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## 1D NONNEGATIVE SCHRÖDINGER OPERATORS WITH POINT INTERACTIONS

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Let  $Y$  be an infinite discrete set of points in  $\mathbb{R}$ , satisfying the condition  $\inf\{|y-y'|, y, y' \in Y, y' \neq y\} > 0$ . In the paper we prove that the systems  $\{\delta(x-y)\}_{y \in Y}$ ,  $\{\delta'(x-y)\}_{y \in Y}$ ,  $\{\delta(x-y), \delta'(x-y)\}_{y \in Y}$  form Riesz bases in the corresponding closed linear spans in the Sobolev spaces  $W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})$ . As an application, we prove the transversalness of the Friedrichs and Kreĭn nonnegative selfadjoint extensions of the nonnegative symmetric operators  $A_0$ ,  $A'$ , and  $H_0$  defined as restrictions of the operator  $A = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ,  $\text{dom}(A) = W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  to the linear manifolds  $\text{dom}(A_0) = \{f \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : f(y) = 0, y \in Y\}$ ,  $\text{dom}(A') = \{g \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : g'(y) = 0, y \in Y\}$ , and  $\text{dom}(H_0) = \{f \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : f(y) = 0, f'(y) = 0, y \in Y\}$ , respectively. Using the divergence forms, the basic nonnegative boundary triplets for  $A_0^*$ ,  $A'^*$ , and  $H_0^*$  are constructed.

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Пусть  $Y$  бесконечное дискретное множество точек в  $\mathbb{R}$ , удовлетворяющее условию  $\inf\{|y-y'|, y, y' \in Y, y' \neq y\} > 0$ . Мы показываем, что системы  $\{\delta(x-y)\}_{y \in Y}$ ,  $\{\delta'(x-y)\}_{y \in Y}$ ,  $\{\delta(x-y), \delta'(x-y)\}_{y \in Y}$  образуют базисы Рисса в соответствующих замкнутых линейных оболочках в пространствах Соболева  $W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$  и  $W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})$ . В приложении мы доказываем трансверсальность неотрицательных самосопряженных расширений Фридриха и Крейна неотрицательных симметрических операторов  $A_0$ ,  $A'$  и  $H_0$ , определенных как сужение оператора  $A = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ,  $\text{dom}(A) = W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  на линейные многообразия  $\text{dom}(A_0) = \{f \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : f(y) = 0, y \in Y\}$ ,  $\text{dom}(A') = \{g \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : g'(y) = 0, y \in Y\}$  и  $\text{dom}(H_0) = \{f \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : f(y) = 0, f'(y) = 0, y \in Y\}$  соответственно. Используя дивергентную форму, построены базисные неотрицательные граничные тройки для  $A_0^*$ ,  $A'^*$  и  $H_0^*$ .

**1. Introduction.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of all integers and let  $\mathbb{Z}_- = \{j \in \mathbb{Z}, j \leq -1\}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \{j \in \mathbb{Z}, j \geq 1\}$ . By  $\mathbb{J}$  we will denote one of the sets  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_-$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ . Let  $Y$  be a finite or infinite monotone sequence of points in  $\mathbb{R}$ . When  $Y$  is infinite we will suppose that

$$\inf\{|y_j - y_k|, j \neq k\} = d > 0. \quad (1)$$

For an infinite  $Y$ , the following three cases are possible

$$Y = \{y_j, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \text{ if } \inf\{Y\} = -\infty \text{ and } \sup\{Y\} = +\infty,$$

$$Y = \{y_j, j \in \mathbb{Z}_-\}, \text{ if } y_{-1} = \sup\{Y\} < +\infty, Y = \{y_j, j \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}, \text{ if } y_1 = \inf\{Y\} > -\infty.$$

Clearly, the notation  $Y = \{y_j, : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  serves all these cases.

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Let  $W_2^{\pm 1}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $W_2^{\pm 2}(\mathbb{R})$  be Sobolev spaces. Define in the Hilbert space  $L_2(\mathbb{R})$  the linear operators

$$\text{dom}(A_0) = \{f \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : f(y) = 0, y \in Y\}, \quad A_0 := -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}, \quad (2)$$

$$\text{dom}(A') = \{g \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : g'(y) = 0, y \in Y\}, \quad A' := -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}, \quad (3)$$

$$\text{dom}(H_0) = \{f \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : f(y) = 0, f'(y) = 0, y \in Y\}, \quad H_0 := -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}. \quad (4)$$

The operators  $A_0$ ,  $A'$ , and  $H_0$  are basic for investigations of Hamiltonians on the real line corresponding to the  $\delta$ ,  $\delta'$  and  $\delta - \delta'$  interactions, respectively ([1]). They are symmetric, densely defined, closed, and nonnegative ([1]), and are restrictions of the selfadjoint and nonnegative operator  $A$  defined by

$$\text{dom}(A) = W_2^2(\mathbb{R}), \quad A = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}. \quad (5)$$

In addition, the operators  $A_0$  and  $A'$  are symmetric extensions of the operator  $H_0$ . The adjoint operators are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dom}(A_0^*) &= W_2^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap W_2^2(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y), \quad A_0^* = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}, \\ \text{dom}(A'^*) &= \{g \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : g'(y+) = g'(y-), y \in Y\}, \quad A'^* = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}, \\ \text{dom}(H_0^*) &= W_2^2(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y), \quad H_0^* = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

It is well known ([1]) that

$$\delta_y = \delta(x - y) \in W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R}) \setminus L_2(\mathbb{R}), \quad (\delta_y)' = \delta'(x - y) \in W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R}) \setminus W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R}), \quad (7)$$

where  $\delta(x - y)$  and  $\delta'(x - y)$  are the delta-function and its derivative.

We have the following chain of Hilbert spaces  $W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) \subset W_2^1(\mathbb{R}) \subset L_2(\mathbb{R}) \subset W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R}) \subset W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})$ . The triplets  $W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) \subset L_2(\mathbb{R}) \subset W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $W_2^1(\mathbb{R}) \subset L_2(\mathbb{R}) \subset W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$  are rigged Hilbert spaces, i.e., the Hilbert space  $W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})$  ( $W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$ , respectively) is the set of all continuous anti-linear functionals on  $W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  (on  $W_2^1(\mathbb{R})$ , respectively, [6]).

