

# Criterion for the unconditional basicity of the root functions related to the second-order differential operator with involution

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Let  $L$  be any operator related to the operation of the form  $Lu \equiv -u''(x) + \alpha u''(-x) + q(x)u(x) + q_v(x)u(v(x))$ ,  $-1 < x < 1$ , (1) and defined on a dense in  $L_2(-1, 1)$  domain  $D(L)$ . The operation (1) contains the argument's transform  $v_0(x) = -x$ , in its main term. This transform is called a simple involution (reflection) of the segment  $[-1; 1]$  and also an arbitrary involution  $v(x)$  in the lower term. The parameter  $\alpha$  in (1) belongs to  $(-1; 1)$ , the coefficients  $q(x)$  and  $q_v(x)$  are arbitrary and complex-valued integrable on  $[-1; 1]$  functions, the involution  $v(x)$  is any absolutely continuous function which has an essentially bounded derivative on  $[-1; 1]$ .

The particular form of the domain  $D(L)$  will not be refined below; the operator  $L$  can be generated by the functional-differential operation (3.1), for example, with some boundary conditions on the segment  $[-1; 1]$ . We only assume that the domain  $D(L)$  contains only functions that, together with their first derivatives, are absolutely continuous on the interval  $(-1; 1)$ , while the root functions of the operator  $L$  are considered as regular solutions of the corresponding equations with a spectral parameter.

Following Il'in [1], an eigenfunction (or a root function of the zero order)  $u(x)$ , that corresponds to the operator (3.1) and an eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is defined as an arbitrary non trivial solution of the equation  $Lu = \lambda u$ . Here and throughout, a regular solution of the equation  $Lu = f$  with a given right-hand side  $f \in L_1(-1, 1)$  is understood to be an arbitrary function  $u(x)$  from the class  $W_1^2(-1, 1) \cap L_2(-1, 1)$ , that satisfies this equation almost everywhere on  $(-1; 1)$ .

Let  $\tilde{u}(x)$  be a root function of order  $(k - 1)$  ( $k \geq 1$ ), corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Then the regular solution of the equation  $Lu = \lambda u - \tilde{u}$  will be called its counterpart root (associated) function of order  $k$ .

For each eigenvalue  $\lambda \in C$ , we have there by defined a chain of root functions  $u_k(x; \lambda)$ ,  $k \geq 0$  that satisfy the relations

$$Lu_k(x; \lambda) = \lambda u_k(x; \lambda) - \text{sgn} k \cdot u_{k-1}(x; \lambda), \quad (2)$$

moreover,  $u_0(x; \lambda) \not\equiv 0$  on  $(-1; 1)$ .

Any countable set  $\Lambda = \{\lambda\} \subset \mathbb{C}$  defines the system of root functions  $U = \{u_k(x; \lambda) | k = 0, \dots, m(\lambda), \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ ; here then on negative integer  $m(\lambda)$  will be called the rank of the corresponding eigenfunction  $u_0(x; \lambda)$ .

Let the system  $U$  satisfy the following conditions A:

A1) the system  $U$  is complete and minimal in  $L_2(-1, 1)$ ;

A2) a system  $V$  that is biorthogonally adjoint to  $U$  consists of root functions  $v_l(x; \lambda^*)$ ,  $l = 0, \dots, m(\lambda^*)$ ,  $\lambda^* \in \bar{\Lambda}$ ,  $m(\lambda^*) = m(\lambda)$ , (in the above-defined sense) of the formal adjoint operation

$$L^*v = -v''(x) + \alpha v''(-x) + \overline{q(x)}v(x) - v'(x)\overline{q_v(v(x))}v(v(x)), \quad (3)$$

and the relation  $(u_k(\cdot; \lambda), v_{m(\lambda)-l}(\cdot; \lambda^*)) = 1$  is valid if and only if  $k = l$  and  $\lambda^* = \bar{\lambda}$ ; while in the remaining cases the inner product on the left-hand side in relation (3.4) is zero;

A3) the ranks of the eigenfunctions are uniformly bounded:  $\sup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} m(\lambda) < \infty$

and the condition that the set  $\Lambda$  belongs to the Carleman parabole is satisfied  $\sup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} |\operatorname{Im}\sqrt{\lambda}| < \infty$ ;

A4) the following uniform estimate of the "sum of units" is valid:

$$\sup_{\beta \geq 1} \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda: |\operatorname{Re}\sqrt{\lambda-\beta}| \leq 1} 1 < \infty.$$

**Theorem 1.** Let the conditions 1-4 be satisfied and let the involution  $\nu(x)$  occurring in (1) be an arbitrary continuous function with the derivative that is essentially bounded on the segment  $[-1, 1]$ . Then each of the systems  $U$  and  $V$  of root functions of the operators (1) and (3), respectively, forms an unconditional basis in  $L_2(-1, 1)$  if and only if the uniform estimate of the product of norms  $\|u_k(\cdot; \lambda)\|_2 \cdot \|v_{m(\lambda)-k}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda})\|_2 \leq M$  holds for all  $k = 0, \dots, m(\lambda)$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . The main theorem is complemented with the proof of the necessity of condition A4 in the case where the involution  $\nu(x)$  in the operator (1) is a reflection.

**Theorem 2.** Let the condition A3 be satisfied and, in addition, let  $\nu(x) = -x$ . If the system of root functions  $U$  that is normed in  $L_2(-1, 1)$  possesses the Bessel property, then the uniform estimate of the "sum of units" A4 is valid.

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