Spectral enclosures for non-self-adjoint waveguides with Robin boundary conditions

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- (i) Bounded and exterior C^{∞} -smooth domains.
- (ii) Hypographs of C^{∞} -functions with bounded derivatives.
- (iii) Bent waveguides and layers without increasing oscillations at $\infty.$

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Schrödinger operator in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with δ -interaction on Σ

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Local and global absence of non-real spectrum for some complex α .

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Hamiltonian of \mathcal{PT} -symmetric waveguide

(i) J-selfadjoint with (Ju)(x, y) = u(x, -y); $(H^{\Omega}_{\alpha})^* = JH^{\Omega}_{\alpha}J$.

(ii) $\sigma(\mathsf{H}^{\Omega}_{\alpha}) \subset \mathbb{R}$ if $\alpha_{+} = \mathsf{i}\beta$ where $\beta \in C_0(\mathbb{R}) \cap W^1_{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ is real and odd.

(iii) If and only if condition for $\sigma(\mathsf{H}^{\Omega}_{\alpha}) \subset \mathbb{R}$ can hardly be found.

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- $x_0, x_1, k, y_0, y_1, \ell$ depend on α and Σ .

- such a result was known for compact $\partial \Omega^3$

- *p*-subordinate additive perturb.: (MARKUS-MATSAEV-81, WYSS-10)

- varying Robin coefficient is a non-additive perturbation.

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- $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$?
- Note that $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is arbitrary.

- for relatively compact additive perturbations Gokhberg-Krein-69, Cuenin-Tretter-16

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Preceeding related results for complex regular potentials^{4,5,6}.

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