Let  $Y = \{y_j \in \mathbb{R}, j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  be a discrete set in  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (1). Define the following subspaces

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \overline{\text{span}}_{W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})} \{\delta'(x - y), y \in Y\} \quad (\text{the closure in } W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})), \\ \Psi_{-1} &= \overline{\text{span}}_{W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R})} \{\delta(x - y), y \in Y\} \quad (\text{the closure in } W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R})), \\ \Psi_{-2} &= \overline{\text{span}}_{W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})} \{\delta(x - y), y \in Y\} \quad (\text{the closure in } W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})), \\ \Omega &= \overline{\text{span}}_{W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})} \{\delta(x - y), \delta'(x - y), y \in Y\} \quad (\text{the closure in } W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R})). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $\Psi_{-1} \subseteq \Psi_{-2}$ . It is known ([1]) that  $\Phi \cap L_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{0\}$ ,  $\Psi_{-2} \cap L_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{0\}$ ,  $\Omega \cap L_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{0\}$ . Therefore, the operators  $A'$ ,  $A_0$ , and  $H_0$  are densely defined and

$$\text{dom}(A') = \{f \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : (f, \varphi) = 0, \varphi \in \Phi\}, \quad (8)$$

$$\text{dom}(A_0) = \{f \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : (f, \psi) = 0, \psi \in \Psi_{-2}\}, \quad (9)$$

$$\text{dom}(H_0) = \{f \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}) : (f, \omega) = 0, \omega \in \Omega\}. \quad (10)$$

In this paper we establish some new connections between the Sobolev spaces  $W_2^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  and the Hilbert space  $\ell_2$ . Using these connections we prove that

- $\Psi_{-1} = \Psi_{-2}$ ;
- the systems  $\{\delta(x - y_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$ ,  $\{\delta'(x - y_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$ ,  $\{\delta(x - y_j), \delta'(x - y_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  form the Riesz bases of the subspaces  $\Psi_{-2}$ ,  $\Phi$ , and  $\Omega$ , respectively;
- the Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions of  $A'$ ,  $A_0$ , and  $H_0$  are mutually transversal.

Finally, we construct *basic positive boundary triplets* ([2], [3]) for  $A^*$ ,  $A_0^*$ , and  $H_0^*$  and give descriptions of all nonnegative selfadjoint extensions.

**2. The Sobolev spaces  $W_2^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  and the Hilbert space  $\ell_2$ .** In this Section we establish some connections between the Hilbert spaces  $W_2^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  and the Hilbert space  $\ell_2(\mathbb{J})$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Suppose  $Y$  is infinite and (1) holds. Then*

- 1) *If  $g \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  then the sequences  $\{g(y_j), y_j \in Y\}$  and  $\{g'(y_j), y_j \in Y\}$  belong to  $\ell_2(\mathbb{J})$ . Moreover, there exists a positive constants  $c$  such that*

$$\|\{g(y_j)\}\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})} \leq c \|g\|_{W_2^2(\mathbb{R})}, \quad \|\{g'(y_j)\}\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})} \leq c \|g\|_{W_2^2(\mathbb{R})}, \quad \forall g \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R}).$$

- 2) *If  $\{a_j, j \in \mathbb{J}\}$ ,  $\{b_j, j \in \mathbb{J}\} \in \ell_2(\mathbb{J})$  then there exists a function  $g \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $g(y_j) = a_j$ ,  $g'(y_j) = b_j$ ,  $\forall j \in \mathbb{J}$ .*

*Proof.* 1) Let  $g \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$ . One can verify that the equalities

$$g(y_j) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-|x-y_j|} (g(x) - \text{sgn}(x-y_j)g'(x)) dx, \quad g'(y_j) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-|x-y_j|} (g'(x) - \text{sgn}(x-y_j)g''(x)) dx$$

hold. Further

$$|g(y_j)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \left( \int_{y_{n-1}}^{y_n} e^{-2|x-y_j|} dx \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{y_{n-1}}^{y_n} |g(x) - \text{sgn}(x-y_j)g'(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} M_{jn} h_n,$$

where  $\{h_n, n \in \mathbb{J}\} \in \ell_2(\mathbb{J})$  because

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} h_n^2 &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \int_{y_{n-1}}^{y_n} |g(x) - \text{sgn}(x-y_j)g'(x)|^2 dx \leq \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \int_{y_{n-1}}^{y_n} (|g(x)|^2 + |g'(x)|^2) dx \leq 2 \|g\|_{W_2^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 < \infty, \\ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} M_{jn} &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \left( \int_{y_{n-1}}^{y_n} e^{-2|x-y_j|} dx \right)^{1/2} \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} e^{-|y_n-y_j|}, \quad n \leq j, \\ e^{-|y_{n-1}-y_j|}, \quad n \geq j+1, \end{array} \right\} \leq \\ &\leq \sqrt{2} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-|m|d} = \sqrt{2} \frac{e^d + 1}{e^d - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $M$  be the linear operator in  $\ell_2(\mathbb{J})$  given by the matrix  $\|M_{jn}\|_{j,n \in \mathbb{J}}$ . Then the Holmgren bound of  $M$  ([1, Appendix C]) satisfies

$$\|M\|_H = \left( \sup_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} |M_{jn}| \right)^{1/2} \left( \sup_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |M_{jn}| \right)^{1/2} \leq \sqrt{2} \frac{e^d + 1}{e^d - 1} < \infty.$$

It follows that  $M$  is bounded in  $\ell_2(\mathbb{J})$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |g(y_j)|^2 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} M_{jn} h_n \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \|Mh\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \|M\|_H^2 \|g\|_{W_2^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^d + 1}{e^d - 1} \right)^2 \|g\|_{W_2^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 = c_1^2 \|g\|_{W_2^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Similarly  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |g'(y_j)|^2 \leq c_2^2 \|g\|_{W_2^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 < \infty$ . So,  $\{g(y_j), y_j \in Y\}, \{g'(y_j), y_j \in Y\} \in \ell_2(\mathbb{J})$ .

2) Let

$$f_\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} e \cdot \exp\left(\frac{\alpha^2}{t^2 - \alpha^2}\right) \frac{-\alpha^2(a+bt)}{t^2 - \alpha^2}, & |t| \leq \alpha; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $f_\alpha(t) \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $f_\alpha(0) = a$ . Further

$$f'_\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} e \cdot \exp\left(\frac{\alpha^2}{t^2 - \alpha^2}\right) \frac{\alpha^2}{(t^2 - \alpha^2)^3} (bt^4 + 2at^3 + 2b\alpha^2 t^2 + b\alpha^4), & |t| \leq \alpha; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and  $f'_\alpha(0) = b$ .

