$\sigma(Q(\alpha)) = \{0\} \cup \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j} \mid \lambda_j \in \sigma(A(\alpha)^*A(\alpha)) \setminus \{0\}, j = 1, \dots, n \right\} \right),$$

$$\sigma_p(Q(\alpha)) = \{0\} \cup \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j} \mid \lambda_j \in \sigma_p(A(\alpha)^*A(\alpha)) \setminus \{0\}, j = 1, \dots, n \right\} \right)$$

with

$$\text{nul}(Q(\alpha) - \lambda) = \text{nul}(Q(\alpha) + \lambda), \quad \lambda \in \sigma_p(Q(\alpha)).$$

This theorem shows that the spectrum and the point spectrum of  $Q(\alpha)$  are completely determined from those of  $A(\alpha)^*A(\alpha) \setminus \{0\}$ .

### 8.3 Identification of the domain of $Q(\alpha)$

Recall that  $|A| := (A^*A)^{1/2}$  acting in  $\mathcal{H}$ . It follows that  $A$  is injective if and only if  $|A|$  is injective.

**Theorem 8.6** *Suppose that  $A$  is injective and  $g \in D(|A|^{-1})$ . Then, for all  $|\alpha| < 1/(\|v\| \| |A|^{-1}g \|)$ ,  $Q(\alpha)$  is self-adjoint with  $D(Q(\alpha)) = D(Q_A)$  and*

$$Q(\alpha) = Q_A + V_{g,v}(\alpha).$$

Moreover,  $Q(\alpha)$  is essentially self-adjoint on any core for  $Q_A$ .

*Proof.* The essential part of the proof is to show that  $V_{g,v}(\alpha)$  is  $Q_A$ -bounded with a relative upper bound  $|\alpha| \|v\| \| |A|^{-1}g \|$ . Then one needs only to apply the Kato-Rellich theorem. For more details, see the proof of [10, Theorem 17]. ■

## 9 Kernel of $Q(\alpha)$

We now investigate the kernel of  $Q(\alpha)$ . We need a classification for conditions on  $\{A, g, v\}$ :

(C.1)  $A$  is injective,  $v \in D(A^{-1})$  and  $\langle g, A^{-1}v \rangle \neq 0$ . In this case we introduce a constant

$$\alpha_0 := -\frac{1}{\langle g, A^{-1}v \rangle}. \quad (9.1)$$

(C.2)  $A^*$  is injective,  $g \in D(A^{*-1})$  and  $\langle v, A^{*-1}g \rangle \neq 0$ . In this case we introduce a constant

$$\beta_0 := -\frac{1}{\langle A^{*-1}g, v \rangle}.$$

(C.3) (a)  $A$  is injective and  $v \notin D(A^{-1})$  or (b)  $A$  is injective and  $v \in D(A^{-1})$  with  $\langle g, A^{-1}v \rangle = 0$ .

(C.4) (a)  $A^*$  is injective and  $g \notin D(A^{*-1})$  or (b)  $A^*$  is injective  $g \in D(A^{*-1})$  with  $\langle v, A^{*-1}g \rangle = 0$ .

We first consider the kernel of  $A(\alpha)$  and  $A(\alpha)^*$ .

#### Lemma 9.1

(i) *Suppose that (C.1) holds. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \ker A(\alpha) &= \{0\}, \quad \alpha \neq \alpha_0, \\ \ker A(\alpha_0) &= \{cA^{-1}v | c \in \mathbb{C}\}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Suppose that (C.2) holds. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\ker A(\alpha)^* &= \{0\}, \quad \alpha \neq \beta_0, \\ \ker A(\beta_0)^* &= \{cA^{*-1}g | c \in \mathbb{C}\}.\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Suppose that (C.3) holds. Then, for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\ker A(\alpha) = \{0\}.$$

(iv) Suppose that (C.4) holds. Then, for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\ker A(\alpha)^* = \{0\}.$$

### Theorem 9.2

(i) Assume (C.1). Then

$$\ker Q(\alpha_0) = \bigoplus_{n,p=0}^{\infty} [(\bigotimes_s^n \{zA^{-1}v | z \in \mathbb{C}\}) \otimes \wedge^p(\ker A(\alpha_0)^*)].$$

and hence  $\text{nul } Q(\alpha_0) = \infty$ .

