

Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space, $A: D(A) \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ a self-adjoint operator and $B: D(B) \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ a symmetric operator with $D(A) \subset D(B)$.

We say that B is A -bounded if there are positive constants α, β such that

$$\|Bx\| \leq \alpha\|Ax\| + \beta\|x\|$$

for all $x \in D(A)$, and we say that α is an A -bound for B .

Theorem 1. (*Kato-Rellich*) *If B is A -bounded with A -bound smaller than 1, then $A + B$ is self-adjoint on $D(A)$, and essentially self-adjoint on any core of A . Moreover, if A is bounded below, then so is $A + B$.*