$$f''_\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} e \cdot \exp\left(\frac{\alpha^2}{t^2 - \alpha^2}\right) \frac{\alpha^2(-2bt^7 - 6at^6 - 12b\alpha^2 t^5 - 4a\alpha^2 t^4 - 2b\alpha^4 t^3 + 6a\alpha^4 t^2 + 8b\alpha^6 t)}{(t^2 - \alpha^2)^5}, & |t| \leq \alpha; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $\{a_k, k \in \mathbb{J}\}, \{b_k, k \in \mathbb{J}\} \in \ell_2(\mathbb{J})$ ,

$$g_k(x) = f_{d/2}(x - y_k) = \begin{cases} e \cdot \exp\left(\frac{(d/2)^2}{(x - y_k)^2 - (d/2)^2}\right) \frac{-(d/2)^2(a_k + b_k(x - y_k))}{(x - y_k)^2 - (d/2)^2}, & |x - y_k| \leq d/2; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and  $g(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{J}} g_k(x)$ , then  $g(y_k) = a_k, g'(y_k) = b_k$ . Now we show that the function  $g(x)$  belongs to  $W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |g(x)|^2 dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{J}} |g_k(x)|^2 dx \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{J}} \int_{y_k - d/2}^{y_k + d/2} e^2 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2(d/2)^2}{(x - y_k)^2 - (d/2)^2}\right) \frac{(d/2)^4 |a_k + b_k(x - y_k)|^2}{((x - y_k)^2 - (d/2)^2)^2} dx = \\ &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{J}} e^2 (d/2)^4 \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \exp\left(\frac{2(d/2)^2}{t^2 - (d/2)^2}\right) \frac{|a_k + b_k t|^2}{(t^2 - (d/2)^2)^2} dt \leq \\ &\leq 2e^2 (d/2)^4 \sum_{k \in \mathbb{J}} \left[ |a_k|^2 \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \exp\left(\frac{2(d/2)^2}{t^2 - (d/2)^2}\right) \frac{dt}{(t^2 - (d/2)^2)^2} + \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$+ |b_k|^2 \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \exp\left(\frac{2(d/2)^2}{t^2 - (d/2)^2}\right) \frac{t^2 dt}{(t^2 - (d/2)^2)^2} \Big].$$

Set

$$I_1 = \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \exp\left(\frac{2(d/2)^2}{t^2 - (d/2)^2}\right) \frac{dt}{(t^2 - (d/2)^2)^2}, \quad I_2 = \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \exp\left(\frac{2(d/2)^2}{t^2 - (d/2)^2}\right) \frac{t^2 dt}{(t^2 - (d/2)^2)^2},$$

then we obtain  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |g(x)|^2 dx \leq 2e^2(d/2)^4 \left( \|a\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 I_1 + \|b\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 I_2 \right) < \infty$ . Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |g'(x)|^2 dx &\leq e^2(d/2)^4 \left( \|a\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 P_1 + \|b\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 P_2 \right) < \infty, \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}} |g''(x)|^2 dx &\leq e^2(d/2)^4 \left( \|a\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 S_1 + \|b\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 S_2 \right) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $g(x) \in W_2^2(\mathbb{R})$ . □

**Corollary 1.** *If  $f \in W_2^1(\mathbb{R})$  then the sequence  $\{f(y_j), y_j \in Y\}$  belongs to  $\ell_2(\mathbb{J})$ .*

*Proof.* Due to inequality (11) we have

$$\|\{f(y_j), y_j \in Y\}\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 \leq \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^d + 1}{e^d - 1} \right)^2 \|f\|_{W_2^1(\mathbb{R})}^2 < \infty. \quad \square$$

**Proposition 2.** *If  $f \in W_2^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y)$  then the sequence  $\{f(y_j+) - f(y_j-), y_j \in Y\}$  belongs to  $\ell_2(\mathbb{J})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g(x)$  from  $W_2^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y)$  be real, then the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} g^2(y_j-) - g^2(y_{j-1}+)e^{-(y_j-y_{j-1})} &= \int_{y_{j-1}+}^{y_j-} e^{-|x-y_j|} (g^2(x) + 2g(x)g'(x)) dx, \\ g^2(y_{j-1}+) - g^2(y_j-)e^{-(y_j-y_{j-1})} &= \int_{y_{j-1}+}^{y_j-} e^{-|x-y_{j-1}|} (g^2(x) - 2g(x)g'(x)) dx \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

hold. From (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &(g^2(y_j-) + g^2(y_{j-1}+))(1 - e^{-(y_j-y_{j-1})}) = \\ &= \int_{y_{j-1}+}^{y_j-} [g^2(x)(e^{-|x-y_j|} + e^{-|x-y_{j-1}|}) + 2g(x)g'(x)(e^{-|x-y_j|} - e^{-|x-y_{j-1}|})] dx \leq \\ &\leq \int_{y_{j-1}+}^{y_j-} [2g^2(x) + 4|g(x)g'(x)|] dx \leq \int_{y_{j-1}+}^{y_j-} [4g^2(x) + 2g'^2(x)] dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $1 - e^{-(y_j-y_{j-1})} \geq 1 - e^{-d}$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} (g^2(y_j-) + g^2(y_{j-1}+))(1 - e^{-d}) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus Y} [4g^2(x) + 2g'^2(x)] dx,$$

and hence

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} (g^2(y_{j-}) + g^2(y_{j+})) < \infty. \quad (13)$$

Consider  $f(x) = f_R(x) + if_I(x)$  from  $W_2^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y)$ , then for  $f_R(x)$  and  $f_I(x)$  inequality (13) holds and hence  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} (|f(y_{j-})|^2 + |f(y_{j+})|^2) < \infty$ .

Since  $|f(y_{j+}) - f(y_{j-})|^2 \leq 2(|f(y_{j-})|^2 + |f(y_{j+})|^2)$ , we obtain that  $\{f(y_{j+}) - f(y_{j-}), j \in \mathbb{J}\} \in \ell_2(\mathbb{J})$ .  $\square$

**3.1. Applications.** Let  $A$  be an unbounded self-adjoint operator in a Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $H_{+2} \subset H_{+1} \subset H \subset H_{-1} \subset H_{-2}$  be the chain of rigged Hilbert spaces ([6]) constructed by means of  $A$ :  $H_{+2} = \text{dom}(A)$ ,  $H_{+1} = \text{dom}(|A|^{1/2})$  with norms  $\|f\|_k = (|A|^{k/2}f\|^2 + \|f\|^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2\}$ . The “negative” Hilbert spaces  $H_{-k}$  ( $k \in \{1, 2\}$ ) are the completion of  $H$  with respect to the norms

$$\|f\|_{-k} = \sup_{g \in H_k, \|g\|_k=1} |(f, g)|.$$

The operator  $A$  has an extension  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{L}(H_k, H_{k-2})$ ,  $k \in \{0, 1\}$  ( $H_0 := H$ ) and  $|\mathbf{A}|^{1/2} \in \mathcal{L}(H_k, H_{k-1})$ ,  $k \in \{-1, 0\}$  is an extension of  $|A|^{1/2}$ . The resolvent  $\mathbf{R}_z = (A - zI)^{-1}$ ,  $z \in \rho(A)$  has an extension  $\mathbf{R}_z = (\mathbf{A} - zI)^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(H_{-k}, H_{-k+2})$ ,  $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Let  $\Phi$  be a subspace in  $H_{-2}$  such that

$$\Phi \cap H = \{0\}, \quad (14)$$

then the operator  $A'$  defined by

$$\text{dom}(A') = \left\{ f \in H_{+2}: (f, \varphi) = 0 \text{ for all } \varphi \in \Phi \right\}, \quad A' = A \upharpoonright \text{dom}(A') \quad (15)$$

is a closed, densely defined symmetric operator with the defect numbers equal to  $\dim \Phi$ . For the defect subspace  $\mathfrak{N}_z(A') = \ker(A'^* - zI)$  the formula  $\mathfrak{N}_z(A') = \mathbf{R}_z \Phi$  holds.