Moreover, for all  $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$ ,

$$\ker Q(\alpha) = \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{C} \otimes \wedge^p(\ker A(\alpha)^*).$$

(ii) Assume (C.2). Then

$$\begin{aligned}\ker Q(\beta_0) &= \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \{[\bigotimes_s^n \ker(A(\beta_0))] \otimes [\mathbb{C} \oplus \text{span}(\{A^{*-1}g\})]\}, \\ \ker Q(\alpha) &= \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} [\bigotimes_s^n \ker A(\alpha) \otimes \mathbb{C}], \quad \alpha \neq \beta_0.\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Assume (C.3). Then, for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\ker Q(\alpha) = \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} [\mathbb{C} \otimes \wedge^p(\ker(A(\alpha)^*))].$$

(iv) Assume (C.4). Then, for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\ker Q(\alpha) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} [\bigotimes_s^n \ker A(\alpha) \otimes \mathbb{C}].$$

### Corollary 9.3

(i) Assume (C.1) and (C.2). Then

$$\begin{aligned}\ker Q(\alpha_0) &= \overline{\text{span} \left( \left\{ a(A^{-1}v)^{*n} \Omega_b \otimes b(A^{*-1}g)^{*j} \Omega_f | n \geq 0, j = 0, 1 \right\} \right)}, \\ \ker Q(\alpha) &= \{c\Omega_b \otimes \Omega_f | c \in \mathbb{C}\}, \quad \alpha \neq \alpha_0.\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Assume (C.1) and (C.4). Then

$$\begin{aligned}\ker Q(\alpha_0) &= \overline{\text{span}(\{a(A^{-1}v)^{*n}\Omega_b \otimes \Omega_f | n \geq 0\})}, \\ \ker Q(\alpha) &= \{c\Omega_b \otimes \Omega_f | c \in \mathbb{C}\}, \quad \alpha \neq \alpha_0.\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Assume (C.2) and (C.3). Then

$$\begin{aligned}\ker Q(\beta_0) &= \text{span}(\{\Omega_b \otimes b(A^{*-1}g)^{*j}\Omega_f | j = 0, 1\}). \\ \ker Q(\alpha) &= \{c\Omega_b \otimes \Omega_f | c \in \mathbb{C}\}, \quad \alpha \neq \beta_0.\end{aligned}$$

(iv) Assume (C.3) and (C.4). Then, for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\ker Q(\alpha) = \{c\Omega_b \otimes \Omega_f | c \in \mathbb{C}\}.$$

## 10 Non-zero Eigenvalues of $Q(\alpha)$

### Hypothesis (A)

- (i)  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{K}$ ;
- (ii)  $A$  is an injective and nonnegative self-adjoint operator;
- (iii)  $g = v \in D(A^{-1})$ .

Under Hypothesis (A), the constant  $\alpha_0$  defined by (9.1) takes the form

$$\alpha_0 = -\frac{1}{\langle v, A^{-1}v \rangle} < 0.$$

**Theorem 10.1** *Let Hypothesis (A) be satisfied and  $\alpha < \alpha_0$  ( $< 0$ ). Then, there exists a unique constant  $x_0(\alpha) < 0$  such that  $\alpha \langle v, (x_0(\alpha) - A)^{-1}v \rangle = 1$  and, for all  $n \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$ ,*

$$\pm\sqrt{n}x_0(\alpha) \in \sigma_p(Q(\alpha)).$$

with eigenvectors

$$\begin{aligned}[Q(\alpha) \pm \sqrt{n}x_0(\alpha)] \{a(\phi_\alpha)^{*n-p}\Omega_b \otimes b(\phi_\alpha)^{*p}\Omega_f\} \\ \in \ker(Q(\alpha) \mp \sqrt{n}x_0(\alpha)) \quad (n \geq p \geq 0),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\phi_\alpha := (x_0(\alpha) - A)^{-1}v.$$

Moreover,  $x_0(\alpha)$ , as a function of  $\alpha < \alpha_0$ , is strictly monotone increasing on  $(-\infty, \alpha_0)$  with  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -\infty} x_0(\alpha) = -\infty$  and  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_0} x_0(\alpha) = 0$ .

Note that Theorem 10.1 holds even if  $Q_A$  has no non-zero eigenvalues. This is an interesting phenomenon. Since the condition  $\alpha < \alpha_0 < 0$  implies that  $|\alpha| > |\alpha_0|$ , the phenomenon may be regarded as a strong coupling effect.

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