Suppose that  $A$  is a nonnegative operator. Then as it is well known,  $A$  is the Friedrichs extension of  $A'$  if and only if  $\Phi \cap H_{-1} = \{0\}$ .

The operator  $A$  given by (5) is nonnegative and self-adjoint in  $H = L_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Set for convenience

$$H_{+2} = \text{dom}(A) = W_2^2(\mathbb{R}), \quad H_{+1} = \text{dom}(A^{1/2}) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R}), \quad H_{-1} = W_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R}), \quad H_{-2} = W_2^{-2}(\mathbb{R}).$$

As mentioned above, (see (7)) one has  $\delta_y = \delta(x - y) \in H_{-1} \setminus H$ ,  $(\delta_y)' = \delta'(x - y) \in H_{-2} \setminus H_{-1}$ . Let  $Y = \{y_j \in \mathbb{R}, j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  be a discrete set in  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (1).

The defect subspaces of  $A'$ ,  $A_0$ , and  $H_0$  are given by (see [1])

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{N}_\lambda(A') &= \overline{\text{span}} \left\{ \text{sgn}(x - y_j) \exp(i\sqrt{\lambda}|x - y_j|), j \in \mathbb{J} \right\}, \\ \mathfrak{N}_\lambda(A_0) &= \overline{\text{span}} \{ \exp(i\sqrt{\lambda}|x - y_j|), j \in \mathbb{J} \}, \\ \mathfrak{N}_\lambda(H_0) &= \overline{\text{span}} \{ \exp(i\sqrt{\lambda}|x - y_j|), \text{sgn}(x - y_j) \exp(i\sqrt{\lambda}|x - y_j|), j \in \mathbb{J} \}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

**3.2. Riesz bases.** Recall [8] that a countable set of vectors  $\{g_j\}$  forms a *Riesz basis* in a separable Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{H}$  if  $\overline{\text{span}}\{g_j\} = \mathfrak{H}$  and there exist two positive numbers  $a_1$  and  $a_2$

such that for each positive integer  $n$  and each collection of complex numbers  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$  one has

$$a_2 \sum_{j=1}^n |c_j|^2 \leq \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n c_j g_j \right\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2 \leq a_1 \sum_{j=1}^n |c_j|^2.$$

Since  $\{e_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  forms a Riesz basis  $\mathfrak{H}$ , every  $f \in \mathfrak{H}$  has an expansion  $f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} c_j e_j$  with  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |c_j|^2 < \infty$ , and conversely, if  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |c_j|^2 < \infty$  then the series  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} c_j e_j$  converges in  $\mathfrak{H}$ .

**Proposition 3.** *The systems  $\{\delta(x - y_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$ ,  $\{\delta'(x - y_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  and  $\{\delta(x - y_j), \delta'(x - y_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  form Riesz bases of the subspaces  $\Psi_{-2}$ ,  $\Phi$  and  $\Omega$ , respectively.*

*Proof.* We will show that  $\{\delta(x - y_j), \delta'(x - y_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  is a Riesz basis of the subspace  $\Omega$ .

Let  $f = \sum_j a_j \delta(x - y_j) + b_j \delta'(x - y_j) \in \Omega$ , where  $\{a_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}, \{b_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \in \ell_2(\mathbb{J})$ , then using the first statement of Propositions (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sum_j a_j \delta(x - y_j) + b_j \delta'(x - y_j) \right\|_{H_{-2}}^2 = \sup_{g \in H_{+2}, \|g\|_{H_{+2}}=1} |(f, g)|^2 = \\ & = \sup_{g \in H_{+2}, \|g\|_{H_{+2}}=1} \left| \sum_j a_j g(y_j) + b_j g'(y_j) \right|^2 \leq \\ & \leq 2 \left( \sup_{g \in H_{+2}, \|g\|_{H_{+2}}=1} \sum_j |a_j|^2 \sum_j |g(y_j)|^2 + \sup_{g \in H_{+2}, \|g\|_{H_{+2}}=1} \sum_j |b_j|^2 \sum_j |g'(y_j)|^2 \right) = \\ & = C_1 \|a\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 + C_2 \|b\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})}^2 < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using the second statement of Proposition (1) we have

$$\sup_{g \in H_{+2}, \|g\|_{H_{+2}}=1} \left| \sum_j a_j g(y_j) + b_j g'(y_j) \right|^2 \geq \left| \sum_j a_j \frac{\bar{a}_j}{\|a\|} + b_j \frac{\bar{b}_j}{\|b\|} \right|^2 = (\|a\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})} + \|b\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{J})})^2.$$

Therefore, the system  $\{\delta(x - y_j), \delta'(x - y_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  forms a Riesz basis of the subspace  $\Omega$ .

The other statements can be proved similarly.  $\square$

**3.3. Transversalness of the Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions.** Let  $H$  be a separable Hilbert space and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a densely defined closed symmetric and nonnegative operator. Denote by  $\mathcal{A}^*$  the adjoint to  $\mathcal{A}$ , by  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  a nonnegative selfadjoint extension of  $\mathcal{A}$ . It is well known ([1]) that the operator  $\mathcal{A}$  admits at least one nonnegative self-adjoint extension  $\mathcal{A}_F$  called the *Friedrichs extension*, which is defined as follows. Denote by  $\mathcal{A}[\cdot, \cdot]$  the closure of the sesquilinear form (see [10])

$$\mathcal{A}[f, g] = (\mathcal{A}f, g), \quad f, g \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}),$$

and let  $\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}]$  be the domain of this closure. According to the first representation theorem ([10]) there exists a nonnegative self-adjoint operator  $\mathcal{A}_F$  associated with  $\mathcal{A}[\cdot, \cdot]$ , i.e.,  $(\mathcal{A}_F h, \psi) = \mathcal{A}[h, \psi]$ ,  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}]$ ,  $h \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}_F)$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{A}_F \subset \mathcal{A}^*$ , where  $\mathcal{A}^*$  is the adjoint operator to  $\mathcal{A}$ . It follows that  $\text{dom}(\mathcal{A}_F) = \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}] \cap \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}^*)$ . By the second representation theorem, the equalities  $\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}] = \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}_F^{1/2})$  and  $\mathcal{A}[\phi, \psi] = (\mathcal{A}_F^{1/2} \phi, \mathcal{A}_F^{1/2} \psi)$ ,  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}]$  hold.

M. G. Kreĭn in [14] discovered one more nonnegative self-adjoint extension of  $\mathcal{A}$  having extremal property to be minimal (in the sense of the corresponding quadratic forms) among others nonnegative self-adjoint extensions of  $\mathcal{A}$ . This extension we will denote by  $\mathcal{A}_K$  and call it the *Kreĭn extension* of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Recall that two selfadjoint extensions  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2$  of a symmetric operator  $\mathcal{A}$  are called disjoint if  $\text{dom}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1) \cap \text{dom}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2) = \text{dom}(\mathcal{A})$  and *transversal* if  $\text{dom}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1) + \text{dom}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2) = \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}^*)$ . We need the following statement ([4], [16]).

**Proposition 4.** *The Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions  $\mathcal{A}_F$  and  $\mathcal{A}_K$  are transversal if  $\mathfrak{N}_z \subset \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}_K^{1/2})$  at least for one (hence for all)  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ .*

In what follows we will consider our operators (2)–(4) in the  $p$ -representation by means of the Fourier transform

$$\hat{f}(p) = (\mathcal{F}f)(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) e^{-ipx} dx.$$

Note that

$$(\mathcal{F}\delta_y)(p) = \hat{\delta}_y(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-ipy}, \quad (\mathcal{F}\delta'_y)(p) = \hat{\delta}'_y(p) = \frac{ipe^{-ipy}}{\sqrt{2\pi}},$$

and the Fourier transformation  $\mathcal{F}$  is a unitary operator from  $L_2(\mathbb{R}, dx)$  onto  $L_2(\mathbb{R}, dp)$ . In addition

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dom}(\hat{A}) &= \hat{H}_{+2} = \left\{ \hat{f} \in L_2(\mathbb{R}, dp) : \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\hat{f}(p)|^2 (p^4 + 1) dp < \infty \right\}, \quad (\hat{A}\hat{f})(p) = p^2 \hat{f}(p), \\ \text{dom}(\hat{A}^{1/2}) &= \hat{H}_{+1} = \left\{ \hat{f} \in L_2(\mathbb{R}, dp) : \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\hat{f}(p)|^2 (p^2 + 1) dp < \infty \right\}, \quad (\hat{A}^{1/2}\hat{f})(p) = |p| \hat{f}(p). \\ \text{dom}(\hat{A}') &= \left\{ \hat{f} \in \hat{H}_{+2} : \int_{\mathbb{R}} p e^{ipy_j} \hat{f}(p) dp = 0, \quad j \in \mathbb{J} \right\}, \quad (\hat{A}'\hat{f})(p) = p^2 \hat{f}(p) \\ \text{dom}(\hat{A}_0) &= \left\{ \hat{f} \in \hat{H}_{+2} : \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ipy_j} \hat{f}(p) dp = 0, \quad j \in \mathbb{J} \right\}, \quad (\hat{A}_0\hat{f})(p) = p^2 \hat{f}(p), \\ \text{dom}(\hat{H}_0) &= \left\{ \hat{f} \in \hat{H}_{+2} : \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ipy_j} \hat{f}(p) dp = 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} p e^{ipy_j} \hat{f}(p) dp = 0 \quad j \in \mathbb{J} \right\}, \quad (\hat{H}_0\hat{f})(p) = p^2 \hat{f}(p). \end{aligned}$$

The pairs of operators  $\langle \hat{A}, A \rangle$ ,  $\langle \hat{A}', A' \rangle$ ,  $\langle \hat{A}_0, A_0 \rangle$ , and  $\langle \hat{H}_0, H_0 \rangle$  are unitary equivalent since  $\mathcal{F}A = \hat{A}\mathcal{F}$ . Clearly,  $\hat{H}_{+2} = \mathcal{F}H_{+2}$ ,  $\hat{H}_{+1} = \mathcal{F}H_{+1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{-1} &= \mathcal{F}H_{-1} = \left\{ \hat{f}(p) : \frac{\hat{f}(p)}{p^2 + 1} \in \hat{H}_{+1} \right\}, \quad \|\hat{f}(p)\|_{\hat{H}_{-1}}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\hat{f}(p)|^2}{p^2 + 1} dp, \\ \hat{H}_{-2} &= \mathcal{F}H_{-2} = \left\{ \hat{f}(p) : \frac{\hat{f}(p)}{p^4 + 1} \in \hat{H}_{+2} \right\}, \quad \|\hat{f}(p)\|_{\hat{H}_{-2}}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\hat{f}(p)|^2}{p^4 + 1} dp, \\ \hat{\mathbf{A}}\hat{f} &= p^2 \hat{f}(p), \quad \hat{\mathbf{A}} : \hat{H}_{+1} \rightarrow \hat{H}_{-1}, \quad L_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \hat{H}_{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\hat{\Phi} = \mathcal{F}\Phi$ ,  $\hat{\Psi}_{-1} = \mathcal{F}\Psi_{-1}$ ,  $\hat{\Psi}_{-2} = \mathcal{F}\Psi_{-2}$ ,  $\hat{\Omega} = \mathcal{F}\Omega$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Phi} &= \overline{\text{span}}_{\hat{H}_{-2}} \{ p e^{-ipy_j}, \quad j \in \mathbb{J} \}, \quad \hat{\Psi}_{-2} = \overline{\text{span}}_{\hat{H}_{-2}} \{ e^{-ipy_j}, \quad j \in \mathbb{J} \}, \\ \hat{\Psi}_{-1} &= \overline{\text{span}}_{\hat{H}_{-1}} \{ e^{-ipy_j}, \quad j \in \mathbb{J} \}, \quad \hat{\Omega} = \overline{\text{span}}_{\hat{H}_{-2}} \{ e^{-ipy_j}, p e^{-ipy_j}, \quad j \in \mathbb{J} \}. \end{aligned}$$



**Theorem 1.** *The equality  $\Psi_{-2} = \Psi_{-1}$  holds.*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \Psi_{-2}$ , then  $f = \sum_k c_k \delta(x - y_k)$ ,  $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{J}} |c_k|^2 < \infty$ . Using Corollary (1) we have

$$\|f\|_{H_{-1}}^2 = \sup_{g \in H_1, \|g\|_1=1} |(f, g)|^2 = \sup_{g \in H_1, \|g\|_1=1} \left| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{J}} c_k g(y_k) \right|^2 \leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{J}} |c_k|^2 \sup_{g \in H_1, \|g\|_1=1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{J}} |g(y_k)|^2 < \infty.$$

Therefore,  $\Psi_{-2} \subset H_{-1}$  and  $\Psi_{-2} = \Psi_{-1}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *The systems  $\{e^{-ipy_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$ ,  $\{pe^{-ipy_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  and  $\{\frac{e^{-ipy_j}}{p^2+1}\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$ ,  $\{\frac{pe^{-ipy_j}}{p^2+1}\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  form Riesz bases of the subspaces  $\widehat{\Psi}_{-1}$ ,  $\widehat{\Phi}$  and  $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{A}_0)$ ,  $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{A}')$ , respectively.*

*Proof.* Since the operator  $\mathcal{F}$  unitarily maps  $H_{-2}$  onto  $\widehat{H}_{-2}$ , by Proposition 3, the systems  $\{e^{-ipy_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  and  $\{pe^{-ipy_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  form Riesz bases of  $\widehat{\Psi}_{-1}$  and  $\widehat{\Phi}$ , respectively. Let  $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{A}') = \ker(\widehat{A}' + I)$ ,  $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{A}_0) = \ker(\widehat{A}_0 + I)$ . Then  $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{A}') = (\widehat{A} + I)^{-1} \widehat{\Phi}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{A}_0) = (\widehat{A} + I)^{-1} \widehat{\Psi}_{-1}$ , and  $\{\frac{pe^{-ipy_j}}{p^2+1}\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  is a Riesz basis of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{A}') \subset H$ ,  $\{\frac{e^{-ipy_j}}{p^2+1}\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  is a Riesz basis of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{A}_0) \subset \widehat{H}_{+1}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *The equality  $\Phi \cap H_{-1} = \{0\}$  holds.*

*Proof.* Let  $g \in \widehat{\Phi}$ , then  $g(p) = \sum_k c_k p e^{-ipy_k}$ , but by Corollary (2)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{p^2+1} |\sum_k c_k p e^{-ipy_k}|^2 dp = \infty$ , hence  $g$  does not belong to  $\widehat{H}_{-1}$ , i.e.  $\widehat{\Phi} \cap \widehat{H}_{-1} = \{0\}$  and  $\Phi \cap H_{-1} = \{0\}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** *The Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions of the operators  $H_0$ ,  $A'$ ,  $A_0$  are transversal.*

*Proof.* Let  $u \in \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{H}_0)$ , then  $u(p) = \sum_k a_k \frac{e^{-ipy_k}}{p^2+1} + b_k \frac{pe^{-ipy_k}}{p^2+1}$ . Using Corollary (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{f \in \text{dom}(\widehat{H}_0)} \frac{|(\widehat{H}_0 f, u)|^2}{|(\widehat{H}_0 f, f)|^2} &= \sup_{f \in \text{dom}(\widehat{H}_0)} \frac{\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} p^2 f(p) \overline{u(p)} dp \right|^2}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} p^2 |f(p)|^2 dp} \leq \sup_{f \in \text{dom}(\widehat{H}_0)} \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} p^4 |f(p)|^2 dp \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u(p)|^2 dp}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} p^2 |f(p)|^2 dp} \leq \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \left| \sum_k \frac{a_k e^{-ipy_k}}{p^2+1} \right|^2 + \left| \sum_k \frac{b_k p e^{-ipy_k}}{p^2+1} \right|^2 \right) dp < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{-1}(\widehat{H}_0) \subset \text{dom}(\widehat{H}_{0K}^{1/2})$ . Therefore, due to Proposition 4 the extensions  $\widehat{H}_{0F}$  and  $\widehat{H}_{0K}$  as well as  $H_{0F}$  and  $H_{0K}$  are transversal.

Transversalness of the Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions of the operators  $A'$  and  $A_0$  can be proved similarly.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.** *The operator  $A$  is the Friedrichs extension of the operator  $A'$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\Phi \cap H_{-1} = \{0\}$ , we get that  $A'_F = A$ .  $\square$

**3.4. Basic boundary triplets for operators  $A_0^*$ ,  $A'^*$  and  $H_0^*$ .** Let  $S$  be a closed densely defined symmetric operator with equal defect numbers in  $\mathfrak{H}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be some Hilbert space,  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  be linear mappings of  $\text{dom}(S^*)$  into  $\mathcal{H}$ . A triplet  $\Pi = \{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma_0, \Gamma_1\}$  is called a *boundary triplet for adjoint operator  $S^*$*  ([7], [11], [9]), if

$$(S^* x, y) - (x, S^* y) = (\Gamma_1 x, \Gamma_0 y)_{\mathcal{H}} - (\Gamma_0 x, \Gamma_1 y)_{\mathcal{H}} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \text{dom}(S^*), \quad (16)$$

and a mapping  $\Gamma: x \mapsto \{\Gamma_0 x, \Gamma_1 x\}$ ,  $x \in \text{dom}(S^*)$  is a surjection of  $\text{dom}(S^*)$  onto  $\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H}$ .

Let  $S$  be a densely defined and nonnegative operator. Suppose that the Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions of  $S$  are transversal. The boundary triplet  $\Pi = \{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma_0, \Gamma_1\}$  for  $S^*$  is called *basic* ([2], [3] rigid for positive definite  $S$  [17]) if  $\ker(\Gamma_0) = \text{dom}(S_F)$ ,  $\ker(\Gamma_1) = \text{dom}(S_K)$ . A basic boundary triplet is positive [2] and (see [3])  $S_K[x, y] = (S^*x, y) - (\Gamma_1 x, \Gamma_0 y)_{\mathcal{H}}$ ,  $x, y \in \text{dom}(S^*)$ .

**Proposition 5** ([2]). *Let  $S$  be a densely defined and nonnegative operator with transversal Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions and let  $\Pi = \{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma_0, \Gamma_1\}$  be a basic boundary triplet for  $S^*$ . Then the mapping*

$$\Theta \mapsto S_{\Theta} := S^* \upharpoonright \Gamma^{-1}\Theta = S^* \upharpoonright \{f \in \text{dom}(S^*) : (\Gamma_0 f, \Gamma_1 f) \in \Theta\} \quad (17)$$

*establishes a bijective correspondence between the set of all selfadjoint nonnegative linear relations  $\Theta$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and the set of all nonnegative selfadjoint extensions of  $S_{\Theta} \subseteq S^*$  of  $S$ .*

Assume that

(A)  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are two closed densely defined operators in the Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{H}$  taking values in a Hilbert space  $H$  and such that  $L_1 \subset L_2$ .

**Theorem 3** ([5]). *Let condition (A) be fulfilled. If the operator  $\mathcal{A} = L_2^* L_1$  is densely defined and  $\mathcal{A}^* = L_1^* L_2$ , then*

- 1) the operator  $\mathcal{A}_F = L_1^* L_1$  is the Friedrichs extension of  $\mathcal{A}$ ;
- 2) the Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions of  $\mathcal{A}$  are transversal;
- 3) the operator

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dom } \mathcal{A}_K &= \{f \in \text{dom}(L_2) : P_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)} L_2 f \in \text{dom}(L_2^*)\}, \\ \mathcal{A}_K f &= L_2^* P_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)} L_2 f = L_1^* L_2 f, \quad f \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}_K) \end{aligned}$$

*is the Kreĭn extension of  $\mathcal{A}$  and*

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}_K] = \text{dom}(L_2), \quad \mathcal{A}_K[u, v] = (P_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)} L_2 u, P_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)} L_2 v), \quad u, v \in \text{dom}(L_2).$$

The operator  $\mathcal{A} = L_2^* L_1$  called an *operator in the divergence form*.

According to V. E. Lyantse and O. G. Storozh ([15]) a pair  $\{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma\}$  is called a *boundary pair* for  $L_1 \subset L_2$ , if  $\mathcal{H}$  is a Hilbert space,  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{L}(\text{dom}(L_2), \mathcal{H})$  and  $\ker(\Gamma) = \text{dom}(L_1)$ ,  $\text{ran}(\Gamma) = \mathcal{H}$ . Let  $\{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma\}$  be a boundary pair for  $L_1 \subset L_2$ . Then there exists a linear operator  $G \in \mathcal{L}(\text{dom}(L_1^*), \mathcal{H})$  such that  $\{\mathcal{H}, G\}$  is a boundary pair for  $L_2^* \subset L_1^*$  and the Green identity

$$(L_1^* f, u)_H - (f, L_2 u)_{\mathfrak{H}} = (Gf, \Gamma u)_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad f \in \text{dom}(L_1^*), \quad u \in \text{dom}(L_2) \quad (18)$$

holds. The set  $\{\mathcal{H}, G, \Gamma\}$  is called the *boundary triplet for a pair of the operators  $L_1 \subset L_2$* .

**Theorem 4.** *Let condition (A) be fulfilled and let  $\{\mathcal{H}, G, \Gamma\}$  be a boundary triplet for  $L_1 \subset L_2$ . If the operator  $\mathcal{A} = L_2^* L_1$  is densely defined and  $\mathcal{A}^* = L_1^* L_2$ , then*

1. the triplet  $\Pi = \{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma, GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)} L_2\}$  is a basic for  $\mathcal{A}^*$ ;
2. the mapping

$$\Theta \mapsto \mathcal{A}_{\Theta} := \mathcal{A}^* \upharpoonright \Gamma^{-1}\Theta = \mathcal{A}^* \upharpoonright \{f \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}^*) : (\Gamma f, GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)} L_2 f) \in \Theta\} \quad (19)$$

*establishes a bijective correspondence between all nonnegative selfadjoint extensions of the operator  $\mathcal{A}$  and all nonnegative selfadjoint linear relations  $\Theta$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3, the Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions of  $\mathcal{A}$  are transversal,  $\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}_K] = \text{dom}(L_2)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}_F] = \text{dom}(L_1)$ . Hence,  $\{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma\}$  is a boundary pair for  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $x \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}^*) = \text{dom}(L_1^*L_2)$  and  $y \in \text{dom}(L_2)$ . Then  $P_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)}L_2x = L_2x - P_{\ker(L_1^*)}L_2x \in \text{dom}(L_1^*)$ . Using Theorem 3 and (18) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_K[x, y] &= (P_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)}L_2x, L_2u)_H = (L_1^*P_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)}L_2x, y)_{\mathfrak{H}} - (GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)}L_2x, \Gamma y)_{\mathcal{H}} = \\ &= (L_1^*L_2x, y)_{\mathfrak{H}} - (GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)}L_2x, \Gamma y)_{\mathcal{H}} = (\mathcal{A}^*x, y)_{\mathfrak{H}} - (GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)}L_2x, \Gamma y)_{\mathcal{H}}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for  $x, y \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}^*)$  taking into account that the form  $\mathcal{A}_K[x, y]$  is Hermitian, we have  $(\mathcal{A}^*x, y) - (x, \mathcal{A}^*y) = (GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)}L_2x, \Gamma y)_{\mathcal{H}} - (\Gamma x, GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)}L_2y)_{\mathcal{H}}$ . Thus, the triplet  $\Pi = \{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma, GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(L_1)}L_2\}$  is basic for  $S^*$ . From Proposition 5 we get that statement (2) holds true.  $\square$

Consider in  $L_2(\mathbb{R})$  the following operators

$$\text{dom}(\mathcal{L}_0) = \{f \in W_2^1(\mathbb{R}) : f(y) = 0, y \in Y\}, \quad \mathcal{L}_0 = i\frac{d}{dx}, \quad (20)$$

$$\text{dom}(\mathcal{L}) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R}), \quad \mathcal{L} = i\frac{d}{dx}. \quad (21)$$

From (20) it follows that  $\mathcal{L}_0$  is a densely defined symmetric operator and its adjoint  $\mathcal{L}_0^*$  is given by

$$\text{dom}(\mathcal{L}_0^*) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y), \quad \mathcal{L}_0^* = i\frac{d}{dx}. \quad (22)$$

The operator  $\mathcal{L}$  is a selfadjoint extension of  $\mathcal{L}_0$ . So, we have  $\mathcal{L}_0 \subset \mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{L}_0^*$ . From (3)–(22) it follows that

$$A_0 = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}_0, \quad A' = \mathcal{L}_0\mathcal{L}, \quad H_0 = \mathcal{L}_0^2, \quad A = \mathcal{L}^2, \quad A_0^* = \mathcal{L}_0^*\mathcal{L}, \quad A'^* = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}_0^*, \quad H_0^* = \mathcal{L}_0^{*2}. \quad (23)$$

Using representation (23) and Theorem 3 the explicit expressions for the Friedrichs and Kreĭn extensions of  $A_0$ ,  $A'$  and  $H_0$  and their transversalness have been obtained in [5]. In the next statements for the operators  $A'^*$ ,  $A_0^*$  and  $H_0^*$  explicit expressions for the basic boundary triplets and abstract boundary conditions for all nonnegative selfadjoint extensions are obtained.

**Proposition 6.** *Set*

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{C}^m, & Y \text{ consists of } m \text{ points;} \\ \ell_2(\mathbb{J}), & Y \text{ is infinite,} \end{cases} \quad \text{dom}(\Gamma) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y),$$

$$\Gamma u = \{i(u(y_j+) - u(y_j-)), j \in \mathbb{J}\}, \quad \text{dom}(G) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R}), \quad Gf = \{f(y_j), j \in \mathbb{J}\}.$$

Then

- (i)  $\{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma, G\}$  is the boundary triplet for pair  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{L}_0^*$ ;
- (ii) the triplet  $\Pi = \{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma, G\mathcal{L}_0^*\}$  is basic for  $A'^*$ , where  $G\mathcal{L}_0^*$  is given by the relation  $G\mathcal{L}_0^*f = \{if'(y_j), j \in \mathbb{J}\}$ ,  $f \in \text{dom}(A'^*)$ ;
- (iii) the mapping

$$\Theta \mapsto A'_\Theta = A'^* \upharpoonright \{f \in \text{dom}(A'^*) : (\{if(y_j+) - f(y_j-)\}, j \in \mathbb{J}), \{if'(y_j), j \in \mathbb{J}\}) \in \Theta\}$$

establishes a one-to-one correspondence between all nonnegative selfadjoint extensions of the operator  $A'$  and all nonnegative selfadjoint linear relation  $\Theta$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* By the definition of a boundary triplet for the pair  $L_1 \subset L_2$ , where  $L_1 = \mathcal{L}$ ,  $L_2 = \mathcal{L}_0^*$  we get  $\text{dom}(\Gamma) = \text{dom}(L_2) = \text{dom}(\mathcal{L}_0^*) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y)$  and  $\ker(\Gamma) = \text{dom}(\mathcal{L}) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Similarly,  $\text{dom}(\Phi) = \text{dom}(L_1^*) = \text{dom}(\mathcal{L}) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\ker(\Phi) = \text{dom}(L_2^*) = \text{dom}(\mathcal{L}_0) = \{u \in W_2^1(\mathbb{R}) : u(y) = 0, y \in Y\}$ . Further, the Green identity

$$\begin{aligned} (L_1^* f, u)_{\mathfrak{H}} - (f, L_2 u)_H &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} i f'(x) \overline{u(x)} dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \overline{i u'(x)} dx = \\ &= i \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \left( \int_{I_j} f'(x) \overline{u(x)} dx + \int_{I_j} f(x) \overline{u'(x)} dx \right) = i \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} f(x) \overline{u(x)} \Big|_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} = \\ &= i \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} f(y_j) \left( \overline{u(y_{j-})} - \overline{u(y_{j+})} \right) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} f(y_j) \overline{i(u(y_{j+}) - u(y_{j-}))} = (Gf, \Gamma u)_{\mathcal{H}} \end{aligned}$$

holds. Due to Propositions 1 and 2 the operators  $\Gamma$  and  $G$  are bounded. Hence the triplet  $\{\mathcal{H}, G, \Gamma\}$  is the boundary triplet for the pair  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{L}_0^*$ .

Further, since  $\ker(\mathcal{L}) = \{0\}$  and applying Theorem 4 we get (ii) and (iii).  $\square$

Recall [5], that

$$P_{\overline{\text{ran}(\mathcal{L}_0)} \mathcal{L}_0^* f = i f' - i \sum_k \frac{1}{d_k} (f(y_{k+1} - 0) - f(y_k + 0)) \chi_k, \quad f \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{L}_0^*),$$

where the functions  $\{\frac{\chi_k}{\sqrt{d_k}}\}_{k \in \mathbb{J}}$  ( $\chi_k$  is the characteristic function of the interval  $[y_k, y_{k+1}]$ ,  $d_k = |y_k - y_{k+1}|$ ) form an orthonormal basis of  $\ker(\mathcal{L}_0^*)$  and  $d_k = |y_k - y_{k+1}|$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{J}$ .

**Proposition 7.** *Set*

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{C}^m, & Y \text{ consists of } m \text{ points;} \\ \ell_2(\mathbb{J}), & Y \text{ is infinite,} \end{cases} \quad \text{dom}(\Gamma) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R}), \quad \Gamma u = \{i u(y_j), j \in \mathbb{J}\},$$

$$\text{dom}(G) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y), \quad Gf = \{(f(y_{j+}) - f(y_{j-})), j \in \mathbb{J}\},$$

then

- (i)  $\{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma, G\}$  is a boundary triplet for the pair  $\mathcal{L}_0 \subset \mathcal{L}$ ;
- (ii) the triplet  $\Pi = \{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma, GP_{\overline{\text{ran}(\mathcal{L}_0)} \mathcal{L}\}$  is a basis for  $A_0^*$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} GP_{\overline{\text{ran}(\mathcal{L}_0)} \mathcal{L} f &= \\ &= \left\{ i f'(y_{j+}) - i f'(y_{j-}) - i \frac{f(y_{j+1-}) - f(y_{j+})}{y_{j+1} - y_j} + i \frac{f(y_{j-}) - f(y_{j-1+})}{y_j - y_{j-1}}, j \in \mathbb{J} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$f \in \text{dom}(A_0^*);$$

- (iii) the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta \mapsto A_{0\Theta} &= A_0^* \upharpoonright \left\{ f \in \text{dom}(A_0^*) : \left( \{i u(f_j), j \in \mathbb{J}\}, \right. \right. \\ &\left. \left. \left\{ i f'(y_{j+}) - i f'(y_{j-}) - i \frac{f(y_{j+1-}) - f(y_{j+})}{y_{j+1} - y_j} + i \frac{f(y_{j-}) - f(y_{j-1+})}{y_j - y_{j-1}}, j \in \mathbb{J} \right\} \right) \in \Theta \right\} \end{aligned}$$

establishes a one-to-one correspondence between all nonnegative selfadjoint extensions of the operator  $A_0$  and all nonnegative selfadjoint linear relation  $\Theta$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Proposition 8.** *Set*

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{C}^{2m}, & Y \text{ consists of } m \text{ points;} \\ \ell_2(\mathbb{J}) \otimes \mathbb{C}^2, & Y \text{ is infinite,} \end{cases} \quad \text{dom}(\Gamma) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y),$$

$$\Gamma u = \{(iu(y_{j-}), iu(y_{j+})), j \in \mathbb{J}\}, \quad \text{dom}(G) = W_2^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus Y), \quad Gf = \{(f(y_{j-}), f(y_{j+})), j \in \mathbb{J}\}.$$

Then

(i)  $\{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma, G\}$  is a boundary triplet for pair  $\mathcal{L}_0 \subset \mathcal{L}_0^*$ ;

(ii) the triplet  $\Pi = \{\mathcal{H}, \Gamma, GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(\mathcal{L}_0)}\mathcal{L}_0^*\}$  is basic for  $H_0^*$ , where

$$GP_{\overline{\text{ran}}(\mathcal{L}_0)}\mathcal{L}_0^*f = \left\{ \left( if'(y_{j-}) - i\frac{f(y_{j-}) - f(y_{j-1+})}{y_j - y_{j-1}}, if'(y_{j+}) - i\frac{f(y_{j+1-}) - f(y_{j+})}{y_{j+1} - y_j} \right), j \in \mathbb{J} \right\},$$

$$f \in \text{dom}(H_0^*);$$

(iii) the mapping

$$\Theta \mapsto H_{0\Theta} = H_0^* \upharpoonright \left\{ f \in \text{dom}(H_0^*) : \left\{ \left( -if(y_{j-}), if(y_{j+}) \right), j \in \mathbb{J} \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ \left( if'(y_{j-}) - i\frac{f(y_{j-}) - f(y_{j-1+})}{y_j - y_{j-1}}, if'(y_{j+}) - i\frac{f(y_{j+1-}) - f(y_{j+})}{y_{j+1} - y_j} \right), j \in \mathbb{J} \right\} \in \Theta \right\}$$

establishes a one-to-one correspondence between all nonnegative selfadjoint extensions of the operator  $H_0$  and all nonnegative selfadjoint linear relations  $\Theta$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Other boundary triplets for  $H_0^*$  have been constructed in [12] and in [13].

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